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The Three Horseshoes

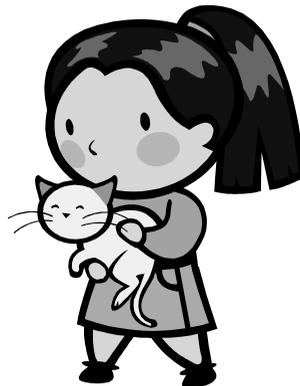
FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

Until a new permanent Editor steps forward. Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at 2 Clinton Close or karen.plumridge@btinternet.com

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is
Friday, 14th. November.**

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Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628



FRONT COVER

This photograph of the Three Horseshoes was taken during the time that it was in the ownership of Russells Brewery. Russells was based at Gravesend in Kent and bought out the Writtle Brewery, the previous owner, with all its properties in 1902. Russells was taken over by Trumans in 1930.

Although the building has not changed much, its surroundings have. The outhouse with the hole in the roof and the kennels have gone, and there was no car park when this photograph was taken. As the outhouse is not shown on the 1922 OS map, which you can see on the website under **Study Resources**, the photograph was probably taken before that year.

PARISH COUNCIL

First, I have to convey apologies from Chelmsford Borough Council to those of you who turned out very early on the morning of 21st. June to take your recyclables to a stand-out at the Village Hall car park. The driver went to the wrong site, so the service never materialised. CBC has a second chance to get it right on Saturday 4th. October 7.45-8.45am and again on 15th. November 11.15am-12.15pm. Information about this and other recycling matters can be found at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling.

You will see elsewhere in this News that the community-led planning project is well underway with a team working towards producing a Parish Plan. The early discussions and consultation exercises have produced some interesting issues, and one of which was that there ought to be a village directory of local businesses on the website. The thinking behind this was that if residents could source services locally we'd be taking a step towards a sustainable community by reducing road transport and supporting local business. So, if you run a local business that you would like to have included in a website directory please send me the name of the business, what it does, where it is and contact details. If your business has a website, include a link.

If you have been to the website recently you will have seen on the homepage the photograph of the team of volunteers who rebuilt the footbridge on St. Peter's Way between Hanna's Field and the Buttercup field. If you would like to take part in a similar project such as bridge and stile building, post and way-marker installation or path clearance, opportunities are being planned. Please contact Peter Applegate on 400773 to register your interest.



There will be another opportunity for volunteering for work in the fresh air during the Autumn as PC hopes to take advantage of the



County Council's offer of free native trees for planting in public places. So If you would like to help with tree planting please contact me.



At the time of writing there is still a vacant seat on the Parish Council, but it looks as though it will be filled shortly. The new councillor's details will be posted on the website and contact details will be updated on the noticeboards once this has happened, so keep an eye open.

Community Speedwatch has been carrying out regular speed checks in various parts of the village. It is surprising that some drivers continue to break the speed limit even though the Speedwatch signs are displayed and the volunteers are conspicuous in their fluorescent jackets. In addition to recording excessive speed, recent sessions have been used to take details of drivers using mobile phones and drivers and passengers not wearing seatbelts.



I have been asked to remind drivers that parking on verges and footpaths means that people in wheelchairs or parents pushing buggies have to go out into the road if they cannot squeeze past. Clearly this is dangerous, especially so if you have children walking beside the buggy. The Highway Code says “You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs”.

On a happier note, plans are underway to organise another village dance in the Autumn. Details will go on the website and noticeboards, so keep a watch because numbers of tickets will be

limited.

Forthcoming PC Meetings will be on the **4th. Thursday** of each month, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall and Public Question Time will continue to take place shortly after the Meetings open. If you have an issue that requires a decision from the Council please let me have it in writing a week before the Meeting so that it can go on the Agenda, otherwise you can bring your question or statement along to PQT. As a rule the Agenda appears on the noticeboards and website three clear days before each meeting, but there have been occasions when technical difficulties have prevented the Agenda being uploaded on time. If you try to access the Agenda and it is not there, you can request it electronically.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another academic year is over and we wish our 19 year 6 pupils every success in their secondary schools. They are all ready for the new challenges and opportunities awaiting them in the next stage of their education.



