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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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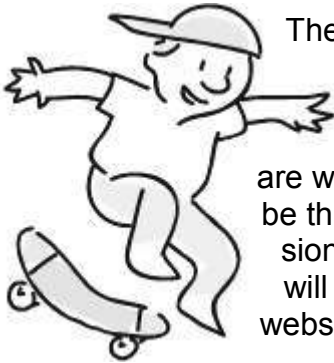
PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the Village Tidy-up on 3rd. May. Despite it being the bank holiday weekend enough volunteers came along to make a real difference to the appearance and cleanliness of the village. Yet again they were rewarded with beautiful weather. I hope they all remembered to slap on the sun block before they came.

I am receiving copies of a fortnightly magazine that includes details of all housing association properties available to rent in Chelmsford Borough and beyond. It's called Home Option Freesheet. Please call at 2 Clinton Close if you would like a copy. There is an associated website at www.homeoption.org .

In the last edition I mentioned that the manned refuse vehicle Saturday Service was under review. It has now been replaced by Recycling Saturdays. Only recyclable items will be accepted. These are listed as plastic bottles only; glass jars and bottles, food and drink cans and tins; paper; cardboard, textiles, furniture; fridges/freezers, TVs and computer screens. Bagged waste and garden waste will not be accepted but can still be taken to the civic amenity sites at Boreham and South Woodham. The first **Recycling Saturday** at the Village Hall car park will be on **21st. June 7.45-8.45am**, so you will need to get up early for that one. The following visits will be on 4th. October and 15th. November. For more information go to www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling.

Several activities have been organised for the school summer holiday. **Play in the Park** on **Wednesday, 6th. August** is for children up to the age of 11 years. Children under five must be accompanied and supervised by an adult carer, with no more than four under 5s per carer. The morning session runs from 10.30 to 12.30 and the afternoon session from 1.45 to 3.45.



The return of the **Mobile Skateboard Park** has been arranged for **Tuesday 26th. August** from 11am until 3pm. Boards and safety gear will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. There will also be three of the popular sports coaching sessions, but the dates of those are awaited and will be added to the Village Diary on the website when known.

Back in 2005, PC published a Parish Recreational Walks booklet which contains laminated maps showing four walks within the parish. At the time they were delivered to every home in the parish, but if you have moved here since you probably don't know about them. If you would like a copy please get in touch.

Due to work commitments, Ted Williamson has had to resign from the Council. Ted joined PC in 2001, and PC would like to thank him for his contribution over the last seven years, and wish him well for the future. At the time of writing we are waiting to hear whether there is to be a poll or PC may co-opt. Which ever it is this is an opportunity to consider volunteering to fill the vacancy. Please keep an eye on the noticeboards and website for the latest information.

Every year PC is required to organise a meeting for the electors of the parish to have their say. Different formats have been tried in the recent past to try to make this a useful event for local people to get together, to exchange information and to network. This year on Wednesday 28th. May the Meeting will be given over to the Parish Planning Group for their inaugural meeting. Please come along to the Village Hall at 8pm to find out about it and, most importantly, to express your views about the future.

Karen Plumridge,
Clerk to the Council 400628

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Having all received our Council Tax bills we will be aware that whilst the Borough Council collects the tax only a minor portion goes to the Borough Revenue account. County, Police and Fire services as well as Parishes all receive benefit from Council Tax income.

Similarly, the government have boasted that they have provided a 'fully funded' concessionary bus pass scheme for disabled people and those over 60. NOT TRUE! Whilst the County Council is the transport authority it is the Borough Council who is required under the scheme rules to pay the bus companies under defined terms. The difference between what the Government pays the Borough and the Borough pays the bus companies is over £750,000 and was the major contributor to the increase in the council tax. Chelmsford BC had introduced the concession early and it began at 9.00am. Because the Government scheme begins at 9.30am we were obliged to change to 9.30am or put in jeopardy future funding. As a post script, if you received your bus pass late (it was due on the 1st April 2008) that was due to problems with the issuers, yes you've guessed it the Department of Transport! I believe that it may be that some districts and boroughs have been paid more than is needed to fund the scheme and our own Borough Council leader Roy Whitehead with Lord Hanningfield and others made personal representations to the Transport Minister sensibly and practically suggesting an Essex Wide Scheme.

Finally, please keep recycling, the nearer the weight and volume of recycled waste gets to general waste the easier and 'greener' it is to collect. Wouldn't it be great if parishes in this ward could lead the borough on recycled waste!

