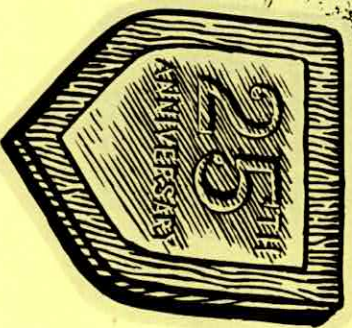
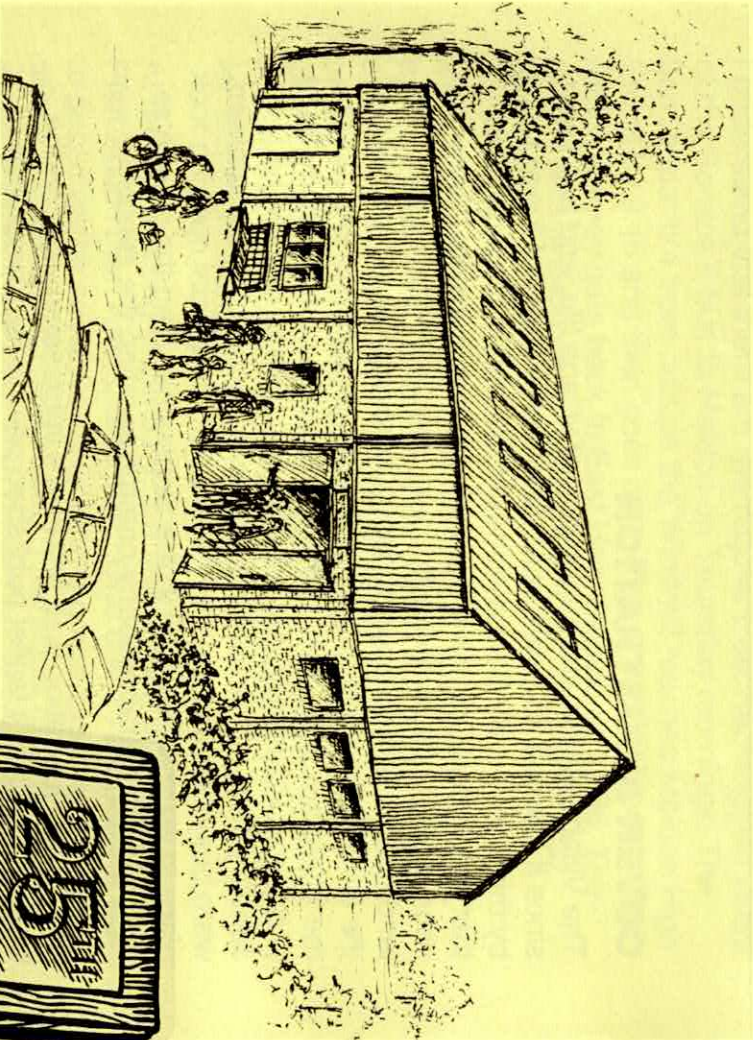


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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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**Copy date for the next edition is
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Earlier submission is appreciated. Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at 2 Clinton Close or karen.plumridge@btinternet.com.

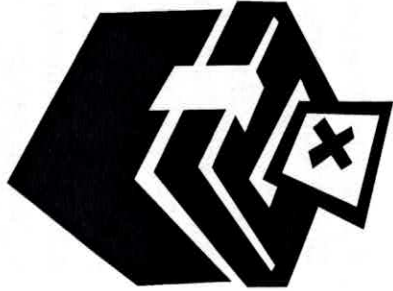
COVER ILLUSTRATION

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 Playgroup 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

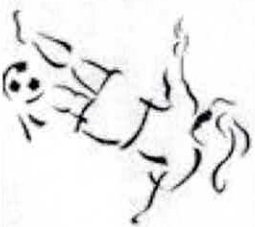
Another action from the Parish Plan monitoring exercise was to put a loose sheet list of village contacts in the June issue of the News. So, could village groups and clubs please let me know the name and contact details of the member they would like to be their contact on the list?



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.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628
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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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Stephen Bryan

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

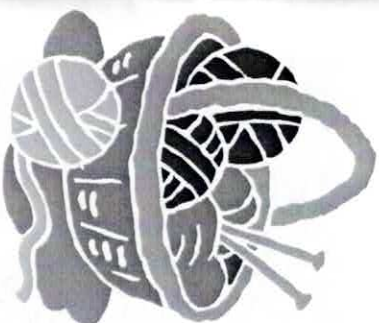
Indoor Short Mat Bowls is an ideal indoor sport for all weathers and all ages. Many players throughout Essex play for their county with a considerable contingent of young players bowling for the County in the under Eighteens.

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 40116



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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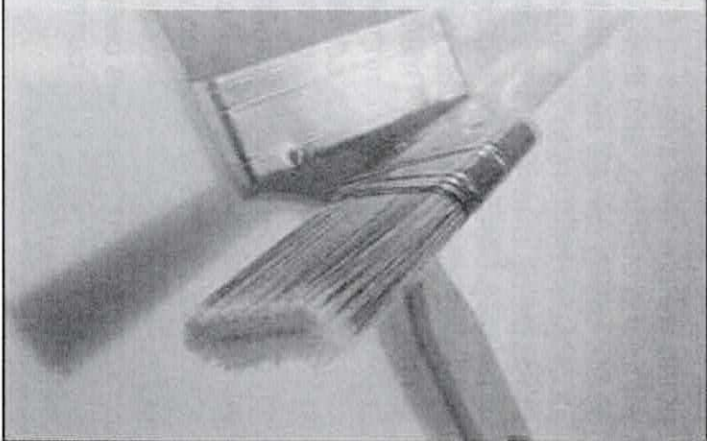
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VILLAGE DIARY

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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**
 10.30-12noon **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'
 10am-12noon **HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME & HOLIDAY SPORTS** on the playing field or in the sports hall at the Village Hall. No entrance charge.

Tues 19 2pm **WI MEETING & HELP FOR HEROES** at WI Hall

Wed 20 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** Village Hall car park

Thurs21 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**
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.

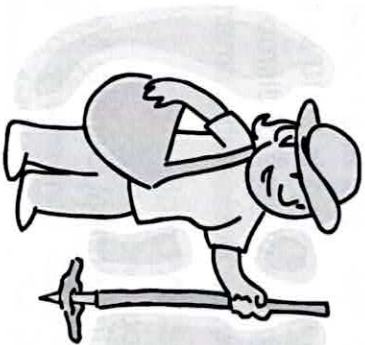
Now the good news – Starting 21st February (half term), the Charity will be replacing the flooring in the Hall entrance lobby and kitchen to match the new maple wood effect flooring completed in 2010 in the large hall and small halls. There will be a couple of days of disruption but the overall effect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

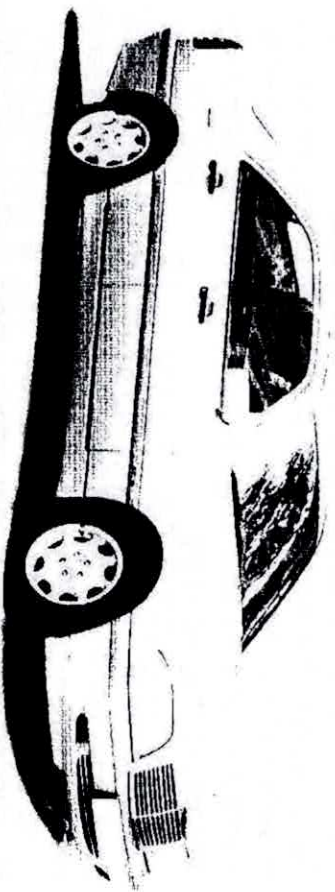
Numbering your days means offering them to God and seeking His direction for your life. If this has resonated with you in any way, and no matter how young or old you are – why not come and join us at Bethel.



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Tuesday Ladies Meeting – 10.30am
Wednesday Young Adults – 8.00pm
Thursday Bible Study – 7.45am

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

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HANNA'S TOTS

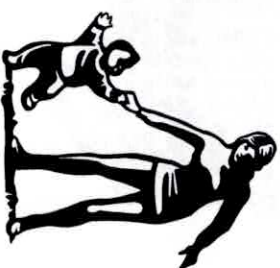
It was nice to see friends still come to Tots through the snow and bad weather; we have also had some newcomers over the last couple of weeks which has been lovely. The new Health Visitor dates to put in your diary are **1st April and 6th May**. You do not have to be a 'regular' to come along if you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

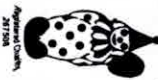
We have a wide range of toys, books and baby equipment available to borrow or hire. We are also open in school holidays, where elder siblings are welcome to join in too.

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



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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?

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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.

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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 Wednesday, 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 Grace 400288

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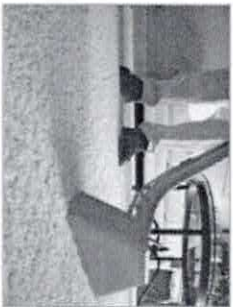
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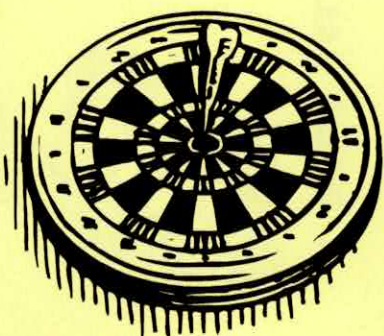
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2. PowerGlide snooker cue (in Union Jack sleeve) signed by Steve Davis, winner of more professional snooker titles than any other player.
3. PowerGlide snooker cue (in Union Jack sleeve) signed by Ronnie O'Sullivan 3 times snooker World Champion, and 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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Feeding the Bear

FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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

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

CORRECTION

The Editor has been asked to correct a statement on this page in the previous edition of the News regarding the initiation of the appeal for a community building. The full text of the written request can be found on page 13.

The Editor clearly confused the order of events, apologies for rewriting history and the distress that this has caused.

The Playgroup's need for accommodation following its removal from the old Rectory to the WI Hall happened some years after the creation of the Community Centre Appeal Committee.

The Playgroup's donation of £2,500 to Hanna's Field Charity came at about the time of building completion in early 1986. It is believed, but open to correction, that Playgroup was the only village group, other than the Parish Council and Hanna's Field Charity, that contributed financially to the village hall so deserves some recognition for this.

PARISH COUNCIL

The term of office of the Parish Council elected in 2007 came to end in May. All but one of the councillors have decided to continue, and I should like to thank Penny Waters for her contribution to the work of the Council during her time as a councillor and wish her well for the future. Her botanic knowledge and her representation of residents living outside the village centre was greatly valued by PC.

PC's Annual Report for the year 2010-11 was presented at the Annual Assembly. If you would like to read it you can find it on the website, but paper copies are available on application to me. The Annual Report contains PC's receipts and payments account for the financial year that ended on 31st. March, 2011 and an overview of the year by the Chairman.

If you walk along the path across the playing field, or visit the play area you will have noticed the arrival of a large green frog and a chocolate brown bear (see front cover). These are new bins to encourage users of the play area to dispose of their litter properly, and the plan appears to be working as they do fill up. Not so conspicuous are the new safety surfaces and the benches for parents to rest on while their children are playing. All the items including the safety surfaces are made with recycled materials. PC's relatively small financial contribution of £750 to the Hanna's Field Charity project encouraged the Community Initiatives Fund and Essex Community Foundation to contribute much larger sums so that the scheme with a total cost of just over £8,000 could be completed. PC has found over many years that this "pump priming" is a proven way of making a little money go a



long way by attracting more funds into the parish. Well done to HFC for seeking out and winning the grant funding!

Further to the subject of field improvements, some of the excavated soil from the play area project was added to the area of the bike mounds at the corner of the playing field to create more jumps and obstacles, but there wasn't enough. The Charity has been offered a lorry load of earth by David Chennells, but a lorry is needed to transport it from the farm to the playing field. If anyone can oblige, please let me know.

As mentioned in the last news, this year is the 25th Anniversary of the construction of the Village Hall.

In recognition of this there will be a dance on **Saturday, 1st October**. A band called the Kings of Wah, which comes highly recommended, has been booked for the occasion. Put the date in your diary, on your calendar or where ever you keep important aide-mémoire because this is going to be an event not to be missed!



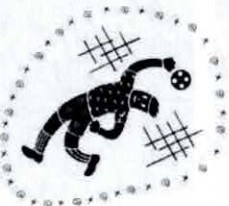
John Allenby who is the parish's representative at the County Council's public transport meetings, has asked me to mention two new services. The first is the Broomfield Hopper which circulates clockwise around the Broomfield Hospital site every twenty minutes taking in Farleigh Hospice and the Crystal and Linden Centres. It runs from 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday, is free and will drop you off at any point on the loop on request. The second is a bus to Hylands House from Market Road, Chelmsford, outside County Hall. It runs every second Monday of the months April to September at 10am, 12noon and 2pm returning at 1, 3 and 5pm. I have also received a call from another bus user to remind residents to support the bus service, because low use will make the County Council reconsider its subsidy, and unprofitable running will lead to the loss of contractors willing to undertake the routes.

Please note that there are new timetables in the bus shelters and some of the times are different, so if you are not a frequent bus user you might not be aware of the changes.

There was a plan to include a contacts list in this issue of the News and a request was issued in the last edition for groups to let me know the name and contact details of the member they wished to nominate as their contact. There was no response to that call. I'm sure that local groups do want to be contacted by potential members, so please let me have the contact details of the person who deals with enquiries, so that we can compile a list which will benefit the groups who want new members and local people looking for new interests and activities.

Thanks to all those who helped with the Village Spring Clean on 7th. May. Everyone commented that there was much less litter than usual. Nevertheless, an Autumn Clean is planned for Saturday 22nd. October, so please make a note of the date and join us for some fresh air and light exercise.

An extra summer play day has been added to the dates in the last News. The Tuesdays to remember are **9th, 16th & 23rd August 10am-12 noon**. The two Easter play days achieved attendances of 60 and 45 children, so clearly met a need.



Please note that the PC meeting in July is earlier in the month than the usual fourth Thursday, being on 14th. PC Meetings are open to the public and give residents the opportunity to speak during Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the opening of each meeting. We are now using an overhead projector which means that everyone can see the plans and papers being discussed.

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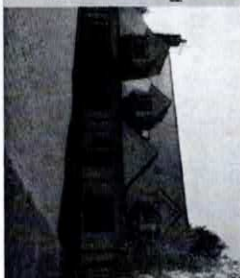
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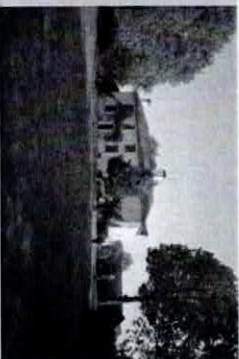


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I hope to become Deputy Mayor in the coming session and feel very proud that my colleagues have supported Julia and me in this significant civic role in the way that residents have supported me as a councillor.

I do hope that we can be worthy of your trust, we shall certainly try. I always try to observe the election rules and have not entered a piece for the magazine recently, to be able to do so now in this way is really enjoyable though humbling for me.

Kindest regards and Thanks.

Mike Harris

Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield Chelmsford Borough Council.

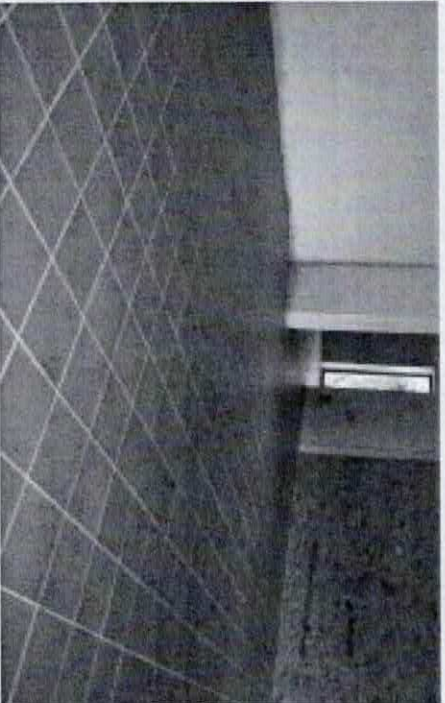


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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

For this issue of the News I shall repeat my report which was presented at the Charity AGM on 13th April 2011 and again at the Parish Assembly on 11th May 2011. I apologise to those of you who attended either meeting for the repetition. I was disappointed at the lack of interest demonstrated by the poor attendance at the Charity AGM. It was pleasing however that several young villagers did come and expressed a strong interest in the cycling mounds at the rear of the field. The annual accounts of the charity show that we were responsible for dealing with just under £36,000 of income from a mixture of Rental Income, Grant Income and Fund Raising activities. We spent this income on various capital projects and on the day to day costs of running the hall and field. As a result of a recent roof survey we have been advised that the roof on the hall is reaching it's use by date and will soon need replacing. We are awaiting estimates for the cost of this work but it will be a considerable sum which will need to be raised by the Charity.

I remain concerned for the future continuity of the charity management and hope that after reading the annual report one or more of you, the villagers who benefit from the charity, will volunteer to join the committee as Trustees and be part of the future of the charity.

Hanna's Field Charity Chairman's report to the 2011 AGM

In many ways the last year has been yet another successful year for the Charity. At the start of the year we set ourselves the target of relaying the flooring in the main sports hall. We exceeded it by renewing all of the flooring throughout the ground floor of the village hall. Another target was to install Wifi in the hall and this is now available to hall users.

There is one important target that I set at the start of the year

which has not been achieved. I wanted to ensure the long term stability of the Charity by completing some succession planning. The majority of the current charity officers have been on the committee since the creation of the Charity over 25 years ago. I am one of the newcomers having only served on the committee for nearly 23 years! It really is time for the original committee to be passing the responsibility of running the Charity over to newer younger fresher faces. They can only do so if new residents come forward to take their place. There is always the chance that we will lose the village hall if volunteers do not come forward.

The work load of the Charity has once again been borne by very few for the gain of the many residents and organisations who use the facilities at the village hall and sports field. No officers receive any remuneration; they are all volunteers and all should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village.

One member who has worked tirelessly since the start of the Charity has been Sylvia Hopkins. Many of you will know that Sylvia has been battling with ill health and has very reluctantly decided to hang up her Hanna's Field Committee shoes. She will be badly missed but has confirmed that she will still be supporting the fund-raising activities of the Charity in the future. Thank you Sylvia for all your hard work over very many years.

I am also grateful to Sharon Crow who took over the cleaning of the hall and organises the bookings following the retirement of Terry and Dawn Mills last March.

The Essex Probation Service continued their work with us which enabled the Charity to maintain the hall and grounds to a high standard for the benefit of all villagers.

It is good that the Village Shop and Post Office remains in the village. If we are to retain the Post Office and Shop in the village it is

essential that we all use the facility and support Ash.

The Annual Art Exhibition continued as a major fund raising event showing works from many local artists. This year's exhibition will be on the 8th and 9th July. The Village Fete, a joint venture with All Saints Church, successfully raised a record sum under the Chairmanship of Jackie Feehan and provided a fun event for all. It was good that the event was also supported by several of our local businesses and we are grateful for their sponsorship. This year's fete will be on Saturday 10th September. We have built on the success of the bookstall at the fete by running quarterly Saturday Book and Coffee mornings in the upstairs committee room. These regular book stall events have proved to be popular and successful and we hope to continue with them as a permanent quarterly event.

