

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 or 2 Clinton Close, East Hanningfield tel. 400628.

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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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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 28th 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.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628
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Contact the Editor for details on 401208

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 . 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 6.30-7.15.pm. 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 2nd Wednesday (13th December). A warm welcome will be given. In 2007 we will be celebrating our 90th birthday so we will be having a party.

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

Lilian Crace 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 Dec)
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, 1st 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.

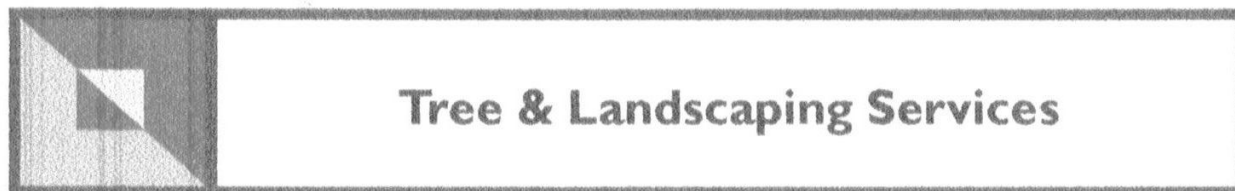
Christmas is almost upon us, and we have a number of events planned. Our Christmas Family Service is on Sunday 17th December. On Christmas Eve, which falls on a Sunday this year, we are having something new – we will be meeting in the church in the early evening for a time of Carols, Praise and Fellowship 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 th Nov 12 – 2pm
Christmas Family Service	Sun 17 th Dec 10.45 – 11.45am
Christmas Eve Carol Service	Sun 24 th Dec 6 – 7pm
Christmas Morning Family Service	Mon 25 th Dec 10 – 11am
Coffee Morning	Tues 30 th Jan 10 – 12pm
Coffee Morning	Tues 27 th Feb 10 – 12pm

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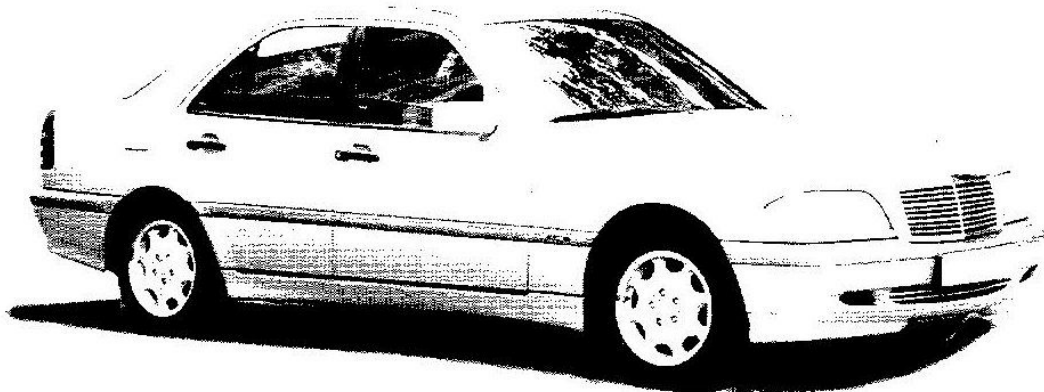
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