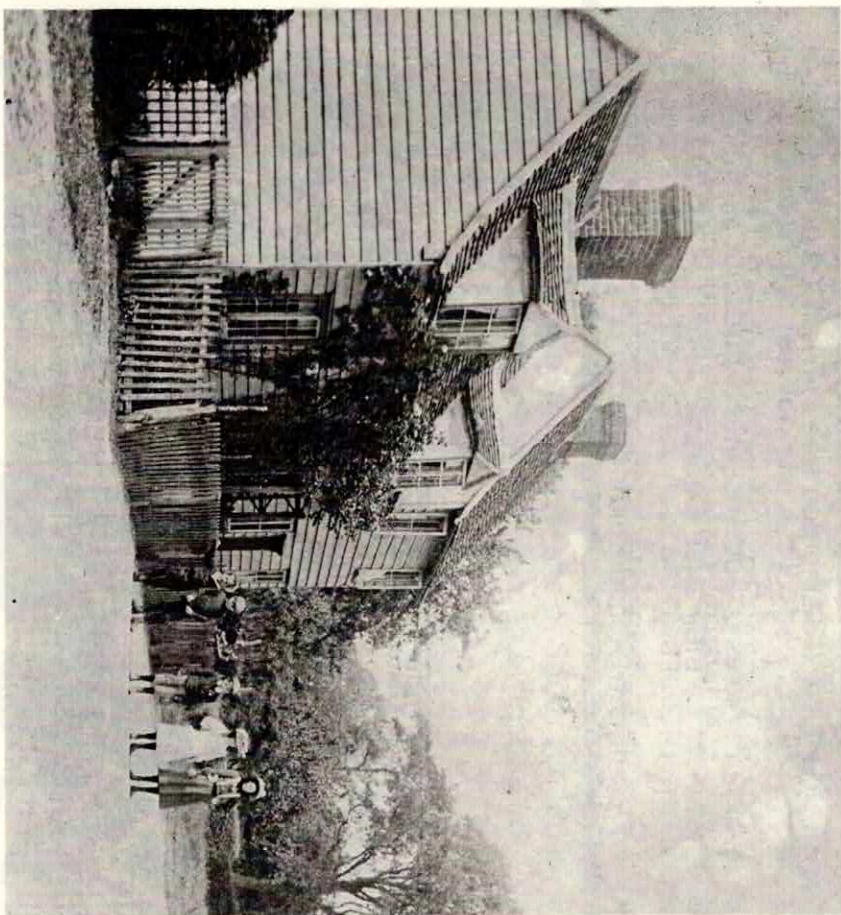


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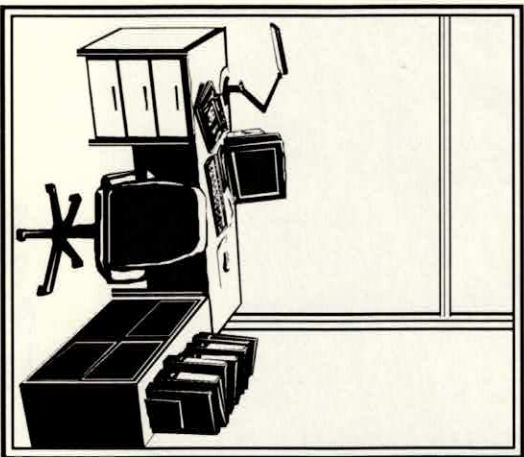
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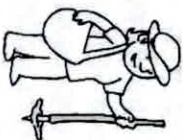


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400628

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## PARISH COUNCIL



This year's **Village Tidy-up** is scheduled for **Saturday, 3rd. May**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Hall car park at **9am**. Gloves, sacks and litter-pickers will be provided. In recent years we have had perfect weather so it has been a pleasure to have an excuse to be out in the spring sunshine. Why not join us?

The last **Manned Refuse Vehicle** visit to the Village Hall car park was on 16<sup>th</sup>. February. Chelmsford Borough Council is currently reviewing the service so details of what is to happen in the financial year starting on 1<sup>st</sup>. April are awaited. Please keep an eye on the PC's website and noticeboards for further information. In the meantime you can take your bulky items of household refuse to the civic amenity site at South Woodham, which from March to September will be open every day from 8am until 5pm.



Planning ahead, a **Summer Play Activity Day** has been booked for **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. August**. This will be for children aged up to 11 years, and will take place at the Village Hall. Sports activities for children aged 6-14 years have been booked for two days in the Easter

holidays and one day during the Whitsun half term holiday. Confirmation of the dates is awaited. Children at the local schools will receive notice of the dates nearer the time, and of course they will be posted on the website as soon as they are known.



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An initial meeting has been held on the **Community-led Planning** topic. A field officer from the Rural Community

Council of Essex introduced the subject and explained what parish planning entails and a planning officer from Chelmsford Borough Council went into more detail about Village Design Statements. It was well attended with those present expressing interest in getting a project underway, and at the time of writing we are waiting for the field officer to come back to help set up an official parish planning group complete with a constitution, a committee and a bank account. If you would like to be involved please get in touch. Representatives from village groups as well as interested individuals will be welcome.

PC Meetings continue on the **fourth Thursday** of the month, although there will be exceptions later in the year when the August and November Meetings will be on the third Thursday and the December Meeting on the second Thursday. These dates are all on the Village Diary on the website and on PC's noticeboards.

Meetings are open to the public, and time is set aside for public participation shortly after each meeting opens, so that you can comment on an item on the Agenda or bring an issue to the Council's attention. If you have an issue that would require a decision from the Council please send it to me in writing, email is acceptable, at least a week before the Meeting so that it can be included in the Agenda. Councillors are keen to hear from anyone who has a comment on a local planning application, particularly from neighbours of the property concerned, as this helps the Council form its response to the planning authority, so please let the Council know your reaction: a copy of your response to the Borough Council would be helpful.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628  
[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil)

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE**

Do you want the good news first? At last our village design statement or parish plan meeting which ever we choose to work towards is starting to come together. It was great to see so many people attending the first meeting and all keen to move forward. The mood was enthusiastic and peoples' ideas were inspiring to hear. If you want to be involved, contact Karen.

Speed watch is another success story and Tony Lees deserves all our thanks for his work on this front. I have been involved in trying to widen the volunteer structure to provide back up for the scheme. Community involvement encourages people to change their mind set about safe driving and from this we can all develop better habits.

Bad news is that the Lottery Commission cannot fund our Community Suite. We must fight on after all the hard work and commitment: it should be a goal and not just a dream.



Finally the 'leaked' plans for Chelmsford Town Centre show that we can enjoy village community with ever improving facilities for day and night time economies just up the road!  
Problems or ideas? Contact me anytime.

Best Wishes to all  
Mike Harris  
Borough Councillor.



## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL



The children are enjoying being back at pre-school after the Christmas break. There are a few new faces, but we still have room for more!

Our fundraising efforts begin this year with an **Indoor Boot Fair** at the Village Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We will be selling nearly new children's clothes & toys. All donations are gratefully received.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Jenny Ash, Secretary

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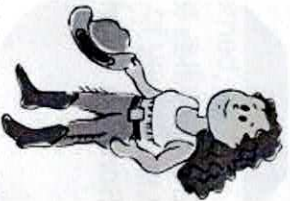
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Crime in the village is still on the increase, so please report anything suspicious either to myself on **07968112179** or to the Police direct on **07711147171** or in an emergency dial 999.

Bicycles were recently stolen from unlocked sheds and garages in The Tye and the village hall was broken into and further damage caused. Also bicycles were stolen from a **locked** garage in Highfields Mead. Where possible, when cars are parked on driveways, we suggest parking them as close to garage doors as may be possible.

Whilst professional thieves were probably involved with the thefts, the wanton vandalism was no doubt caused by bored teenagers out of control. It's a pity that some parents are quite happy to allow their children to roam the streets mindlessly at night, but this is a national problem.

Other crimes are not reported and without such information the Police are blind and detection impossible. Also one incident could be linked to another, so please inform the Police about any incidents or anything suspicious as quickly as possible.

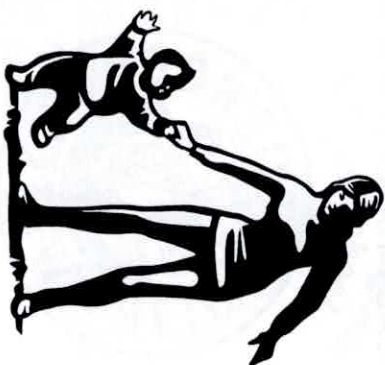
Please also watch out for bogus callers and distraction burglaries. A distraction burglary is where somebody purports to be a representative of the Council, Police or a service provider and attempts to gain access. Meantime an accomplice might attempt to enter by your back door.

Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield village co-ordinator



## HANNA'S TOTS

Hanna's Tots enjoyed a hectic Christmas party, with lots of games & delicious food, but things have settled down once again now the New Year is here. We have used the proceeds from our Christmas fundraising efforts to buy a new activity dome, which is very popular with both toddlers & older children. We are looking forward to the advent of the warmer weather, so that we can dust off all the tricycles & other ride-ons.



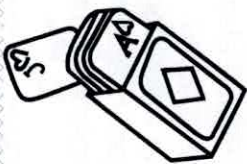
If you would like to come along to a session, Hanna's Tots runs at the village hall every Friday morning, from 09:30 to 11:30, for children under 5 & their parents / carers. We are also open in the school holidays, when older siblings are welcome to join in too. We have a vast array of toys to play with 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 (ideal for grandparents expecting visitors) and a small bouncy castle.

Jenny Ash 400090

## Can you play BRIDGE?

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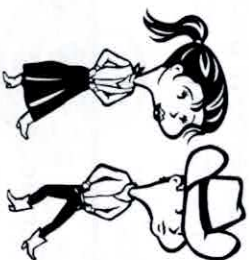
## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for your support at the various school Christmas events.



The football team started the year with their first win of the season.

Last year we started a gymnastics club which has become very popular with the children and they are soon to enter their first competition.



The PTA have organised a **Family Western Night** with a professional caller for Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March in the Village Hall. Tickets are £5 adult, £3 child or £15 family ticket (2 adults and 3 children). No unaccompanied children under 16. Tickets are available through the school office.

Linda Findlay

**WOULD YOU like to play Badminton in our Village Hall, on Monday afternoons, for FUN and EXERCISE?**

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## VILLAGE FETE 2008

Now that you have your diaries and calendars for 2008, there's no excuse for not making a note of the date -**September 13<sup>th</sup>** - of this year's fete. Plans and preparations are now underway. We have some very welcome new faces on the committee, but there is still room for anyone who feels he/she can take on an active role in the organisation and running of the fete. Our next meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm, in the village hall upstairs meeting room. Or, if you have suggestions or ideas to put forward, just contact the number below.

Jackie Feehan 400862



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## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I. NEWS

Well, here we are, well into 2008 and as I write the weather is lovely. Now, I need to give you an update on our meeting times. In January it is at lunch time, 12-30pm. In August we have a garden meeting at a member's home at 2.30pm and in December we meet on the second Wednesday at 2pm, in our hall, and all other months it is the third Wednesday at 2pm in our hall. If you are thinking of joining us, always give me a ring.



We will be holding our Charity Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>. April at

10.30am.

Hoping to meet you,

Lilian Grace 400288 & Bea Rice 400597.

### MEET YOUR LOCAL BEAT OFFICERS

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>. March, 1-3pm at the Village Hall

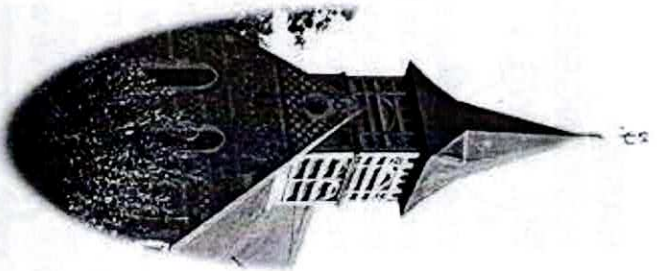
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## ALL SAINTS' - News from the parish church

All Saints' church has many faithful servants. Not least among them is the treasurer. Unfortunately, Richard Huke, who has held this position for several years, has indicated that he will not be able to stand for re-election at this year's annual meeting. Richard has been most efficient and immensely supportive. Indeed, in recent months he has led the church on to a much sounder footing than it has felt for years through his energetic work for the TRIO campaign – The Responsibility Is Ours. We are very grateful for Richard's contribution to the life of our church. Thank you, Richard.



Just over eight years ago I came to East Hanningfield as priest-in-charge. Cynics might say 'We haven't noticed'! It hasn't been easy for either parishioners or me not having a priest actually living in the village. But that's the way of the world today. The Church of England can no longer afford the luxury of a priest in every parish. In a sense I have been very fortunate to have responsibility for only two parishes. Goodness knows how I would have coped with three or more, as some of my colleagues are expected to do.

The time has come for me to hang up my stole. I shall be retiring in May and my last Service at All Saints will be on Sunday 4th. During the past eight years I have endeavoured to serve the parish as best I could. I could have done better, of course. I am aware of that. But I wish the parish well for the future, and will continue to pray for it.

Meanwhile, I hope and trust that many who live in the village will do all they can to support the worship and work of its parish church. Kate, our Reader, is unable to commit herself here any longer because she has to concentrate on her training for ordination. We thank her for her work here and wish her well in her vocation. However, we are indeed fortunate to have Revd Ann Kosla able to help for a few hours each week and with one Sunday Service per month. Ann is a midwife, and therefore her time in the parish will be limited. But we welcome her and have already benefitted from her enthusiasm and kindness.

We are entering a period of change at All Saints. With change comes opportunity. I trust that, with God's help, and with your prayers, the future of this parish church will be bright and joyful.

Keith R Plaister  
(Priest-in-charge)

Following Keith's announcement of his intention to retire from full time ministry in May, members of the PCC met with the Bishop of Bradwell, Laurie Green on 30 January to discuss the vacancy and beyond. As a result of Keith's retirement the Bishop has asked the Rural Dean to look at the current distribution of clergy within the Deanery and to recommend any changes that might be necessary. The PCC has been asked to contribute to this process and will be meeting with the Rural Dean shortly.

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 the same or similar pattern of services. In addition to help from Ann, the PCC is busy booking a number of other clergy to take our services. 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! Watch this space!



### Thank you Keith

So much for the future, but for the present we thank Keith for his considerable contribution to All Saints' Church and the life of the Parish over the past eight years. We wish Keith and Heike everything that they would wish for themselves and, with God's help, a long and happy retirement.

### Thank you also...

To all who supported the Christmas Bazaar on 17 November, which raised the magnificent total of £930. Also we were pleased that so many people supported and enjoyed the Christingle Service on 2 December, which raised £211.41 for the work of the Children's Society.

### Coming up...

**Saturday 1 March – Tools with a mission.** How about spring cleaning your shed, loft or workshop? You have a chance to dispose of any unwanted tools to this charity who will clean and refurbish them and send them out to places in Africa to enable people there to make a living. **'Your unwanted tools are another's lifeline.'** The collection takes place at St Andrew's Room, North Hill, Little Baddow on Saturday, 1 March between 10 am and 12 noon. Traidcraft goods will be on sale and coffee and tea will be served. Further information on what is required can be had from Elisabeth Bourn on 01245 223183.

**Thursday 10 April – The Annual Church Meeting** will be held from 8pm in the upstairs room in the Village Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend this meeting. Those on the church electoral roll have voting rights when it comes to choosing next year's church officers.

**Easter Services** - Here comes a very early Easter! Please note the following services to which all are warmly invited, and for your guidance - *Some services use modern language taken*

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	11.15 am	Family Service for <b>Mothering Sunday</b> (CW). Posies for Mum and light refreshments afterwards for all
9th	8 am	Holy Communion (PB)
	11.15 am	Matins (PB) for <b>Passion Sunday</b>
16th	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) (Shorter form) for <b>Palm Sunday</b>
20th	8 pm	<b>At St Andrews, Sandon</b> Holy Communion for <b>Maundy Thursday</b>
21st	12 noon	The Liturgy of the Cross for <b>Good Friday</b>
23rd	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) for <b>Easter Day</b>
30th	11.15 am	Matins (PB) for <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>

### Services in April will follow the usual pattern:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	11.15 am	Family Service (CW)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion (PB)
	11.15 am	Matins (PB)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) (Shorter form)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)

### Followed by

4 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am	Rev'd Keith Plaister's last service (a Family Service) at All Saints before his retirement after 42 years in the Anglican ministry. Please come along and give Keith a good send-off. After the service, there will be a combined farewell barbeque lunch at St Andrew's, Sandon.
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PCC Secretary:  
Ron Attenborough Tel 400361

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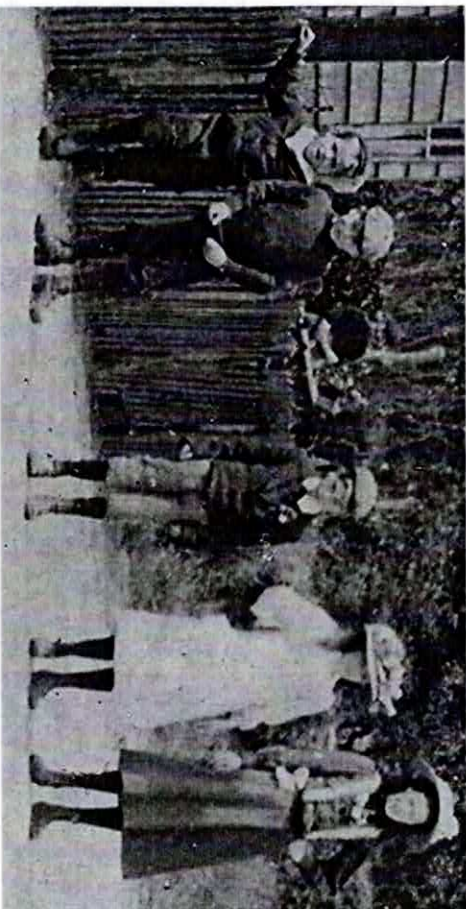
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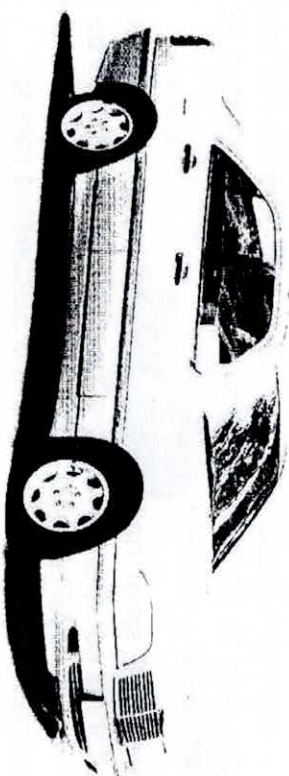
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

We have now heard from the National Lottery that our bid for funding for the development of the community suite in the Village Hall has been unsuccessful. This is a big disappointment after the effort put in by several of the Charity Trustees. We are considering how we can best proceed to fulfill this village need.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding an indoor boot sale to raise funds for the Village Hall and other village charities. The annual village art show will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please put both these events in your diary along with the village fete which will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September. More information about the charity can be found on our website which is part of the Parish Council website (see below).

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 Charity's AGM will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> April when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome both to attend the meeting and to seek election as trustees.

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.

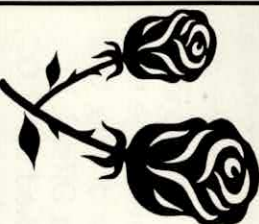
Colin Warren, Chairman 01245 401050

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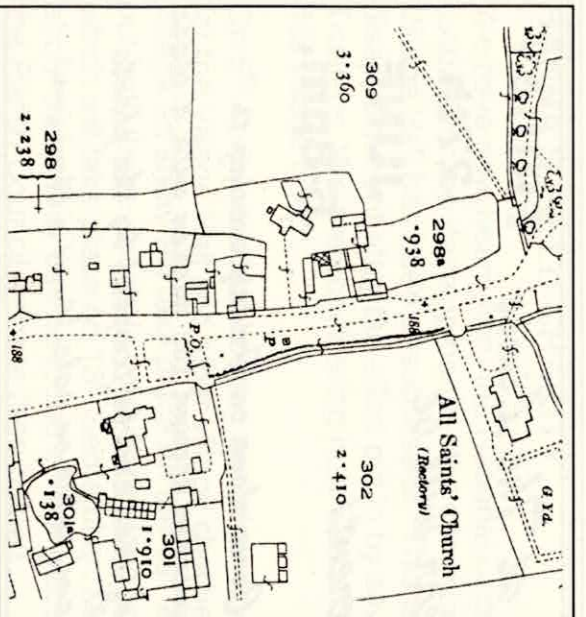


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the Tye is identified by a "P". Field 309 is now the School.

This extract from the 1920s Ordnance Survey map shows the location of the cottages on the front cover, a third of the way down the map on the left side of the road. The Mill stands alone on the site behind. The 'Old Post Office', is marked by "P.O.", and the pump on

## **INDOOR BOOT FAIR**

**Saturday**

**5 April**

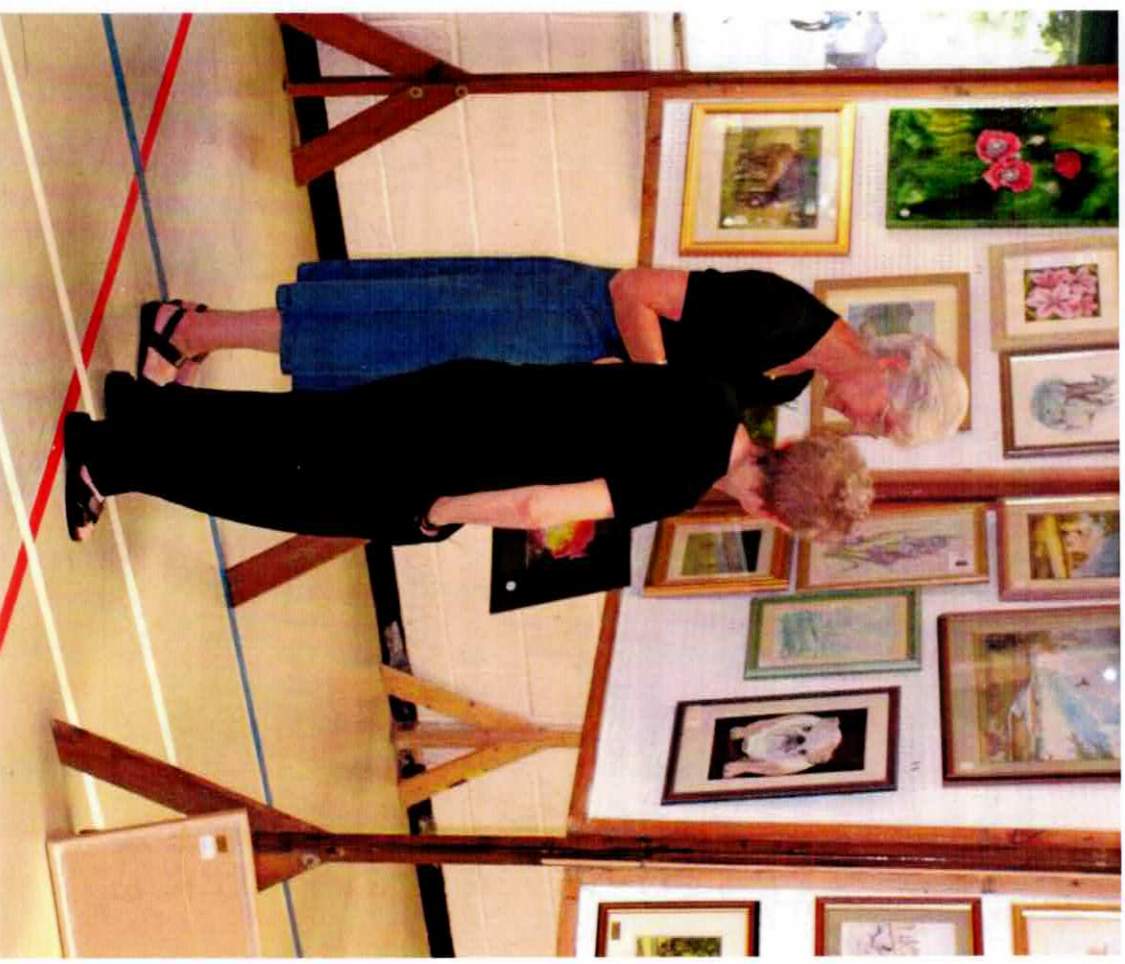
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Organised by Hanna's Field Charity

There are still some tables available for hire at £5 each. If you are interested please contact Iris Evans on 01245 401460.





## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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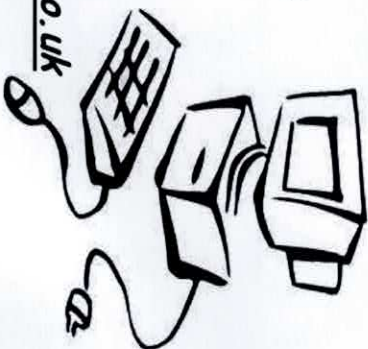
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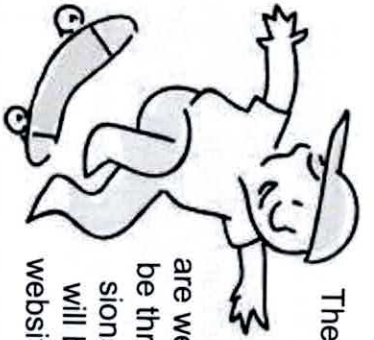
Thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the Village Tidy-up on 3<sup>rd</sup>. May. Despite it being the bank holiday weekend enough volunteers came along to make a real difference to the appearance and cleanliness of the village. Yet again they were rewarded with beautiful weather. I hope 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](http://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 **21<sup>st</sup>. June 7.45-8.45am**, so you will need to get up early for that one. The following visits will be on 4<sup>th</sup>. October and 15<sup>th</sup>. November. For more information go to [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling).

Several activities have been organised for the school summer holiday. **Play in the Park on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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



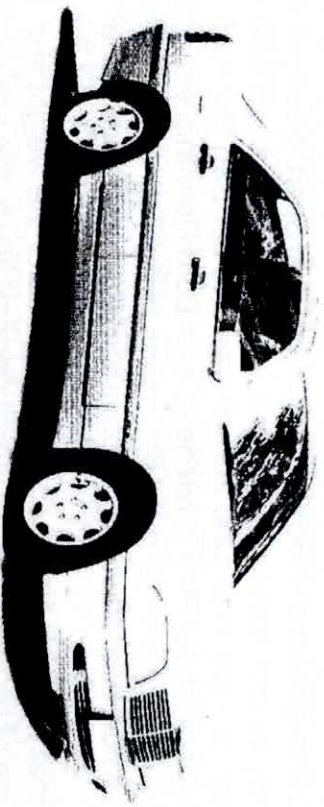
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 25<sup>th</sup> June. There are also sports days and cricket events - weather permitting.

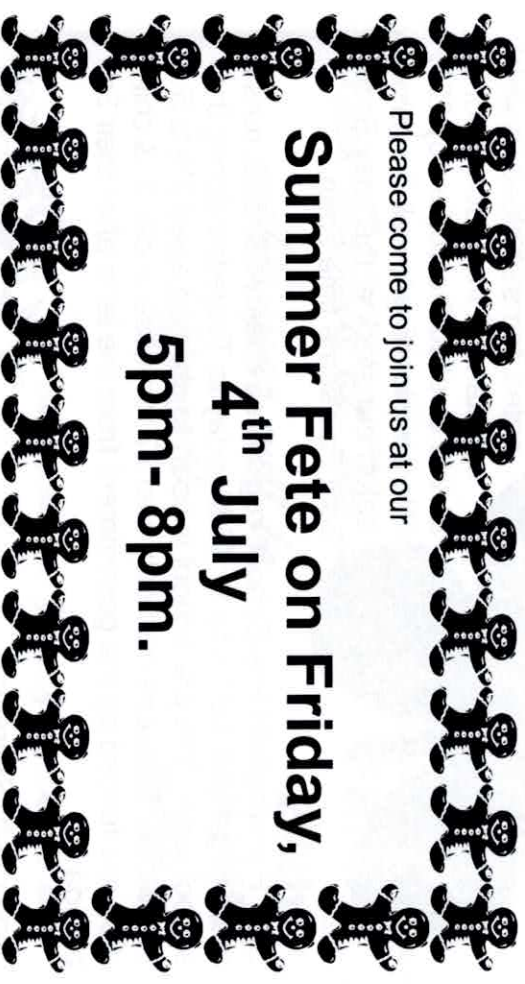


School has its **Open Evening on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 6-8pm** to which parents of pre-school children are also welcome.

Please come to join us at our

**Summer Fete on Friday,  
4<sup>th</sup> July**

**5pm - 8pm.**



We look forward to seeing you there.  
Linda Findlay.



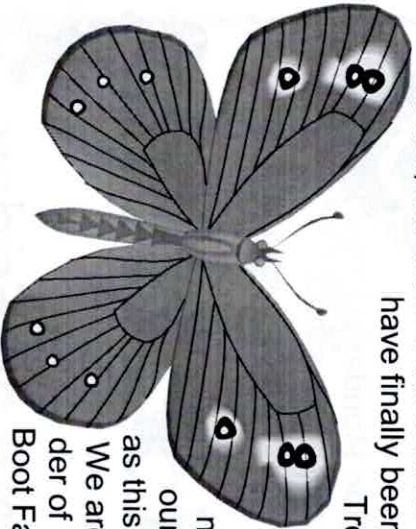
## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

### 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



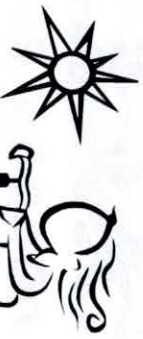
have finally been dusted off, & a field trip to Tropical Wings is planned in the not too distant future.



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.

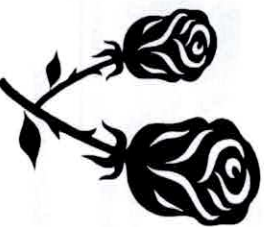
If you would like to come along to a session, Hanna's Tots runs at the village hall every Friday morning (including school holidays), from 09:30 to 11:30, for children under 5 & their parents / carers. We have a vast array of toys to play with in the hall, in addition to those available on loan in our 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*  
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*different!*

**FRIDAY**  
**27th**  
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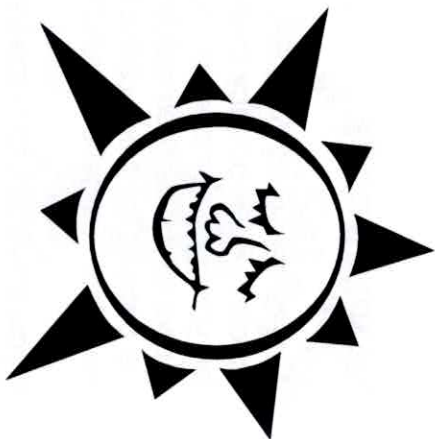
*Come along on Friday evening to wander around the garden with a glass of wine and be tempted by the plants and cabbes on sale. (7<sup>th</sup> aid of Church funds).*





## 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.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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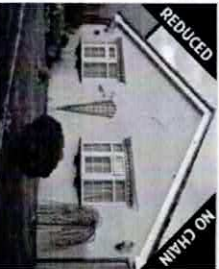


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## EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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 driveway.

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 Hammingfield 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 Grace



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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 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> September under the Chairmanship of Jackie Feehan.

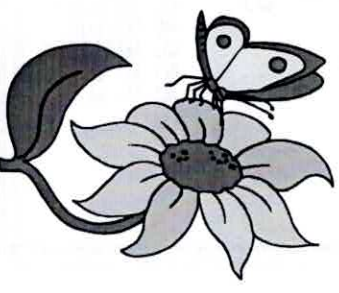
The cooperation between the Charity and the Parish Council has been enhanced with regular liaison meetings which has brought about a number of detailed improvements and suggestions

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  
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# EAST HANNINGFIELD

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### MESSAGE FROM ASH AT THE POST OFFICE

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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/leasthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2008/](http://www.essexinfo.net/leasthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2008/) and click on All Saints.

### Services in May and June will follow the usual pattern:

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11.15 am Family Service (CW)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion (CW)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion (CW) (Shorter form)





4<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> June between 6 & 8pm.

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

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**Saints Church**

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

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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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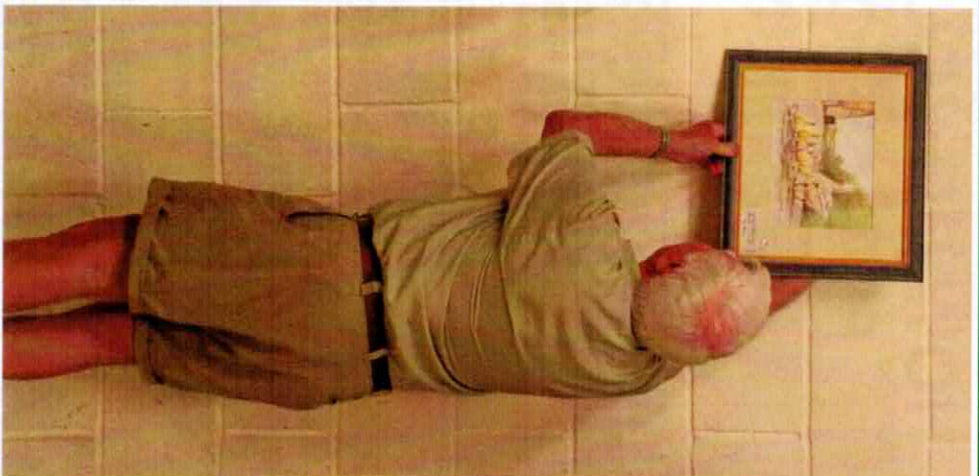
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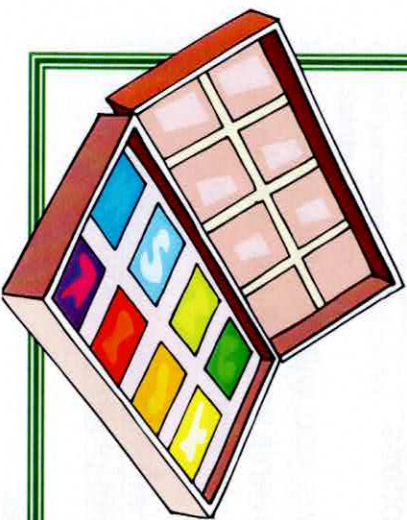
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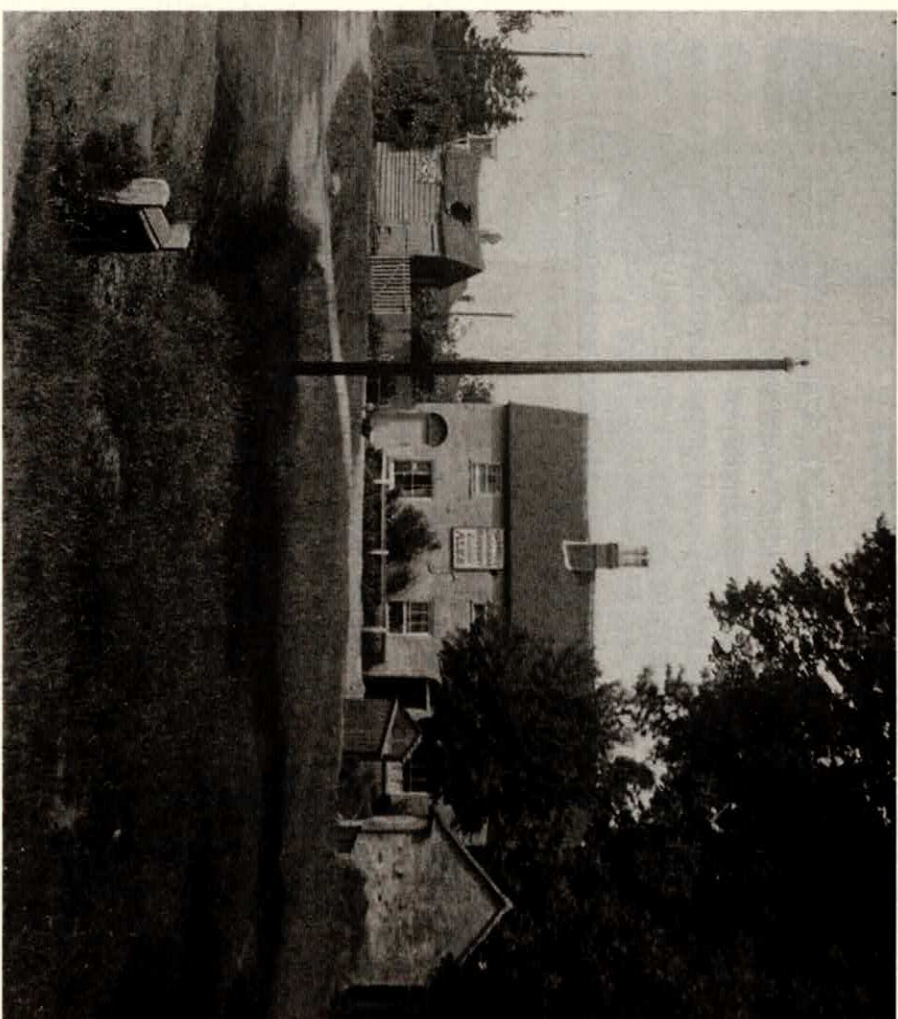


*Works of art by  
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*The Three Horseshoes*



## 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

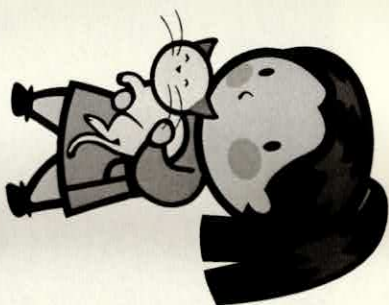
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**Friday, 14th. November.**

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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.