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

If you are listening to or reading this report have you considered joining the committee? We would welcome new members to assist in the future development of the Charity.

More information about the Charity can be found on our website www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/.



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

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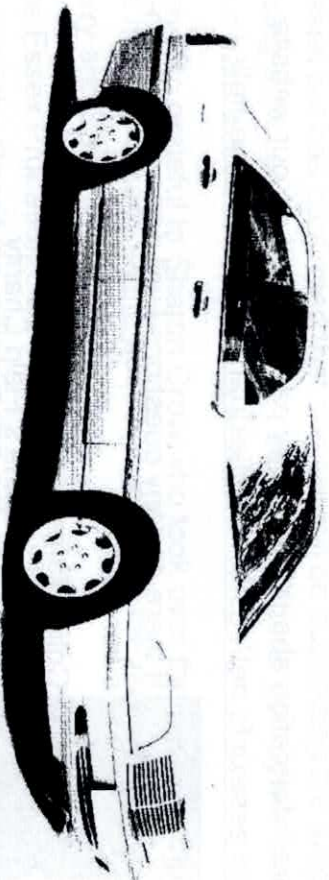


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

With reference to the article on the inside front cover of edition No. 135 of East Hanningfield News, this contains a statement which is factually incorrect in regard to the involvement of 'the Playgroup' with the village hall project.

At the annual parish meeting in 1972, which was attended by a very large number of the general public, the Parish Council was asked what plans it had to provide the village with a playing field and a village hall, given the absence of any public hall facility other than the Women's Institute building in which the meeting was being held, coupled with the impending loss of the rented playing field, which was to become the site for a new District Council housing scheme.

In response, Parish Council advised that it had no plan to rectify these deficiencies, but resultant upon the representations made to it at this meeting, it agreed to the establishment of a sub committee to the Council, - to be named East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee, whose specific brief would be to raise money for the purchase of land and to provide a village hall.

I was Secretary to the East Hanningfield Playgroup Association at the time, - latterly its Chairman, and I can state quite categorically that the Association did not initiate or have any involvement whatsoever in the appeal for a community building as stated in your article, neither did it have any involvement in raising funds for the project nor with the fund raising sub-committee of East Hanningfield Parish Council.

I would be most grateful therefore, if you will include a correction to this effect in the next edition of East Hanningfield News, please, in the interest of historical accuracy.

Yours faithfully, Belinda A. Dixon

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Sun 26 th	Tunbridge Wells and Penshurst Place & Gardens (Entrance included)	£22.50
July		
Sun 3 rd	Kensington	£15
Sun 10 th	Windsor	£16
Wed 13 th	Cotswolds	£20
Sun 17 th	Kent Life museum*/river cruise* and Maidstone (*Entrance not included)	£14
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Wed 27 th	130 th Sandringham House Flower Show (Entrance included)	£26
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Sun 7 th	Broadstairs	£16.50
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Friday 3rd	6 - 9 pm NGS OPEN GARDEN at The Limes with wine available. Entry: £3.50, children free. Plants for sale. http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/gardenfinder/
Sat 4th	11am-1pm CAFE BAR at Bethel Church
Sunday 5th	8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 7th. Sunday of Easter at All Saints' Church www.easthanningfieldchurch.org
Wed 8th	10am ALL AGE SERVICE FOR A SUMMER SUNDAY at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments. 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Friday 10th	2-6pm NGS OPEN GARDEN at The Limes with teas and home-made cakes. Entry: £3.50, children free. Plants for sale. GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & 9.30-11.30am HEALTH VISITOR at Hannah's Tots in the Village Hall
Saturday 11th	10am-12.30pm BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
Sunday 12th	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Wed 15th	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church followed by Pentecost Picnic 2pm WI MEETING at the WI Hall

Wed 15th 8pm **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall

Thurs 16th 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** - Village Hall car park
3.45-4.10 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.

Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

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11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

Wednes- **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC**
day 22nd **RECYCLING** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)

Thursday 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor
23rd meeting room at the Village Hall.
Friday 24th 5-7.30pm **SUMMER FETE** at East Hanningfield School.

Sat 25th 8.45am **MEN'S BREAKFAST** at Bethel Church.
pm **MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING** at All Saints' Church.

Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
26th Church

Tues 28th 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church.

Thurs 30th 2.50-3.40 **MOBILE LIBRARY** - Village Hall car park
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JULY

Sunday 3rd 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church www.easthanningfieldchurch.org
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Wednesday 9th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
Friday 8th 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hannat's Tots in the Village Hall

Saturday 9th **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE** at the Village Hall
2-4pm **LADIES AFTERNOON TEA** at Bethel Church.

Sunday 10th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church.
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

6-7pm **EVENING PRAISE & WORSHIP** at Bethel Church.

Thursday 14th 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
Sat 16th 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church

Sunday 17th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 20th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall

Sunday 24th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tues 26th 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church.

Sunday 31st 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
11am **5TH SUNDAY** Special service at All Saints' Church

AUGUST

Wednes-
day 3rd

GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane,

Sunday
7th

8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church www.easthanningfieldchurch.org

10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.

10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel

Tuesday
9th

10am-12noon **HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME** including arts & crafts in the small hall & **SPORTS** on the playing field or in the sports hall at the Village Hall. No entrance charge. Provided by EHPC & CBC

Sun 14th

10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

Tuesday
16th

10am-12noon **HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME** including arts & crafts in the small hall & **SPORTS** on the playing field or in the sports hall at the Village Hall. No entrance charge. Provided by EHPCC and Chelmsford Borough Council.

Wednes-
day 17th

GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks

Sun 21st

10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

Tuesday
23rd

10am-12noon **HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME** including arts & crafts in the small hall & **SPORTS** on the playing field or in the sports hall at the Village Hall. No entrance charge. Provided by EHPCC & CBC

Thursday
25th

8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

Sun 28th

10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

DANCE CLUB

NEW DANCE CLASS

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Would you like to learn to dance but don't have a partner?

Then why not try a new dance class where you don't need one.

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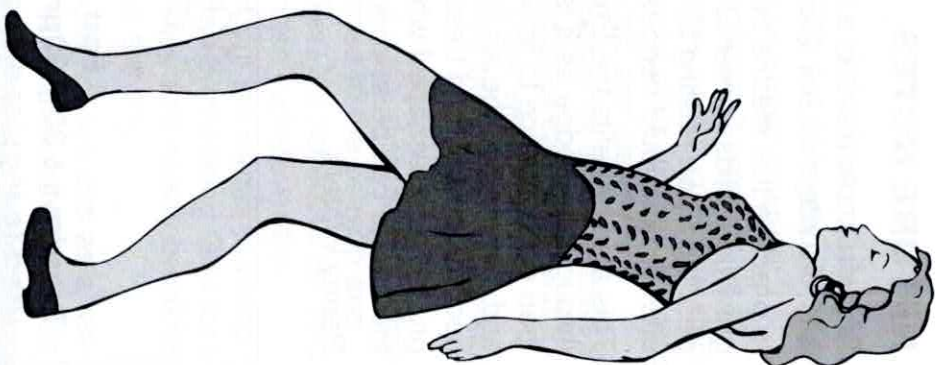
It's NOT aerobics

It's better than watching television.

The above class is aimed at beginners, but all are welcome.

For any ballroom/Latin dancing couples looking to join a class - there is currently a weekly dancing lesson held on Thursday evenings at 8.00 o'clock in the Village Hall. If you have some dancing experience, you are welcome to come and join us.

If you would like more information please telephone: Chris - 01245 400561



NATURE NOTES

Did you know that it is a criminal offence, according to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, to disturb nesting birds?

In practise this means that hedges and trees should be allowed to grow until Midsummer (June) although may be even beyond, depending upon nesting birds who depend upon the weather. Only after June should hedges with nesting birds be trimmed.

This also benefits the English honeysuckle that you can plant to run through the hedge as it is the new year's hanging growth that will then get a chance to flower, improving habitat for wild creatures and sweetening the air in mid-summer with its fragrance. Most hedges, shrubs and trees, the woody plants, should be pruned and reshaped when leafless and the structure of the hedge can be seen in autumn and winter.

Penny Waters



YOGA

East Hanningfield Village Hall

Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm A dynamic class suitable for people used to regular exercise or with yoga experience. Classes taught in the Ashtanga tradition.

Wednesdays 1-2pm A gentle flowing class suitable for beginners.

Classes also taught in Danbury, at the United Reform Church Hall every Thursday 6-7pm and 7-8pm. Private tuition also available.

To make inquiries, please contact
Jo Broughton 07932 627574



FROM REVEREND PAM

A child wrote the following - "In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off". The onset of summer is always exciting with the promise of warm weather and the growth of the flowers and plants. It reminds us of hope and new life - especially after the severe and long winter which we have had. Once we are into summer some of us feel rejuvenated by the heat of the sun but others feel lethargic and sleepy and would prefer to snooze away the day in a hammock in the garden if it were possible. It is strange too how the summer can begin with enthusiastic gardening which fades within a few weeks as the ground becomes hard, the weather hotter and the novelty of working in the garden wears off.

Spring and early summer seem to give us a natural spirit of thankfulness but so soon we can become accustomed to the season and forget the initial pleasure which we felt earlier. It's helpful to us, and good for us, to sustain a mood of thankfulness - whatever the weather. One Christian Saint has written about the merits of being thankful and recommended starting each day by thanking God for at least three things. This, together with a healthy and hearty breakfast (and even a brisk walk!), could set us up for the day.

It is easy to blame God when things go wrong, or see this as a reason for not believing in or dismissing God. It is harder to give credit to God when things go well or to see this might be related to the existence of a God who wants good for us. Some of us may prefer to thank God with 'Guinness' rather than 'Genesis' but, however we do it, we can be assured He is not tired and hasn't taken the day off. Enjoy your summer! Every blessing to you

Pam Pennell

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...AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

We begin where we left off in the Spring issue of E H News – **Connection to the sewer** – this has now been achieved. We have a manhole on our side of the south hedge at last, ready and waiting for connection to the much desired facilities at the church. The PCC authorised the next essential step towards such facilities at their meeting in March – this is to seek quotes for **an architect's feasibility study**, on which we hope to report real progress in the next issue.

Children's Corner – The target of "Ready by Easter" was achieved with a few weeks to spare and the most frequently heard comment has been "It looks as though it has always been there". We are very grateful to David Baldwin for the care and sensitivity with which he made the alterations and there is no doubt of its popularity with the users! If we can maintain that standard when it comes to making space for the additional facilities, we shall be delighted indeed.

Annual Elections – The following were duly elected:

Churchwardens – Ron Attenborough & Sandra Robinson
Deanery Synod Representatives – Martin Harcourt-Williams & Karen Saynor

PCC Members – John Coffin & Gil Gordon, who join continuing members Lindsey Brannon, John Chadwick, Sue Edward, Jackie Feehan, Stan Gordon & Sue Yeo.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Sally Scurrrell for her past years of service as she stood down from PCC membership this year.

Congratulations are due to Tara Whitaker on receiving the Bishop's Certificate for completion of the year-long Children's Ministry Course. She now takes on the role of Children's Events Co-ordinator at All Saints'.

Looking forward, we draw your attention to

- (i) the Open Garden event at The Limes on The Tye on Friday 3rd June and particularly on Sunday afternoon 5th June when we are responsible for providing the tea and cakes!
- (ii) the Pentecost Picnic in the church grounds which will immedi-

ately follow the morning service on Sunday 12th June, and includes events for children.

(iii) "Music for a Summer's Evening" on Saturday 25th June in the church, followed by refreshments.

(iv) Annual Pilgrimage to Bradwell on Saturday 2nd July. An enjoyable day out for all ages. Contact Rev'd Pam if you would like join a small party who will be going from All Saints'.

As always you are most welcome to attend any of our regular Sunday services which commence at 11.00 am except on the first Sunday of the month, when there are two services – 8.30 am and 10.00 am.

For other matters – please use our web site:

www.easthanningfieldchurch.org

This also has a direct link to the village web site for your extra convenience, if you wish to check on the Village Diary or other information about East Hanningfield.

If you would like to have our monthly information leaflet delivered through your door (without any obligation at all), we shall be pleased to add your name to our distribution list on hearing from you.

**Ron Attenborough (400361) ronald304@btinternet.com
Sandra Robinson (400819) sandra.robinson@btinternet.com
Churchwardens**



EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



The summer term started with our Royal Wedding "Street Party" lunch and celebration on the school field. Not only was food enjoyed but the children had the opportunity with their partners and teddies to complete a Royal Treasure Hunt, an obstacle course, make a commemorative plate and cup holder and play some traditional games. Children voted it a great success the only complaint was the afternoon wasn't long enough.

The term continues in its busy varied way with assessments including SATs, Book Week, zoo trip for our youngest class, residential trip for our oldest class- and that only takes us to the end of May. After half term – sports events, notably athletics and music festivals add to the enjoyment of the summer term.

You are invited to the **PTA School Summer Fete on Friday 24th June, 5pm** on the school field.

Linda Findlay

BOOK SALE

The next sale of nearly new books is on **Saturday 11th**

June in the upstairs meeting room at the village hall, from **10am to 12.30pm**. There will be tea, coffee, cakes & biscuits, and the chance to have a leisurely browse and a chat.

As usual, the box for donations – preferably recent paperback fiction-will be in the village shop during the week prior to the sale. We now have a good stock of children's books and welcome younger readers who would like to look for a bargain. Proceeds to Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.

Jackie Feehan 400862

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRESCHOOL

The Committee and fundraising team would like to say a **huge** thank you to everyone who supported our Pamper and Wellbeing night in April. Just over £600 was raised which is already being put to good use.

The pre-school has recently become an approved provider for 2 year old funding from Essex Early Years. If you are interested in learning more about this funding please contact the pre-school on the contact details below.

We have recently started lunch club in which the children are invited to have lunch as a group which commences after core session time on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is open to children aged from 2 ½ plus and is free to funded children aged 3+.

If your child is 2+ and you are thinking of starting with the pre-school please contact us either by email on ehps1@live.co.uk or by phone on 07732 951613 during session hours, which are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.15am to 1.15pm and Wednesday from 9.15am to 12.15pm.

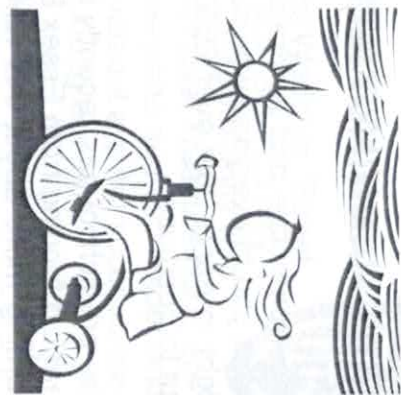
Louise Warley, Chairperson

**East Hanningfield
Pre-School**



HANNA'S TOTS

Tots are returning back to normal after the recent bank holidays. We have a new bouncy castle for the children to enjoy. As the weather improves we shall venture outside for play with the bikes and scooters.



We still have regular visits from Reverend Pam and the health visitor, the new health visitor dates are 10th June and 8th July please feel free to come along if you would like your child weighed or to discuss any aspect of your child's health. It is lovely to see some new friends with new babies coming along to these dates.

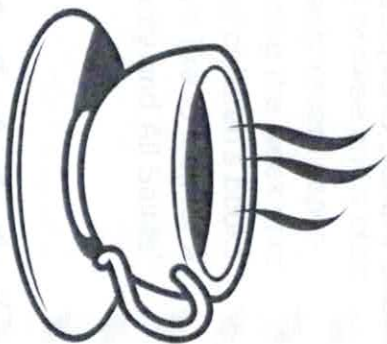
Sessions run from 9.30 – 11.30 every Friday in the village hall, entrance via the back door. Come along for a chat and cup of tea and enjoy watching the children play.

We are also a toy library and many toys and equipment are available to borrow or hire as we know sometimes young children get attached to certain toys and won't leave without them!

Once again thank you to all those who help to tidy away at the end.

Hope to see you Friday!

Savannah Shankster 400 979



BETHEL CHURCH—Don't leave it to the last minute.

I'm sure we've had that said to us before, whether it was your mother, a teacher or your boss.

It's good advice. Particularly when you are given a deadline, just like Karen gives us for submitting articles for the village magazine. But human nature tells us to put it off until tomorrow. Then on the eve of the deadline, one is scratching ones head to think of something inspirational to share with the village.

Leaving things to the last minute one can also risk getting things wrong. Something misspelled or a glaring typo. Church magazines are full of them, here's a few of my favourites:

"The Wesley Guild Walk will start from the Three Hoops car park at 10am. Please bring a packed lung"

A Baptist Church near Ambleside recently announced that...

"The meeting will be gin with prayer"

And worshippers at St Mary Magdalene, Ashton-on-Mersey were invited to stay behind after a recent carol service to enjoy...

"Coffee and mice pies"

(No one's heard a squeak out of them since)

There's an old saying, Why Do Today What You Can Put Off Until Tomorrow?

I am a moderate procrastinator. Even when I believe that I would be best served by finishing a task (say, finishing this article and sending it to Karen), I will occasionally put it off in favour of some short-term reward (like a much needed caffeine fix).

The same thing can be said when we are confronted with more deeper issues, such as "what's life all about?" or "Is there a heaven or is there a hell?"

We can ponder on such things briefly and the moment is gone or,

as I did for many years, just swept them under the carpet.

But as we are reminded so often, sometimes tomorrow never comes. If you're asking such questions, we believe the bible has all the answers. So why not come and join us at one of our many meetings. We'd love to see you.

Here's when we meet:

- Sunday Family Worship – 10.45am
- Tuesday Ladies Meeting – 10.30am
- Wednesday Young Adults – 8.00pm
- Thursday Bible Study – 7.45am

Other dates for your diary are in the Village Diary in the centre pages of this News.

Roydon Hearne

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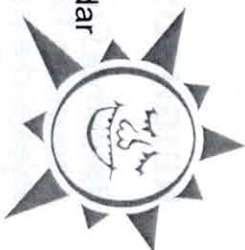


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Stephen Bryan

VILLAGE FETE 2011

September may be several pages away on the calendar but this year's fete is already taking shape, and we wouldn't like anyone to overlook the date – Saturday September 10th! 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? The more helpers we have, the quicker it all gets done!



Mums and Dads, Grandparents – did you ever make a miniature garden when you were young? Now there's an opportunity to encourage your children to enter a competition for the best miniature garden, to be displayed and judged at this year's fete. A box or tray approximately 10"x12" should be the base container; then earth or sawdust, pebbles, sticks, broken tiles, coloured glass etc can be added to help create a colourful, imaginative garden. There will be two age groups: Under 7s and 7-11 (on 1/9/11). Entry forms will be in the Village shop at the end of August, and in the next edition of the East Hanningfield News.

Jackie Feehan 400862

Jackie@feehan.vispa.com

NGS GARDEN OPEN AT THE LIMES ON
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Burglary - Crime Pays?