Best Wishes

Mike Harris

Chelmsford Borough Councillor for Bicknacre East & West Hanningfield

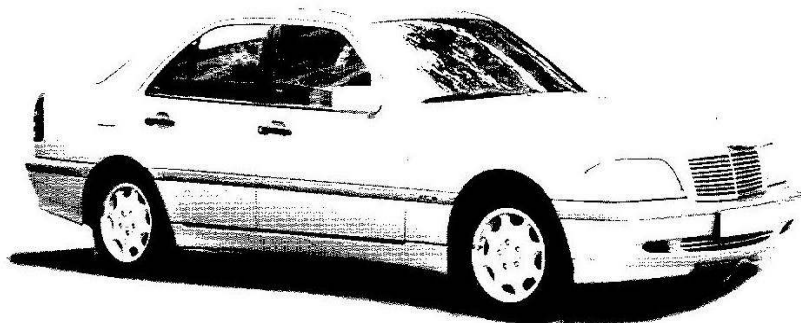
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The variety of the busy summer term is enjoyable; curriculum events, swimming and Book Week add variation to the school timetable. Class four have two activity days in Danbury Camp planned and are taking part in the Junior Music Festival at the Civic Theatre on 25th June. There are also sports days and cricket events- weather permitting.



School has its **Open Evening on Monday, 21st July 6-8pm** to which parents of pre-school children are also welcome.



Please come to join us at our

**Summer Fete on Friday,
4th July
5pm- 8pm.**

We look forward to seeing you there.
Linda Findlay.

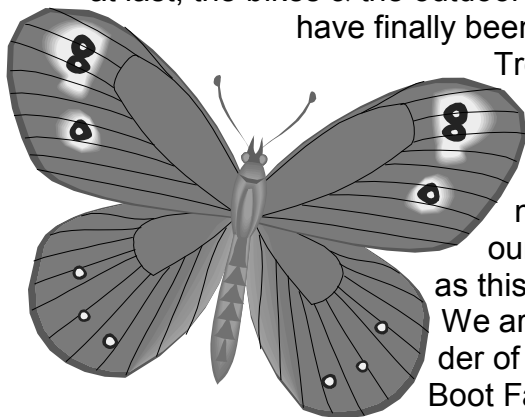
EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

East Hanningfield
Pre-School



The children have been learning about Spring this term, & the interest table has been laden with exciting finds, such as birds' eggs & nests. The murals in the pre-school have all been updated to reflect this, making the hall a bright & colourful place to learn. With the warm weather here at last, the bikes & the outdoor activities

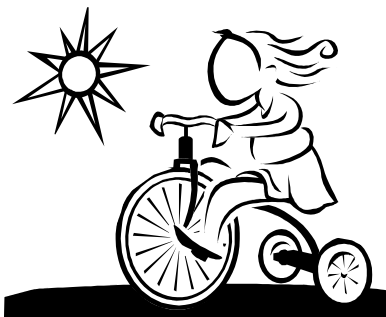
have finally been dusted off, & a field trip to Tropical Wings is planned in the not too distant future.



Many thanks to all who donated items / helped us with our stand at the indoor boot fair, as this swelled the coffers by £80. We are planning to sell the remainder of our stock at the Lazy Bones Boot Fair some time soon.

East Hanningfield Pre-School, registered charity 267508, runs at the Village Hall 09:15 to 11:45 Monday to Thursday during the school term. The pre-school is open to children aged 2½ to 5 years old. Sessions currently cost £7 for those under 3, & children are funded by the government from the term after their 3rd birthday.

Jenny Ash, Secretary



HANNA'S TOTS

We are very busy on a Friday morning these days. The bikes, scooters & the bouncy castle are proving to be very popular with the younger members of the village. The pre-school very kindly allows us to use their outdoor fencing, so we are able to secure the patio at the back of the hall & minimise escapes! We still have lots of smaller toys to keep the less mobile amused as well.

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 travel cot and a small bouncy castle.

Jenny Ash 400090

*Open Garden at The Limes
this year will be
different!*

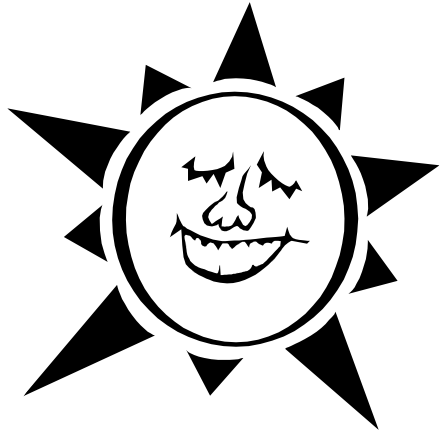
**FRIDAY
27th
JUNE
6-8pm.**



Come along on Friday evening to wander around the garden with a glass of wine and be tempted by the plants and cakes on sale. (In aid of Church funds).

