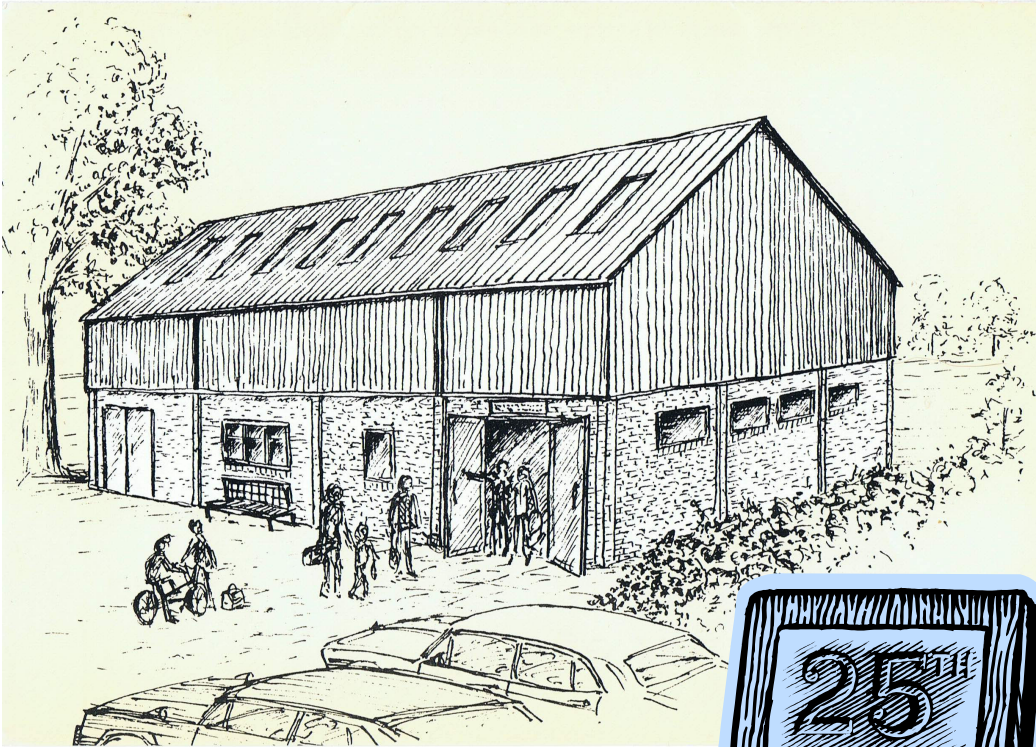


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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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**Copy date for the next edition is
Saturday, 14th. May.**

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

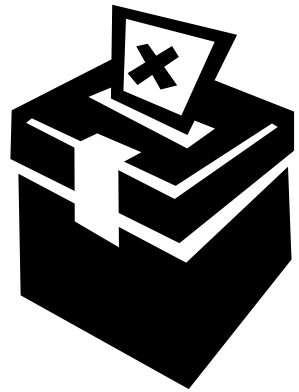
COVER ILLUSTRATION

The Village Hall is an integral part of village life, and has been since it opened 25 years ago. After many years of fund raising by the Community Centre Appeal Committee, it was agreed that the Parish Council should raise a loan to make up the shortfall in funds so that a building could be constructed. The land had already been purchased following the construction of the Coude Dennis estate on the former playing field. It was the Playgoup that initiated the appeal for a community building and it was Playgroup that was the first hirer to use the hall in January 1986. The building was still drying out and volunteers were busy painting the internal walls. The official opening took place in warmer weather in the September, and the plaque remains in the entrance lobby commemorating the event.

The cover illustration was an artist's impression used on the front of a publicity leaflet published prior to the completion of construction. The finished building differed slightly.

PARISH COUNCIL

As mentioned in the last News, all seven seats on the Parish Council are up for election on 5th. May. If you wish to stand for election you must get your nomination papers to Chelmsford Borough Council by noon on 5th. April. Please don't put them in the post as if they arrive late or are incorrect in some way they will not be accepted. If you want to apply for a postal vote you must apply by 5pm on 5th. April.



I understand that there are five regular East Hanningfield users of the Service 5 bus to Maldon on Thursday mornings. The 9am departure from outside the Windmill reaches Maldon High Street by 9.46 and then goes on to Tesco and Morrisons. The return journey gets back to East Hanningfield at 12.38. The route takes in Bicknacre, Danbury, Woodham Walter and Beeleigh.