A house on The Tye was burgled in March and valuables and a laptop taken as well as some damage being done. The valuables were family heirlooms and the laptop had personal details on it so it was a double blow for the family involved. Sadly it's not the first burglary on The Tye. Nhw statistics show that since the start of 2007 seven houses on The Tye have received unwelcome visitors (with no arrests or goods recovered!). How can you avoid becoming a victim?

Don't be complacent – some parts of the parish are more at risk than others but the statistics show it can happen to any of us. Get into the habit of taking simple precautions.

Receive local Nhw emailed alerts - by receiving these you will be part of a growing local network of people who are aware of what's going on, receive police updates on local crimes etc, and if you see or know something it's easy to let Nhw know.

Look on the East Hanningfield Nhw website. It gives simple tips on how to reduce the risk of being burgled but also provides updates on scams, rogue callers, and Nhw and police phone numbers etc.

Do this and together we may stop crime paying for some people at least!

Next Nhw Meeting: Wednesday 15th June, 8pm – Village Hall

Meeting Room: Local residents are welcome. It's usually attended by a police officer. If you have an issue or want to know more about East Hanningfield Nhw or you have ideas about how to reduce local crime come along!

If you want to receive e-mailed Nhw crime alerts or know more

about local crime statistics contact me

Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield Nhw.

Ch400450 / 07968-112179

geoffangela@btinternet.com



W. I. NEWS

It seems no time at all since I last wrote our W.I. news. Last month we were very busy. Our Charity Coffee Morning raised £258 and the following week at our meeting for Help for Heroes, with money on the door and on the sales table, just over £200 was raised. Both very worthy causes and our thanks go to all of you who came along to support both events.

We have recently gained a few new members so we are very pleased about that. Why not come along to see what we are all about? Meetings in our hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm, with slight variations in January, August and December.

Do give me a ring,
Lilian Crace 400288.

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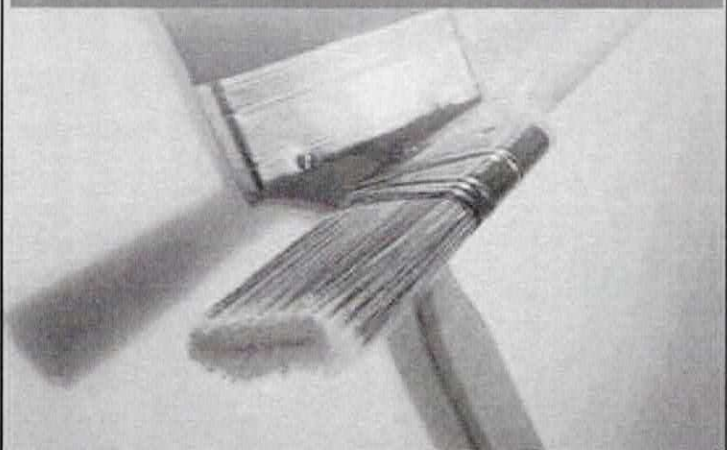
Contact: Pete Godfrey

Phone: 01245 400650

Mobile: 07730904377

E mail:

Peter2godfrey@btinternet.com



EAST HANNINGFIELD ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE



East Hanningfield Village Hall Saturday

9th July 10am until 5.30pm

Entry £1.50 per adult - children free

Artists wishing to exhibit should contact

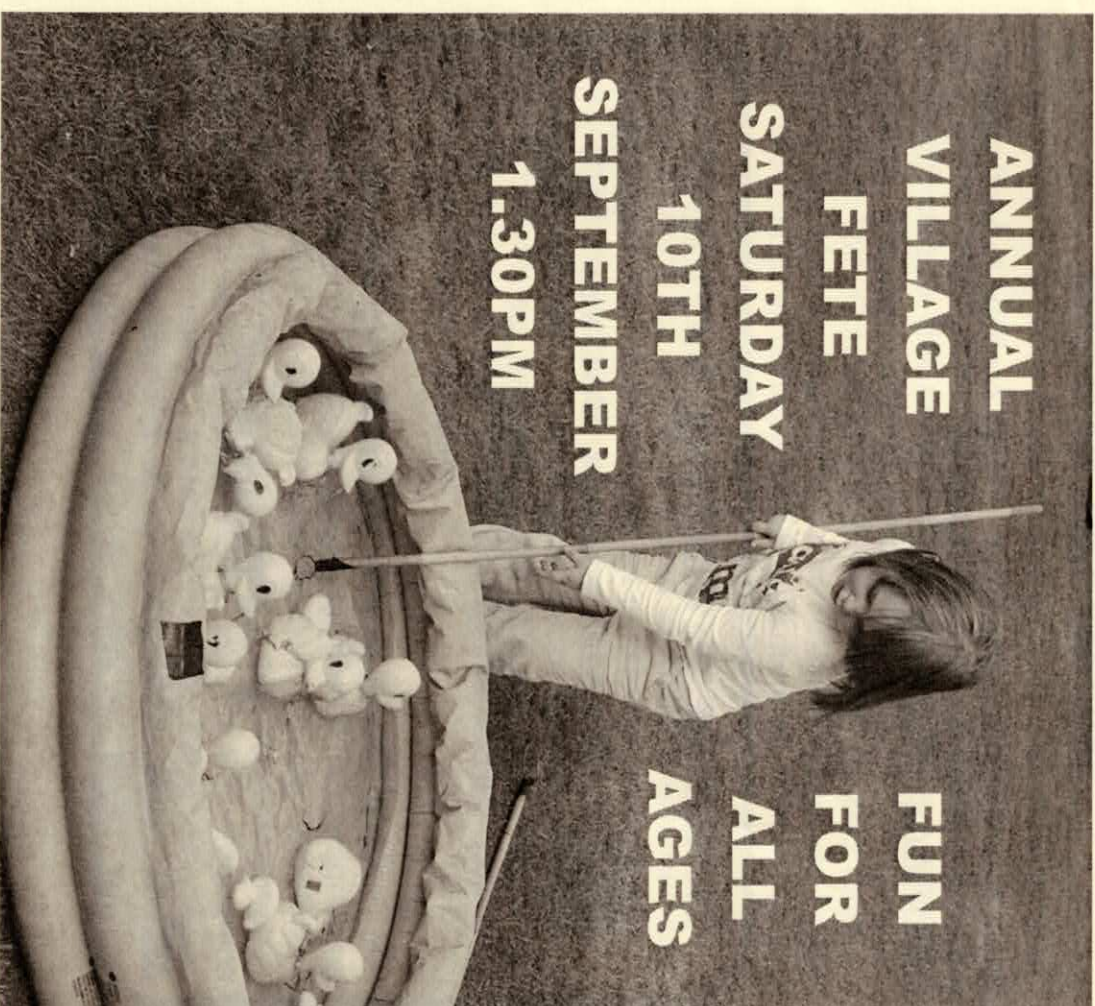
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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

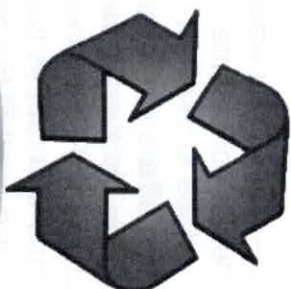
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Earlier submission is appreciated. Please continue to send articles and advertisements to 2 Clinton Close or karen.plumridge@btinternet.com.

PARISH COUNCIL

After trying for several years to have a bin for tetra-paks added to the recycling bins at the Village Hall car park, the Parish Council was pleased to learn that we can now include these items in the clear sacks for plastics recycling collection. Please rinse and remove any plastic spout or cap. Before the next edition of the News you should have received details of how to recycle waste food and the box and liners to use ready for the collections which are due to start in December.



On a related subject, the recycling centre at South Woodham (previously called a civic amenity site) is not one of those scheduled for closure. It is open daily from 8am until 5pm, but will be closing at 4pm from 16th. October for the Winter months. I expect most residents are already aware of it, but some can't be because household rubbish such as furniture is still being dumped on our verges such a short distance away from the recycling centre. It seems strange that someone has obviously taken the trouble to load the stuff into a vehicle but can't be bothered to drive the few miles down to South Woodham. Residents who are unable to convey large items to the recycling centre can request Chelmsford Borough Council to collect them. There is a fee, but pensioners and those in receipt of benefits are eligible for a half price reduction. Please contact 01245 615800 or email refuseadmin@chelmsford.gov.uk for details and to arrange collection.

Elsewhere in this News you will see reference to the 25th. Anniversary of the Village Hall, and the special numbered Fete programme. Well, the festivities will continue after the Fete with the Celebration Dance on Saturday 1st. October. Tickets will be very reasonably priced at £6 and will be available shortly. Like the Fete programme tickets will be numbered for a draw on the night. Doors will open at 7.30 for an 8pm start. As with all events at the Village Hall, numbers will be limited, so don't leave it too late to buy your tickets. You can

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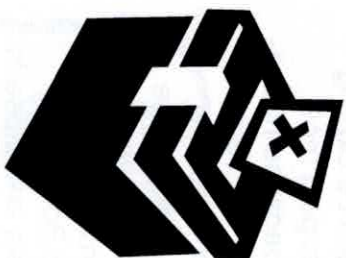
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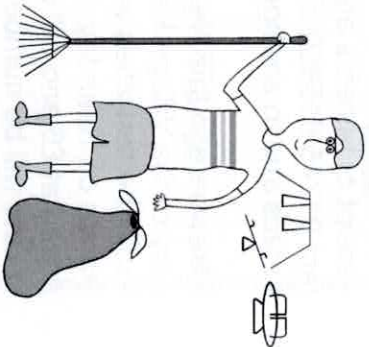
pre-order if you want to be really sure you won't be disappointed. Please contact me.

With all the changes that have happened since the general election you might be unaware that the planning system is also undergoing change. PC is convinced that these changes make it even more important for this community to have a Design Statement in place to ensure that the opinions of local people are taken into account when development is proposed. Design Statements are prepared as community led plans and as such must be separate from and not run by the PC. Although council members may participate they must not dominate. This is the reason it is necessary to have residents who are not councillors actively contributing. Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

You should have received your polling card for the forthcoming County Council by election. You might have seen the notices giving details of the candidates. Although it is only a short time now until we have a county councillor again, the Leader of the Council Peter Martin has asked neighbouring Councillor Norman Hume to deal with any matters arising here in the meantime. You can contact Norman on 01245 223458 or 07918 905131.



Don't forget the chance for some fresh air and light exercise in our Autumn Village Tidy-up on **Saturday, 22nd, October.** Please come along to the Village Hall car park at 9am to collect gloves, pickers and sacks. If you can't make that time you can still be involved by tidying your street at some time during the week. Please contact me if you would like to borrow a picker. Some residents have undertaken to tidy specific areas of the village and have pickers on permanent



loan to help accomplish that.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the **fourth** Thursday of each month at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance as the door connecting the Main Hall and the annexe will be locked. (This is so that users of the main building can lock themselves in and lock up when they leave.) PC Meetings are open to the public and a Public Question Time is provided near the beginning of each Meeting so that residents can speak to the Council on matters of local concern. The use of an overhead projector allows members of the public to be able to see the plans and other documents that are being discussed by the Council. I hope to see you there.

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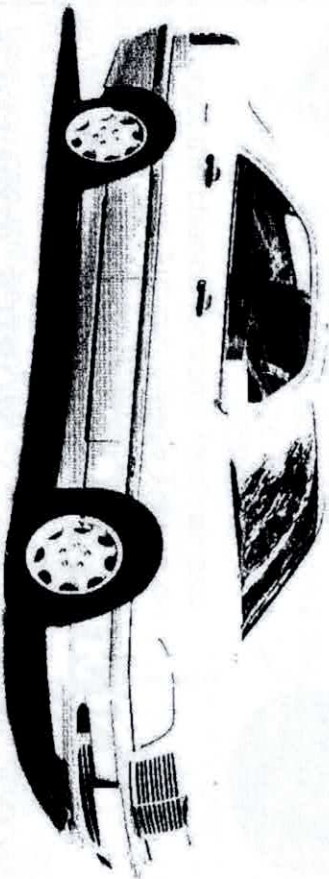
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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

It is, I know, inconvenient to have so many road-works in the village, however, I do hope that the outcome will be that many of the repairs that have been requested for many years actually occur. I certainly share the frustrations of those who have fought for so long to get them done.

We shall soon have the opportunity to vote for a new County Councillor to represent us and I am sure a commitment to addressing highway issues will be something that we should expect from every candidate standing.

I have offered to work with the Hanna's Field Charity to rejuvenate the committee with some new blood. This is so important as existing members have done a sterling job for many years and now need to hand the reins to a new generation.

The Mayor and I recently attended the last event of a marvellous organisation which has had to fold simply because the present team cannot carry on. We must not let that happen here in East Hanningfield, indeed to build a community suite into the village hall when much towards this has already been laid out in plans and ideas, would be a great and motivating challenge for young people of all ages to work on, to enjoy now and to leave as a tangible piece of heritage for those who will follow us. Please let me know if you could help. We don't need people sitting in committees for hours, simply to bring talent, experience and enthusiasm to achieve a wonderful outcome.

Best wishes to you all

Mike Harris
Deputy Mayor - Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield
Chelmsford Borough Council
01245400142

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Our annual Art Exhibition on 8th and 9th July was once again an enjoyable and successful fund raising event! Many helped with this but our special thanks go to Wendy Thomas for all her hard work – everything from liaising with the artists before hand to putting up the advertising boards and then greeting people on the day! But, without the help of all the volunteers involved and those people who came along and bought paintings it wouldn't have been the success it was, so - thank you!

The next planned fundraising activity is the Fete which is covered elsewhere in this News. Watch out also in future for signs for Book Sales that take place every 3 months, which are held in our Hall upstairs Meeting Room.

Hanna's Field Committee (the trustees of the Charity which day to day manages the Village Hall and Playing Fields) organises fund raising events to help us to maintain the Village Hall and Sports Fields for residents of the Parish to enjoy – last year the Art Exhibition and the Village Fete proceeds allowed us to purchase 100 new chairs and contribute towards new flooring throughout the ground floor rooms and corridors.

We not only maintain the existing facilities but also always looking at ways to improve them for the future. The Charity works hard not only to raise funds itself but also source grants (which often require match funding from us). As a result of recent grants of £5,978 from Essex County Council, £1,320 from the Essex Community Foundation Grassroots and £750 from Parish Council and our own fundraising efforts, we are very pleased to report the recent installation of two new rubbish bins (the Frog and Bear), bench seats, and new safety surfaces around the Slide and T-Bar swing in the children's play area.

Recently the Charity has begun discussing with our postmaster Ash, and the Parish Council, the feasibility of extending the post office/

shop and how this might be funded.

In October this year the Village Hall will be 25 years old, something to celebrate! But time brings with it upkeep and maintenance headaches to manage. We are having to investigate at present the condition of the main roof because of leaks, and it looks like the panels have reached the end of their life – this is obviously going to be a major expense for the Charity.

Ideas and help from residents are always welcome and we would love to have new faces at our fund raising events and meetings. For people moving into the village, the Charity is an excellent way of meeting people, making new friends and becoming part of the wider community. The committee meets alternate months to make decisions about the Hall and Playing Field and pursue ideas for improving the facilities for the benefit of all parish residents.

There are lots of activities that take place in the Hall and its worth periodically repeating what they are, ranging from Pre-School and Hanna's Tots, Carpet Bowls, Ballroom & Latin Dancing, Yoga, Badminton, Dog Training, Art Classes, starting this month, Zumba-Aerobics, and of course Football on the playing fields. Details for these activities can be seen at the Hall. There is a lot already happening in the Hall but there is always scope for more. The Hall facilities are available for hire – privately and commercially. There are reduced rates if you are a local resident. The Hall meeting room is also available and is a very comfortable well furnished room with separate facilities for making refreshments. It has the advantage of wireless Broadband access, white board, flip chart and projector screen, so it's ideal for meetings and training events.

More information about the Charity and Hall facilities can be found at www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/ Please do not hesitate to contact the committee or me to answer your questions.

Jenny Mouser – Vice Chairman on 400411 or mouser47@aol.com

VOTE OF THANKS

We should gratefully remember the enthusiasm, keenness, joy and hard work of the young adults who set themselves the task of creating a village hall to accommodate their then small children for a playgroup and for their future activities as they would progress through their years. Over 44 years ago these Mums and Dads together with friends in the village, raised monies to start a Playgroup. As the Playgroup grew in attendance they realised that their happy years in the Rectory would come to an end as would the Playgroup if a new home could not be found.

So it was that the East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee was formed when all the Mums and Dads and those serving the Playgroup (the general public) approached the Parish Council AGM in 1972, this new Committee being made up by the majority of Mums and Dads who had been fund raising since the Playgroup was first thought of back in 1967. Thus the monies already raised, before the Committee was formed, contributed towards the purchase of the Playing Fields in 1979. With further fund raising led by Alan Dixon and members of this new Committee with the support of the Parish Council, our Village Hall became a reality in 1986. This Committee is now the Hanna's Field Charity and voluntarily served by those who have been there for the Playgroup and the School as well as fund raising through the years for the Village Hall.

As the years went by these same adults continued to serve the village by supporting their school, building the swimming pool etc. whilst still being there for the Village Hall.

This same enthusiasm is prevailing among the Mums and Dads and friends of the existing playgroup, now Preschool, and Hanna's Tots. Good Luck to you all in keeping going for the little ones now and those to follow. All the efforts over the last forty years to bring us to the 25th. Anniversary of having our own Village Hall and Fields, will never be in vain.

Anne Walden

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A more detailed version of this article appears on the NhW website www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/neighbourhood-watch/



Local Crime update: In the period since the last News another resident living on The Tye was burgled, with jewellery taken, (no arrests). Since the start of 2007 eight houses on The Tye have received such visits. We also received reports for burglaries in Bicknacre including Moor Hall Lane and Priory Road. Lastly, a high performance car was stolen from outside a house in Ashley Green.

Home Security: Mark any property (your house number and postcode) with a UV or permanent marker pen (contact me or your local NhW person for loan of marking kit). Take photos of any valuable items. Look at your home security and the Sold Secure or Secured by Design websites. If you need advice contact Trisha Staerck, the Essex Police Crime Reduction Officer. Or visit the following websites www.nsi.org.uk, or www.ssaib.co.uk.

Latest Bogus Email /Phone Call Incidents

NhW receives via the police a regular update on the current scams and cons to be aware of and so avoid – a few of the recent ones are listed below:

Computer Engineer, Council Tax Rebate & Alarm Systems/Crime Survey phone Scams:- don't allow anyone remote access to your computer, don't give any personal details & don't make an appointment for them to visit.

HMRC Tax Refund & Western Union/Any Bank email Scam: They look genuine! They're not! Don't link-up.

Latest Artifice Burglaries: Carried out by bogus electricity/water/gas/phone engineers, bogus police officers, people pretending to have damaged your back fence or lost their ball/cat/dog. They are trying to distract you so that they or an accomplice can gain access to your property.

Hole in the Wall Incidents: These all vary from people being simply robbed at ATMs to people revealing their pin/having their bank

card taken etc. Guard your card & number.