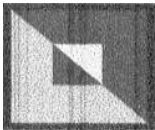
VILLAGE FETE 2008

If you are the owner of a small (or even large) local business reading this, would you like to consider sponsoring a stall at the village fete? We can offer lots of good publicity, in return for a small fee! Contact the number below for more details.



This year's fete will provide some old favourites – the inflatable assault course makes a welcome return – and some exciting new entertainments. We would still welcome ideas for stalls and volunteers to man them, or just offers of help.

Jackie Feehan 400862



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BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

It is now just over six months since Bethel Church had a change of leadership. We have seen some new ventures put into place during this time, these include a bi-monthly Mens' Breakfast and a monthly 'Cafe Bar', both being on a Saturday morning.

The Mens' Breakfast is a joint venture with the New Life Church at Wickford and is a time for those knowing God or seeking him to gather together for fellowship and to hear what He wants to say to them; this is not restricted to the churches mentioned but open to all men seeking to know more about God and his son Jesus Christ.

Our first 'Cafe Bar' was held on Saturday 15th March and opened from 10am till 12 noon, held in an informal setting within the small meeting room at the church. Why not join us, and others for a chat over a cuppa and a bite; there is a small but varied menu to choose from and all are welcome. The café Bar is open every 2nd Saturday of the month.

By the time this magazine would have been put to bed we will have had a double full immersion Baptism. Two of our members following scripture and taking this significant step in their faith, an event that is always a blessing to our fellowship.

Regular meetings: Sunday - Family Service: 10:45am.
Tuesday - Ladies Fellowship 10:30am.
Thursday – Bible Study 7:30pm.

Roydon Hearne



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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As crime in the village is occurring again, please report anything suspicious to the **Police** direct on **07711-147171** and in an emergency dial 999. Recently a house was broken into and property stolen and two cars have also been broken into. Also oil was stolen from All Saints church (apparently quite common in Essex) and pot plants were taken from somebody's drive-way.

Other crimes may have been committed and not reported and as one incident could be linked to another, **it is important to inform the Police about any incidents**, or anything suspicious, as quickly as possible. Your input is important in the fight against criminal activity in our village. Please also watch out for bogus callers and distraction burglaries.

And remember that participation in Neighbourhood Watch could **reduce your insurance premium** and display of a small NHW "sticker" could deter a would-be burglar.

When away from your home overnight, it is recommended that you use time switches as **a house in darkness in the evening advertises an empty house**. And if you are away for any length of time do tell your neighbours and ask them to keep an eye on your property. Also leave them with a contact name or address in case of need.

Don't make it too easy for unwanted visitors by leaving **gates, sheds and garages unlocked** and remember that such people can too easily hop over the fence or through a hedge between your back garden and that of your neighbour.

Geoff Dickman,
East Hanningfield village co-ordinator



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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Well, as I write it looks as if Spring has come at last. Let's hope it continues. Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who was at our Coffee Morning last month, or if you sent a donation, to tell you that we were able to send £364 to Little Haven Hospice, a very worthy charity. We hope to see some of you at our meetings in the future in our Hall at 2pm mostly on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month. There are some changes occasionally: in August we meet at a member's home for a garden party. But you can always ring either me on 400288 or Bea Rice on 400594 to check up. A warm welcome awaits you.

Lilian Crace



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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Chairman's report to the 2008 AGM

The last year has been one of consolidation and behind the scenes work in preparing our bid for Lottery Funding for the Community Suite on the first floor above the small hall. The major effort for the bid was led by Mike Plumridge and it was disappointing that all of the effort expended was not rewarded with a successful outcome. We are now reviewing the different projects that had been put on hold and will also be seeking alternative funding sources to continue the Community Suite project.



The work load of the Charity has been borne by very few for the gain of the many villagers and organisations 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.

I am also very grateful to Dawn & Terry Mills who look after the Hall and bookings and on several occasions during the year have been up in the middle of the night dealing with incidents on the playing field and in the Hall.

It is good that the Village Shop and Post Office continue to flourish. If we are to retain the Post Office in the village it is essential that we all use the facility. If any villagers have suggestions on improvements then I am certain that Ash would

welcome them.

During the year we replaced the fencing around the play area with funding provided by the Parish Council and cleared out the drainage ditches at the top end of the field. The Essex Probation Service continued their work with us which enabled us to maintain the Hall and grounds for the benefit of all villagers.

The Annual Art Show was the best fund raising event contributing over £1,500 to the Charities Funds. This years Art Show will be on the 18th & 19th July. The Village Fete, a joint venture with All Saints Church, was very successful and I am pleased that the Fete will be continuing this year on Saturday 13th September under the Chairmanship of Jackie Feehan.