If you are unable to use public transport, you might be interested in **Chelmsford Dial-A-Ride**, which is a door to door service for anyone who, through disability or other mobility problems, cannot use public transport. It is organised by Chelmsford Community Transport Ltd, a registered charity. Phone 01245 280732 to ask for a membership form. Charges for this service are based on mileage.

At the PC Meeting in January, the first update of the Parish Plan Action Plan was undertaken. One of the new actions was to publicise the possibility of getting a group together to undertake a Village Design Statement. This would run along the same lines as the Parish Plan project but would concentrate on planning and design issues. Please let me know if you would be interested in participating in a VDS project, by email

if possible. The Local Development Framework page of Chelmsford Borough Council's website has links to the Design Guides for Sandon, Great Baddow and Danbury and notes that Stock's VDS has been subject to consultation and is currently being amended in the light of the consultation responses. These documents will become part of the Local Development Framework and thus policy referred to when planning applications are being considered. Other, already adopted Chelmsford VDSs and guidance as to how to prepare one can be found at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=9848

Another action from the Parish Plan monitoring exercise was to put a loose sheet list of village contacts in the June issue of the News. So, could village groups and clubs please let me know the name and contact details of the member they would like to be their contact on the list?



It seems the Chelmsford Borough Council backed energy efficiency scheme is going to close at the end of this month. So this is your last

chance to take advantage of Council funded loft and cavity wall insulation at just **£49** or **FREE** if in receipt of a qualifying means tested benefit. Call HEEP free on 0800 980 6026 to speak to an energy advisor, who will be able to arrange a free no obligation survey for you.

Once again, PC and Chelmsford Borough Council are working together to provide activities for children in the Easter and Summer holidays. Each two hour session will comprise a play-scheme, including arts and crafts running in the small hall, while sports coaching takes place on the playing field or in the sports hall if the weather is bad.



There is no charge to participate. Children aged five or under

should be accompanied by an adult carer. In the Easter break the Tuesdays to remember are 12th. April 1.30-3.30pm & 19th. April 10am-12noon. In the Summer break the Tuesdays to note will be 9th. & 16th. 10am-12noon.



It is anticipated that there will be celebratory events during 2011 to mark the 25th anniversary of our Hall. It is very sad that many of those who contributed to the successful completion of the project are no longer with us to join in the fun.

The 2011 Over 55's Information Day will be held on **Monday 14 March at Chelmsford Cathedral 10.00am – 1.30pm.**

Tickets are free, available from the Civic Theatre Box Office on 01245 606505 and will be issued on a first come first served basis. Tickets always go very quickly for this event, so call early to avoid disappointment. A number of expert speakers will be presenting on a variety of topics, with local organisations also present for you to speak to on the day. More information can be found at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/55plus .

Parish Council Meetings continue, for the most part, at 8pm on the fourth Thursday of the month, but, please note, the Meeting following the election has to be within a specified number of days so will be earlier in the month on 19th. May. The first Meeting after the election is also the Annual Meeting when the Chairman is elected and roles and responsibilities allocated to members. Residents are very welcome to attend PC Meetings, and Public Question Time is set aside to allow them to speak to the Council on matters of local concern. Agenda and Minutes can be found on the PC website.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The problem with Neighbourhood Watch, as a concept, is that it is largely a matter of knowing and helping your immediate neighbours. We have a committee (and we seriously need more committed volunteers on it), but then it is important to know why we are there. It is all too easy to say 'do as we say' and offer a catalogue of security do's and don'ts. Most of us find that rather boring, whatever may be the importance of keeping a checklist. It becomes rather like those notices lit up by the side of the road, when you are driving. You expect to find some important piece of information about the road in front and as you get closer and it becomes legible, it tells you to drink, don't think or words to that effect.

So, at the risk of being boring, do look again at Geoff Dickman's notes in the Winter 2009 EH News (no 130), and the card that came with it. These notes provide a summary on how to maintain security at home, and how best to contact the police and NHW as necessary. For those who would like to mark items of furniture and garden equipment etc., remember that I (MHW) have custody of the marking kit, made available by the Police.

