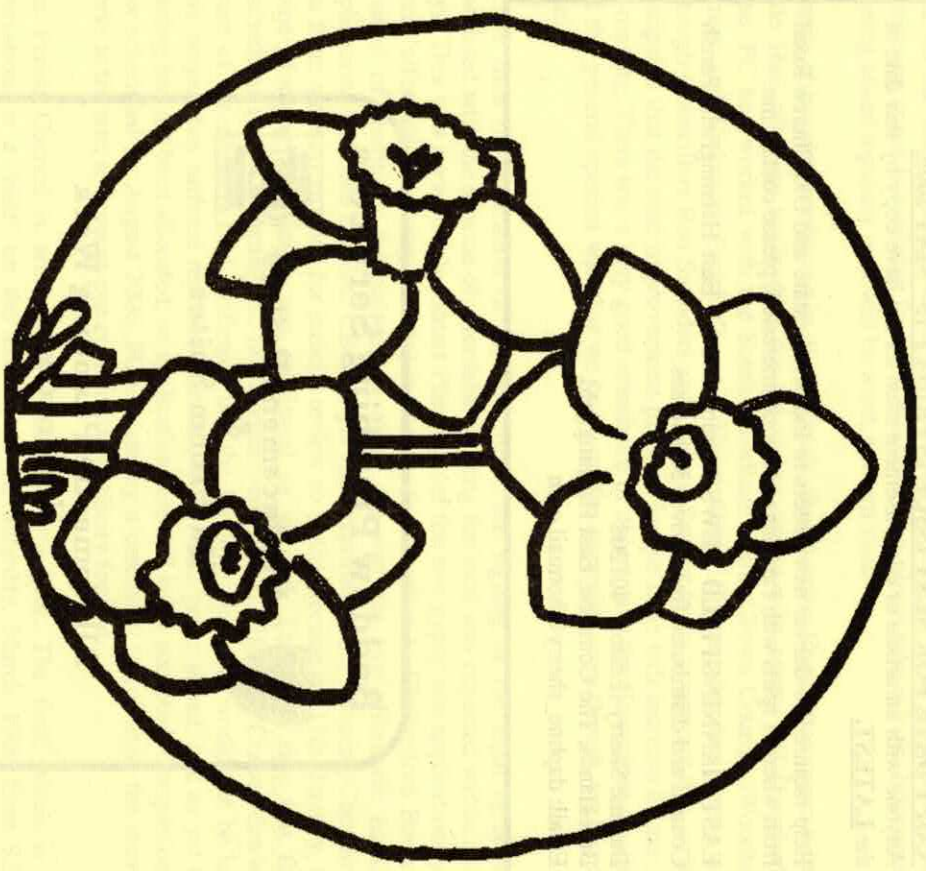


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#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

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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 Creep hedge 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  
Churchwardens: Stan Gordon  
Sue Edward

Tel: 472262  
Tel: 400298  
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 £11000 and have raised £35000! 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

Easter Sunday

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

W.I. Hall

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 Cotley 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 Hammingfield. 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 Hammingfield or Witham, please contact me on the following tel no.

Paul Parmenter 01376 516031

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## EAST HAMMINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

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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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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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](mailto: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 yours 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.

Karen Plumridge

Clerk to the Council

01245 400628

website: [www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield](http://www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield)

### **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 16<sup>th</sup>, Wed 17<sup>th</sup> and Thur 18<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am – 12.15pm in the Village Hall.

David Cotter  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. The committee welcomed one new Trustee, Rose Pollard, and since then has welcomed to 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Mike Plumridge, Treasurer

#### **HANNA'S TOYS**

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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400834

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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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm, the next one being on June 15<sup>th</sup> when our speaker is talking on The life of a J.P. On Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

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

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

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As mentioned in the last News, PC is arranging two social fundraising events in aid of new equipment for youth and children on the playing field. The first event will be on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>. September in the Village Hall, and is to be a race night. The doors and bar will open at 7pm, with the first race at 8pm. There will be eight races, each with eight horses. If you would like to be a trainer or an owner of one or more of the horses please see me, or one of the councillors, as soon as possible. We have a race each to sell. You can become a trainer or owner for £5, and the owner and trainer of each winning horse will receive a £28 cash prize.

The second fund raising event will be on the first or second Saturday in December, and further details will be publicised as they become available.

I have recently been talking to the Chelmsford Borough Council dog wardens who tell me that they are paying regular visits to our village. It seems they are getting tougher with problem dog owners, and no longer letting people off with a warning. The Fixed Penalty Notice they give incurs a fine of £50, so don't forget your poop-scoop when you take your dog for a walk. CBC is going to be providing me with a box of 'dog bags' for local distribution, and I shall publicise their arrival by notices on the PC notice boards.

The dog wardens also tell me that when they catch a stray dog they scan it for a microchip. If the dog is chipped the Dog Warden will try to contact the owner to collect the dog. Once a dog is taken to the Kennel a recovery fee of £35.50 applies with another £6.50 added on for each subsequent day. The Dog Wardens are trained to microchip dogs and will come to your house to do so, for more information ring 606450, email [environmental.services@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.services@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk) or contact your vet.





It seems that with each News I anticipate being able to provide more information about the affordable housing scheme in the next edition, but each time we seem to have suffered yet another set-back. Following refusal of planning permission for the housing development proposed by Smart Planning and granting of planning permission for the affordable housing scheme by Colne Housing, Smart Planning called for a judicial review on the grounds that their application had not been treated fairly. The judicial review took place on 6<sup>th</sup> July, and the judge found that due to an error in the Borough Council's paperwork, Smart Planning did have grounds for complaint so the Colne Housing planning consent was overturned. Following this, the Borough Council's Planning Committee reiterated its support for the Colne Housing scheme, and its objections to the Smart Planning proposals. On 26<sup>th</sup> July a Local Inquiry was held into Smart Planning's appeal against refusal of planning permission, at which Chairman Les Draper presented the PC view. The Inspector holding the Inquiry undertook to produce his report in four weeks, so it should be published at about the same time as this News.

At this point it is not a good idea to speculate about what might happen. Colne Housing is still waiting to instruct its builder to start work on site, and has been ready to do so since last December.

Please note that the PC fax machine is no longer connected. If you wish to send me a fax please phone in advance so that I can plug it in. The disconnection is due to a fax scan which involves a series of unsolicited, commercial faxes from abroad (so the fax preference service doesn't apply) which can be cancelled only by phoning a high rate number.

A new EH News distributor for the Tye will be needed from the Christmas edition onwards. If you are able to help please contact the editor.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the **fourth** Thursday of each month, except December, at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Correspondence for inclusion in the Agenda should reach me a week beforehand. Residents are welcomed to meetings and given an opportunity to express their views or ask questions, so please come along.

Karen Plumridge. Clerk to the Council  
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## **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

This has been once again a busy period for the Charity. In July the charity ran the East Hammingfield Art Exhibition, which was well attended and raised a little over £1,150 - our best result ever! The majority of this money will go towards the new equipment being installed on the playing field this month.

If you have walked across the playing field to the village Post Office recently you can't have but noticed various structures being erected on the field and play area. These should have been installed by the start of the summer holidays but will hopefully be complete by the time this newsletter arrives through your letterbox.

The play area improvements were prompted, you may remember, by adverse comments in our annual inspection report from ROSPA and we decided to fund raise for an additional new swing and new climbing frame (the fence is the next priority). With the help of Hanna's Tots/Preschool mums who raised £3,500 (mainly from the Hammingfield Wives calendar); a grant of £7,000 from the D of ES; £1,500 from the Parish Council; £500 from the Charity and smaller grants from other sources we raised about £13,000, making the present work possible.

At the same time we wanted to fund raise for a sports wall facility on the field for teenagers and which we hope will stop the hall end wall being used for ball games as it is damaging the wall cladding, and is also very annoying for hall users. With fund raising by the Charity and grants from various sources including £5,000 from the Lottery Awards For All, £2,500 from Chelmsford Borough Council, £1,000 from the Parish Council and £700 from the Essex High Sheriff Award Scheme we have achieved the £10,000 needed to have a wall installed. In sitting this, the concerns raised by some Ashley Green residents who back onto the field were taken into account.

Some young teenagers have asked the Charity to investigate provision of a skateboard facility or perhaps some form of fitness trail/assault course on the field. We know skateboarding is very popular at present but it requires a large smooth flat concrete surface and ramps, all of which are expensive. The Charity will seriously look at the ideas and is investigating costs and funding. We have promised to hold a youth meeting later in the year at the hall to provide feedback. In the meantime some young people are actively fundraising themselves towards some sort of facility.

Still on the subject of the field, John Cousins has manfully cleared the undergrowth on the mountain bike track to allow bikers to use this in the school holidays, and the sports courts are available to teenagers to use free of charge during the summer holidays provided they leave a £5 deposit for the key.

There are still trustee vacancies on the Charity management committee, which meets bi-monthly and we would like to hear from anybody who may be interested - contact Colin Warren (the Chairman) on 01245 401050.

We would also like to hear from anybody with ideas for stalls or willing to help at the Village Fete on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Again call Colin Warren (or Mike Plumridge on 01245 400628). We have a really great 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Grand Draw this year - three years free membership for a family of four at the Madison Heights center, Maldon, including a three course meal for four and an evening bowling for four people, so look out for the draw tickets being sold in the village this month. Lastly for hall, field and court booking contact the Bookings Secretary on 401460.

Mike Plumridge, Treasurer

## **BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Work has continued over the summer months on the new church building in Old Church Road. The internal carpentry has been completed: fixing of skirting board, architrave and all internal doors. The kitchen has been fitted out and is ready for connection to the existing water and gas pipes. All the electrical work has been completed: light fittings, power sockets and light switches. We are awaiting connection to the main gas and electricity supplies. Some external work remains to be done on the building: principally the fitting of handrails to the entrance and exit ramps and the surfacing of the car park. We are currently going through the difficult process of choosing carpet and chairs. The whole fellowship has been invited to view pattern books and try sitting in sample chairs. We shall not be holding a referendum on the issue but all comments and preferences will be duly noted and, I'm sure, will influence the final decision. If all goes well, the building could be finished and ready for use in October or November.

In early summer we had the joy of holding a believer's water baptism service. Two young adults demonstrated their commitment to Jesus and their desire to follow him for the rest of their lives by being baptised by total immersion in water (as Jesus was in the river Jordan). After a short church service, where the two baptismal candidates spoke of their faith in Christ, we walked over to the local school swimming pool where the actual baptisms took place. These are really joyful occasions and I'm glad to say we are already planning another baptismal service to take place before the end of October for two others who have recently committed their lives to Jesus.

Rainbow Club for school year 1-5 children starts its autumn term on Friday 9th September, 6pm in the Village Hall. Harvest family service will be held in the W.I. hall, Old Church Road, 10.45am Sunday 18th September.

David Cotter 400665



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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**New Reader.** We are delighted to welcome Kate Moore as our Reader. Kate comes to us from Witham and was officially introduced by Bishop Laurie on 22 May 2005 at a joint service with our sister parish in Sandon. We wish her success and happiness in her new appointment.

**Music For A Summer Evening.** On Saturday 17 June under the expert guidance of our organist Daphne Hilliar a splendid programme of solo and choral music was presented. A number of Daphne's students were joined by young musicians from the Village School. The variety and excellence of their instrumental and vocal talents delighted all who attended. The evening concluded with enthusiastic (and tune-fu!?) audience participation in some well known songs. Look out for the dates of next year's concert - this is an evening not to be missed!

**Inter-Parish Walk.** People from All Saints' and the Bethel Evangelical Church took part in the annual walk between the parishes of East Hanningfield and Sandon which took place on Saturday 4 June in glorious sunshine. This is a great way to enjoy our local countryside at a lovely time of year - and the refreshments en route are pretty good too! Watch out for next year's event. Sponsorship of those walking raised a total of £154, half goes to Farleigh Hospice and the remainder is split equally between the two parishes.

**Village Fete.** Saturday 17 September 2005 - 2.00 pm.  
Come and join in and enjoy the fun on Hanna's Field - there will be something for every one! This year there will be an opportunity to try your hand at Sumo Wrestling (prior training not required, just put on the special Sumo Suits to be instantly transformed into the right size and shape!). There will also be an Hawk & Owl Display, a Country Dancing Display by the Village School plus Punch & Judy, Crockery Smashing, Carousel, Swing Boats, Cakes, Tombola etc etc.

**Harvest.** On Friday evening 30 September 2005 we have been invited by the congregation of St Andrews Sandon to join them for their Harvest Supper in Sandon Village Hall. If you would like to attend please contact Sue or Stan (see below). We shall be holding our Harvest Service on Sunday 2 October 2005 at 11.15am in All Saints' Church.

**Christian Access Course.** Sometimes we hear of people who would like to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith in an atmosphere where they can feel comfortable about expressing their questions and feelings. Rev'd Keith Plaister and our Reader Kate Moore are therefore proposing to offer an Access Course to both the parishes of East Hanningfield and Sandon this autumn. The first part is entitled 'Getting to know the Bible' and the second 'The Bible for every day'. Each part will last five weeks and the sessions will be held on Wednesdays in the St Andrew's Room



at Sandon from 7.30pm until 9.00pm beginning on 21 September. Do feel free to join in. You will be most welcome.

#### Other Dates for the Diary

Sunday Club 9.30am in the church on Sunday 25 September -  
The Sunday Club restarts after its summer break -  
please note NO Sunday Club in August  
Remembrance Sunday 10.55am Sunday 13 November All Saints' Church  
Christmas Bazaar 10.30am Saturday 19 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 a 5th Sunday	Matins	11:15am

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#### EAST HANNINGFIELD C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Chelmsford High School for Girls (Rebecca, Eleanor)  
Sandon (Daisy, Emma, Lauren, Tamzin, Victoria, Andrew, Ryan, Hannah, Katie)  
Southend High School for Girls (Ana)  
Hylands (Laura)  
Westcliff High School for Girls (Emily)  
They have many attributes and should be assets to their new schools.

#### "Our Future School"

The developing needs of education have at times made demands on the school premises that it is ill equipped to meet. Our major review of the school premises was aided by two county surveys one on its condition and the other on its suitability for purpose.

In response to these we need to make some radical changes to the building.



You are invited to the launch of "OUR FUTURE SCHOOL" through an exhibition on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6 pm to 8 pm.

#### *Come to share ideas. What are the issues? What should be altered?*

*How can we create a better educational environment for your child and future children in the village? How can you help?*

Thank you to everyone who has sent vouchers into school. This is the difference they are making.

During the last year the school digital camera has been overworked and staff have pleaded the case for class cameras to capture the moment. The Tesco vouchers have made this possible. In addition we have ordered a scanner for the suite to supplement the aging one.



Over 9000 Sainsbury tokens have been spent on a wide variety of play equipment for all our age groups, including different sized basketball posts, which will make playground times far more interesting and fun.

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Linda J. Findlay



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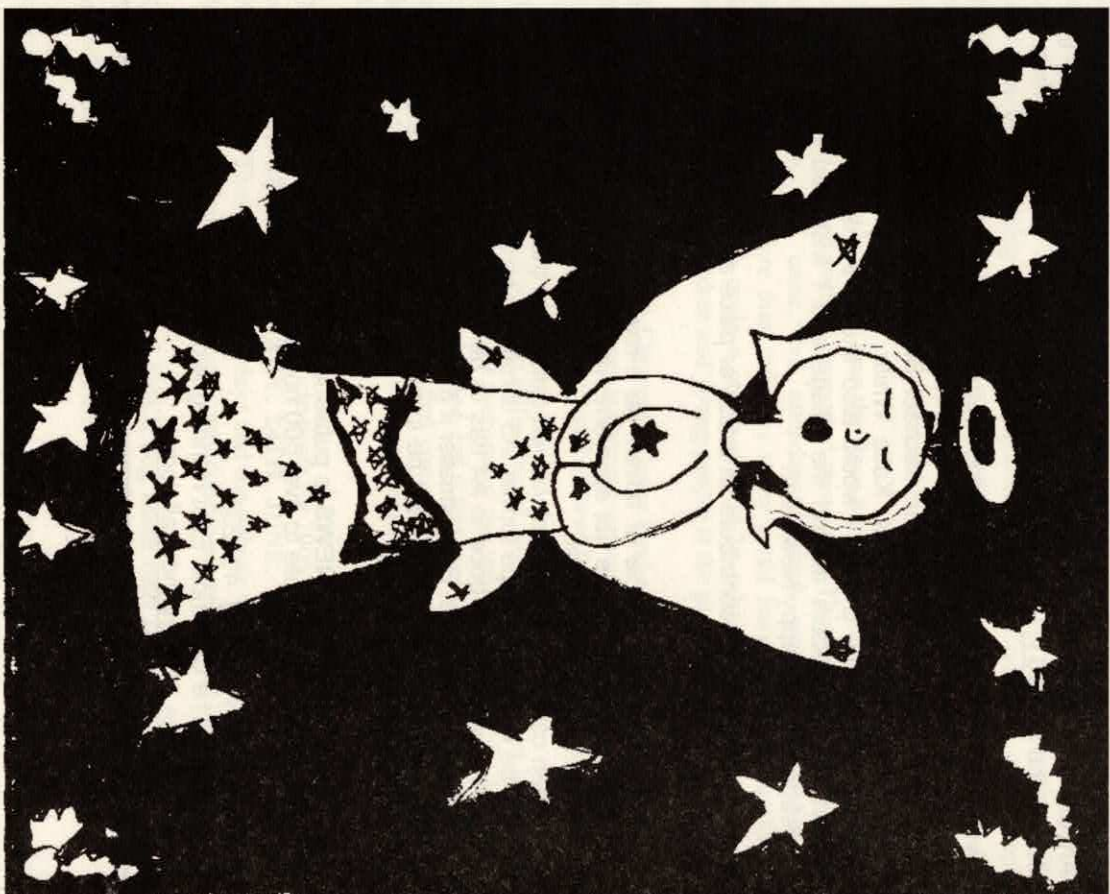
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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.