Additional interest was added to our busy term by two events shared with much of the village; power failure, which prevented us from cooking school lunch for our senior citizens and loss of telephone connection, which also affected the internet, an essential of the school office and teaching.

The uncertain weather led not only to the cancellation of many club sessions but also to cancellation of the field events of the Maldon District Sports. The track events were successfully run two days later at Melbourne Stadium.

Unlike many schools, our SATs papers were returned marked and on time, our school sports day had perfect weather and our Summer Fete was a record breaker. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Wednesday, 3rd September and our new reception class on Monday, 8th September.

Linda Findlay.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

An Aide-Memoire

How safe is your house from burglary or other theft? It is worth taking stock of what you can do and what is available to you to make it more secure (security can never be absolute). At this time of the year it is worth thinking of the simple immediate actions we should take, while also considering longer term action –



1. Holidays and other absences -

Lock doors and shut windows; - that sounds trite, but is worth checking.

Leave house exterior tidy and cut lawn, - so that the place looks lived in.

Lock outhouses containing garden tools, and do not leave ladders around.

Do not leave valuables lying around, silver, jewellery etc. Also, best not left in main bedroom or desk/study.

Make home look lived in. Use timing devices to switch lights, radio or television on and off.

Leave curtains as one might expect to see them; net curtains? shut in summer?

Cancel deliveries, and make arrangements that ensure mail does not collect behind the letterbox.

Befriend your neighbour and ask them to hold a house key.

Be careful who you appraise of your absences – careless talk costs....

When travelling by car, always lock, and always keep valuables out of sight.

2. Longer term considerations –

Review door locks – 5 lever mortise locks on outer doors, plus chain and spy glass.

Fit window locks (keep keys handy in case of fire).

Fit double glazing; apart from insulating properties, they are very unattractive to a potential burglar.

Fit burglar alarm. Best linked to security centre, but any alarm will make house less attractive to a burglar.

Be properly insured. Insurance companies will usually make a concession on contents insurance if the house is alarmed, and the system maintained annually.

Mark valuables with postcode using marker pen or die stamp, as appropriate. EH Neighbourhood Watch has marking equipment available.

Mark such items as bicycles and valuable garden equipment.

Photograph and keep record of such marked valuables, with ruler alongside to show size. This is useful for both recovery and potential insurance claim.

Make sure outhouses have decent locks; do not keep ladders outside.

Security lights; these can alert neighbours to unplanned activity, - but they can also help a potential burglar see what he is doing.
– A mixed blessing!



3. Afterthought –

Neighbourhood Watch is only as good as the people who can give it time. While the organisation may be able to help you directly, please also consider what you can do to strengthen it. If you can give it time, contact Geoff Dickman (geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com).

Martin Harcourt-Williams

HANNA'S TOTS

The youngest members of the village continue to enjoy themselves on a Friday morning, whilst their mums have a chat, a coffee & even the occasional cake.

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

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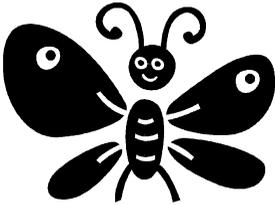
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

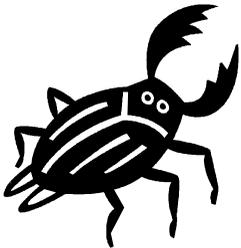
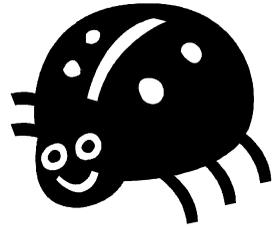
Summer term at the pre-school was very busy this year. The children had a fantastic trip to Tropical Wings, which fitted in well with many of their learning topics about bugs, butterflies & creepy crawlies. Sports day was also very successful, with each

East Hanningfield
Pre-School



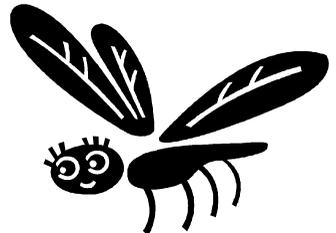
child doing their very best for their team, & all received medals & certificates as well as ice lollies at the end. No such prizes for participants in the parents & teachers races, but we can always hope for next year.