Apart from talking about security matters, the way we now feel that we can be of most regular value to our community, is to ask for villagers to provide NHW with their e-mail, on the understanding that we will communicate news, only, as appears desirable. Generally, there is a flow of information from the police, for security reasons, not always quite specific, but enough to tell us what is going on, and what to look out for. From time to time a pattern of crime emerges, and householders should then beware of the particular risk that has developed. This kind of news we should be able to forward, and if done by e-mail, it saves a great deal of shoe leather on the part of scarce street co-ordinating resources.

Risk of the moment – We are going through a period of rising oil prices, and so, for those of us who heat their home by oil, it is important to make sure that the tank is secure. It should not be possible to syphon out contents. As a crime, this is not uncommon.

Hanna's Field suffered damage again recently to one of the goal posts, the turf on the football pitch and the fencing by the car park. We need to be observant if we are to pick up the perpetrators and bring them to book. The sad thing about such activity is that it costs the charity money that would otherwise be available to improve our village hall facilities.

Martin Harcourt Williams (MHW) mhwilliams@waitrose.com

Geoff Dickman Geoff.Dickman@benlineagencies.com

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VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

After suffering a series of falls Mrs C who lived alone asked me to visit her to talk about the benefits of Telecare alarm pendants. After this was done, whilst having a chat, Mrs C. asked me to complete a Benefits check. Talking through her circumstances, I found at the age of 72 she was still paying full council tax and rent. Her savings were just under £16k and after talking with the Benefits Agency found Mrs C was entitled to a reduction of £93.82 per week. I called the District Council and when the forms arrived I helped to fill them in and gather supporting documents ready for her to take to the Council offices.

If you feel isolated or alone and need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can register now to be on my contact list for assistance, if required, during periods of severe weather, be it hot or cold.

If you feel that you would benefit from a visit from your Village Agent, please get in touch for free confidential help and advice.

John Peart mob 07540720611 or freephone 0800 9775858

Can you knit?

Would you like to join us for a friendly evening knitting for charity?

We plan to support a children's charity in South Africa by knitting squares which the charity make up into clothes. Something simple so we are free to chat while knitting.

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Indoor Short Mat Bowls is an ideal indoor sport for all weathers and all ages. Many players throughout Essex play for their county with a considerable contingent of young players bowling for the County in the under Eighteens.

We are a very friendly and sociable club and you can play at whichever level you wish. Tuition is available from the players at no cost. We are a mixed club actively enjoying practise sessions, friendly & League matches and competitions at club and county level. We have three young members, and one has qualified to play in the English National Championships.

The East Hanningfield Club meets on Wednesday & Friday evenings. New members are welcome at any age and any standard, Beginners, Intermediate and Experienced players alike. Fees per quarter are £25 for adults and £5 for children.

It would be nice to see some more villagers join us. For more information contact

Tony Orpin 401164



Where?	The Windmill Tavern, The Tye
When?	Monday evenings from 8pm
Cost?	Nothing, just buy a drink & settle down for a friendly get-together
What to bring	If possible, double knitting wool & size 4mm or 5mm needles
Queries?	Contact Tara 403294 or Gil 400298

FROM REVEREND PAM

Do you know what happened to the egg who was tickled too much? He cracked up. I suspect this made rather a lot of mess. Unless he was a chocolate Easter egg, in which case he would have disappeared rather quickly after cracking up, at least in our house! This year I am ordering some Easter eggs which explain the real meaning of Easter on the box. One of the meanings of the Easter egg, they say, is that it is like the tomb in which Jesus was put after he died. In this case it is most appropriate to crack open the egg!

Easter has many meanings but at the heart of it, it touches upon our deepest needs and, possibly, fears. The real meaning of Easter forces us to look death in the face. No wonder we prefer the chocolate and the bunnies. However, Easter is also about overcoming fears, relieving heavy burdens and hope in a time of darkness - things we may not often think about. Easter time is a journey which takes us through darkness into light and from death to life.

Our Lent course gives us a chance to pause to think about some of the meanings of Easter. It is a chance to think and reflect in a way which our busy lives often don't allow but which can bring support and encouragement. At the end of this time we will share meals together in our houses and the next day reflect upon the events of Good Friday. Finally we celebrate the momentous event of Easter Day which not only assures us that there life after death but also gives our lives a special meaning and purpose in the here and now. Then we crack open the Easter eggs!