Call the Police - What number should I call? If its not an emergency contact Essex Police using the new short code **101** (this has recently replaced the old 0300 333 44444 number). If it is an emergency such as a crime happening at the time call **999**. If you want to give information anonymously you can call **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**. If you have any concerns about a Company and its product you can contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

East Hanningfield NhW Meetings East Hanningfield Parish NhW meeting four times a year. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September, 8pm in the first floor Village Hall Meeting Room: All local residents are welcome. It's usually attended by a police officer. If you have an issue or want to know more about East Hanningfield NhW, or you have ideas about how to reduce local crime just come along to the meeting!

East Hanningfield NhW E-mail Alerts & Contacts

Look on the East Hanningfield NhW website. It gives simple tips on how to reduce the risk of being burgled but also provides updates on scams, rogue callers, and the NhW and police phone numbers etc in this News.

Why not receive the NhW local emailed alerts? By receiving these you will be part of a growing network of people in the parish that are aware of what's going on locally, receive police information about local crimes, scams etc and you can provide feedback on anything suspicious.

If you want to receive e-mailed NhW crime alerts, or information on local crime statistics, or your local NhW team then email me (geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com), **note that I have changed my e-mail address since our last News**), or call me

Geoff Dickman,
East Hanningfield NhW,
403175/ 07968-112179 (note these numbers have also changed since our last News).

VILLAGE DIARY

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2011/SEPTEMBER

- Thurs-
day 1st **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (Next day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Ln, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Ln) am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots - Village Hall.
- Fri 2nd 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) 11th Sunday after Trinity at All Saints' Church
- Sunday 4th 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
- Wed 7th **BACK TO SCHOOL** for returning pupils
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
1.30-5pm **VILLAGE FETE** at Hanna's Field
- Sat 10th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church 12th Sunday after Trinity.
- Sun 11th 2-4pm **CHURCH OPEN FOR VISITORS**
5pm **PRAYER GROUP** at All Saints' Church
- Mon 12th **SCHOOL STARTS** for reception pupils
2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for under 5s at All Saints' Church.
- Wednes
day 14th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (Thursday for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
- Sunday 18th 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** 13th Sunday after Trinity at All Saints' Church. Refreshments after.
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall
- Wed 21st 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.

Thurs 22nd 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

Sun25th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch

11am **HOLY COMMUNION** 14th Sunday after Trinity at All Saints' Church

Tuesday 27th 7pm **FASHION SHOW** at East Hanningfield School. Adult and childrens clothes at up to 50% off retail prices. All proceeds to School PTA. Tickets £4 in advance or £5 on the door. Available from school office. Refreshments included. Accompanied children (age 11 and under) **FREE**

Wednes-day 28th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (Thursday for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Ln, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Ln)

OCTOBER

Sat 1st **CRAFT MORNING** at All Saints' Church.

7.30pm **VILLAGE HALL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DANCE-**

Sunday 2nd 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church www.easthanningfieldchurch.org

10am **ALL AGE SERVICE HARVEST FESTIVAL** at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.

Wed 5th 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.

3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.

Sunday 9th 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** 16th Sunday after Trinity at All Saints' Church.

5pm **PRAYER GROUP** at All Saints' Church

Mon 10th 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for under 5s at All Saints' Church.

Wedne sday 12th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)

Sun 9th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch

11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

Sun 16th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel

11am **HOLY COMMUNION** St Luke's Day special service with a healing theme at All Saints' Church.

1-4pm **TABLE TOP SALE** in aid of Preschool at the Village Hall. Table costs £10 phone 07732 951613 or collect a booking form from the Post Office. Entry 50p

Wed 19th 2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall

2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.

3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
9am **VILLAGE TIDY-UP** Meet at Village Hall car park for gloves, sacks, hi-viz jackets and litter-pickers

Sat 22nd 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel

11am **HOLY COMMUNION** Last Sunday after Trinity at All Saints' Church

Wedne sday 26th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor

Thurs- Sunday 30th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

11am **SERVICE TO REMEMBER** special service to which those who have lost loved ones are particularly invited at All Saints' Church

NOVEMBER

- Wed 2nd 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall .
8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** to celebrate All Saints at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.
- Sun 6th
- Wednes-
day 9th **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK & BAG FOR PLAS-
TIC RECYCLING** (The following day for Bennetts
Ave, Old Barn Ln, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Ln)
- Sun 13th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
10.45am **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE** at
All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.
5pm **PRAYER GROUP** at All Saints' Church
2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** at All Saints' Ch.
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car .
Sun 20th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
**GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD
SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING** (The
following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane,
Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
Thursday 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor
24th meeting room at the Village Hall.
Sun 27th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** Advent Sunday at All
Saints' Church
Wed 30th 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall

FROM REVEREND PAM

While I have been writing this I have been listening to the news after the looting and riots in London and other cities. People are now trying to work out what has gone wrong for such a thing to happen and all sorts of suggestions are now being made. Reasons suggested for the rioting have ranged from lack of parenting skills, breakdown of the family unit, lack of opportunities for young people, education in schools not up to scratch, to such things as cultural influence, government policies, government cuts in expenditure, policing strategies, response to perceived injustice and pure criminality. It is beginning to sound like the lyrics of the comical song 'Gee, Officer Krupke' from the musical 'West Side Story' where the youths' problems were blamed in turn on their families, their psychology, their society, and their disposition.

In response to the events of the rioting it has to be said that some good things have happened in the aftermath. Victims have been gracious to others, communities have pulled together, people have shown their pride in their country and neighbourhood. But, apart from a vigil, I have yet to hear of the place of spirituality (or lack of it) as an antidote or help in these circumstances.

I have a friend who is a black pastor working in London. He visits schools to talk to black youths and encourage them to have the confidence to participate in their school education and so have the chance of employment or a career later. This pastor uses his belief in the love of God for everyone as a way of motivating youngsters to believe that they have a sense of value because of God's love for them. This sense of value, combined with the ethical values of the Christian faith, can help to give the youths the confidence they lack in themselves and enable them to succeed and play their part in society.

Having a spiritual dimension to life does not solve all our problems in a simplistic way but it does give the offer of strength from God, a sense of belonging, standards to aim for and a deep knowledge of

being accepted, forgiven and loved. This is the message which Christ came to bring and our lives are indeed impoverished without it.

Every blessing to you all

Revd Pam (email: pencof.pam@btinternet.com)

AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

All eyes are currently on the Village Fete, and All Saints' looks forward to contributing a church dance item in the opening session, and a stall of interest to children during the afternoon, as well as providing all our usual involvement. After that, it is quickly into our autumn programme!

Highlights for your special attention are:

The Prayer Group reconvenes at 5.00 pm in the church on Sunday 1st September.

Edward Bear Club reconvenes on Monday 12th Sept at 2.15 pm.

Harvest Craft Session on Saturday 1st October. Details available in September.

Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday 2nd Oct and will be celebrated at our All Age Service at 10.00 am. We expect to be supporting the School's harvest project. Details will be available in September.

St Luke's Day Service with a healing theme and opportunity for prayer at 11.00 am, Sunday 16th October.

Bible Sunday celebration of the King James' Version, from 2pm Sunday 23rd October.

5th Sunday Special – a service to remember loved ones we have lost, at 11.00 am, Sunday 30th October.

All Saints' Day All Age Celebration Service at 10.00 am, Sunday 6th November.

Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 13th November, starting at approx. 10.50 am for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside the church, and then continuing inside for the Service.

As always, we offer a warm welcome to all our activities, and if you wish to obtain further information, please try our web site: www.easthanningfieldchurch.org

Weddings at All Saints' – It is proving a very busy year for the Revd Pam, with five couples married to date and three more to come. She spends personal time with them by way of marriage preparation, and the congregation have enjoyed getting to know some of them beforehand at Sunday services. Earlier in the year we organised an evening for them to meet up with several couples previously married at the church, for a useful exchange of questions and answers over a meal. Also on hand were some who had been married for a long time, to report on how they had coped over the years! So we offer our congratulations and prayerful good wishes for the future to the five couples now married and pray for the remaining three as they move towards this most significant moment in their lives.

Additional facilities in Church – We have recently had an on-site consultation with our architect about the possibilities, (and the difficulties!) of having toilet and kitchen installations, and have also been to visit two churches which have recently been successful in achieving these within their existing buildings. Consideration will be given to the next step at the PCC Meeting in September. Meantime, a cracked and leaking cast iron pipe in the 125 year old heating system has given rise to some concern as to priorities, and this will now have to figure in our discussions too.

If you would like to receive our monthly Information Leaflet through your door each month to keep you up to date, please contact Ron Attenborough as below. Be assured that it is free both of any charge and of any obligation, and we shall be more than happy to add your name to the distribution list.

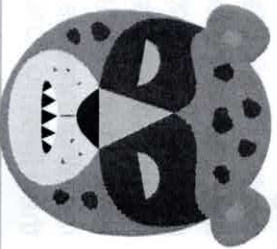
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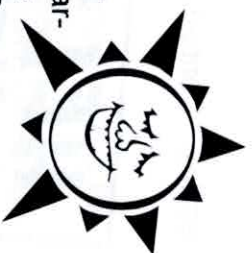
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MEET AT THE PLAY AREA AT 1PM ON SATURDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER FOR THE BIG PARADE!



VILLAGE FETE 2011



We're hoping for sunshine for our Fete, on Saturday 10th September, to raise funds for Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church. The enclosed programme has all the details. Long-time favourites such as Ali Barry will be present but also new attractions, including a giant inflatable slide, a pole joust challenge, donkey rides, Belly Dancers and a Gun dog display!

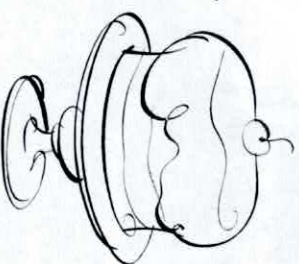
This year is the Village Hall's 25th birthday and to celebrate the milestone the enclosed Fete Programme has a lucky number on the front cover. If you come along to the Fete with your programme you could win a £50 luxury food hamper!

If you can't join us on the day, you can still support us by buying the draw tickets in the centre fold of this News. Once again, there are some really excellent prizes to be won and you can buy more draw tickets in the village shop.



We need items for the bookstall and the white elephant stall – an opportunity to recycle! There will be a container at the shop for your books in the run up to Fete and if you have unwanted gifts, toys, games, puzzles,

jewellery, household items, DVDs, CDs etc, call 400412 before Thursday 8 Sept to arrange for collection (sorry, no furniture or other large items, electrical goods, clothes or shoes). Donations of homemade cakes on the day will also be most gratefully received.



Anne Walden is organising a special start to this year's Fete—she wants children to join the parade at the opening of the Fete and asks everyone to meet in the children's play around 1.00 pm wearing their favourite dressing up costumes (and a

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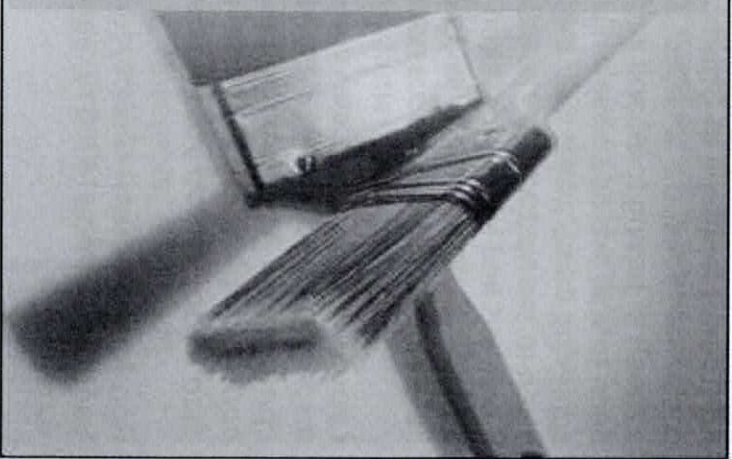
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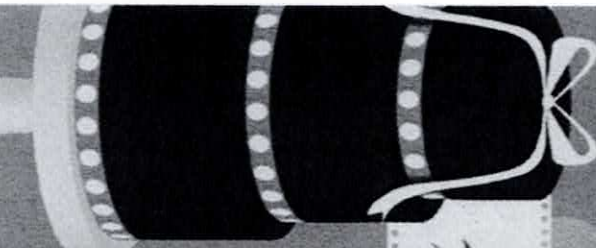
smile). Contact Anne Walden on 401273 for details.



On the day we need lots of help to set up stalls between 10 and 12, and/or to clear away after 5pm - age is no barrier! Please contact me if you can help, or require more information.

Jackie Feehan 400862

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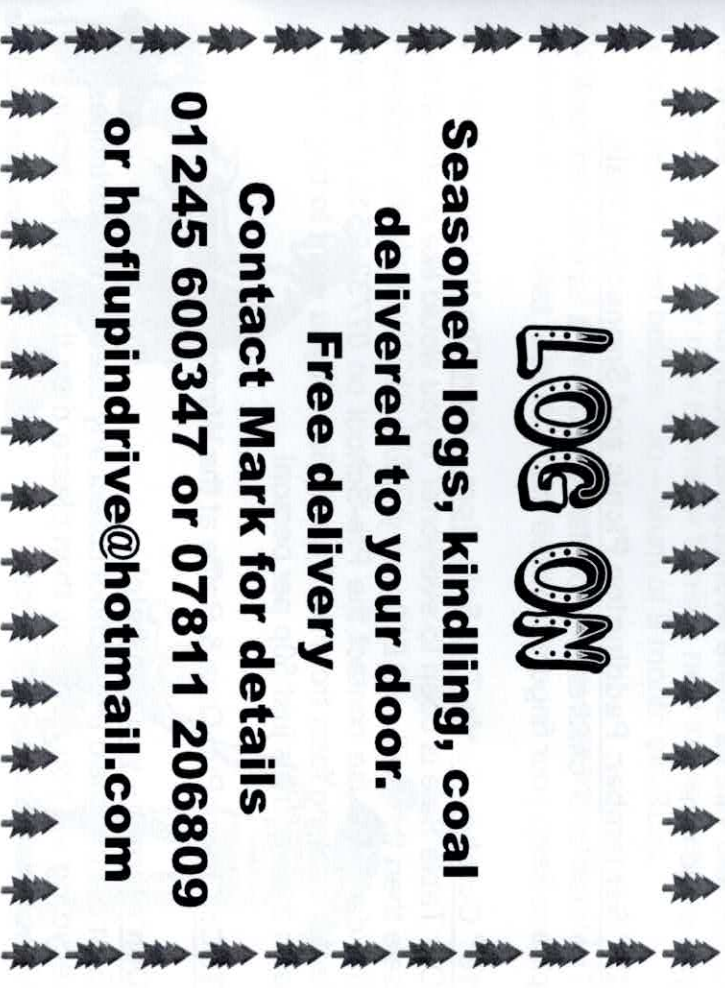
EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

We have been busy again. In June we hosted a Strawberry Tea for 60 ladies, enjoyed by us all. Last month we had our meeting in a member's garden when we were all thoroughly spoilt with her lovely goodies. No time for worrying about our diets!

This month we will have our "Spud and Pud" evening and in October we will have our Autumn Lunch. Our membership has gone up so we are very pleased. Do come along and see what we are all about. Most meetings are on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 2pm, with occasional changes. For full details give me a ring.

Best Wishes,

Lilian Grace 400288



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PRESCHOOL



Fundraising Update

Last year the Pre-School Committee, Staff, Parents and Children worked hard to raise extra funds for essential training and equipment. However, without the support of the local community many of our events would not have been nearly so successful - so many thanks for your continued support.

This year we will continue to work hard to raise much-needed funds to ensure that all the children at the Pre-School receive the best possible care and education. If you want to support your local Pre-School then listed below are the events coming up this term.

10th September: Village Fete

Come and visit us at the ever-popular teddy tombola and see what you could win!

29th September: Paddington Picnic and Sponsored Walk

The staff and children will be taking part in a sponsored walk - please keep your fingers crossed that it doesn't rain!

16th October: Table Top Sale. 1pm - 4pm The Village Hall

Our Table Sale is open to everyone! If you would like a table at the sale then they will cost £10 and you keep any money you make on the day. Please contact the Pre-School on 07732 951613 or collect a booking form from the Post Office. If you want to bag a bargain then entry is just 50p per person!

TBC: Charity Pub Quiz & Raffle at the Windmill Tavern

Don't forget - you can help!

East Hanningfield Pre-School collect any used printer cartridges for recycling - if you have any then please drop them in the box in the Village Hall or the Post Office.

HANNA'S TOTS

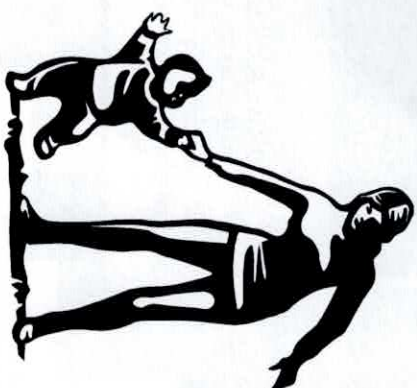
We've had a lovely summer with many parents and tots still coming along through the holiday. The next health visitor date is **2nd September**; future dates will be placed on a notice on the village hall window. You do not have to be a regular to come along to see the health visitor.

One of our new friends wanted to say a little something about Tots. "I joined Hanna's Tot's when my little girl was about 6 months old, I've met lots of new friends, many that live in the village and it's given me a network of people to ask advice from and also catch up with for a coffee. I feel that it is fantastic socialization for Ruby and great that she is meeting children that will be part of her life through pre-school and primary school. There is such a good variety of toys for all ages to play with and it's great that each week different toys are brought out so it keeps the children interested. I would definitely recommend it to other new mums or families new to the area or just if you've never been before." Jo - Mum of 9 month old Ruby.

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and hope the children who are starting school settle in well.

See you Friday!

Savannah Shankster 01245 400979

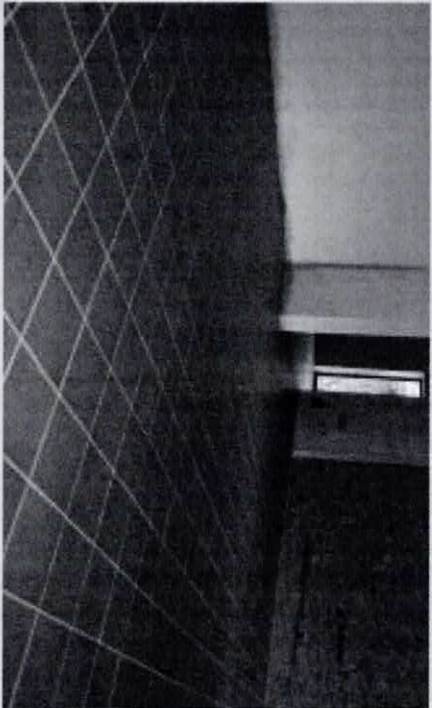


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EAST HANNINGFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another year has sped by and we say goodbye to 15 year 6 pupils, who disperse to Chelmsford County High School, Great Baddow High School, King Edward VI Grammar School and The Sandon School. We wish them every success in their new schools.



The children have been looking at ways to enhance their play-ground and are hoping for a plane, boat or train for imaginative play. We are inviting companies in to share their ideas and costs with the children and the PTA, who hope to be able to fund this in the not too distant future.