**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's 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](http://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 is 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

### **WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

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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

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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](mailto: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 Falkingham – 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

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH EAST HANNINGFIELD CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 4 December 5.00pm  
**Christingle Service** - Family Service and a  
Christingle for every child!

Sunday 18 December 3.00pm  
**Lessons & Carols** - 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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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well here we are coming to the end of yet another year. The dark evenings are upon us. You will soon be preparing for the festive season.

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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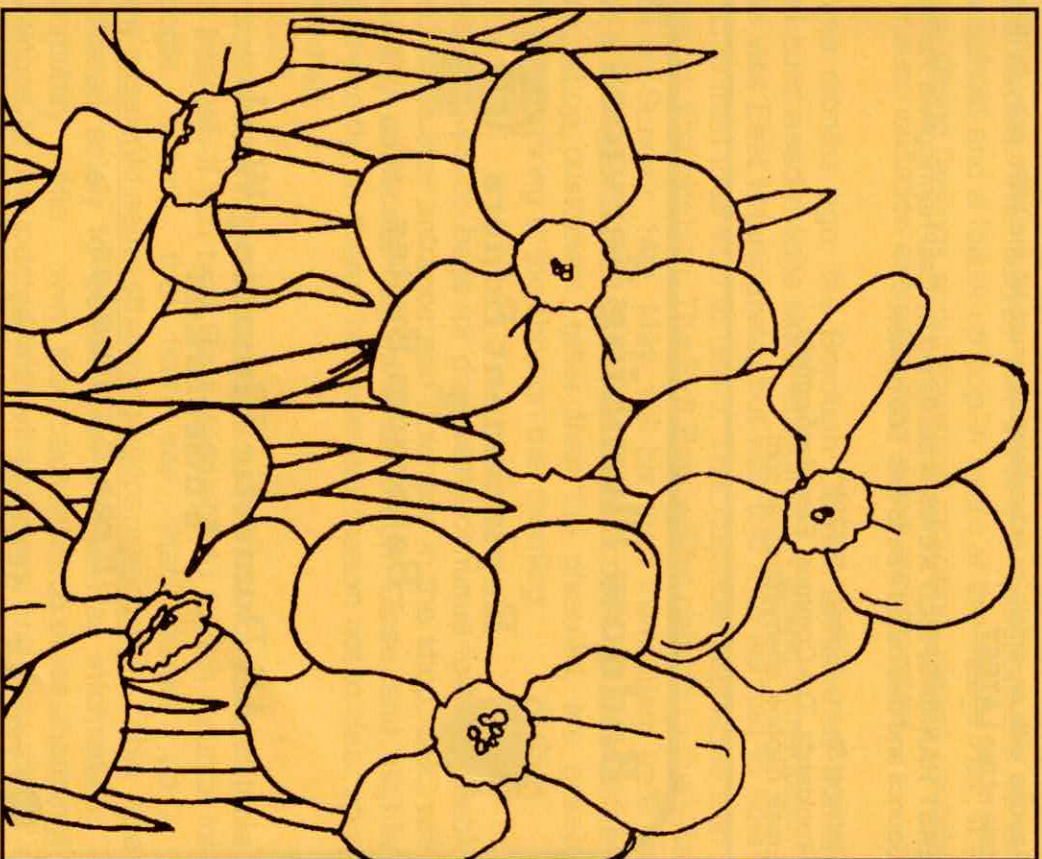
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Bookings Tel. 01245 400204

(We are available for functions, do not hesitate to ask)

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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.

**COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006.**

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

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#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Due to concerns about the quality of public transport available to residents, PC intends to carry out a survey of transport needs. An application is being made to the Essex Transport Partnership for grant funding to cover the costs. Further funding could be available should the survey identify a transport need that PC could tackle. The survey will involve a questionnaire to each household and a follow-up pop-in event at the Village Hall. If you have strong feelings about transport provision, please contribute to this consultation exercise. Your views are important.

Some months ago, the Borough Council announced that they had purchased mobile skate equipment. I asked immediately for it to visit East Hanningfield, but was told that we had to wait for CBC to train their staff to use it. That has now happened and we have our first booking. The Sk8 Park will be coming to the Village Hall on Sunday, 14th. May, will be open from 10am until 4pm, and is for ages 8-18. As this will be in a coned off area of the car park, shop customers, other than the disabled, are asked to consider walking to the shop on that morning.

Free poop-scoop bags for dog waste continue to be available in the Village Hall entrance and now also in the shop. CBC will be installing additional dog bins at Bridon Close and Highfields Mead shortly, so there'll be even less reason not to clear up after your dog!

Improvements have been made to PC information available on the internet. If you type East Hanningfield Parish Council into a Google search the first site that comes up is [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil). This site is dedicated solely to Council and Village Hall information. The community site [www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield](http://www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield) continues to be updated with village news and diary dates and contains links to other sites of local interest, including the Parish, Borough and County Councils'. Essex County Council is



providing easy to manage websites free to community groups in the county. If your group would like a site take a look at [www.essexinfo.net](http://www.essexinfo.net) where all is explained. If you do set up a website, please let me know so that I can add a link from the community site.

There has been a prolonged discussion with CBC about the naming of the new street where the affordable housing for local people is being built. PC's proposal to name it after Mr. Chennells who provided the land was not acceptable due to a longstanding policy that streets must not be named after living persons. PC appealed against the decision but it was upheld by the Cabinet Member, so we returned to PC's tradition of giving new streets names with local historical associations. The cul-de-sac is therefore to be called Geffry Close. We can still use the name PC wanted because the properties facing Old Church Road will have to be named, so they are going to be 1-4 Chennells. The historical significance of the name 'Geffry' will be explained in a future issue of the News.

If you are waiting for the next visit of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park, it is on 24th. June. In the meantime you can take household waste to the civic amenity sites at South Woodham or Boreham or, for large items, arrange for collection by CBC by phoning 353771.

PC Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, beginning at 8pm. (Please enter through the side entrance not the front door, as the connecting door is usually locked).

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council 400628  
PC Website: [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil)  
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## **BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTES**

This is the first of a new, regular series of articles which I have been asked to write as one of your Borough Councillors. The purpose of these articles is to inform residents of what is going on in the village from a Borough Council viewpoint.

### **Chelmsford Borough Local Plan**

The period of consultation ended in December. The consultation was to determine the area for new housing. The precise location will be determined later. The results are that roughly 60% of the public voted in favour of Option 1 which involves building about 1000 new homes in the vicinity of Broomfield Hospital and 3000 in North Springfield; 20% favoured Option 2 which puts all the houses in North Springfield and 15% favoured Option 3 which involves putting about 1000 new homes in the villages. From a local perspective this is the least attractive as it will increase traffic without providing the infrastructure to support it. I am opposed to this Option and will fight to protect our village from any more traffic.

South Woodham Ferrers does not feature in any option. However the remaining 5% of replies were for no particular Option but did represent developer views and some developers are keen to develop on land north of South Woodham. I will oppose this if it is ever given serious consideration. Creephedge Lane cannot cope with any further traffic.

### **Barnards Farm, Southend Road**

There is an application to build a small housing development on this land. It is in the green belt and I will be opposing it.

### **Ward Surgeries**

I hold regular monthly surgeries in Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers. If there is a demand I will also hold them in East Hanningfield. The next surgery is in the Pitman Room at the Bicknacre Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March between 10 and 11 a.m. All are welcome and no appointment is necessary. My telephone is 01245 223743. I can also be contacted on [L.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:L.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk).



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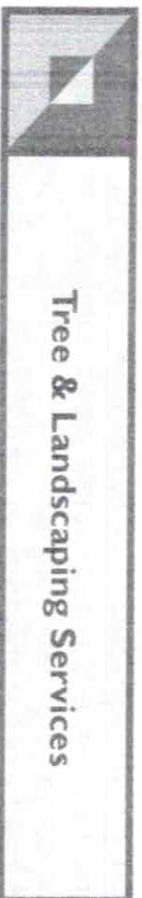
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### **HANNA'S TOTS**

Under 5's Mother and Toddler group with toy library.  
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Welcome to the new Mums who have joined us this year. If there are any other Mums out there who want to meet new people for a chat while their child plays in a safe and friendly environment, then why not come along. We have a range of toys, books and reference books for parents in our toy library which can be hired out on a weekly basis. The session charge is still £1 which includes tea, biscuits and hire charge of any items.

Dawn Falkingham

Tel: 400834



**EAST HANNINGFIELD C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Plans to replace the relocatable classroom with an extension have started their laborious route to acceptance. The new build is to be completed this year so we will have all classes under the one roof by Christmas.

Through the help of the many friends of the school the fund raising for Our Future School, passed the thousand pound barrier just before Christmas. Thank you! On Sunday, 12th March, Mr & Mrs Court's son, John is running the Brentwood Half Marathon on our behalf and sponsors are welcome.

We are holding a Spring Ball at Waterfront Place on Saturday, 22nd April 2006. For more information read the newsletter on the school website, [www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk) Tickets are £35 and will be available from school from mid March.

If you are sorting out your cupboards please think of us before discarding unwanted textiles. To raise funds we have a company coming to school on Monday, 27th March at 3:15pm. They pay the school 20p per kilo for Ladies', Men's and Children's clothing, Bedding, Soft toys, Shoes, Belts and Handbags.

Linda J. Findlay.



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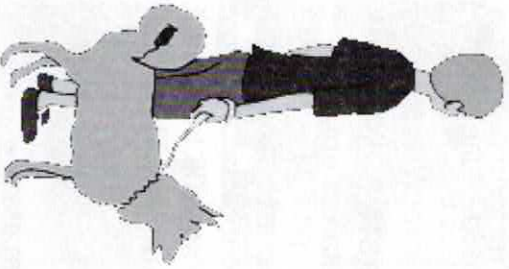
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## Dog Fouling & The Law

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 allows authorities to designate public areas as places where dog owners must clean up after their pets. Hanna's Field playing fields and Chase are designated areas and there are warnings to pet owners around the area, free poop scoop bags are provided at the Hall and Village Shop, and bins are provided for safe disposal of faeces around the Hall and Chase.

Although the law is complied with by most dog owners using the field unfortunately there is still a significant minority ignoring the law.

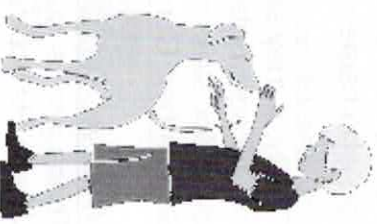


The reality is that *Toxocara Canis* (the round worm carried by dogs) is a serious problem in our public parks and gardens. The statistics indicate that 54% of dog owners have never bought or used worming tablets! Random soil sampling in this country shows the majority of public parks and playing fields are contaminated with *Toxocara* eggs in various stages of development and it is therefore not surprising that the majority of *Toxocara* infections in this country arise from parks and play areas. Unfortunately the eggs are resistant to freezing and disinfectants and can survive for two years or more in the ground. The eggs are not infectious until two to three weeks after being deposited so it's the unsuspecting child or football player who is at risk. A single dog-poo can contain approximately 1 million microscopic eggs.

Human *Toxocariasis* is a potentially serious infection. The number of human infections is estimated at 2% of adults. Eye disorders are the most commonly reported symptoms associated with *Toxocariasis* due to transportation of larvae via the retinal

artery to the eye, causing blindness and eye disorders. The link to flu like symptoms, such as aches, nausea and dizziness, and asthma and epileptic fits may go unrecognized and unreported. Half of all diagnosed cases involve serious eye damage. Nearly all are children who contracted the disease as toddlers. Frequently the contact is through hands and once swallowed the disease can last 6 to 24 months.

What can we do about people who do not clean up after their pets? Incredible as it may seem there is one man who regularly takes his dog and young children into the fenced off Children's Play Area. We need to change the attitudes of those few who ignore the law – it's simply not acceptable to leave dog-poo on the playing fields. If we can't change attitudes we may have to stop access to the field for all dog owners – we hope it doesn't come to this but can we continue to risk a child's sight because some ignore the law?



What else can we do – well all dog owners should ensure their dogs are regularly wormed to minimize the risk of spreading the infection to humans and other dogs. Secondly the most effective measure against those who ignore the signs is sometimes shame – point out the offence and danger if you see somebody doing it. Thirdly you can report the person and details to Chelmsford Borough Council dog warden's office. The offence for allowing a dog to foul public land is £1,000. Lastly the Charity has asked the Dog Warden to mount patrols to catch offenders.

## **FUND RAISING**

The Charity's annual Art Exhibition and Sale at the Village Hall is booked for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July and we are now taking bookings from local artists. Last year there were over 600 paintings in a variety of media and to a very high standard. If you would like to



submit work please contact the event organiser Wendy Thomas (Charity Secretary) on Ch 400797.

Still on fundraising, the Charity held a ladies "Pamper's" evening in the hall in November - an evening dedicated to beauty regimes, hair, aroma therapy etc. This was the first time we have organized this event and it seemed to go well. We would like to thank both the ladies who organized it, stall holders, and those of you who came out that evening to be pampered a little.

Finally, it may seem a long way off but the date has been set for the Village Fete and we would like to hear from anybody with ideas for stalls or willing to help this year - it's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Colin Warren on 401050.

### **HALL ACTIVITIES**

There are a surprising range of activities taking place at the Village Hall currently and all looking for new participants:

Pre-School	Monday to Thursday mornings
Wing Tsun Martial Arts	Monday & Wednesday evenings
Short Mat Bowls	Tuesday and Friday evenings
Children's Dancing	Tuesday
Aerobics	Tuesday
Badminton	Tuesday
Dog Training	Thursday
Ballroom Dancing	Thursday
Toddler Group	Friday
Rainbow Children's Club	Friday

If you want to know more about these activities or to book the Hall, Field and Court contact the Bookings Secretary on 401460

### **EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.**

2006 started off well for us with our New Year Party last month. What a great time we had, fun, food and great entertainment. A big bonus was that we have gained four new members. We welcome them all and hope they will be happy with us. But sadly since then we have lost a very dear and special friend Sadie. She was a lovely lady and we will miss her very much.

Don't forget we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2p.m. in our hall in Old Church Road. We would love to see you there.

Lilian Grace 400288

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Monday – Thursday 9.15 – 11.45 in the Village Hall.

The Christmas family disco, held in December was a great success raising £110. Thanks to all those involved for their help in organising the event. The Christmas Bazaar was also a good turnout making £115, again thanks to all those who helped out. The Bonus Ball game is going very well, £150 has been made so far and if you wish to participate, please contact Terrie Tricker.

The children have had a busy start to the year, concentrating on the following topics: Winter weather, winter clothes, winter birds, Chinese New Year decorations and tasting some fine Chinese New Year food!

We are holding a second-hand clothes sale in the Village Hall every Wednesday morning. Anyone is welcome to come along, we have a great range of good quality men's, women's and children's clothing and of course any clothing donations are gratefully welcomed.

We are organising an Easter egg treasure hunt for during the second week of the Spring break. This will be an exciting hunt that the parents and children can do together. Look out for more details around the Village.

And finally the Pre-school, committee and parents say a fond farewell to Mercy as she has given us her resignation. We would like to say a big thank you to Mercy, for her hard work and commitment to the pre-school and she will be missed by all. Due to this we warmly welcome Clare Spindler who is stepping up as supervisor and Leigh Parkinson who will join us as a pre-school assistant.

Bonnie Harris – Secretary

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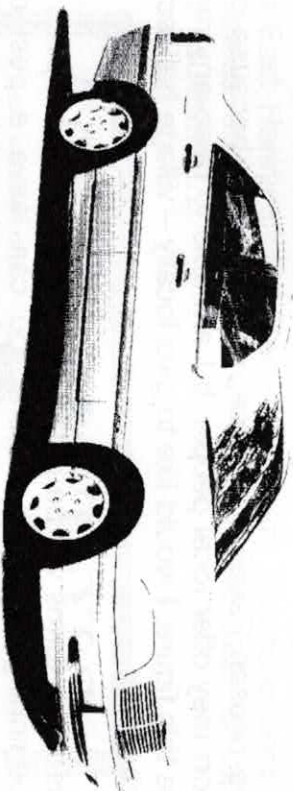
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### **MARATHON CHALLENGE!!!**

As many of you may already know, I am hoping to complete the London Marathon in April. For those who don't know, I am the daft women running around with the pink earmuffs. I am not a natural runner, being built for comfort rather than speed! So I have been training for about 14 months in what always seem to be cold, wet and dark mornings.

I applied back in August for my individual place. 30<sup>th</sup> November I received my answer – sorry you have been unsuccessful. There are about 40,000 places and about 60,000 apply, so my 1<sup>st</sup> time application was unlikely to succeed. I feel I cannot train at this level for another year and I don't think my husband's patience will last that long.

So I approached a charity who have guaranteed places for this year. These places are bonded which means you have to raise £2000.00 to be able to race. They stipulate this as the marathon is a major fund raising event for them and they have to pay quite a large fee for these places.

I have chosen Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford, because of the support they offer local people. If I am able to raise any monies above this figure, I would like to give locally – village hall, school, churches etc.

Sponsorship forms will be in the Post Office and both pubs from the beginning of March, where you can leave a post dated cheque or meet in the pub on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2006, also at [www.justgiving.com/flora](http://www.justgiving.com/flora).

Thank you very much too all those who have offered support, encouragement and advice so far and future sponsors.


Clare Liddiard 403174

### **DOG TRAINING CLUB GETS OFF TO A GRRREAT START**

Dog training at East Hanningfield village hall began in September last year as a new venture. Since then, the local citizens and their dogs have had an opportunity to learn some new doggy skills to produce socially well behaved dogs and a chance to train to a high standard with the guidance of experienced trainers. There was a large influx of puppies ranging from the tiniest Cavalier King Charles spaniel to the hugest Wolfhound. Despite their size differences they all get on extremely well. There are more experienced dogs (and owners) who joined for a 'brush up' on their skills and others who had never done any training before!