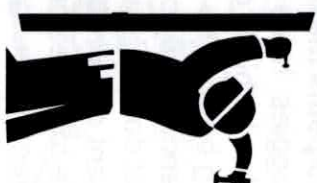
Although the building has not changed much, its surroundings have. The outhouse with the hole in the roof and the kennels have gone, and there was no car park when this photograph was taken. As the outhouse is not shown on the 1922 OS map, which you can see on the website under **Study Resources**, the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



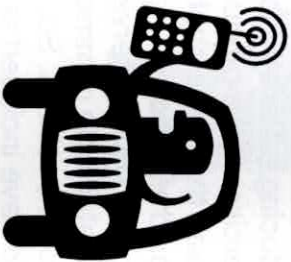


County Council's offer of free native trees for planting in public places. So if you would like to help with tree planting please contact me.

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.

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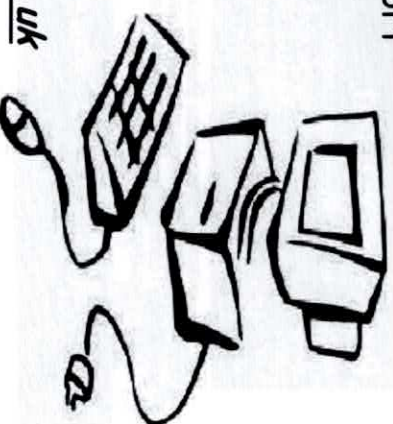
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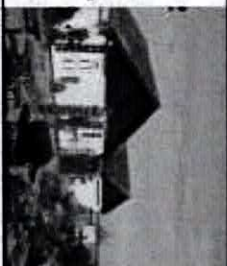
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> September and our new reception class on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 –

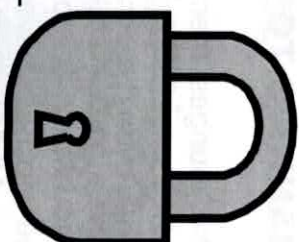


### **1. Holidays and other absences -**

- 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 devises 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.
- Be friend 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](mailto: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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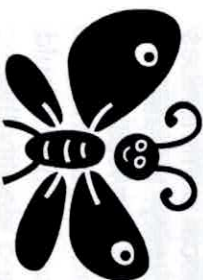
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

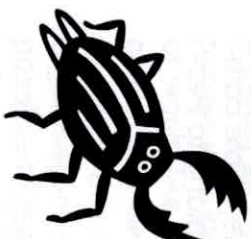
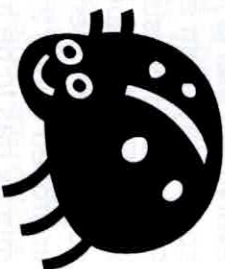
Summer term at the pre-school was very busy this year. The children had a fantastic trip to Tropical Wings, which fitted in well with many of their learning topics about bugs, butterflies & creepy crawlies. Sports day was also very successful, with each child doing their very best for their team, & all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



**East Hanningfield  
Pre-School**

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This year's art exhibition which was once again organised by Wendy Thomas and Jenny Mouser ably assisted by a number of their friends and family and raised just short of £1,300.

- 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 In-tercounty 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

### Our Vacancy

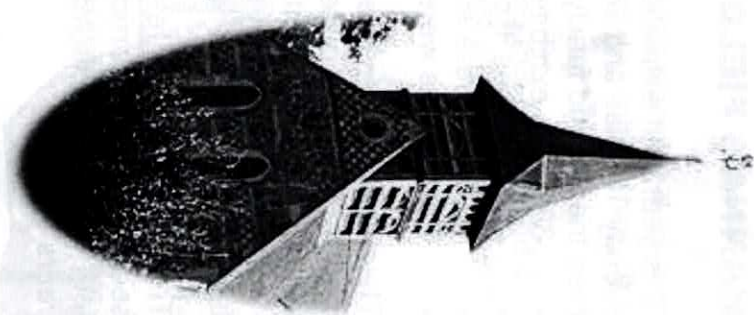
Although we are only four months on since Keith our Priest-in-Charge retired, we are surprised but pleased to report that the hunt to find a replacement is now in progress. The Bishop has agreed to the Church Council's request that, if one can be found, we should change to having a part-time Non-Stipendiary (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/](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

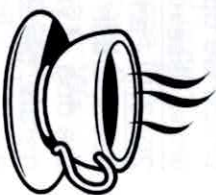
Please come and join us at our Sunday Service at 10:45 am

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

Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield  
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[michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk)



## 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 con-



tinues helping

us to keep our heads above water. We always try to have fun. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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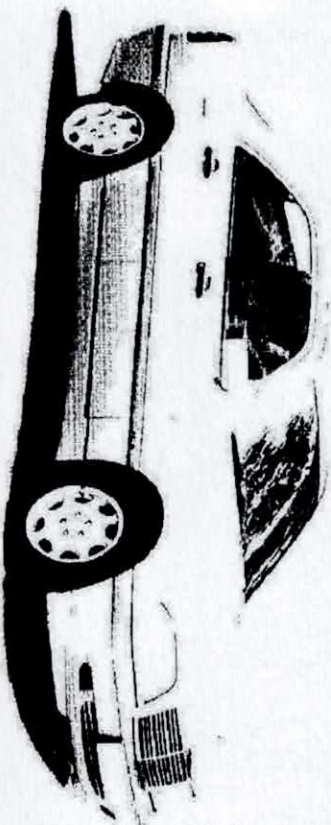
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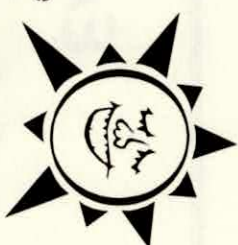
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## VILLAGE FETE 2008



Where will you be on the afternoon of Saturday, **13<sup>th</sup> 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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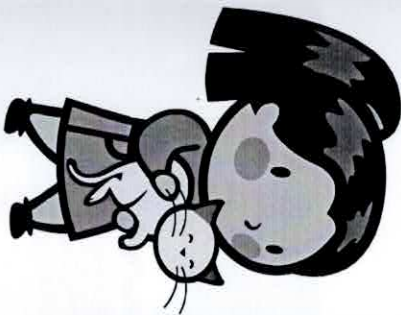




## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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**Copy date for the next edition is Friday, 13th. February.**



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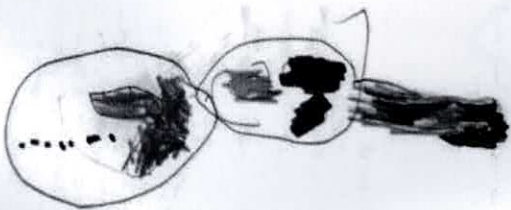
Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628.

## FRONT COVER

Congratulations to Owen Woodroff who won the East Hanningfield News Christmas Cover Competition 2008. His entry is on the front cover.

On the back cover you can see the runners up from each class: Class 1, Iacon Williams, Class 2, Lidia Williams, Class 3 Anna Lewis & Class 4, Emily Sneller. There were 38 entries this year, and the standard was very high making judging a difficult task. So, well done to all the entrants and thank you to East Hanningfield Primary School for participating once again.

*Snowman by  
George Lewis*



## PARISH COUNCIL

About seventy people came along to the Village Hall on the evening of 15th. November for a barn dance with the Lycerty Splyt Ceilidh Band, which was organised jointly by PC and Hanna's Field Charity. The purpose of the event was to provide an enjoyable social event where villagers could get together. Those who attended certainly enjoyed themselves and got plenty of exercise at the same time. Profits from the event will be going into the Charity's fund-raising pot to help provide improved facilities in the Hall or on the playing fields. Thank you to all the people who helped make the evening a success and in particular to Mike Harris for providing the bar.

On a less happy note, you will remember PC's campaign against the proposal for the new Hyde Hall Garden access to be off Creep hedge Lane. The Parish Council was critical of the proposed routing of traffic via the Rettendon Turnpike and A132 in the Hyde Hall "master plan", because it was considered unrealistic for traffic coming from the A12, to take a circuitous route when a look at a map would clearly show the shortest route was through East Hanningfield, and that was before satellite navigation became popular. When planning permission was granted PC and our Borough Councillors were told that the access would be aligned in such a way as to make it difficult for vehicles to exit north towards East Hanningfield. Recently, it was noticed that construction had started but there appeared to be no restrictions on egress. This was queried with the Borough Council's Planning Department who at first could find no record of the intention to create a controlled exit, but when the documentation was identified responded that there was something included in the legal agreement in relation to **signage** directing traffic south. They say it would be unreasonable and unrealistic to expect no traffic to travel north from this exit and it may be the case that persons travelling from the surrounding area would come by car and travel in



from the north, so the Highway Authority would not support a junction arrangement which could cause potential confusion on the highway. Sadly, the fear is that the result of this will be as PC and our Borough Councillors warned: increased traffic through East Hanningfield village.

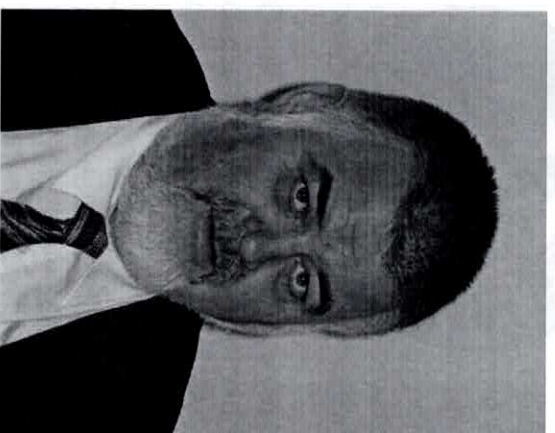
At the time of writing PC is waiting to hear from the County Council about highway safety measures that PC proposed for the village. The proposals are being prioritised by ECC using a points system, and will be judged against projects put forward by other parish councils. If our projects get more points than the others funding will be allocated. Results were expected towards the end of October, so had they been on time they would have been announced in this edition. PC identified six areas of major concern. For pedestrians there was lack of footway on the Common and from Willis Farm to the Old Forge; the inadequacy of the footway beside the Horse-shoes garden; and the erosion of the verges beside Abbeyfields and at the southern village-gateway. For traffic there was the problem of overtaking on the bend where Old Church Road meets the Tye. Clearly these are not the only problem areas in the parish, but PC was told to limit its proposals in order to have any chance of success.

Please note that the PC Meeting in December will be early in the month on the 11th, and will be attended by our County Councillor Lord Hanningfield. In January Meetings will return to the **fourth** Thursday of the month. They take place in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, usually at 8pm. The Agenda is posted on the noticeboards and on the website at least three days before, and copies are provided for members of the public who come along. PC hopes to see you there.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council  
400628

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## BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE



Like many people in the village I missed the 'Antiques Road Show' on Sunday November 2nd to go to church to see the Reverend Pam installed as our new priest. I wish her well as she embarks on what I am sure will be a challenging and exciting mission.

Had I watched the 'Antiques Road Show' I would no doubt have been reminded that a pair of objects is worth much more than twice the value of a single object. This is quite a good parable for village life.

We have many groups of people whose roles overlap: the school, the business community, the Sports Club and sports groups, the WI, the fantastic new parish planning group, Hanna's Field Charity, the pre school group, Bethel Chapel, not to mention the Parish Council.

I cannot think of a better representation of God's work than to bring all these together as 'Community' so much more strong in unity than the sum of their individual parts.

Good Luck Pam and God's Blessing and Peace to all at Christmas.

Sincerely  
Mike Harris 400142  
Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield - Chelmsford Borough Council.  
[michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk)



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Crime in the village is fortunately on the low side at present, BUT we must not be complacent. Recent crime in the village has involved properties in The Common and Payne Place - opposite ends of the village. However this is not new, as previously Highfields Mead and Ashley

Green have both been targeted. And crime elsewhere in neighbouring towns and villages appears to be growing with cars and bicycles being popular and of course burglaries and attempted.

Too many homes have side gates unlocked, or no gates at all, and some homes have sheds in their back gardens, also without locks or unlocked. One of the above burglaries involved entry by the back door. It's making it too easy for the criminal element within our society to have a field day, especially in view of the recession.

The Police have also drawn to my attention the number of homes in total darkness after dark. Okay after midnight, but not early evening just as it gets dark and later before midnight. It's too obvious that the occupants are not at home. Similarly some people close their curtains when they go on holiday, so what does this say to a potential burglar?

The choice is largely your own especially as the Police can't be everywhere 24/7, so if you see anything suspicious please notify the Police direct by calling 999 in an emergency, or 0300-333-4444 when your report is not urgent. Your NHW team would also appreciate your advice of any incident, even when only remotely suspicious.

Geoff Dickman  
07968112179



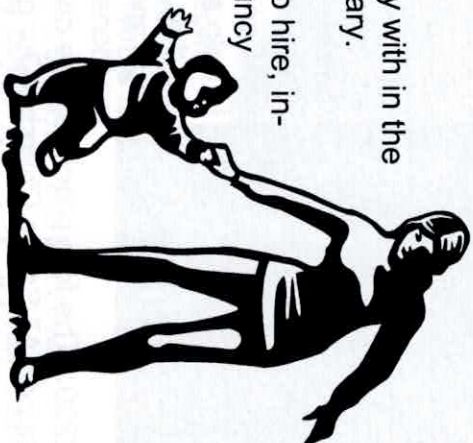
## HANNA'S TOTS

Hanna's Tots runs at the Village Hall every Friday morning, including school holidays, from 9.30 to 11.30 and is for children under 5 and their parent/carers.

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## VILLAGE FETE 2008



This year's village fete was a great success, raising just over £3500, which is considerably more than in any of the preceding eleven years for which we have records. Many factors contributed to that success: a gloriously sunny afternoon; even more football teams competing than usual; good advance sales of draw tickets; more attractions and stalls; and a significant increase in help and support before the fete and on the day. The cricket bat, donated by War-sops and signed by the Essex team, was auctioned at the end of the afternoon, for £200. The fete proceeds are divided between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who came, contributed and, we hope, had a good time!

There will be a fete next year – on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Buoyed up by this year's positive outcome, the current committee is remaining in place, but with a couple of valuable members moving on. If you would like to see the fete continue beyond 2009, then do consider getting involved. Do you have publicity or marketing skills? Are you a dab hand with a barbecue? Proficient at persuading people to part with a pound - or several? Are you new to East Hanningfield and interested in meeting people and participating in village activities? Or just have suggestions to make, enthusiasm and a little spare time? We do need new blood on the committee and in the support team.

Our first meeting for next year's fete is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in the village hall upstairs meeting room. You will be most welcome.

Jackie Feehan and the Fete Committee.  
400862/jackie@feehan.vispa.com

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

With Christmas looming it's time to cast our mind over the past year and it has been a good one with some new members and our fund raising has been good, hard work but fun.

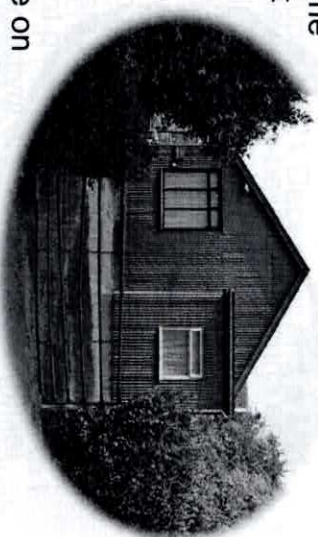
Our Christmas meeting will be on **Wednesday, 10th. December** at 2pm.

We have some lady hand bell ringers coming to entertain us. Why not come along? We would love to see you.

2009 will get off to a flying start with our New Year lunch which will be back to the third Wednesday but 12.30 for 1pm. After that we'll be back to 2pm. If you are at all confused about this just give me a ring.

Here's hoping to see you.

Lilian Crace  
400288



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## MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

The church was filled with flowers, candles, light and people singing. The occasion was my licensing service as priest at All Saints' Church on Sunday 2 November. As well as having old friends attend the service my husband, John, and I were warmly welcomed by members of East Hanningfield village community. It was a beautiful start to my ministry here and I am very much looking forward to meeting more folk as well as taking advantage of the invitations to 'come and have a cup of tea' which have been offered already to me.

One of my main interests will be the village school and so I hope to get to know the children and staff soon. My own children are grown up now and live in London and, as we have no grandchildren yet, I shall enjoy the company of the East Hanningfield school children and perhaps also the pre-school children.

In December I shall attend the WI meeting. I have never yet been to a WI meeting although women's issues are of interest to me. I am one of the Bishop's Advisors for Women's Ministry and also sit on a committee which is working for ordained women in the Church of England. While this entails a lot of talking I also spend much time with my head in books as I follow an extended course of study. In fact, we have turned our son's bedroom into a library in order to accommodate all the books I need! However, this room now comes in useful for other things such as the tutoring which I do for those training for lay Readership in the church.

One of the things I am most looking forward to is the special time of Christmas in church. We have added a special service for children on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm where the children can dress the Jesse tree as well as decorate the crib and we

can all sing carols. This is in addition to the All Age Service on 7 December at 11.15am where we have a Christingle theme with candles in oranges! We will, of course, still have Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday at 3.00pm on 21 December and a Mid-night Holy Communion starting at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. There will also be a short Holy Communion at 10.00am on Christmas morning which children are welcome to attend.

If you come to church you may see me sometimes accompanied by my husband. John is a General Practitioner in Stock where we live. We met at a hospital in the east end of London when I was a radiographer and we moved to Chelmsford later. Although we are both busy

people we manage to maintain an interest in ballet, opera, reading and walking. John also sails the sea but I confess to not being the sailor he is! Our home is made complete by the addition of two cats who have

somehow taken control of us so that we pander to their needs. I am not sure how it happened but they seem very happy...



Looking forward to getting to know you.

Rev Pam Pennell  
Priest-in-Charge of All Saints' Church  
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## ...AND FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS -

In the Autumn issue of E H News we suggested you should "watch this space" for news of a new clergy appointment, but never in our wildest dreams did we imagine that it would all be done and dusted by the time of the next issue. We wish to record our grateful thanks to all those concerned - Bishop Laurie, Archdeacon David Loman, Rural Dean Andy Griffiths and of course the Rev'd Pam Pennell herself - for the speed with which each one handled the due processes and made the necessary preparations, giving us at East Hanningfield probably the shortest Interregnum ever of just 6 months. We give thanks to God for making the 'impossible' possible.

It was a great joy that so many of the community came to share in Pam's first service, on Remembrance Sunday, to join in the Act of Remembrance around the village War Memorial on the green outside All Saints', to share in worship together, and then afterwards to enjoy a display of fascinating personal wartime memorabilia over a cup of coffee.



We look forward with great anticipation to the special Christmas services at All Saints' to which Pam refers above. We give fuller details of these below, together with our regular services for the coming weeks. You will find a warm welcome at 'The Church on The Tye'.

Pam will be working closely with us and the PCC to ensure the most effective use of her time - initially the equivalent of two days a week whilst she is studying for her PhD and managing other Diocesan roles. However, she desires to be as accessible as possible within these constraints, and offers two telephone numbers - **At home**, and with an answerphone for messages when not available - **01277 841179**

**When out & about**, a mobile number so that she can respond if already in the locality - **07974-622-412**.

And don't forget you can look us up on the village web site for more information which we update each month -

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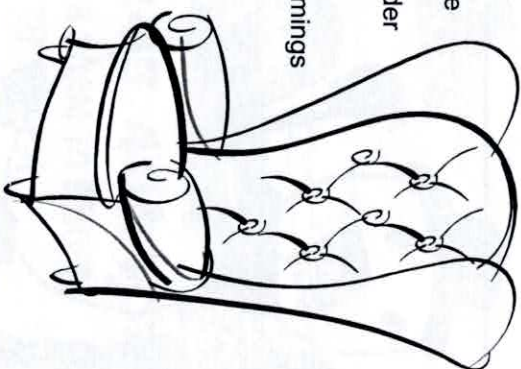
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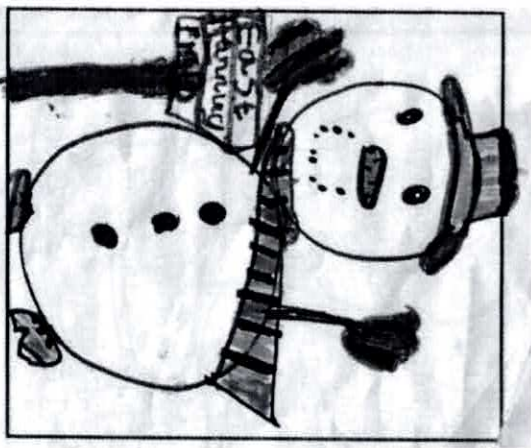
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## SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dec 7th	11.15 am	All Age Service with Christingle theme, followed by refreshments
14th	11.15 am	Holy Communion with Baptism
21st	11.15 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>shortened service</i> ) Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by refreshments
24th	4.00 pm 11.30 pm	Christmas Eve - Carols, Crib & Tree Service – for children of all ages Midnight Holy Communion
25th	<u>10.00 am</u> ( <i>Note earlier time</i> )	Christmas Day - shortened service of Holy Communion & children welcomed
28th	11.15 am	Holy Communion – led by Archdeacon David Lowman
Jan 4th	11.15 am	All Age service, followed by refreshments
11th	11.15 am	Holy Communion
18th	11.15 am	Holy Communion ( <i>shorter service</i> )
25th	8.00 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> ) Matins



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Cassie Welch

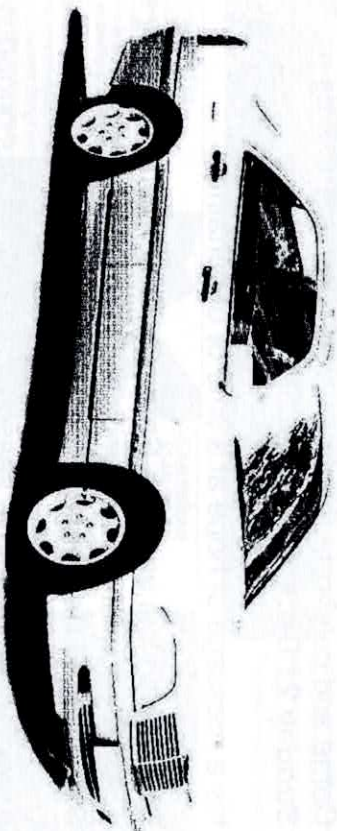
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The news is full of grim tidings, apocalyptic warnings and there's the promise of a miserable Christmas ahead. We might be worried about where the next mortgage payment is coming from, the entire country is in meltdown and heading towards the financial abyss - at least that's what they tell us.

Who can be really sure what the future holds? But we can be sure as to who holds the future!

Come and celebrate the Christmas message with us on **Sunday 21 December at 6:00pm**

It's a message of hope at a time of uncertainty.

Please also join us at the **Café Bar**, which you can enjoy a delicious 'brunch' at credit munching prices. **Saturday 13 December at 11:00am to 1:00pm**

As we enter the festive season, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a **very happy, healthy and joyful Christmas from all at Bethel Church.**

Roydon Hearne 400665

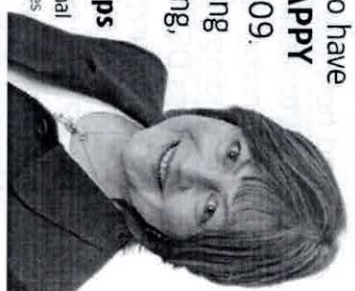
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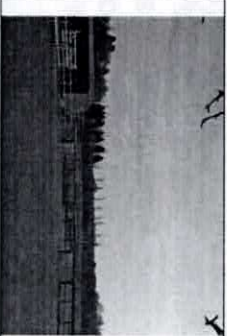
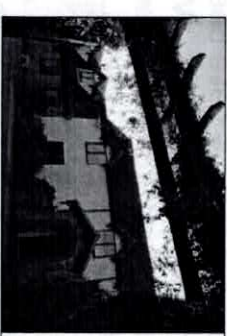
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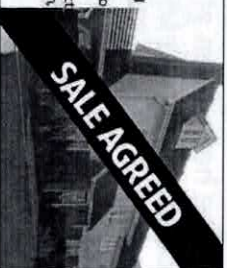


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## PARISH PLAN

In the last article I explained the background to Parish Plans and how this is a government initiative for rural communities. Unfortunately as with many of these matters there is no central funding! Because of this each group is required to apply for funding from any available sources i.e. government bodies such as DEFRA, County Councils or charities etc. We have been working hard to compile a realistic budget for this project. To facilitate this we asked the Chair of West Hanningfield Parish Planning group to attend a meeting and share with us her experiences. We were extremely grateful for Mary Harmson's time and the insight she gave us to what lies ahead. The most important message was that we were looking to gain grants of approximately £5000. West Hanningfield had the benefit of running their project before the economic downturn and the direction of lottery funding towards the Olympic project.

We are therefore very happy to announce that we have been successful with our first application for funding from the ITV Community Fund. Although this is a small award it will allow us to move forward with the questionnaire and pay off our debts!

Since the last magazine we have held two further events to gather views from people. These have been at the village fete and in the Windmill public house (thank you Mickey!). We have had a good response and it is obvious that people have strong feelings about the village particularly regarding traffic management, road design and future development.

We are now using the information gathered from the surveys to write the questionnaire which will be delivered to ALL households and businesses in the Parish. We are aiming to do this in spring 2009. Although the questionnaire will be anonymous respondents will have an option to enter a prize draw on a

separate sheet delivered with the questionnaire. We are looking for donations as prizes for this! If you can help please contact one of the committee.

Finally I would like to welcome Martin Gard onto the committee to represent local businesses.

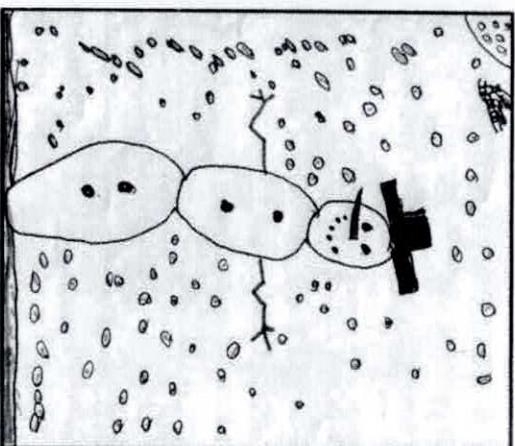
May I offer season's greetings to you all from the committee!

Stephen Snewin

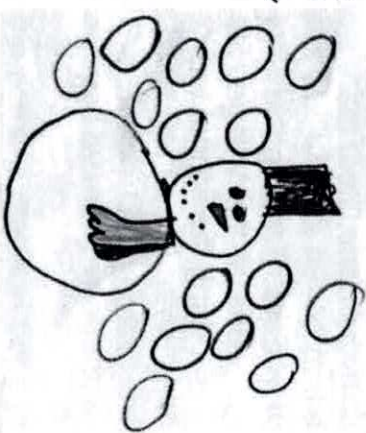
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Jessica Pittman



Snowman by  
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

The children have had a continental introduction to the new school term, learning about a different European country each week before half term. They have made pictures to do with each country, learned to say a few words in each language, & enjoyed tasting a wide variety of foods. Thank you to all the parents who have come in to share their knowledge with the children & make this topic such fun for everybody.

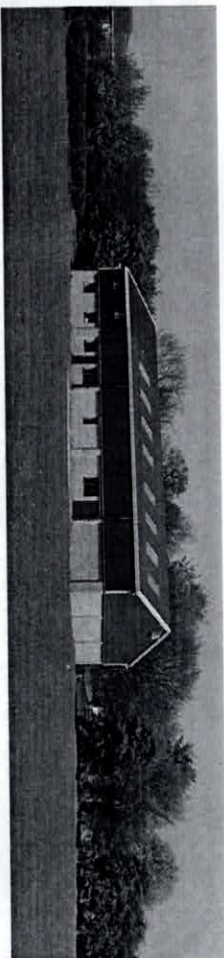
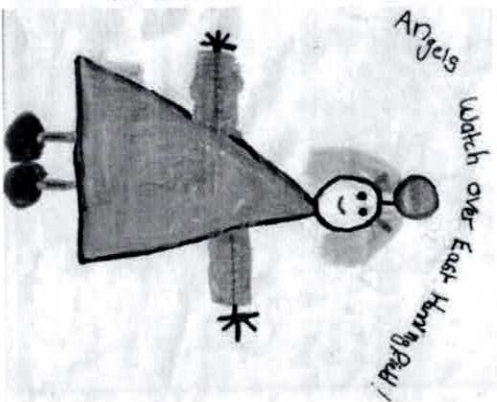
Work has already begun preparing for the Christmas concert, which will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The children are practising their songs, & words will soon be sent home for parents to learn too.

The AGM was held in September, with new members being elected on to the committee. Thanks to all those who attended & volunteered for jobs 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

Angel by  
Ellie White



## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Charity was very fortunate with the weather and is very grateful for the support of the village in running this year's annual fete. The event was organised by Jackie Feehan who took over as chair of the fete committee this year. The Charity and All Saints Church are joint beneficiaries of the fete and a surplus of over £3,550 will be shared between us. This is the biggest surplus made in the history of the fete. Many villagers assisted with this year's fete without whom the event could not have taken place. We must be one of very few villages who are still able to offer pony rides at the village fete not withstanding the insurance which is now required. The support of several businesses based in the village was crucial in the success of the event. A big thank you to all of you.

By the time you read this the Village Barn Dance will have taken place. The Ceilidh is jointly run by the Parish Council and the Charity and will hopefully have been enjoyed by many villagers.

We are establishing the priorities for the coming year and hope to improve the storage facilities, storage loft access and replace the hall floor surface. Jim Howe is investigating alternative finance sources to enable us to include resurfacing/replacement of the outside sports court in our plans.

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 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 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 2009.

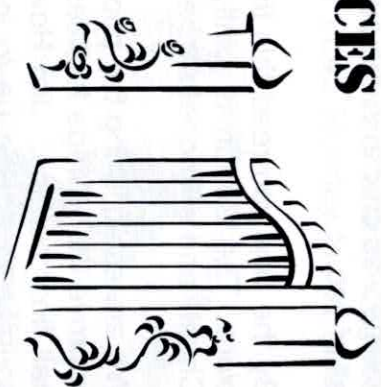
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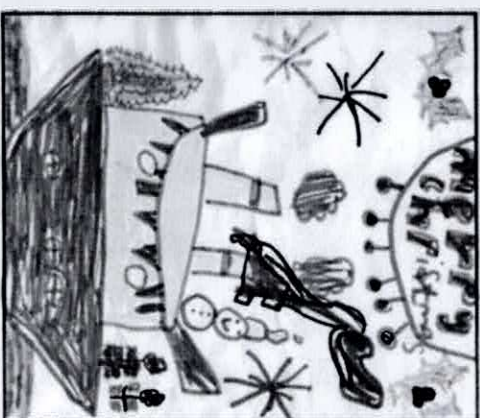
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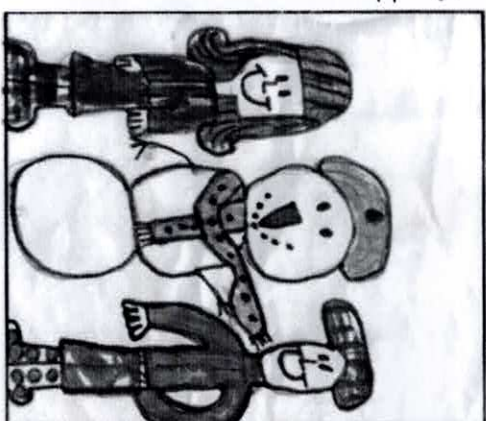
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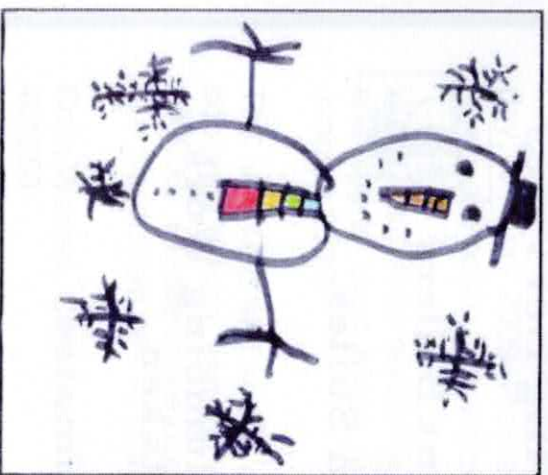


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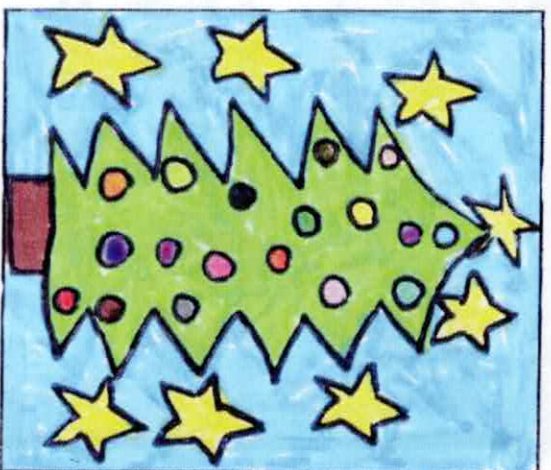




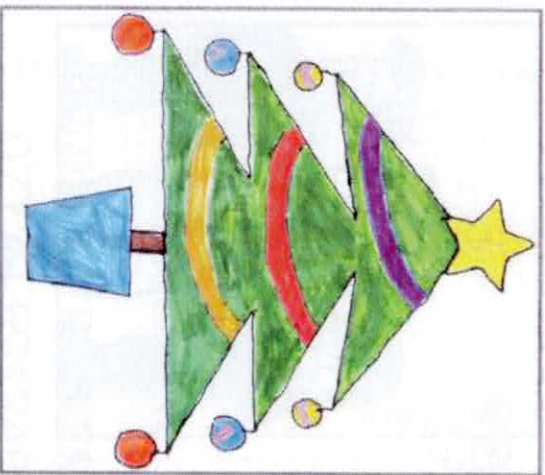
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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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### Copy date for the next edition is Friday, 15th. May.

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Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628

## FRONT COVER

This photograph is difficult to date but the teachers' dress and hairstyles would indicate about 1900-10, but teachers would probably have been discouraged from dressing fashionably, so perhaps it is later. The 1901 Census identifies two seventeen year old pupil teachers, Emily Baker who lived with her parents at the Horse Shoes Inn and Alice Downes who lived with her family at Willis Farm, so perhaps they are the two teachers on the left. The boy at the very back centre, might be the 15 year old pupil teacher Thomas John Woolford who lived at Great Claydons Lodge.

Identification of some of the children would help, so do you recognise anyone? Please contact the Acting Editor if you can put a name to a face.

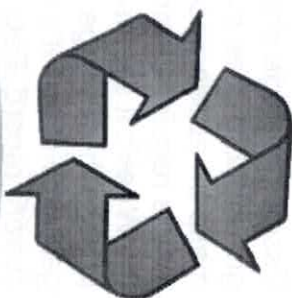


## PARISH COUNCIL

As mentioned in the previous News, Lord Hanningfield, our County Councillor, was expected to come to the December PC Meeting, but he was called to attend the House of Lords, so could not join us. He is now set to attend the PC Meeting on Thursday, 23rd. April.

If you go to the PC website, the photos on the home page show the parish paths team replacing the bridge between Hanna's Field and the Buttercup Field. If you would like to take part in a similar (but bigger) exercise the next local bridge building project will take place on 4th. and 5th. March. Please contact Peter Applegate for details on 400773. Team members have been attending training provided by the County Council on the safe use of brush cutters and first aid.

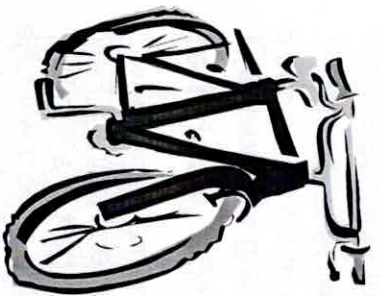
The Borough Council has allocated three dates for the "Saturday Standouts" at the Village Hall car park. These are for recyclable items such as furniture, fridge freezers, television & computer screens, white goods (microwaves & cookers etc) and the usual recyclables that are taken by the doorstep collection, except garden refuse. Please note times vary: **20th. June 7.45-8.45am, 12th. September, 7.45-8.45am and 24th. October, 11.15am-12.15pm.**



At the end of 2008, Steve Kibble resigned from PC due to work commitments and PC would like to thank him for his contribution during his term of office. When a vacancy occurs there is a legal requirement to advertise the vacancy for a specified period in case local voters want to call an election. This period has expired and at the time of writing notices are on display asking for volunteers to stand for co-option on to the Council. If no-one comes for-

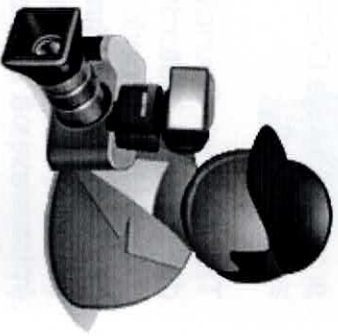


ward in time for the February PC Meeting, the next opportunity to co-opt will be at the Meeting at the end of March, so if you are interested, please get in touch because there might still be a vacancy when this News is published.



On the same morning, Saturday, 14th. March, as Hanna's Field Charity are holding a book sale in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, our local Police Community Support Officer will be security tagging bicycles in the entrance lobby from 11am to 1pm. Cycle thefts have taken place in the area in recent months, so it is well worth getting your bike tagged.