The term culminated with the usual summer party, & fun was had by all despite the uncooperative weather. We said goodbye to 5 children who are leaving to go up to 'big' school, & so are looking forward to more younger ones joining us when term starts again on 8th September.



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



EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH PLAN

We have a cunning Parish Plan

Possibly the opening line of a modern day Baldric to describe the government's policy for rural development through the use of Parish Plans. So what is this all about and how does it affect you?

The Background to Parish Plans

The Government's Rural White Paper provided local communities a fantastic opportunity to shape their local community. It stated that Parish Plans should "identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved". They should set out a vision for the community in the future and identify the action needed to tackle issues of concern in addition to including everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community, from employment needs to playgrounds. The Parish Plan should consult everyone and give them a chance to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting them and how they'd like to see their community improved during the next 5, 10 or even 15 years. The whole community has to be involved, not just those who come along to Parish Council meetings.

Why Do a Parish Plan?

Parish Plans;

- enable communities to engage meaningfully with the local planning process
- make known those issues that affect your community
- identify and prioritise Key Issues with your community
- produce an Action Plan to promote the changes that communities want to see at local, district and county levels
- are useful in influencing the maintenance and creation of com-

munity services and facilities

- are useful in Influencing the planning system by;
 - identifying local needs for community facilities
 - producing a design statement for new development
 - identifying which open spaces are needed and valued for community use
 - giving a local dimension to broader planning policies
 - working with the planning process to deliver controlled sustainable development
 - are useful in identifying and planning action that the local community can undertake itself, such as;
 - maintaining the village shop, public house or church
 - providing a community transport scheme
 - carrying out environmental improvements
- creating a new play area and place for young people to meet
So where are we;

With the support of the Parish Council and Rural Community Council of Essex we have held 2 public meetings from which we now have a Steering Group with elected officers and a formal constitution. In addition to the public meetings we have also manned an exhibit at the village art show. The events are to ask people who live or work in the village what they value, like, dislike or would like changed in the Parish. The response has been excellent and we have over 150 comments so far! We are intending to repeat this exercise a number of times, including working with organisations such as the school, to allow as many people as possible to feed into this initial process. From the replies we will write a questionnaire which will be distributed to all households in the Parish and from the replies the plan will be written.

However that is some time off as we need to find funding for initially the questionnaire and then the final plan. Work is in hand to achieve this in addition to setting up a dedicated internet site to support the project.

Does this all matter?

Well yes, Councillor Harris reported that a recent planning decision was influenced in West Hanningfield after consulting their village plan.

We would welcome your support in completing this project and if you wish to be more actively involved then join us on the Steering Group.

Stephen Snewin, Chair Steering Group
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- 83 artists exhibited coming from all over Essex and beyond
- 451 paintings + portfolios
- 40 artists were successful
- 61 paintings were sold

Thanks are due to everybody who supported the art show including those fifteen households who promoted the event with an Intercounty estate agent's board outside the front of their property. Any one driving through the village could not have failed to notice that the art show was happening.

This year's village fete is on Saturday 13th September. Please see the separate article and advert for more information on the fete which this year will see the return of pony rides after many years absence.

We have continued to apply for grants to enable us to improve the facilities that we have available for the benefit of all of the residents of East Hanningfield.