All will agree the Christmas Party was fun, combining party games with the dogs, we played 'egg and spoon' races, musical chairs, and pass the parcel. There was a competition to see which dog was best at catching a piece of sausage in it's mouth and even a fancy dress competition which was won by a pair of poodles dressed as a Devil and an Angel. We hope to repeat the enjoyment next Christmas! So for anyone wishing to join us, we are at East Hanningfield Village Hall every Thursday from 7pm for puppies and all others from 7.40pm, we look forward to seeing you there.....

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## **BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

At the time of writing, we are putting the finishing touches to the new church building in Old Church Road. We had hoped that we might have been in the new church for our Christmas morning service last year. Carpet and flooring had been laid and the building made ready for use, however, in the event, a few details needed to be sorted to satisfy the Building Control inspector. These have been addressed over the past few weeks and we now hope to be holding our first Sunday service in the new church at the beginning of March. We do want to take the opportunity again to thank all of you from the village who have supported us in this project through the various fund raising events that we've held. We would encourage you to come and have a look around inside the new building or even join us for some of our services and meetings.

We have a number of events planned for Easter-time in April. Over two mornings, in the middle of the school holidays we will be holding a Good News Club for 5 – 10 year olds. This will be held in the village hall and the programme includes games, bible stories and craft activities. Over the Easter weekend itself we will be having a communion service on Good Friday morning and a celebration Family service on Easter Sunday. Easter is always a great time in the life of the church. It is the time when we particularly remember and thank God for the new and eternal life he offers us in Jesus. For us at Bethel Church, it will be particularly special, celebrating our first Easter in the new building; it signifies the start of a new phase in the life of the fellowship.

## **EASTER EVENTS**

Good News Club

Tue 11<sup>th</sup>, Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 10.30 – 12.15

In the Village Hall.

Good Friday service

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 10am-11am in Church.

Easter Family Service

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 10.45am in Church

David Cotley

Tel: 400665

## **A FORGOTTEN TRAGEDY**

Twenty years ago this coming April, the Chernobyl disaster happened when a nuclear power station in the Ukraine suddenly blew up. It sent massive radio-active pollution of very harmful proportions over much of north-west Europe. Seventy-five percent of it, however, fell on neighbouring Belarus. The southern part of the country was particularly badly affected, and remains so today. The soil and atmosphere are badly polluted and, in their hot dry summers, radio-active dust can be especially harmful to the young.

That is why, every year we try to bring over a group of 9 – 13 year-olds for a month's recuperative holiday with fresh air and clean food. This provides the children with the opportunity to improve their immune systems so much that they return home enabled to resist some of the harmful side-effects of radio-activity still present in the region where they have to live.

We are, therefore, looking for host-families to take two children into their home for a fortnight next summer – either July 14th to 28th or from July 30th to August 11th. Events are arranged on about three days each week so that the children can do things as a group, and the hosts can have a break if they do not want to join in. Two interpreters come over with the group and are always on hand if there are any language problems. Other support is also available.

The mid-Essex group of the Chernobyl Children's Project meets every other month, both to share news about how the plans are progressing, and so that we get to know each other. We next meet on Thursday Feb 9th at 8pm at Wickham Bishops Church extension, and would be delighted to see any new enquirers.

Meanwhile, if you would like to know more, please contact Keith on 01245 472262 or Kate on 01376 501128.



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**FROM THE EDITOR**

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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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**PARISH COUNCIL**

In the last News I announced that Chelmsford Borough Council would be bringing mobile skate equipment to the Village Hall car park on 14th May. Unfortunately, the equipment was vandalized at the place where it is stored, so our date was postponed. We are currently awaiting news of the rescheduled visit. Posters will publicise the event on the notice boards and it will be included in the Village Diary on the PC website once the date has been confirmed.

There is still time to apply for the affordable housing being built in Old Church Road. If you are interested in the shared ownership properties the cut off date is 31st. July, but you have until 30th. November to apply for the rented housing. You can find the application form on the PC website, or ask me for one. There is to be an open house on a Saturday in August, so that you can see one of the houses on the inside. The date will be posted on the noticeboards and website. Some of the Parish Councillors have already had a chance to view the houses under construction and were impressed by their quality.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Village Tidy-up on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: it really made a difference. The manned refuse vehicle will be stationed at the Village Hall car park on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June from 8am-10.45am. The next visit after that will be on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Following the last Parish Council election PC adopted a standing order that no Chairman could hold office for more than four consecutive years. After three years in office Les Draper has decided to stand down to give another councillor the opportunity to learn from the experience of chairmanship before the election next year. At the time of writing Les had to officiate at two more meetings, the Electors' meeting on 20th. May and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May.



In mid May every household in the parish should have received a transport questionnaire. PC is aware that public transport available to local people is deficient. Grant funding is available to help parish councils solve local transport problems, but hard proof is needed to justify a grant application, hence the survey. The questionnaires are to be collated by the Essex Transport Partnership. Initial results will be available at the consultation exhibition at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd. June. Please come along and give your views on the local transport options. The event will be open from 9.30am until noon so you can pop in when you visit the shop. Spare questionnaires will be available in case anyone was missed when they were delivered. PC obtained a £1000 grant to cover the cost of the transport consultation.

PC Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, beginning at 8pm, unless there is a visiting speaker when we start half an hour earlier. The start time is posted on the noticeboards three days before the Meeting. Please enter through the side entrance as the connecting door inside the Village Hall is usually kept locked.

Karen Plumridge,

Clerk to the Council 400628

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### EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Just in case anyone who came to our recent Charity Coffee Morning has not heard the result, we were delighted to raise £219-40 for the Essex Air Ambulance. On Wednesday June 14th we are having Strawberry Tea at 2p.m. Tickets are £4, please ring me if you are interested.

As always our meetings are in our hall in Old Church Road on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2p.m.

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## **BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTES**

As the new Borough Councillor, I hope to have the opportunity to pen a few words from time to time in the Parish Magazine. I was delighted to have been elected with such a big majority & thank sincerely all those people who voted for me. However whether you voted for me or not I am pleased to hear & react to the concerns of every resident whatever your politics, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or religion. I want to seek ways to resolve situations wherever I can. I recognize too that we cannot all be pleased by an outcome, but by compromise & good neighbourliness we can be content. One of my election aims was to create a club in East Hanningfield which could provide revenue so desperately needed to sustain our Village Hall & provide a real Community focus, most especially for people 16ish to 25ish. So far many problems have arisen in achieving this objective, but I still believe that with positive lateral thinking we can overcome!

I believe O2 are proposing a mobile phone mast for the industrial estate. Their proposals do not include detailed plans or images so I have asked Planning Control to obtain these. My take on masts is that sitting is always the best of evils, reception in some parts of the village is bad, particularly around Ashley Green & the site is least likely to cause problems to domestic residents. So far as health is concerned the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has directed that no opposition to masts on health grounds is permissible so any objections on health grounds are dismissed. Most of you know that I live at Windmill Cottage Back Lane. Telephone me on 01245400142 email me on [michael.harris@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk](mailto:michael.harris@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk). I don't hold a surgery, but would be happy to if the need was apparent, however I am always prepared to visit & am available at any time, not just for problems but for good ideas too. Let's improve our neighbourhood together!

Sincerely, Mike Harris

## **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

A big thank you to everyone who has supported & generously sponsored me for the London Marathon. I really could not have done it without you & still quite can't believe I did. I'm still collating monies, but it looks like about £4,500! The first £2000 will go to Farleigh Hospice with the balance being shared between Hanna's Field Charity, School, Church, Pre-school & other groups within the village. It was a fantastic day & I would recommend it to everyone, as a runner or a spectator.

They started me off in pen 9 (back of the pack), I managed to get across the starting line 20 minutes after the gun went off. The first few miles I was smiling, no rain & loads of 'high fives' with all the little children, there were rhinos, camels, Wombles, a golfer pulling his trolley, a man doing it backwards with special wing mirrors on his hat & too many fantastic characters to mention. Things got a bit scary around Deptford as the pubs opened there at 8am & we were getting there about 11am & lets just say those spectators were really getting into the spirit of things. Got to mile 14, topped up the Vaseline & took a couple of painkillers waving at all the elite runners coming out of Docklands (they are about mile 22). Mile 19 had to put on my MP3 player, needed a bit of Madonna motivation. About 21, very gratefully received orange segments from Asda. By the time I got to 22, I had completely run out of steam – the 'wall' I think, so started popping glucose tablets & chocolate buttons which gave little bursts of energy. Got to mile 24 & there was the lovely belly dancing ladies, so performed a very soggy veil dance & watched the 20 man millipede pass me by!

Just that last mile then, felt like 10, managed to sprint last 200 metres & cross line with a smile on my face at 5:51:56. Still running, training for next year! ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU

Clare Liddiard



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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you or your child attended the village school, you will remember the friendly face that greeted you at the office & tended hurt or upset children. Pat Harvey has been the school secretary for over thirty years. In that time the job of school secretary has grown to incorporate many administration & financial duties that used to be centrally managed. The computer & photocopier have taken the place of typewriter, carbon paper & spirit duplicator. Pat has risen to each challenge, learning new skills as necessary, mastering computer programmes & supporting new head-teachers with patience & good humour. She is to retire this summer & will be missed. Perhaps we'll entice her back as a volunteer helper - her initial role in the school!

Thank you for your support: March Textile Collection raised £101.80 & John Court's half marathon raised £255. Meanwhile the extension plans have been agreed by the Local Authority & now await County planning permission. **SCHOOL SUMMER FETE FRIDAY 23RD JUNE** 5pm to 8pm We hope you can join us on what we hope will be a beautiful summer evening.

Linda J. Findlay

## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

We have just started out on a new & significant stage in the life of our fellowship. Our new church building in Old Church Road has been completed & we have been meeting there for several weeks.

We had our official opening & dedication service on Saturday 1st April. It was good to see the church filled, with many visitors who had joined the service for the day. Representatives from several local churches took part in the service & the closing address was brought by Rev. Steven Carter, who some of you will know as Pastor here in the 1980's. It was a great day of celebration & thanksgiving. It had been 10 years since the vision for a new church building had emerged from a time of prayer. It had been 4 years since the old Bethel Church had been demolished to make way for the new. The new building is a testimony to the goodness & faithfulness of God & to the faithfulness & generosity of many people, not just the members of the church here, but friends & supporters from outside the fellowship. We want to say thank you to all of you.

Now that the new church is open, please feel free to come & look around. Better still, come & join us for a Sunday service or mid-week meeting. You will be very welcome. We still Rainbow Club for children in the Village Hall: 6pm Friday, but all other meetings are held in the new building.

Sunday Praise & Worship & Sunday School	Sunday 10:45am
Ladies Fellowship Meeting	Tuesday 10:30am
Prayer Groups	Tuesday 2pm & 7:30pm
Bible Study Meeting	Thursday 7:30pm

Pastor David Cotley tel. 400665



## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

The Easter Egg Hunt organised by the pre-school committee went very well, raising £26. It was a fun afternoon for all & a big THANK YOU to Tom for his kind donation of the Easter Egg prize. Thanks to all those who helped out.

The term topics are as follows: everyday & unusual shapes. Congratulations to Clare Liddiard who completed the London Marathon in 5:41. Clare is kindly giving a generous donation to the pre-school.

The fashion show is coming up on 8th June, held in the Village Hall 7:15 for a 7:30 start. Tickets are £3, including a drink & these can be purchased from the pre-school committee members on the door. There will be a fantastic range of discounted fashion so come along for a great night, all welcome! Anyone interested in the pre-school committee? If so you are welcome to come along to our meetings & see for yourself what goes on & how your child's re-school is run.

Bonnie Harris – secretary



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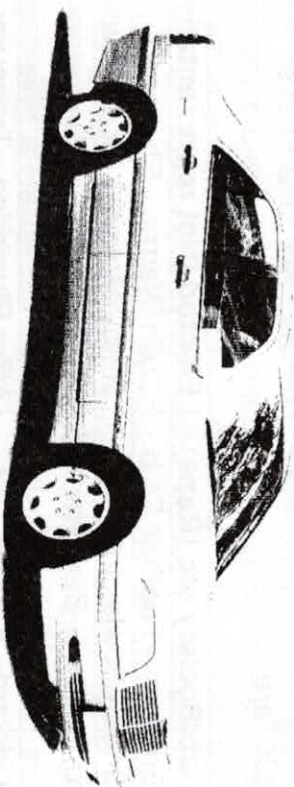
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

### Charity AGM

The Charity's AGM was held on Wednesday 26 April. A report for 2005 was provided by the Chairman, Colin Warren and the Treasurer, Mike Plumridge, provided a summary of the Charity's financial position and confirmed the year 2005 accounts had been checked by an independent examiner. Thanks to Martin Harcourt-Williams. Sylvia Hopkins provided a report for the Fund Raising Sub-Committee.

The Chairman's report is provided on the Charity's part of the Parish Council web site, click on the internet web address [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall) to see this. A number of significant achievements were reported including the upgrade of the Play Area facilities with the particular help of Hanningfield Wives and their calendar, installation of the sports multi wall on the field, adoption of Policies for Equal Opportunities and Child Protection, redecoration of much of the Village Hall (thanks to various parties and Paul Garner in the village)

There were several changes in Trustees and the new trustees for 2006/2007 are:

<b>Hall Club/Society etc (Reps)</b>	<b>Elected (Not representative)</b>
Dave Emerton - Football Club	Colin Warren - Chairman
Tony Orpin - Bowls club	Jenny Mouser - Vice Chairman
Edward Poulter - Badminton & NHW	Wendy Thomas - Secretary
Clare Liddiard - Hannas Tots	Mike Plumridge - Treasurer
Dawn Falkingham - PreSchool	Sylvia Hopkins - Fund Raising
Peter Applegate - Parish Council	Paul O'Meara, Paul Garner & Anne Walden

We said goodbye to Rose Pollard and Celia McEwen. If you are interested in knowing more about the Charity contact Colin Warren on 401050 or me on 400628.

### **Youth Equipment Project**

The Charity have been fundraising and applying to various organizations, including our Parish Council, for grants to improve to the youth facilities on the playing fields. We have been successful in raising a little over £20,000 to date. We have one more grant we need villagers help with – the Charity has entered our youth project into the Essex Chronicle's "Hearts of the Community" competition and we stand to gain £4,000 for the project if everybody in the village sends in their vote for our project. Look out for the article in the Essex Chronicle in the next week or so. Before finalizing plans will be seeking the views and ideas of youngsters in the village so look out for posters. The intention is to put equipment in for the summer holidays.

### **Fund Raising**

The Charity's annual Art Exhibition will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th July from 10.00am to 6p.m. This is always a popular event and the proceeds will go towards our youth equipment project. This is a really nice occasion – lots of very good art in a variety of styles and at very reasonable prices. If you are an artist wanting to exhibit phone us on 400797. On Saturday 16th September we will, with All Saints Church, be organizing the annual Village Fete on the Hall Playing Fields. Later in the year we hope to be involved with the Parish Council in organising a Halloween Dance in the Village Hall so look out for the details.

### **Internet Home Workers**

People are increasingly working from home but this can be a strain in some circumstances. Some people find they need to find a place where they can work with out interruption but which is comfortable and provides basic facilities, internet access, use of



mobile phone and a place to make a coffee etc. We have had one enquiry from a villager about the hire of the Hall's meeting room for this purpose. The meeting room is little used during daytime hours but doesn't have internet access however it might be worthwhile putting in if there was enough interest. If you might be interested contact me on 401050.

Colin Warren

Chairman

Hanna's Field Charity

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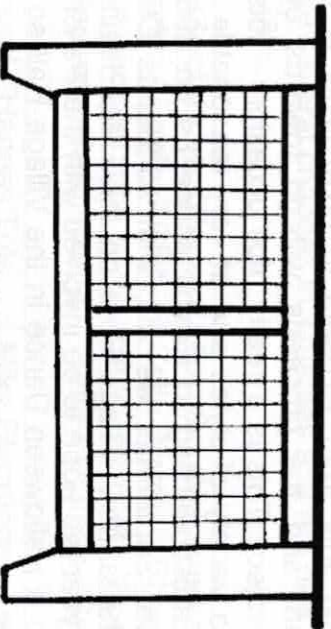
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### **WHO WAS JOHN GEFFRY?**

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More information on the Great Revolt of 1381 in and around Chelmsford can be found in The Sleepers and the Shadows by Hilda Grieve.

Karen Plumridge

Clerk to the Council  
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#### PARISH COUNCIL

Anyone who travels down Old Church Road will have noticed the progress of the construction of the affordable housing. Although it is too late to apply for the four shared ownership houses now, there is still time to register for the rented housing, which comprises six houses, a first floor flat and a ground floor flat for a disabled tenant, as applications will be accepted up to 30<sup>th</sup> November. The registration form is available on the Parish Council's website, or on paper from me.

Last September the Parish Council held a Race Night to raise funds towards equipment for children and young people on the playing fields. This year the fund raising event for the same cause will be a **Halloween Dance on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. The band, **Lyckerty Splyt**, has been booked and comes highly recommended. Due to the regulations governing numbers in the Village Hall it will be necessary to limit the number of tickets, so don't leave it too late to get yours when they go on sale. Information will be posted on the notice boards and on the website. Mark the date on your calendar now!

At the beginning of August PC received the resignation of Stewart Amos. At the time of writing PC was still waiting to hear whether a poll would be called or whether it would be possible to co-opt a new councillor. Stewart has made a valuable contribution to the work of the council, his advice on planning matters being particularly appreciated, and PC thanks him for his efforts on behalf of the parish.

PC has also received notice from our Editor, Daphne Sherry, that the forthcoming Christmas edition of the News will be the last she will edit for us. Daphne has been in post for eight years, so has really earned the gratitude of the community for her continuous service in keeping residents informed of local news, as well as the organisation and judging of the Christmas cover competition.