The PTA summer fete raised an amazing £1,083.29, many thanks to everyone who came along and helped us achieve this total and for other support given during the year. You are also invited to join the PTA first fund raising event of the new year.


Fashion Show & Sale
Tuesday 27th September
7pm
Tickets: £4 in advance or £5 on the door
Refreshments included


Lastly a reminder, our year 1 to year 6 pupils return on Wednesday, 7th September and our new reception pupils on Monday, 12th September, when we will all be refreshed and ready to start another eventful year. Meanwhile have a wonderful summer break.


Linda Findlay

MINIATURE GARDEN COMPETITION

 This year we are holding a children's competition for the best miniature garden!

 There are two age groups for the competition: 0-6 years old and 7-11 years old (on 1st September 2011). The entrance fee is 50p. A £5 cash prize will awarded to each winner!

 Use a box or tray approximately 10"x12" as a base, and then create your garden from whatever you think will make it colourful and imaginative.

 Bring it along to the Village Hall on the day of the Fete between 12.30 and 1.30 pm with your entry form in a sealed envelope plus 50p.

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MINIATURE GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM



Use a box or tray approximately 25x30cm (10"x12") as a base and create your garden. Bring it along to the Village Hall with your entry form in a sealed envelope plus 50p between 12.30 and 1.30 pm on the 10th September. Just write your age on the envelope (at the 1st September) and nothing else. You will then be given an entry competition number to keep until the judging.

Your NAME:

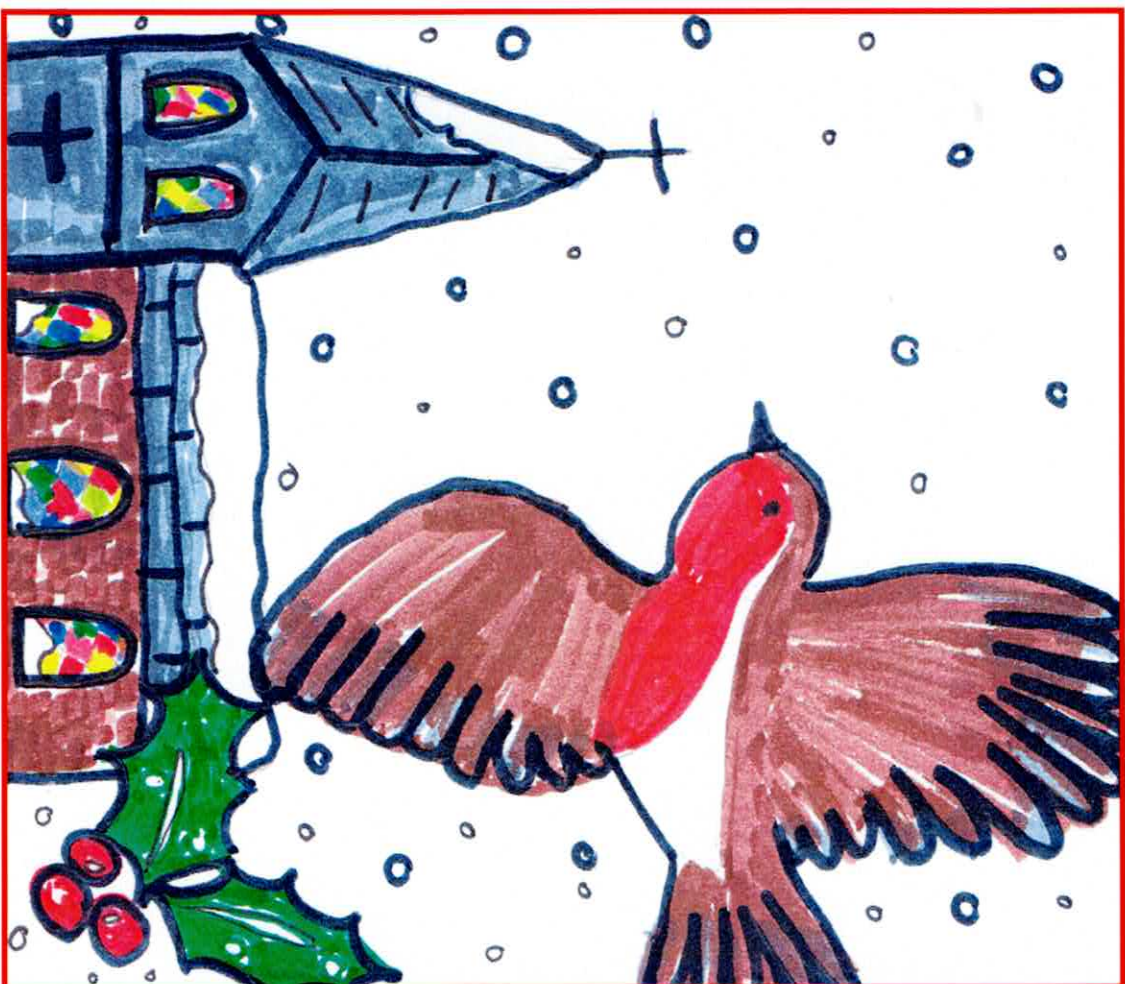
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(only needed if you won't be present for the judging):

(only the envelope of the 2 winners will be opened on the day. All the others will be destroyed unopened for child protection reasons).

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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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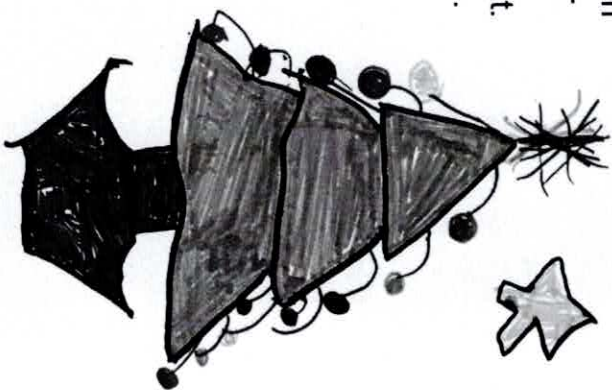
for publication on 1st. March. Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at 2 Clinton Close or karen.plumridge@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS COVER 2011

Congratulations to Lidia Williams whose winning entry to this year's cover competition appears on the front cover. Well done also to the runners-up whose drawings appear on the back cover. There were forty one entries, and the standard was really outstanding which made judging very difficult. Some of them are on the following pages.

Thanks to all those who took part and thanks also to East Hanningfield School for participation again this year.

Christmas Tree by Layla Roberts



PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to those, who at the Village Fete, registered their interest in participating in a Village Design group. Unfortunately, there were not enough of you to make a viable group, so PC is still looking for a few more people who would like to take part. Please get in touch if you are interested.

The dance to celebrate the Village Hall's 25th. Anniversary, mentioned in the last News, was a success although we could have squeezed a few more in easily. The band proved to be entertaining with a varied repertoire.

If you voted in the County Council by-election you probably already know that our new County Councillor is Ian Grundy. You can contact him in writing at cllr.ian.grundy@essex.gov.uk or at Glenwood, 5 Thornton Place, Stock CM4 9NQ.

For one of the Play in the Park sessions during August, PC booked a cycling coach to attend, the intention being that the children would have some fun riding their bikes under supervision. It turned out to be a very wet day, so the coach decided to have a session indoors showing the children how to maintain their bikes. This turned out to be a lucky turn of events, because some of the bikes were in a dangerous condition. It seems that some bikes nowadays are bought in kit form and have to be put together, and it is possible to put them together incorrectly. As we are coming up to Christmas when children often receive a new bike, it is a good time to warn parents that bikes that come "flat packed" must be built exactly according to the instructions and not by guesswork, because your child's life could depend upon it.

I am often asked what is happening about the Fairlawns and Three Horseshoes sites, as they seem to have been under development for such a long time. The developer at Fairlawns recently made an application to renew the planning permission for 3 detached houses and 2 double garages granted in 2008 but then withdrew

it because the existing permission lasts until 2013. We are likely to see something happening at this site soon. Development of the site will result in a "planning obligation" for PC of about £3,000 to spend on the Village Hall or playing fields. A further £6,000 will go to the County Council to spend on "ongoing traffic calming initiatives in East Hanningfield". At the Horseshoes permission was granted in August to remove the decking in order to create extra parking provision and to build a single storey extension on the back, and you will probably have noticed that the decking has already gone.

At the time of writing it looks as though PC will soon achieve a full set of 7 councillors again, there having been a vacancy since the election in May. Watch this space for more news on this.

Parish Council Meetings are public meetings, which means anyone is permitted to attend. This PC takes this further and invites residents to attend and bring to the Council's notice matters of local concern. This can be done by speaking during Public Question Time, or by writing to me a letter for inclusion on the next Agenda. The Agenda is published three clear days before each Meeting and can be found on the noticeboards at the Bicknacre Road Junction, beside the post-box on the Tye and in the window of the Village Hall entrance lobby. It is also published on the website, where you can also find Minutes, Annual Reports and Audited Accounts going back to 2005/6. There are also copies of East Hanningfield News going back to Autumn 2004, plus the first five editions starting with Summer 1974.

Meetings generally take place on the **FOURTH** Thursday of each month, except December, and begin at 8pm. You can find them in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance door, because the connecting door to the main Hall will be locked.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council
400628 Karen.plumridge@btinternet.com

WEEKLY SERVICE 5 TO MALDON

Did you know Regal Buses provide a weekly bus service direct from East Hanningfield to Maldon each Thursday at 9am?

Several of us from the village have found it very convenient for shopping & those necessary visits to the bank, library or just to enjoy a stroll through the town or a chat over coffee & a bun in one of the many tea-rooms or cafes. We have also made lots of new friends from Danbury & Little Baddow whom we pick up on the way.

The bus leaves from the stop at the Windmill Tavern, takes Bicknacre Road, arrives at All Saints' Church at the top of Maldon High Street at 9.45am, then down Market Hill to Tesco supermarket, arriving at Morrisons store before 10am.

The bus leaves Morrisons on its return journey at 11.45am, picks up at Tesco 5 minutes later, then back up the hill to the White Horse in the High Street at 11.55am, providing plenty of time to do whatever has to be done. There are, of course, comfortable refreshment facilities in both supermarkets. We arrive back in East Hanningfield soon after 12.30pm. The service is provided primarily for shoppers so the driver is willing to stop, if safe to do so, at points along the route, either to pick up or drop off.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our future trips.

John Allenby,
East Hanningfield Parish Council Public Transport Representative



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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

As we continue to be affected by universal financial problems here in East Hanningfield we enjoy the benefit of a lovely village and a diverse community. We have a village agent, a busy shop, school and pre-school, a fine Parish Council. Our committee to produce a parish plan has done a worthy job and now a design statement is needed.

Our Community Hall needs new blood to enhance the successes of a dedicated team of many years and that must and will happen in 2012.

Our Church and Chapel are more active than for many years and the appointment of a new head at the school accompanies new ideas and challenges. Our thanks to Linda and have a great retirement!

It is with a sense of great optimism despite the rest of the world that I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year.

Please ask me if you need help and bring ideas.

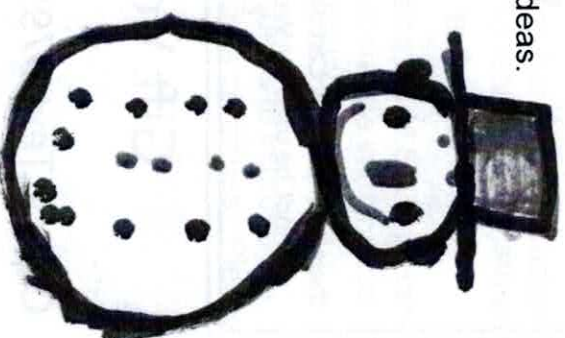
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EAST HANNINGFIELD CE. PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I write my last contribution to the East Hanningfield News before retiring at Christmas, it seems impossible that over nine years have passed since my first contribution.

During this time there have been many changes and new initiatives in education, but belief in the children and the power of education to expand potential is unchanged. In EHS the most obvious change is to the building but other changes in resources, organisation, catering, practice and curriculum have all been directed at improving children's school experience and expanding their learning opportunities. The improvements are the results of joint effort and I have been privileged to work with skilled staff and supportive families and governors. I have thoroughly enjoyed my career culminating in my time as headteacher of East Hanningfield School.

The new headteacher, Miss Kerry Collins, who officially starts in January, has spent much time at the school already. She brings new skills, experience, enthusiasm and energy to continue the positive development of the school.

Mrs Ann Purcell, who you may know through her learning support work and Wake Up and Stretch Club, is also retiring at Christmas after fourteen years at the school.

Thank you for supporting the PTA fundraising; H.M.S. East Hanningfield, the boat funded by the PTA to encourage imaginative play, is due to "float" onto the school playground this month.

There are always new possibilities and requests to improve the school and the work of the PTA to raise funds continues. Please help by joining us at...



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REVEREND PAM

This Christmas we will be preparing two Christmas dinners as not all our family can come on the same day. Both lots of family are anticipating a Christmas dinner as part of our celebrations together so on Boxing Day we will be pretending it's Christmas day again. What we expect of Christmas celebrations differ but most of us have an ideal of how it should be.

Our traditional Christmas is now made up from many sources -for example, from Dickens' stories, from recipes from the East, from decorations borrowed from other lands. We combine it all together and mix it with festive hospitality and perhaps family and friend reunions. In all of this it is easy to miss out on the quiet beauty and wonder of that first Christmas and the meaning it still has for us.

I wonder what the anti-capitalist protestors outside St Paul's Cathedral will do at Christmas. Will they stay in their tents and remind us of the first Christmas where a family had their first child in less than ideal circumstances? Or will they temporarily leave their tents to enjoy festivities elsewhere which could remind us of the travelling shepherds and kings who sought the greatest gift of all? Or perhaps we won't be able to see anything at all of Christ in this situation at Christmas time.

In the church we tell the nativity story in every way we can at Christmas time - in song, in reading, in dressing the crib, in decorating the tree, and in drama. It is a beautiful story, and an essential ingredient for any Christmas celebration. This ingredient is not simply the icing on the cake - it is the cake itself.

Don't miss out, come and join us at a service or join us and The Bethel church for carols round the village (Saturday 17 December 5.00pm).

We would love to share the celebrations of Christmas with you.
Every blessing

Pam

pencof.pam@btinternet.com

....AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Village Fete may seem a distant memory to many of us now, but this is our first opportunity to thank publicly the Committee and all those who worked so hard to ensure its success. We are most grateful for All Saints' share of the £3,424 which was raised, which helps us with our responsibility for maintaining the 127 year old building in a good state of repair.

Church heating was mentioned as a problem area in the Autumn News. A repair was effected which we trust will see us through the winter, but the Church Council have decided that, in view of the age and fragility of the 127 year old system, they must act responsibly and begin to plan for its replacement. Consultations with the Church architect are now taking place, and not least to see how best to integrate this with the project for installing toilet and kitchen facilities which we long to have available.

Community Service Teams have once again been a great help in maintaining the grounds around the church building for which we thank them. They have, alas, suffered from cut-backs during the past season and have been unable to make the usual number of visits. As we go to press they are due to make their last visit of the year, and we know they will do their best to leave the churchyard looking good for the winter as in the past.

Carol Singing round the village is being planned for the evening of Saturday 17th December, commencing at 5.00 pm at the Village Hall. All Saints' and Bethel will be combining as last year for another joyous and melodious evening together. All are welcome to join us. Look out for notices about our route. Bring a torch.

Please see the Village Diary pages 15-18 for all services and activities planned to take place over the Christmas season at All Saints' Church

KEEP UP TO DATE – FIND US ON
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and for your convenience we offer there a direct link to the Parish Council website too.

Ron Attenborough 400361
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Ice-skating Rat by
Joan Williams

Carol Singing

Saturday 17th. December

Meet at the Village Hall at 5pm

Everyone welcome

STOCK & CHETWOOD CHILDREN CENTRES

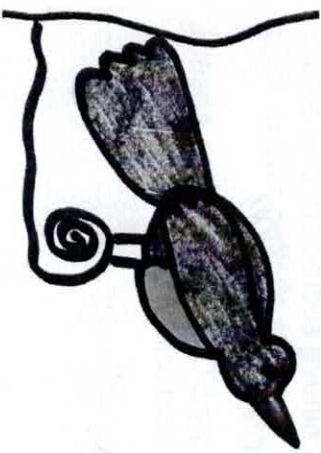
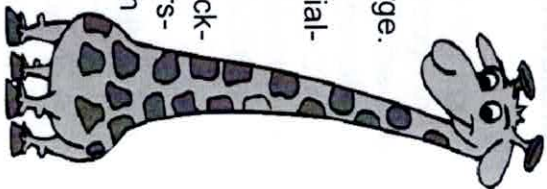
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We have regular play sessions at Stock Village Hall, Bicknacre Village Hall, Stock Library and Little Darwins Nursery as well as Chetwood Children Centre in South Woodham Ferrers.

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Robin by Georgia Whitworth

VILLAGE DIARY

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2011/

The following dates were correct at time of going to press. Please refer to the Diary on the website for the most recently updated version.

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd	5-7pm CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at East Hanningfield CE Primary School.
Sunday 4th	8pm NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING at Bethel Church. All residents welcome. 8.30am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church www.easthanningfieldchurch.org followed by breakfast of coffee & croissants. 10am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at All Saints' Church a service with oranges & candles, when we celebrate the
Wednes- day 7th	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & BAG FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING (Next day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Ln, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Ln) 7.30pm HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend but please contact the Secretary on 400797 if you have a matter that you wish to raise 11am-1pm CAFE BAR at Bethel Church 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch 11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church 2.15pm EDWARD BEAR CLUB for under 5s at All Saints' Church.
Sat 10th	2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green.
Sun 11th	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.
Mon 12th	8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
Wed 14th	
Thursday 15th	

Friday 9am **HANNA'S TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY** at the Village Hall.
 16th
 Saturday 10am-12pm **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING** at All Saints' Church.
 17th
 Saturday 5pm **SING & PLAY CAROLS** around the village. Everyone welcome. Start at the Village Hall and finish at the Village Hall for mulled wine & mince pies.
 17th
 Sun 18th 11am **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** at All Saints Church.
 6pm **CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church
 Wed 21st **GREEN BOX, PAPER SACK, CARDBOARD SACK & CAROLS, CRIB & TREE SERVICE** for children
 Sat 24th 4pm
 Sun 25th 11.30pm **MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION** without carols
 10am **CHRISTMAS COMMUNION** with children in
 10am **CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE** at Bethel
 Wed 28th 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green.
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.