The large hall, small hall, meeting room, sports field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Dawn Mills on 01245 400906. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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

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<http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/>

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Our Vacancy

Although we are only four months on since Keith our Priest-in-Charge retired, we are surprised but pleased to report that the hunt to find a replacement is now in progress. The Bishop has agreed to the Church Council's request that, if one can be found, we should change to having a part-time Non-Stipendiary (yes, they do it for free!) Minister of our own, in place of the previous arrangement of sharing a full-time paid Minister. Such a person, known as an NSM, would be able to focus their full attention on the Parish of East Hanningfield within the hours that they are able to offer for service. The Church Council strongly believe that this makes much more sense for our local situation and are backing the proposal with enthusiasm. Watch this space.



Our Building

We had our regular 5-yearly Survey at the turn of the year and, although there is a significant amount of work required to keep the building in good condition, we were relieved to find that we had been spared any really major works this time. The most urgent, mainly to keep out the effects of bad weather, will be done this year, when Bakers of Danbury will be up on the roof, along the gutters and up and down the drainpipes. This will be Phase 1. We hope to follow this with the less urgent but nevertheless costly work, phased over the next few years as finances permit.

Our Finances

The foregoing gives us a natural opportunity to thank all those of you who undertook to support All Saints' with planned regular giv-

ing following the TRIO Project (**The Responsibility Is Ours**) some two years ago. Thanks to your ongoing generosity we are able to proceed immediately with such priority maintenance works as these when they occur, and give ourselves time to find the necessary funds for less urgent work, as well as for hoped-for improvements within the church like the sound and loop system which we currently have in mind. We are truly grateful for your TRIO support.

Our Churchyard

You may have observed a hive of activity around the church on a number of Wednesday mornings during the late Spring/early Summer. This was the Community Service teams hard at work around the graves, dealing with the quite excessive Spring growth of grass and shrubs, with which the gardeners amongst us will be all too familiar. We have a mountain of cuttings and trimmings now rotting down at the far end of the churchyard, prior to dispersal in the autumn. We have much appreciated the cheerful and focussed way in which the team members have applied themselves to the tasks set, and we hope they will be back again before long. We also record our thanks to the Parish Council for the regular cutting of the main open areas of grass in the churchyard.

Our Services

We are enjoying wonderful support from local Clergy and Readers during the Interregnum and all services have been maintained as advertised. Please do check on the village web site for full details which we update each month –

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2008/ - and click on All Saints - or just have a look on the Noticeboard in the church porch if you pass that way when walking the dog. If you wish to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please make contact initially with one of the Churchwardens:

Stan Gordon – Tel: 01245 400298

Ron Attenborough – Tel: 01245 400361

BETHEL CHURCH

**As for me and my house, we
will serve the Lord**

Joshua 24:15



What a year that was.

That's right, it really is a year ago since David and Brenda Cottey departed to take up their new role in FEBV. Since then the church bungalow has stood empty. Well praise the Lord, on the 17th July, Peter and Emma Cockrell and their two daughters, Grace and Mary-Anna moved into the bungalow; a most welcome addition to our family in Christ.

Peter was a Pastor of a large church in Worthing and is a Bible Teacher, although he will not be taking up a pastoral position at Bethel, we are greatly excited at what Peter will be able bring to our pastor, the fellowship and to the Essex area.

It has been encouraging that neighbours and others have expressed how pleased they were to see the bungalow occupied. The inside has been totally redecorated and feels loved again!

Please come and join us at our Sunday Service at 10:45 am

Our Tuesday Coffee Mornings are still being well attended and we extend a warm welcome to this and our Saturday Cafe Bar - both of which are monthly.



Coffee Mornings: 10:00 to 12:00pm - The last Tuesday of each month

Cafe Bar: 11:00 to 1:00pm - Saturday 13 September

Roydon Hearne

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Following the recent audit report Chelmsford Borough Council has been upgraded from good to excellent. This is an achievement for all concerned whether Officers, Members or Partners.