If you think you might like to be the next editor, please contact Daphne to find out what is involved, and contact me if you are definitely offering to take up the post.

Following the transport questionnaire and exhibition event a report was produced which collated all the responses. PC is yet to analyse the report, but there does appear to be a recurring theme from the responses that several residents have had disappointing experiences with the bus service and have little confidence in its reliability.

The last manned refuse vehicle visits of the year to the Village Hall car park will take place on the following Saturday mornings; 7<sup>th</sup>. October and 18<sup>th</sup>. November, from 8-10.45.

There is now a Village Diary on the PC website. If you are organising a local event please let me have the details so that I can put it in the Diary. You can also refer to the Diary to make sure that you choose a date that doesn't clash with another group's event.

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### EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Monday – Thursday 9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Village Hall

Pre-school finished on a high this term with a summer party & picnic for the children & some sad farewells were said to children leaving for big school. We wish them luck for September.

Pre-school would like to thank the parents who gave up some of their free time to in & help in the kitchen last term. Their help was invaluable to staff enabling them more time with the children. If anyone is interested in helping out please see any pre-school member of staff.

Pre pre-school committee really need some more members! Please feel welcome to come along to any of our meetings. Check pre-school board for the next one.

Pre-school's autumn term starts on Wednesday 6th September 2006.

Bonnie Harris – secretary

### EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

The time has come to put our report again. Where have the last 3 months gone to? The hot weather left us all wilting, but as I write this it is raining, which of course we need.

A date for your diary: we are having a **Harvest Lunch** in our hall on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October**. If anyone is interested give me a ring & I can give you the details. We would be very pleased to see you. Otherwise we meet in our hall as usual on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

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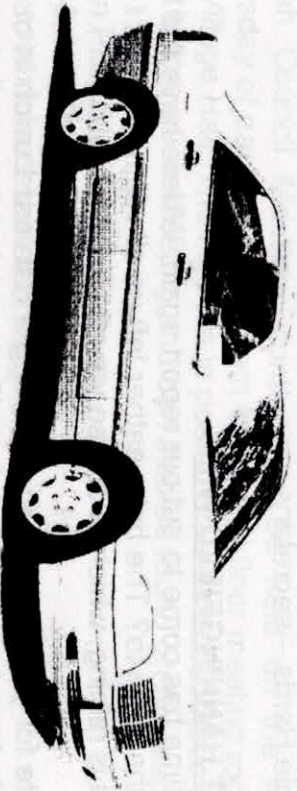
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### The Financial Reality

How much does All Saints cost to run? All Saints Church needs £1450 per month to keep it solvent. This amount is broken down in two sections.

- a. We have to pay £840 per month to the central body of the Church. This is called our Parish Share. This pays for clergy salaries, pensions, and all the support to keep the Church of England functioning.
- b. The other £610 pays for everything else. The upkeep of the church building (the insurance alone is £1000 a year), heating, lighting, rates, music at services, general running costs, the upkeep of the churchyard.

How much is money is All Saints receiving? Currently All Saints is averaging £1020 per month. This too can be broken down into two sections.



a. Regular giving to All Saints through collections in church or by direct debits set up by individuals. Last year this came to £670 per month (including tax recovered via Gift Aid).

b. Other income came from fund raising. The Village Fete, The Limes bring & buy, the Christmas Bazaar, Music for a Summer's Evening, the inter parish walk. Fees from weddings etc. Last year this averaged at £350 per month.

COSTS £1450 – INCOME £1020 = LOSS PER MONTH £430.

To put All Saints back on a path to breaking even we desperately need increased regular, committed giving.

Fact 1: Last year All Saints had a deficit of nearly £4000. We failed to meet our obligation to pay our parish share as we were forced to underpay by £2300 due to the deficit.

Fact 2: Regular outgoings should be paid by regular incomings. We should aim for monies raised by special events to pay for improvements or those ever increasingly regular times when major building repairs are needed.

Fact 3: Currently just 3 individuals are responsible for nearly 45% of all the money given at collections or direct debits

Fact 4: £200 of new giving per week would put All Saints back on a firm financial footing.

If you believe that our village would be a poorer place without our church, please support its upkeep. For example, if we could find

40 people in the village who could regularly give or increase their giving by £5 a week we would be there! Please ask about setting up a direct debit, or entering the regular 'donating by envelope' scheme. Contact Richard Huke on 01245 403020

Music For A Summer Evening. On Saturday 17 June a very enjoyable programme of solo and choral music was presented under the splendid guidance of our organist Daphne Hilliar. A number of Daphne's students (young and not so young!) plus musicians from the Village School and children from Boreham Sunday School delighted all who attended with the variety and excellence of their instrumental and vocal talents. Entrance was free but a retiring collection raised almost £350 in aid of Church Funds. Look out for next year's date, this is an evening not to be missed.

Inter-Parish Walk. The annual walk between the Parishes of East Hanningfield and Sandon took place on Saturday 10 June. This is a great way to enjoy our local countryside at a lovely time of the year. Our thanks to Claire Newman who organised the walkers from this end. Sponsorship of those walking raised over £170, Half of the total raised goes to support Farleigh Hospice and the remainder goes to church funds.

### Looking Ahead.

Village Fete, Saturday 16 September 2006 – 2.00pm.  
Come and join in and enjoy the fun on Hanna's Field – there will be something for all ages to enjoy! Try your hand at Gladiator Combat, skittles, crockery smashing, tombola etc etc.

Harvest Festival. This year's Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 1 October 2006 at 11.15am in All Saints' Church. All are welcome.



Other dates for the Diary.

Sunday Club

9.30am in the church on Sunday 24 September. The Sunday club restarts after its summer break.

Remembrance Sunday 10.55am on Sunday 12 November, All Saints' Church.

Christmas Bazaar 10.30am Saturday 18 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	Shortened Holy Communion	11.15am
4th Sunday	Children's Sunday Club	9.30am
	Holy Communion	11.15am
5th Sunday	Matins	11.15am

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

In July the Charity once again ran the East Hanningfield Art Exhibition. Over 500 paintings were exhibited from around 70 artists and all largely organized by just two ladies, Wendy Thomas and Jenny Mouser, who did a great job bringing it all together on the day. As a result the event raised a little over £1,100 – a brilliant result! Thank you to those who helped Wendy and Jenny on the day and also to everybody who came along and enjoyed the exhibition this year.

All of this money will go towards the cost of the new Youth Shelter, Sports Wall lighting and wear surface just installed on the playing field. The new equipment has been possible as a result of Charity fundraising, grants which the Charity obtained from the Lottery "Awards for All" (£5,000) and the Essex County Council Community Initiative Fund (£5,000), plus a £1,000 contribution from the Parish Council. In addition the Charity received a cheque for £500 last month towards the project from Clare Liddiard as a result of sponsorship for her London Marathon earlier in the year – fantastic Clare - thank you!

The Village Fete on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September is our next big fundraising event, in partnership with All Saints church. This year the event is sponsored by J Gard and Sons Ltd who recently moved into the village. Draw tickets are available for sale: please buy lots! We have a really great 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £100 cash donated by Essex Heritage Properties, a second prize of a box of quality wine donated by Fordham Electrical, and for third prize a free MoT for your car donated by East Hanningfield Motors. There are new events and displays planned and it should be a great day but we would also like to hear from anybody with ideas for stalls or willing to help on the day so please contact me (Colin Warren) on 401450.



Later in the year we are looking forward to joining with the Parish Council in a fund raising Halloween Ball on 28th October in the Village Hall. Again our profits will go towards the cost of improving youth & play equipment on the field.

Sadly, last month we said good bye to Tom Wright at the Post Office. He will be greatly missed by everybody and we wish him well with his new life in the United States. The handover date to the new postmaster is still to be confirmed but should be early September. We hope the new people will be able to pick up where Tom left off and continue to make the business a success.

Some may have noticed the vacancy advertised in the village for the job of Village Hall caretaker and bookings secretary. Iris Evans has done a sterling job in this position for the last 10 years but has decided to retire and as we go to press it looks likely her replacement has been found and will have taken over by the end of August. Thank you Iris from all of us on the Charity Committee for your loyal support and hard work. We wish you a long, happy and restful retirement (and welcome you as a Trustee to the Committee).

Colin Warren, Chairman

**ST. MARY & ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH WEST HANNINGFIELD  
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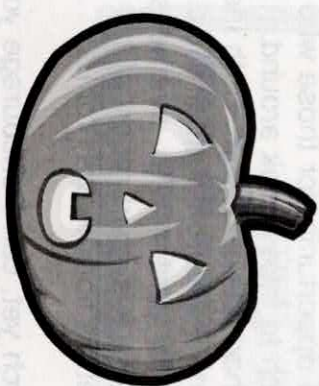
Thank you for joining us at our School Summer Evening Fete which raised just over £1000.

Eleven year 6 pupils left us this year and we wish them all the best in their respective new schools.

An era has ended at East Hanningfield with Pat Harvey's departure as School Secretary; we wish her a long, healthy and joyous retirement.

We have taken over our school meals service. Food is now mostly from fresh organic ingredients. In the next academic year we hope to offer an occasional two course dinner to the local senior citizens. If you would like to know more please drop your name and address into the school. Mark the top of your letter "Community Meals", we will then send you details and menu for the appropriate days.

Linda Findlay



**HALLOWEEN  
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## BETHEL CHURCH

We have been in and using our church building in Old Church Road for the past 5 months. It now feels like 'home'. It's great to have a permanent facility where we can leave chairs and equipment in place without having to set the whole hall up for every meeting and activity and put everything away afterwards. It is wonderful to have a home of our own at last, but we greatly appreciated being able to use the W.I. hall for our Sunday Services and special events over these past years and particularly while the new church was being built. Thank you to the W.I. for allowing us to do this.

In July, the name sign 'Bethel Church' was fitted to the front wall of the building. If anyone was wondering, 'Bethel' is a bible name and means 'House of God' and that's what we hope the new church will be, a place where people will find God always 'at home' and come into a living relationship with Him through Jesus his Son.

Also in July, we held a 'Garden Party' at the church. This sounds rather 'posh' but in reality was just an informal fun occasion with food and drink and games for every age group in the church building and grounds and was an opportunity for those who had not previously seen the new church to take a look around. It was a glorious summer's day and we had lots of visitors. Both friends and neighbours from the village and those from further afield. We even had a visitor from India, a pastor who oversees 20 churches! He said he would take back a good report of his time in East Hanningfield and would get his flock to pray for us.

If you haven't seen the new church yet, can I encourage you to come over and take a look, or join us in one of our special services or activities. We shall be having a Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service on 8th October and a 'Winter Warmer Lunch' in

November. We shall advertise more details about this in the village nearer the time.

Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service 10:45 am Sunday, 8th Oct.

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# East Hanningtonfield Village Fete

## Saturday

### 16<sup>th</sup> September 2006

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#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

As you may or may not know this is the last newsletter I shall be editing. At the time of going to print nobody has volunteered to take over (it's not that difficult). Any articles or adverts for the next issue should be sent to Karen Plumridge at [karen.plumridge@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com) or 2 Clinton Close, East Hanningfield tel. 400628.

#### **COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

Winner of the Christmas cover competition is Phoebe Liddiard. Runners up are Cassie Welch, James Kingsnorth, James Roberts, Anna Lewis, Emily Sneller, Jovett Harris, Amy White, Rebecca Middleton & Mathew Washer.

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Daphne Sherry (Editor) 401208



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#### **Parish Council**

Following the resignation of Stewart Amos, which was recorded in the last News, **Janice Williamson** was co-opted on to the Council, so we now have the full complement of seven councillors again. If you think you might like to get involved with the most local form of government, you could give some consideration to standing for election in May, when the four year term of the present Council comes to an end.

Also mentioned in the last News was the dance on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. At time of writing the bar contribution was awaited & unknown but the profits from tickets sales & the raffle amounted to £244.55, which is going towards the enlargement of the wear area in front of the sports wall. I have received lots of positive feedback about the event, so it looks as though it was a social success as well as profitable. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time to help & also to those who donated raffle prizes.

I have been informed by the housing officer at Chelmsford Borough Council that the names of the individuals nominated for the housing in Old Church Road have been passed to Colne Housing, & that everyone should have moved in before Christmas. I have also heard that the scheme was heavily oversubscribed, & that there are many more disappointed applicants than successful ones.

In the early summer PC had a site meeting with a County Council Highways officer. Several issues were discussed, one of which was traffic speed at various points in the village. We have had the results of one speed census that followed on from that meeting. The census was carried out over three days at the Common within the 30mph speed limit. It was found that 85% of northbound traffic was travelling at or below 35.6, 35.7 & 35.8mph on each day, & 85% of southbound traffic was travelling at or below 35.9, 35.4 & 35.5mph. I hope to have more information on traffic speed & associated matters for the next News.



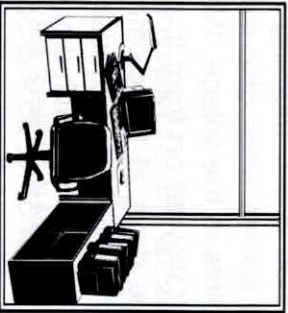
This is the last issue of the News that **Daphne Sherry** will be editing. PC would like to thank her for her eight years of dedicated service keeping the community informed. If there is anyone who would like to take on the role of **Editor** please get in touch with Daphne, whose contact details are inside the front cover, to find out what is involved, or contact me if you are definitely offering to take on the role.

I have recently set up the **Village Diary 2007** on the PC website. Please let me have details of your village group events, so that I can post them in the Diary. The earlier they are placed in the Diary the less likely they are to clash with other village events.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month (except December) at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. The Agenda is posted on the PC noticeboards & the website three days before each Meeting. At each Meeting members of the public are given an opportunity to speak during Public Question Time.

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## ARE YOU PREPARED TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Parish Council is aware of the increasing reliance by policy making bodies, such as the County and Borough Councils, and by grant giving bodies on **COMMUNITY-LED PLANS** to inform and influence their decision making.

Presently East Hanningfield does not have a community-led plan, and the Parish Council sees this as a barrier to the wishes of the residents, the community, being upheld when important decisions are being made.

If you think that you might like to get involved in the creation of a community-led plan, such as a **Village Design Statement** or a **Parish Plan**, please get in touch with the **Clerk to the Council** on **400628**. When enough volunteers have registered their interest a meeting will be arranged with an advisor who will explain the process and help get the project underway.

To help communities understand the planning framework within which community-led plans have to operate a **Statutory Planning Guidance Pack** was recently published by the Rural Community Council of Essex. It is also a good basic introduction to the Local Development Framework, which is replacing the Local and Structure Planning system. The Pack can be found on the Parish Council's website [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil). On the main menu click on Community-Led Planning and then on the underlined link to the Pack.



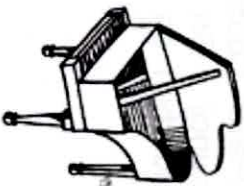
## **HANNA'S TOTS**

Responsibility for Tots has recently changed hands, & we would like to thank Clare Liddiard & Dawn Falkingham who have been running the group for the last few years, & to whom we still look for advice as we continue to find our feet.

Our stall at the village fete raised £45 for the group, with which we have purchased some beanbags, so that those mums with babies can play with them at their own level in a little more comfort. The latest visit from the Pre-School Learning Alliance was a success, with only a few additions to the administration required. The introduction of 'healthy' snacks has also gone well, with carrots, apples & breadsticks disappearing at an alarming rate, although we mums do miss the biscuits.

Hanna's Tots runs at the village hall every Friday morning, from 09:30 to 11:30, for children under 5 & their parents / carers. We have a vast array of toys to play with in the hall, in addition to those available on loan in our toy library. Other equipment is also available for hire, including a high chair, a travel cot (ideal for grandparents expecting visitors) and a small bouncy castle.

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## **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the Village fete held in September so successful. In particular I would like to thank the various sponsors including Martin Gard, for event sponsorship, Heritage properties for 1st Prize (£100), Fordhams for 2nd Prize (Case of Wine), East Hanningfield Motors for 3rd Prize (MOT), The Windmill Pub for 4th Prize (dinner) and also The Royal Tiger for the Champagne Buffet Lunch.

The entertainment provided by each of our regular hall users was very welcome including the demonstrations from the Dog Training Club, Jan's Aerobics and Angel Dance. 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 £1,800.00 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.

In October we ran a joint event with the parish council, a Village Ceilidh, which for the over 120 people who attended was a very enjoyable event. Any surplus made on the evening will be used by the Charity to complete the Sports wall and Youth Shelter project.

Chelmer Housing Partnership have confirmed we have been successful with the £5,000 grant requested to complete the sports wall wear area matting and we will now proceed with extending the matting area to cover all of the worn grass in front of the sports wall

We have been consulting villagers about the proposals to build a clubroom above the Small Hall. So far the feedback has all been



positive. If we do go ahead with this work it will require major assistance and input and not a little fundraising.

Jan Marsh is looking for new starters for her Aerobics classes in the Small Hall. If you have been thinking of getting in shape now is the time - Jan needs more people or the classes may have to fold. They are every Tuesday between 6.30-7.15pm. Any age/any gender can attend. Anyone interested should ring Jan on 07980 786189. Jan will give a discount for a 6 week block booking.

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 2007 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 2007.

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  
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#### EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

It seems no time at all since I wrote my last report, but here we are again with Christmas looming. We've had a very busy year. Last months harvest lunch was a great success and thanks to mentioning it in the last newsletter we had a booking from someone who read it and it was lovely to see them. We think we may have gained a couple of new members, they will know who I mean and we look forward to seeing them very much.

Why not come along and see what we are all about. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2p.m. in our hall in Old Church Road, but the December meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> December). A warm welcome will be given. In 2007 we will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so we will be having a party.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Lilian Grace 400288

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## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

Regular readers will recall that our previous notes spoke of the financial problems faced by the village church.