Another event taking place on the same morning at the Village Hall is a visit by an Essex Chronicle photographer to take a group photo of as many residents as can make an appearance at **11.30am**. This is for the regular Chronicle feature "Village of the Week". It seems there is a competition to see which village can organise the biggest crowd, so let's see if we can break the current record. Pets are invited, but I don't know whether they are included in the head count. The article is expected to be published in early April.

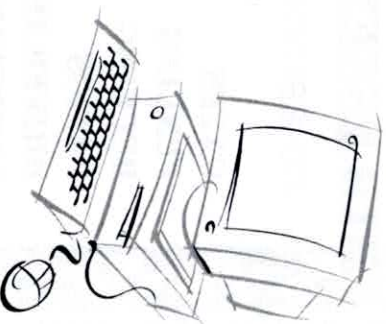


On a more serious note, a group of residents attended an autumn PC Meeting to encourage residents to complain to the Borough Council's Environmental Services department when the numbers of flies gets to be beyond what one would expect from living in the countryside. The Borough Council is empowered and obliged to take action under Section 101 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which amended Section 79 of the

Environment Protection Act 1990. This legislation established insects as a statutory nuisance and the Borough Council can issue an abatement notice under Section 80 of the 1990 Act. If you would like to read the Government guidance on this subject it can be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localenv/legislation/cnea/statnuisance.pdf>. I have tried and failed to find anything about this on the Borough Council's website. Residents who have complained to the Borough Council before have found that you might speak to an officer who is unaware of the legislation and unaware that anyone else has complained, so it is just as well to be able to refer to the statute and it is also a good idea to confer with your neighbours to find out how many other people have reported the problem.



The PC website receives several "hits" a day. There is a lot more on there than just agenda and minutes. There are study resources that would be useful for school projects, and some of the earliest issues of the News have been uploaded so that you can read about what was happening here 35 years ago. The Village Diary contains a full year's listings of local events, so if you are organising something special please let me know, and the Diary also contains reminders of such regular happenings as mobile library visits and recycling collections. A relatively new page on the website is the Village Directory which is for information about local businesses. Please let me know if you would like your business added.



For the most part, PC Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.



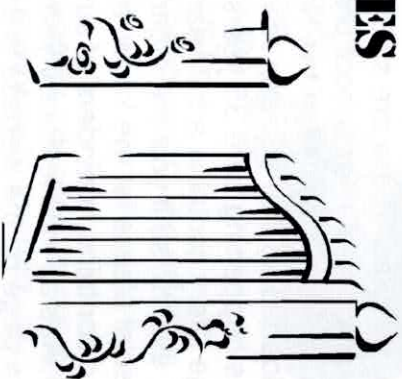
Notices of Meetings always go up on the noticeboards three clear days beforehand. If you have a matter that you would like the Council to consider please get it to me in writing by the Friday before the next Meeting so that it can be included in the Agenda. Residents are welcome to attend Meetings and are invited to speak during Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the Meeting opens.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
400628

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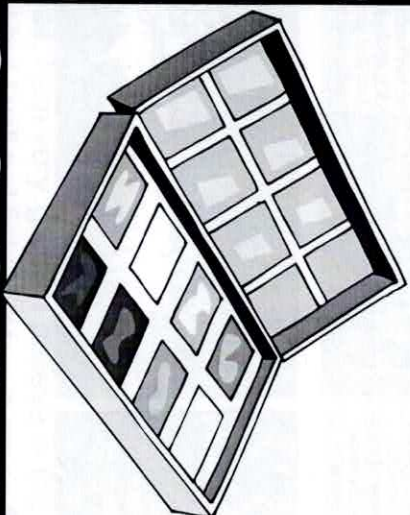
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## DATE FOR ART ENTHUSIASTS

Hanna's Field Charity will be holding their annual exhibition of works by local artists on **Saturday 11th. July**. This is a very popular event and profits go to Village Hall fund raising projects, so it is all in a good cause.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

If you are an artist wishing to exhibit please contact Wendy Thomas on  
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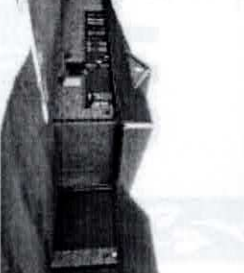
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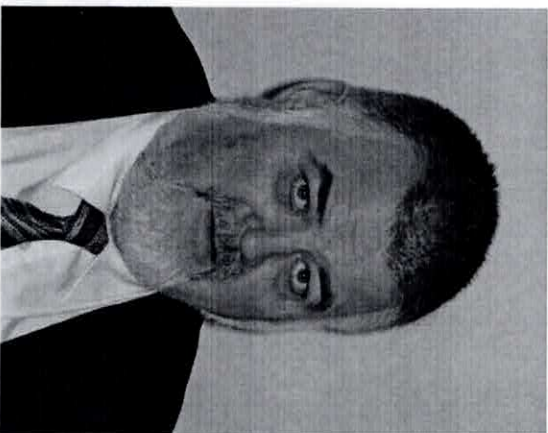
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## BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE



I attended a recent planning meeting to support residents who are really keen to see the van sales site on the A130 turned into a residential site. Whilst the planning committee could not pass the application despite my protestations they agreed in principle to the idea and have asked the owners to submit a 'softer' plan for the redevelopment.

At the same time the Secretary of State has 'called in' the approval for outline planning permission on Temple Farm. The latter is a much bigger project than the former but in my view the concept is the same.

The challenge turns on the fact that many of the industrial hot spots in our community are there by accident, no planner ever chose to put them there, they reacted to events, another example is the Tile Works which when closed was in the opinion of the then District Council just the place for a scrap yard.

What is the way forward? In my view planners have to be brave. Every party in opposition claim that they want local people to drive local development, in power they are less comfortable with the policy!

Where these sites exist my view is that common sense should prevail. I am very 'green' I believe in the defence of the environment but I will not fight to save a green field site when in reality it is a scrap yard or to protect trees whose roots are submerged in decades of battery acid polluting waterways and wildlife. Equally I



appreciate that in a democracy the only way to create a well ordered environment in which we can all live comfortably is to provide a commercially viable alternative to what is already there but not acceptable.

You can be assured that I will always try to work to these objectives and am always pleased to hear imaginative ways to do so.

Best wishes to you all

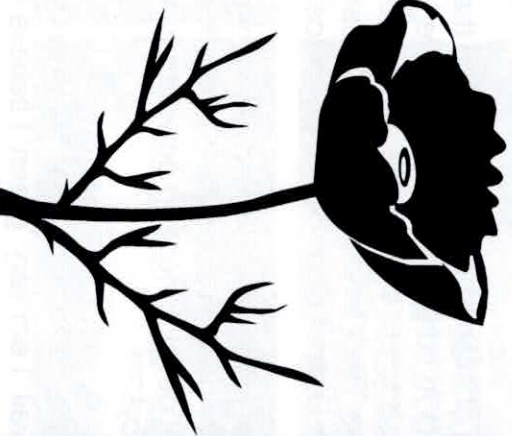
Mike Harris 400142

Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield—Chelmsford Borough Council  
Michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk

## MESSAGE FOR GARDEN LOVERS

For the first time Hanna's Field Charity is planning to organise an Open Garden Day in the village in May or June as a fund raising event for the Village Hall. We are looking for people with beautiful gardens who would like to support this event. We want all sizes and shapes of garden and from all over the village. If you would like to take part please contact

Wendy Thomas on  
400797.



## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

I am pleased to report that we were successful in our bid with the Community Initiatives Fund who approved a grant of £6,000 to enable us to convert the former changing room into a practical storage area and also install a new staircase to give safe access to the upstairs storage area beside the small hall. This work was scheduled to take place during the February half term so as to cause minimum disruption to our regular hall users.

The Charity AGM will take place on Wednesday 15th April 2009 when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome both to attend the meeting and to seek election as trustees.

More information about the charity can be found on our website which is part of the Parish Council website (see below).

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 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.

Colin Warren  
Chairman  
01245 401050

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## PARISH PLAN

In the *Ascent of Man* Jacob Bronoski said 'Ask an impertinent question and you are on the way to a pertinent answer'. However what question to ask in the first place is the current conundrum for the Parish Plan committee. As has been outlined previously the initial work of the group has been canvassing the views of as many people as possible associated with the village. We have asked what is special, what the problems are and what can be improved within the village and parish. We are extremely grateful to all those who replied via the questionnaires at the various events. The table below lists in frequency order the most common answers.

Issues raised by frequency
Pinch points and roundabout – dangerous, ineffective and wrong place
Bus service – 'erratic'
Value The Tye and open spaces
No more developments in village
Preserve the rural character of village
Preserve surrounding countryside (birds and animals)
Allotments needed
Speeding vehicles on roads
Preserve Village character
To many heavy lorries through village
Would like village sign on Tye
All Saints Church as a visible hub of the community
Preserve Post Office / Shop / Pub
Need a visiting Doctor Surgery maybe twice a week
No street lights after 24:00
Reduce the amount of street furniture

Some of the issues raised are not appropriate for the parish plan but clearly need addressing as they have been raised by so many

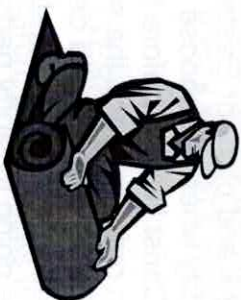
of you. The Parish Council is aware of these and I am sure will look at what can be achieved, remember we are independent from Parish Council but are happy to act as a conduit in these matters. What the committee has spent the last two meetings on is taking the relevant issues and using these to build the questionnaire for circulation to all in the Parish later this year. This work is now almost complete and we will run a small trial to ensure the questions work, produce data that we can use and is understandable. We are anxious to also include as many young people in the survey and are therefore writing a questionnaire specifically for them. We will also be working with the village school to consider the requirements of the youngest children.

So have we chosen the right question to ask to get a 'pertinent answer'? Watch this space!

Stephen Snewin  
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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND PAM

With all the snow we've been having it is surprising to find that the spring bulbs are still pushing up and can be seen on the occasions between snowfalls when the snow and ice melt. It is a helpful reminder that, below the surface of the snow where we cannot see, spring is preparing itself and waiting to happen.



And in the church we have also started to prepare for the spring festivals and services. In spite of the fact that we can see no flowers as yet, we are planning our Mothering Sunday service, where flowers are distributed. This service will be a celebration and thanksgiving for all who are cared for and for all who care for others. In this way we include everyone, as God includes all of us in his loving care.

We are also starting to think and plan for Easter. 'Lent' is the few weeks before Easter Sunday when we choose to share, in some way, the darkness which Christ lived in before he died. It's rather like going down a tunnel in order to reach the sunlight at the end when you come out. This helps us to have a deeper understanding of what Easter Sunday is about and to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. This year we are going to study parts of the Bible through Lent, in a group, to help us to understand how our faith affects our own lives, as well as having a Good Friday meditation in the church. Everyone is welcome to come to the group study and meditation as well as to all the services.

As a church we also welcome requests for prayer. If you would

like to offer any names or topics for prayer they will be included in the prayers in the next Sunday service. Please see the churchwardens' notices for times of services and instructions for submitting prayer requests.

I have very much enjoyed visiting many people in the village in their homes and having a chat over a cup of tea. I am still available for sharing a cup of tea so if you would like a visit, please don't hesitate to call – it would be lovely to meet you!

With love  
Pam  
Tel: 01277 841179  
Email: [pencof.pam@btinternet.com](mailto:pencof.pam@btinternet.com)



### NOTICES FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The scent of Spring is certainly in the air at The Church on the Tye, for there are a number of new things commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March which we want to tell you about - and by the time you read this, the snow-drops too, should be a very welcome sight as you walk along The Tye past the church.

### NEW MONTHLY PATTERN AND TIMINGS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

Starting Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, our services will all be commencing a bit **earlier** than at present, the one exception being for those who come to 8.00 am Holy Communion, who are being given an extra half hour in bed. They didn't ask for it but we believe they will like it! Here are the full details:-

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 8.30 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer),



followed at 10.00 am by an All Age Service (Common Worship) 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – 11.00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11.00 am Matins (Book of Common Prayer) or Special Service occasions as announced.

We hope this simplified pattern and changed timings will be easier to remember and help to make our services generally more accessible. This is how it looks for the month of March:-

1 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion(BCP) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
	10 am	All Age Service(CW) – followed by refreshments
8 March	11 am	Holy Communion(CW) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
15 March	11 am	Holy Communion(CW) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
22 March	11 am	Holy Communion(CW) – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
29 March	11 am	Matins(BCP) – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

The Rev'd Pam will be taking all these services except Matins on March 29, when our good friend Matthew Radford, a Reader from Danbury Parish Church, will lead our worship.

#### LENT COURSE (See Rev'd Pam's message above)

We are, for the first time, able to offer an opportunity in East Han-ningfield for an informal Lent study group, meeting in homes, and to which anyone, church member or not, is welcome to come. It will run from 1<sup>st</sup> March for 5 sessions, meeting on Sundays at 5.00 pm, and lasting an hour or so (say to 6.30 pm at the latest). The first session will be held at 3, The Old Rectory in Abbey Fields. Please contact the Rev'd Pam if you would like to come so that she can reserve a course handbook for you, **or** if you want to find out a bit more about it before deciding (tel:01277 841179). *(And if you read this just too late for the first session, please still give Pam a call!)*.

PRAYER REQUESTS (See Rev'd Pam's message above)

Initially there will be a simple list at the back of the church for names or topics to be added as you arrive for a service, and any such requests will be included in that day's Intercessions. Requests for the following week can be added after the service before you leave. Later on we plan to make individual Prayer Request cards available for wider community use. Watch out for details.

#### SPECIAL SERVICE OCCASIONS COMING UP

22 March	11 am	Mothering Sunday – A service not only for mothers but for all who are engaged in care, with Holy Communion
5 April	10 am	Palm Sunday – An All Age service, followed by refreshments
10 April	12Noon	Good Friday – A service for quiet reflection – until 1 pm
12 April	11 am	Easter Day – A service for joyful celebration, with Holy Communion

#### ADVANCE NOTICE OF EVENTS

April 24 – 7.45 pm – Church Annual General Meeting in the Committee Room, Village Hall  
July 3 – 6.00 pm – Open Garden at The Limes on The Tye

RETURNING TO THE SPRING THEME..... we would welcome anyone who would like to come and help with giving the church a spring clean in preparation for Easter on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00 am. An hour of your time (*including* tea/coffee break!), and the help of your hands, would make a big difference.

AND FINALLY .....don't forget you can look us up on the village diary web site for more information which we update every month – [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/) and click on All Saints

Stan Gordon – Tel: 01245 400298

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

During last term we had our OFSTED and Diocesan inspections. "A tremendous commitment to do what is best for all pupils" (OFSTED report September 2009)

"Outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners" (The National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (report October 2009))

The OFSTED report rated the behaviour of the pupils, their enjoyment of lessons, the care, guidance and support they receive, the personal development of pupils and the governing body all as outstanding, which is the highest grading inspectors can give. All other areas were rated as good- the next highest grading.

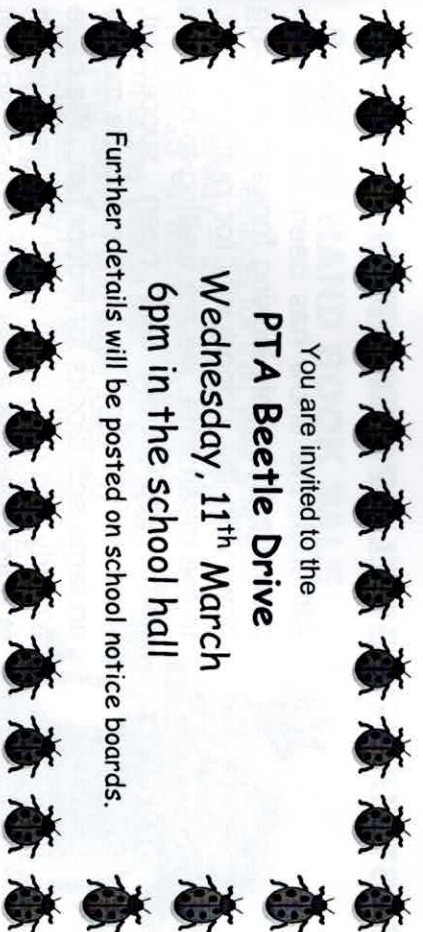
As illustrated by the OFSTED comment "Pupils respond extremely well to the nurturing approach of teachers, learning support assistants and midday supervisors, alike." the quality of a school is a team effort and we thank all the parents for their cooperation and contributions to our school.

(The full report is on the OFSTED and school websites).

The National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools report recognised the management and leadership of our school and its distinctiveness and effectiveness as a church school as good.

"It is a community in which all members are valued and relationships are based on respect and tolerance... They (the staff) are an effective team and provide excellent role models for the children" (The full report is available on [www.natsoc.org.uk](http://www.natsoc.org.uk))

We are delighted that the reports recognised our achievements and agreed with our next areas of development, namely the pupils' thinking and problem solving skills, the further development of the outdoor space for the early years class and the remodelling of the school entrance and administrative areas.



You are invited to the

**PTA Beetle Drive**

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**6pm in the school hall**

Further details will be posted on school notice boards.

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Linda Findlay (Headteacher)

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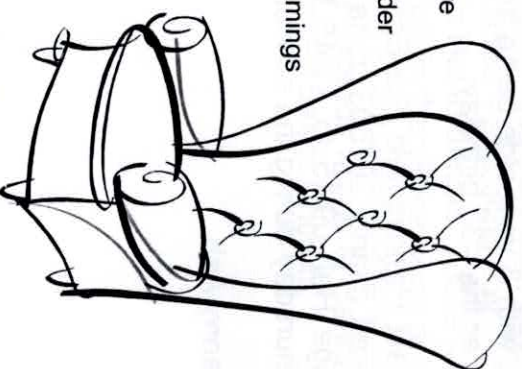
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL



Although the snow has been fun, the children are all keenly looking forward to spring now, with the opportunity for outdoor play. In the mean time, we are waiting to hear if a grant application has been successful, which would allow us to spend some money on large soft blocks for indoor fun. We have already had one small grant this year, which is going towards a play microphone, so that the children can record their voices on the computer & play them back to hear how they sound to others.

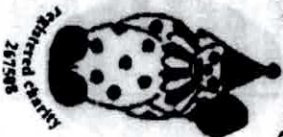
A big thank you to the Hanningfield Wives, who recently donated the last of the money raised from their calendar to the pre-school. This will make a big difference to the school in such financially hard times.

Although the register is filling up, we do still have some places available at the pre-school. We take children from age 2 to under 5, with 3 year olds being funded by the government from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

East Hanningfield Pre-School, registered charity 267508, runs at the Village Hall 09:15 to 11:45 Monday to Thursday during the school term.

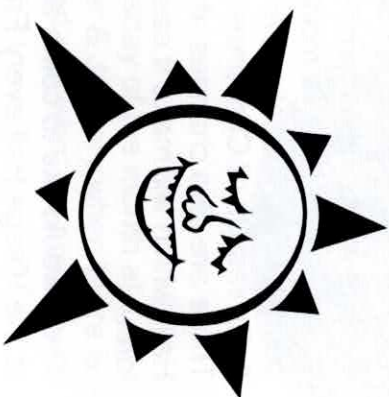
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East Hanningfield  
Pre-School

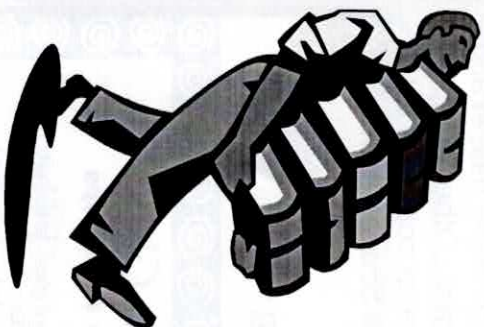


## VILLAGE FETE 2009 & SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Planning meetings for this year's fete are underway – the next one is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the upstairs meeting room at the village hall. Do consider coming along if you have ideas to contribute, help to offer or are interested in running a stall; or contact me by phone or email. Although the fete is not until **12<sup>th</sup> September** (please put it on your calendar!), we are already booking attractions to entertain you again.



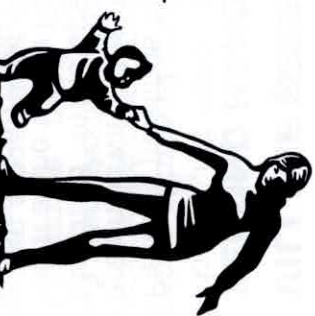
If you can't wait until September to offload all those paperbacks that are crowding your bookshelves, there's good news! We are holding a second hand book sale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, from 10 – 12.30 in the upstairs meeting room. Browse, buy, enjoy a cup of coffee – and bring any books you would like to donate. There will also be a book bin in the village shop during the week prior to the sale to collect unwanted books. Proceeds will go to Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church.



Jackie Feehan 400862  
jackie@feehan.vispa.com



## HANNA'S TOTS



These are busy times at Hanna's Tots. We have had to re-arrange the layout to accommodate all the new mums & babies. New equipment is due this month, bought with a combination of local authority grant money & the results of Christmas fundraising.

There are also changes afoot in the Village Hall, which will make it easier to access & store all the toys in the loft.

If you would like to come along to a session, 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 are also open in the school holidays, when older siblings are welcome to join in too. 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 (ideal for grandparents expecting visitors) and a small bouncy castle.

Jenny Ash 400090



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## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.



2009 started off well with our New Year lunch for members and guests. We had a very amusing speaker & the afternoon was much enjoyed. A forward note for your diary, we will be holding our Bring & Buy Charity Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 8th. April at 10.30am.

We meet in our hall on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 2pm with the exception of August, December & January when there is a slight variation. Why not come along and see what we are about? You will be most welcome.  
Give me a call anytime

Lilian Crace 400288

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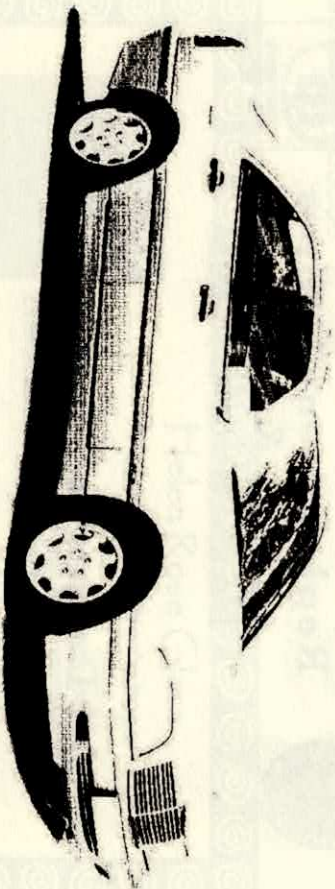
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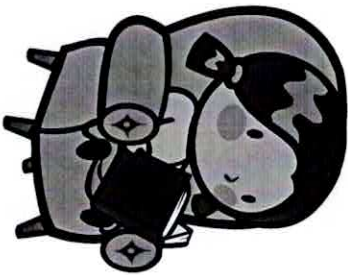




## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at karen.plumridge@brinternet.com or 2 Clinton Close.

### Copy date for the next edition is Friday 14th. August.



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Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628

## FRONT COVER

Why were we standing in the Village Hall cupboard with the Chairman of the County Council? Hanna's Field Charity had received a grant from the County Council's Community Initiatives Fund to build a staircase to make the loft space accessible for storage and convert an old shower room into storage for the Bowls Club. This has made storage space in the Hall much easier to use. Chairman, Cllr. Elizabeth Hart came along to the Village Hall open morning on 14th. March to mark the completion of the works. She also visited the Book Sale taking place that morning in the first floor meeting room.

The lower photo shows some of the volunteers who joined in the Village Tidy-up on Saturday 9th. May.

## PARISH COUNCIL

In the last News I mentioned the vacancy for a councillor. This was filled at the meeting at the end of March when Paul Garner was co-opted on to the Council.

I also mentioned the photograph to be taken for the Essex Chronicle regular "Village of the Week" article. The East Hanningfield pages appeared in the 19th. March edition. If you missed it you can still see it on the Chronicle's website at <http://www.thisistalessex.co.uk/villageoftheweek.html>

Don't forget one of the rare visits of the "Saturday Standouts" for recyclable items will be on **20th. June from 7.45-8.45am**. This is your chance to get rid of your old TVs, furniture, fridges and so on. The only other dates this year will be **12th. September (Fete Day) 7.45-8.45am** and **24th. October 11.15am-12.15pm**.

Despite a forecast of rain the weather remained dry but cool for the Village Tidy-up on 9th. May, so no sun tans this year. A good turnout meant that the work was done quickly. Unfortunately, litter was found to have been dropped in the Village Hall Chase and on the path across the playing field within a couple of hours!

A new addition to the furnishings of the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall is a photograph of a committee established to organise the parish celebrations for the jubilee of George V. Gill Gordon, our local history recorder, has researched the records to identify all but one of those portrayed. Have a look next time you are there, perhaps at the next Book Sale, or see it on line in **Photographic Archive** under **Study Resources** on the Parish Council's website. If you have some interesting historic photographs of the parish and would be prepared to allow them to be published on the website please forward them to me with a description. Please write your name and address on the back of any photo you would like returned. I should hate to mislay someone's family heirloom.

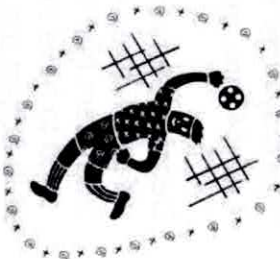


Earlier this year PC revived the old custom of walking all the foot-paths in the parish. This is to make sure that they all still useable, and if not to deal with the problem locally or pass it the County Council for resolution. There are still some copies of the Parish Walks packs left, so if you have arrived in the parish since they were first distributed and would like a pack, please let me know.



We have been allocated dates for the sports coaching sessions during the school summer holidays for children aged 6 to 14 years. These will be multi-sports sessions on the playing field if the weather is fine but in the sports hall if it is raining. Please remember that it gets very hot on the playing field in the August sun so children should come ready plastered with sunscreen and should have a bottle of water with them,

which they should take home afterwards or deposit in a bin if empty. I mention it only because some managed to leave behind their rubbish at previous sessions. The dates are **Monday, 3rd,** **Tuesday 11th. & Tuesday 18th. August** all from 9.30am to 12noon. Playscheme dates are awaited but will be publicised on the website and noticeboards when known.



Parish Council Meetings continue to be held on Thursdays, the next three being 25th. June, 23rd. July and 20th. August. Agendas are published three clear days beforehand and appear on the noticeboards and the website. They are public meetings so you may come along and listen to the whole meeting and participate during Public Question Time.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628  
[www.essexinfo.net/leasthanningfieldparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/leasthanningfieldparishcouncil)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The NW organisation now has coordinators for most streets in the village (19 in all) but we need co-ordinators for Bicknacre Road and Nicholson Close and would like to hear from anyone willing to look after these locations.

There has been a number of attempted/successful burglaries in the village over the last month or so which hopefully most people will have made aware of via their street coordinator and so perhaps its timely to include in this issue of the News a top tips list of dos and don'ts. If you aren't sure how to contact your local NW coordinator go on the Parish Council website where you will find the details about the NW organisation in East Hanningfield.

The NW meet in the Village Hall Meeting Room at about 3 monthly intervals and usually with a representative of the police present to provide an update on local crime and related issues. The next NW meeting will be in the Village Hall Meeting Room at 8pm on Tuesday 9 June. If you are interested in knowing more about NW come along to the meeting.

Geoff Dickman /Mike Plumridge

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - TEN TOP TIPS

1. Fit sturdy deadlocks to external doors and strong locks to windows, and make sure they are locked at all times.
2. Fit a door chain where possible, and use it!
3. Always remove all keys from inside locks, and **keep them hidden out of sight** in a safe place.
4. Never leave a spare key in a convenient and obvious hiding place.
5. Mark your property (Martin Harcourt-Williams has the kit), so the Police can identify ownership of stolen property, including bicycles.



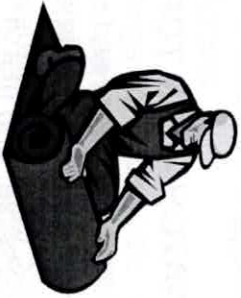
6. Lock your back or side gate at night, or when away from your property! **And remember that thieves prefer to enter via the back of a house, where they can't be seen.**
7. Install outside security lighting - back and front. If other people can see your property a burglar might think twice.
8. Keep your tools and ladders securely locked-up.
9. When out in the evenings, leave your lights on.
10. **And when on holiday, don't forget to cancel newspapers and milk. If mail is visible ask a neighbour to remove it on a daily basis. Don't leave curtains drawn! Also leave your contact details with a neighbour.**



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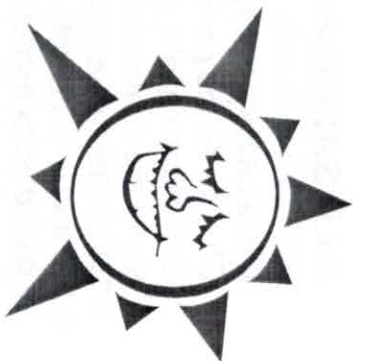
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## VILLAGE FETE 2009

This year's fete is now less than four months away! We have already secured some good prizes for this year's draw, and the programme of events is taking shape. What we need now are volunteers to help on the day. Many people who ran stalls last year will be doing so again, and would be happy to have additional support, so could you consider giving an hour or so to selling books or cakes, for example? Or, if you would prefer to spend the afternoon being entertained, then why not come and give us a hand setting up in the morning - or clearing up at the end of the day? The more the merrier (and faster)! And if you have a new idea for stall, we have space to accommodate you. Please support us!

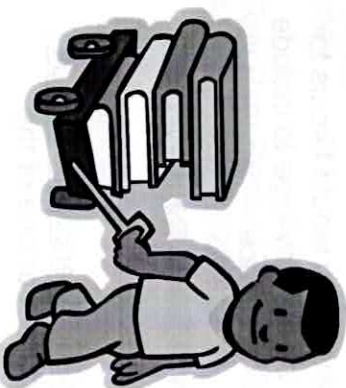


Jackie Feehan 400862

[Jackie@feehan.vispa.com](mailto:Jackie@feehan.vispa.com)

## BOOK SALE

There will be another sale of nearly new books on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June in the upstairs meeting room at the Village Hall, from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available. Please look for the box for any donations in the shop during the week prior to the sale. Proceeds to Hanna's Field Charity & All Saints' Church.





## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH—FROM REVd PAM

It is a privilege for All Saints' Church, as the parish church of East Hanningfield, to be able to serve the community of the village. One of the ways we believe we can do this is to be able to offer prayers to God on behalf of the people of the village. Each Sunday at our morning service our prayers include committing different needs in the world to God; the needs can be global, local and personal. We do not necessarily know the answer to each need but we do believe that, as we pray, we are committing our human concerns to God who loves us and placing them into His hands and care. We also believe that when we pray we are meeting God and expressing faith in Christ who is also continually praying for us.



Any one of us may find ourselves in a situation where there is nothing else we can do except to pray or we may be at a point where we cannot pray ourselves and need others to do this for us. If you have a need or concern which you would like us to offer to God on your behalf it would be our privilege to include it in our prayers in the Sunday morning service.

We have a number of ways in which requests for prayer can be taken:

- They can be emailed to: [ehparishprayer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ehparishprayer@yahoo.co.uk)
- Or they can be phoned to Revd Pam or one of the

- churchwardens (see contact details below)  
Or we have a sheet at the back of the church each Sunday morning where requests can be written before the service and included in the prayers that day.

**Practical details:**  
We always use just the first name of the person or the first name and initial of surname if the prayer is for a person. You may add a short phrase to clarify their situation if you want. If a person to be prayed for lives in the local community would you please make sure they are happy for their name/concern to be offered in prayers in the church. It is also useful to know whether the request is a 'long term' need or an 'immediate' need and we are pleased to know any changes or progress which take place. If you want, your request can also be printed in our Pew Leaflet which goes into many homes in the village and can be used in private prayer.

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH PRAYER REQUEST

Name of person to be prayed for .....

Situation (optional).....

Long term/Immediate care (please delete as appropriate)

Please include in the next Pew Leaflet

Yes/No (please delete as appropriate)

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Mobile: 07974-622-412

Email: [pencof.pam@btinternet.com](mailto:pencof.pam@btinternet.com)





## From the Churchwardens

Just a reminder of our 'new' monthly service pattern –

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 am	All Age Service (CW) – followed by refreshments
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) – followed by refreshments
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11.00 am	Variable. Likely to be 'something different'

## Enhanced hearing system for those with hearing aids and able to switch to 'T', at all services and events in the Church

### Holiday cover for the Rev'd Pam –

We welcome Rev'd Sandy Southee from St Mary's Great Baddow to take our Holy Communion Services on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am and again on 5<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30 am. Also Rev'd Ann Kosla returns once more to take our All Age Service on 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 am. We are more than grateful to both of them for squeezing us into their already well-filled work schedules.

**N.B.** Whilst Pam is away, please do not hesitate to contact either of us (as below) if there is any matter which we can look at for you before she returns.

### We look forward to seeing you at the following summer events

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm – "Music for a Summer's Evening"**, in Church. Light music, including Gershwin as well as classical, provided for your enjoyment by choir and instrumentalists both young and a bit older.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 6pm to 8pm - Open Garden at the The Limes**, on The Tye, in aid of church funds. Enjoy a glass of 'bubbly' to sip as you wander, or just relax on a garden seat. – always a very pleasant evening at the end of a busy week. Plants for sale, raffle, and cake stall

**Don't forget you can find us at any time at -**  
[www.essexinfo.net/leasthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/](http://www.essexinfo.net/leasthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/) for the latest information on what's happening and when, updated each month. Simply click on '[All Saints](#)'.

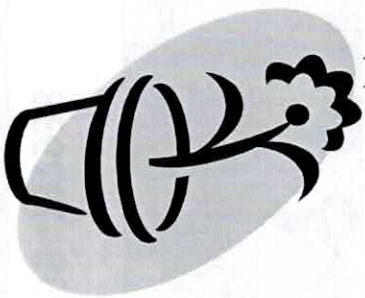
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## BETHEL CHURCH NEWS



At Bethel, we support a childrens charity called Kids Alive. They have opened several orphanages around the world, giving love, shelter and food for hundreds of children. Next April we will be sending a group of 22 from Bethel, out to Kenya to carry out a work programme in an orphanage north of Nairobi. Each individual will be funding themselves through sponsorship and as a church we will be raising the necessary funds to pay for the materials that we need for the project.

If you would like to know more about Kids Alive, please go to [www.kidsaliveuk.org](http://www.kidsaliveuk.org)

**We also extend a warm welcome to you - to join us at any of the following dates:**

### What's On?

- Tuesday 26 May - Ladies Coffee Morning (10:00am)
- Saturday 13 June - Café Bar (11:00am to 1:00pm)
- Saturday 27 June - Garden Party (3:00pm to 7:00pm)
- Tuesday 30 June - Ladies Coffee Morning (10:00am)
- Saturday 18 July - Café Bar (11:00am to 1:00pm)
- Tuesday 28 July - Ladies Coffee Morning (10:00am)
- Saturday 01 August - Mens Breakfast (8:45am)
- Saturday 15 August - Café Bar (11:00am to 1:00pm)
- Tuesday 25 August - Ladies Coffee Morning (10:00am)
- Sunday 30 August - Church Picnic (1:00pm at Hanna's Field)

### Regular Meetings:

- Tuesday - Ladies Meeting 10:30am, Prayer Meeting 1:30pm and 7:30pm
- Thursday - Bible Study 7:30pm
- Sunday - Family Worship 10:45am



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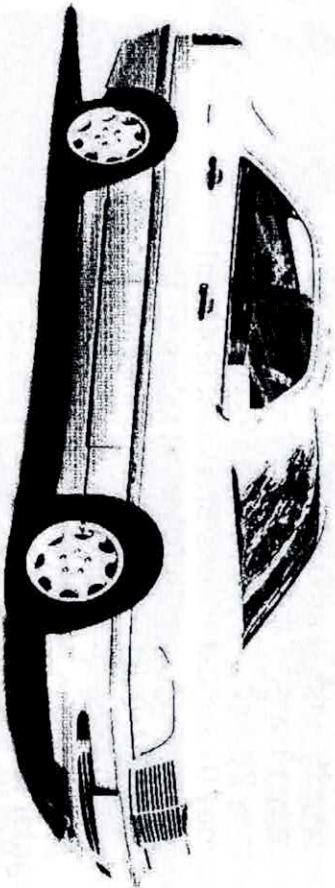


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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again we are in the busiest term of the year. Our oldest class enjoys their week's residential journey to the Isle of Wight. Other highlights of the term include Book Week, Junior Music Festival and the chance to compete in seasonal sports, including cricket and athletics against other schools in the area.



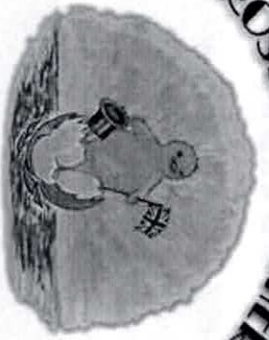
Please join us at our  
**Safari Summer Fete**  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 5-8pm**

Why not have tea here whilst watching gym and dance displays and listening to the choir?