JANUARY 2012

Sunday 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** - the usual shortened form of service from the Book of Common Prayer at All Saints' Church..
 1st 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** celebration for New Year's Day at All Saints' Church.
 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Friday 6th **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 8th

Sun 15th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Wednes- day 18th **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 Sun 22nd 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Wednes- day 25th 7.30pm **FETE COMMITTEE MEETING** everyone welcome.
 Thursday 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance.
 26th
 Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 29th

FEBRUARY

Wednes- day 1st **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Wednes- day 8th 8pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. All residents welcome, but if you have a matter you would like the Committee to consider please contact the Secretary
 Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Wednes- day 15th **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 2pm **WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING** in the WI Hall.
 Sunday 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Thursday 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance.
 23rd 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Sunday
 26th
 Wednes- day 29th **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)

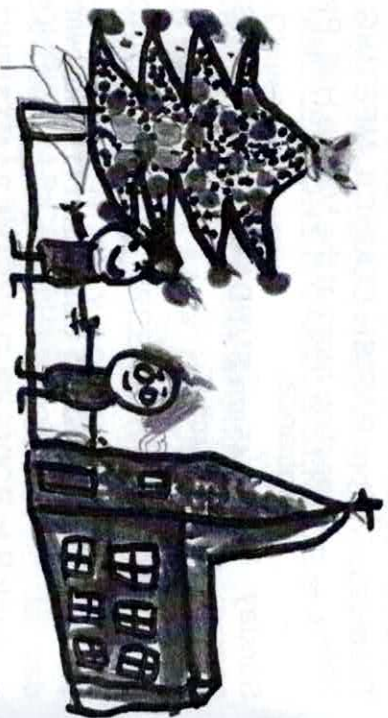
MILLERS COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who came to the recent Coffee Morning at Millers. We raised £486 for the British Heart Foundation.

Pam Kenton.

Church Scene

By
Isobel Kirkwood



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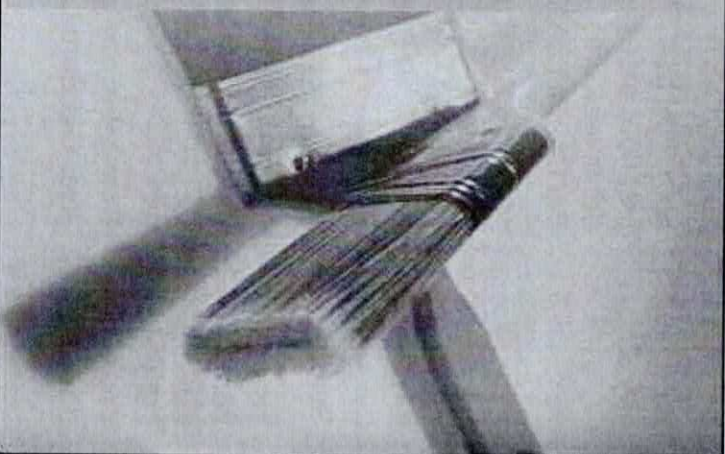
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BETHEL CHURCH—That was a year that was

What will be your lasting impression of the year 2011? As a nation we experienced a real sense of community during the Royal wedding. Yet it wasn't always happy times. Our fragile economy still continues and it appears that it will be a fair few years before we see any meaningful recovery.

But I think it was the August riots that took place across England that left us all with a range of emotions. Anger? Outrage? Despair? Particularly when we see how young some of the people were that got involved with looting and wanton vandalism.

The aftermath brought about a lot of finger pointing. The politicians blaming disenfranchised youngsters. Young people blaming the politicians. Etc, etc.

But whilst there is a lot of bad press towards the youth culture of today, it was heartening to hear the stories which three of the young people from Bethel Church brought back from their time spent in Latvia.

Mary-Anna, Shaun and Megan were part of a team that helped at a Christian youth event called 'One Way Camp' - just outside of the capital, Riga. The aim of the camp is evangelism and discipling and there are many opportunities to present the Christian Gospel message. The large meeting hall is transformed into 'God Zone' for the morning and evening sessions. In the morning there is a worship time plus a teaching session. In the evening there is a full programme of testimonies, singing, worship, quizzes, drama and dance..... and a lot of high jinx as this YouTube link will show you.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li28FfUBans>

These same three young people were also part of a bigger Bethel youth team that worked so hard in Kenya – restoring an orphanage and playing with young children, many of whom have HIV/AIDS. Seeing these young people roll up their sleeves and get stuck in certainly makes you think that there are some great kids in this

country, and closer to home, East Hanningfield.

Who knows what 2012 will bring. We have the much anticipated Olympic Games to look forward to - and who knows, a Brit may even win Wimbledon.

But let's pray that as a nation, we will be able to restore some national pride and experience a time of peace and reconciliation.

As we approach Christmas, it is a time to consider a message of hope at a time of uncertainty. Please come and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Also, look out for us as we team up with All Saints Church to sing carols around the village on Saturday 17 December.

Here are some of the events that we have on in the coming weeks:

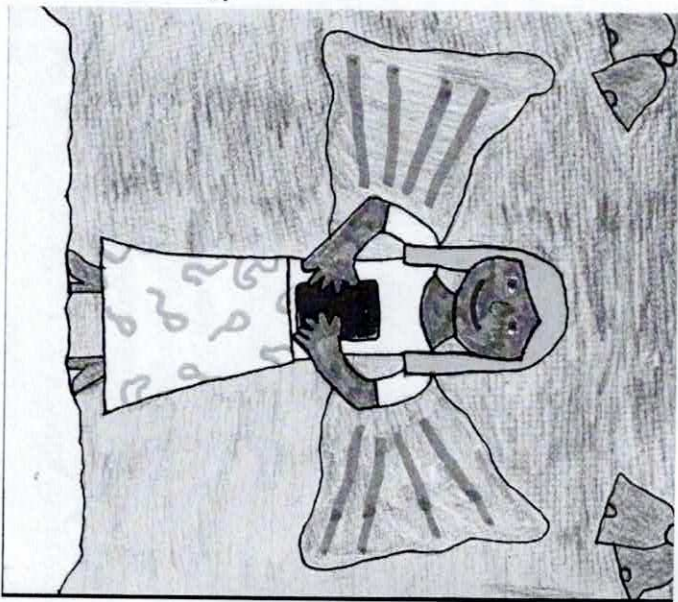
Saturday 10 December 11.00am – 1.00pm Café Bar

Sunday 18 December 6.00pm Our evening carol service.

But we would also like to invite everybody to come and join us at our family worship service every Sunday at 10:45am. (10.00am Christmas Morning)

From all your friends at
Bethel Church

Angel by Anna Lewis



HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Thank you to those of you who came to enjoy the Village Fete on 10th Sept. Its success was only possible thanks to the hard work of the Fete Committee members, chaired by Jackie Feehan, with support from families and friends.

The major expenditure plans for the near future include the replacement of the main hall roof, which after 25 years is reaching the end of its natural life, insulation of the small hall and energy efficiencies throughout the building. Presently investigations are being made into the possible expansion of the entrance lobby and alterations to the village shop.

The Hanna's Field Charity Committee is always looking for new members to assist in the running of the Village Hall and sports facilities. I am pleased to report that we have recently recruited two new members with the return of Jenny Ash from South Wales and the arrival of Malcolm Edward but we are looking for more. If you would like to find out more about the Charity please contact me or any committee member. The Charity's AGM will take place in April 2012 when a new committee will be elected. East Hanningfield residents are particularly welcome to both come to the AGM and to stand for election to the committee.

We are pleased to welcome two new activities to the Hall. In September, Zumba classes started on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings, and in October a Rainbows unit was set up.

Hiring rates are under review, and the new rates will apply from January 2012. The Hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available to book, with discounted rates for villagers. Please call Sharon on 400965.

Colin Warren
Chairman

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1ST EAST HANNINGFIELD RAINBOWS

A new Rainbow unit opened in October. Rainbows are part of Girl Guiding UK. We have girls aged 5 to 7 years who play games, sing songs and do activities. We meet once a week during term time for one hour.

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VILLAGE FETE 2011

The Met Office website proved to be a very accurate in forecasting a shower for around 3.30pm on 10th September this year! But we were ready for it – Ali Barry took Punch and Judy inside, and only a few of the many villagers who had come to this year's fete went home. Despite the current difficult economic situation, we managed to raise just over £3400 – which will be shared between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church. Grateful thanks are due to all of you who came and spent your hard-earned cash; to those who ran stalls; to those who contributed in a multitude of ways. I would like to acknowledge the invaluable support of our principal sponsors- J Gard & Sons, David Chennells & Co, Carol Phillips at Intercounty, Paul Edwards and Chelmer Site Investigations and Hanningfield Utilities. The 5-a-side football is a key part of the fete, and we are grateful to Barry Hearn with Match Sport Ltd for his generous contribution to the tournament. Chelmsford 6th and 25th Cubs triumphed this year, in the under 11s and under 10s respectively.

There are lots of photos of the fete on the village website (<http://essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil>), showing some of the highlights of the afternoon, which included Les Draper's skilful gun-dogs and Karima's Belly Dancers, who added plenty of glamour to the event's programme. This year, we ran a competition for children to make a miniature garden, and though the number of entries was small, the standard was high.

If you would like to get involved in organising next year's fete, please come to a meeting on 25th January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. There will be a general discussion of ideas, after which the planning will start in earnest. It would be great to have some new suggestions about how to take the fete forward.

Jackie Feehan and the 2011 fete committee
01245 400862 jackie@feehan.vispa.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Crime update:

1st October a Quad bike/bikes reported causing a nuisance on the Tie (it is a criminal offence to park or ride any vehicle or pedal bike on the Tie!).

Around 20th Oct a resident reported seeing two lads of about 14 or 15 age using a laser pen outside the Windmill Pub. It may have been innocent but there have been reports of people using these devices to shine a beam into the eyes of drivers.

Night of Sat 29th a Blue Porsche 911 Carrera, registration PAT 80X, stolen from Village Hall Car park.

If you have any information on these incidents please call Essex Police or me (Tel nos below).

It's not all bad news though! I received an email from a resident of Old Church Road mentioning the fact that two young lads knocked on his door after dark one night to warn him that he had left his garage door open and "Did he know"? It could have been an expensive mistake but thanks to their thoughtful action nothing was taken. It brings back your faith in human nature: Neighbourhood Watch is about looking after your neighbours. Whoever you are, a very big thank-you to the two lads concerned!

Recognising reputable traders: There have been regular warnings from NhW about bogus callers, but how do we recognise reputable traders? You can find out on the East Hanningfield NhW website. The indicators of how to recognise a reputable trader are: they present a valid personal identification and identify who they represent—they make it clear from the outset if they are selling something—they provide written information on cooling off periods and cancellation rights—they do not use pressure to sell goods or services- they do not expect an on-the-spot decision—they leave as soon as they are asked to do so. If you have any concerns about a Company and its product you can contact Consumer Di-



rect on 08454 040506.

Lights On! With the dark evenings, it's time to think about not leaving "tall tale" signs that your home is empty and vulnerable. The art of illusion is to make it look as though someone is home. Provide that first impression to the opportunist burglar that this house is occupied! For the illusion use table lamps on timers (don't use energy saving bulbs with digital timers: it shortens the life of the bulb) or use a "dusk till dawn" sensor (bulbs are available with a built in sensor), a radio on a talking programme, it all helps. You can even buy a device now called "Fake TV" that mimics the light from a TV. And as we approach Christmas, NhW will again receive police reports of burglaries where the family presents, often conveniently left on display around the Christmas tree, have been stolen. Please keep them safe and out of sight.

How to Report Incidents or Suspicious Activity to the Police.

Call 999 if a crime is in progress or a vehicle or person is acting suspiciously (you won't be wasting Police time). For non urgent incidents dial the new short code 101 (this replaces the old Essex Police 0300 333 44444 number). You can give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

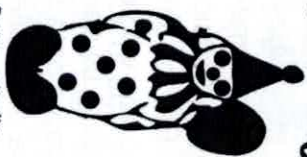
East Hanningfield NhW Meetings: The next meeting will be at 8pm on Friday 2nd December at The Bethel Church (many thanks to Peter and Emma Cockrell for the kind offer to host meeting). All residents are welcome to attend and we'll celebrate Christmas with mince pies etc. It's usually attended by a police officer. If you have an issue or want to know more about NhW, or you have ideas about how to reduce local crime, come along to the meeting or call me!

East Hanningfield NhW E-mail Alerts & Contacts: If you want to receive e-mailed NhW crime alerts & information on local crime statistics, or find out about your local NhW please e-mail or call me.

Geoff Dickman, 403175/ 079668-112179
geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com),

PRESCHOOL

The Preschool has been busy since we returned in September. We welcomed back old and new children. The children have been busy learning about healthcare/emergency professionals, which included a visit from the fire service, who came to show the children the workings of their fire engine, fun had by all, so a big thank you to Great Bad-dow fire station for their time.



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We would like to share our heartfelt thanks to the following companies/clubs. The Lions club in South Woodham Ferrers kindly donated an easel. NFR Vehicle recovery, donated 2 rest beds which will benefit our younger children, Martin Gard for providing the shelving for the preschool and Hannah's Tots. We were also very fortunate to receive a new waterproof camera from the preschool learning alliance, this has allowed us to take much better pictures of children's on going developments so we can share this with their parents. A very big thank you to all, we very much appreciate the support given by local businesses to help us improve our facilities. If you are a small business and would like to contribute to our preschool, then please contact us.

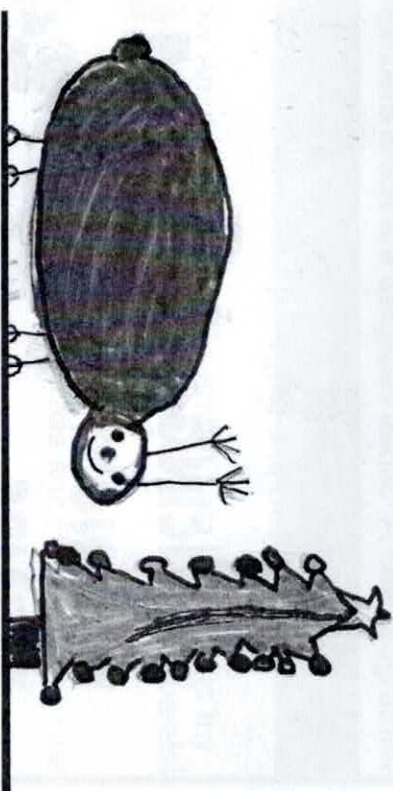
The Biggest news that we wish to share is our new website, so log on and take a look. We would like to thank Alan Mitchell who is a parent of the preschool for all his hard work in setting this up.

Our next fundraising event is on the 14 Dec 2011, curry/quiz £6.95 (7-8pm) or £1 per person, Quiz commences 9pm. Be great to see you there & join in the Christmas spirit, we will also run a raffle.

Christmas wishes to you for 2011 and if you are interested in your child attending the preschool, as spaces are available so please visit our website or call 077332951613 during session hours, Mon-

day-Thursday, 9.15-12.15. We look forward to hearing from you.
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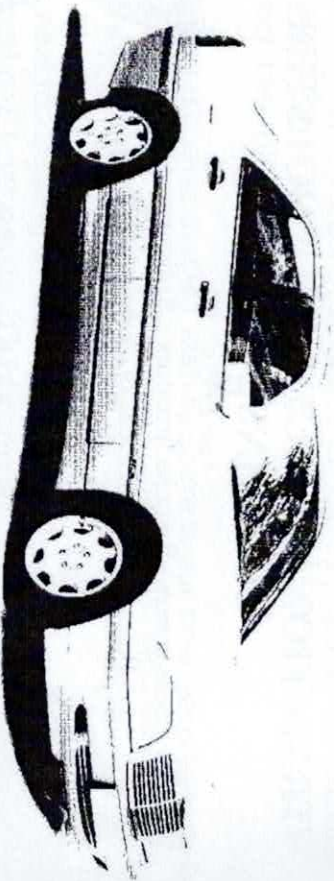
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EAST HANNINGFIELD W I NEWS

Well, another year is coming to a close. We've been busy as usual with several functions including Spring and Autumn lunches, Strawberry Tea and our "Spud & Pud", all very good fund raisers and of course we had a very good Charity Coffee Morning. We have gained several new members which are delighted about. A new programme for 2012 is in place, so do come along and see what we are about. We meet mostly on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 2pm in our Hall with slight changes in January, August and December.

As for me, at our Annual Meeting in November I am hanging up my hat. After 11 years at the helm it's time to hand over to someone else who I'm sure will bring fresh ideas.

Best Wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

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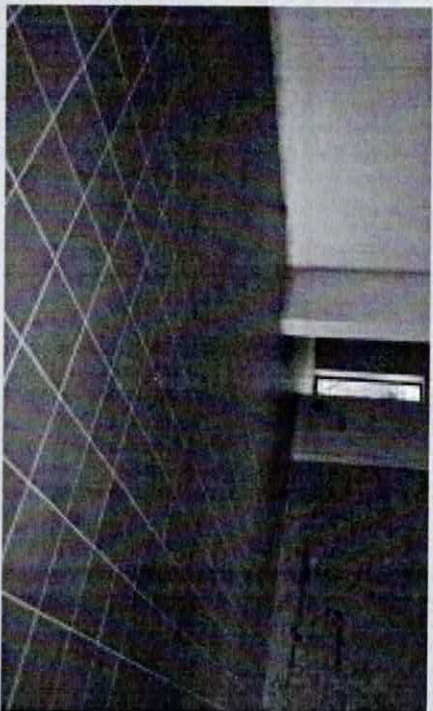
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HANNA'S TOTS

Hanna's Tots celebrated Halloween this year with the children dressing up as witches, pumpkins and wizards, they had a great time bouncing on the bouncy castle and playing with Percy the jumbo party spider.

We have some new dates for your diaries....

2nd December, Hanna's Tots and Pre-school will be doing a lucky dip, and Christmas cookie decorating at the School Christmas Fete.

"Jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way!"

To get into the spirit of Christmas, Tots will be having a **Christmas party on Friday 16th December**; Santa will be sending one of his elves along to join in with the fun! We will have music, games and a lucky dip for a small donation of £1.

The upcoming health visitor dates will be placed on the village hall notice board. Please come along if you would like to have your child weighed or speak about any issues you may have. You do not need to be a regular to come along.

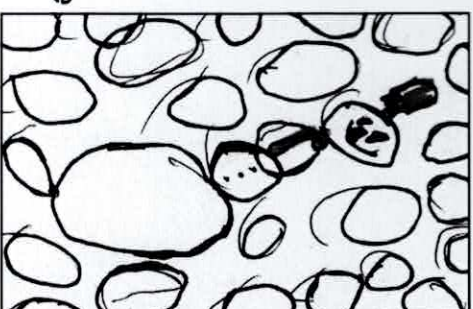
We will be closed on 23rd & 30th December

Thanks again to those who stay behind to help tidy up 😊

See you Friday!