The congregation has been concerned about this for some time now and addressed the problem with the advice and help of Revd Martin Wood (whose grand title is the Bradwell Area Team Parish Development Officer!) specifically through a programme called TRIO – The Responsibility Is Ours. Regular and occasional members of the congregation were briefed at a meeting held in the village hall on 19th October. Despite appalling weather on the night, over 30 people attended the presentation and were given a clear picture of the financial demands on the church (e.g. weekly costs of £335) and the steps required to make All Saints financially viable once more. Those who couldn't attend received a pamphlet setting out the same details.

The response to TRIO and our note in the previous edition of the East Hanningfield News has been most gratifying. Some have responded by seeking further explanation, some have offered general support and some have offered specific support in the form of donations or have pledged longer term regular giving – at the time of writing 22 pledge sheets have been received. This means that the target of new giving per month identified by TRIO has almost been achieved!

**TO ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED AND SHOWN THAT THEY CARE – A VERY LARGE AND SINCERE THANK YOU.**

If you feel you would like to understand more about the issues involved or would like the opportunity to support the upkeep of our village church please contact Richard Huke on 403020, who would be pleased to answer any questions. Please help us reach our target!!!!

Thanks are also due:

To Daphne and Sheila who on 9th September took part in The Friends of Essex Churches Ride and Stride and raised £100 to be shared between All Saints and The Friends of Essex Churches.

To all who attended the Village Fete on 16 September raising a total of just under £1800 to be shared between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints.

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 combined to produce 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 Christmas season is almost upon us! Make a note of the Christmas Services set out below - a very warm welcome awaits you at All Saints' Church.

Please note that our Christingle Service will not be held until Sunday 4th February. This is to allow our Speaker from The Children's Society, Christine Horton, to attend services in both Sandon and East Hanningfield on the same day. The work of The Children's Society is highlighted in the service which is a powerful and moving symbol of Christ's light and love for all. Children are especially welcome and every child attending receives a Christingle. The moment when these are lit symbolises Christ's light and hope for the future – a perfect way to mark the conclusion of the Christmas season.



## Christmas Services

Sun 17 Dec 3.00pm	Lessons & Carols	All the favourite carols and readings, plus building up the crib scene. Followed by mince pies, wine or soft drinks. (Please note no 11.15am service on 17 Dec).
Tue 19 Dec 6.00pm	School Carol Service	
Sun 24 Dec 11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Revd Chris Poulard. (Please note no 11.15am service on 24 wDec)
Mon 25 Dec 11:15 am	Christmas Day Family Service	
Sun 31 Dec 11:15 am	Matins	

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

Revd Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
Tel: 472262

Churchwarden:  
Stan Gordon  
Tel 400298

## EAST HANNINGFIELD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



East Hanningfield School Christmas Bazaar  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 5pm to 7pm  
Please join us.  
All proceeds towards swimming pool

Look out for our school in the Essex Chronicle "Cash for Schools" feature. We need your votes. Our 1971 pool funded by the PTA has been a great asset over the years. Unfortunately extensive wear and tear came to light this summer. The pool structure has collapsed and we need to replace it, hence our submission to "Cash for Schools".

## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

A large school intake in September has left numbers a little depleted at the pre-school this term, but that has not stopped the children enjoying a host of different seasonal activities. They have learned about Harvest Festival, Diwali & Halloween to name but a few. Along with a new theme each week, the children also have consecutive letters & numbers around which sessions are based, with participation encouraged by way of the interest table.

With the half term holiday now behind us, the run up to Christmas has well & truly begun. Practice has already started for the pre-school concert, & a number of festive activities are planned for the coming weeks, to enable the children to learn more about the nativity & about how Christmas is celebrated in other parts of the world. The concert is on 18 December, at 10:45, with a small bazaar held beforehand to raise money for the pre-school. Anyone wishing to come along & hear the children sing is more than welcome.

The AGM was held in October, with new members being elected on to the committee. Thanks to those departing for your contributions over the years (you know who you are), as without the volunteers on the committee, there would be no pre-school.

East Hanningfield Pre-School, registered charity 267508, runs at the Village Hall 09:15 to 11:45 Monday to Thursday during the school term.

Jenny Ash, Secretary



## **BETHEL CHURCH**

This has been a very significant year at the church with the completion in April, of the new building in Old Church Road. We are now thoroughly settled in and feel at home. There is still the front car parking area to be done, but we are hoping this will be laid out and surfaced before Christmas.

In October we had our first Harvest Service in the new church. The main hall was beautifully decorated with Autumn greenery and harvest produce and we were able to give a significant offering gift to Tear fund, a charity that works to relieve poverty in third world countries.

Also in October we held our first Coffee Morning at the church and it went really well. The front meeting room was transformed into a 'café' for the morning and a good number of people, including mums and toddlers dropped in for coffee, cake and a chat. It was a very relaxed, enjoyable time. All proceeds, which amounted to over £111, were given to the upkeep of a children's orphanage in Burma. Thanks to all of you who supported this. We intend to continue these coffee mornings in the New Year, on the last Tuesday of the month. Look out for details and come along if you can.

Christmas is almost upon us, and we have a number of events planned. Our Christmas Family Service is on Sunday 17th December. On Christmas Eve, which falls on a Sunday this year, we are having something new – we will be meeting in the church in the early evening for a time of Carols, Praise and Fellowship with, no doubt some suitable Christmas refreshments to follow. We will also be meeting Christmas morning for a short, very informal time of family thanksgiving. You would be most welcome to come along to any or all of these special services. It's good in the midst of all the rush and hassle and commercialism of this time of year, to be able to experience the real joy and happiness of the Christmas season; the celebration of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, to be our Saviour and to bring spiritual light and hope into the world.

A Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Dates to remember:-

Winter Warmer Lunch	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 12 – 2pm
Christmas Family Service	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.45 – 11.45am
Christmas Eve Carol Service	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6 – 7pm
Christmas Morning Family Service	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10 – 11am
Coffee Morning	Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10 – 12pm
Coffee Morning	Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10 – 12pm

David Cottey

Tel. 400665



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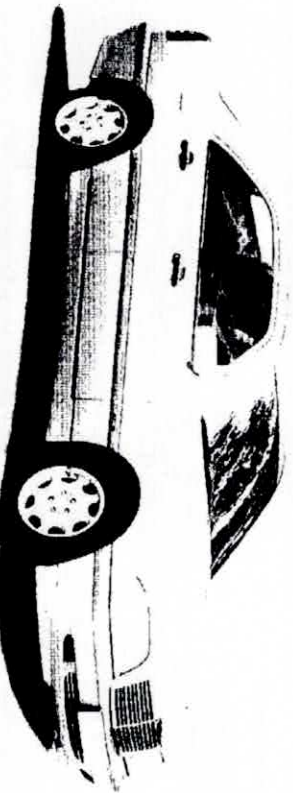
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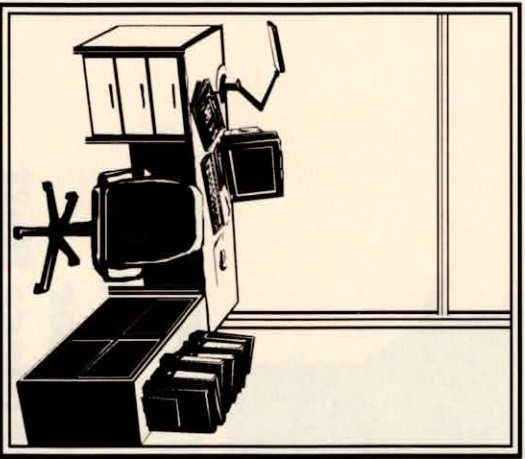
### From the Acting Editor

While waiting for a volunteer to step forward to fill the Editor's role, I have stepped in temporarily to ensure continuity. Until we know who the next Editor will be, please continue to send articles and adverts to me at [karen.plumridge@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com) or 2 Clinton Close.

### Copydate for the Summer edition is 11<sup>th</sup> . May.

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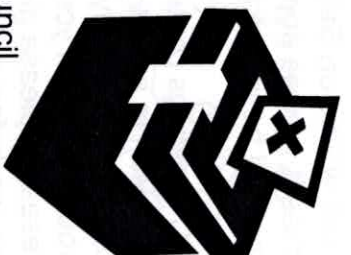
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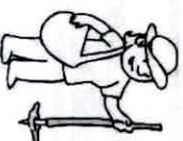
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### Parish Council

The four year term of the present Council is drawing to an end. You will be able to choose your new Council at the **Election on 3<sup>rd</sup> . May**. If you would like to stand for a seat on the Council you will need to complete a nomination form and deliver it to the Deputy Returning Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council between **27<sup>th</sup> . March** and noon on **4<sup>th</sup> . April**. Forms will be available to download from the CBC website, from the Deputy Returning Officer, and I also have some.



As a postscript to the Scheme of Affordable Housing for Local People you might be interested to know that the Borough Council's Housing Department has provided statistics on the allocations. There were **101** applications received; **73** households applied for rented accommodation, **8** for shared ownership and **20** applied for either. Seven applications were withdrawn for various reasons. Forty nine applications had no local connection, so could not be considered. Fifteen were from households with connections to neighbouring parishes, who might have been considered had there been too few local candidates. That left 30 households to be considered for 12 properties.



This year's **Village Tidy-up** is scheduled for Saturday, **5<sup>th</sup> . May**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Hall car park at **9am**. Gloves, sacks and litter-pickers will be provided. In recent years we have had perfect weather so it has been a pleasure to have an excuse to be out in the spring sunshine. Why not join us?



The next **Manned Refuse Vehicle** visit to the Village Hall car park will be on **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. June** from **8-10.45am**. If you miss it, please don't leave rubbish at the site. The next visit after that will be in October.

PC Meetings continue on the **fourth Thursday** of the month. If you wish to speak to the Council, Public Question Time, which takes place shortly after the beginning of each Meeting, allows you to do so. If you have a question that might require some research please give some notice of it so that the answer can be ready for you on the night. If you have a matter to raise with the Council that will require a Council decision, please put it in writing so that it can appear on the Agenda, preferably a week before the date of the Meeting. Even if you have no questions or nothing to say you will be very welcome to attend the Meetings. Agenda are available on the website and at the Meeting, and can be seen on the noticeboards three days before each Meeting.

The Council's website is growing and is regularly updated, so if you haven't looked at it lately, please pay another visit. 'Hits' and searches are logged, and are being used to modify the information provided so that it meets the search requirements. There is a wide variety of information on there, including some local history. Have you played *I Spy Along the Tye* yet? It is in the publications section. A very important page for local groups is the Village Diary, which lists all the village events that you have told me about.

As you probably know, Tom's lease of the shop came to an end in January, so we welcome Sithik the new manager and Ash our new Post Master and wish them every success.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628  
[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil)

## East Hanningfield Womens Institute

Firstly, a belated Happy New Year to you all. We started our year well with our New Year party and a good time was had. A date for your diary, on Wednesday, **11<sup>th</sup>. April** we will be holding our **Bring and Buy Charity Coffee Morning** in aid of Farleigh Hospital at **10.30am**, so it would be good to see you there. A warm welcome awaits you at our meetings held in our hall on the **3<sup>rd</sup>**. Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Anything you need to ask, just give me a call.



Lilian Grace 400288

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## **Borough Councillor's Message**

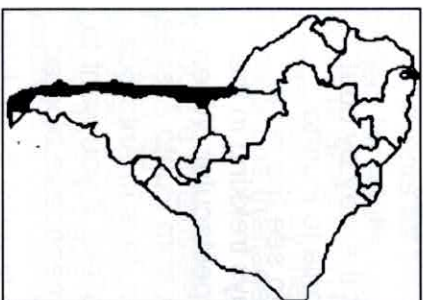
I have had many people speak to me about my letter to the Essex Chronicle just before Christmas, and I am pleased that it was so well received. I mentioned various groups who play a big part in improving village life. One of our most significant groups is Hannah's Field Charity ably chaired by Colin Warren. On the Charity's behalf Mike Plumridge negotiated the lease for our new Postmaster. I had the privilege of signing the lease on behalf of PC and had some insight into the negotiations. On behalf of the village I would like to thank Mike for the huge amount of patience, diligence and time he applied on our behalf. As our PO is a keystone in community life we all welcome our new Postmaster and wish him success and happiness in this very special village.

I feel a lesser sense of achievement with regard to the telephone mast, having got the provider's representatives to consider an alternative site and set dates to survey it! The contractors erected it where it now stands. I wrote to the surveyors on 31st October in vigorous terms ending "I would be grateful to know why we were misinformed. Was it deceit or incompetence?" Answer came there none. Their urgency in erecting masts does not extend to answering letters.

Finally we need people to form a team to produce a Village Design Statement (see p. 16). This really is an opportunity to keep the future of our village in the hands of those of us who live here and not to have unwanted ideas imposed on us. Please get involved whether you live, work, worship or have any other connection with the village. Best wishes to everybody.

Mike Harris

## **Contrasting a Mid Essex Rural Village with a Small Town in Central Chile.**



What is this all about? Well I recently had a great experience of a trip to South America to join up with my son and his wife who were going round the world. I only joined for three weeks but during that time I traveled through the longest thinnest country on the planet. Chile (see left) is about 4000km long (2500 miles) and is only about 100km wide (60 miles). On a European scale it would stretch from Scotland to Nigeria. On our travels south from Santiago the capital we visited the 'Lake District' and stayed four nights in the small town of Pucon. It is a tourist resort on a lake offering all sorts of adventure activities. Very nice you might think 'a much nicer place to live than East Hanningfield' We do have a nice 'lake' a few miles to the west. But we don't have Pucon's other asset Volcan Villarica, a fuming Volcano which dominates the town. There were only sixteen eruptions in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It most recently blew its top in 1984, but there were explosions in 1992 and the crater fell in in 1996. The guide book says it is 'quite safe' and 'considerable warning is given before serious activity'. I noted a series of lights in the high street. Green was normal – 'carry on with your shopping'. Amber indicated some earth quakes and small lava flows. 'I should finish your shopping soon but make sure you get stocked up!' Red indicated major explosions and pyroplastic lava flows, 'so get going with or without your shopping for the peninsular on the edge of town (1/4 mile) where you will be almost surrounded by water, which might help if she blows and comes this way'. So how would living next to a fuming volcano influence our daily lives in East Hanningfield?



While there we climbed up, the young ones made it to the top (2860m), taking four and a half hours. I only made it to 2000m. I claimed old age and lack of practice as we don't have proper mountains in Essex to train on, let alone volcanoes.

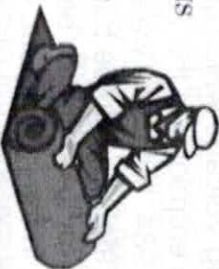
After the Pucon we went on south, much of the way by boat through the channels and islands of Patagonia to Puerto Natales from there we went into Argentina to see the huge glacier at El Calafate. We then did three days trekking in the Torres del Paine national park which was spectacular. When my three weeks came to an end I flew back from Punto Arenas and the young ones carried on South for ten days in Antartica and that is very different from East Hanningfield. If you want to see some of the photos check their blog [emanddave.blog.ac](http://emanddave.blog.ac)

Tony Lees

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### Friends of St. Giles (FROGS)

FROGS is a group of local people who fund raise and organise social events for the residents of St Giles, a supported housing project for adults with a variety of special needs. It is set in 22 acres of grounds in Moor Hall Lane, East Hanningfield. All the money raised by the FROGS goes into the St Giles Residents' Fund and is managed by the residents with FROGS' support.

If you are enthusiastic, have some spare time and would like to be involved in a community project that is of great benefit to all involved, please get in touch. We welcome newcomers and would love to have your involvement. You do not have to be involved in the committee, but can simply join in those activities which most interest you. We look forward to hearing from you!

Ursula Deith, Supported Housing Manager 222193  
Joan Bridger, Chair of FROGS 473079

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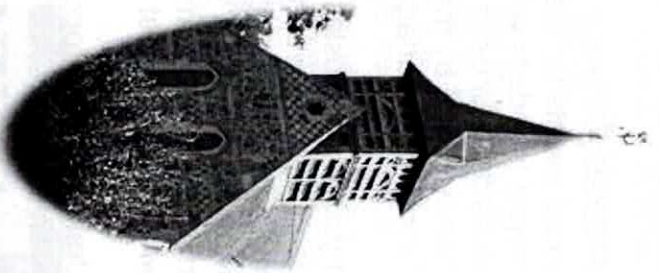




## All Saints' Church

Religion, some say, is the cause of much of the trouble in the world today. We at All Saints' church could produce evidence from our experience as a church to counter that allegation.

William Wilberforce, 200 years ago was the prime motivator in getting slavery abolished. We commemorate this event this month. What moved him to change things? His Christian faith. During Lent this year, our combined parishes of East Hanningfield and Sandon will be following a course, entitled, 'Can we build a better World?', on Wednesday evenings, 7-30-9, in the St. Andrew's Room at Sandon, based on Wilberforce's work, and learning about what moved him, how we can learn to pray as he did and how we too can change things for the better in our world. Join in if you can.



In the summer we shall again be supporting the work of the Chernobyl Children's Project. No one can pretend that the nuclear disaster of 1986 was the fault of religion! Yet there are many from the churches around here who are prepared to house two children for a fortnight in July so they can have a recuperative holiday and recover somewhat from the dreadful effects of radiation. It's not too late to offer your help, if you wish. Ask Keith for details.

All Saints' Church recently held a Christingle Service, attended by a good congregation. It raised a considerable sum for the Children's Society and was a splendid occasion.

In these and so many other ways, our parish church is seeking to make a difference to some of the sadder aspects of today's world. Certainly in our parish the church and 'religion' is far from being a cause of trouble, but in trying to be constructive and helpful. Let this village continue to show that the church can be and ought to be a force for good.

Keith R. Plaister (Priest in charge) 4722262

## East Hanningfield C.E. Primary School

Thank you for voting for our school in the Essex Chronicle "Cash for Schools" feature. We were awarded third prize of £200 in our group towards a replacement swimming pool. It is being replaced this term ready for Summer Term swimming.