Our Open Evening is on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm. This is primarily an opportunity for our pupils to show their parents and other family members the school and what they have been doing. However we also extend an invitation to other local families who may wish their children to come to the school in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you in July.  
Linda Findlay (headteacher)





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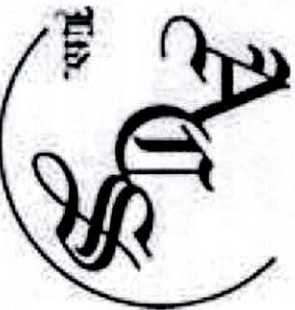
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## **PARISH PLANNING—Out of the mouths of babes!**

As part of the commitment to involve as many parts of the community as possible in the Parish Plan I had the great pleasure of spending an afternoon at the village school. Following an invitation through the Governors I was made welcome by the Head Mrs Linda Findlay and met with representatives from each class through the school council. Each class had previously been invited to consider what they value in the village and what they would like to be changed. I was excited by their enthusiasm and the fact that their thoughts are not that different from the adults on many matters. I was heartened by the value they placed on the countryside surrounding the village and their concern for the wildlife. They appreciate what has been done with the opening of the post office / shop, the new equipment in the play area and availability of Hanna's Field with the football, tennis pitches etc.

There were multiple requests for additional equipment in the play area with quite specific requests i.e. Monkey Bars, Hamster Wheel and return of the old wooden climbing frame!

However all was not positive and there was unhappiness at the non-availability of organised sports (football, cricket, angling and horse riding), coaching and scouts/guides in the village. I was particularly saddened by the fact that none of the children knew the village had a cricket pitch let alone a team! No wonder village cricket teams are struggling for players. Some of the children are pursuing these interests but only by having to travel outside the local area?

Finally the one sad comment for me was that two groups asked if we could ensure the police catch the robbers who come when they are asleep!

Overall the children were a credit to the school and their parents and I welcome the opportunity of doing something further with them in the future.

The questionnaire is now finished and a field testing exercise completed. We are intending to print and distribute the completed questionnaire in the coming months.

Stephen Snewin

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Charity is responsible for the running of the Village Hall and Playing Fields for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of East Hanningfield. The Charity was set up over twenty five years ago to ensure the Village Hall and Sports Facilities are kept in perpetuity for the benefit of the villagers. The Charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners and has a number of Trustees representing the hall users and other village Trustees who are elected annually. The Charity is required to hold an Annual Meeting at which the beneficiaries of the Charity are able to question the Trustees on the running of the Charity. This year the AGM was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April and I must assume that we are running the



Charity to your satisfaction as only one member of the public came to the meeting. I have included my Annual Report in this edition of the Hanningfield News to ensure that all villagers hear about the Charity's achievements of the last year and some of our plans for the new year. If you would like to know more about the charity or would like to get involved please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee.

Colin Warren,

Chairman Hanna's Field Charity  
01245 401050 [cwarren132@aol.com](mailto:cwarren132@aol.com)



### Hanna's Field Charity Chairman's report to the 2009 AGM

The last year has been a successful year for the Charity. We were rewarded in our bid to the Communities Initiative Fund with



a grant of £6,000 which enabled us to install a proper staircase to give safe access to the upstairs storage area and convert the old former changing room to provide a dedicated secure storage area for the East Hanningfield Short Mat Bowls Club. We have not given up looking for funding for our ambitious project to build a community suite above the small hall but it is proving to be hard to raise the required funds.

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 would like to thank Paul Garner, who has recently left the committee, for all his hard work on behalf of the Charity, particularly in providing drawings and proposals to support our numerous grant applications.

I am also very grateful to Dawn & Terry Mills who maintain the Hall and organise the bookings. The Essex Probation Service continued their work with us which enabled the Charity to maintain the Hall and grounds for the benefit of all villagers.

It is good that the Village Shop and Post Office continue to survive. If we are to retain the Post Office in the village it is essential that we all use the facility.

The Annual Art Show continued as a major fund raising event exhibiting works from over 80 artists and raising over £1,300. This year's Art Show will be on the Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

The Village Fete, a joint venture with All Saints Church, was very successful raising over £3,500 under the new Chairmanship of

Jackie Feehan and also providing a fun event for all the villagers. It was good that the event was also supported by several of our local businesses. This year's fete will be on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The Charity also jointly organised with the Parish Council a Village Barn Dance which was a well attended and fun event dancing to Lyckerty Splyt.

The Charity have used some of the funds raised this year to re-equip the upstairs meeting room with new furniture which will provide a more comfortable environment and hopefully encourage greater use of the facility. We are obtaining estimates for the main hall floor to be resurfaced and hope to replace the floor in the coming year.

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

If you are 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>

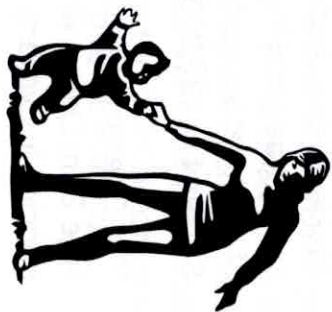
If there are any questions I will do my best to answer them

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## HANNA'S TOTS

Spring has blown in and brought with a renewed burst of energy from our children on a Friday morning. Also, a spate of birthdays meant a lot of cake has been consumed!



We continue to thrive and are always ready to welcome new visitors, as well as old friends. We will be sorry to lose Jenny and Henry, but Rose and I will try to keep things running to her high standards over the next year! If anyone is interested in helping to run the toddler group, please speak to one of us. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WI

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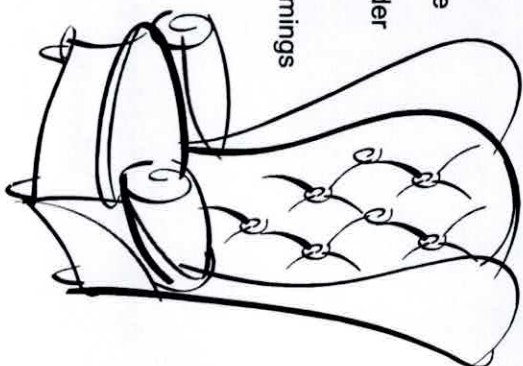
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# EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS

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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

Thank you to all the contributors who answered the call to submit their copy early, so that I could give my attention to the expected arrival of my first grandson over the weekend of 15th./16th. August.



I had thought that there was going to be a new Editor taking over for this edition: hence the bad timing of the copy-date, but increased work commitments meant that she had to withdraw her offer to become Editor. PC is therefore looking again for a new Editor.

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## Copy date for the next edition is Saturday 14th. November.

Earlier submission is welcome. Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or 2 Clinton Close.

Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628

## FRONT COVER

Mr. Punch along with Judy and the ghost will be returning to the Fete at Hanna's Field on 12th. September. They will be appearing at 2.15pm. See the centre pages for more Fete information.

## PARISH COUNCIL

From the beginning of this year there has been a requirement for the Parish Council to publish many of its documents. This has been done by uploading them to the Council's website. These documents include minutes, agenda, policy documents, standing orders and audit documents. One of the more recent documents to be published was the Annual Report for 2008-9, which includes the Chairman's report and the receipts and payments account for the year. There are some paper copies left; please get in touch if you would like one.

Copies of the EH News from the last five years are also on the website plus the oldest editions from 1974 and 1975 for local history enthusiasts.

The inspection of all the public footpaths in the parish took longer than expected, but has now been completed. It has been decided that for this year efforts will be concentrated on the four walks in the published Parish Walks pack. If you would like to join the team working on the footpaths, please get in touch with Peter Applegate on 400773. Forthcoming projects will include erecting fingerposts, clearing undergrowth, installing way-markers and repairing stiles and bridges. As PC is a member of the County Parish Paths Partnership, the County Council funds the tools and materials for this work. If you encounter a problem on one of the public rights of way in the parish please let me know about it, and, if you can, please give the map co-ordinates to help identify the exact location of the problem.



If you are up very early on Fete Day, **Saturday, 12th. September**, you will be able to catch one of the visits of the "Saturday Standouts" for recyclable items, between **7.45am and 8.45am**, at the Village Hall car park.



The next visit after that will be on **24th. October** at the more se-  
date time of **11.15am-12.15pm.**

On a sunny Monday morning in mid-August you might have seen four people wandering around the village in hi-vis jackets and carrying clipboards. This was a site meeting between PC and County Highways officers to run through all the road and footway problems in the village. Simple matters like damaged or missing signs and potholes were put on the works list, but more serious issues will require further investigation. One of the matters discussed was the anomalous situation of the 40mph speed limit for part of Old Church Road. The County officers had experienced a near miss themselves in Old Church Road beside the numbered houses so were already aware of the speed problem. They are going to undertake a speed census and traffic count there shortly. The dangers for pedestrians walking along the Common and along the road southward from the Old Forge were also discussed.

Please note that although the September and October PC Meetings will be on the usual fourth Thursday of the month, the November Meeting will be on 19th, which is the third Thursday and the December Meeting on the 10th, which is the second Thursday. If you are unsure of dates of future Meetings you can check them on the website on the Agenda page or on the Meeting Schedule posted on the noticeboards.

PC Meetings are open to the public and shortly after the opening of each Meeting there is a Public Question Time when residents may speak on matters of local concern or ask questions. Now that the meeting room has new furniture, meetings there are quite a comfortable experience, so why not come along?

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council 400628  
www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/

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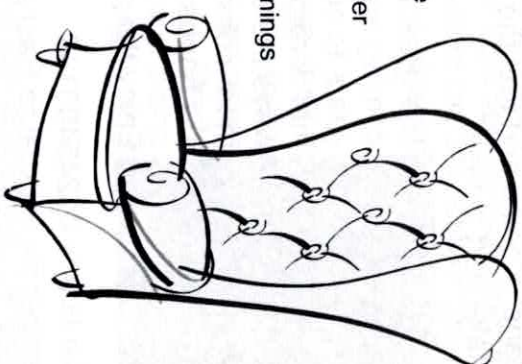
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## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE**

I have not involved myself too closely with the Parish Plan as elected members should make way for new blood in this project and for new ideas especially from my grandchildren's generation, but I do thank the officers and members of the committee for keeping me informed. Thank you all for filling up you questionnaires and let us ensure that future development is in line with the general desire and not imposed or inflicted from 'above'.

The concept of a Parish Plan is that all residents especially the young, and the School is very much involved, should consider how the village should grow and coolly and from an informed base lay out a blue print. The alternative is to wait for a planning application and then to support or oppose it. When this happens the whole process becomes clouded by issues with which we are all too familiar. Firstly the applicant has no idea what the aspirations of the residents are. Secondly the personalities of the individuals who are stakeholders in the application seem to bear more relevance than the details of the plan itself! As I know from some experience. In addition to this someone moving into the village knows where the village is going and that the residents are involved, so do continue to take part please.



It is great to see so many community events coming and new ones being planned for the years to come with some new blood involved, that is exciting, the familiar faces are in many ways the backbone to the village but we need more community involvement from the young and it is happening.

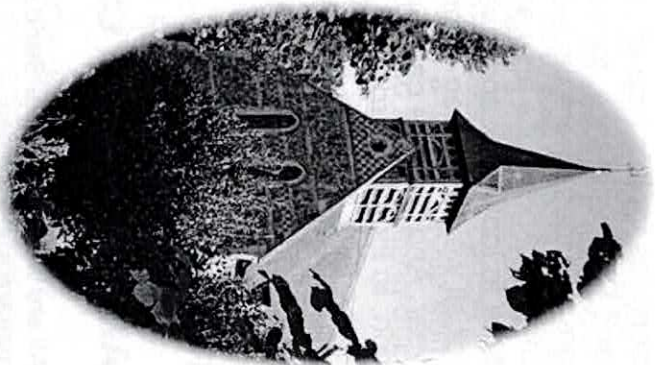
Enjoy the summer! Best wishes to all

Mike Harris 01245400142

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## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH— FROM REVVD PAM**

As this November comes around I realise I have been priest in East Hanningfield for one year. This has been a year when I have learnt about the village, its community, its school and especially its church. I am getting to know the children and staff in the school through visits and also in the pre-school where I read a story to the children now and again. I have visited a number of people in their homes and enjoyed a cup of tea with them – and would be delighted to accept any more invitations. I have also been allowed the privilege of sharing both joys and sorrows with people.



In the church we are enjoying a growing choir (numerically rather than bodily!), learning new songs and now have a music group which plays at the, somewhat informal, All Age service each month. We have all benefited from the involvement in the services of the children who come with their enthusiasm, curiosity and eagerness to take part.

We have worked to make children welcome at all our services and have now renovated the Children's Corner at the back of the church and added a quantity of soft toys (which I am beginning to suspect appeal to the old as well as to the young...). We have made a bit more space in the church so we can enjoy chatting after the service and can welcome and get to know newcomers and visitors to our services.

As we now turn our thoughts to autumn we are planning our special



services for this time of the year – Harvest and Remembrance, for example. These are services where we look back and give thanks. And so it's also an appropriate time to look back and give thanks to God for all we have been given over the past year. And then we can turn, with anticipation, to look forward to all that God will do in the year to come.

With our prayers for you,

Reverend Pam Pennell



## AND FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS

All are welcome to our Sunday services which follow the monthly pattern shown below -

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10. am	All Age Service (CW) – followed by refreshments
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11 am	Holy Communion (CW)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11 am	Holy Communion (CW) – followed by refreshments
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11 am	Holy Communion (CW)
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11 am	Variable. Likely to be 'something different'

*Enhanced hearing system for those with hearing aids and able to switch to 'T', at all services and events in the Church*

Would you like to receive our free monthly leaflet through your letter box with full details of the month's activities and church news? Telephone or e-mail Ron Attenborough as shown below, and we'll include you in our monthly delivery round.

In the last issue we invited you to our annual “**Music for a Summer's Evening**”, in Church on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for coming – all 100 of you including those taking part. Some say it was the best yet – and so it probably was, with flutes, guitars, oboe, recorders, organ and piano played by a wide age range, along with catchy songs from members of our school choir and a young group from Boreham Church backed up by percussion, and not forgetting our enhanced church choir's finale of “Two by two...”

The free refreshments seemed to go down well after all that. See you there next year?

Our thanks go to those who attended the “**Open Garden at The Limes**” on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Despite counter attractions of Andy Murray's titanic semi-final and the School Fete, we were delighted that over £600 was raised for Church funds.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am when we shall be supporting our school's project for “Harvest for the Hungry”.

**St Luke's Day** service is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am with the theme of healing.

**Remembrance Day** service is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 10.50 am with an Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial in front of the Church.

**Don't forget you can find us at any time at -**  
[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/)

**- for the latest information on what's happening and when, updated each month**

**Simply click on 'All Saints'.**

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This year's art exhibition was once again organised by Wendy Thomas and Jenny Mouser ably assisted by a number of their friends and family and raised just short of £1,200. Thanks are due to everybody who supported the event including the artists who painted the pictures and the visitors who purchased them.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July I attended the Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony of the Rural Community Council of Essex at Channels Golf Club. The Committee who run the village hall were awarded a Hallmark 1 Quality Standard Certificate by Nick Shuttleworth Executive Director of the RCCE.



This year's village fete is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the separate article and advert for more information on the fete which this year will see the return of all your favourite stalls and one or two new ones.

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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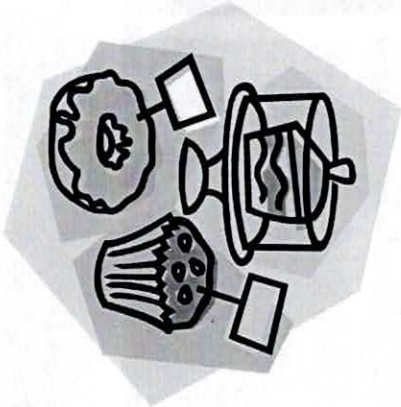
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## VILLAGE FETE 2009

If you enjoyed the village fete last year, please come and join us again on September 12th from 1.30 onwards – and bring your friends!

If you haven't bought any tickets for the draw, please do – apart from the £150 first prize, there are lots of other great prizes to be won!



If you would like to help in any way, it's not too late to volunteer. And if you could make some cakes, donate some books (look out for the special bin at the shop) or tombola prizes, please get in touch.

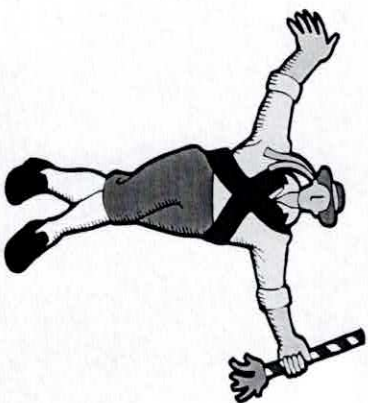
This year we welcome back some old favourites – Ali Barmy, Icenidog training, as well as a beer tent, barbeque, pony rides, stalls and swing boats – and look forward to being en-

tertained by Dark Horse Border Morris Men. And there's an inflatable bungee run for those who want a challenge!

How can you consider being anywhere else but Hanna's Field on Saturday 12th September?

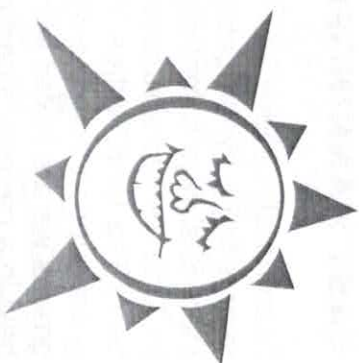
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## GRAND DRAW 2009

Every year as part of the Fete, we organise a Grand Draw with lots of prizes. In fact the draw is the biggest single profit making element of the Fete fundraising effort so it's important to try to sell as many tickets as possible.



We recognise that whilst not every one will be able to come to the Fete, nevertheless you might want to support the event. You can do this by purchasing tickets in the Grand Draw, so this year we have decided to deliver two books of tickets to every household in the parish with this newsletter.

We are asking all residents to support the event, and to buy draw tickets. This year there are well over £500 worth of great prizes to be won on the day - all donated by local businesses and residents.

So please buy some tickets – they are 50p each or £2.50 for a book. Return the counterfoils and money (we would prefer a cheque made out to **Hanna's Field Charity** rather than cash please) to either Mike Plumridge (Treasurer, Hanna's Field Charity), 2 Clinton Close, East Hanningfield (CM3 8AZ) or if it is more convenient, to Ash at the Village Shop. Please do this by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September so we can make sure all the tickets are in and folded ready for Saturday.

If you have items for the white elephant stall please contact me.

Mike Plumridge 400628  
Treasurer, Hanna's Field Charity





## EAST HANNINGFIELD WI

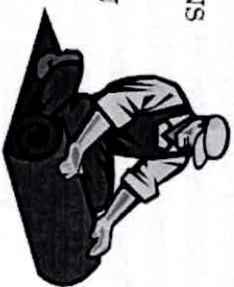
I can hardly believe how fast the year is flying by, probably because there is always something going on. In June we had a successful Strawberry Tea for 62 ladies. We get great support from the other five groups we are linked with. Our August meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> was held in a member's garden. In September we will hold our very popular "Spud and Pud" evening. Most meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm in our hall, but in January, August and December there is a slight change. So, if you are interested do give me a call.

Lilian Grace  
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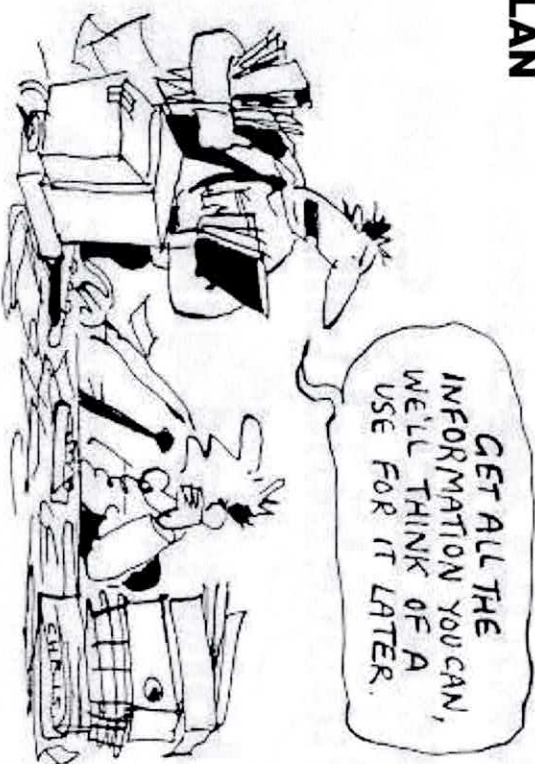
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## PARISH PLAN



We have now circulated the questionnaires by hand to all residential and work addresses in the Parish. We have all been amazed at the number of locations with no bells, knockers or post boxes! The committee are very grateful to the staff in the post office for helping to collect the completed forms. At the time of press we have had over 200 completed forms from the 700 circulated. According to evidence from the government a 20% return is the norm so we are doing very well!

The next step is to analyse the replies and to do this we are employing a professional organisation. This company will break the answers down by age, sex and location and present the results numerically and graphically. These can then be used in the report on the findings. The aim is that this will be completed over the holiday period. Our final task will then be to type up all the additional comments associated with the questions. Many thanks to all who have completed questionnaires and we wish everyone a happy summer.

Stephen Shewin



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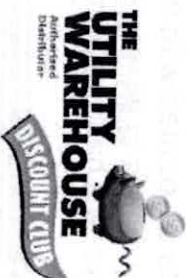
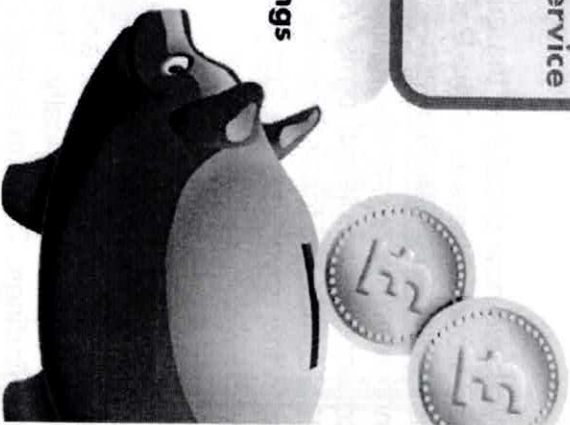
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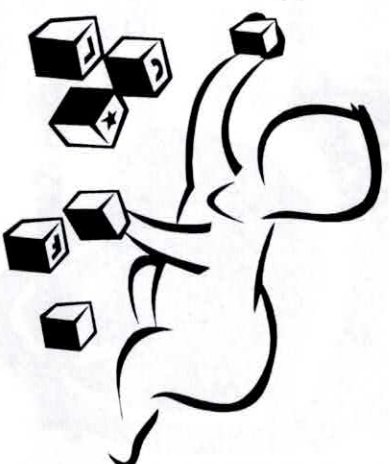
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### HANNA'S TOTS

We have had a wonderful summer, carrying on meeting through the break and making the most of the chance to relax and have a chat and a cuppa while our children enjoy playing together. Also, we are looking forward to some new arrivals over the next few months!



We are always grateful to those who stay and help tidy away the chaos every week – a big thank you! And anyone who wants to pop in early is welcome to help set up! Look forward to see you all, soon.



### PRESCHOOL

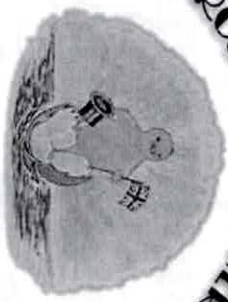
It's hard to believe that yet another year has passed and our oldest children are now embarking on exciting new journeys at 'Big School'. It's always sad to say goodbye to them, and we wish them all the best in the future.

We have a fun, new start this year, as we welcome back old faces and enjoy working and playing with new ones. There are still places available for this year, so please contact us if your child is over two.

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We wish our thirteen year 6 pupils leavers all the best for their future. They continue their education in six different secondary schools.

A big thank you for donating vouchers or book tokens and supporting our fund raising events! The supermarket vouchers and book tokens have been put to good use providing special extra equipment for class, library and play-ground .



Our PTA Summer Fete raised a record breaking £1,359.60. Money raised previously has funded the refurbishment of the slide equipment and the new safety surfaces. We are now hoping to complete the equipping of class 1's outside environment. Thank you for your part in enriching the children's school experiences.

The summer holiday gives children and staff a chance to catch up, relax and prepare for a new school year. It also allows for alterations to the school. You may notice more changes to the appearance of the school during the holiday when the single glazed windows and panels are replaced with new better insulated units.

In the term ahead our oldest class will be singing at the Royal Albert Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Barnardo's. Tickets are available from the Royal Albert Hall box office.

We look forward to welcoming back existing pupils and our new children on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Linda Findlay Headteacher





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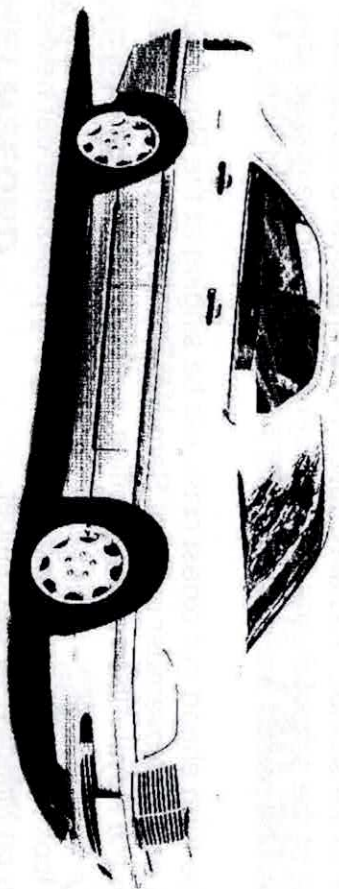


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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Recognising what's bogus!

We've been made aware of a suspicious person who called a member of the public and claimed to be doing a bus survey. The caller was very polite and asked the following questions.



Please could you give me your age? they then asked which age bracket you would fall in (46 - 60) (61 - 75) (76 - 85) or over.-The lady said the one that was relevant to her.

They then asked the age of her partner or anyone else in the house.

-She replied that no one else was in the house.

They then asked her what her income was and again this came in the same format as the age question.—The lady replied the amount she had.

They then asked if she lived alone.—She replied - Yes

Do you have any disabilities? - No

Do you use local buses? - Yes

What do you use buses for? - For shopping and to visit friends

How often do you use the buses? - Every week

Do you have a free bus pass or not? - Yes

When did you last use it and what time? - I used it Sunday as I usually go out to visit my friend every Sunday, I catch the 2pm bus and the get the 4.30 back home.

The lady was thanked for her time.

The lady then made a call to Neighbourhood Watch as she felt worried that she had given a total stranger too much information


No local bus companies are carrying out surveys over the phone.


As you can see from the above who ever made this call has now found out the following:


Her age - that she lives alone - her income - her disability - she is a bus user - the day she goes out and time she goes out.





Every year, millions of innocent people lose money to scams that come by post or phone such as fake lottery and prize draw wins, bogus psychic predictions and 'miracle' health cures. Avoid becoming a victim by following some simple tips.

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 Never ring a 090 number unless you're certain how much the call will cost and know what you are likely to receive.

 Never send money off in response to psychic mailings.

Identical letters predicting good or bad luck are sent to thousands of people.

If you suspect a scam, before sending any money call **Consumer Direct** for clear, practical advice on **08454 04 05 06**.

**Millennium crime**—There were three, night time car key crimes on 24 July in neighbouring parishes. In all cases unknown suspects gained entry to a secure property by forcing a door. The cost of the damaged varied between £100 and £1,000. In all cases they stole various items and a set of car keys. They then used the car keys to steal and drive away in a silver Nissan Navara, a BMW Series 3, and a BMW 520D. The estimated total value of the stolen items varied between £11,000 and the low five figures. This type of crime, known as Millennium burglary, is an ongoing problem in the Town and surrounding area. Always keep your keys (car and house keys) somewhere safe and out of sight. Take your house and car keys upstairs when you go to bed.

Dc Guy Pearcy said: "In a significant number of night-time burglaries, criminals gain entry to the property through an insecure uPVC door. The all too common scenario is that members of the public retire to bed with a shut front door and the handle pulled up which engages the five or so extra locks along the sides and top and bottom of the door. However, unless the key is then used to lock the door, engaging these extra locks into place, then the door is NOT fully secure. Unfortunately, this simple act of not locking the door from inside can leave your property vulnerable to criminals."

**Village Crime**—Two houses were burgled on the Tye in August.

[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfield/parishcouncil/neighbourhood\\_watch](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfield/parishcouncil/neighbourhood_watch)

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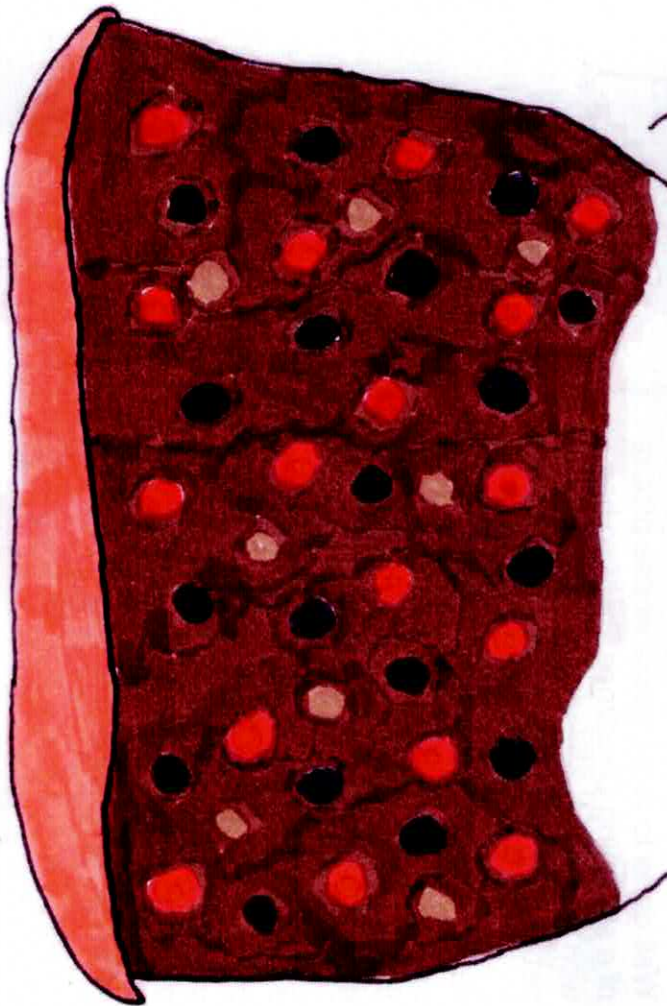
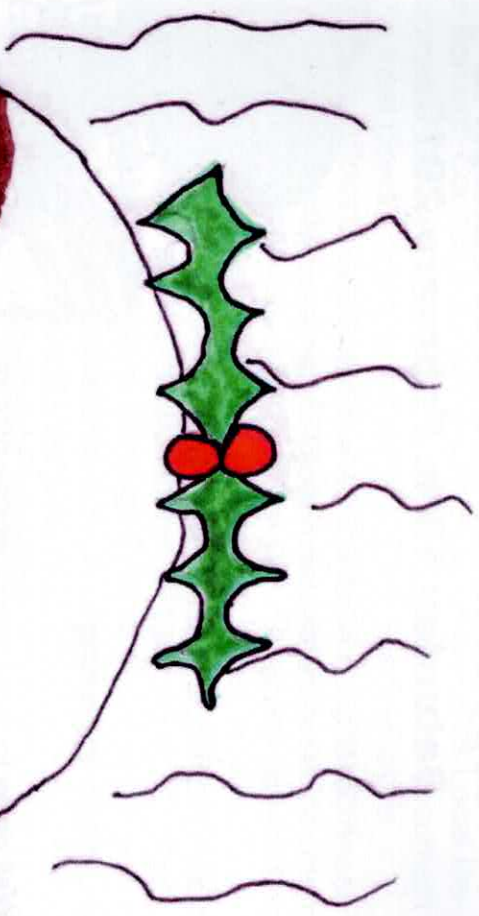
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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628

## FRONT COVER

Well done to Anna Lewis whose picture of a steaming Christmas Pudding has won this years Christmas Cover Competition.



Congratulations too, to the runners-up whose pictures are on the back cover. There were 44 entries to the Competition this year and the quality of the pictures was really impressive, making judging a difficult task.

A few of the non-winning entries are dotted around the pages of the magazine. Unfortunately there isn't room for all of them. Thank you to everyone who submitted entries: you all did very well. And, thank you to East Hanningfield Primary School for participating again.

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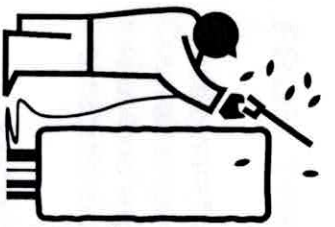
If you would like to get involved with the Parish Paths Team please contact Peter Applegate on 400773. The Team is going to be erecting fingerposts, strimming weeds, repairing bridges and generally improving our parish footpath network as a leisure resource and as a means for pedestrians to get from A to B.

The Borough Council is currently consulting on five of its Local Development Framework (planning policy) documents. The document of the most direct interest to residents of East Hanningfield is called **Site Allocations**. It covers such topics as the industrial area, the protected lane, a site for affordable housing and the defined settlement boundary (village envelope). There are no specific sites allocated for gypsy/travellers but there is a "call for sites", which is a request for proposals for sites. The five documents will be available to view at an exhibition in the Village Hall on Monday 7th. December from 2.30-4pm. Borough Council planning officers will be present to answer questions. You can also find the documents on the Borough Council's website [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk) by clicking on *Local Development Framework*.

The Parish Council, working with Martyn Gard, has been consulting the residents who use the access to the Gard site with a view to improving safety for pedestrians using the Tye footpath. If you are walking from the direction of the Church you cannot see vehicles coming from Gards and their drivers can't see you until you are crossing the access. PC and Martyn Gard hope to improve visibility and slow down vehicles leaving the site. In the meantime, please be aware of the danger. When delivering the letters to the residents, I was crossing the access when a Parcel Force van appeared coming towards me at great speed and it was only my fleet of foot that saved me, as the driver had no chance of breaking in that short distance to miss me. I don't think he even tried!

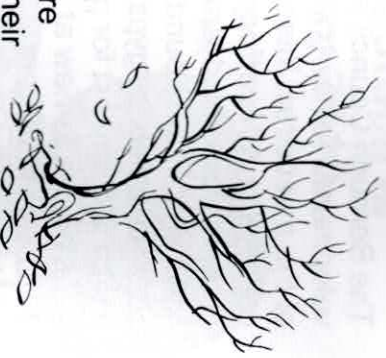
An issue that was identified several times in the written notes in the





Parish Plan questionnaire was the problem of trees and hedges overgrowing footpaths. And as this is the season for hedging (and ditching) this is an opportunity for me to remind everyone whose property has a path alongside to walk along it to check whether a stray bramble scratches passersby, or people pushing buggies will have to step in the road to avoid the over or under growth.

Also, I've received a request to ask that you check the paths to the side or front of your property for leaves. Most of them will have fallen by now and they are starting to rot down into a slippery mess. A few minutes sweeping could prevent a nasty accident.



Another request is to ask drivers not to drive across or park on the grass verges. There are residents who look after the verges beside their properties and it is very disappointing for them to find tyre tracks and muddy bare patches due to inconsiderate and illegal parking. Some parking on bends is blocking sight lines and creating causing dangerous road conditions.

Please note that the December Meeting will be begin earlier than usual, at 7.30pm, because we have a guest speaker. Anne Culverwell is an officer at Chelmsford Borough Council and will be advising us on Statutory Nuisance and what we can do about it. This covers noisy neighbours, flies etc. The Meeting will be on 10th. December, which is earlier in the month than usual in order to avoid the holiday. Meeting dates will revert to the fourth Thursday in the month and a start time of 8pm in January.

The Meeting on 25th. February will be attended by Lord Hanningfield our County Councillor, and so will also begin at the earlier time of 7.30pm.

Parish Council Meetings are open to the public, and Public Question Time is a time set aside early on at each Meeting for residents to ask questions and raise issues of concern. Agenda for the Meetings are posted on the noticeboards and the website three clear days before each Meeting, and you will also find the meeting schedule for the year in those places.

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## **EMERGENCY PLANNING – what does it mean?**

In recent years there has been a number of incidents throughout the country including severe flooding, major fire and severe weather conditions which meant that local authorities had to provide shelter, food and sometimes accommodation for members of the communities affected. Help has been relatively easy to provide because the local authorities had emergency plans in place. Chelmsford Borough Council is leading the way in preparing for dealing with emergencies and continues to develop strategies that will help communities in the event of a crisis.

The introduction of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 has meant some fundamental changes in the way that Local Authorities deal with Emergency Planning issues. The Act has moved the emphasis of civil protection from being one of just planning and responding to emergencies towards resilience planning arrangements (which also includes response arrangements ) and in doing so has placed new emergency planning duties on Local Authorities.

To ensure the most efficient deployment of resources, there is a working arrangement with Maldon District Council to provide a Joint Emergency Planning Unit. As part of our strategy we have produced guides to Business Continuity Planning and Developing a Community Safety Plan and advice leaflets all of which can be viewed on our website [www.chelmsfordemergency.info](http://www.chelmsfordemergency.info)

Effective planning relies heavily on volunteers from the Council's staff and the community to man pre-designated Rest Centres within each community. We intend to continue to harness the enthusiasm and local knowledge of volunteers within Parishes by developing a Community Safety Plan to help each community help themselves.

We are encouraging Parish Councils to take the lead in this in line with Chelmsford Borough Council's strategy to continue to provide advice, guidance and training.

Emergency Planning Unit, Chelmsford Borough Council

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE**

I was very pleased to be part of the team that introduced the Village Agents scheme to this part of Essex representing the Local Strategic Partnership on which I represent the Borough Council. In that role I have become aware of the number of different organisations available to give support to vulnerable people. I have become aware too that whilst it may be convenient of administrators to place people into different groups in order to deal with their needs and give support, in the real world people's priorities change and thus they neither fit nor stay in a particular group.

Against this backdrop at a time of family or personal crisis where can we turn? The answer is to the village agent who is trained to link need with available services what a simple and obvious idea and so appropriate to be launched at Christmas time when for Christians our focus should be on neighbourliness and good will.

