



FROM THE EDITOR

First of all I would like to thank all of you who send in the articles for the newsletter. This is a newsletter to keep you, the villagers informed of what clubs and groups there are and events happening in the village.

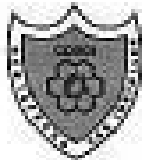
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Anyone with an article or advertisement must let me have copy by this date at the **LATEST.**

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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 30th. 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 28th. 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; 7th. October and 18th. 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.

Parish Council Meetings continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. The Agenda is posted on the noticeboards three days before each Meeting and can also be found on the website.

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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, 25th 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 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Lilian Crace (400288)

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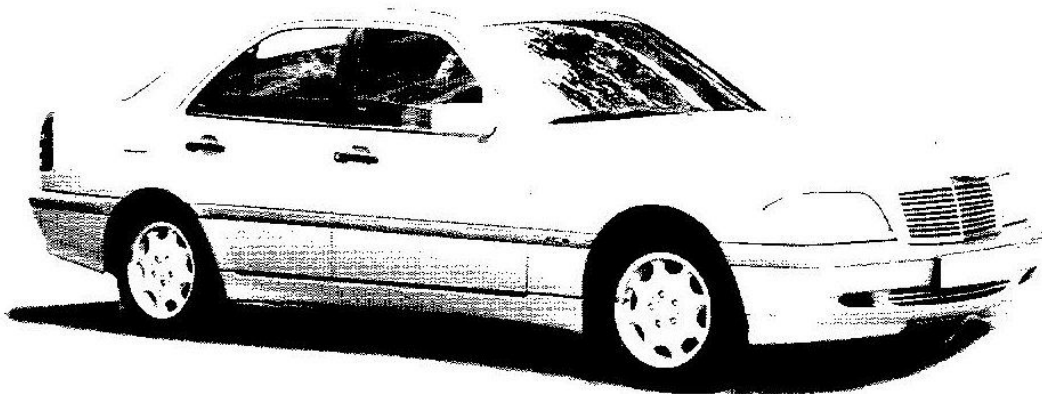
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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But for how long? All Saints the pretty church in the middle of East Hanningfield, softly illuminated in the dark evenings, portrays a classic English village scene. For regular churchgoers, All Saints is the focal point of worship. For most people who when asked about their religion, reply "C of E", the local church is the place where the big moments in the Christian calendar, Easter, Christmas are celebrated. For many, it is a place where the most emotional moments of their lives happen, Marriages, Christenings or Funerals. But like many churches today All Saints is struggling to pay its way.

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 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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Stan Gordon
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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 16th 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 1st 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
SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER**

Harvest Flower Festival & Feast Of Dedication at the Parish Eucharist at 10 a.m. Come & join us & help to ring the Church after the service.

The Church will be open from 2 to 5 pm on Saturday and 11am to 5 pm on Sunday.

There will be various stalls:
Cakes, Books, Gifts and Tombola
Refreshments will be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME

EAST HANNINGFIELD C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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
DANCE
SATURDAY 28TH
OCTOBER

East Hanningfield Parish Council

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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A black and white photograph of All Saints Church in East Hanningfield, featuring a prominent spire and a gabled roof, surrounded by trees and a fence in the foreground.

East Hanningfield Village Fete

**Saturday
16th September 2006
2.00pm to 4.30pm**

**Ali Barmy
Children's Entertainer
Gladiators' Competition
Bouncy Castle
Side Shows
Stalls
Dancing Display
Grand Draw
Five a Side Football Competition**

**In aid of Hanna's Field Charity Reg No. 286877
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