Our Christmas Bazaar raised £786 towards the pool. Thank you for joining us on the Friday evening.

Thank you for Tesco Sport vouchers last term, The School Council ordered new netball bibs, a few playground balls and spots, but chose to "bank" most of these in order to buy a more exciting, special pack next year. We are now collecting Sainsbury Active vouchers.

From Hannah's Field you can see our extension taking shape. The class currently in the old relocatable building are looking forward to occupying one of the new classrooms and seeing their old one removed. The other new classroom and library link will enable us to remodel space in the existing building, as part of Our Future School Project, as soon as funds allow.

Linda Findlay



## East Hanningfield Pre-School

Since returning after the Christmas break, the children have been learning about growing things, life-cycles & growing up. They had a special visit from a baby in the village, & brought in photographs of themselves as babies for comparison.



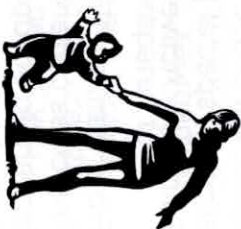
Our stall at the school Christmas Fete raised £60 for the pre-school, & we are planning another fund-raising event at Easter, with the help of Hanna's Tots. We hope to have an Easter bonnet competition on Good Friday for children under 7, with Easter eggs as prizes. This is in addition to the ongoing activities to raise money, such as the second hand clothes stall on Wednesday morning & the Bonus Ball competition.

East Hanningfield Pre-School, registered charity 267508, runs at the Village Hall 09:15 to 11:45 Monday to Thursday during the school term.

Jenny Ash, Secretary 400090

## Hanna's Tots

Hanna's Tots has been very well attended this year, with new arrivals to the village joining us on a Friday morning. As more of the older children started school in January, the younger ones have been able to take advantage of the space, & to try out some of the toys that they always wanted to play with but never actually managed to. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the overall noise level remains much the same!



If you would like to come along to a session, Hanna's Tots runs at the Village Hall every **Friday** morning, from **09:30 to 11:30**, for children under 5 & their parents/carers. We have a vast array of toys to play with in the Hall, in addition to those available on loan in our toy library. Other equipment is also available for hire, including a high chair, a travel cot (ideal for grandparents expecting visitors) and a small bouncy castle.



Jenny Ash 400090



## PRE-SCHOOL DEPUTY SUPERVISOR REQUIRED

East Hanningfield Pre-School require a deputy supervisor, working with children from 2 1/2 years to school age.

Part time, four mornings a week.  
DPP level 3 or above required.

Contact Pam Pearson on 400510 for further details.

Registered charity 267508

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## Bethel Church

Our new church building in Old Church Road is one year old in April! We were given the 'go-ahead' by the building inspector to start using the building in mid-March 2006 and had our official opening and dedication service on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We are now thoroughly settled-in and enjoying the lovely facilities of our new home. The very last item in this building project, the surfacing of the car park, is being carried out as I write and should be finished before this magazine is issued.

It's been a long but exciting journey for the church. The vision for a new building came some 10 years ago and a building fund was started and plans drawn up. After planning permission had been obtained, the 65 year old church building was demolished in May 2002 and work started on the new church in July of that year. We have been thrilled as a fellowship to see the funds come in, as we have needed them, to complete stages in the building. We have known the blessing of God in this, and our thanks go firstly to Him for his faithfulness and also to all those, including many from the village, who have supported us in prayer or financially.

All our regular, weekly meetings and activities now take place in the new building: Sunday morning Praise and Worship followed by Sunday School for the children; Ladies Fellowship meeting and Prayer Groups on Tuesdays; Bible Study on Thursday evenings. Please come along and find out more. You will be very welcome. Our new venture is the Coffee Morning on the last Tuesday of every month. These are very informal; just drop in for coffee, cake and a chat. All proceeds go toward the upkeep of a children's orphanage in Burma.



Easter is in early April this year. We shall be holding a special communion service on Good Friday morning and a celebration Family Service on Easter Sunday. Join us if you can. Easter is that special time when we remember and give thanks for the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God who loves us and has promised new, full and eternal life to all who will trust and follow him. That's really something to celebrate!

Good Friday Service	6 April, 10am
Easter Sunday Family Service	8 April, 10:45am
Tuesday Coffee Mornings,	27 Mar & 24 Apr 10-12 noon

David Cottey tel. 400665

### Community Speed Watch.

Community speed watch is a traffic monitoring scheme that is coordinated by the police but managed and run by volunteers in the community.

It is working successfully in several Essex villages. Its aim is to address the problem of real or perceived speeding. This is done in partnership with the community in order to reduce the number of injuries and to increase safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

PC has agreed to proceed with the programme in East Hanningfield and we are now seeking volunteers to attend a training session in the village before we launch the programme. After the 3 hours of training, volunteers would be expected to be available for about one hour per week. We hope to do the training in March and be up and running a few weeks after that.

If you would like to add your name to the list, or would like more information, please contact **Tony Lees on 400338**



## What's all this about a Village Plan?

A Village or Parish Plan is a community led project to find out what local people like and don't like about their community, what improvements they would like and what services and facilities they need now and will need in the future. The process has been developed over many years, so there is a vast knowledge available to tap into for guidance as to how to go about it. In Essex *community development workers* at the Rural Community Council of Essex provide that expertise.

The process involves communicating with everyone in the community, so that all voices are heard, the aim being total inclusion. This is done using a variety of consultation methods, including workshops, mapping and so on. It is this thorough consultation process which gives the final document, the Village Plan, its credibility where external authorities are concerned. They can no longer say they know what is best for us if the Village Plan contradicts them. The finished Village Plan will list the needs and aspirations of the community, and also say how it is proposed that they should be achieved.

A **Village Design Statement** can be an element of a Village Plan or a completely separate project. It is solely concerned with Planning issues, and if carried out with the guidance of the local planning authority can be adopted into the Local Development Framework and thereby influence planning decisions. Our local planning authority is Chelmsford Borough Council and is encouraging all the local parishes to develop Design Statements.

If you think you would like to get involved in either of these projects, please register your interest with me. When enough volunteers have come forward, a meeting will be arranged with

a *community development worker* to find out the details of the process and how to get it started. In the meantime, there is more information on the website under **Community-Led Planning**.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628  
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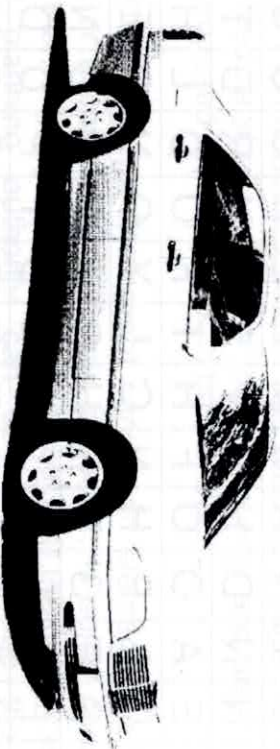
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We (Hanna's Field Charity and EHPG) have a one off opportunity to apply for 100% funding to improve facilities at the Village Hall for the benefit of the community. 100% means that it would not have to be supported by local fund raising or an increase in council tax.

The Lottery Fund is looking to give money to community building improvement projects that will enhance community cohesion and inclusiveness, while reducing exclusion and deprivation.



The creation of a **Community Suite** at the Village Hall will provide a real focus for the village. It will enhance the facilities and allow a wider range of activities by providing a large comfortable room with carpets, tables & chairs, small kitchen and bar facilities for clubs, social gatherings, sporting events, community nights, & private parties and probably remove all need for revenue fund raising towards Hall running costs. This is definitely a win - win situation, achievable through this lottery funding.

BUT, we have to prove that there is a need in our community for the proposal and that it's what the community wants - this is where we need your help! We know most residents are backing this project from positive feedback to the plans displayed at the September Fete, but we need to prove this unequivocally in our bid, so please demonstrate your support using the voting slip below. If you need more slips for your family we can supply them or a simple note will do! This is a great opportunity please don't let us miss out.

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**East Hanningfield Village Hall Enhancement**

(Hanna's Field Charity & East Hanningfield Parish Council)

I/we support the proposal to create a community suite in the Village Hall.

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# EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS

Summer 2007  
No 120



Lord Hanningfield unveiling commemorative seat at opening of the scheme at



## FROM THE EDITOR

As I take on responsibility for my first magazine I am aware that stepping into someone else's shoes is always difficult and would like to thank Daphne for her work as Editor over several years. Thank you for continuing to send articles and adverts

Please send articles or adverts for the next issue to:

karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or to me at Sharon, Old Church Road (next to Bethel Church)

**Copy date for the next issue is Saturday 11 August 2007**

Brenda Cottey 400665

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## **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007**

### **Issued by the Secretary of State under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000**

Notice is hereby given that East Hanningfield Parish Council as from 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 has adopted the Model Code of Conduct for Parish & Town Councils including the non-mandatory S12.2.

Copies may be inspected on the Parish Council's website @ [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil), at Parish Council Meetings or by arrangement with the Clerk to the Council at 2 Clinton Close, East Hanningfield.

## PARISH COUNCIL

With the election in May the Council's term of office came to an end. PC would like to thank Danny Palmer for his contribution during his four years in office and Janice Williamson for her shorter term since her co-option. Both decided not to stand for re-election. PC wishes them well in their future endeavours. Jim Howe is welcomed as the new face on the Council. At the time of writing we are looking for another volunteer to fill a vacant seat, as not all were filled through the election process. Please contact me if you are interested in taking on the role of parish councillor.

You will probably have seen the article in the Chronicle about the official opening of the affordable housing at Geoffrey Close. It was in April 1995 that the need for affordable housing was first broached at a Parish Council meeting. PC has been working towards fulfilling that need ever since, so it is a tribute to the determination of all those involved in the project over the last twelve years that the project has been completed despite the numerous obstacles that halted progress.

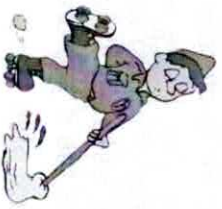
An additional benefit of the scheme to the village is that the developer had to make a contribution towards local recreational provision. PC earmarked this early on for a replacement fence for the children's play area at Hanna's Field. It has been disappointing that recently money has had to be spent on repairing the old fence due to vandal damage, whilst waiting for the recreational contribution to be paid.



Arrangements are in hand for some Summer Holiday activities for children. On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August there will be a Summer Play Activity Day at the Village Hall for children aged up to 11 years (under fives must be accompanied and supervised by an adult carer with a maximum of 4 children per carer). This will consist of two sessions, 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.45-3.45pm. Confirmation of the dates for the popular sports coaching sessions is awaited.



Thank you to those who have registered their interest in Community-led Planning. Unfortunately, we need more volunteers to get a project off the ground. Please do get in touch if you are interested in the future of your village.



Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Village Tidy-up on the first Saturday in May. We didn't have the usual sunshine, so no worries about sunburn this year! It really makes a difference to have a 'clean sweep' through the village. Let's hope the current campaign to reduce packaging will also reduce the amount of litter dropped in our parish!

If you missed the opportunity to pick up a copy of the Council's Annual Report at the Electors' Meeting copies will be available in the Village Hall entrance, at PC Meetings and you can view or download it from the website.

Up to and during April some of the members of the Council and Hanna's Field Charity put in a tremendous effort to create a bid for Big Lottery funding. It amounted to 70 pages of facts, figures, photos and plans to justify the case for the need for the proposed community suite at the Village Hall. We have since received acknowledgement that the bid reached its destination before the closing date, just! Well done to everyone involved.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 01245 400628  
[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil)

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE**

Firstly, many thanks to all the people who voted for Richard Poulter and I. We each had more than a 1000 votes majority over any other candidate and the Conservative team had 50% more votes than the Liberal Democrats who are now the only opposition with no Labour or Independent Members as last time. So we have a strong mandate both in the Ward and boroughwide. We promise to work very hard to earn the confidence you have placed in us, and of course we represent all residents whether you voted for us or not.

Our traffic calming scheme is the envy of many of our neighbours, but refinements to management of traffic in general and footpaths and crossing points in particular are needed. Richard and I will continue to pressure the Essex County Council (the highway authority) to attend to this. Councillor Hume, the new ECC cabinet member for this, is local to us and will I am sure support worthy projects.

Our bid is in for the Community Suite, completed with hard work and unparalleled professionalism. 'Fingers crossed'. And the affordable housing scheme, now officially open, is a huge success.

Best Wishes to you all.

*Mike Harris*



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## Hanna's Field Charity

I thought I would include a copy of the report I gave to the AGM of the Charity which was held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007. It gives a review of the year's activities:

### Chairman's report to the Hanna's Field Charity AGM

During the last year we have achieved a great deal. The Sports Wall and Youth Shelter projects have been completed thanks to grants from the Chelmer Housing Partnership, the Parish Council, the County Council, the lottery and our own fundraising efforts: the "Rose Pollard" shop park bench installed outside the village shop thanks to Rose's fund raising efforts. We have just received the funding to enable us to complete the replacement of the fencing around the play area.

The work load has been borne by very few for the gain of the many villagers who use the facilities at the village hall and sports field. No officers receive any remuneration for their hard work; they are all volunteers and all should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village. If you are listening to or reading this report have you considered joining the committee? We would welcome new members to assist in the future development of the Charity.

We have seen the retirement of our caretaker for the last ten years Mrs Iris Evans. We are very fortunate that we are not losing Iris's experience as Iris has now joined the committee and her caretaking role has been ably picked up by Dawn & Terry Mills.

Another change has been the departure of Tom the village shop owner and postmaster. We welcome Sithik and Ash who have been granted a new seven year lease to run the village shop and post office

The cooperation between the Charity and the Parish Council has been enhanced with regular liaison meetings which has brought about a number of detailed improvements and suggestions. Our



partnership with the Essex Probation Service has allowed us to maintain the facilities to a high standard including the painting of the large sports hall, the entrance hall, kitchen and the exterior windows and doors.

We have continued with our principle fund raising events of the Village fete in association with All Saint's Church and the annual Art Fair. We joined with the Council in running a village Ceilidh in the Autumn which proved successful. We will be running these events again in the coming year and look for your support.

The Community Suite project has been developed with full consultation with the village and a Big Lottery grant application will be submitted by the end of April which will hopefully be successful.

More information about the charity can be found on our website which is part of the Parish Council website  
<http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil>

Since the AGM I can confirm that the grant application for the Community Suite was submitted on time; we are now awaiting confirmation whether or not we have passed stage one of the approval process. Thank you to all of the villagers and village organisations who supported the application.

The Annual Art Exhibition is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to exhibit in the show please contact Wendy Thomas on 01245 400797.

The Village Fete will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 1:30. The Fete will include the usual 5 a side football competition and a number of other entertaining attractions. If you are a village organisation and would like a stall at the Fete or if you are able to assist in any way please contact me

Colin Warren  
Chairman, Hanna's Field Charity  
01245 401050

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



### Baptism Reunion Service

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated a very happy occasion - a special reunion service for all those who had been baptised in All Saints' Church this century! Invitations had gone out to all the families who had had their children christened in All Saint' since Keith Plaister became our Priest in Charge. So it was that some 70 children/parents/godparents/grandparents gathered on 6<sup>th</sup> May for a short Reunion Service followed by refreshments including a slice of cake specially baked for the event. A good time was had by all! (Plans for a wedding reunion are now in hand)

### Coming up.....

#### The Limes Garden Open

**The Limes Garden Bring & Buy** will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** from **10.30am**. Come and see what's new in the garden, buy some plants, produce, bric a brac, cakes, meet friends and enjoy a coffee or tea. We particularly need more cakes for the cake stall this year and if you can help in any other way, please contact Gill Gordon (Tel: 400298). Entrance £1 - all proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church.

#### Inter-parish Walk.

**The Inter-parish Walk** will take place on the morning of **Saturday 9 June** this year. This is the occasion when members of All Saints' walk to Sandon, members of St Andrew's Sandon walk to East Hanningfield and we all meet up en route at Butts Green for coffee, tea and cake. **All are welcome** so come and enjoy the local countryside! **RV at the church for a 10.15am start.** Further details can be obtained from Robert Dickson on

#### Music for a Summer's Evening .

On **Saturday 16 June** at **7.00pm** we will be holding our annual **Music for a Summer's Evening**, directed by our organist, Daphne



Hilliar. A selection of Daphne's students (young and not so young!), local singers and instrumentalists plus musicians from the Village School will delight all who attend with their talents. This is an evening not to be missed. **Entry is free** and there will be a retiring collection for church funds. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served during the interval.

**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	Shortened Holy Communion	11.15am
4th Sunday	Children's Sunday Club	9.30am
	Holy Communion	11.15am
5th Sunday	Matins	11.15am

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**East Hanningfield Pre-School**

A lot has been happening at the Pre-School since February. The last edition of the East Hanningfield News carried an advertisement for a deputy supervisor, & as a result we are pleased this week to welcome Wendy Newson to the staff.

Much fun was had at The Easter Bonnet Competition: congratulations to our winners George Lewis & William Worf. Many thanks to The Village Post Office & Tesco Homeplus for contributing the prize Easter eggs.


Our Ofsted inspection in March was very successful, with particular praise being given to the healthy snack regime. The inspector was also pleased to see more of the children's artwork on display around the small hall. For those who wish to read the entire report, it is available at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk), report no.402223.

East Hanningfield Pre-School, registered charity 267508, runs at the Village Hall 09:15 to 11:45 Monday to Thursday during the school term.

Jenny Ash, Secretary

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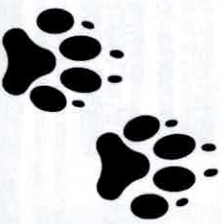
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### EAST HANNINGFIELD C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our first year managing the catering for school dinners posed new challenges. We have been grateful for the willingness of several members of the local community to train and step into various posts at short notice. We have enjoyed the company of a group of local senior citizens for a meal each term and appreciate their feedback on our meals.