As some of you may know following an accident I have been immobile for sometime, I hope to have regained ability to get around by the new year but in the mean time I would like to thank the many people who have been kind enough to wish me well and to sympathise with Julia and the family who have to live with me while I am so frustrated. At least it gives me a real insight into what those who need a Village Agent really feel!



I am privileged to represent you and I wish peace and happiness to you all now and in the coming year.

**Mike Harris**

Member for Bicknacre East and West Han-  
ningfield Chelmsford Borough Council.

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Village Agents are now active in the Chelmsford area, working directly with the local community to identify current and future needs and provide a personal guide to a whole range of services and organisations that can offer help, advice and support. The good news is that this new and exciting pilot project will be operating in your area until March 2011, primarily supporting older people in isolated, rural areas to improve their access to health and wellbeing services and enable them to live a better quality of life.

The parishes of **East Hanningfield and Retendon** make up one of the 3 chosen areas in Chelmsford that will be served by the new friendly agents from the 15 October 2009. Your Village Agent is **John Peart** and he will be working hard to make contact with local people and begin to build trusted relationships in our community.



Employed by the Rural Community Council of Essex, the locally recruited Village Agents have an abundance of information at their fingertips and are in constant contact with local organisations and service providers to enable them to provide the most up-to-date free advice to their customers. They also work alongside County, Borough/District and Parish Councilors, as well as Parish Clerks and other key people in the community, to ensure that they can point people in the right direction for help and support.

Your Village Agent is working part-time in our parish, meeting residents face to face in their home or at local community facilities.

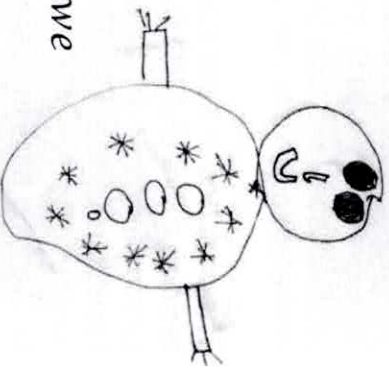
Brian Goodwin, the Village Agents' Manager, says "The Village Agents are providing a really important service, working in the heart of communities to connect isolated, older people to key services that they may not have otherwise known about, as well as providing



"Over the next few months we hope to achieve a lasting change in communities, as we arrange activity like practical checks to ensure home safety, pension advice and benefit checks and organise local events to bring people together. As you live in one of the pilot areas then you can expect to meet your Village Agent over the next few months. They will explain how they can help you and anyone in your local community make positive changes for the better."

For more general information about the project or to arrange a meeting with a Village Agent please call us free on 0800 9775858 or e-mail [enquiries@vaessex.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@vaessex.org.uk).

*Snowman by Amber Rowe*

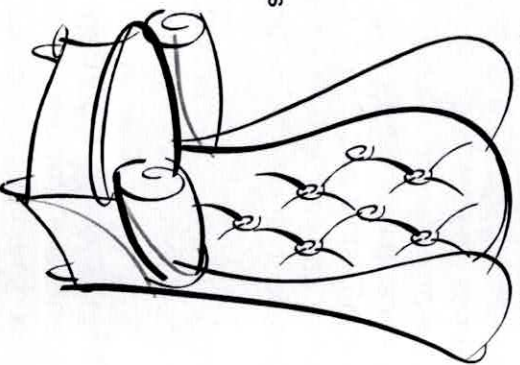


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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY



This year's village fete was once again very fortunate with the weather. Thank you to the many villagers who came to the Village Hall and sports field on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September to enjoy the entertainment provided by the Dark Horse Border Morris from Maldon, Ali Barry and several of our regular hall users. The fete provided a wonderful event for the entire village to enjoy.

The success of the event was only possible thanks to the hard work of the members of the fete committee supported by their families and friends. The fete was also well supported by our local village businesses to whom we are very grateful.

Several weeks after the fete, the committee and their partners and many of those who had helped on the day met together for lunch at the Hoy Zen to celebrate the fete's success.

The Hanna's Field Charity is always looking for new trustees to 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 or go on the web site (just "google" Hanna's Field Charity and it should take you to us on the Parish Council web site). The AGM of the Charity will take place in April 2010 when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome to both come to the AGM and also to stand for election to the committee as a trustee of the Charity.

With a recession on us, the Charity trustees decided not to increase the Hall, meeting room, sports field and sports court hiring rates in 2009 however we will regrettably have to do this for 2010. We are reviewing these at the moment and new rates will apply from January of next year.



With the help of our 2009 fundraising, the Charity is looking at match funded grants from a number of sources for hall and field improvements in 2010. The main priority is a new sports floor in the main hall but we are also hoping to extend the sports wall on the field and add safety surfaces to the slide and T-swing in the play area as well as add a park bench. As part of the



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match funding investigations we are talking to the Parish Council about assistance with these projects. The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via **Dawn Mills on 01245 400906**.

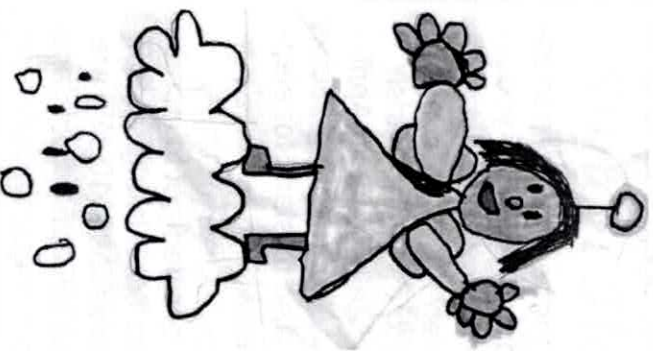
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Colin Warren

Chairman

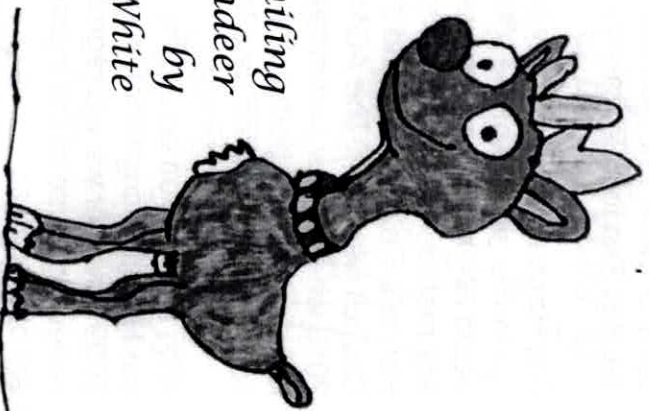
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Reindeer  
by  
Elliot White*



## **EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Everyone in the school would like to wish you a joyous Christmas and to put you in the Christmas mood...

The senior members of the village are invited to the dress rehearsal for "The Holy Toity Angel" that is being performed by our youngest children on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10:15am.



Buy your tree in the village. Nordman, low needle drop, Christmas Trees (3 foot to 7 foot tall) will be on sale in the school car park on 10am-3pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-1pm All profits are going to the school PTA funds. Please come along to pick your best tree ever!

Our Carol Service this year is on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 am in All Saints Church. This year it is led by our older children.

Linda Findlay,  
Head Teacher

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## FROM REVEREND PAM

As Christmas approaches we begin once more to find ourselves engulfed in preparations, wrapping paper and decorations (not to mention the buying, the cooking and the cleaning!). In the midst of it all we search to find just the right present for each person we give to. We may be the kind of person who takes more pleasure in giving than in receiving and we may wait with anticipation to see if they like what we have chosen. Some presents are large and we have difficulty in wrapping them. Some presents have distinctive shapes and we find difficulty in disguising them. And then finally, after all the preparations, there comes that moment when the floor is covered with discarded Christmas paper and the exchange of gifts is over. And yet somewhere, waiting quietly, there is another present for each one of us. This present is not always easily found; it can be hidden by the glitter of the tinsel or overshadowed by the brightness of the lights. It is the kind of present that has to be desired in order to be found. But when it is found and received it is always right for the person who receives it.

All presents are symbols – they represent an offering of love and friendship from the giver. This special present which waits for us is no exception. If we can find the space and time in the business (or for some the loneliness) of Christmas to receive the gift of God's love we will have found our present. It may be found in the flicker of candle, in the picture on a Christmas card or in the words of a carol. It may be found in a prayer. It is expressed at Christmas-time in the form of a baby – God's son. This gift is not too big or awkward to store but it does need to be taken to heart. It will never break or wear out but it needs looking after as it is precious. God's love has been brought for us at a cost higher than any present we could ever buy. It is ours for the asking, it is ours for the receiving and it is ours to keep. Forever.

With love, Reverend Pam Pennell



## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Whilst we particularly look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of our Christmas services (see below), you can be sure of a warm welcome at any time at 'The Church on The Tye'. It was particularly encouraging to see a crowd of nearly 70 of all ages, gathered round the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance on 8th November, and attending the Remembrance service in Church which followed. The offertory, amounting to £344-30, was this year dedicated to 'Help for Heroes', for the setting up of urgently needed Army Recovery Centres (ARCS) for the wounded, the first of which is now open.



### Service details for the month of December are as follows:

- 6<sup>th</sup> 8.30 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.00 am All Age Christingle Service, followed by refreshments
- 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Holy Communion
- 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Holy Communion, to which we welcome family & friends of Oliver & Lucy McKenzie for their Thanksgiving
- 3.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by Sea social refreshments
- 24<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm Carols, Crib & Tree Service, especially for families including grandparents!
- 11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion
- 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion (with children much in mind) (Note earlier time)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Holy Communion, for which we welcome back Rev'd Ann Kosla

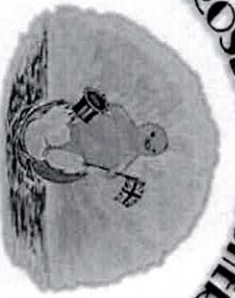
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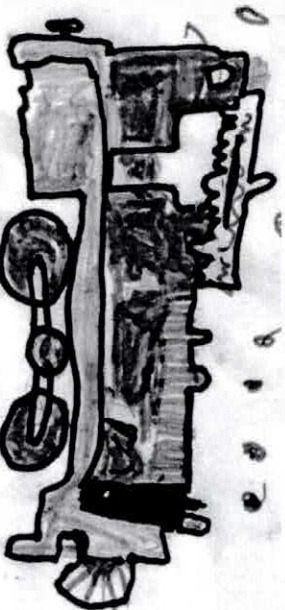


**Community Service Teams** – We record our grateful thanks for all the hard work they have put in around the Church over this past year's growing season (and what a lot of growth there was!). They left the church grounds looking really good from every angle, and we have much appreciated the spirit in which they tackled this community task on each occasion.

**Maintenance of Church Building** – We are working our way through the Architect's 2007 list of works required to keep the building in good condition. Bakers of Danbury hope to be back in December, this time to focus on areas of the external walls and parapets which are in need of attention. We thank those of you who give financial support to All Saints' on a regular basis which has enabled us to proceed with this further work – and also the very many who will have contributed to our half share of the Village Fete proceeds, which plays a significant part in our annual finances – thank you too.

**Web Site** – We are working on setting up our own All Saints' site aimed at providing easy access for Google-type enquirers wanting just basic information about the village Church. This should have a built-in link to the Village Diary site for detailed information about current events. Don't forget you can find us at any time at [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2009/) Simply click on '**All Saints**' for the latest information on what's happening and when. It is updated each month.

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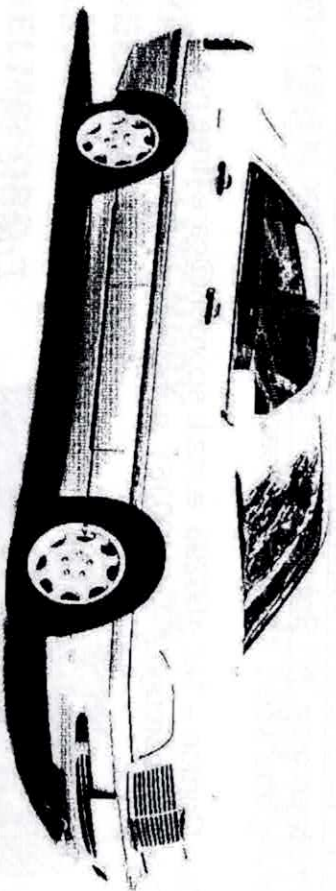


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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well, here we are with another year coming to a close. With the help of a lot of fund raising we continue to flourish. We do have fun. On Monday 7th, December our WI host our group carol concert in our Church at 7.30pm. You are most welcome to come along and join us for carols and readings and at the end mince pies and sausage rolls!!

Our December meeting will be on the 9th, in our hall. Mostly we meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm, with slight variations in January, August and December.

If you would like to come along just give me a call. A warm welcome awaits you. From us all we wish you a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2010.

Lilian Grace 400288

### "MILLERS" COFFEE MORNING

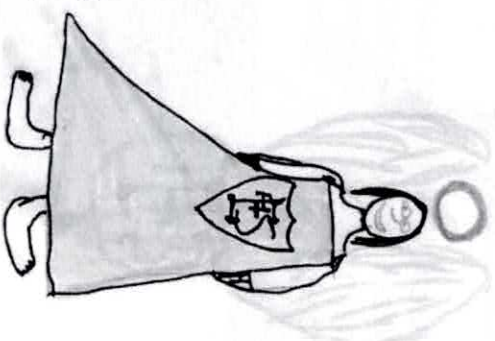
A successful coffee morning was held at "Millers" which raised £392 for the Farleigh Hospice and Macmillan Nurses as a small tribute to two dear members of our village sadly no longer with us.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Pam Kenton



*Angel by  
Megan W.*





## BETHEL NEWS

What another busy year.

# Bethel

Church

As we close on another year, looking back it's been a difficult time for many of us. Yet through it all, God has been ever present. He has created us to live with a single passion: to joyfully display His glory in all spheres of life.

2009 has been another challenging and most eventful year and 2010 looks to heading in the same way. Next April we will be sending a group of 22 from Bethel, out to Kenya on a work project in a children's home north of Nairobi. Each individual will be funding themselves through sponsorship - and as a church we will be raising the necessary funds to pay for the materials that we need for the project. It is a real privilege to be able to support such an active and Christ-centred organisation as Kids Alive.

The project has really caught the imagination of all the folk at Bethel as many are now finding exciting ways to raise sponsorship for the trip and to finance the project. So far we have raised well over £2000.

Already Jackie has been on a 5 kilometre run. We've had a Car Wash Day. We also had sponsored Hair Days where our trained hairdressers, Emma and Melanie, cut and quaffed hair all day - raising over £450. Some of the youngsters did a sponsored tree



hoist in Hylands Park. In November we also had a Quiz Night where over 60 people attended.

*If you would like to know more about Kids Alive, please go to [www.kidsaliveuk.org](http://www.kidsaliveuk.org)*

### **Christmas. A time to celebrate**

For many of us, Christmas is the time we get to see family and friends. Maybe it's one of the only times in the year we all get together. And it's great to relax in one another's company and enjoy some good food and drink, to catch up on the news and have a laugh.

Yet it's easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about – the birth of Jesus. So why not come and join us at Bethel this year and put Christ at the heart of your celebrations? You'll find plenty to sing about.

You are warmly invited to our

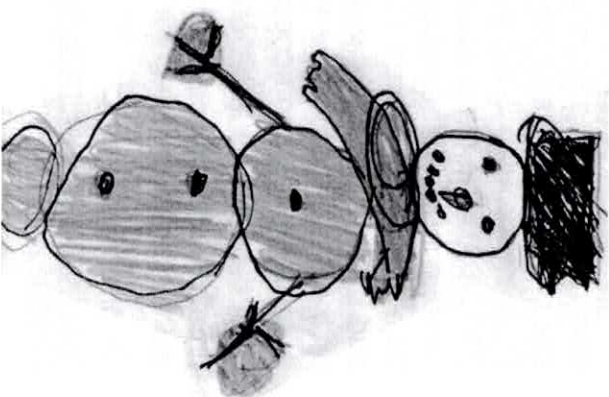
**Christmas Evening Carol Service on**

**Sunday 20 December at 6.00pm**

We will also be meeting together for 45 minutes on Christmas morning.

Can we take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas from all the folk at Bethel Evangelical Church.

*Snowman by  
Sydney*





## PARISH PLAN

As we reported in the last magazine we have employed a professional organisation to analyse the answers to the questionnaire. In this edition you will find a graphical breakdown of the set questions. The results clearly demonstrate that there are some issues on which you all agree and others where opinion is divided. We are currently analysing the hand written comments and this work should be complete by New Year. Some of the data is already being put to good use examples being comments on pavements and the bus service. In the first instance Parish Council is looking to address three of the problem areas identified and with the latter comments obtained sent to the bus company.

We are preparing to write the final document and would like to have any old photographs of the parish, we will of course return these. In addition we have lost a number of the committee since we started and would welcome some new blood! In both instances contact me if you can help.

As the plan is not yet a formal document we have registered the committee with the Borough Council in relation to any planning issues. We have been notified that the new Local Development Framework Plan is out to consultation (closing date for comments 21/12/09). The main issues for the parish are protection of Back Lane, change in the village boundary to include the school and village hall and proposed 15 dwellings between Old Church Road and Back Lane. There will be copies of the plan in the Village Hall on the 7th December between 14:30 and 16:00. Alternately you can access the plan on <http://consult.chelmsford.gov.uk>.

Finally I would like to wish you all season's greetings on behalf of the committee.

Stephen Snewin

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



**Crime Update:** Over the past year, houses on The Tye, The Common, Old Church Road, Highfields Mead, Bicknacre Road, and our Post Office received unwelcome visits, highlighting the need for care and vigilance. If you know something about these contact Chelmsford police or call Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Houses with expensive cars continue to be burgled for the car keys across the county. If your pride and joy is left on the drive overnight or when you are away, think about your house and key security.

**Information Card:** With this Newsletter you should find enclosed, a card NhW with Police & NhW contact details. Keep it handy for reference—maybe with those cards for the refuse collection days?  
**Website:** The village NhW website has been updated - just "google" the words "east hanningfield neighbourhood watch" and it should find us on the Parish Council's web site.

**Winter Reminder:** By making houses look occupied, homes are less likely to be targeted. Burglary, on the whole, is an opportunist crime so keep side gates locked, accessible windows closed, no tools/ladder or "hidden" spare key left out. If you are away, don't leave milk or parcels on the doorstep, or newspapers/mail visible in porch. Always leave house lit after dark, draw the curtains, leave a radio playing. Install outdoor lights with movement/light sensors.

**Neighbourhood Watch Marking Kit, Window Stickers & Advice Leaflets** are all still available from NhW team.

**E-mailed NhW Crime Alerts:** Some people in the village already receive NhW local crime updates via email. To receive them just email: [geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com](mailto:geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com) and get on distribution. It's a great way of exchanging crime information quickly & efficiently!  
**Next NhW Meeting 15 December 8pm – Village Hall Meeting Room:** We are looking for a few more street coordinators to join us so come along to the meeting for a mince pie, coffee and chat.

**Geoff Dickman, EhW (Tel No `Ch403175 or 07968112179 )**





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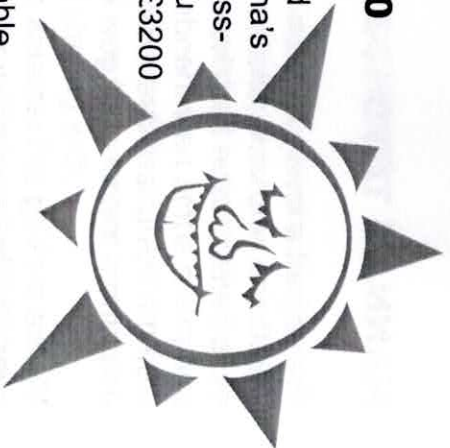
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**VILLAGE FETE 2009 & 2010**

The sun shone on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and once again, many of you came to Hanna's Field, helping to make the fete a successful and enjoyable occasion. In case you didn't see the notice in the shop, over £3200 was raised for All Saints' Church and Hanna's Field Charity.



I would like to acknowledge the invaluable support of our principal sponsors- J Gard & Sons, David Chennells & Co, Carol Phillips at Intercounty, Paul Edwards of Chelmer Site Investigations, Regal Busesways, and Mike Kirkham. Grateful thanks are also due to everyone else who contributed in any way – too many ways to mention here!

If you haven't been on the village website, do take a look, as the photos of the fete show some of the highlights of the afternoon. And if you weren't there, they might tempt you to consider coming next year!

There will be a fete in 2010 – if we can recruit more of you to help, especially on the day. If you have ideas to contribute, skills or practical support to offer, please come to a meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. The first part of the proceedings will be an open session for general discussion of ideas, after which we will form next year's committee and start planning in earnest. Just because you come along, doesn't mean you have to become a committee member – though we need fresh faces to take the fete forward.

Jackie Feehan and the fete committee  
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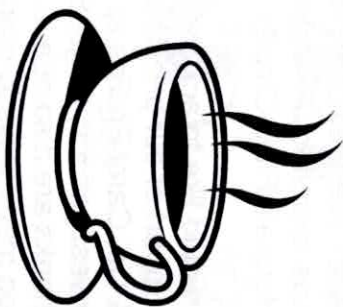


## HANNA'S TOTS

We've had a lovely Autumn so far. It's been good to meet back up with those who were unable to come over the Summer break, and even better, we've had the chance to welcome some new arrivals and make some new friends. We have invested in new toys for our oldest children and are looking to update the equipment for our youngest ones.

My tea making still remains as dreadful as ever, but that doesn't stop friends whose children are school-age still dropping in for a chat and a cuppa! So come along and join us on a Friday morning at the Village Hall.

Fiona Ward 400944



## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

It has been a fun term learning about different festivals of light and making things to remind us of them. Also, we have enjoyed learning new games and skills with our specialist sports teacher.

A big thanks to everyone who supported our stalls at the Summer Fete: the resulting profits have allowed use to purchase some giant building blocks that we have loved playing with.

Finally, a big well done to our new children who have settled in so quickly. There are still some funded (3+) places available after Christmas, when our oldest children leave us, so please contact us if you are interested.

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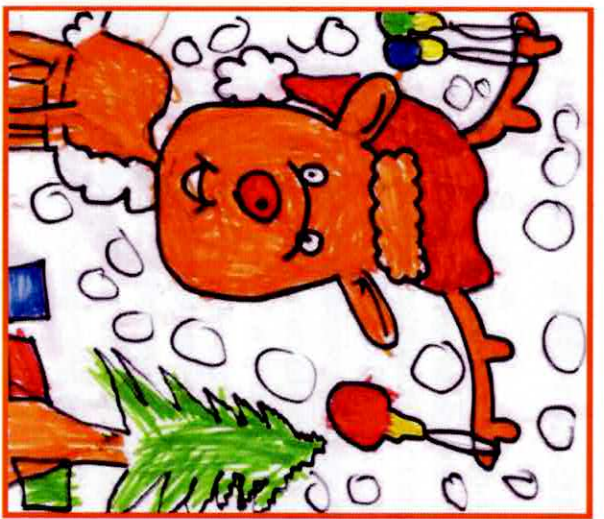


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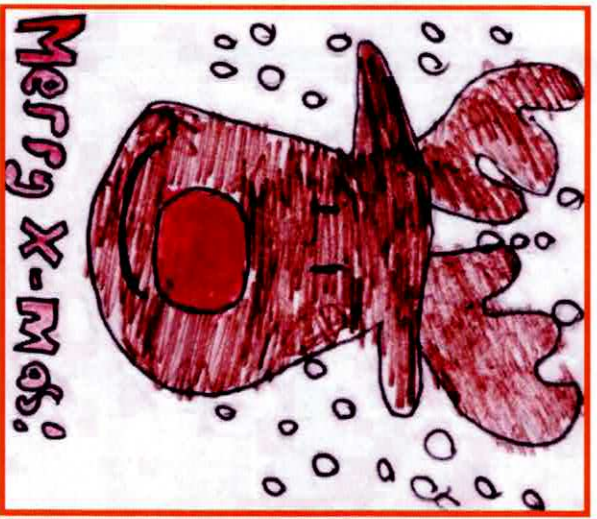
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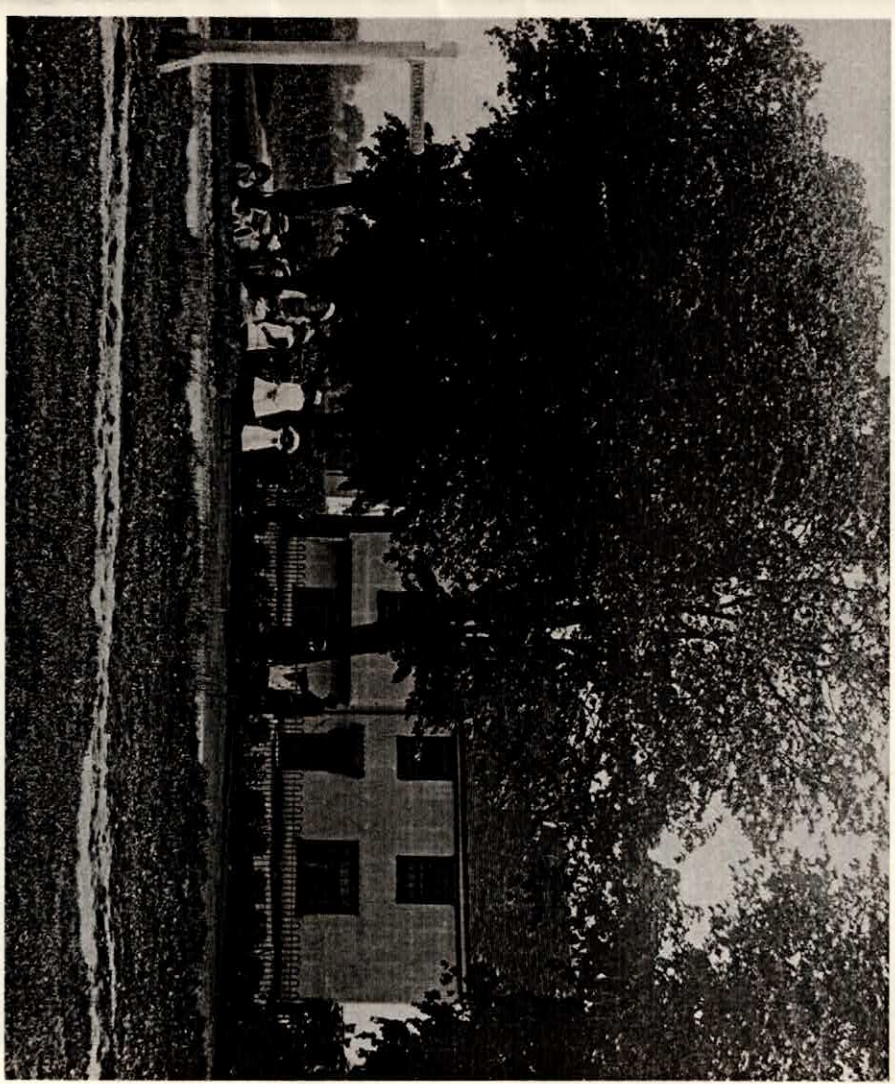
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Class 3 Runner-up  
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Class 4 Runner-up  
Emily Louise Smith



*Children in front of R.Rails, E. 1900*



## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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## Copy date for the next edition is Friday 14th. May 2010.

Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or 2 Clinton Close.

Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor 400628

## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

If you have kept your copy of the Spring 2008 News, or you go on to the website, you will recognise some of the children in this photograph as being in the photo of Mill Cottages on that cover. The girls are wearing the same dresses and hats, so it looks as though the photographs were taken on the same day. It must have been quite an event, a hundred years ago, when a photographer came to the village. No-one was able to identify any of the children on the Spring 2008 cover. What about this time?



## PARISH COUNCIL

I have been reading through the comments that have been collected from the Parish Plan questionnaire, and noted how many people were disgusted about the amount of dog excrement is deposited on the playing field when there are so many bins there for the poo to be placed in. Another common complaint is about hedges overhanging pavements causing scratched faces or pedestrians having to walk in the road. I shall take this opportunity to remind hedge owners that there is still time before bird nesting begins to cut your hedges back.

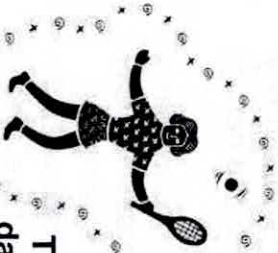
Another matter raised, although not in great numbers, was a call for more allotments. I have been looking at garden sharing schemes that have been set up in various communities around the country, and think it is a scheme that might work here. The idea is that people who want to grow vegetables, or flowers, for their own personal or family use do so in gardens belonging to people who have more ground than they can manage. Usually the rent is paid in a proportion of the vegetables harvested. As there isn't a horticultural group in the village that could run such a scheme, it would be necessary for a new group or club to set itself up. If you are interested in participating in a garden sharing club, please email or phone me and I will pass on your details to everyone else who gets in touch, so that you can get a group started. I can also pass on a standard tenancy agreement, so that you could make a start.

The Questionnaire results also showed that some residents were unaware that we have visits from the mobile library, so I thought I should tell you the times here. The library visits fortnightly on a Thursday. The forthcoming dates are 11th. & 25th. March, and 8th. & 22nd. April. It parks in the Village Hall car park 2.50-3.30pm and in Ashley Green 3.35 - 4pm. The times and dates are posted in the Village Diary on PC's website. As the visit to the Village Hall car park coincides with the end of the School day,



please consider whether it is really necessary for you to drive to the Village Hall, Post Office, School or playing field on library afternoons.

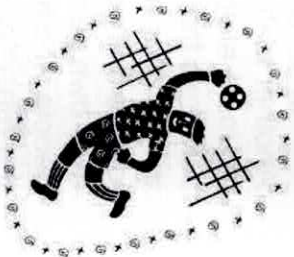
At the Meeting in November PC set its Precept for the financial year 2010/11. The Precept is the amount of money that the Borough Council must collect on behalf of PC from residents of the parish through the Council Tax. The amount precepted was £29,874 which was £415.50 less than the previous year.



The popular sports coaching sessions for ages 6-14 years, provided by Chelmsford Borough Council, have been booked again for the Easter and Whitsun school holidays. The dates and times are

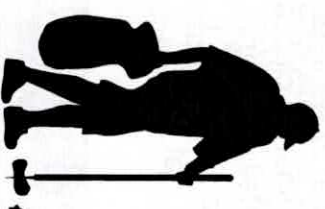
**Tuesday 6th. April 1-3pm, Thursday 15th. April 9.30am-12 noon and Thursday 3rd. June, 9.30am-12 noon.**

The sports hall in the Village Hall is booked so the events will go ahead whatever the weather.



This year's **Village Spring Clean** will take place on **Saturday, 24th. April.** Please meet at the Village Hall car

park to collect litter-pickers, gloves and sacks. If you can't manage that date, but would still like to tidy your part of the parish, please contact me for some sacks and to borrow a litter picker.



There have been suggestions that there ought to be an Autumn Clean. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch.

The "Saturday Standout" for recycling will be at the Village Hall car park on **20th. March** from **11-15-12.15.** As well as the items that are accepted for the kerbside collections the Saturday Standout takes furniture, televisions & computer screens, fridge/freezers and

other "white goods".

PC is required to arrange a meeting for the electors of the parish every year. This gives residents the opportunity to have their say on any subject relevant to the parish. This year the meeting is to be called the **East Hanningfield Assembly** and will take place in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall at **7.30pm on Wednesday, 19th. May.**

Regular PC monthly meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side door. Meetings open at 8pm unless there is a guest speaker when we begin at 7.30pm. Please check the PC noticeboards or the Village Diary on the website to confirm times.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council  
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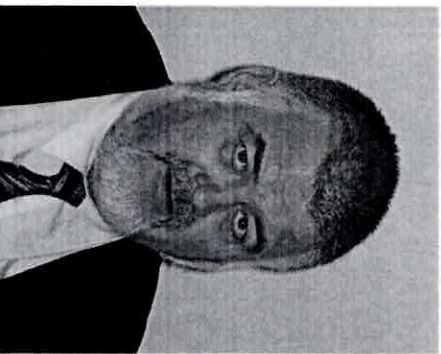


## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE**

You may well have seen the scaffolding around the Civic Centre and heard about the work being done to try to bring a very old building up to date and to provide facilities commensurate with this century. Should we be spending up to two million pounds on this project? I believe that we should. Firstly the best time to complete necessary capital projects is in a recession, you get good value and provide work for local business. Secondly with a whole range of climate friendly systems both running costs and our carbon footprint can be reduced.

However the most important reason is to provide a service to residents so that involvement with a number of different departments of the council will no longer require people, who are after all our customers, to go all round the building, since officers can come to them and partners like citizens' Advice Bureau can be involved too. Departments that have similar functions can be close together and as with heating and cleaning, administration will be able to achieve a high standard at best value. As in all good businesses this capital investment will save vast amounts of revenue for many years to come.

Please let me know if I can help in any way.



Best Wishes Mike Harris  
Member for Bicknacre East and West  
Hanningfield  
Chelmsford Borough Council  
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[michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk)

## **FROM REVEREND PAM**

At last the winter is coming to an end and the bulbs are beginning to push their way through the earth and head towards the sun. There's a certain relief in seeing this happen and having the assurance, yet again, that new life and summer days are on their way. Perhaps this is not unlike the sense of relief after the birth of a child when you know that the baby has finally come into the world safe and sound. A feeling of thankfulness can follow automatically at a time like this and it is not unusual to want to express this in some way.

In the church we offer two kinds of services for such an occasion. One is a thanksgiving for a child. This is when you want to celebrate the birth of a child and give public thanks in the house of God for the baby or child. Friends and family are invited, and sponsoring friends can be chosen who will promise to support parents in bringing up the child. During this service the parents make no promises but simply express their thanks in public in the words of the service. The other kind of service is a christening (or baptism). In this service the parents make promises that they will bring up the child in the family of the church. This implies parents want to become part of the church to learn about the Christian faith together with others in the church. Godparents are chosen who will promise to support the parents in the spiritual care and upbringing of their child. A baptism service may follow after a thanksgiving at a later date when parents feel they are ready to make the promises.

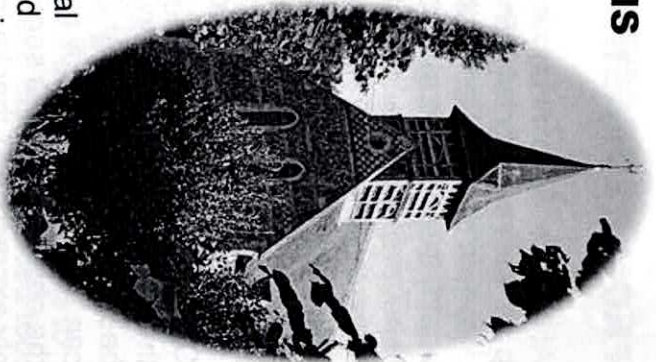
We are pleased to offer either kind of service in All Saints' church. If you are thinking of a christening, I would be delighted to discuss it with you and give you some information to think about in order to help you decide. On the first Sunday of each month we hold an All Age service (10.00am) and we have a growing number of young children who come. This is a good service to come to to get the feel of starting your child on the exciting journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

Revd Pam (01277 841179)  
email: [pencof.pam@btinternet.com](mailto:pencof.pam@btinternet.com)



## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Maintaining the Spring theme, we would like to encourage some of you to join in with the annual **Spring Cleaning of the Church**. It's a busy two hours or so from **10.00 am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, but of course including a tea/coffee break without which some of us would probably not survive the course. An added incentive to do a good job this year is an informal visit by the Bishop of Bradwell, Bishop Laurie, just eight days later on Sunday 21st March when obviously we would like to be looking our best. He is going to take part in our normal 11.00 am Service of Holy Communion and looks forward to chatting to us afterwards, informally over refreshments.



Another date for your diaries is **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** when we hold our **Annual Meeting** in the Village Hall Meeting Room, commencing at 8.00 pm. If you want to have a vote, which includes the election of Churchwardens and Church Council members, your name must be on the Electoral Roll in good time. Please contact our Electoral Roll Officer Sue Edward on 403091 for eligibility and further information.

**Services/Events leading up to and including Easter are as follows:**

**A Lent Bible Study course** will be running from 21<sup>st</sup> February at 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm on each of the five Sundays before Easter, meeting in homes around the parish. By the time you read this it will be part way through, but if you are interested, do contact Rev'd Pam and she will do her best to fit you in.

**14<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday** – 11.00 am Service for All Ages, with traditional poses, and Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards.

**28<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday** – 11.00 am Service of Holy Communion

**1<sup>st</sup> April Maunday Thursday** – AGAPE evening meal in a home followed by short service of Holy Communion in church. Please contact Rev'd Pam if you would like to partake in this.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday** – 12 Noon – 1.00 pm Quiet service of readings, prayers and reflections.

**4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day** – 11.00 am Service for All Ages with Holy Communion, and followed by refreshments.

**Web Site** – this is now up and running at [www.easthanningfieldchurch.org](http://www.easthanningfieldchurch.org)

We plan to provide a direct link from it to the Parish Council website but, until then, for fuller details of current services, events and church news, please continue to go to [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2010/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2010/) and click on *All Saints*.

**Finally, can you help with a piece of metal detection?** – We are trying to locate the stopcock for the churchyard water supply, and wonder if anyone has an effective metal detector to scan the area in which we believe it to be located. Simply prodding around has produced no results to date!

