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Children in front of Rails, C. 1900

FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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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 collated 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 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
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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)
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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 13th 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 20th 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 21st 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.

14th March Mothering Sunday – 11.00 am Service for All Ages, with traditional posies, and Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards.

28th March Palm Sunday – 11.00 am Service of Holy Communion

1st 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.

2nd April – Good Friday – 12 Noon – 1.00 pm Quiet service of readings, prayers and reflections.

4th 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

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/ 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!

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I am looking for different types of soups, starters, main meals, puddings, homemade ice cream, etc.. etc. I would also like to include different types of homemade jams, drinks, pickles. Absolutely anything so long as it can be consumed. If I receive sufficient recipes an "East Hanningfield Recipe" book will be produced for all of us to share, with profits going to our Village Charity.



Come on don't be shy – share your secrets with us. Look forward to receiving your contributions.

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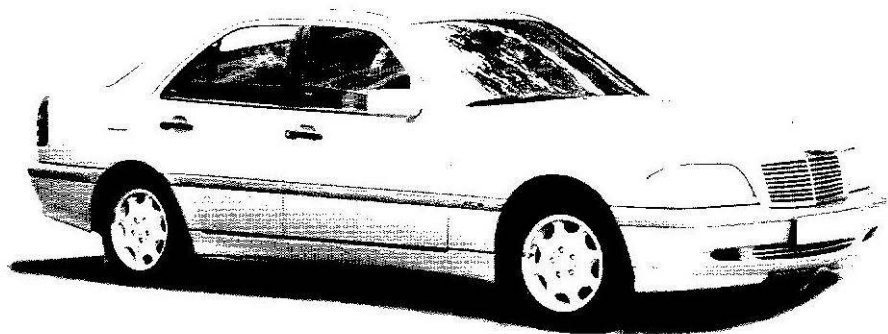


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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

On Saturday 6th 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 14th 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, 10th. July and the Village Fete which will take place on Saturday 11th 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 9th. March – Roads and Transport (eg. Traffic calming & buses);

Wednesday 31st. March – Recreation, Facilities & Youth (eg. footpaths, allotments & medical services);

Wednesday 28th 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
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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 14th. 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 Crace 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

Oh, and if you happen to see a group of people with black sacks down the highways and byways of East Hanningfield, don't be alarmed. We are not burgling your house - we are picking up litter. Just our small way of doing something for the community.

Every blessing.

From all the folk at Bethel Evangelical Church. Old Church Road, East Hanningfield. 01245 400665

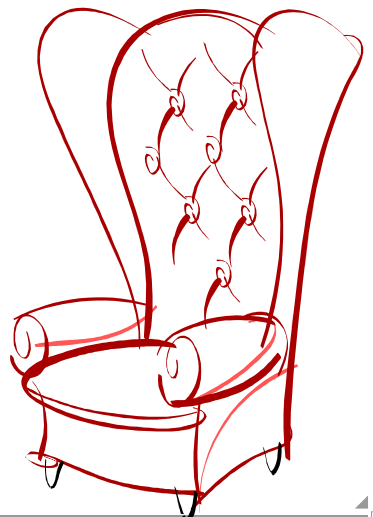
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FROM THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST

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.



THE LIMES GARDEN—ALL CHANGE THIS YEAR!

As many of you know, over the past 16 years we have opened our garden to raise funds for the village church, a total of £12,000 and we thank you most sincerely for your support. In 2010 we face a whole new venture as we have been accepted into The National Gardens Scheme (The Yellow Book).

Last year in Essex alone they raised over £103,000 for charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Help the Hospices and others and we are happy to do our bit for these worthy causes, whilst grateful for the insurance cover and publicity that such a scheme offers us.

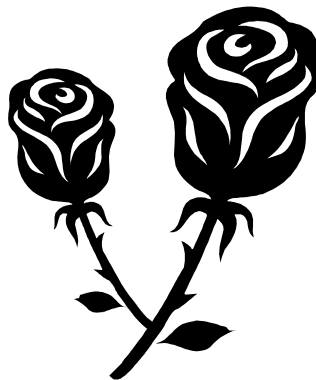
We do hope you come along to enjoy the garden on either or both of the dates below. We will still have plants for sale and wine/home-made tea as appropriate, with a share to All Saints' Church.

Do help us make it a success!

Friday 4th June from 6 – 9pm

**Sunday 6th June from
2 – 6 pm**

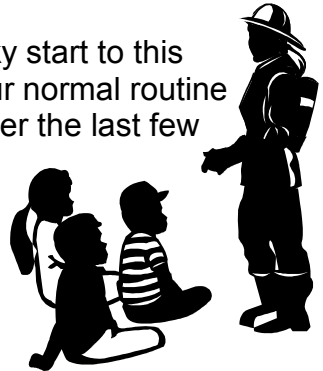
Gil & Stan Gordon



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

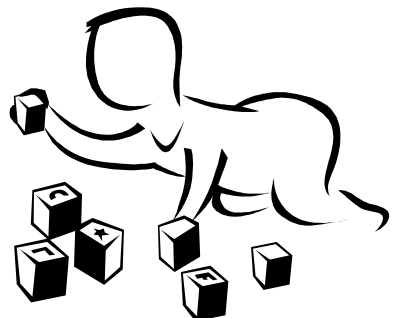
HANNA'S TOTS

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



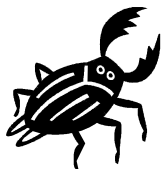
EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

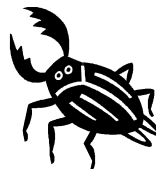


We are celebrating the success of our football team who won two tournaments in February; one at the Sandon School for local primaries and the other, the Essex Small Schools Football Championship held at Colchester United Training Grounds. As the Essex Small Schools Champions, the team is now to play 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, 4th March** are on the school notice board.



EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Invites pre-school children and their parents to visit
our village school
(for entry September 2010 onwards)

Please call the School Office on 01245 400772

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, telecomm 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).

Want to receive E-mailed NhW Crime Alerts? If you would like to receive these just e-mail: geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com to get on distribution.

Winter Reminder: Houses that look occupied are less likely to be targeted. Always leave house lit after dark, draw the curtains, leave a radio playing. Install outdoor lights with movement/light sensors.

Next NhW Meeting: Tuesday 2nd March 8pm – Village Hall 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

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VILLAGE FETE 2010

Planning has begun for this year's village fete, which will take place on Saturday September 11th. Please put the date on your calendars. Our next meeting is on March 24th 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!



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BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday March 6th, 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 Costa! Proceeds to Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.

