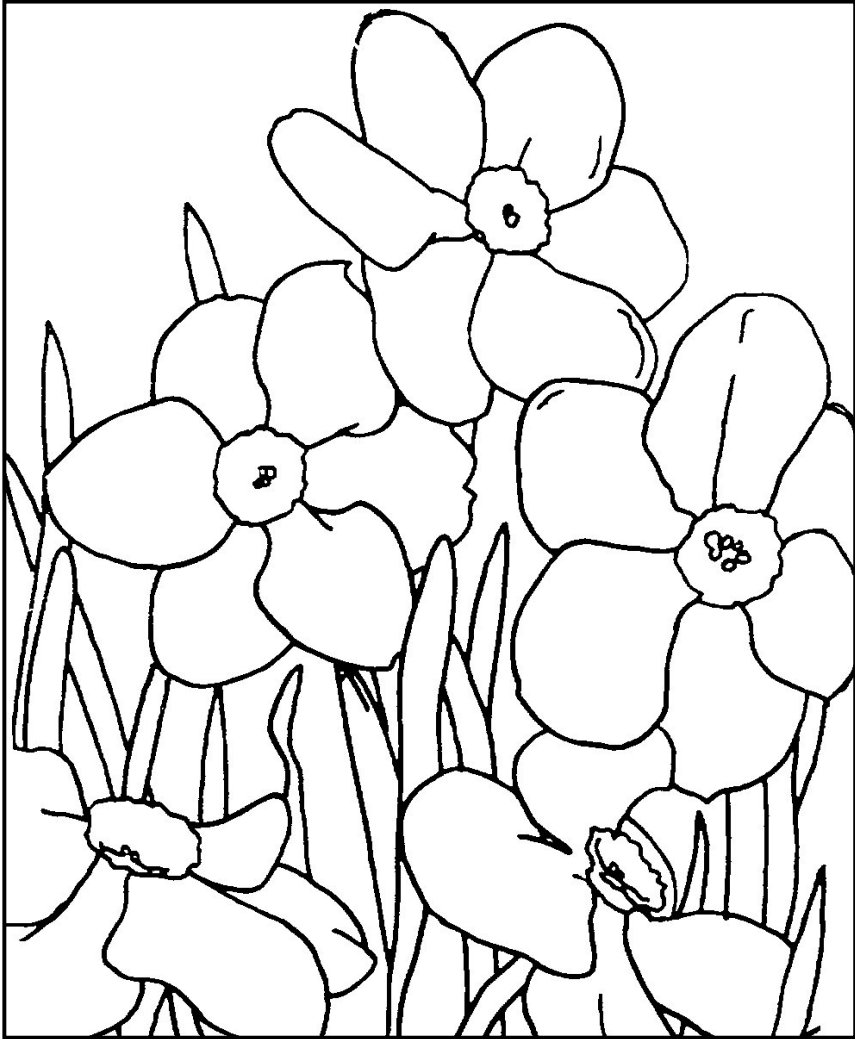




FROM THE EDITOR

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 12th 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 . This site is dedicated solely to Council and Village Hall information. The community site 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 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

Community website: www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield

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 25th 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 r.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk.

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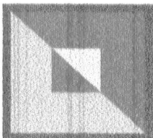
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Welcome to the new Mums who have joined us this year. If there are any other Mums out there who want to meet new people for a chat while their child plays in a safe and friendly environment, then why not come along. We have a range of toys, books and 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 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.