Revd Pam Pennell
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...AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

We begin where we left off in the Winter issue of E H News – **Connection to the sewer** – all the formalities *have* now been concluded (after 15 months' of keeping up the pressure, let it be said!), and we are waiting to hear when the contractor can come to do the work – putting in a manhole on our side of the hedge, and connecting it to The Old Police House manhole on the other side, giving the church access to the main sewer for the first time in its history. We are extremely grateful to our neighbours for so generously offering us this low-cost connection, which puts us in a much stronger starting position as we now move on to...

An architect's feasibility study – the basic aim of this will be to show us how we may best incorporate the desired additional facilities into our Victorian building, harmoniously but effectively. There are numerous constraints in such a building as you may imagine.

But as well as lack of hospitality facilities like a toilet and a kitchen point, we are very aware of a lack of space in certain key areas within the building, and there is no adequate meeting room or space which can be separately heated. So we will be asking for all of these matters to be taken into account in the feasibility study at the same time. If there is anything which you observe as a lack or a real problem when you come to church for Sunday services, children's activities, weddings, funerals or any other occasions, please do let us know. This is the beginning of a wider consultation to ensure that we get things as right as we can, within the constraints referred to – some quite obvious, others more hidden, like our church's bats!

Children's Corner – Because of the length of time which all of the above is going to take, including the necessary fund raising, it has been agreed to press on with this low-cost upgrade to provide better facilities for children during services without further delay. Diocesan permission has been received, and we are now seeking a date for the work to be commenced. The target is "Ready by Easter"!

Church Spring Clean – Saturday 19th March from 10am to 12 noon including tea/coffee breaks. It may be hard work but there is usually a relaxed atmosphere and all are very welcome. If you are no good with a duster or vacuum cleaner, we can offer some gardening work in and around the churchyard as an alternative.

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 12th April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room, and as usual, will include elections for the Church Council (PCC), and also this year, for Deanery Synod, which includes ex-officio membership of the PCC. Please note, we expect to be looking to fill one or two additional places this year.

Other Events – Please see the Rev'd Pam's letter and Village Diary in this issue for details, or go to our web site -

www.easthanningfieldchurch.org

As always, you are most welcome to join us for any of the services and events listed.

Ron Attenborough (400361) & Sandra Robinson (400819) - Churchwardens

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VILLAGE DIARY

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MARCH 2011

- Wed 2 **GREEN BOX, PAPER & PLASTIC RECYCLING**
- Sat 5 11am **LADIES BRUNCH** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 6 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** (lent) at [All Saints' Church](#)
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Thurs 10 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY**, Village Hall car park
3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Sat 12 am **EASTER CRAFT ACTIVITIES** for children in All Saints' Church
10am-12.30pm **BOOK SALE** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Coffee, Cake, Chat & Choose.
11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 13 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
5pm **LENT COURSE** Session 1 - held in a home
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church followed by Fellowship Lunch
- Mon 14 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for 0-5 year olds at All Saints' Church
- Wed 16 **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall
- Sat 19 10am-12noon **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN** at All Saints'

- Sun 20 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Tues 22 5pm **LENT COURSE** Session 2 - held in a home
 8pm **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thurs 24 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
 3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sun 27 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 5pm **LENT COURSE** Session 3 - held in a home
- Tues 29 10am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church.
- Wed 30 **GREEN BOX, PAPER & PLASTIC RECYCLING**

APRIL 2011

- Sun 3 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church
 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** (lent) at All Saints' Church
 5pm **LENT COURSE** Session 4 - held in a home
- Thurs 7 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** - Village Hall car park
 3.15pm **EASTER EGG HUNT** around East Hanningfield School field and playground. All primary and preschool age children welcome. £1 per child, every entrant receives a chocolate prize. All proceeds to school PTA.
 3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Sat 9 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 5pm **LENT COURSE** Session 5 - held in a home