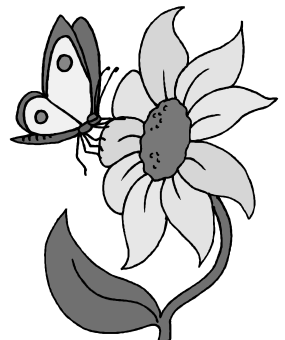
The cooperation between the Charity and the Parish Council has been enhanced with regular liaison meetings which has brought about a number of detailed improvements and suggestions

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.

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

If there are any questions I will do my best to answer them

Colin Warren, Chairman 401050
Hanna's Field Charity
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

With the departure of Keith on retirement, All Saints Church will be without its own Priest-in-Charge for the immediate future. Indeed it is expected that there will be quite a long period before a new clergy appointment can be made for East Hanningfield, but during this time (known as “The Interregnum”) it is planned to maintain our regular pattern of services – see below. To achieve this we will be relying on help from the Revd Ann Kosla (who is on the Chelmsford South Deanery books but who has been assigned to provide some support to East Hanningfield around the demands of her full time job as a midwife!) and other parish priests from the neighbourhood. Certainly there will always be a Sunday service at 11.15 am at All Saints, the Church on The Tye, to which you will be warmly welcome! Details can be found on the church noticeboard or via the village web site:



www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2008/ and click on All Saints.

Services in May and June will follow the usual pattern:

1 st Sunday	11.15 am	Family Service (CW)
2 nd Sunday	08.00 am	Holy Communion (PB)
	11.15 am	Matins (PB)
3 rd Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) (Shorter form)
4 th Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
5 th Sunday	11.15am	Matins

From July onwards, to tie in with the support of neighbouring priests, the pattern will change to:

1 st Sunday	11.15 am	Family Service (CW)
2 nd Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
3 rd Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) (Shorter form)

4th Sunday 08.00 am Holy Communion (PB)
 11.15 am Matins (PB)

Some services use modern language taken from Common Worship (CW).

Others are traditional, taken from the Book of Common Prayer (PB):-

Coming up.....

Inter-parish Walk.

The **Inter-parish Walk** will take place on the morning of **Saturday 31 May** 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 328775

Music for a Summer's Evening .

On **Saturday 7 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. 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.

The Limes Garden Open.

Do you fancy wandering round an English garden on a summer's evening with a glass of bubbly in your hand? You are welcome to visit The Limes, The Tye on Friday 27th June between 6 & 8pm.

Entrance £3 inc. glass of bubbly/soft drink! Plants and cakes for sale.

All proceeds in aid of All Saints Church

During the Interregnum, initial enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals should be made to one of the Church-wardens:

Stan Gordon - Tel:01245 400298

Ron Attenborough – Tel: 01245 400361

HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE OF THIS COMMUNITY?

WHAT CHANGES SHOULD THERE BE?

WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED?

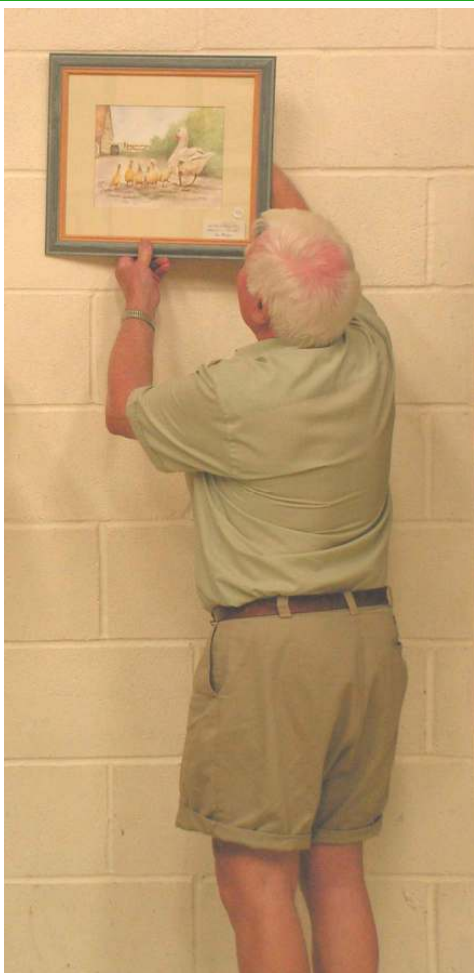
Come along to the inaugural meeting of the Parish Planning Group at the Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 28th. May and let your views be known.

At the inaugural meeting the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Parish Planning Group will be appointed, and those residents who are present will be asked to help set priorities for the parish planning process.

So if you have strong views you will be able to express them, and if you haven't you will be able to find out what other residents want.

[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/
community-led-planning/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/community-led-planning/)

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