Savannah Shankster 01245 400979

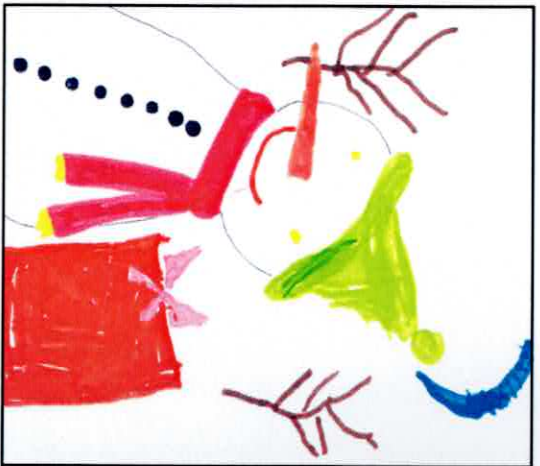
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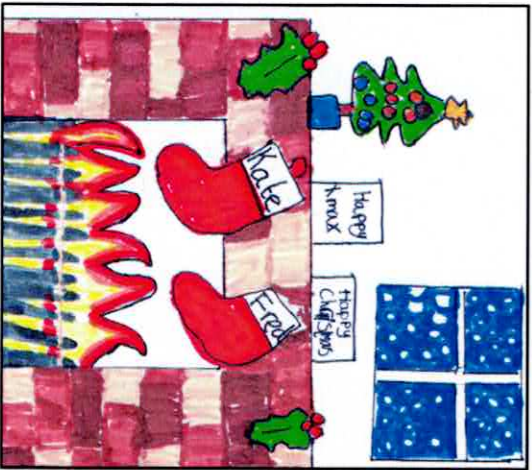
Christmas Cover Competition Runners Up



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Class 2
Brooklyn Tracey



Class 3
Lucy Woodroff



Class 4
Anni Mahr

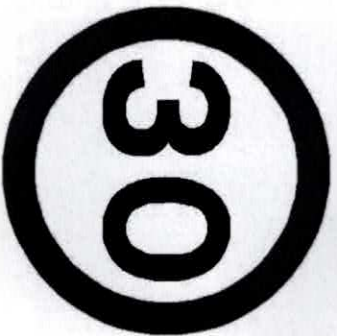
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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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This and past issues can be seen at www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/east-hanningfield-news/

COVER PICTURE

This an opportunity for a reminder that hedgehogs will be coming out of hibernation very hungry. You can buy hedgehog food, yes really! But dog or cat food will do very well. What they shouldn't have is bread and milk, because they don't have the ability to digest it which leads to diarrhoea and so to loss of weight and dehydration.

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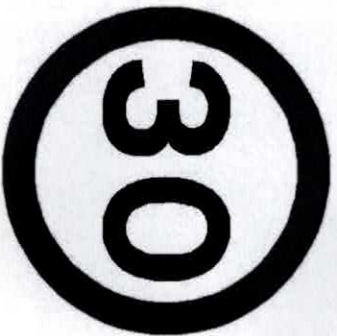
As anticipated in the previous News, the empty seat on the Parish Council has been filled by co-option. The new Councillor is Martyn Gard, who lives and works in the village. Martyn moved his business to East Hanningfield in December 2005 and has lived here since March, 2006. Before joining the Council he was already involved in local life having participated in the production of the Parish Plan and by serving on the school's Board of Governors of which he is currently Chairman.

You cannot fail to have noticed that we are to expect changes to the organisation of the National Health Service. The group which from next year will be running NHS services across mid Essex is seeking volunteers to join its Residents' Panel. The GP-led Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (MECCG) will take over the role of NHS North Essex in April 2013 and wants to involve local people in shaping future health services by becoming a member of a Residents' Panel. Panel members can choose to be sent information with the option to make comments on health service decisions in their early proposal stages, take part in workshop sessions to help redesign local health services or become a local agent to communicate health information and gather feedback from local communities. For further information, email public.involvement@nhs.net, telephone 4593395, or go to www.midsex.nhs.uk/Its-Your-NHS/Have-your-say/

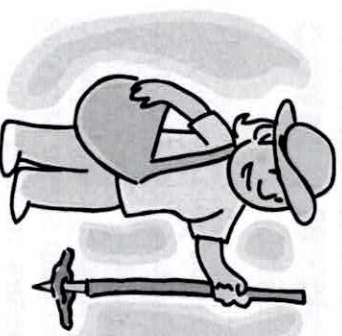
A major workshop for people who would like to input into the development of cardiovascular services across Essex is to take place at the Regiment Way Golf Centre, on 22 March from 10am-4pm. The event is being organised by the Essex Cardiac and Stroke Network and will look at how patients and the public can help shape services. One in three people die of cardiovascular illnesses, making it the

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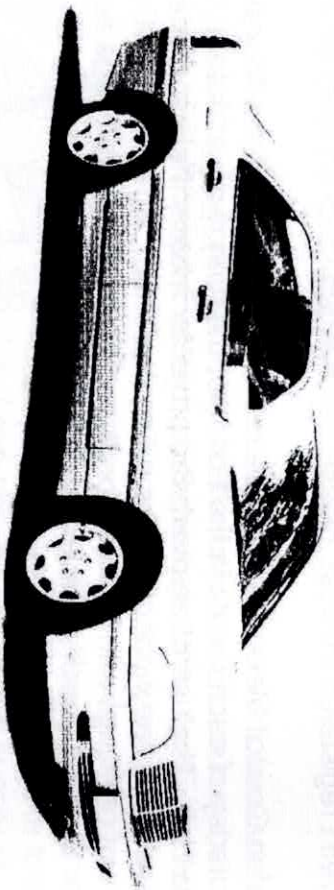
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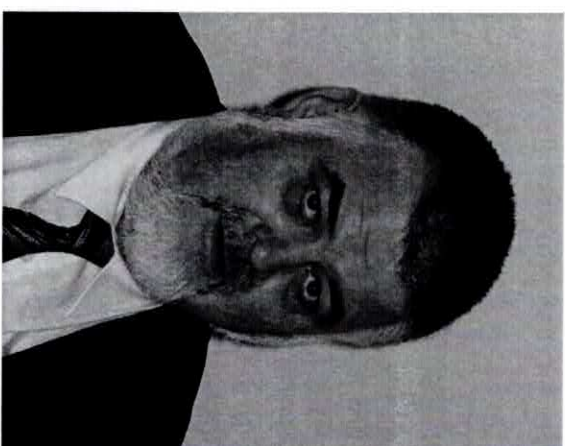
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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

At a recent, very informative meeting at Hylands House a planning group of consultants engaged by Chelmsford, Maldon and Brentwood Councils were looking at the future for this whole area and made some points which I would like to share. Firstly that the number of people living in the average house is dropping and this pattern continues. Thinking back to the numbers who lived in houses in this village this is true and many longer serving residents will confirm this. At the same time average ages are rising. The dual effect is that if there is no more development in the region then the population will fall the number of school places will fall and the number of senior citizens will rise. In Chelmsford Borough some 15000 fewer school children are estimated and 3000 more older people. Also some 150,000 people move from London Boroughs to Essex every year.

To have schools, shops and post offices villages must be viable and the cost of pre school and school is measured per pupil. In primary schools with 95 to 105 pupils viability will fall far behind schools with say 130 pupils and this effects funding. Shops and post offices need both numbers of residents and their support. I won't draw a conclusion from this but I think that it will

trigger much thought and debate in rural communities like ours and lead to opportunities. What do you think? We need to produce a 'Village Design Statement' to follow our 'Parish Plan'. Please get involved!
Good wishes to all



Mike Harris
Chelmsford Borough Council Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield
Deputy Mayor
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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY



East Hanningfield

The **AGM** of the Charity will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th April 2012, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, when a new committee will be elected. East Hanningfield residents are particularly welcome both to attend the meeting and to seek election as trustees.

We are currently reviewing a number of large expenditure projects and establishing priorities for the maintenance and development of facilities at the village hall and around the sports field.

Major expenditure projects that we are considering include:

- Repair and Maintenance of the car park and footpaths around the hall and across the field
- Extending the main car park with a "green" overflow car park
- Replacing the hall roof which is 25 years old and starting to leak
- Improving the insulation and thermal efficiency of the small hall by replacing windows, doors, ceiling, heating and lighting.
- Extending the entrance lobby and village shop
- Rebuilding the mountain bike mounds
- Ploughing, levelling and reseeded the football pitches
- Resurfacing the sports courts
- Extending the sports wall
- Completing a trim trail around the field to include skate board ramps
- Creating a Community Suite above the small hall
- Install CCTV

As you can see the list is long and does not include many smaller day to day maintenance issues. We are very aware that as we add facilities the on-going maintenance of those facilities becomes a considerable burden on the Charity. These projects can only proceed if the funds are available. We rely upon grants from a number of different sources to fund each project. These sources include both local and national funders from the Parish Council to the

National Lottery not forgetting of course our own fundraising activities.

The Hanna's Field Charity Committee is always looking for new members to assist in the running of the Village Hall and sports facilities. If you would like to find out more about the Charity please contact me or any member of the committee. The large hall, small hall, meeting room, sports field and sports courts/tennis court are available for booking which can be made via Dan Crow on **400965**. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate if you live in the village.

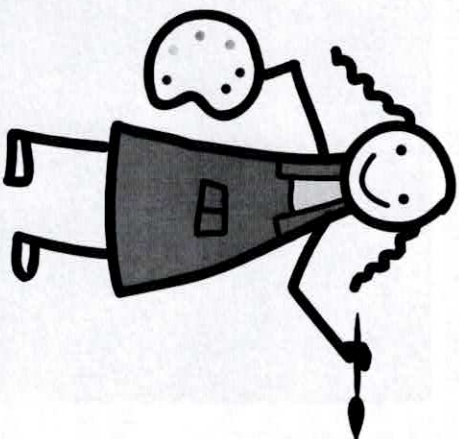
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Colin Warren, Chairman
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The Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

will take place on Saturday, 7th July.



We are looking for more artists to exhibit along with helpers to set up the exhibition.

If you would like to exhibit or help please contact Wendy Thomas on 400797.

FROM REVEREND PAM

I have just peeped out of my window and seen the snow covering the garden, the trees and also plant pots on our terrace. The pots look like extremely large cream-covered cup cakes. It wasn't long ago I was delighted to see that the tulips were beginning to appear in those same pots - a promise of spring, I thought. Alas, my delight was short lived and now I have a view of make-believe cup cakes instead of a promise of spring.

I am, of course, trusting that beneath the snowy caps on the pots the tulips have not given up and will indeed continue to grow and thrive after the snow has melted away. In some situations it is all too easy to give up when things appear promising to begin with but don't fulfil our expectations as soon as we would like.

Easter is an example of hope turning to disappointment, and disappointment turning to joy. This is how it happened for Jesus' friends who didn't expect or want his death, but their deep disappointment and despair turned to joy when they witnessed the resurrection.

Easter is a time which reminds us of disappointment, pain and grief. But it also reminds us of the positive effects of hope, of victory over difficulties and Christ's promise to be with us under all conditions. In the church, at Easter, we intentionally live through these last days of Christ's life (in our Maunday Thursday Meal and in the Good Friday meditations). We then experience the real excitement and joy which comes with celebrations on Easter Day. This is a lived experience and a promise fulfilled. Every blessing to you all

Rev Pam
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...AND FROM THE CHURCH- WARDENS

Christmas past – Just a brief look back to say thank you for the great support received for the Church events and for all the hard work which made them possible. We hope you enjoyed the new feature of an illuminated crib scene by the north gate created by Dr John, and our special thanks go to the Rev'd Pam for keeping going right to the end, when she should have been in bed nursing a heavy cold and serious throat infection.

Replacement of Church heating continues to be high on the agenda, along with installing toilet and kitchen facilities but the due processes seem to take for ever. Please be assured we are as anxious as everybody else to see real progress on both issues, and we trust that we may have something to report in the next issue of EH News.

Church annual spring clean will be on the morning of Saturday 24th March, roughly between 9.30 am and 12 noon. This is usually a light hearted but strenuous time together, with the necessary refreshments to keep the volunteers going until the job is done. You don't have to be a church member in order to lend a hand – so feel free to drop in for a while if you'd like to help. If you prefer weeds to dust and the weather is fine, there may be an opportunity to work outside too.

The Quinquennial Survey of the Church building is due this year, when we shall be told what the next required round of maintenance and repair work will be, to keep the old building in a sound condition. Whilst it is an event we never look forward to because of



the costs involved (there is always some expensive work needing to be done), yet the timing this year may be quite helpful. It can now be carried out in conjunction with the consideration of the work required for new heating and additional facilities, which does offer the prospect of it being a more cost-efficient exercise than usual.

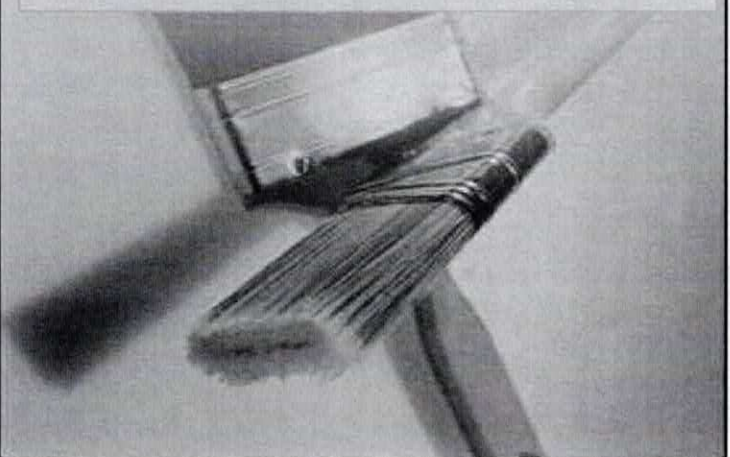
Forthcoming services and events as currently known - please see the Village Diary on pages 13-17 but watch out for further publicity nearer the time, giving final details of special events.

For further information about All Saints' go to www.easthanningfieldchurch.org, where we also offer a direct link to the latest Village Diary on the Parish Council website.

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- Fri 2 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall via back door.
 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) - 2nd Sunday of Lent at All Saints' Church followed by trial continental breakfast between services.
- Sun 4 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments.
 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church followed by Fellowship Lunch
 5pm **ALL SAINTS' LENT COURSE** (2)
 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 7 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** - Village Hall car park.
 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Thu 8 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall via back door.
 10am-12.30pm **BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Browse and have a chat over a delicious coffee and home-made
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 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 5pm **ALL SAINTS' LENT COURSE** (3)
 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for 0-5s with parents & carers at All Saints' Church.
- Mon 12 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Tue 13 **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
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Sat 17 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church

Sun 18 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 11am **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE** with Family
 Communion at All Saints' Church.
 5pm **ALL SAINTS' LENT COURSE** (4)

Tue 20 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church

Wed 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** - Village Hall car park.
 21 2pm **WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING** in the W1 Hall.
 Thu 22 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor
 meeting room at the Village Hall via the side entrance.

Fri 23 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall by back door.
 Sat 24 9.30am **ALLSAINTS' CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING
 CLEAN**. Volunteers welcome.
 Sun 25 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 5pm **ALL SAINTS' LENT COURSE** (5)
 10am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
 Tue 27 **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts
 Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 Wed 7-10pm **LADIES PAMPER EVENING** at the Village
 Hall. Tickets on sale on Thursdays at Preschool 9-
 28 9.30am, and Fridays at Hanna's Tots 9-11.30am.
 Thu 29 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
 Fri 30 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS** Village Hall via back door.

APRIL

Sun 1 8.30 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY** at ASCh.

Tue 3 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church

Wed 4 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY**, Village Hall car park.
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Thu 5 7pm **MAUNDAY THURSDAY** Agape meal in homes fol-
 lowed by short service of Holy Communion at AllSaints'

Fri 6 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall via back door.
 10-11am **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Sun 8 12 Noon **GOOD FRIDAY** Quiet Service of readings,
 hymns, prayers & reflections until 1pm at All Saints'
 10.45am **EASTER FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 11am **EASTER DAY** service with Family Communion at
 All Saints' Church.

Tue 10 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
 Thu 12 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church

Fri 13 **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts
 Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall via back door.

Sun 15 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 Mon 16 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** for 0-5s with parents &
 carers at All Saints' Church.

Tue 17 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
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 Sun 22 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 10am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church

Tue 24 **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts
 Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 Wed 8pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY ANNUAL GENERAL
 MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village
 Hall. All residents are entitled to attend.
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Thu 26 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall via the side entrance.
 Fri 27 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall via back door.
 8-11pm **PRAYER & PRAISE EVENING** at Bethel Ch
 Sat 28 9am **VILLAGE TIDY-UP** Meet at Village Hall car park for gloves, sacks, hi-viz jackets and litter-pickers
 Sun 29 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
 11am **5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL** at All Saints' Church.

MAY

Tue 1 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
 Wed 2 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** - Village Hall car park.
 8pm **ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Any East Hanningfield elector may speak on any subject of local concern.
 Thu 3 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
 Fri 4 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**, Village Hall via back door.
 Sun 6 8.30 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.
 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church

Tue 8 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
 Thu 10 **Recycling Collection** (The following day for Bennetts Ave, Old Barn Lane, Southend Rd & Tilesworks Lane)
 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
 Fri 11 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS**. Village Hall via back door.
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 24 9.30-11.30 **HANNA'S TOTS** in the Village Hall. Entrance
 Fri 25 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 Sun 11am **PENTECOSTAL PRAISE SERVICE** of Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, & Picnic on church lawn.
 27 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
 Tue 29 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 Wed 30 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.

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Above Us Only Sky? Do you recognize these words? They are taken from John Lennon's song 'Imagine'. They are also the words which form the name of a new charity that we at Bethel Church are heavily involved with and committed to. The purpose is to provide immediate and long-term support for the homeless in the UK, primarily in Essex and London.

It is quite shocking to see just how many people are sleeping rough on the streets of London, and closer to home in places like Ilford and Romford. At the time of writing this for the village magazine, we are experiencing sub-zero temperatures, so imagine just how desperate some people are....it isn't hard to do.

Above Us Only Sky? Has been serving the homeless for the last 18 months. This means early starts on Saturday mornings in Westminster and Sunday mornings in Ilford and Romford.

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Above Us Only Sky? is not just a reference to the fact that the homeless in our communities don't have a roof over their heads; it also alludes to the fact that there is more to life than this, that there is a God in heaven who loves us and wants us to find salvation and eternal life

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through His son, Jesus. This is something that we share with the homeless that we are working with, showing them the love of God by meeting their immediate needs with the hope that as we share the gospel, many more will come to faith.

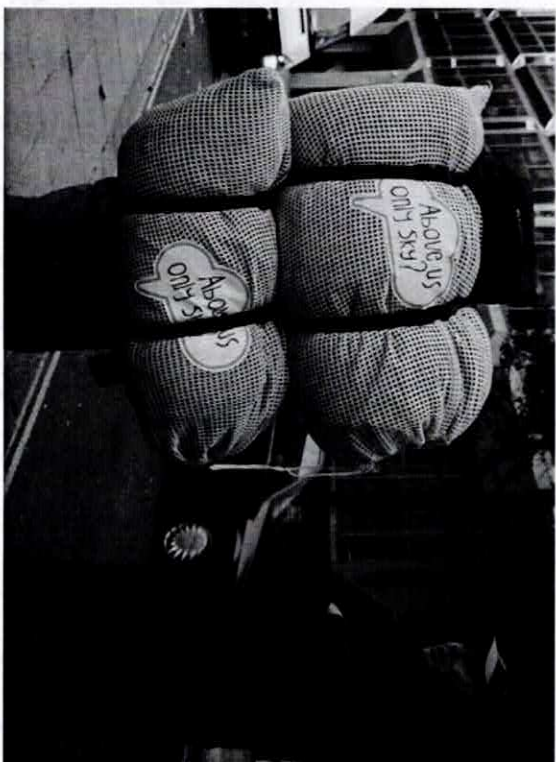
If you would like to know more about AUOS? Then please visit the website: www.aboveusonlysky.org.uk

On the subject of websites, we are pleased to announce Bethel's new website is now live. There will be regular updates and we will be able to keep you all informed of all the things going on - which you are warmly invited to. Take a look: www.bethel-ec.com

Here's when we meet: Sunday Family Worship – 10.45am, Tuesday Ladies Meeting – 10.30am, Thursday Bible Study – 7.45pm. Other dates are in the Village Diary, pages 13-17.