- Mon 11 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for 0-5 year olds at All Saints' Church
- Tues 12 1.30-3.30pm **HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME** including arts & crafts in the small hall & **HOLIDAY SPORTS** on the playing field or in the sports hall at the Village Hall. Entrance free. Provided by EHPC & CBC.
- Wed 13 **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**
 1.30-12noon **CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** at WI Hall
 8pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. HFC manages the Village Hall and playing fields for the benefit of all residents of the parish. All parishioners are entitled to attend the AGM.
- Sun 17 **11am PALM SUNDAY** (Holy Communion) at All Saints'
- Tues 19 10am-12noon **HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME & HOLIDAY SPORTS** on the playing field or in the sports hall at the Village Hall. No entrance charge.
- Wed 20 2pm **WI MEETING & Help for Heroes** at the WI Hall
- Thurs21 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** Village Hall car park
 3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
 evening **AGAPE MEAL** in homes followed by Communion in All Saints' Church
- Fri 22 12 noon **GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATIONS** in All Saints'
- Sun 24 11am **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION** in All Saints'
- Tues 26 10am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church.
- Thurs 28 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Fri 29 **GREEN BOX, PAPER & PLASTIC RECYCLING**

MAY 2011

- Sun 1 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** 'An Easter Sunday' at All Saints' Church
- Thurs 5 **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION**
2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** Village Hall car park
3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
- Sat 7 9am **VILLAGE TIDY-UP** Meet at Village Hal car park for gloves, sacks, hi-viz jackets and litter-pickers
- Sun 8 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Mon 9 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for 0-5 year olds at All Saints' Church
- Wed 12 **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING**
- Sun 15 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Wed 18 2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall.
- Thurs 19 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** Village Hall car park
3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
pm **JAMIE AT HOME EVENING** at East Hanningfield School. Kitchenware, tableware, candles and bath and body products available to buy from our local "Jamie at Home" consultatnet. All proceeds to school PTA. Time and ticket price to be confirmed.
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sun 22 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Wed 25 **GREEN BOX, PAPER & PLASTIC RECYCLING**
- Sun 29 11am **5TH SUNDAY** Special service at All Saints'

VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

First the bad news – The police are investigating two incidents of vandalism and damage to the Village Hall playing field, car park and play areas in January/February. Apart from the question of why anyone should find pleasure in doing this and the disruption and extra work it caused, the bill will be approaching £500, money which the Charity would prefer to put into providing new field facilities rather than having to repair them. So if you know who did this damage please call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800-500-111 and quote the Chelmsford police Incident Number 340 30/01/2011.

Secondly the four football teams using our playing fields every weekend have again complained about another form of antisocial behaviour – dog fouling. Although the majority of dog owners are responsible and put dog poo in the bins provided around the playing field, there are still a few who believe the playing field byelaws don't apply to them. Apart from the toxicaris health risk, it's a pain to have to clear up the mess every weekend before any games can be played so all dog owners please do the right thing and pick it afterwards.

Now the good news – Starting 21st February (half term), the Charity will be replacing the flooring in the Hall entrance lobby and kitchen to match the new maple wood effect flooring completed in 2010 in the large hall and small halls. There will be a couple of days of disruption but the overall effect once complete will be to considerably smarten up the Hall for all users.

A major event in the Charity's calendar is the Annual General Meeting, but this year particularly so as it is the 25 anniversary of the building of the Village Hall. The AGM will be in the Hall Meeting Room on the evening of Wednesday 13th April.

This is a public meeting in that anyone living in the parish is entitled to come along and listen to how Charity has managed over the past year and have a say about its future. At this meeting and in accordance with the Charity's Trust Deed, local residents can become a trustee for a year and get involved with the running of Hanna's Field and its facilities. So if you interested in local affairs or would just like to know more about the Charity why not come along to this special Silver Jubilee AGM-refreshments provided!

There is a list of Hall activities on the Hall entrance windows. - the very latest is art classes which are running in the Hall meeting room twice a week. The hall hire rates are on the Charity notice board in the Hall and on the Parish Council Web Site (Village Hall) and there are reduced rates if you are a resident of the parish. The sports courts are particularly lightly used at present. Contact Sharon Crow for Hall and Field/Court bookings on 400965.

This year marks the Silver Jubilee of the building of the Village Hall. It would be good to celebrate this but we need your ideas-if you have any thoughts please contact me, Colin Warren (401050 or cwarren132@aol.com) or Mike Plumridge(400628).



**VILLAGE TIDY-UP—7th. May.
(Saturday, 9am)**

Volunteers are requested to meet at the Village Hall car park. Pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and sacks will be provided.