From the village car park and Hanna's Field you may have noticed the extensive building work taking place at school. There will shortly be more changes as the extension is ready for school use and the old relocatable classroom is demolished. This is the first major part of Our Future School. We are still fund raising to support the other changes we wish to make. These will be less obvious from outside the building but will greatly improve the school environment.

Please continue to support us by coming to join us at our School Fete which this year has a circus theme.

**SCHOOL SUMMER FETE FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007 5pm to 8pm**  
We hope you can join us on what we hope will be a beautiful summer evening.

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June our oldest class are singing at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of Barnardo's. Tickets are on sale to the public through the Royal Albert Hall box office.

Linda Findlay



## Hanna's Tots

The children at Hanna's Tots continue to enjoy playing in the village hall on a Friday morning. It has proven to be a good way of familiarising the younger children with their surroundings, so that they are more at ease when they start attending the pre-school. We are all looking forward to the return of the warmer weather, so that we can dust off the bikes & scooters for outdoors play once again.

If you would like to come along to a session, Hanna's Tots runs at the village hall every Friday morning (including school holidays), from 09:30 to 11:30, for children under 5 & their parents / carers. We have a vast array of toys to play with in the hall, in addition to those available on loan in our toy library. Other equipment is also available for hire, including a high chair, a travel cot and a small bouncy castle.

Jenny Ash 400090



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The PCT is holding a series of meetings across the area to seek views on the information in the document. **Your views will give the PCT a better idea of how it feels to be a member of the Mid Essex population and whether the picture presented matches how it feels on the streets?** The PCT also wants to hear from you how it can help **YOU** stay healthy and well.

For a copy of the report please visit our website [www.midsexpct.nhs.uk](http://www.midsexpct.nhs.uk) or telephone Dawn Hawkes on 01245 398734. To book your place at either of the following meetings please telephone Dawn.

### CHELMSFORD

14 June 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

### MALDON

19 June 9.30 am – 12.00 noon





The last quarter saw a number of 'firsts' for the church, most notably, in April, the first anniversary of the opening and dedication of our new building in Old Church Road, and the first Easter services in the new church. We thought it very fitting that our anniversary celebrations coincided with Palm Sunday where we particularly remember the crowds celebrating and welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem at the start of Easter week. After our morning service the whole church, and a good number of visitors who had joined us for the occasion, enjoyed a thanksgiving meal together.

We have now fully settled in to the new building, holding all our church services and meetings there and appreciating the facilities. We would encourage anyone from the village who has not yet seen inside to come along and take a look around. There will be opportunities in the summer months at special events we are planning:

**'Lunch at Bethel', 12 noon – 2pm, Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.** This has been an annual event, previously held in a home in Ashley Green, but which we are now holding in the new church. In addition to a cold salad lunch there will be a table with plants for sale. All proceeds will be donated to E.H. primary school for their new swimming pool.

**'Coffee Morning', 10am – 12 noon, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

**'Garden Party' 4pm, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> August.**  
An informal time, with food and refreshments and a selection of games for the children, in the grounds of the church.

**Our services are:**

Family Service - Sunday morning	10.45 am
Sunday School	11.30 am
Ladies Meeting - Tuesday morning	10.30 am
Coffee Morning	
last Tuesday of the month	10.00 am to 12 noon
Bible study - Thursday evening	7.30 pm

David Cottey tel. 400665

**EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMENS INSTITUTE**

Thank you to all of you who attended our Charity Coffee Morning in aid of The Essex Air Ambulance. It was a very happy and successful morning and we raised £235.

We have many events planned in the coming months, one of them being a Strawberry Tea on Wednesday 27 June. If you are interested please phone me to find out the details.

As always our meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 2p.m. You will be very welcome.

Lilian Grace  
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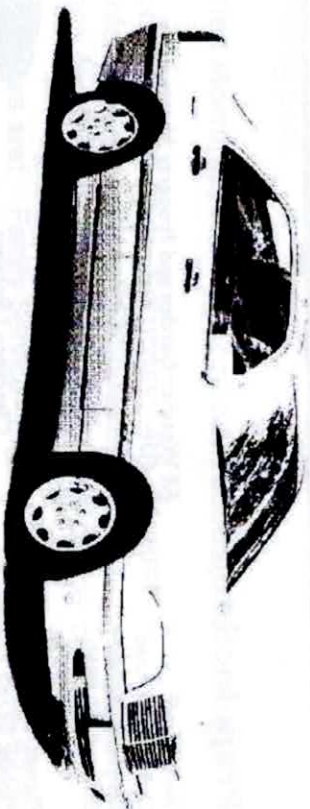
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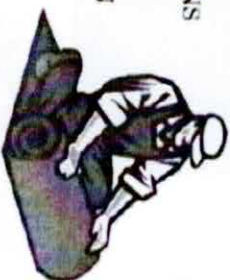
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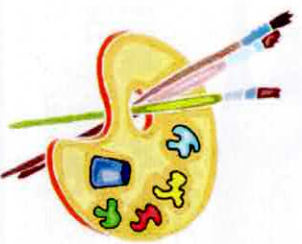
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A view from Back Lane, East Hanningsfield



## FROM THE EDITOR

Having edited only two issues I am having to stand down as my husband and I will be leaving the village. I have enjoyed my short time as editor and my long time, 30 years, in the village. I can recommend this job (and this village)

Until the next editor 'steps forward' please send articles or adverts for the next issue to:

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Brenda Cottey

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## PARISH COUNCIL

In the last News I reported that following the election in May there remained a vacant seat on PC. This has now been filled by the co-optation of Steve Kibble. Steve has lived in the village for nine years and is a resident of the Common.

On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>, June the Borough Council initiated its Mobile Information Service in the village. This was an opportunity for residents to talk to Council officers about housing, benefits or recycling information & replacement sacks; to make an application for a bus pass or rail concession; to report litter, graffiti, dog fouling etc or to view planning applications online. If you didn't manage to get to that event, you have another chance because they are coming back on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>, September**. You will be able to find them in the first floor meeting room between **9.30am and 12.30pm**.

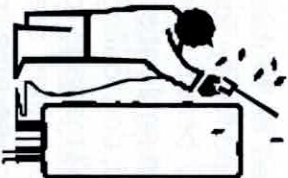


There will be two visits by the manned refuse vehicle this Autumn. It will be stationed at the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: **6<sup>th</sup>, October & 17<sup>th</sup>, November**, from **8am** until about **10.45**. It is probably obvious to most of us that if there is no paper recycling bank at the Village Hall car park then paper should not be left there. Unfortunately, someone has not worked this out, so one of our hard working volunteers has had to clear up a soggy pile of disintegrating newspapers. Dumping paper is an offence and just unnecessary. If you have more paper than your recycling sack can hold you can ask the Borough Council on 6066690 for a second sack, or you can post it in one of the paper recycling banks at the civic amenity site at South Woodham and at most local supermarkets.

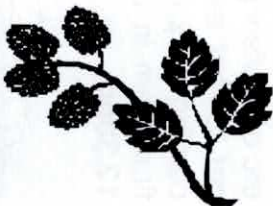
If you use the path across the playing field you will have noticed the poor condition of the fence around the play area. Although the fence was getting old, it didn't fall down: it was pushed! A new



metal fence is on order and will be installed sometime during September. It has been purchased with £5,921 PC negotiated as a recreational contribution from the Colne Housing development at Geoffrey Close plus an additional £1,701 from PC. It will be powder coated blue in keeping with the bright coloured play equipment.



Autumn is the traditional season for hedging, so it is the appropriate time to remind anyone whose property borders a footway to check that there is no shrub overgrowth to obstruct the free passage of pedestrians. Similarly, if you have a public right of way passing through your property you should ensure that it remains accessible. The wet Summer we have had has caused jungle like growth, and seems to have been perfect for brambles which might be good for blackberry picking but quickly make footpaths impenetrable.



PC intends to start moving on a community-led planning project shortly. If you think you might be interested please take a look at the information on the website and let me know so that I can include you in the meetings. Parish plans and village design statements are being used by district and county councils in policy formation, so it is becoming increasingly important for communities to have them to ensure that local opinions are taken into account.

PC Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, usually at 8pm unless extra business causes an earlier start, and take place in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

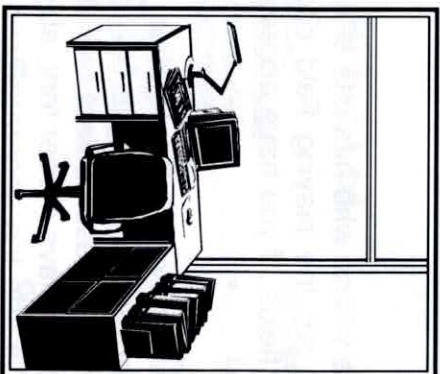


If you can't make the meetings you can always read the agenda and minutes online. There is a lot of

the News, local history, Neighbourhood Watch, bus timetables and Village Hall information.

I am sorry to have to announce that after editing two issues our Editor is leaving us, so I should like to thank Brenda for the excellent work she has done. If you would be interested in taking on the role of Editor please get in touch with me.

Karen Plumridge,  
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This year's art exhibition was organised by Wendy Thomas and Jenny Mouser ably assisted by a number of their friends and family and raised just short of £1,500. This is the best ever result in the history of the art exhibition and thanks are due to everybody who supported the event.

A new fence has been ordered to go around the children's play area – it will be a metal 1.0 metre bow top railing in blue with a self closing gate ordered at an approx cost of £7,000 and should be installed by the end of September. This fencing has been mainly financed by money from Section 106 funding from Chelmsford Borough Council arranged by the Parish Council who added a top up to ensure a long lasting good quality fence is installed.

You will recall the Village Hall Community Suite questionnaire which people were asked to fill in and return to us at the start of the year in support of the Charity application to The Big Lottery Community Buildings Fund for £200,000. We should hear whether we are through to next stage of application or not by the end of August.

For tennis fans – The Sports Courts have been cleaned up and relined and two working sets of nets. Thanks to Jim Howe for arranging this.

We need to know of anybody in the village who has use of a JCB who might help us with cleaning out the playing field ditch to improve drainage along the top of fields. If you have access to a JCB please contact us.

This year's **Village Fete** is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**. This year a number of the regular helpers are not going to be able to help at the fete. If you are able to help, please contact me. As an innovation this year we are planning to have a beer tent, ably run by Mike Harris and friends. Please see the separate advert for more information on the fete.

As ever volunteers are needed to help in the running of the Charity. If you are interested please contact me.

Colin Warren, Chairman Hanna's Field Charity  
01245 401050 Cwarren132@aol.com

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMENS INSTITUTE

I hope that you all enjoyed the summer. In July we celebrated our 90th birthday with a lovely relaxing party looking over old minute books and photographs, 'a real walk down memory lane'. On the revised date of Friday 21 September we will be having our 'Spud and Pud' evening. If anyone would like to come, including men, please phone me for details.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road. Look forward to seeing you.

Lilian Crace 400288



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We continue to celebrate notable 'firsts' in church life in our new building in Old Church Road.

At the end of June we held our first wedding. For the previous 70 years in the history of Bethel Church we just did not have suitable premises, but recently the new building has been

registered as a place for the solemnization of marriages and we were delighted to be able to conduct the marriage of a couple from our church fellowship. It was a really special and joyful occasion for us.

In July we were also delighted to be able to host a special meeting of the 'Torch Trust' for the visually handicapped. This group normally meet monthly in Tile Kiln church, Chelmsford, but came to us

for a 'summer outing'. It was good to enjoy Christian fellowship together on a gloriously sunny day.



On a sadder personal note, we have recently shared with the church that, after more than 20 years in the role, my wife Brenda and I will be laying down the leadership of Bethel Church and hope, a little later in the year, to be moving on to new things in Somerset. We shall miss East Hanningfield and the people we've grown to know over the years. We want to assure everyone, that although we are leaving, church life will continue under new leadership.

**Please come and join us for a family Harvest Service, 10:45 am Sunday 7th October, or drop in for coffee and a chat at one of our monthly Coffee Mornings.**

**Our services are:**

- Family Service - 10.45 am  
Sunday morning
- Sunday School 11.30 am
- Ladies Meeting - 10.30 am  
Tuesday morning
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for your support at the School Summer Fete which raised nearly £1000. This will go towards refurbishment of swimming pool area, changing room, doors and roof.

Fifteen year 6 pupils left us this year and we wish them all the best in their respective new schools. Veronica Court retired as a learning support assistant (LSA) after involvement with the school dating back to the 1980s. We wish her a long, happy, active retirement.

**Do you enjoy the company of children?**

**Do you like to encourage children's positive play?**

**Can you spare an hour a day during term time?**

If your answer is yes to the above we would like to hear from you as we currently have a mid-day assistant (MDA) vacancy.

Hourly pay starts at £5.80.

As a result of our new extension and internal changes we need a cleaner, approximately ten hours weekly, to work with the Caretaker to maintain the high standard of care. More details will be available in September. Hourly pay starts at £5.80.

If you are interested in either or both of the job vacancies at the school please contact the school office at the beginning of September.

Linda Findlay



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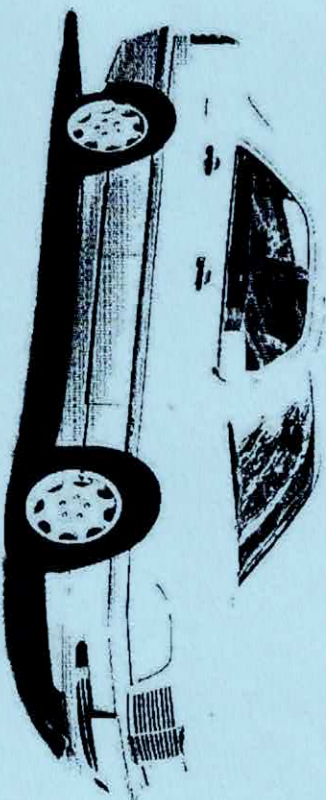
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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

We are still looking for a new Editor, Brenda Cottey having moved away from the village. Until a new Editor steps forward please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at the Parish Council's addresses: 2 Clinton Close & [karen.plumridge@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com)

**Copy date for the Spring 2008 edition will be Friday, 15th. February, 2008.**

Congratulations to Lauren Fawcett who is the overall winner of the Christmas Cover Competition. Class winners' pictures can be seen on the back page.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

At the beginning of September our bus service Route 35 was taken over by Crown Coaches. The service provided was far below that expected and numerous complaints were made to the Parish and County Councils about it. The failure of the bus to turn up was leaving children stranded in Chelmsford and Great Baddow after school, preventing residents from getting to the doctor and work and causing some residents to walk along unlit country lanes in the dark to get home. On the morning of the October Parish Council Meeting I received a phone call from the County Council saying that they thought that Crown had stopped the service but until they had confirmation ECC were legally prevented from putting in a replacement subsidised service. Crown was not answering the phone. At the PC Meeting that evening several bus users were present but so were representatives from Regal Buses who undertook to amend their Service 1 to include East Hanningfield as soon as the County Council would give them the go-ahead. PC agreed to contact ECC immediately to urge them to allow Regal to amend the route without delay, and this was done. Regal sent me their amended timetable the following day and I posted them in the bus shelters and on the website that afternoon ready for implementation on the Saturday.

Obviously, everyone is very grateful to Regal for stepping in the way they did, but they are running the present timetable on a temporary basis, and might have to reduce the number of buses through the village if some prove not to be worthwhile. We have here a situation of "use it or lose it".

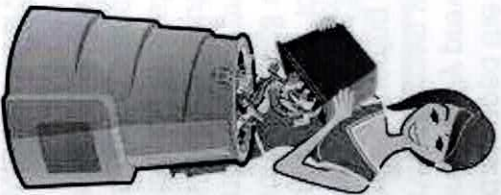
At the time of writing PC is in the process of setting up a preliminary meeting with a field worker to start the process of creating a village plan. If by the time of publication the meeting has happened and you have missed it, don't worry you can still get



involved. Please get in touch with me. Some village groups have already chosen their representatives to attend on their behalf, and PC would be interested to hear from other groups if they have chosen a contact for this project.

From the 1st. July most public buildings in England became smoke free, and this included our bus shelters. PC had no choice in the matter and was instructed to put up notices. The person who set fire to one of the notices might have vented his or her frustration, but did not affect the no smoking status of the bus shelter. In burning the notice's plastic coating that person probably inhaled even more carcinogenic toxins than usually ingested from burning tobacco, but probably isn't very health conscious anyway.

If you could do with another compost bin for your kitchen scraps and garden prunings you should be interested in bins available from the Borough Council at very reasonable prices. You can go to their website at [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=9390](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=9390) and click on "composter information" or telephone 0845 077 0757 quoting reference number HCA1. The 220ltr. bin costs £8 and the 300ltr bin costs £10.



We have now had the last visit of the manned refuse vehicle for 2007. Dates for 2008 are awaited.

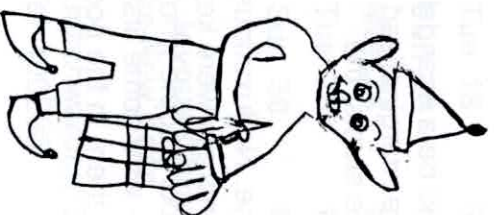
As it is a long time since there was any publicity about what to do in an emergency I was asked by the emergency planning officer at Borough Council for remind you about the website to go to when there is a 'major incident'. It is [www.chelmsfordresilience.info](http://www.chelmsfordresilience.info) and amongst other informa-

tion you will find on there a leaflet explaining what to do if there is a leak of chlorine gas from the water treatment works at Hanningfield Water. There is also a number to phone during an incident which is 01245 606909. You will have heard the Hanningfield Water siren because it is tested every Friday morning, so if you hear it at another time you should investigate the cause.

