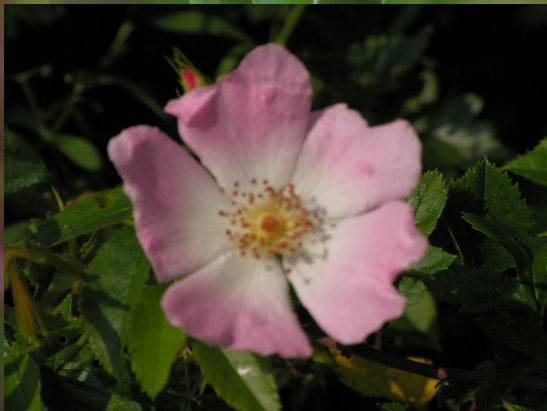
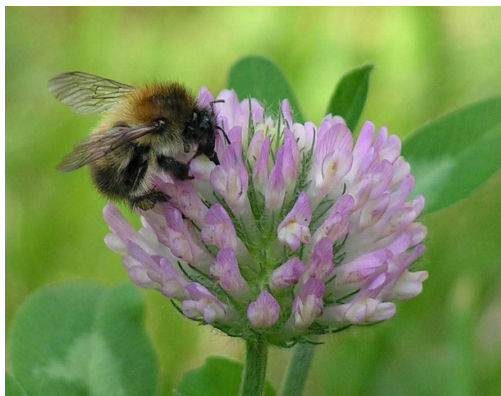


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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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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](mailto: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 wildflowers 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.

## 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



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  
[michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk)

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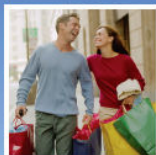
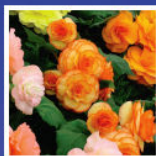
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Sun 20th	Royal Tunbridge Wells	£14	£14
Sun 27th	Blenheim Palace Park and Gardens*	£17	£17
Sun 27th	Oxford City	£17	£17
JULY	EXCURSION	ADULT/SENIOR	CHILD
Sun 4th	Swindon Designer Outlet Shopping Mall	£18	£18
Sun 11th	The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show*	£14	£14
Sun 18th	Surrey Hills drive with visit to Titsey Place, Oxted*	£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	5th Benfleet, Tarpots Corner/A13
Canvey, Kings Village	Wickford, Swan
Canvey, Haystack Corner	Retendon Common, Crossroads
Canvey, Jonas Corner	East Hanningfield
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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.

**Want to receive e-mailed NhW Crime Alerts?** If you would like to receive local area crime alerts just e-mail: [geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com](mailto:geoff.dickman@benlineagencies.com) to get on the distribution. More and more people in the village receive these to stay aware of what's happening in our district and receive security information.

**Holiday Reminder:** Houses that look occupied are less likely to be targeted. Always leave your house lit after dark, and if possible, leave a radio playing. Install outdoor lights with movement light sensors. But don't leave your curtains drawn during daylight hours.

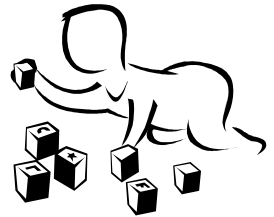
**Next NhW Meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm – Village Hall Meeting Room:** We are always looking for more NhW members to join the team and help make our village safe from crime, so if you think you might like to join come along to the meeting for a chat or give me a call.

Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield NhW.

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## **HANNA'S TOTS**

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.

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 400944



## **THE LIMES OPEN GARDEN**

Over the past 16 years we have opened our garden to raise a total of £12,000 of funds for the village church, 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

<http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/gardenfinder/garden.aspx?id=21908>

## FROM REV'D PAM



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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## 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 overall 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**

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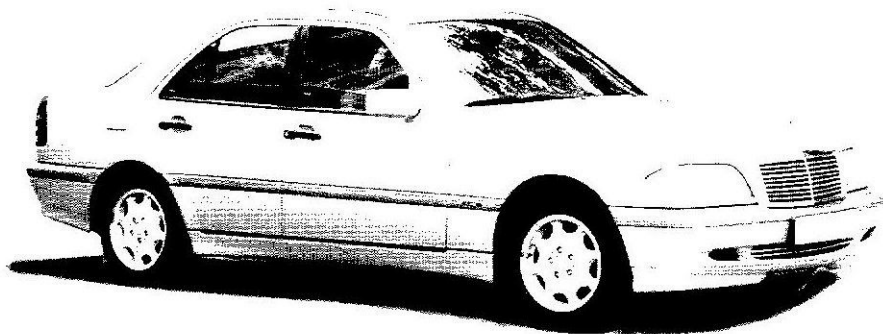


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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

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 Com-

mittee as Trustees and be part of the future of the Charity. More information about the Charity can be found at [www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/](http://www.essexinfo.net/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)



## 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.



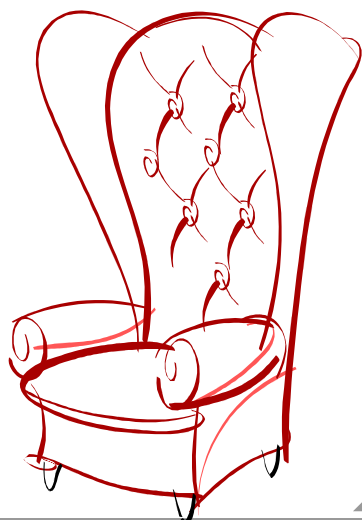
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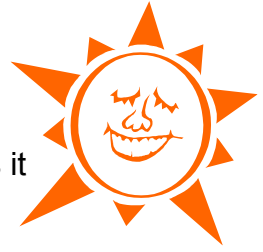
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## VILLAGE FETE 2010



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!

Jackie Feehan ☎ 400862

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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  
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## **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 meetings 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 Crace ☎️ 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.

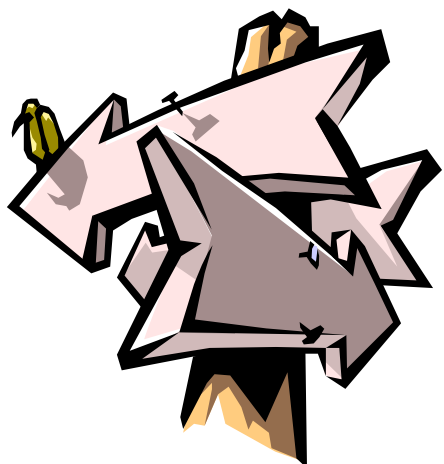
I was recently visited by a neighbour who suggested a simple change to one of the road signs in the village. This was to address cars and coaches going down Old Church Road in error, turning in driveways, blocking the road etc in addition to people being lost (It would however remove the sport of sitting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