BETHEL CHURCH

**“Time is free, but it’s priceless.
You can’t own it, but you can use it.
You can’t keep it, but you can spend it.
Once you’ve lost it, you can never get it back.”**

Unless you are looking to win the X-Factor, our souls aren't hungry for fame, comfort, wealth or power. Those things create as many problems as they solve. Our souls are hungry for meaning. We want our lives to matter. The Psalmist writes, *'Our lifetime is seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty...'* (Psalm 90:10)

Eighty years, sounds a long time but in days it's just under 30,000. None of us knows how many years we've left, but we know how many we've been given till now. If you were to draw a line and add them up, eternally speaking, what would you have to show for your life? Job said, *'My days fly faster than a weaver's shuttle...'* (Job 7:6)

Some teens may count the number of Facebook friends they have, the number of beers they can drink. Some adults measure success by the number of bedrooms in their house, cars in the garage, or the yield on their investments. Most make two mistakes - they think they've so much time they can afford to waste it, or so little time they can't possibly do something significant, so they don't try.

Our days are like suitcases, all the same size - but some can pack more into them than others. *'A person who chases fantasies has no sense.'* (Proverbs 12:11)

Numbering your days means offering them to God and seeking His direction for your life. If this has resonated with you in any way, and no matter how young or old you are – why not come and join us at Bethel.

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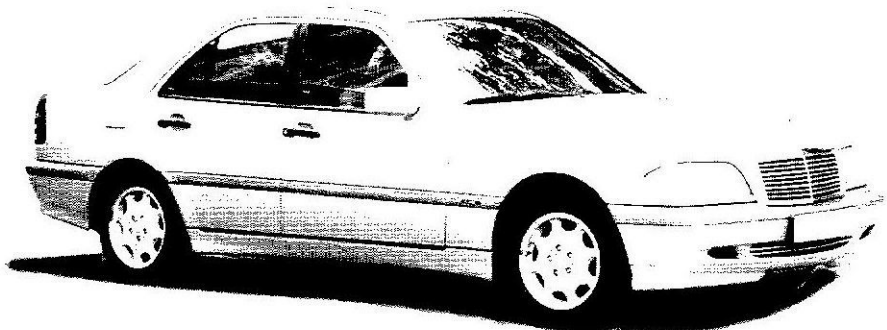


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Sunday Family Worship – 10.45am

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Wednesday Young Adults – 8.00pm

Thursday Bible Study – 7.45am

Other dates are in the Village Diary—Please see pages 13-16

Every blessing – from all your friends at Bethel Evangelical Church, Old Church Road

HANNA'S TOTS

It was nice to see friends still come to Tots through the snow and bad weather; we have also had some newcomers over the last couple of weeks which has been lovely. The new Health Visitor dates to put in your diary are **1st April and 6th May**. You do not have to be a 'regular' to come along if you would like your child weighed or to discuss any aspect of your child's health.

If you would like to come along for a chat and a cuppa whilst your little ones play, we meet in the Village Hall on a Friday morning, entrance via the back door. Sessions run from 9.30 – 11.30. Please feel free to come and go as you wish during those times.

We have a wide range of toys, books and baby equipment available to borrow or hire. We are also open in school holidays, where elder siblings are welcome to join in too.

Thank you to those who stay to help tidy up every week, it is very much appreciated!
Looking forward to seeing you Friday!

Savannah Shankster 01245 400979





YOUR PRE-SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Our Pre-School is funded by a mixture of government grants and parent-paid fees. By the time we've paid for all the essentials like staff wages, rent and equipment there's not much left over, so that's why fundraising is so important to us.

Last year our priority was to fund new equipment for the Pre-School and this year we are aiming to raise money to pay for extra training for our staff. It goes without saying that all our staff are qualified and experienced, but it's essential that they continue to attend courses and training days so that they can learn new and exciting skills to pass on to the children!

Here's how you can help...

We are recycling used ink cartridges – if you have any please drop them in the box in the Post Office or the Village Hall.

We will be holding a 'Pamper Evening' sometime before Easter and everyone is welcome! Please phone the number below or drop us an e-mail for more information.