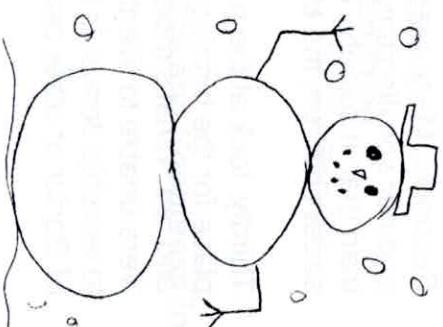
It is very easy to take for granted all the facilities we have in the village and to focus on what we don't have, so it might come as a surprise to learn that the Rural Community Council of Essex has chosen East Hanningfield to show to a group of visitors from Germany as an example of what rural communities can achieve because of our affordable housing, post office/shop and village hall and playing field facilities.

As the fourth Thursday of the month falls during the holiday period the next Meeting has been brought forward to 13th. December. As usual members of the public are welcome to attend.

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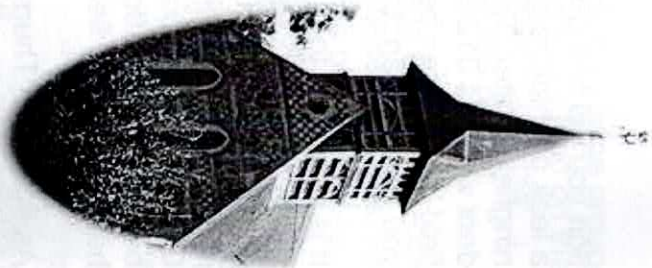


## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Christmas greetings to you all.

Some years ago a slogan appeared 'Put Christ back into Christmas'. I wondered what that would mean. What would such a Christmas look like? What difference would it make to the way it is celebrated in today's secular society?

Perhaps we have to look carefully at the story upon which the Christmas event is based. It is there in St Luke's Gospel – unembellished and unromanticised.



St Luke presents us with at least three

challenging truths about the coming of Christ. First we see Mary and Joseph being pushed around by an occupying power which makes them have to leave their home in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem. Is Christ to be found today in the frightened child living under occupying powers in Kabul or Baghdad?

Secondly, Mary, pregnant but unmarried would be a scandal and her son illegitimate. You couldn't get more marginalised than that in society. Is Christ to be found in the slums, the street children, the child slaves of today?

Thirdly, look at the poverty of the nativity scene. No luxurious place for the birthing, but instead where the animals were kept and fed. What's more, it is the shepherds – poor people who were unable to live the life of orthodox Jews – who come first to worship Jesus. Is Christ to be found today, then, in the poor of Darfur or other parts of Africa?

If the answer to these challenges is Yes, then perhaps we're on the way to putting Christ back into Christmas.

Keith R Plaister. (priest in charge)

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Christmas season is almost upon us! **Make a note of the Christmas Services set out below - a very warm welcome awaits you at All Saints' Church.**

**Sun 2 December 11.15am - Christingle Service**

The work of The Children's Society is highlighted in the service which is a powerful and moving symbol of Christ's light and love for all. Children are especially welcome and every child attending receives a Christingle. The moment when these are lit symbolises Christ's light and hope for the future, a perfect way to mark the start of the Christmas season.

**Sun 16 3.00pm - Lessons & Carols**

All the favourite carols and readings, plus building up the crib scene. Followed by mince pies, wine or soft drinks. (Please note no 11.15am service on 16 Dec)

**Tue 18 6.00pm - School Carol Service**

**Sun 23 11.15am - Holy Communion**

**Mon 24 11.30pm - Midnight Communion**

**Tue 25 11.15am - Christmas Day Family Service**

**Sun 30 11.15am - Matins**

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

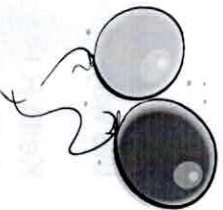
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## VILLAGE FETE – 2008

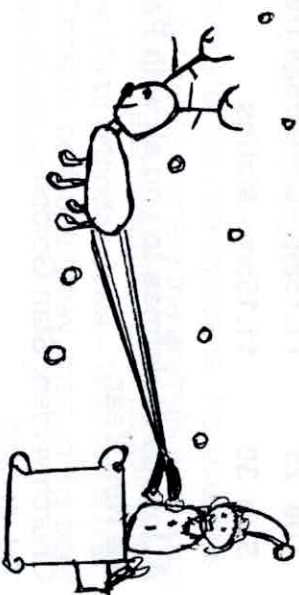
If you were at this year's very well-attended village fete, you might just have heard the announcement, by Colin Warren, Chairman of Hanna's Field Charity, that it would be the last fete the current committee would organise. It very nearly was. However, the fete now lives on – for another year, at least. Some people were listening, and there will be new recruits on the fete committee, to share the responsibilities of the remaining members, and a new chairman. (I'm not a big fan of the term chairwoman!)



The fete has become something of a village tradition, which brings the community together for a fun afternoon, and which raises much-needed funds to support the running of Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church – both of which are an integral part of East Hanningfield village life. Once traditions are lost, they are hard to re-establish, which is one reason we would like the fete to continue, irrespective of the financial benefits!

So the fete goes ahead in 2008, and, we hope, in years to come, if we can find new and younger volunteers to whom we can hand our collective 'knowledge'. Please support us!

Jackie Feehan (Chair 2008) 400862



Santa by Max Liddiard

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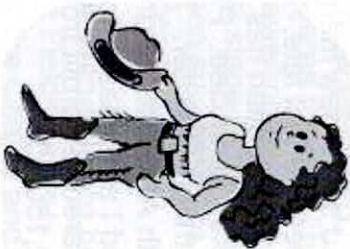
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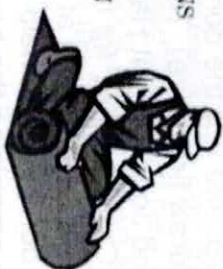
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

I have been Chairman of the Village Fete Committee for the last two years and you may have heard my announcement at the Fete in September that without a new Chairman coming forward and some new members for the committee this could have been the last fete. I am pleased to confirm that after discussion Jackie Feehan has agreed to take on the Chairmanship of the Fete Committee. Please see Jackie's article which is included in this newsletter. 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 the Charity and the Church shared the profit from this year's Fete of approximately £2,150.00.

In addition, the village organisations that ran their own stalls will have made a profit and hopefully enjoyed the afternoon's activities. I am very grateful to all of the helpers, the sponsors and not least all of the teams and dancers who made the Fete such an enjoyable event.

In particular we would like to thank J Gard and Sons and Martin Gard for event sponsorship, and (for the donation of grand draw prizes) Jim Harris (£100 draw first prize), Tony Forham (case of wine 2nd prize), Ben and John at East Hanningfield Motors for an MoT or £40 prize, Craig Bennet for the meal at the Shoes prize and Lee Byfield for the meal at the Windmill prize, Ash in the Post Office for donation and help on the day, and Mike Harris and family for organizing the beer and wine gazebo. Also EH School for the dancing display and Eric Nicholls and dog owners for the dog training display.

We have met with the Parish Council liaison working group and reviewed our successes of the last year and discussed our plans and priorities for the coming year. A lot of our plans are dependent upon the outcome of the Charity's funding bid for

£215,000 from the Big Lottery for the community suite above the small hall. If successful this will transform the Village Hall into a truly community based facility and if you would like to know more about this aspect go onto the Charity's part of the Parish Council's website under Village Hall [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/). We have cleared the initial hurdles on the path to Lottery funding and are awaiting news on whether we have made it through to the final stage of the selection process. We should hear if we have been successful in moving to stage two towards the end of December.

Hanna's Field Charity is always looking for new trustees to help in the running of the Village Hall and Playing Fields. If you would like to find out more about the work of the Charity and it is organized please go onto the Charity's part of the Parish Council website, or contact me or any member of the committee. The AGM of the Charity will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2008, 7.30pm, when 2008/2009 trustees are elected. Villagers are particularly welcome to attend this to raise issues or concerns with the Charity or if you are interested in becoming involved in the running of the Charity.

We are currently reviewing the Hall, meeting room, sports field and sports court hiring rates and new rates will apply from January 2008. To book phone Dawn Mills on 01245 400906. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

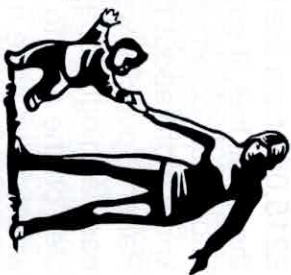
Lastly, we bid a fond farewell to Edward and Barbara Poulter (Edward as a long time Charity trustee and the Neighbour Hood Watch area leader and both as stalwart members of the community).

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



## HANNA'S TOTS

It has been a busy few weeks at Hanna's Tots, after a relatively quiet summer. We have some new toddlers thanks to local advertising, & a couple of newborns as well. All the children play well together, & enjoy making as big a mess as possible while their mums are chatting.



A recent visit from the Pre-School Learning Alliance gave us some ideas for improvements, & we have managed to purchase some new toys using the profits from the Teddy Tom-bola at the village fete. We also run a nearly new children's clothes stall once a month, in aid of the pre-school, & any contributions are gratefully accepted.



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Hanna's Tots runs at the village hall every Friday morning, from 09:30 to 11:30, for children under 5 & their parents / carers. We have a vast array of toys to play with in the hall, in addition to those available on loan in our toy library. Other equipment is also available for hire, including a travel cot (ideal for grandparents expecting visitors) and a small bouncy castle.

Jenny Ash 400090

## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

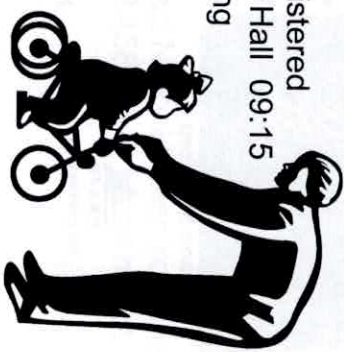
Things are a bit quiet at the pre-school this term, since the older children have left, but the little ones are making the most of it. They enjoy the regular activities such as play dough, drawing & jigsaws, each designed around a weekly theme. Before the half term holiday, the staff (& some parents) took the children a on very successful visit to Hyde Hall Gardens; wellies were mandatory, but the children all had a fantastic time.

In the run up to Christmas, the children are learning about a more domestic setting, with topics on the subject of homes, gardens, decorating & furniture. They have also begun to practice for the Christmas Concert, & words & tunes will soon be given out to parents so that they can assist in the learning & join in on the day! This year it will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December & anyone wishing to come along & hear the children sing is more than welcome.

The AGM was held in October, with new members being elected on to the committee. Thanks to those departing for your contributions over the years (you know who you are), as without the volunteers on the committee, there would be no pre-school.

East Hanningfield Pre-School, registered charity 267508, runs at the Village Hall 09:15 to 11:45 Monday to Thursday during the school term.

Jenny Ash, Secretary





## EAST HANNINGFIELD WI

Well, here we are with Christmas looming again. We are coming up to the end of a busy year with a lot of fundraising to help keep us going in our hall. We have gained a couple of new members this year and have had some visitors who we hope will like us and join as well. We are a happy group and we do have fun. Please come along to see what we are about: you will be given a warm welcome. We meet in our hall on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 2pm, except December when it is the 2nd. Wednesday. We send out greetings to you all for Christmas and a happy and healthy 2008.

Lilian Grace 400288.

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The Essex Fundraising Team at Marie Curie Cancer Care appeal, needs your help to make it's 2008 Great Daffodil Appeal which falls during the charity's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the best ever.

The Great Daffodil Appeal, which is supported by Yellow Pages, takes place every year during March and the idea is to get everyone across the UK wearing daffodil badges that have been purchased in exchange for a donation. Every daffodil that is worn will mean more Marie Curie Nurses caring for terminally ill patients at home in their last days.

They are appealing for volunteers to get involved and help with the collections that will be taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March or 8<sup>th</sup> March in Chelmsford, Maldon or South Woodham Ferrers.

You will be amazed at how much you can raise in just a few hours as a Great Daffodil Appeal Volunteer and every penny collected will make a difference.

To offer your support or find out how else you could support the

Great Daffodil Appeal please contact Nicky Hasler from the Essex Fundraising Team on 01920 468956 or email her at [nicola.hasler@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:nicola.hasler@mariecurie.org.uk).





## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

In the summer thanks in part to the contributions to "Our Future School" we were able to create a large bright classroom for our youngest children. Pre-school children and their parents are invited to come and see the results of these major changes.

This term as part of their curriculum, children from school have visited the London Toy Museum, the Tower of London and the Mayor's Chambers.

The senior members of the village are invited to the dress rehearsal for "The Disgruntled Snowman" that is being performed by our youngest children on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

Nordman, low needle drop, Christmas Trees (3 to 7 foot tall) will be on sale in the school car park 10am-3pm on Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-1pm Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. All profits are going to school funds. Please come along to pick your best tree ever!

There is a Bags2School collection of textiles at 9:45am from the school car park on Wednesday 12 December.

The PTA have organized the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm and a Western Night for Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us.

Linda Findlay

**EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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 our village school  
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### CATERING ASSISTANT TO JOIN TEAM OF TWO

11:45am to 1.15pm daily, term time  
 JOB SHARE CONSIDERED  
 Salary Band 1 – starting point depending on experience  
 Closing date: 7 December 2007  
 Interviews: 13 December 2007

### CLEANER

10 HOURS CLEANING PER WEEK TO SUPPORT CARETAKER  
 Term time only  
 Salary Band 1 - starting point depending on experience  
 Closing date: 7 December 2007  
 Interviews: 12 December 2007

### CLERICAL ASSISTANT

9am to 11am daily, term time only  
 Salary Band 1 point 7 -10 depending on experience  
 Closing date: 7 December 2007  
 Interviews: 11 December 2007

## "MILLERS" COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who attended the Coffee Morning at "Millers". The charity this year was towards a day centre for those suffering dementia/Alzheimer's, sadly conditions no longer confined to the elderly, in order to enable carers to have a few hours respite. For more information you can contact Peaceful Place the Community Link Centre, 01702 546476 or [Caroline@PeacefulPlace.co.uk](mailto:Caroline@PeacefulPlace.co.uk)

Thank you again for your generous contributions.

Pam Kenton



## BETHEL CHURCH

Firstly, let me introduce myself. My name is Roydon Hearne, I am the new Pastor of Bethel Evangelical Church. As you know David and Brenda Cottey have just left us after over 30 years of service to the Church and the local community.....we will really miss them both. So I'm now in the hot seat and very much looking forward to serving the wonderful folk here at Bethel. Here are the service times during the Christmas season:

Tuesday 27 November 12.00pm Winter Warmer Lunch

Sunday 16 December 10.45am Family Christmas Service

Sunday 23 December 6.00pm Family Evening Carol Service

God bless.

Roydon Hearne


## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It's all change at the top of the local committee. After more that 10 years on the committee, several as chairman, Edward Pouter has decided to stand down and Geoff Dickman has been elected in his place. Edward's support and enthusiasm will be much missed.

Meetings are held regularly in the Village Hall and there is always a good turn out, with supporting attendance from our local police officers, Simon Corker & PCSO Graeme Gordon. If there are any matters which you think should have the attention of the local NW Committee please get in touch with Geoff on 403175.

John Allenby, NW Secretary 401445

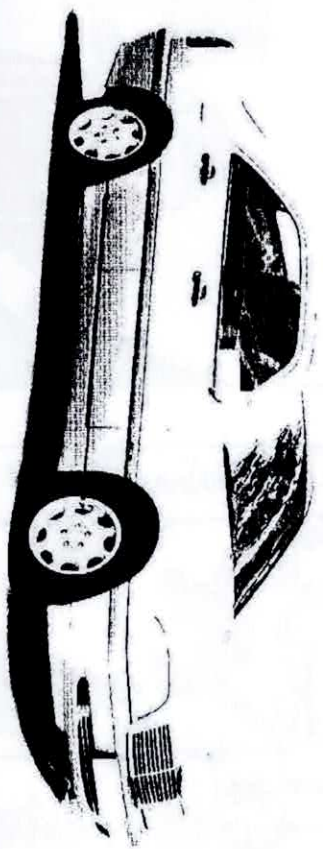
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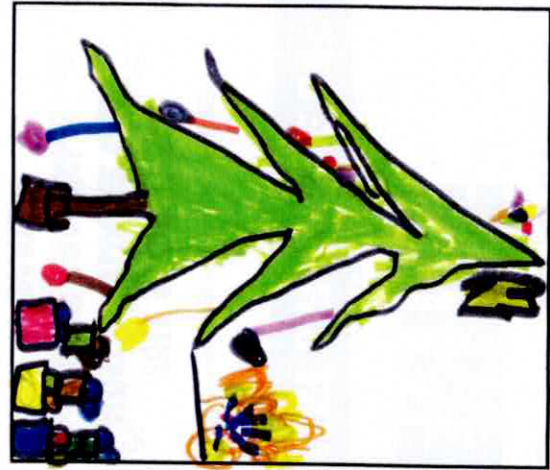
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**Class Winners in the Christmas Cover Competition**

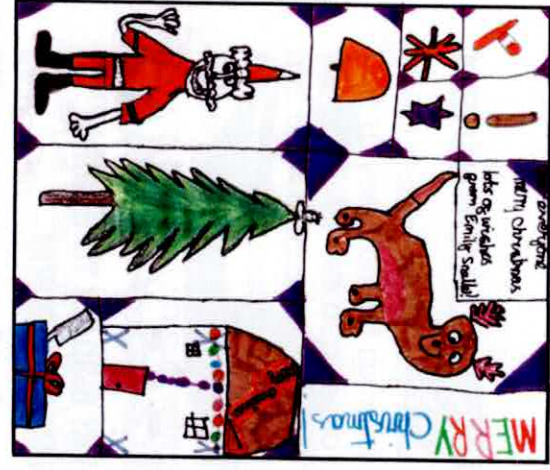
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Class 3 Emily Sneller



Class 4 Jack Harris