Stan Gordon ☎ 400298

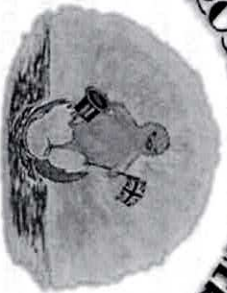
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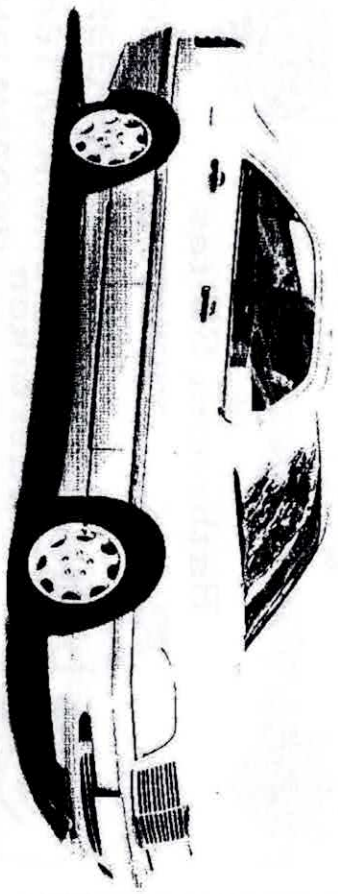
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a book sale and coffee morning jointly with All Saints Church to raise funds for the charity and the church.

The AGM of the Charity will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome both to attend the meeting and to seek election as trustees.

Please put both these events in your diary along with the Annual Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July and the Village Fete which will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

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

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 large hall, small hall, meeting room, sports field and sports courts/tennis court are available for booking which can be made via Dawn Mills on 01245 400906. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate if you live in the parish.



Colin Warren, Chairman  
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## PARISH PLAN

### Putting words into Action!

Since the last magazine the committee has finished its work on analysing the additional comments made in the questionnaires. This has taken some time and there were a number of comments which sat more appropriately in different sections. It was interesting that as with the quantitative data the qualitative answers had common themes.

The work now is to translate the two data streams into the Parish Plan report and an accompanying action plan. To assist us with this we met with Stella Meesters from the Rural Community Council of Essex who explained the various ways forward.

It was decided that to fully address issues raised and how these can be accommodated in the action plan we would hold a series of public meetings in the village hall. At these we shall present the findings and listen to any representations from you, members of the village /Parish, on how these could be taken forward by the Parish, Borough or County Council etc. This is another chance for you all to be involved.

The meeting dates and issues to be discussed are as follows:

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. March – Roads and Transport** (eg. Traffic calming & buses);
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>. March – Recreation, Facilities & Youth** (eg. footpaths, allotments & medical services);
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Housing, Development and Environment**

All meetings will take place at **7.30pm** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side door.

The completion of the report and action plan will be the end of this committee's work. The Parish Council will then take responsibility for monitoring, updating and implementing the Action Plan after publication, and may request volunteers to assist with this.  
Best wishes

Stephen Snewin  
stephen.snewin@imperial.nhs.uk

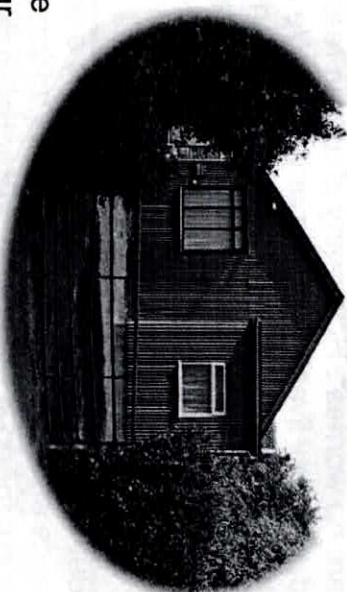
## EAST HANNINGFIELD

### WI

Well, what a start to 2010 we had with all the snow. A bit of a novelty at the beginning but what a relief when it finally went. We started off the year with a lunch when we welcomed friends from our group's WIs. Sadly, Rettendon have folded but we are delighted that two of their members have joined us. We've got a full programme booked for the year and lots of fund raisers to help keep us going. A date for your diary when we will be holding our Charity Coffee Morning on 14<sup>th</sup>. April. Watch out for posters nearer the time. Most of our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in our hall at 2pm, but with a few variations in January, August and December.

Why not come along and give us a try? You will be most welcome. Just give me a call if you are interested. In the meantime we send you all our Good Wishes for a Happy and peaceful year.

Lilian Grace 400288





## BETHEL NEWS – No Worries

Only six weeks to go before our trip to Kenya. Twenty-two of us will be working in a 'Kids Alive' children's home, north of Nairobi. To get us in the mood we had a Kenya Evening on Saturday 20 February, where we sampled Kenyan food and learnt some authentic Kenyan dance steps. But unfortunately, I don't think we have spotted any talent for 'Strictly Come Dancing'.

There is a wonderful Swahili phrase that was made popular in Disney's Lion King - *Hakuna matata*, it literally translates as "There are no worries". How many of us can really say this applies to our day-to-day lives? I doubt many at all. We all have concerns and fears about something. Even as Christians, we recognise that we are not immune to such things either. The bible makes it quite clear that all of us struggle and will face trials and temptations of many kinds.

But the bible also tells us that there is a way can know an assurance and a peace that 'passes all understanding'. This assurance is not found in material things or half-hearted phrases, but is only found in the person of Jesus Christ.

There is no greater joy than when somebody comes to faith in Jesus Christ. One of our newer members recently decided to act upon the command of Jesus to 'Believe and be baptised'. So it was wonderful to see

James take this step of obedience.

Will he now have 'no worries' for the rest of his days? Unfortunately not, but he will live each day in the knowledge that his life is hidden with Christ. Colossians 3:3



Why not come and join us at our **Sunday family service at 10.45am**? Or perhaps at one of our other meetings below:

**Ladies Meeting** – Every Tuesday at 10.30am

**Mens Breakfast** – Saturday 27 February at 8.45am

**Café Bar** – Saturday 20 March at 11.00am to 1.00pm

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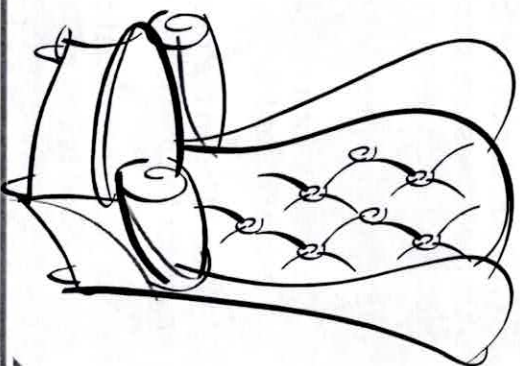
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## FROM THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Studies have suggested that up to half of patients do not take their prescribed medicines to best effect. Some miss doses or take medicines at the wrong time. Others don't take them at all, maybe they are not sure why they were prescribed or are getting side-effects. Where medicines are not taken, patients don't get the benefits. Nowadays the emphasis is not on blaming the patient for not taking their medicines. It is about finding out about you or the person you care for, and creating a partnership so that treatment can work for everyone as an individual.

This is why the NHS is encouraging people who are regularly taking more than one medicine to have a free **Medicines Use Review (MUR)** at their local pharmacy. The MUR is to find out more about the medicines you are taking, pick up any problems and improve their effectiveness. If you think you, or someone you care for could benefit from an MUR, speak to your local pharmacist. The MUR is completely confidential. You will sit in a private area to discuss your needs. If the MUR is for someone you care for, if they agree, you can also be present to help make sure they have been understood and you know what has been discussed.

Even if you decide not to ask for an MUR, you could still look at what medicines are stocked up in your cupboards. Any you do not need should be taken to your local pharmacy for safe disposal.

### Top tips for being 'greener' with your medication

1. Do not ask for a repeat prescription from your surgery unless you actually need it.
2. When filling in the repeat form, make sure you only tick the boxes for the medicines you actually need.
3. Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you, or the person you care for, has stopped taking any medicines – these can then be removed from your repeat prescription form.

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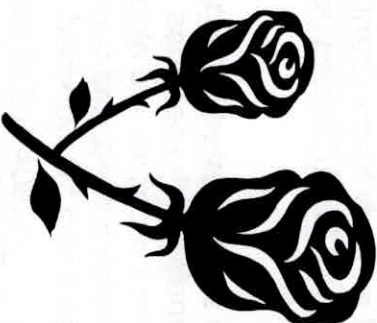
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## PRESCHOOL

Our Christmas party went well and the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Father Christmas. The only down side was that we had to say goodbye to our school leavers, but we know that they have settled down well into Class 1 and are enjoying the new challenges of Big School.

Unfortunately the bad weather lead to a shaky start to this term. However, we soon settled down into our normal routine and have had lots of fun exploring sounds over the last few weeks. After half-term, we will be finding out more about People Who Help Us, with a visit from a fireman to look forward to.

Fiona Ward 400944



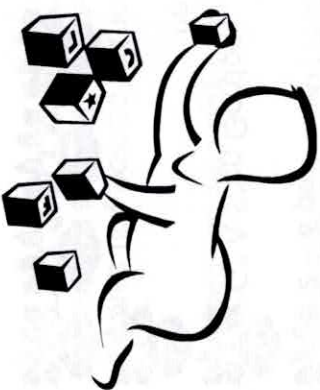
## HANNA'S TOTS

We didn't let the bad weather stop us over the Christmas period, and it was good to see so many of you over the holiday. We secured an Early Years Grant last term and have invested in some equipment for our babies, and it has been lovely to watch the children using it.

If you are interested in taking part in the running of the sessions, please let Rose or I know; we are always grateful for a helping hand, and it means that we can share the workload.

See you Friday!

Fiona Ward



## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the school PTA's Christmas Bazaar and sale of Christmas trees. These raised a total of £1,316.

We are celebrating the success of our football team who won two tournaments in February; one at the Sandon School for local primaries and the other, the Essex Small Schools Football Championship held at Colchester United Training Grounds. As the Essex Small Schools Champions, the team is now to play in the South East Regional Finals at Greenwich next month.



There was also success for a group of year 5/6 pupils who took part in an indoor athletics competition held at Melbourne Athletics Stadium. They finished a very creditable third in an event featuring many much larger schools.



Details of this term's **Beetle Drive** on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** are on the school notice board.



EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Invites pre-school children and their parents to visit  
our village school  
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



**Crime Update:** NhW is not aware of any reported crimes in East Hanningfield since the last Newsletter but we know there have been burglaries in surrounding villages highlighting the ongoing need for care and vigilance. Many of these burglaries continue to be purely for the purpose of stealing car keys, especially expensive cars.

There has been a spate of electrical cabling (power, telecom and railway signalling) thefts in Essex. Companies like EDF and BT always work from vans with a company logo so if you see any other type of van in suspicious circumstances call Essex Police on 0300 333 4444. If you have information on any crime you can call Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Recent Scams & Bogus Callers:** A number were reported over this period:

Person phoning, claiming falsely to be a police officer investigating credit card fraud, and then attended the address to collect banks cards and numbers.

Bogus calls from a group claiming to be Barclaycard. Never give anyone any person bank or card details over the phone - call them back on the tel no on your statement to confirm it's a genuine enquiry.

People received a card from Parcel Delivery Service (PDS) claiming they have tried to deliver a parcel. The card gives a 0906 (Premium rate) number to arrange delivery - there is no parcel and you will be charged £15.00 for the call.

Persons claiming to be phoning from Sky TV ask if you have experienced any problems. They then ask if you pay by monthly subscription and ask for your bank details to clarify who you are. Sky would not make any such request, so be warned.

Which? Computing say consumers across the country have been called by a bogus Microsoft internet service provider saying there's a virus on the person's PC and then asking the person for remote access to fix the problem (and gain access to bank

details). To add insult to injury, they are also asked to give their credit card details in order to pay a fee for the repair).

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**Meeting Room:** We are looking for a few more street coordinators to help make our village safe from crime so if you think you might like to join us come along to the meeting for a chat.

Geoff Dickman 400450 [geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com](mailto:geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com)

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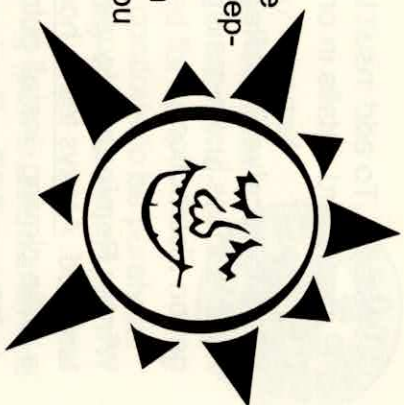
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## VILLAGE FETE 2010

Planning has begun for this year's village fete, which will take place on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please put the date on your calendars. Our next meeting is on March 24<sup>th</sup> in the village hall meeting room. If you would like to help make this fete as successful as last year's, please consider getting involved in some way, however small. There are many jobs to be done behind the scenes – it isn't just about running a stall or coming to meetings! Find out more!

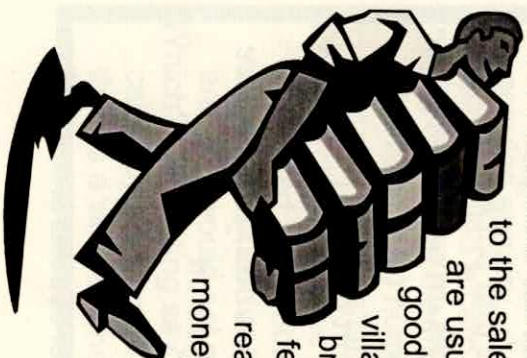


Jackie Feehan 400862

[Jackie@feehan.vispa.com](mailto:Jackie@feehan.vispa.com)

## BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10am until 12.30, there will be another second hand book sale in the village hall upstairs meeting room. A book bin will be in the village shop, during the week prior to the sale, for any donations – fiction paperbacks are usually in demand! We are building up quite a good selection of children's books, so younger villagers are very welcome to come and browse. We also serve excellent tea and coffee, biscuits and homemade cakes at very reasonable prices. No need to spend your money in Starbucks or Costal! Proceeds to Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.



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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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**Copy date for the next edition is  
Thursday 12th. August 2010.**

Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or 2 Clinton Close.

Karen Plumridge, Acting Editor ☎400628

## COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

As feedback from the Parish Plan Questionnaire showed that a good number of local people would like to know more about local wildlife and habitats, I thought our Summer edition colour cover would provide a good opportunity to display a sample of the wild-

flowers you should be able to see this month in the immediate countryside.

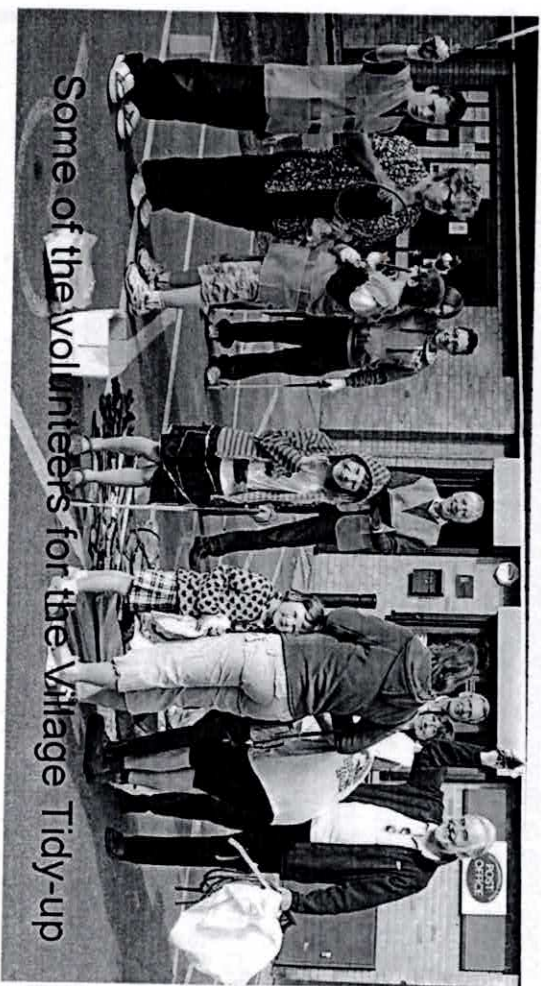
I hope I am correct in naming them clockwise from top left on the front page red clover, foxglove, dog rose, hedge woundwort. On the back page from top left oxeye daisy, scarlet pimpernel, lords and ladies, field poppy, red valerian.



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## PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Village Spring Clean on Saturday, 24th. April. Three trailer loads of rubbish were picked up from within the village and surrounding lanes, so it was a worthwhile exercise. This event usually takes place in May, but was brought forward to April as it was thought it would be easier to pick up the litter before the grass had grown too long. This turned out to be a successful innovation and will probably continue. Another new idea is to have a similar tidy-up in the Autumn. Some offers of participation have already come forward, so watch this space for a date. If you still have litter pickers, jackets or gloves from the April tidy-up please return them to 2 Clinton Close.

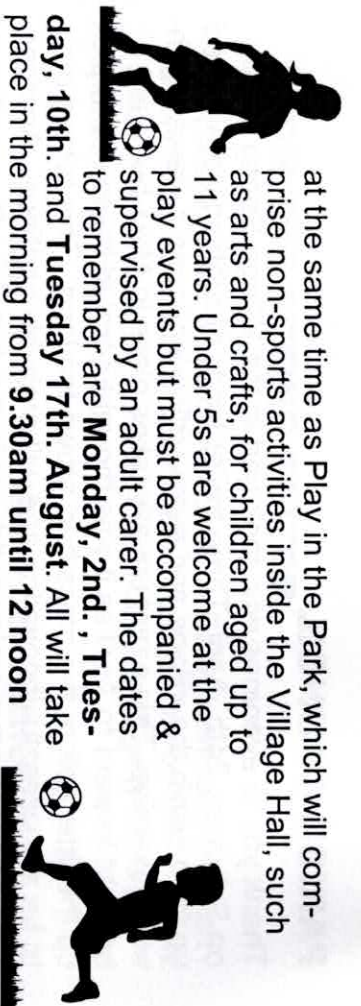


The sports sessions arranged for the Easter holiday proved popular, and another has been booked for **Thursday 3rd. June from 9.30-12 noon**, on the playing field if the weather is fine but inside the Village Hall if it is raining.

During the Summer holiday arrangements will be different to last year. Sports sessions for children aged 6-14 years will take place

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at the same time as Play in the Park, which will comprise non-sports activities inside the Village Hall, such as arts and crafts, for children aged up to 11 years. Under 5s are welcome at the play events but must be accompanied & supervised by an adult carer. The dates to remember are **Monday, 2nd, Tuesday, 10th. and Tuesday 17th. August.** All will take place in the morning from **9.30am until 12 noon**

At the time of going to press PC has just successfully negotiated with the Borough Council to have a new piece of equipment visit the village during the Summer holidays. This is called a Neos. It looks like a giant handset for a computer game. It stands on the ground and has large buttons that you have to hit or kick. Playing it tests reaction times and involves running and stretching and using lots of energy. It looks like fun, so keep an eye out for the posters and the entry in the Village Diary on the website. You can see it for yourself at <http://www.playneos.com/>. It will be at the Village Hall car park from **10am to 3pm on Friday, 6th. August.**



In order to continue to comply with its Quality Status, amongst many things, PC has to publish an Annual Report by the end of June for the year just passed. Council years run from the Annual Meeting in May. The Annual Report for 2009-2010 was presented to the Annual Assembly on 19th. May. You can read it online at PC's website, on the noticeboard in the Village Hall lobby or request a paper copy from me. It contains a report by the Chairman, Peter Applegate, of the year's activities and the Council's receipts and payments account for the financial year 2009/10.

The website continues to grow and contains a great deal of local information which could be useful for school homework or local history research in the *Publications* section under *Study Resources*. In addition the *Village Diary* contains dates and times for local events, and this year the pictures are old photographs of the village

with their modern equivalents.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings will be on the following Thursday evenings, 24th. June, 22nd. July and 12th. August. They will begin at 8pm unless a guest speaker is invited to attend. Local residents are welcome to attend, as these are public meetings, and may address the Council about local concerns during Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the opening of each meeting. If you have a matter which will require a decision by the Council please send it to me in writing to arrive a week before the meeting date. This will allow it to be included in the Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda can be viewed on the PC's noticeboards, which are situated on the Tye opposite the Windmill, at the Bicknacre Road junction and inside the Village Hall entrance, and can be downloaded from the website. Minutes are also on the website.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628  
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## BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

I was most interested to hear from Regal Buses when their managing director attended the Parish Council meeting recently that they would be prepared to supply transport for a bus route with a subsidy of £30 in order that it become established and thus self funding. I explored this with the local strategic partnership to which I have referred before. They seem keen on supplying at least some of this funding and perhaps other parishes with ours could be involved too. If this project can be moved along we can improve with our own support really good public transport for our community and others on the same route.

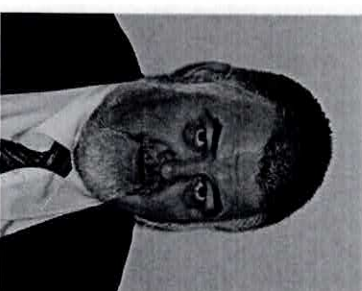
With a little common sense these bus services could link up with train services both at Chelmsford and at the other end with the Southend line which has the benefit of a later service for London Theatre goers.

I was interested too to hear that Regal had experienced no significant problems with anti-social behaviour on 'late runs'. The excuse often given by others for not providing late transport. Following this meeting I was very pleased to see that Regal also fulfilled their promise of providing a range of summer trips and I hope residents will find these to be fun.

Paths and road signage continues to be beset by unfulfilled projects that have been outstanding for sometime; I shall continue to press for this to be put right.

Please contact me with any problems or suggestions.  
 Best wishes to All

Mike Harris  
 Chelmsford Borough Council Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield 400142  
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Sun 20th	Groombridge Place Gardens and Enchanted Forest* - 40's weekend with Spa Valley Railway -	£14	£14
Sun 20th	Royal Tunbridge Wells	£14	£14
Sun 27th	Blenheim Palace Park and Gardens*	£17	£17
Sun 27th	Oxford City	£17	£17
JULY	EXCURSION	ADULT/SENIOR	CHILD
Sun 4th	Swindon Designer Outlet Shopping Mall	£18	£18
Sun 11th	The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show*	£14	£14
Sun 18th	Surrey Hills drive with visit to Trisley Place, Oxford*	£15	£15
Sun 25th	Hastings	£16	£15
AUGUST	EXCURSION	ADULT/SENIOR	CHILD
Sun 1st	Arundel Castle, West Sussex* - Medieval Jousting event -	£16	£16
Sun 1st	Bognor Regis	£16	£15
Sun 8th	Clacton	£14	£13
Sun 8th	Walton on the Naze	£14	£13
Sun 15th	Windsor	£15	£15
Sun 22nd	Eastbourne	£16	£15
Sun 29th	Knebworth House, Park and Gardens* - 20th Annual Classic Motor Show -	£14	£14

\*Attraction admission not included

**Pick-up points:**

- Canvey, Leigh Beck
- Canvey, Kings Village
- Canvey, Horsfield Corner
- Canvey, Jones Corner
- Canvey, Silver Jubilee PH
- Canvey, Rufford Station
- Canvey, High Road
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We have varied additional enrichment activities planned this term. Class four have two activity days at "Danbury Outdoors" and are taking part in the Junior Music Festival at the Civic Theatre. There are also special sports events in addition to our sports afternoon. For the more competitive athletes we have entered district sports, rounders and cricket tournaments. On a less physically active theme we have a music afternoon and book week. Key Stage 1 enjoyed their visit to the Gruffalo at the Civic Theatre as part of their theme around creatures great and small. Some of our children are also performing at All Saints Church's Summer Evening of Music on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Please come to join us at our World Cup themed ...

**Summer Fete on  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
5pm - 7pm.**

School has its **Open Evening on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm** to which parents of pre-school children are also welcome.

Find out more about our village school visit our website  
[www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk)

Linda Findlay (headteacher)



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Crime Update: This a summary of crimes in our local area since the Spring issue of the Newsletter**



Criminal damage / vandalism to our village hall and surrounding area in March. Is there no end to such wanton and mindless stupidity?

Burglary to a house on The Tye during April and an attempted burglary elsewhere in our village also in April.

Millennium burglary (this week someone broke into a house in Bicknacre overnight and stole the keys for a Mercedes E320).

Thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles parked outside private houses and large retail parks in Chelmsford district. The Police recommend having your catalytic converters etched with the vehicle registration number – watch this space for further information.

Thefts from shoppers in car parks in our district.

The advice as always is if you see or hear of anything remotely suspicious call Essex Police asap on their non-emergency number 0300 333 4444. And if you have information on any crime you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. But, if you see or hear of anything that could be serious, such as gunshot sounds (though not necessarily caused by a gun) then dial 999 immediately. Let the Police decide whether something is really serious or not.

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Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield NhW.

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Welcome to Summer! Welcome too, to our new babies who have joined us over the last few

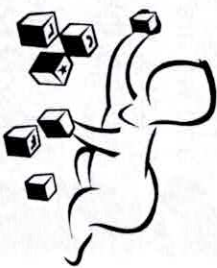
weeks, and also to the new faces in the village who have come along. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June we will be holding a used toy and clothes sale at the session, to raise funds for the PreSchool, so feel free to bring along things to sell, as well as come and buy!

If you are not sure how to find us, we meet in the Village Hall on a Friday morning, entrance via the back door! Sessions run from 9.30 – 11.30, but we all know that small children do their own thing, so feel free to pop in at any point during those times. Also, we are a toy library and have a wide range of toys, books and baby equipment to borrow or hire.

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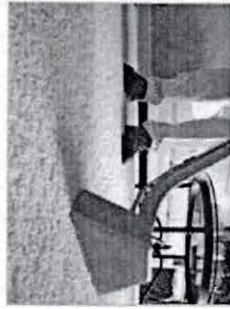
It was only recently that I found myself reluctantly in the garden grappling with overgrown climbing roses. They should have been pruned weeks ago but I had finally found the time to try and reign them in before things went completely out of control. It has never been my favourite job in the garden and now I remembered why. The very long branches which were waving in all directions were a menace. I had difficulty in reaching them to start with because they were so high and when I did manage to catch them the thorns tore at my clothes and skin and I became entangled in a chaotic confusion of prickly stalks and tendrils. Sometimes the pruned branches on the ground caught on my feet and I couldn't step free of them.

In the midst of this frustrating experience I suddenly remembered a book I had read many years ago called, 'My Father is the Gardener'. In the book the Gardener is God and it tells of how God tends us as a gardener tends his garden. This not only means providing the right environment and nutrients, it also means pruning and shaping to produce the best flowers and fruit. By bending the branches of my roses horizontally and tying them in I ultimately get beautiful blooms. It is this which makes the effort of pruning and grappling with unwieldy branches worthwhile. All plants are subject to the environment and weather which affects their growth. Likewise we are also affected by our environment - future uncertainties because of our newly formed government and our economic instability are but two of the environmental conditions which have influence over us. To know that Somebody cares about us acts as a 'tying-in' process or anchor in which we choose to hold onto God. This helps us to survive stormy weather. By allowing God to 'shape' us to His way of life, we also give Him the chance of producing something of Himself, like a beautiful bloom, in us. We are God's garden and he is our loving and caring Gardener.

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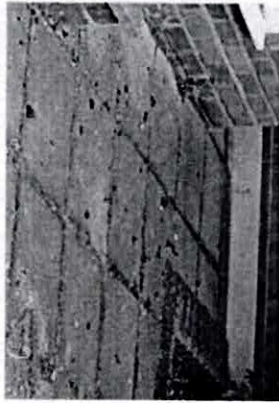


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**FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS**

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Our web site is well worth a visit each month, and it now has the promised direct link to the Parish Council's web site. We are very pleased that as a result, there is something of a new dimension to East Hanningfield's over-all presence on the web, and we trust that enquirers will receive an enhanced view of our community life here. Our grateful thanks go to Dr John Coffin for all his behind-the-scenes work in both setting up and regularly updating the site for us in an imaginative way.



**Annual Meeting & Elections**

Reports given were all very encouraging, showing growth and development in the life and work of the Church during 2009, as well as a satisfactory conclusion to all the essential maintenance and repair work needed to preserve the fabric of the church building. An opportunity had arisen for a low cost connection to the main sewer to be made, which would be a first essential step towards the eventual installation of toilet facilities. This was now being progressed – but the search for the water main stopcock still goes on, and a Metal Detector would still be useful if anyone can lend one. Three new members were elected to the Church Council – Lindsey Gotts, Sandra Robinson and Sue Yeo, bringing it to full strength.

**Dates for your Diary**

June commences with the annual Open Garden event at the The Limes on The Tye on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** (6 pm -9pm) and **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** (2pm - 6pm). Although this is now part of The National Gardens Scheme, we will be providing homemade teas for visitors during Sunday afternoon, with a share of the funds raised going to church funds.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** (10am – 12.30pm) at the Village Hall sees the next of the Hanna's Field Charity/All Saints' Church 4C's Book Sale –



Coffee, Cake, Chat & Choose. That says it all – a most enjoyable morning and the book prices are unbelievably low!

In the evening (7pm-8.30pm), we welcome young and old, and all in between, to All Saints' for our annual "Music for a Summer's Evening" provided by all ages. No charge – retiring collection only.

**July** sees the Annual Bradwell Pilgrimage on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**, with a walk from Bradwell village to the ancient Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall. We plan a small party from All Saints' to join this event and you are most welcome to come too. It is for all ages with a variety of activities, and bring-your-own picnic lunch. Contact Rev'd Pam 01277 841179 details and to arrange shared transport.

Stan Gordon ☎400298 e-mail [sgordon@care4free.net](mailto:sgordon@care4free.net)  
Ron Attenborough ☎400361 e-mail [ronald304@btinternet.com](mailto:ronald304@btinternet.com)

Stan Gordon has decided to stand down as Churchwarden after 8 years in office, so this is the last report which will bear his name, but I am hopeful that there will be two names again by the time of the next issue of EHN. All Saints' Church owes Stan an enormous debt for all he has done in those 8 years, and for two of those years he had no supporting second warden. That was a tremendous burden to carry, and that the church is alive and well today, and growing, is in large measure down to his commitment. R.A.

### RECIPES STILL WANTED

Please send more recipes for the "East Hanningfield Recipe Book", with profits going to our Village Charity. Come on don't be shy – share your secrets with us.

Please e:mail to: [ehrecipes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ehrecipes@yahoo.co.uk) or post to  
Chris - 19 Ashley Green, East Hanningfield, CM3 8AY



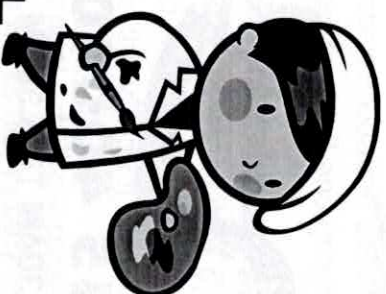
## East Hanningfield Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

*Saturday, 10th, July*

*10am—6pm*

*At the Village Hall*

*Entry £1 per adult*

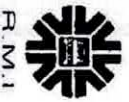


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Wendy on 400797 by the  
end of June



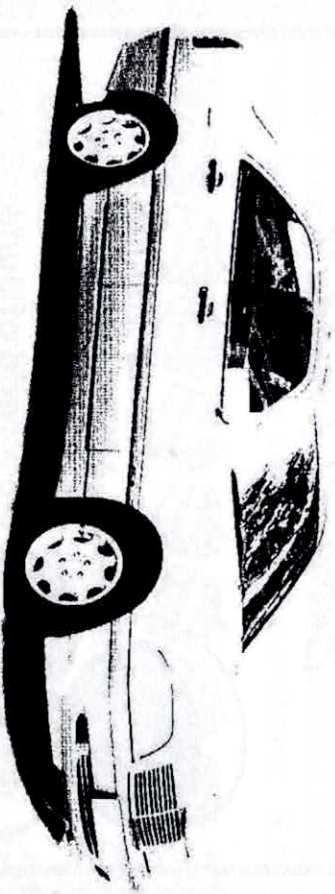
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

We have been successful in our bid to the Essex County Council Communities Initiative Fund for a further grant of £5,000, having received £6,000 in the previous year, which will enable us to replace the worn out flooring in the main hall. I hope that we will not upset the home advantage of the East Hanningfield Short Mat Bowls Club when the floor is resurfaced.

The energy bills that we pay are ever increasing and with support from the Parish Council an energy efficiency audit of the Hall was completed in January. The resulting report has been received and will be scrutinised. We hope to adopt some of the recommendations and reduce our energy consumption. We have recently installed Broadband WIFI access for the use of Hall hirers.

The Charity's workload continues to be borne by a few for the benefit of the many villagers and organisations who use the facilities at the Village Hall and sports field. No officers receive remuneration for their hard work; they are all volunteers and all should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village.

The Essex Probation Service continues to work with us helping to maintain the Hall and grounds for the benefit of all villagers.

It is good that the Village Shop & Post Office remains in the village. Following the break-in in December we upgraded the shutter systems to improve the security. If we are to retain the Post Office & Shop in the village it is essential that we all use the facility.

The Annual Art Show continues as a major fund raising event exhibiting works from many local artists. **This years Art Show will be on the Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010.** The Village Fete, a joint ven-



ture with All Saints Church, was very successful raising a record sum under the Chairmanship of Jackie Feehan, providing a fun event for all the villagers. The Fete is supported by several of our local businesses and we are grateful for their sponsorship. **This year's fete will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

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.

Terry & Dawn Mills have resigned from their joint roles of Hall Caretaker and Bookings Management. I would like to say a big thank you to Dawn & Terry for their hard work and support over the last four years and wish them well in the future. I am pleased that they have confirmed that they are happy to provide holiday cover for their replacement and welcome Sharon Crow who took over from Dawn & Terry on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Sharon can be contacted on 400965 and keys for the Hall & Sports Courts should be collected from & returned to Sharon at 22 Pease Place.

Have you considered joining the Committee? We would welcome new members to assist in the Charity's future development. I remain concerned for future continuity of the Charity management and hope that after reading this report one or more of you, the villagers who benefit from the Charity, will volunteer to join the Committee as Trustees and be part of the future of the Charity. More information about the Charity can be found at [www.essexinfo.net/](http://www.essexinfo.net/) [easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/](http://easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/)

If you have any questions I will do my best to answer them.

Colin Warren ☎ 401050 [cwarren132@aol.com](mailto:cwarren132@aol.com)



Past Hammingfield

## BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

The next sale of nearly new books is on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June** in the upstairs meeting room at the Village Hall, from **10am to 12.30pm**. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits, and the chance to have a leisurely browse and a chat. As usual, the box for donations will be in the village shop during the week prior to the sale. Proceeds to Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.

Jackie Feehan ☎ 400862

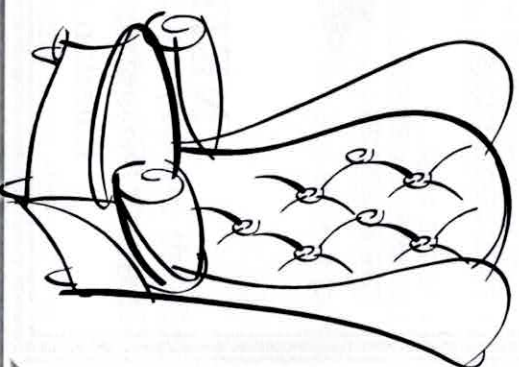


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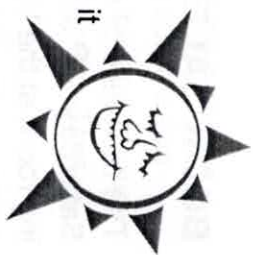
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## VILLAGE FETE 2010



September seems a long time away, particularly as it hasn't even felt like spring in recent weeks. But it really is May, and the fete is already taking shape, and we wouldn't like anyone to overlook that date - September 11<sup>th</sup> - on the calendar! We have some new attractions lined up this year, and plenty of old favourites. Many people who ran stalls last time will be doing so again, and would be happy to have additional support, so could you consider giving an hour or two to lend a hand? Or, could you spare some time during the morning, or at the end of the fete, to help set up or clear up? We can't do it without your help!

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## BETHEL

**The Waiting Game**—How are you at waiting? Are you one of those people whose blood pressure rises when you are in a long line at the checkout counter of ASDA? And it gets worse – after an already long wait, the person at the front of the line needs a price check on an unmarked item. I have to confess that the issue of waiting is one of those areas of my living where God has richly blessed me with an opportunity for much growth!

None more so than our recent team visit to Kenya. After the most amazing time spent working at a kids home, we arrived at Nairobi Airport to find flight BA064 to Heathrow - CANCELLED. Little did we know then, that the 'volcanic ash cloud' would eventually delay our flight for a further TEN days.  
Yet – waiting is a central part of life. When you think about it, we spend a huge chunk of our lives waiting.—Waiting to hear if you got the job.—Waiting for the doctor to call.—Waiting for your teenager to come home with the car.—Waiting for true love to come into your life.

But there is a more insidious kind of waiting. A waiting that almost escapes our attention in spite of the fact that it eats away at the meaning of our lives. What are we ultimately waiting for?

At Bethel, we recently did a series of Bible studies that was about exactly this. 'Don't Waste Your Life'. To recognise the plans and purposes that God has for us, if only we seek Him and submit to His ways.

The Psalmist puts it like this:

*"Lead me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; on you do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:5*

The Lord intends to keep His people dependent upon Himself. He



has everything they can need. He intends to supply all their needs; but He will be applied to. He will have His people wait on Him, and wait for Him. In doing so, this will sometimes try their faith, fortitude, patience, and perseverance. But wait we must. Maybe you've been asking yourself questions about life itself. Why not come and hear things from God's perspective. What are you waiting for?