I represent the Borough on the Local Strategic Partnership which brings together all the many partners with whom we work. There many more than we may readily realize: Voluntary services, Chelmer Housing and other landlords, the Police, Citizens' Advice Bureau and many more. Each of these multifaceted organisations can do much to help citizens at every level. Together 'joined up' the potential is much greater. In addition the sharing of knowledge leaving all members better able to inform their representative group ultimately delivers to the public what is needed and delivers back to the group what the public needs.

A new regime for resourcing patients post hospital with much wider choice was a recent presentation. As was a means to support local groups to obtain grant money. All valuable stuff that previously never found its way to the people who need it, now perhaps it can.

Finally you may have seen in the press that when I chaired the Regulatory and Licensing Committee I pressed for clear and simple evidence upon which Members could make an informed decision. I mention this because I believe there are two lessons here. Simple facts can be produced if we really work to produce them, and informed decision making will give best results.

Thank you for all the support and good wishes I constantly receive.
Please call me if you need any help.



Best Wishes

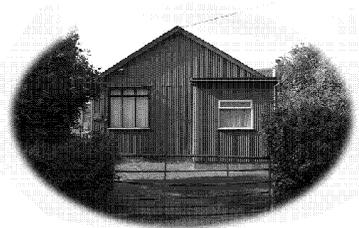
Mike Harris

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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Well life at W.I. continues to roll on. We have recently welcomed a couple of new members and hopefully a few more will join. Our fund-raising continues helping



us to keep our heads above water. We always try to have fun. On Friday 5th. September we will be having our annual "Spud and Pud" evening, which is always a popular event and we do have some gentlemen come along.

Most meetings are on the third Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, but occasionally it changes for instance our December meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday. If you feel like giving us a try you can always ring me first to check. A warm welcome awaits.

Lilian Crace 400288

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on 13th. September

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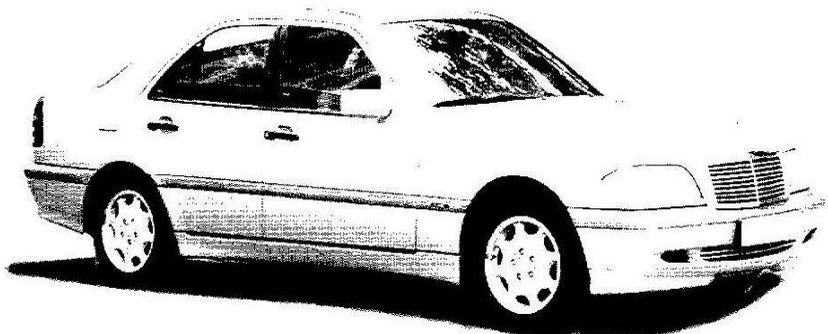


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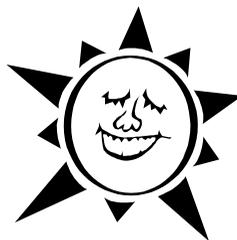
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Mr. Punch will be returning to the Village Fete 2008

VILLAGE FETE 2008



Where will you be on the afternoon of Saturday, **13th September**? On Hanna's Field at the village fete, we hope! If for any reason you are unable to be there, please buy some draw tickets, which are available at the village shop and in The Windmill. There are some great prizes to be won including £150 first prize. We also hope to raise funds by auctioning a full-size cricket bat, signed by the Essex team, which has been donated by Warsops, a company that manufactures bats and is located in East Hanningfield.

It's not too late to offer help on the day, and we would welcome contributions for stalls – home-made cakes or biscuits for the cake stall, for example. We shall be having the usual bookstall and are looking for contributions (hardbacks and paperbacks, no mags please). Look out for the special bin at the shop.

Please come along on the day and enjoy yourself! There will be lots of new stalls and activities such as pony rides, and we'll be repeating old favourites such as the beer tent, barbeque, assault course, Punch & Judy, cream teas and lots more.

Contact 400862 for any further information.

Jackie Feehan and the Fete Committee.

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