If you need a post-Christmas clear out then we will gladly accept items in a sellable condition for a car boot sale will be holding in the summer. Please bring any donations to the Hannas Tots at Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am on a Friday morning or phone or e-mail to arrange collection.

Do you or does anyone you know have a child aged 2 or over?

We currently have spaces at the Pre-school, and don't forget that funding is available for children from the term after their 3rd Birthday.

Contact us by phone on 07732 951613 or e-mail us at ehps1@live.co.uk

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Christmas Bazaar during which nearly £1000 was raised for the school.

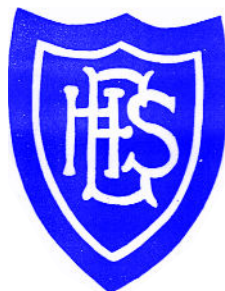
We are keen to encourage children's understanding of how people live in other parts of Britain and beyond, and to this end we have made links with a school overseas and a school in an urban area.

Brigadier Stan Gordon was instrumental in introducing us to a school in Nepal and e-mail communications have started with this school.

Our urban school partner is Mayespark Primary School in Ilford. Teachers of both schools are planning visits and other beneficial links. We are expecting three class visits during the summer term when you may see pupils from this school in and around the village and at the school studying our rural environment. Mayespark are offering this experience to their three year 3 classes. Class 3, our year 3/4 class will have the opportunity to meet the children, talk about their different and shared experiences, visit their school and location as part of an urban study.

We are again collecting Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers. These schemes have provided the children with many extra playtime toys and games as well as PE and computer equipment. We are extremely grateful for the vouchers you have collected for us in the past and would be pleased to receive any for this year's collection.

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As I write this it's early February and I hope the weather will be better than the last few weeks with the snow and rain. We had to cancel our Christmas lunch and postpone until 9th. February. We started the year with our usual January lunch when we had visitors from a group W.I.s and a good time was had by us all. We have our usual full programme. I will mention April as we will be holding our usual Charity Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 13th, 10-30am till noon, and the following week on 20th. our usual meeting day we are holding a Help for Heroes afternoon at 2pm. Entry will be by a £2 donation when we will have a talk followed by tea and cakes. It will be good to see you there. Our meetings are mostly on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 2pm but with slight variations in January, August and December. If you would like to know more do give me a ring.

Best Wishes Lilian Crace 400288

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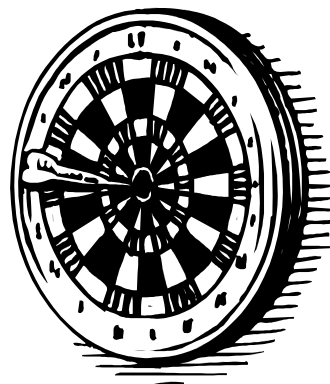
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1. Unicorn dartboard (and set of Unicorn darts) signed by Phil 'the Power' Taylor, 15 times World Darts Champion, and runner up in BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2010.
2. PowerGlide snooker cue (in Union Jack sleeve) signed by Steve Davis, winner of more professional snooker titles than any other player.
3. PowerGlide snooker cue (in Union Jack sleeve) signed by Ronnie O'Sullivan 3 times snooker World Champion, and considered by some to be the most talented player in the history of the game.

If you would like to put in a bid for any/all of these great items, please fill in the form enclosed in this News, seal it in an envelope and leave it in the labelled box in the village shop. Closing date for bids is 31st March 2011. There is a reserve price on all items, photos of which can be viewed on the parish website and at the shop. For further information contact Jackie Feehan on 400862.

BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

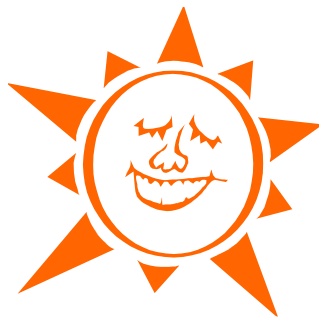


On **Saturday 12th March** , from 10am until 12.30, there will be another second hand book sale in the village hall upstairs meeting room. There will be a book bin in the village shop during the week prior to the sale for any donations, but as we now have a large stock, we would ask for **ONLY FICTION PAPERBACKS**.

We now have 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'

VILLAGE FETE 2011

Planning has begun for this year's village fete, which will take place on Saturday 10th. September Please put the date on your calendars. Our next meeting is on **23rd March** 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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