### Meetings at Bethel

Family Praise & Worship – Every Sunday at 10.45pm  
 Ladies Meetings – Tuesday at 10.30am  
 Bible Study – Every Thursday at 7.45pm  
 Café Bar – Saturday 22 May at 11.00am  
 Evening Praise & Worship – Sunday 23 May at 6.00pm  
 Garden Party – Saturday 12 June at 2.00pm  
 Mens' Breakfast – Saturday 26 June at 9.00am  
 Café Bar – Saturday 17 July at 11.00am

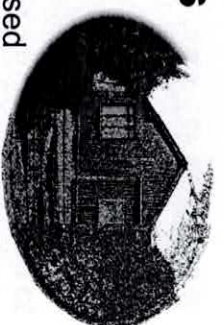
Here are pictures of the Bethel Church team that made the trip to The Kurundas Childrens Home in Kenya. A truly wonderful experience.



Greetings from all your friends at Bethel Evangelical Church  
 Old Church Road, East Hanningfield. ☎ 400665

## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I. NEWS

It seems no time at all since I last wrote but time keeps rolling on. We enjoyed our New Year lunch and since then we have had our annual Coffee Morning and we were very pleased to send £270 to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.



Thank you again to everyone who came along to support it. We are very pleased that we have several new members. This month we will be having our Strawberry Tea which is always popular. And in July we will be hosting an afternoon tea for some ladies from Little Wakering W.I. So we are always kept busy.

Our meeting are mostly at 2pm in our Hall with some variations in January, August and December. If you fancy giving us a try just give me a call.

Best Wishes from us all,  
 Lillian Grace ☎ 400288

## PRESCHOOL

During the first half of the spring term we have had fun learning about fruit and vegetables and how they grow, as part of the Health for Life programme. We have sampled new flavours and even grown our own peppers and carrots! We have really enjoyed playing outside, while the good weather held. We are looking forward to our sports day.

If you thinking of starting your 2 year old in September, please contact me on the number below, or ring the pre-school number (07732 951613) during session hours, which are currently Monday – Thursday, 9.15 – 11.45, in the Village Hall. Please note that from September, we will be changing to 3 hour sessions to take full advantage of the Government Funding available.

Fiona Ward, Secretary 400944



## PARISH PLAN - Action Plans into words!

As discussed in the last article public meetings to discuss the data from the questionnaire in relation to forming an Action Plan were to be held. We are extremely grateful to those members of the public who attended and participated in the discussions. The input from those attending was appreciated and focussed attention on what matters to people living in the Parish.

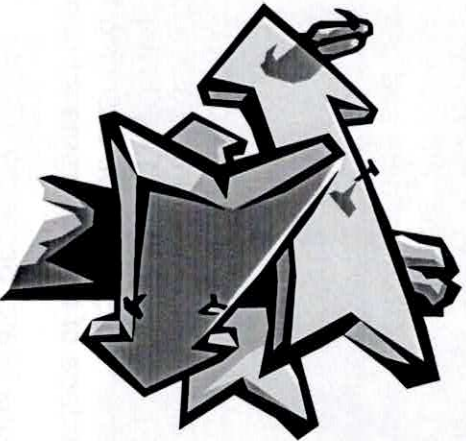
I was recently visited by a neighbour who suggested a simple change to one of the road signs in the village. This was to address cars and coaches going down Old Church Road in error, turning in driveways, blocking the road etc in addition to people being lost (It would however remove the sport of sitting outside The Windmill in the summer and redirecting lost drivers!).

The reason I mention this is that roads, speeding and pavements were matters of high importance at the public meetings. All the issues were debated and where appropriate actions suggested – many however are the gift of other agencies (funding permitting). The importance of the plan is to act as reference for these agencies.

We are now drawing all this together and the committee are writing the first draft.

Watch this space!

Best wishes  
Stephen Snewin  
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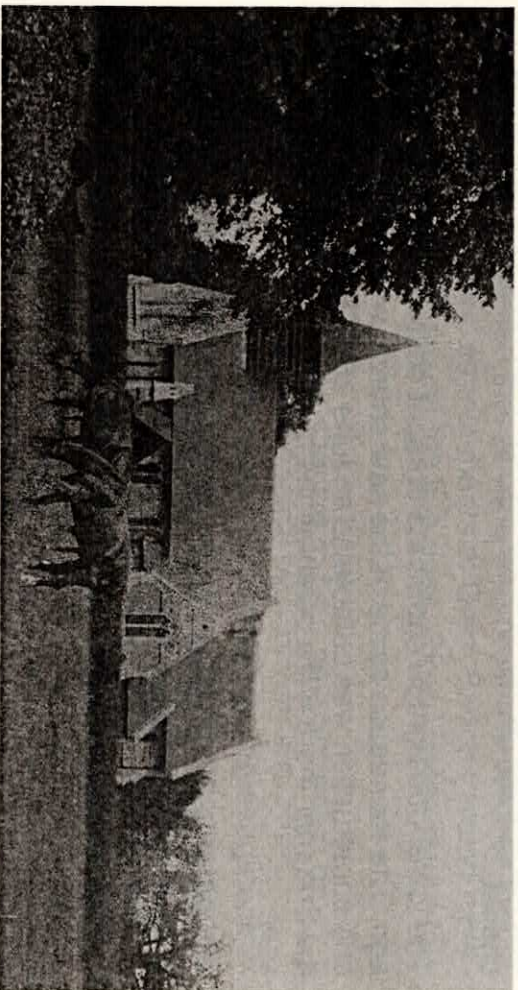
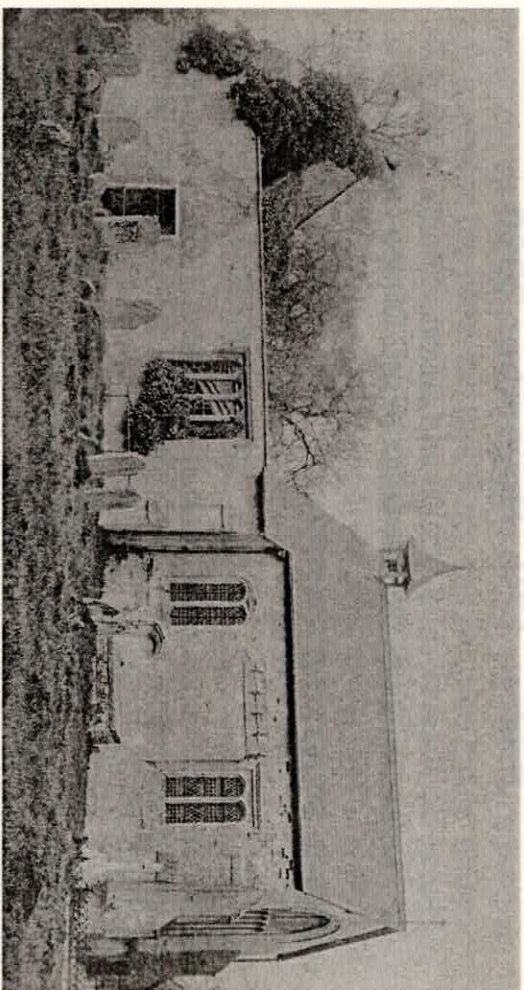






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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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## COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

The top photograph, which was taken over 100 years ago, is of the old church which burned down in December 1883. In the early part of the nineteenth century it had fallen into disrepair and after years of fundraising it was closed for a year for repairs, opening on 14th. April 1843. The nave contained wall paintings dating from about 1300 depicting Adam digging and Eve spinning, St. Katherine holding a wheel and a book, and Cain and Abel. Following the fire, the chancel which retained its roof was used as a mortuary chapel.

The lower photograph shows the present church about 100 years ago. The foundation stone of the new church was laid in July 1884 and construction was completed in June 1885, which is why during the Summer there were celebrations to mark its 125th. Anniversary.

The photograph is detail taken from a postcard sent from the front in April 1915, but was probably taken before the war began.

## PARISH COUNCIL



Those of you with concessionary bus passes will probably have noticed that they run out at the end of March. This is because from April administration of the bus passes will transfer from the Borough Council to Essex County Council. In preparation for this change, the County Council is consulting users on what they consider to be the most important aspects of the bus pass provision. At this time of serious cost cutting you can be sure that any aspect of the provision that is not shown to be highly valued will be in danger of cancellation. At the moment these passes can be used from 9am until midnight on weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday, but the national requirement is that they should be usable from 9.30am until 11pm on weekdays and at all times at weekends and bank holidays. There is therefore scope for a reduction of the time they can be used.

The consultation period lasts until 30th. September so you still have time to tell the County Council what provision is important to you. Consultation forms have been available in the Post Office since July and should also be available in libraries and Council offices. You can complete the form online at [www.essex.gov.uk/](http://www.essex.gov.uk/) buspass/ or telephone 08457 430 430 to request a copy. The Parish Council is concerned that anyone who presently catches the 9.24 to attend doctors' appointments at Great Baddow would have to wait until the 11.18 to use the bus pass, should Essex return to the 9.30 start.

Still on the subject of buses, there is to be a new **Service 5** on **Thursdays**. It will leave the Windmill stop at 9am and travel through Bicknacre, Danbury, Woodham Walter and Beeliegh and arrive at the Maldon Tesco store at 9.49 and the Maldon Morrisons at 9.55. The return trip will leave Morrisons at 11.45, Tesco at 11.50 and arrive back at East Hanningfield at 12.38. During the first part of the journey, between East Hanningfield and Bicknacre



it will be a "Hail and Ride" service. Service 5 runs from 2nd September. Please note that to accomplish this new provision, the number Service 3 08:54 to Chelmsford on a Thursday has been withdrawn.

Responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire seemed to indicate that there was local interest in increased provision of allotments. Our neighbouring parish, Sandon has identified a plot of land beside the Southend Road at Howe Green as a possible allotment site, but has had so little interest that, at the moment, they are unable to proceed with the proposal. If you are looking for an allotment and would like one at Howe Green, please contact the Clerk to Sandon Parish Council by email at [sandonparishclerk@btopenworld.com](mailto:sandonparishclerk@btopenworld.com) or on 01245 227734, as soon as possible, because the proposal is going to be shelved if too few registrations of interest are received.



Still on the subject of the Parish Plan, editing is progressing and the finished document is expected to go to print in mid September. Although still very much a draft document, it looks as though it is going to be a 24 page A4 booklet for the Plan with a separate loose leaf, updateable action plan as an insertion. It is intended that every household and business should receive a copy, and there will be a large print version available to those who need it. It will also be accessible on the Parish Plan website [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfield-parishplan/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfield-parishplan/) where there is a "Listen" facility that will read the text to you. This facility is also available on the Parish Council's website.

Another activity requested in the responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire was more village dances, so some of you will be pleased to learn that there is going to be a charity barn dance at the Village Hall on Saturday 18 September to raise funds for Chelmsford Mencap's adult events. The barn dance starts at

7:30pm with music and a caller provided by George and the Trombones. There will be a fish and chip supper, or alternative by previous arrangement. Guests can bring their own drinks. Price: Adults £14, Children £10. For tickets please contact Vanessa Heller Tel: 0797 657 8868.



PC continues to have site meetings with County Council Highway officers to discuss local highways problems. This can be a frustrating exercise as actions agreed last year are still awaiting funding. Nevertheless, new projects have recently been added to the list and are being investigated for viability. In particular, a reduction in the 40mph speed limit in Old Church Road to 30mph is to be considered by the Traffic Management Team at County Hall when they conduct their review of speed limits. A reduction of the speed limit along the Tye will also be considered.

Since the general election there have been many policy outline announcements coming from central government which might affect PC, and in most cases the consequences cannot be ascertained until the details are published, but some proposals such as the requirement for a parish poll for increasing the council tax, the publication of individual expenditure items over £500 and the annual audit by private auditors rather than the Audit Commission look as though they are going to cause increases in expenditure, so developments are being monitored with interest.

PC Meetings for the next quarter will continue on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. If you come along to listen or participate in Public Question Time, please use the side entrance, as the connecting door with the rest of the Hall will be locked.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council  
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## BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Whilst the rest of the world worries about wars and credit crunches it is fulfilling to live in a place like East Hanningfield. Apart from our village's natural beauty it is an enjoyable community because of the commitment and passion of many people who work and live here. I still dream of a community suite at the village hall and perhaps one day all the planning that went into that project will be fulfilled, but meanwhile the commitment of those who run Hanna's Field Charity is a contributor to our lives in the community and many years of effort by Mike, Jenny, Colin and Jackie (especially with the fete) and many others is worthy of grateful thanks.

I attended our school's leaving assembly and was very impressed with our youngsters. What great ambassadors they will be for our village and school as they move on and what tremendous achievements our school notched this year.

Reverend Pam and John seem to have been in East Hanningfield for ever, our Parish Church is reaching out to the community and that is very good. Stan is no longer the Church Warden and so has just stepped down from almost 20 years as a school Governor.

Thanks are due for his valuable experience and service.

I have spoken all over Essex about our Geoffrey Close/Chennels development. It is an exemplary and fine project which respective chairmen of our Parish Council Peter and Les have supported from the start especially the concept of ownership which was then groundbreaking and now best practise. The residents there have quickly assimilated into the community because of their connections some might say roots.

I am proud to be a member of our award winning Parish Council and thank Karen an experienced professional who contributes with members to make our work enjoyable, productive and relevant.

It is a privilege to represent this community and I thank you for that. Best wishes to all

Mike Harris

Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield, Chelmsford Borough Council 400142

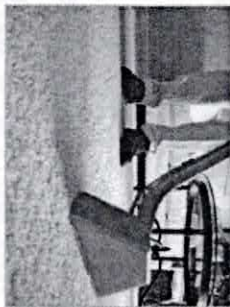
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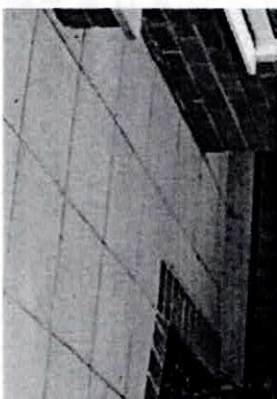
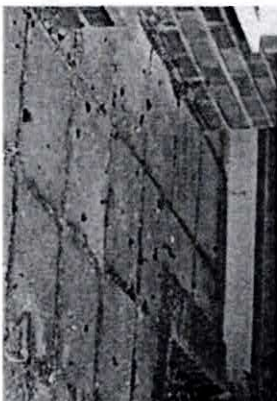
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school has had a particularly successful year and not only academically.



In the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership Minisports competition involving 80 primary schools year 2 came first by achieving the highest individual average score. The school football team won the Essex Small School Tournament in Colchester. The rounder's team won its group in Chelmsford. In their group at the Maldon District Sports the athletics team won the Field Cup, the Track Shield and shared the relay trophy. Congratulations to all competitors.

Our musical talent was highlighted, not only at the area festivals, but also at our music afternoon. I am amazed at the standards some children achieve. I hope they inspired other children to start learning an instrument and will continue developing their skills..

We hope those leaving school this year will continue their involvement in sports and music alongside the more academic subjects in their respective secondary schools.

After seven years in primary education our 20 year six pupils entertained us with their Leavers' Assembly. The confidence and talents shown in their final year of primary school are impressive to all the staff, who in this small school, have all played their part in supporting their development and remember how far they have come. We wish them continued success and enjoyment in learning as they continue their education beyond East Hanningfield.

Thank you to all those who have supported our school events over the year. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back after an enjoyable summer holiday on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Linda Findlay (headteacher)



Demand continues to be high for properties with easy access to town and we are always in need of similar good quality housing stock for sale or to let; so if you're positive about moving house and seriously want to get moving, give me a call

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## New Instruction!

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Have you ever wondered where the LOCAL buses go or wondered how you could use it to get to a general store or cash machine? East Hanningfield is served by the 1, 3 and 11a buses which run to Southend, Rayleigh, Chelmsford and Canvey town centres. The service 11 route alone passes 6 general stores, 4 Pharmacy's, and 5 cash machines.

### How to access the Chelmsford hospitals

To access **Broomfield Hospital** get off service 1, 3 or 11a at Chelmsford Bus Station and catch service 47, 52 or 70.

To access **St. John's Hospital** get off service 1, 3 or 11a at Chelmsford Bus Station and catch service 14, 42, 52 or 100.

### How to access the Southend Hospital

Service 3 and 11a give access to Southend Hospital. Just get off at Carlton Avenue (service 11a) or at Southend Travel Centre and catch service 21a, 7 or 20 to the hospital.

### How to access the GP in Danbury

It is possible to access the GP in Danbury by bus. For example, get off service 3 at Great Baddow, opposite The Blue Lion, on Baddow Road and catch the 31 to Danbury, getting off at Eves Corner.

If this too far to walk or does not get you to the surgery on time? Have you considered Community Transport? See over.

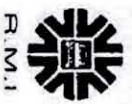
### How to access the medical centre at Sainsburys, Chelmsford

North Chelmsford NHS Healthcare Centre provides patients with an 8am to 8pm GP service, open to registered and unregistered patients with or without an appointment, 365 days per year. From blood pressure checks to contraceptive advice, minor cuts and bruises to stings and sprains, the Healthcare Centre offers a wide range of services from the Sainsbury's site in Springfield: 2 White Hart Lane, Chelmsford CM2 5EF.

To access this site get off service 1, 3 or 11a at Chelmsford Bus Station and catch service 48, 71 or 72.

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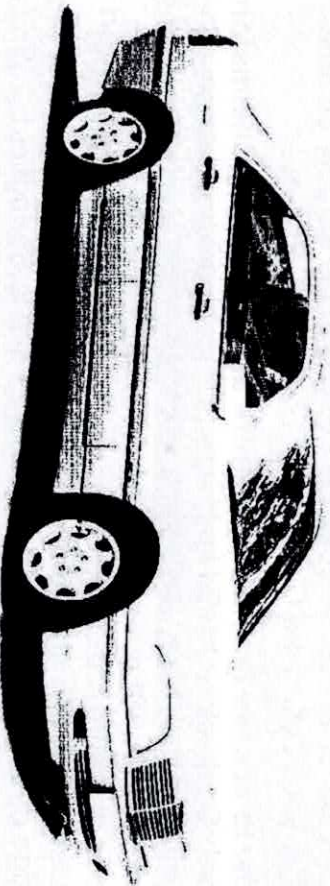


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An example of fare charges are shown in the table below

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1-2	£2.40	£4.80	4-5	£3.50	£7.00
2-3	£2.90	£5.80	5-6	£3.80	£7.60

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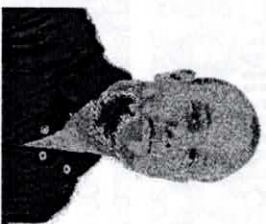
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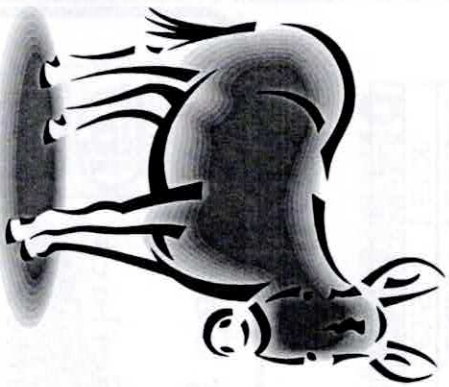


## VILLAGE FETE 2010

The place to be on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** will be **Hanna's Field!** Be there at 1.30pm when the fete will be opened by our special guest and local celebrity, **Alex from Heart Essex.** Hear him on **Heart 96.3** and **102.6 FM** weekday mornings!



Later in the afternoon, we welcome back **Ali Barry** to entertain the children, as part of the programme of events. This year there will be donkey rides, as well as swing boats, roundabouts and the return of the inflatable assault course challenge. Not forgetting stalls and a variety of refreshments, from beer tent to barbecue.



If you can't join us on the day, please make sure you don't miss out completely by buying some draw tickets. Two books will have been delivered with this News and you can buy more in the village shop. There are some excellent prizes to be won. Donations of home made cakes, tombola prizes and books for the book stall will be gratefully received, as will any offers of help.

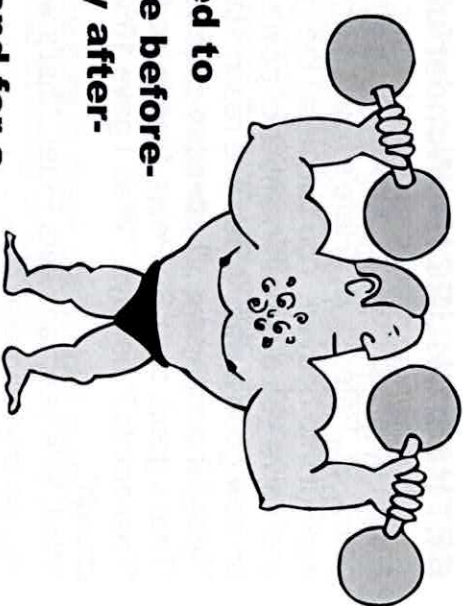
Let's hope for another gloriously sunny and successful afternoon!

**Jackie Feehan**  
Contact me on 400862  
[jackie@feehan.vispa.com](mailto:jackie@feehan.vispa.com)



## SHOW OFF YOUR MUSCLES!

**Strong arms wanted to help set up the Fete beforehand and tidy away afterwards.**



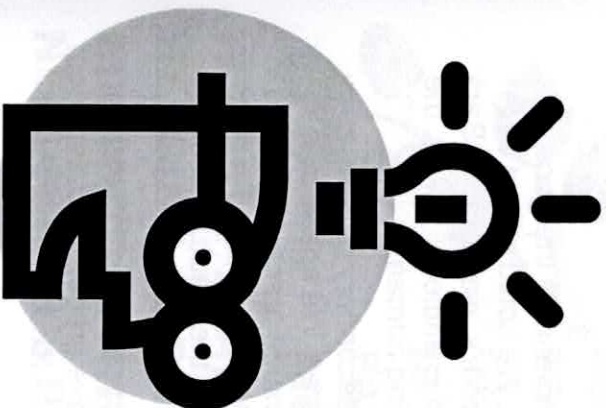
**Could you lend a hand for a couple of hours at 10am and/or again at 5pm on Saturday, 11th. September?**  
**If you can help contact Jackie**  
[400862/jackie@feehan.vispa.com](mailto:400862/jackie@feehan.vispa.com)

## IDEAS WANTED!

**Have you got an idea for a new event? Would you be prepared to organise it with help from the Charity?**

We are always looking for new ideas for social functions that villagers would want to support and that will bring local people together.

Contact HFC through **Colin 401050,**  
**Jenny 400411** or **Mike 400628**





## **BETHEL CHURCH—Wonderful Grace!**

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I attended church every Sunday"

"That's good, says St. Peter, "that's worth two points"

"Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church"

"Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?"

"Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point," he says.

"Hmmm...", the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"THREE POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

When we speak of God's grace, we could mean all the good gifts we enjoy freely in life. There are so many. We could spend a lifetime celebrating them: blackberries, buttercups, walks down Back Lane on balmy summer evenings – the list is endless. For us, the gift of life includes the wondrous gift of being human.

We also use the word grace to mean the secondary gifts we perceive in the skill and intelligence as creatures. We speak of the beauty of a lion or a dancer, saying they exude grace, discerned in the vitality and fluidity of their movement. When we use the word graceful to describe a creature, it's because the creature is being expressive of its God-given self.

There is another way of speaking about grace that is more about redemption than about creation. Redemptive grace is focused most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The grace of

Christ can inspire us in such a transformative way as to change our awareness of ourselves, of our potential as human beings and as humankind, and our awareness of God's gracious purpose for us and through us - and most importantly, what He has done for us.

Thankfully, it's not 'Brownie Points' that will get us into heaven, it's faith and trust in Jesus Christ and through His grace.

Please come and join us (not to earn points, of course), we meet on **Sundays at 10.45am** Other dates include:

### **September**

Saturday 11 **Village Fete** (be sure to check out our golf game)

Sunday 19 **Praise & Worship Evening** at 6.00pm

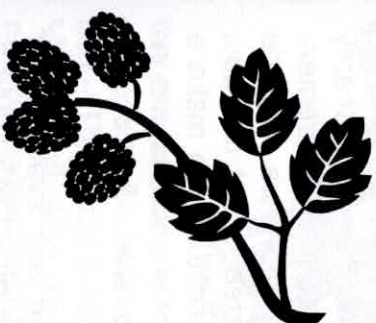
Saturday 25 **Café Bar** from 11.00am to 1.00pm

### **October**

Sunday 3 **Harvest Family Service** at 10.45am

Saturday 23 **Café Bar** from 11.00am to 1.00pm

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BLOCKED DITCH CAUSING YOUR  
NEIGHBOUR'S PROPERTY TO FLOOD?).**



## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This year's art exhibition was once again organised by Wendy Thomas and Jenny Mouser, ably assisted by a number of their friends and family and raised more than £1,300. Thanks to everybody who supported the event including the artists who provided the pictures, the visitors who purchased them and the local householders who displayed the publicity boards in their gardens.

This year's village fete is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Would you be able to give some physical help with setting up and clearing up at the fete? This in turn might give you an insight into the fundraising that takes place with Hanna's Field Charity, All Saints Church and the Parish Council. Perhaps you are new to the village and would like to get involved in some small way to make new friends and become part of the village community. We are always looking for new ideas for social functions that villagers would enjoy and that will bring people together as a community. To find out more please contact any member of the HFC, the fete committee or the Parish Council.

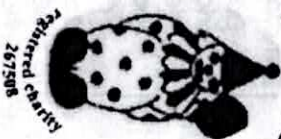
Many of the current committee have been in post since the Charity was founded over twenty years ago and have achieved a tremendous amount in that time, but there is so much more we could do with fresh ideas and new faces. Being a trustee is not onerous, only six informal meetings a year, and the opportunity to make a real difference in the village, meet other residents and become involved in something worthwhile is actually enjoyable. So, don't be shy, if you're interested give us a call.

The Hall, playing-field and sports/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Sharon Crow on 01245 400965. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren  
Chairman Hanna's Field Charity  
01245 401050 cwarren132@aol.com

## PRESCHOOL

At the end of the Summer term, there were lots of goodbyes to say, both to staff and to our 'Big School' leavers. We will miss them, but wish them all the best for the future. Also, we welcomed Serene, our new supervisor, who has come to us from Billericay. Sports day and the end of term party were a lot of fun, as usual.



East Hanningfield  
Pre-School

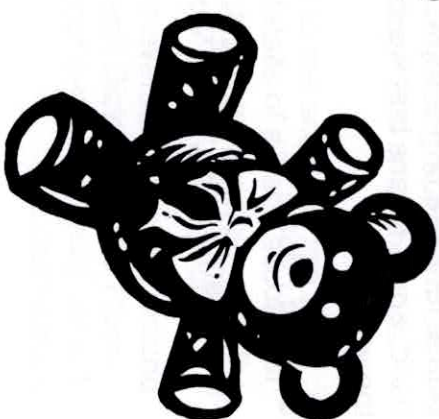
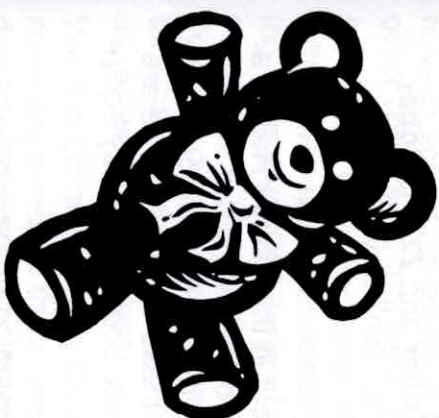
Term starts again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, and our first fundraising exercise will be at the Village Fete on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September, where we will be running a Bottle Tombola, as well as the ever-popular Teddy Tombola. Please bring any donations along to a Pre-School session or to Hanna's Tots on Friday.

If your child is 2+ and you are thinking of starting in September, please contact me on the number below, or ring

the pre-school number (07732 951613)

during session hours, which are Monday – Thursday, 9.15 – 12.15, in the Village Hall. Also, we are looking for new committee members, so please come along to the AGM (date to follow): if we have no committee, the Pre-School cannot open.

Fiona Ward, Secretary  
01245 400944





## HANNA'S TOTS

The Summer term seems to have flown past, but as many of you know, we continued to hold sessions during the holiday with older siblings being welcome.

Recently, the Health Visitor has been coming along to sessions once a month, to weigh children and discuss any aspect of your children's health.

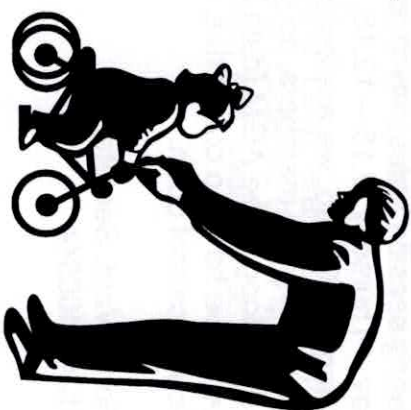
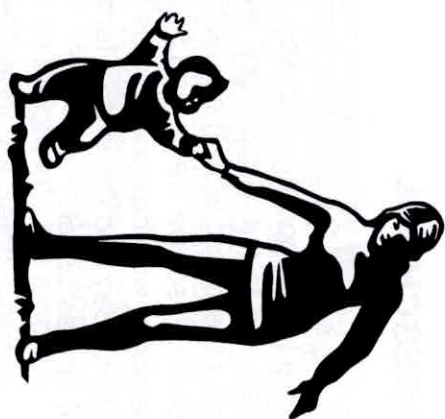
She will be coming again on **24<sup>th</sup> September** and **22<sup>nd</sup> October**, so please make a note in your diaries. You don't have to be a 'regular' to come along.

If you are not sure how to find us, we meet in the Village Hall on a Friday morning, entrance via the back door! Sessions run from 9.30 – 11.30, but we all know that small children do their own thing, so feel free to pop in at any point during those times. Also, we are a toy library and have a wide range of toys, books and baby equipment to borrow or hire.

If you are interested in taking part in the running of the sessions, please let Rose or me know; we are always grateful for a helping hand, and it means that we can share the workload.

See you Friday!

Fiona Ward 01245 400944



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our small Committee, and group of liaison co-ordinators met again in June. As ever, we discussed the incidents that had been reported by our local liaison officer and PCSO. By its very nature, the help we get from our Police is reactive, rather than proactive. Incidents happen, need to be investigated and crime solved. Obviously, it would be nice if the once traditional Bobby were to pound his beat in our village, providing reassurance, and chastising young miscreants in equally traditional manner, - the proverbial clip round the ear or its equivalent. Unfortunately life is not like that now; we have to accept advances in technology, human rights and the other constraints that have been placed on our constabulary.

So what is Neighbourhood Watch? There is a co-ordinating committee, who meet periodically. However, the concept is worth nothing, if we, the inhabitants of our village do not take responsibility for ourselves and our neighbours, particularly the infirm. Even if we do not know our neighbours as well as we might wish, it is important that we remain alert to possible crime affecting those around us, as well as ourselves.

We, the Committee and Co-ordinators can do our bit by circulating news (by e-mail to those prepared to join the loop to be kept up to date). We also carry a Police marking kit, available to anyone wishing to mark up their valuable effects, - and photograph them, so that, in the event of loss, investigators may know what they are looking for.

At a technical level, we need to be alert to the scams of the age. Any uninvited communication seeking details of a bank account or credit card on any pretext should be regarded as suspicious. In the Spring issue of EH News, some we know about were specified.

If you would like to be kept up to date on events happening around us, please provide your co-ordinator, Geoff Dickman, Mike Plumridge or Martin Harcourt Williams with your e-mail address; we will try not to flood you with messages.

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## RECENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

In the last month Bicknacre Road residents seem to have been targeted. A house was burgled with approximately £2,000 worth of property stolen and an attempt was made to break in to another house. Hay was stolen from a stable and in what might have been a related incident a young rider on a horse was followed by two men in a van.

Keep your eyes open for suspicious activity and if you have any information regarding the above please contact the police. The advice as always is if you see or hear of anything remotely suspicious call Essex Police asap on their non-emergency number 0300 333 4444. And if you have information on any crime you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield NhW.

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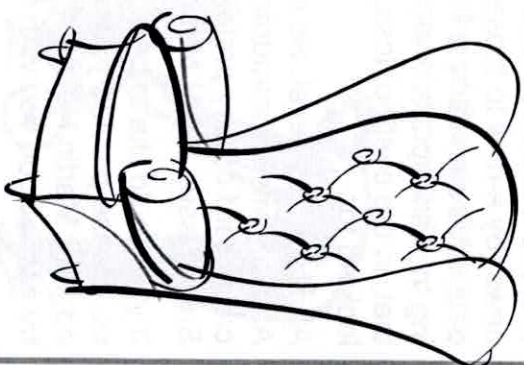
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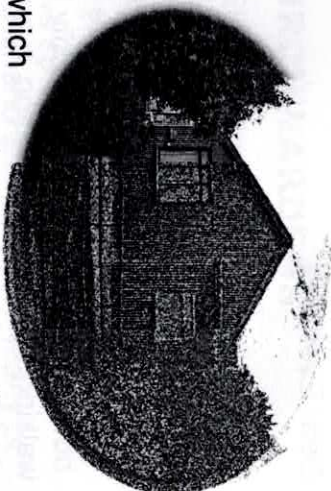
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD

### W.I. NEWS

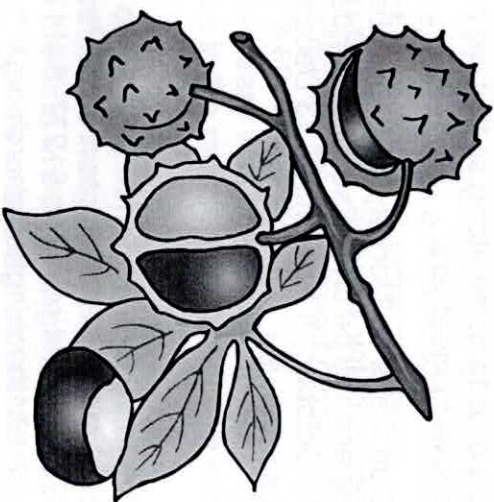
Well, here we are enjoying lovely weather which is good for the childrens school holiday. In June we had a very successful Strawberry Tea with 60 ladies present, which certainly kept us on our toes. In July we hosted an afternoon tea for some ladies from Little Wakering W.I.



In October our members will enjoy our **Harvest Lunch** and this year we've decided to give ourselves a break and have caterers in.

We mostly meet in our hall on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month at **2pm** with the exception of slight changes in January, August and December. If you felt you could like to give us a try, you will be most welcome. Give me a call if you are interested.

Best Wishes Lilian Grace 400288





Dear Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself.



My name is Edward Bear and I am a large honey-coloured teddy bear with quite big ears. I think I am quite handsome, although a little on the tubby side but that makes me rather cuddly I think. I am not too good at walking but I do enjoy sitting in a chair in church, listening to Bible stories and helping to sing songs. I don't move much myself (perhaps I am a little lazy) and so I watch the everyone else doing actions to the songs. I don't say very much out loud either - but I do think a lot.

I shall be starting to visit All Saints' Church in September for a special service which has my name - Edward Bear Club. I have to have special clothes to wear and I hope there will be children who can dress me in the right colours. My club is specially suitable for children from 0-5 years old who bring their parent or carer with them. After the service we can have a little something to drink and toys to play with. There will be tea and a time to chat for the adult person you bring with you which will keep them happy while we do the more important thing of playing.

I do hope you will be able to come along so that we can make friends - I would so love to meet you.

My Edward Bear Club starts on Monday 13 September at 2.15pm in All Saints' Church and will be on the second Monday of every month after that (11 October, 8 November, 13 December).  
Looking forward to seeing you.

Your friend

Edward Bear

(If you want to find out more, please contact Revd Pam Pennell.  
Email: [pencof.pam@btinternet.com](mailto:pencof.pam@btinternet.com) Tel: 01277 841179.  
Church website: [www.easthanningfieldchurch.org](http://www.easthanningfieldchurch.org))

## FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCHWARDENS

As reported in the last EH News, Stan Gordon stood down as churchwarden in the Spring after eight years in the post. This is to let you know that I have now been appointed in his place, to work alongside the other churchwarden Ron Attenborough. My name is Sandra Robinson and I have lived in the village for thirty one years. My background is that I have spent all my working life in education, having been a headteacher and an inspector. Many of you may remember my late husband - Mick the Runner - who was often to be seen either running around the village or enjoying a pint of ale in the pub. Stan has left very big shoes for me to try to fill but I shall do my best and I am sure that I can rely on the support of the many friends I have made whilst living in East Hanningfield.

**Music for a Summer's Evening** brought many comments of 'probably the best yet'. But that was said last year too, so it is clear that the performers Daphne Hilliar brought together in church on 12<sup>th</sup> June, and the programme she devised, reflected a very high standard indeed. Our grateful thanks to all concerned, and not least to those who provided the refreshments afterwards. We look forward to 2010 – see you there.

**Open Garden at The Limes** was under NGS auspices this year, so we especially want to thank Stan & Gil Gordon for the generous donation of £400 which they made to Church funds following this event on 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June, and also to acknowledge the dedicated work of our refreshment team on the Sunday afternoon.

**Bradwell Pilgrimage** on 3<sup>rd</sup> July was voted a great experience by those who attended and we can expect more to be asking to go next year. This is an all-age event.

**Our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary** was celebrated on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August with a special service in the morning and children's events in the afternoon.

**Ride & Stride** on 11<sup>th</sup> September is an annual sponsored cycling or walking event round as many Essex churches and chapels as one can manage in the time available, organised by "Friends of Essex Churches Trust". Monies raised are shared 50:50 with your



own church and the Trust, who use their income to provide grants when the big repair bills come in – as they tend to do! Full details and sponsor forms are available in Church or you can contact our local organiser Daphne Hilliar on 01245 264444.

**Edward Bear Club** commences on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15 pm in Church for the 0's to 5's – see Rev'd Pam's article.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and will be celebrated at our All Age Service at 10.00 am. Harvest gifts should be in the form of specific food items for "Harvest for the Hungry" food parcels being organized by our school. Details will be available in church and school in September.