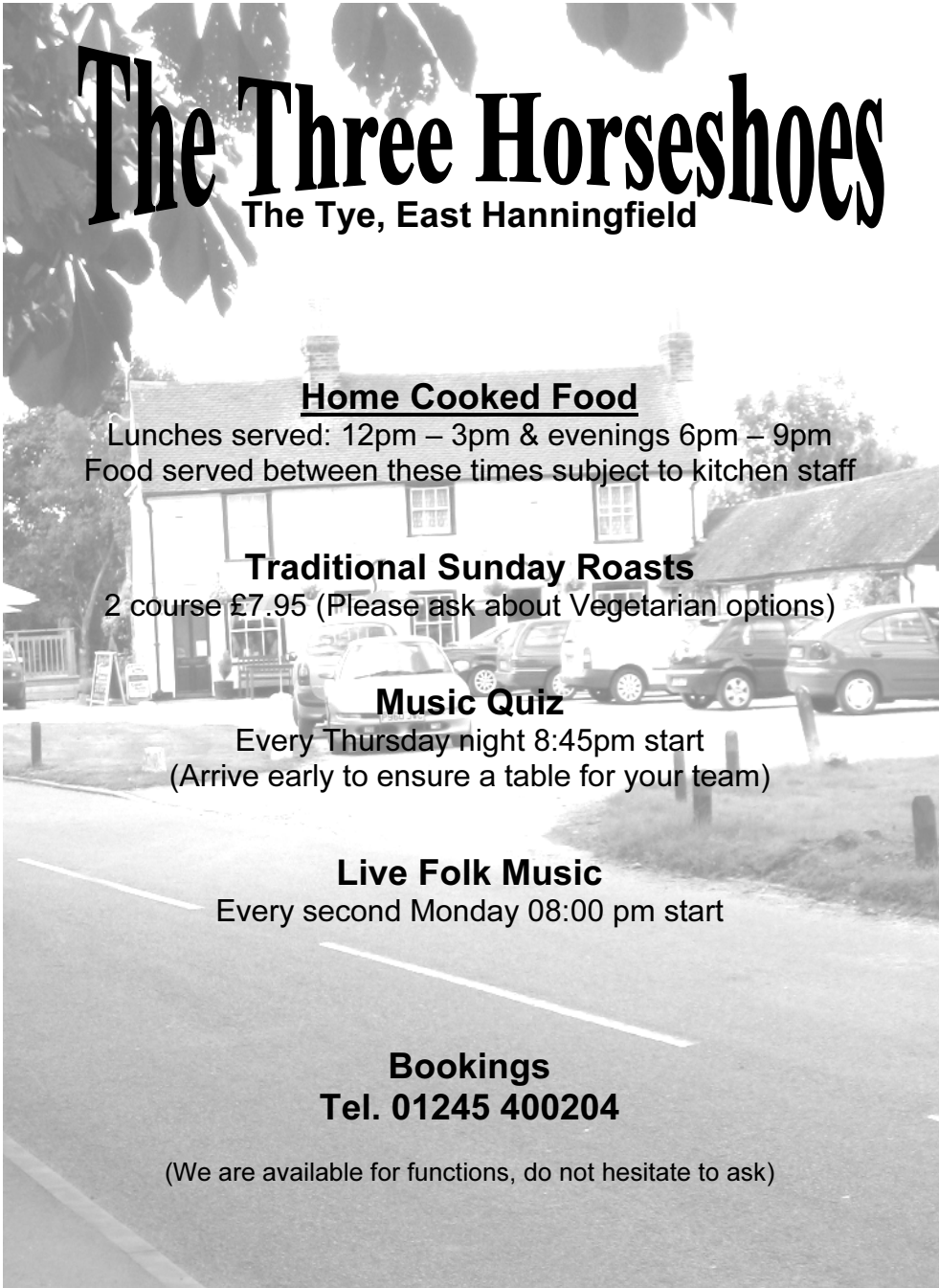
Play Badminton!



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

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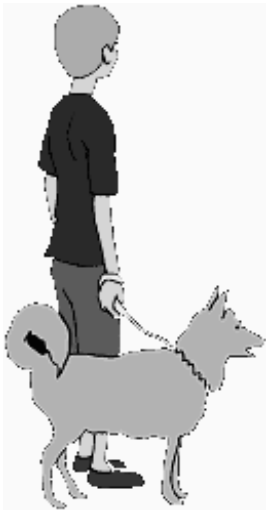
Tel. 01245 400204

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

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 15th 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 “Pampers” 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 16th 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 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2p.m. in our hall in Old Church Road. We would love to see you there.

Lilian Crace 400288

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EAST HANNINFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

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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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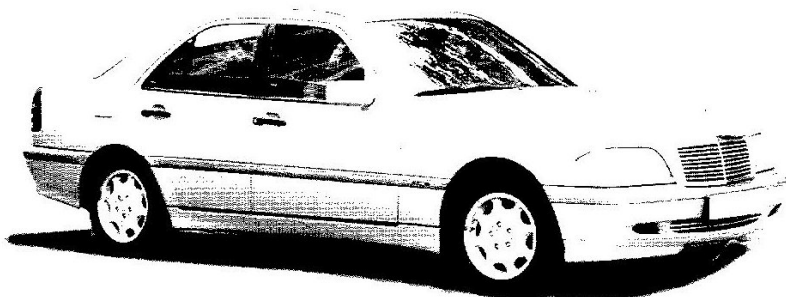
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MARATHON CHALLENGE!!!

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. 30th November I received my answer – sorry you have been unsuccessful. There are about 40,000 places and about 60,000 apply, so my 1st 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 23rd April 2006, also at 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 th , Wed 12 th Apr 10.30 – 12.15 In the Village Hall.
Good Friday service	Fri 14 th Apr 10am-11am in Church.
Easter Family Service	Sun 16 th Apr 10.45am in Church

David Cottey

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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