**St Luke's Day** on 17<sup>th</sup> October, as last year, will be marked by a special service at 11.00am which includes prayer for healing.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on 14<sup>th</sup> November and all are invited to our service which starts around 10.45am at the War Memorial outside the church for the Act of Remembrance, and then moves into church. As we continue to hear almost daily of those who are still sacrificing their lives on our behalf, it is not too much to ask that we should freely give just a few minutes of our time to remember the fallen and the bereaved, and also those who continue to suffer from their injuries. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

**Look out** for a new church Notice Board which should be appearing soon. Hopefully you won't be able to miss it when passing by the church.

**Arrangements** for connection to the main sewer (with the eventual aim of installing toilet facilities) mentioned in the last issue, are progressing and we hope this autumn will see that vital first step completed. But we still haven't located the mains water stopcock.

Ron Attenborough Tel:400361 e-mail: [ronald304@btinternet.com](mailto:ronald304@btinternet.com)  
Sandra Robinson Tel: 400819 e-mail: [sandra.robinson@btinternet.com](mailto:sandra.robinson@btinternet.com)

[www.easthanningfieldchurch.org](http://www.easthanningfieldchurch.org)  
(now with direct link to Parish Council website)

## VILLAGE DIARY

[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2010/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2010/)  
The website is regularly updated so go on-line for the latest information.

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2nd Green box, paper, cardboard and plastic recycling collection  
Sunday 5th 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (PB) 14th Sunday after Trinity at All Saints' Church [www.easthanningfieldchurch.org](http://www.easthanningfieldchurch.org)

Thursday 9th 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** with refreshments to follow at All Saints' Church

Saturday 11th 2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.

Monday 13th 1.30pm **VILLAGE FETE** at Hanna's Field  
2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for children aged 0-5 years at All Saints' Church.

Wednesday 15th Green box, paper and plastic recycling collection  
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall

Sunday 19th 6pm **PRaise & WORSHIP EVENING** at Bethel Church  
2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.

Thursday 23rd 3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.  
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance

Saturday 25th 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church  
Green box, paper, cardboard and plastic recycling collection  
Wednesday 29th

### OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd 10am **HARVEST THANKSGIVING & FAMILY SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.

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- Wed. 13th  
Green box, paper and plastic recycling collection  
11am **ST LUKE'S DAY** prayers for healing at All Saints' Church
- Wed. 20th  
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall
- Thursday 21st  
2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Saturday 23  
11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church.
- Wed. 27th  
Green box, paper, cardboard and plastic recycling collection
- Thursday 28th  
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance

## NOVEMBER

- Thursday 4th  
2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Monday 8th  
2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for children aged 0-5 years at All Saints' Church.
- Wed. 10th  
Green box, paper and plastic recycling collection
- Sunday 14th  
10.45am **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE** at the War Memorial in front of All Saints' Church  
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall
- Wed. 17th  
2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Wed. 24th  
Green box, paper, cardboard and plastic recycling collection
- Thursday 25th  
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance

# EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS

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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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### Copy date for the next edition is Friday, 11th. February 2011

Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at [karen.plumridge@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com) or 2 Clinton Close.

Karen Plumridge,  
Acting Editor 400628

## FRONT COVER

Well done to the 34 entrants to this year's cover competition. The standard was very high again, making judging a difficult task.



This year's winner is the Robin with Snowflakes by Ioan Williams printed on the front cover. The runners-up from each class are on the back cover.

A few of the other entrants are printed on the inner pages.

Thanks to East Hanningfield School for participating in the competition again this year

## PARISH COUNCIL

Over the weekend of 13th/14th. November, the majority of households received their copy of the **East Hanningfield Parish Plan 2010**. If you didn't get one please contact the steering group secretary Malcolm Thomas on 400797 or [m.c.thomas@talk21.com](mailto:m.c.thomas@talk21.com). A large print version is available. Now that the Parish Plan is complete the next task could be the production of a village design statement if there are enough interested residents to undertake the project. If you would like to see what a VDS looks like there are currently ten on the Borough Council's website and a further three, Sandon, Great Baddow & Danbury, there as part of the Local Development Framework consultation. See [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk). Please let me have your contact details if you are interested in getting an East Hanningfield VDS underway.

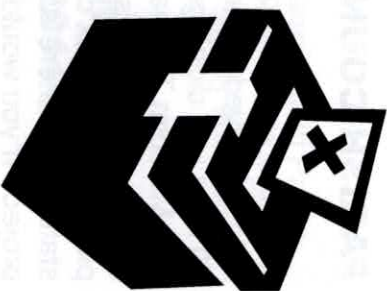
One of the actions identified by the Youth element of the Parish Plan was that local young people would like information about activities for them on the parish website. The Local Contacts page on the website has links to several organisations providing activities for young, and older, residents.

Another action identified in the Plan was to continue to assist residents to recycle more easily, and Tetrapaks were given as an example. PC has been trying to get a Tetrapak recycling bin for the village, but it is proving difficult. PC has not given up on this idea and efforts will continue. In the meantime if you happen to go to Danbury or Asda at South Woodham you can recycle your paks there, admittedly not very conveniently. On the other hand you can cut them in half and use them for growing cuttings or seeds!

The four year term of office of the present Parish Council comes to an end in May, when all seven seats are up for election. The election is scheduled for Thursday 5th. May. If there are seven or fewer candidates there will not be a poll, ie. voting at the polling station, and the election will be declared uncontested, which



means the candidates will take their seats at the appropriate time. The election timetable has been published already, and the Notice of Election will be published on 28th. March and nominations should then be submitted to the Returning Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council by 5th. April. I shall remind you about these dates in the next News.



This advance notice gives those who might consider standing for a place on the Parish Council the opportunity to find out what the Parish Council and its councillors do. You could read Minutes of Meetings on the website. You could talk to the present Councillors, and you can find their contact details on the website and the Parish Council noticeboards. There will be an election for this Borough Council Ward on the same day, and possibly a referendum on electoral reform.

Apart from this month's Meeting which has been brought forward to 9th. December to avoid the holiday period and the run-up to Christmas, PC Meetings continue on the **fourth Thursday** of each month, at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. The Agenda for each meeting is posted on the PC noticeboards and the website three days before, and printed copies are available at meetings. All PC Meetings are open to the public, and the meeting room is warm and the chairs comfortable, so you don't need to worry about sitting on a hard seat in the cold!

Members of the public are now better able to follow what is being discussed at PC meetings because plans and documents being considered are displayed on an overhead screen. You might not be aware of it but the Village Hall has internet access, so it is possible to find information from County and Borough Council websites should the need arise during a Meeting, and satellite views have proved very useful when discussing planning issues as the photographic detail of the parish is very good.

The PC Budget for the 2011/12 financial year was due to be set at the November Meeting. If you would like to see the Budget and find out the level of Parish Council Tax for next year it will be included in the published Minutes of the meeting for 25th. November. At the time of writing it looked as though there would be no increase on last year's figure. If you are wondering what PC does with the money, PC contracts for the mowing of the village green and playing fields, contributes towards maintenance of the churchyard and litter picking around the Village Hall and playing field, pays for groundswork at various points around the village and supports Hanna's Field Charity in its projects and Pre-school as well.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council,  
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This year's Village Fete was once again very fortunate with the weather. Please see Jackie's report on the next page.

Several weeks after the fete the Committee, their partners and many of those who had helped on the day met for a celebratory lunch at Wendy and Malcolm Thomas' home. Thank you Wendy, Malcolm and all who helped with the catering.

A successful Big Lottery Fund bid for £7,000 has, with £5,000 from Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund, £1,500 from Parish Council and £1,750 of Charity fund-raising, enabled us to re-surface the floors in both halls. We have not heard whether this has impacted on the home advantage of the bowls club but hope the new floor will be an improvement on the original. We have removed all the old chairs which might damage the new floor. 100 new chairs have been purchased to replace them.

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 Committee member. The Charity's AGM will take place in April 2011 when a new Committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome to attend the AGM and also to stand for election to the committee.

We are currently reviewing the Hall, sports field and sports court hiring rates and new rates will apply from January 2011.

The hall, field and sports courts are available for bookings which can be made via Sharon on 400965. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

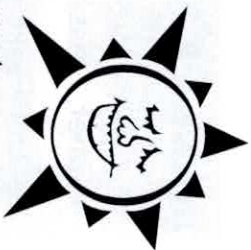
Colin Warren, Chairman 401050  
[cwarren132@aol.com](mailto:cwarren132@aol.com)



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## VILLAGE FETE 2010



This year's fete day was touch and go, as far as the weather was concerned, with grey skies and drizzle all morning. But, miraculously, the rain held off and the sun even came out later in the afternoon! Thank you to the many villagers who came along on 11<sup>th</sup> September to enjoy the entertainment provided by Emily Garner, Ali Barry and several of our regular hall users. The fete's success was only possible thanks to the hard work of the members of the Fete Committee supported by their family and friends.

The final amount raised was just over £3,300 – almost the same as in 2009 – and is shared between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.

We are, again, especially grateful to our sponsors – J Gard and Sons Ltd, David Chennells and Co, Chelmer Site Investigations, Carol Phillips at Intercounty, Mike Kirkham, and Barry Hearne. Huge thanks also go to Alex Williamson of Heart Essex, who opened the fete, and to all who helped, donated in any way, or just came along and had fun. The success of the fete is dependent on the support and good will of the residents of East Hanningfield.

One person, in particular, who enjoyed the fete this year, was Ashley Harvey, aged 12, who won the first prize of £150 in the Grand Draw. I asked Ashley to tell me about his big win. Here is his account in his own words:

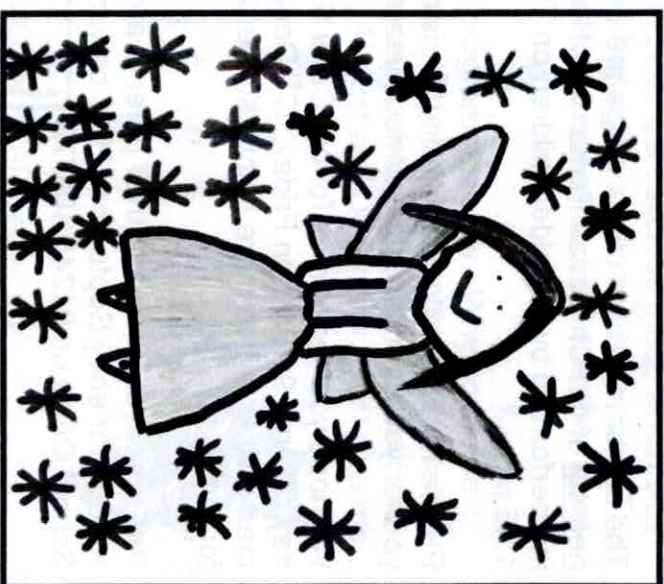
'I'd seen lots of signs saying you could win £150. I told my Mum, if I bought a ticket I would win, but she said about a thousand people wanted to win. I said, "When I win £150, I'll spend it on a PlayStation Portable that you can take in the car." Just in case, I thought I'd buy a ticket with my own pocket money from Ash in the shop. When I heard the announcement and my name came up, I didn't quite believe it. The second time, I did! I'd won! I was very happy and excited. We went to Argos and bought the PSP. I want

to start a PSP club for my friends at Sandon School.'

We hope there will be another opportunity for someone like Ashley to win a great prize next year! Needless to say, the current organising committee would welcome more volunteers who would be willing to help with the planning and running of the event, which will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a meeting for anyone who is interested on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall meeting room. Do come along.

East Hanningfield Fete  
Committee  
jackie@feehan.vispa.com

*Fairy by Megan*



## FIVE -A-SIDE FOOTBALL REPORT

The Junior 5-a-side football competition at the village fete this year was enthusiastically received and played by the young footballers, with their teams and supporters cheering them on. Terry (in the shop) must be thanked for her enthusiasm in bringing the East Hanningfield Juniors together, with a very special mention for Abbie, who scored a hat-trick for her team. Very well done, Abbie!

Anne Walden



## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



To enter the Christmas Spirit we'd like to invite everyone to join us at our Christmas Bazaar on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 5-7pm. I am sure there will be something for everyone.

The senior members of the village are invited to the dress rehearsal of our Christmas Pantomime Hansel and Gretel, that is being performed by our older children on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1:45 pm.

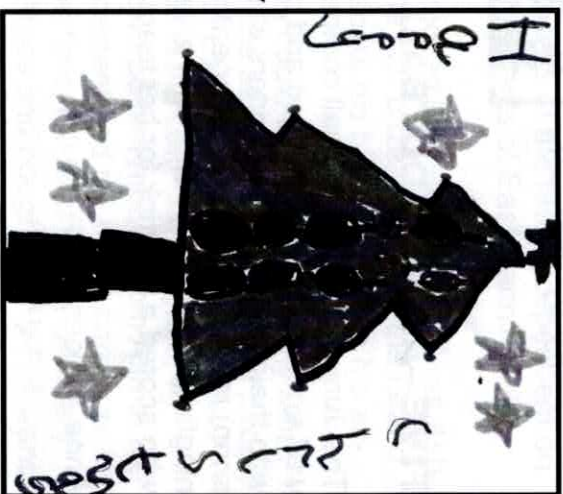
Please note we will not be selling Christmas trees this year. Thank you for your purchases in previous years.

We hope you can join us for our Carol Service planned for the last day of term, 9:45am on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. We hope this year the weather will be more helpful so we can complete all our plans for the term.

Pre-school children and their parents are invited to visit our village school (for entry September 2011 onwards). Please call the School Office on 01245 400772

Linda Findlay

*Christmas Tree by Sydney*



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## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Well, the year is fast coming to a close. It's been busy. As well as our monthly meetings, we've had a Charity Coffee Morning and quite a few fund raisers. In October we celebrated our Harvest Lunch by having a caterer providing a delicious meal, which was such a treat for us. We also had some super entertainment. This month we are having our annual meeting and a December meeting to look forward to.

We already have our 2011 programme ready. Why not come along and give us a try? You will be most welcome. We mostly meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of the month at 2pm in our hall with slight variations in January, August and December. Just give me a ring.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Best Wishes,

Lilian Crace 400288

## WINTER SUPPORT

Contact your village agent JOHN PEART now, on freephone 0800 977 5858, if you would like your name to be included on a list of residents who may require help with shopping or general access to services should we experience any periods of severe weather conditions this winter.

Thanks for your help,

John Peart

Village Agent The Hanningfields, Runwell & Rettendon

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



We've noticed that some houses are in darkness in the evenings and some have their curtains drawn during daylight, indicating possibly that nobody is at home. **These are both invitations for the opportunist burglar to pay you a visit! Would anybody put up a sign saying "we're out, please come inside and help yourself" ?**

If you have a side gate, ensure that it is locked at night or when you are out because burglars prefer to gain access via a back door or window where they are less likely to be observed. Cars should always be locked with valuables out of sight. House and car keys should not be left visible from outside, as burglars break in quite easily then drive off, with your valuables, using your car.

Apologies for these constant reminders, but clearly some residents are not listening and criminals are still active in our village. For example jewellery and £30 cash were stolen from a resident. Garden ornaments have been taken on several occasions from front gardens. One resident had a strange call from somebody purporting to be from BT. Others have had suspicious e-mails claiming to be Inland Revenue offering a tax refund and asking for bank details. If you get one of these forward it to [phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk). HMRC do not send e-mails that:- notify customers of eligibility to a repayment or, request personal information or payment.

And of course there was the East Hanningfield cannabis factory!

Please call the Police if you see anything even remotely suspicious. Let the Police decide whether or not the incident is serious or not. And please also let me know so we can alert our team. Our team consists of 20 street co-ordinators, although we could do with a few more. Another 30 residents receive Police crime reports and

advice about home security precautions. If you would like to be added to our list please let me know.

Please note that PCSO Graeme Gordon has left the area in order to become a Police Constable and has been replaced by PCSO Spencer Bond. Our next team meeting will take place upstairs in the Village Hall at 8pm Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to attend, please let me know. You would be most welcome.

Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield NHW.

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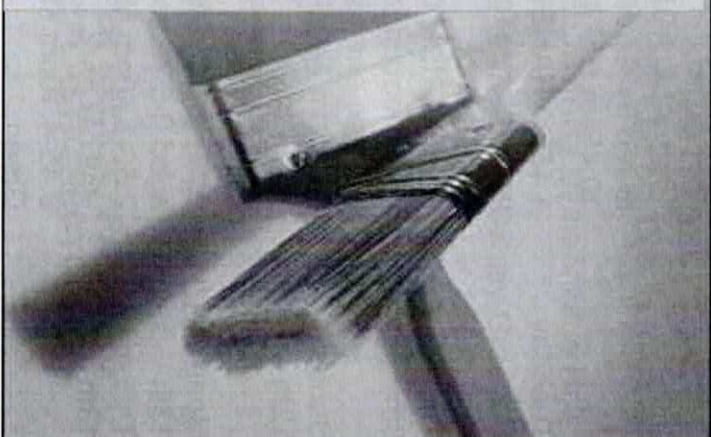
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## VILLAGE DIARY

[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2010/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2010/)

The website is regularly updated so go on-line for the latest information.

### DECEMBER 2010

- Thursday 2nd 2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Friday 3rd 5-7pm **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** at East Hanningfield School. All welcome.  
11am **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Saturday 4th
- Sunday 5th 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW) 2nd Sunday after Advent at All Saints' Church  
10am **ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** followed by refreshments at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.  
1.45pm **HANSEL & GRETTEL** dress rehearsal performance for senior citizens at East Hanningfield School.
- Tuesday 7th
- Thursday 9th 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.
- Sunday 12th 5pm **CAROLS ON THE TYE**  
2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for children aged 0-5 years at All Saints' Church.  
2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Monday 13th
- Thursday 16th

- Friday 17th 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots in the Village Hall.  
9.45am **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**

- Sunday 19th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.  
3pm **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS** followed by hot mince pies & coffee at All Saints' Church.  
6pm **FAMILY CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church.

- Sunday 24th 4pm **CAROLS, CRIB & TREE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
11.30pm **MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.

- Saturday 25th 10am **CHRISTMAS DAY** at Bethel Church  
10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.

- Sunday 26th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.

- Thursday 30th **BOXING DAY** at All Saints' Church. Details to be advised.

- 2.50-3.40pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
3.45-4.10pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.

### JANUARY 2010

- Saturday 8th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**

- Sunday 9th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
Sunday 16th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

- Wednesday 20th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**



- Sunday 23rd 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wednesday 26th 8pm **VILLAGE FETE COMMITTEE MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thursday 27th 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Friday 28th. 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots in the Village Hall.
- Sunday 30th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

**FEBRUARY 2011**

- Wednesday 2nd **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**
- Sunday 6th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sunday 13th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wednesday 16th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**  
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall
- Sunday 20th 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Thursday 24th 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
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**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE**

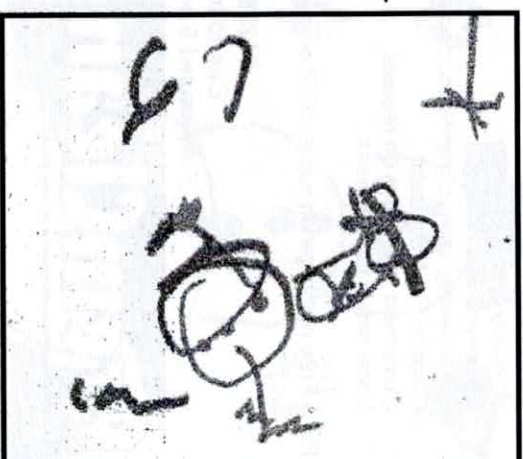


I received my excellent copy of our 'Parish Plan' what a supremely professional piece of work. I have seen many such volumes and ours I genuinely believe is special. It seeks to represent views without prejudice in a direct and relevant way. We will, I am sure, be grateful to the composers of this work for their huge public service for a long time to come.

There is according to our plan a strong desire for more community activity in our parish. This we can make happen and involvement is the key. What better time to move towards this particular objective than at Christmas when there is no better place to celebrate than in an English village like ours.

Throughout this year as a councillor and a villager I have experienced with my family many kindnesses from many neighbours and friends. Thank you all for that, and please if I can be of assistance in any way just let me know. In the meantime have a wonderful Christmas with peace and joy and may the New Year bring happiness and friendship to both families and communities alike.

Sincerely  
 Mike Harris 400142  
 Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield, Chelmsford Borough Council  
 michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk



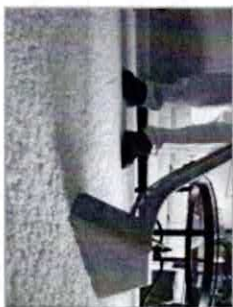
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The Race to Infinity competition is giving people the chance to vote online for their area to become one of the first to enjoy fibre optic broadband. The five exchanges with highest percentage of votes by 31st December 2010 will win the chance to have fibre optic broadband.

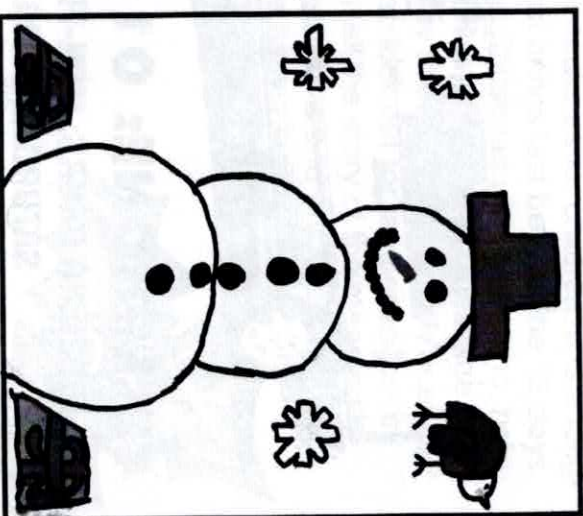
So, please support our community and VOTE at visit [www.racetoinfinity.bt.com](http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com). We only need 1000 votes to achieve 100%, it costs nothing; you are making no commitment to the service, all the work is done in the exchange, so no disturbance to our streets!

In the mean time you should be achieving 4mb download from our exchange, test your line at [www.top10.com](http://www.top10.com), this tool provides a nice map of speed so you can see what speed everyone else is getting.

If you are thinking about changing your broadband provider, ask for a guarantee minimum speed. It is also worth connecting your router to your main BT socket, this may not be convenient but it should improve your line stability and speed.

**Scott Matheson**  
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Snowman by Archie



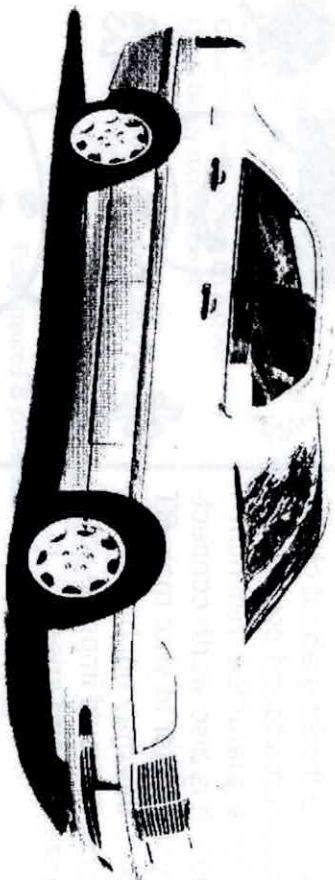




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## FROM REVEREND PAM

Last year I went with the school to the special carol service in the Cathedral for small primary schools. Speaking to hundreds of children, the speaker reminded us not to forget the baby at Christmas. It was his way of saying, amidst the fun and festivities, to remember the religious meaning of Christmas. This year the message could easily be 'find the baby' since I spent some while searching the shops for Christmas wrapping paper carrying something of the real meaning of Christmas on it. I eventually found some bearing the words of Christmas carols - but of cribs, baby Jesus, angels, shepherds, wise men or stars, there was no sign.



In the church we will again tell the beautiful story of the birth of Christ this Christmas. It is a story of wonder, deep joy and sacrificial love. It is a story as much for adults as for children. It is a long-lasting story, the gifts which Christ brings last beyond the 12 days of Christmas. Let us enjoy Father Christmas with his 'ho, ho, ho' but let us also look for the angels who bring us the message of love wrapped up in a baby and say to us 'holy, holy, holy'. Let us sing our Christmas songs but also look out for, and even join in with, the Christmas carols which tell the story of the meaning of Christ's birth for us. Let us open our gifts and enjoy receiving and giving, but let us also look for the baby, treasure the wonder of it in our hearts, and pray for God's gift of peace.

Every blessing

Rev'd Pam 01277 841179

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## AND FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS

First, to tell you about the services which are planned for this Christmas Season –

**5 Dec 10.00 am All Age Christingle Service** – putting ourselves in the light of Christ

**19 Dec 3.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols** – surely a ‘must’, both to enjoy and to help get our thinking straight as we prepare for Christmas. Chance afterwards to chat to other members of the community over coffee and hot mince pies (**NB** 3pm start is earlier than last year)

**24 Dec 4.00 pm Carols, Crib & Tree Service** - Ideal Christmas Eve active occasion for the young in heart as well as the young in age – so we love to see grandparents too.

**24 Dec 11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion** – A very special moment, as we consider together the mystery and wonder of the Saviour of the World

**25 Dec 10.00 am Holy Communion** – a family-friendly occasion, when all are welcomed to join in the celebration of Christmas Day (**Reminder** – *All Saints' Church has an enhanced hearing system for those with hearing aids and able to switch to "T"*)

There are two other occasions for which the planning is not complete as we write this, so look out for the publicity which will provide more information -

**Dec 12 5.00 pm – Combined All Saints'/Bethel carol singing in the village**

**Dec 26 – Boxing Day (Sunday) Worship**

Now for some news items of general interest –

**Church Notice Board** – there's now a new board, in a new position, and with a new view, but blending well with the old surroundings we believe. We hope these long awaited changes are to your liking, and will encourage you to stop, when passing by, for a closer look.

**Thanks due** – We would like to thank those of you had a part in

contributing to the following during the past months:

Essex Air Ambulance - £71-75

Ride & Stride - £200 (shared 50:50 with

Friends of Essex Churches)

Harvest for the Hungry (transport costs)

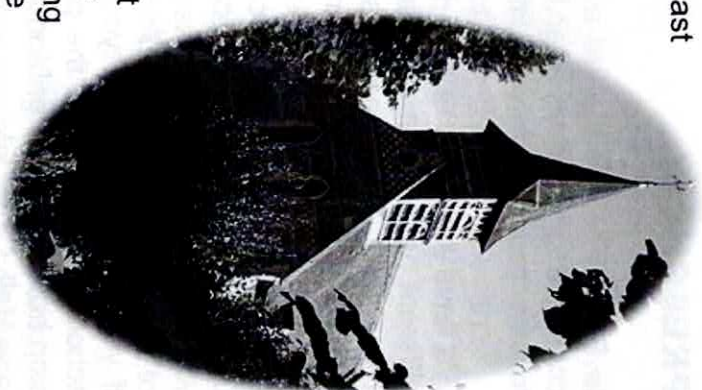
- £170-36 (not forgetting the very large quantity of pasta, rice, sugar, flour and tinned tomatoes which the School packed into boxes for us.

Finally, thank you for the wonderful sum of approx. £3,300 raised at the Village Fete, shared between All Saints' Church and Hanna's Field Charity

**Community Service Teams** – We want to thank them for all the hard work done in our churchyard during the past growing season – and done cheerfully too! There may be one more visit in 2010 if the weather is right, but by and large, they have left the grounds in good shape as winter sets in.

**Connection to the sewer** – We cannot record completion yet, but we do believe that the end of all the formalities is at last in sight as we write.

**Children's Corner in Church** – We have been working on modest improvements over past months and hope that in 2011 we may be able to achieve a more specific up-grade, to provide for the needs of the growing number of youngsters.



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**and for your convenience we offer there a direct link to the Parish Council website too**

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## PRESCHOOL

In September we started a new school year and, as well as welcoming back children after the summer break, we have been able to welcome some new additions to the pre-school.

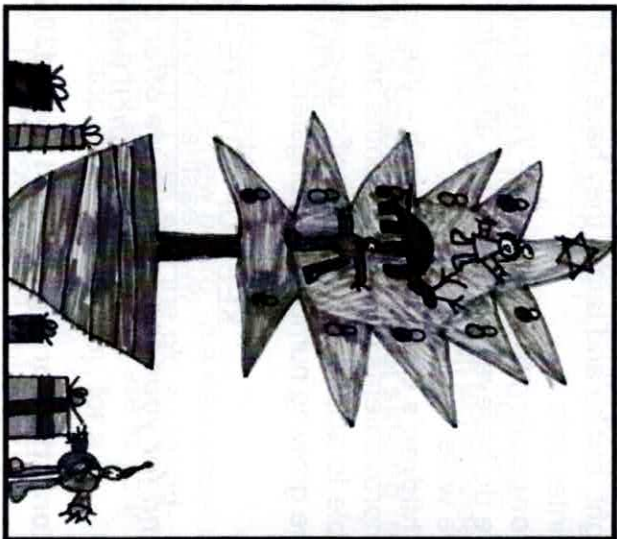
We have had a busy start to the school year with learning about different pets: a hamster, cat, guinea pig and dog all came to visit. The children have been busy making biscuits as well as starting to prepare for the end of term nativity play.

We will have a stall at the School Christmas Bazaar on Friday 3 December where children can decorate biscuits. We hope to see you there!

If your child is 2+ and you are thinking of starting with the pre-school please contact the pre-school on 07732 95161 during session hours, which are: Monday – Thursday, 9.15 – 12.15, in the Village Hall.

Louise Warley  
Chairman  
East Hanningfield Pre-School

Christmas Tree by  
Georgia Whitworth



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## HANNA'S TOTS

It's been a good start to the Autumn term, with old friends and some new ones to replace those that have now gone to school. The Health Visitor continues to come along to session once a month, to weigh children and discuss any aspect of your children's health. She will be coming again on **17<sup>th</sup> December, 28<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> February**, so please make a note in your diaries. You don't have to be a 'regular' to come along.

If you are not sure how to find us, we meet in the Village Hall on a Friday morning, entrance via the back door! Sessions run from 9.30 – 11.30, but we all know that small children do their own thing, so feel free to pop in at any point during those times. Also, we are a toy library and have a wide range of toys, books and baby equipment to borrow or hire.

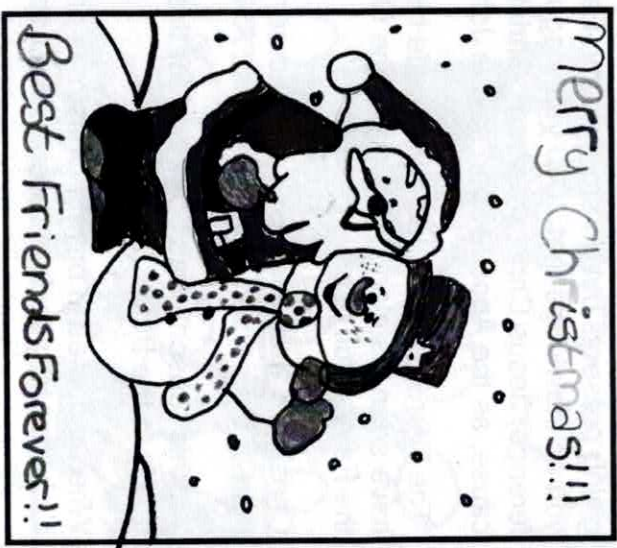
If you are interested in taking part in the running of the sessions, please let Rose or me know, we are always grateful for a helping hand, and it means that we can share the workload.

Please note that we will be **closed** on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

See you Friday!

Fiona Ward 01245 400944

Best Friends by  
Cathal Blackburn



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## BETHEL CHURCH

### What is at the heart of Christmas?

For three wealthy sons it was giving Christmas presents.

One year the first gave their elderly mother a new house. The second gave a new car. But, when asked, the third said, "you know mother likes reading the Bible, but now can't see very well. So I've found her a parrot that recites Bible passages. He's been amazingly trained."

After Christmas the old lady wrote "thank you" letters. To the first son she wrote: "Thank you so much for the house. Sadly it is rather too large. I much prefer my small flat." To the second she wrote: "Thank you so much for the car. Sadly my failing eyesight means I can no longer drive." But to the third she wrote as follows: "Dear Donald, You have the good sense to know exactly what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."

Presents can disappoint. Of course, at the heart of Christmas is not giving presents but an anniversary. Each time you write the date you acknowledge that 2010 years ago (or as near as makes no difference) Jesus Christ was born. Christmas celebrates his birth because, as the Apostle John said in John 1:14:

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Christmas was when God entered our world as fully God but fully man in the person of Jesus Christ. And Jesus said:

"For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (John 18.37)

When it comes to buying Christmas presents, it is often said that it's better to give than receive. We hope this year, that the reverse

is in fact true for you; that you receive the gift of Jesus Christ in your heart.

Please come and join us for our evening **Family Carol Service** on Sunday 19 December at 6.00pm.

We are also joining with our friends at All Saints Church for **Christmas Carols on the Tye** on Sunday 12 December at 5.00pm. So please dig out your lanterns, wrap up warm and come and sing some of those wonderful carols together on the village green.

If you are looking for Christmas presents with a difference, why not come along to our **Winter Warmer** on Tuesday 30 November at 12:00 - 2:30pm. £4.00 Adults £0.50 Children (includes lunch and refreshments). All proceeds to Farleigh Hospice and Kids Alive Burma.

Other dates:

**Family Service** – every Sunday at 10.45am

**Café Bar** – Saturday

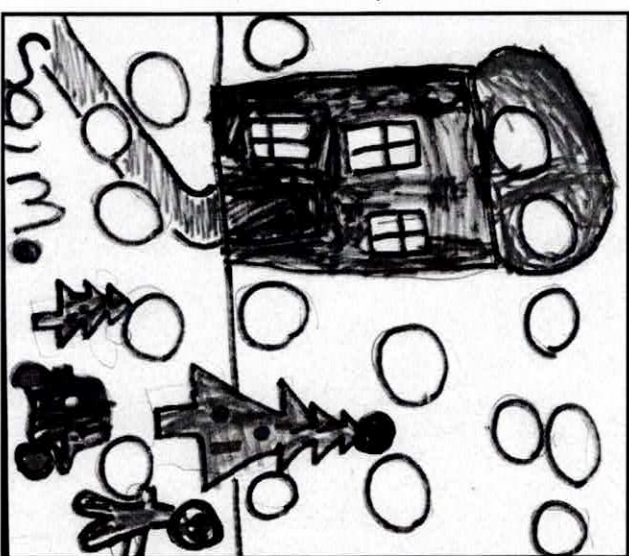
4 December at 11.00am

**Christmas Day** – Saturday

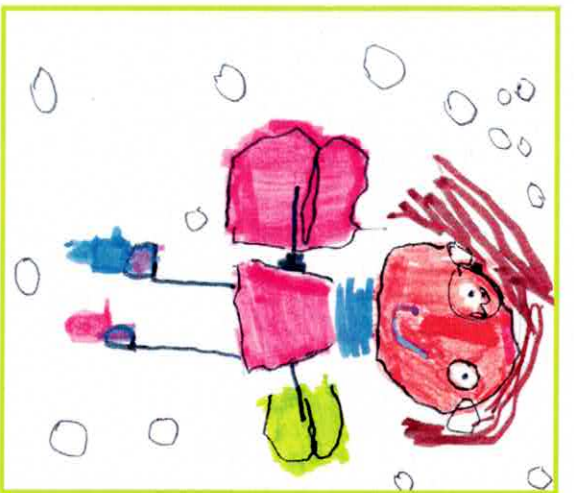
25 December at 10.00am

As we enter the festive season, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very **happy, healthy and joyful Christmas from all at Bethel Evangelical Church.**

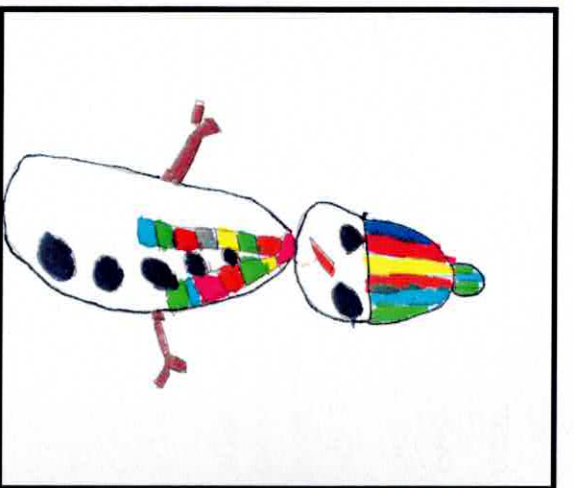
*Snow Scene by  
Sam Gamlin*



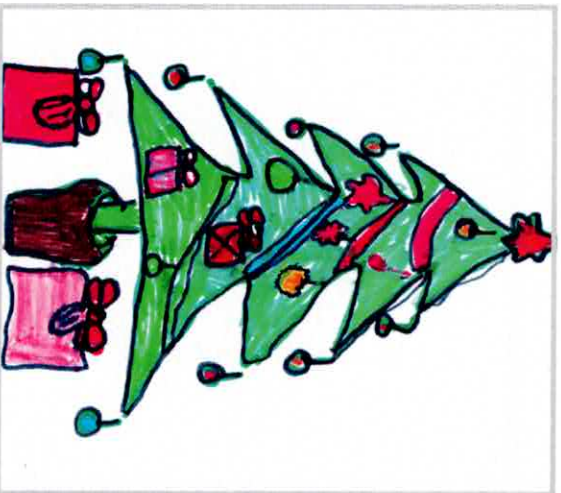




Class 1 Runner-up  
Layla Roberts



Class 2 Runner-up  
George Lewis



Class 3 Runner-up  
Millie Harris



Class 4 Runner-up  
Anna Lewis