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

Roydon Hearne



VILLAGE FETE - 8th SEPTEMBER 2012

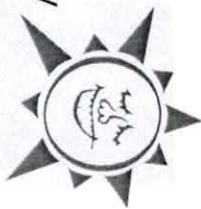
Although the real Olympic Games will be almost over by September 8th, the village fete will be celebrating this

momentous occasion by holding some mini-Olympic events for children to enter. There will also be a decorated hat competition – with an Olympic theme, of course! Further details will follow in the next newsletter.

The fete will feature the familiar mix of entertainment, stalls, refreshments and 5 A-side football - plenty to entertain all the family! We welcome volunteers to help run stalls; set up between 9.30 – 11.30am; clear up after 5pm; make cakes. If you would like to be involved, please contact me for further details.

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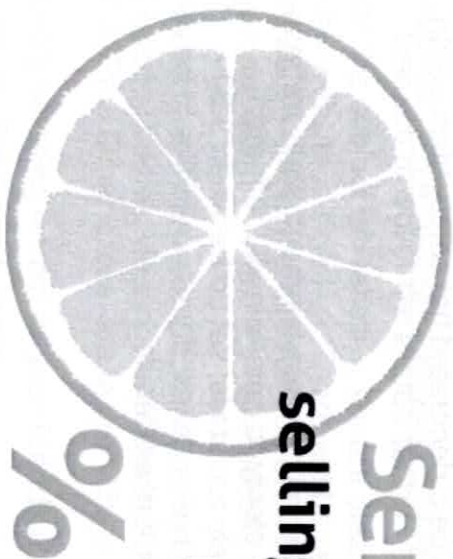
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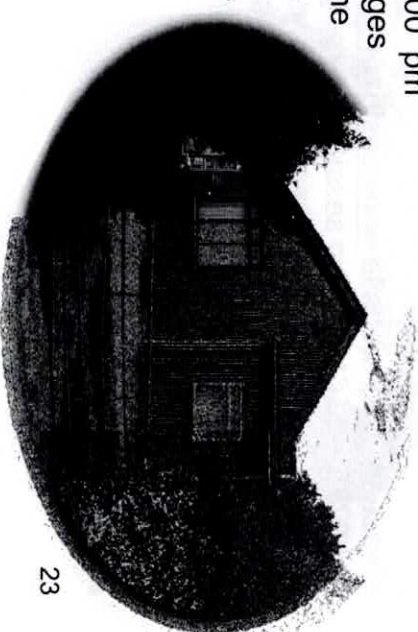
May we extend our best wishes to everyone for the New Year. Our past President Lilian was able to hang up her hat after 11 years of dedicated service to EHWI. Our sincere thanks go to her and her committee for all the super entertaining meetings we have had over the years. It will be a hard act to follow. My name is Flora Virgoe and the Institute have been brave enough to elect me as their new President.

Did you know that we party and have fun at the W.I.? The last two meetings have been no exception. Our Christmas meeting was a feast of food, fun and lots of party cakes expertly made by our guest speaker Janet Vaile, and of course it would have been most impolite not to eat them. This was followed by another party in the New Year with Ron Burrell, a magician who baffled us all with his skills while we feasted yet again. This theme will continue through the year and include a big celebration of East Hanningfield Women Institute's 95th birthday in June 2012, an achievement to be very proud of.

On the 11th April we are holding a Charity Coffee morning and Bring and Buy at the W.I. Hall in Old Church Lane at 10.30. We would be delighted to see you, please come along.

The dates of our meetings can be found in the Village Diary and we have a full, fun packed diary for the year. We meet mostly the 3rd week of the month at 2.00 pm with some slight changes through the year. Do come along and enjoy the laughter and company. You will be most welcome.

Flora Virgoe



PRESCHOOL

The children have been busy this term learning about Zoo, sea life, countryside and garden animals.

They have been bird spotting in their gardens and sharing their findings with their friends at preschool. Lots of fun, had by all.

Our next fundraising event is on the 28th March 2012, back by popular demand is the Ladies Pamper Night 7pm -10pm at East Hanningfield Village Hall. Manicure/

Pedicures, facials, Jamie at home, Jewelry/handbags, spray Tans, Cranial massage, Thai Yoga Massage, Reiki, Candles, cup cakes and much more. For a girly night out book your tickets/treatments now. You can call Savannah on 01245 400979 or tickets will be on sale Thursdays 9-9.30am at the preschool or Fridays 9am-11.30am at Hannah's Tots.

Tickets cost £4 in advance and £5 on the door, in your ticket price it includes a Cocktail on arrival and a goodie bag on your departure.

If your child is aged 2-4 years and you are interested in your child attending the preschool, spaces are starting to become limited and on certain days there is now a waiting list.

Please visit our website www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk or call 07732951613 during session hours, Monday-Thursday 9:15-12.15. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have a child under 2 and wish to come and view the preschool please contact us and we can then place you on our waiting list.

Francesca Chapman
Secretary

East Hanningfield Pre-School



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TOTS

It has been lovely to see some new faces over the last few weeks, and to see children making new friends.

If you are a parent/carer with children aged birth-5 and would like to come along for a cuppa and a chat whilst your children play, we meet Friday mornings at the village hall, entrance via the back door. Sessions run 9.30-11.30, for a small donation of £1.50. You do not need to be a regular to come along.

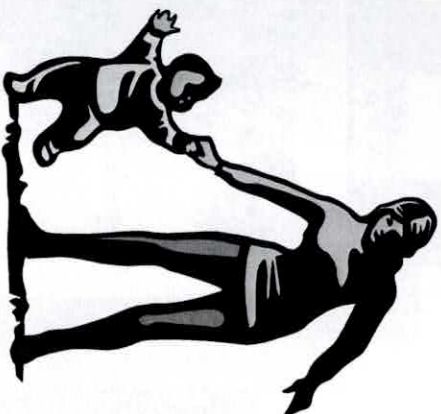
We are looking forward to shelving being fitted so we can organise our toys a bit better. We would like to say a big thank you to Martin Gard for donating the shelving.

The upcoming health visitor dates will be placed on the village hall notice board.

We have a children's bouncy castle which we hire out for £25, ideal for parties.

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

See you Friday!

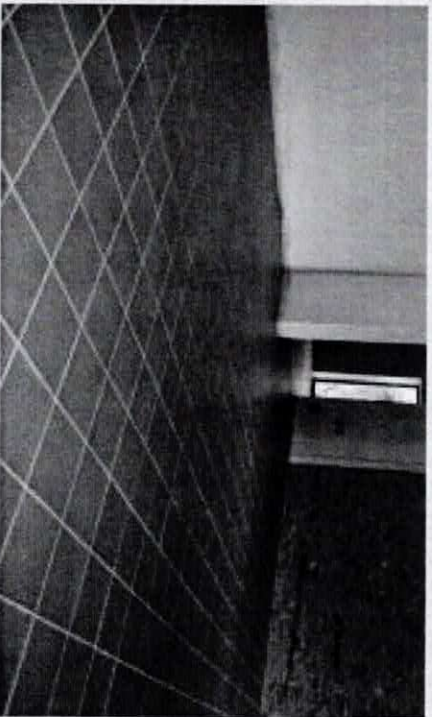


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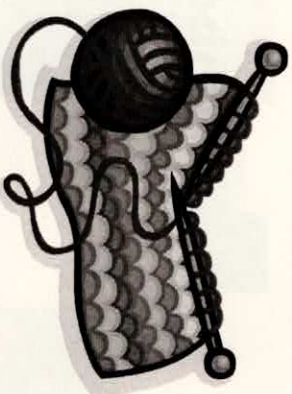


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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CAN YOU HELP?

We are knitting/crocheting 8" squares for orphaned children in South Africa using any wool (but the thicker the better and please leave long length of wool at end for sewing up later). Look at their website www.knit-a-square.com for more details.

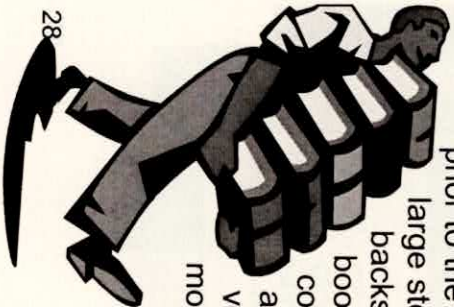


Either knit at home, we can collect if necessary or join us on a Monday evening in The Windmill Pub from 8 pm for knitting and nattering! Contact Tara 403294 or Gill 400298 or Clare 403174 for further information. We are happy to help anyone wanting to know how to knit, even left-handed! The recipients are not worried about the odd dropped stitch or less than perfect work!

We have sent two parcels already and would love your help to achieve more parcels in 2012.

BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

On **Saturday 10th 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 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' Church.**



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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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Copy date for the next edition is

Sunday 12th. August at the latest!

For publication on 1st. September. Please continue to send articles and advertisements to me at 2 Clinton Close or karen.plumridge@btinternet.com.

Please note that it is sometimes necessary to edit articles, for example, to fit them in to the space available, or because they duplicate what is written elsewhere. This will be done without reference to the originator of the article.

This and previous issues can be seen at www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/east-hanningfield-news/

COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

The top pair of photos are of a female comma butterfly. You can see the white comma on the under-wing. Commas like to lay their eggs on hops, but where they are missing will use nettles instead. The lower photos are of a female gatekeeper otherwise known as a hedge brown. Gatekeepers lay their eggs in long grass, so both these butterflies rely on "untidy" areas to survive.

You should be able to see them in this parish during the summer months.

PARISH COUNCIL

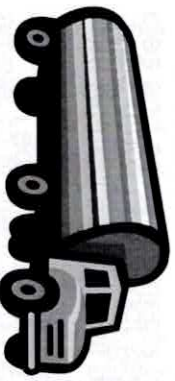
Slipped into the centre pages of this edition of the News you should have found a housing survey. PC has arranged for this survey to be carried out by the Rural Community Council of Essex in order to find out whether there is a need for more affordable housing for local people, and if there is a need, to find out how many homes are required. If you have not received a survey form with its reply paid envelope, please contact the Rural Housing Enabler, Moira Groborz on 01376 574330 or by e-mail at moira.groborz@essexrcc.org.uk and she will provide you with one, or more if you have more than one household living at your address.

Please note that PC has not identified a site where affordable housing for local people might be built.

Enough volunteers have now put themselves forward to comprise a viable Village Design Statement group, and they will be starting the project soon. A VDS looks at the locality in planning terms, and examines what local features enhance the area and should be retained, and, conversely, what are eyesores, and what styles should be used in future development. If you would like to participate in the process, please get in touch, preferably by email if you have that facility, but with your telephone number and address if you do not.

From Monday 2nd July 2012 some Monday to Friday Service 3 journeys will be re-routed between Rettendon Common and East Hanningfield to operate along Buckhatch Lane and Creephedge Lane. All Saturday services will operate along the new section of route and will be retimed. The new section of route will be hail and ride meaning buses will stop where it is safe to do so. In addition Essex County Council and RHS Hyde Hall are working together to provide some new bus stop infrastructure on Buckhatch Lane adjacent to Hyde Hall and it is hoped some of this will be in place for the start of the revised service. There are four variations of the Number 3 service & they are as follows: No.3 serves all stops between Chelms-

ford and Southend with some journeys starting & terminating at Oxney Green; No. 3a is the same as No. 3 but will not serve Hyde Hall; No 3b will not serve Great Baddow, East Hanningfield or Hyde Hall; and No 3c is the same as No. 3 but will not serve Great Baddow. There will also be some improvements to the vehicles which are currently used on the service including repainting in Regal's new colours, installation of electronic destination blinds, refurbishment of seats and improvement of interior signs. Regal Busesways hope all these changes will have a positive impact on the service and increase ridership to secure its future. The new timetable will be displayed in the bus shelters, but if you have the facility it is always best to check the County Council's website for the most recent timetable information at www.cartogold.co.uk/Essex_Public_Transport/. For information about Summer Day Trips from the village please go to www.regalexplorer.co.uk or look on the noticeboards.



Thinking ahead to when your central heating will go back on, you might be interested in an Oil Buying Scheme being set up by the Rural Community Council of Essex. RCCE is a long established charity that works with rural communities in Essex. Membership of the scheme for households will be £20 a year and for this RCCE will negotiate with suppliers for the lowest price. Deliveries to members in an area will be on the same day, thus reducing diesel usage and delivery traffic. If you would like to know more I can forward you an email with the explanatory leaflets or you can find the information on RCCE's website www.essexrcc.org.uk. The administrator of the scheme is Sara Ward who can be contacted on 01376 574340 & oil@essexrcc.org.uk. The RCCE is looking for a local volunteer to co-ordinate orders who will, in return, receive free membership of the scheme.

Thank you to everyone who turned up on a damp Saturday morning at the end of April to participate in the Village Tidy-up, and also to those who chose to do their bit at another time when it wasn't quite so inclement. Our village and surrounding lanes continue to be used

as a dumping ground by those who can't be bothered to deposit their rubbish in the appropriate place, so the Tidy-up continues to be necessary and markedly improves the appearance and safety of our surroundings.

The PC's Annual Report has been published and as usual contains an overview of the year and the receipts and payments account for the year which ended on 31st March. This and several previous Annual Reports can be found on the website under 'Publications' and 'Annual Report'. If you would like a paper copy please contact me.

The two Play in the Park sessions during the Easter break went very well, with over 50 children attending the first and about 20 the second. There are to be three more during the summer break for ages 0-11 years, all on Tuesday mornings 10-12 noon. For each of these sessions a different additional activity has been booked. On **24th July** it will be **Street Dance** for ages 6-11, on **14th August** it will be **Go Ride Cycling** for ages 8-11 and on **28th August** it will be **Group Fitness** for ages 6-11.



I have received notice from the County Council Highways Department that they have scheduled several road closures within an 18 month period beginning 4th. June. Roads listed in this and neighbouring parishes are Back Lane; Bicknacre, Priory Road; Danbury, Bicknacre Road; Sandon, Butts Green Road, Hulls Lane, Southend Road; South Hanningfield, Church Road, Ramsden Heath, School Road, Downham; West Hanningfield, Ship Road/Holiday Hill. Residents will receive notice by letter at least 14 days in advance of the dates their roads will be closed. Everyone else will have to look out for the warning signs!

Chelmsford Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee recently approved an Equipped Play Area—Draft Development Plan, which it is proposed should go to Cabinet for approval in July. With

regard to East Hanningfield the Plan states, " All play areas are located within 100m of each other with good footpath access. East Hanningfield Parish Council neighbourhood play area provides excellent play value, diversity and is accessible for all parts of the village. It is proposed to remove both small local play areas (Payne Place and Catherine's Close) as they represent over provision and do not add any significant play value in this area". The areas would be left as green space. Please let me know if you have a comment on this.

Forthcoming PC Meetings are the following Thursdays: 28th. June, 19th. July & 23rd. August. Agenda are displayed on the notice-boards and posted on the website at least three days beforehand.

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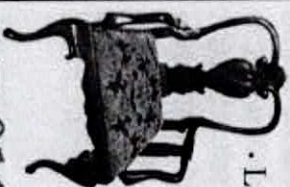
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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

What does it feel like to live in a city? Many people will be aware that we succeeded in attaining this great award against hot competition. What fewer people realise is that we were also in the top three for 'Council of the Year' and many say that we were robbed; but they would say that wouldn't they! As a city we are due for a share of fifty two million pounds of government for super Broad Band. My first question was 'Will this extend to East Hanningfield?' I await an answer.

What I do know is that my employer before I retired had a policy of being represented in every city in the UK and this is true of others and will bring needed employment and investment to our area. Personally, Julia and I have the honour of being the first deputy Mayor and Mayoress in an Essex City and we have heard nothing from the Guinness Book of Records yet.

We shall cease our duties on 23rd May and I hope to play a significant role in the administration formed with the new Mayor. This has been a very exciting year for the people of Chelmsford; what we must now do is to build on our success and status to ensure that the citizens benefit in every way possible.

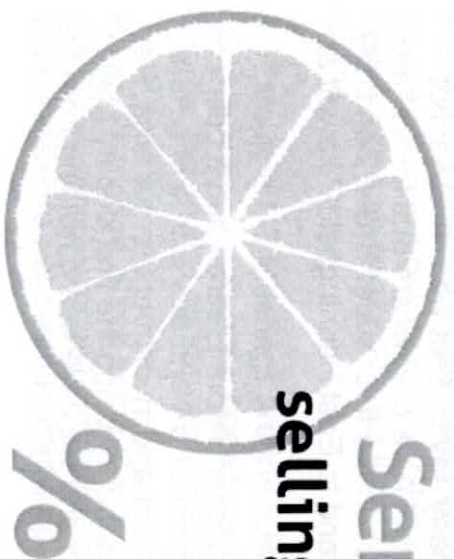
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REVEREND PAM

Today the sun has broken through after many days of rain. I don't know how long it will last but there is a sense of wanting to make the most of it - get jobs done, be outside etc. - just in case this spell is short-lived and the sun disappears again.

I also wanted to make the most of having the Olympics in England. Unfortunately we didn't get any tickets for the Games, even after two applications. I still live in the faint hope that there will some returns of tickets and an opportunity to attend an event at the Games will unexpectedly arise.

There are some things which are temporary and which we have to make the most of while we can and others which we can rely on to always be there. Our church has been at its present site now for 128 years and fortunately looks as though it will remain in place for many more years to come. However, it does have needs. It is in need of some small and basic amenities in order to cope with modern expectations of hospitality. It also has needs of people support, in order to retain it, not only as a beautiful building, but also as a living, worshipping community. God gives us the opportunity to be part of his family. Although God is always there, opportunities to be involved in a faith journey may not always be there - we have to take them when we can. I am holding meetings for people who have questions about the Christian faith and who would like to chat about this in an informal way. Please get in touch with me if you would like to come along.

Enjoy the summer!

Rev Pam
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... & FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Church annual spring clean – thank you to the enthusiastic team of volunteers who turned up on Saturday 24th March. It was a long morning for everybody but produced one of the best results in memory. Symbolic of the success of the event was the transformed appearance of the flag pole, now gleaming white and looking like new - and in good time for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations too!

Maunday Thursday – grateful thanks also to those who hosted this year's **Agape meals** in their homes, allowing a record number to take part, and then to join together in church afterwards for a short service of Holy Communion – thus commemorating the last supper Jesus had with his followers before his arrest and death on what we can now call Good Friday.

Annual elections – the following were elected:

Churchwardens – Ron Attenborough & Sandra Robinson
Deanery Synod – no elections this year. Karen Saynor continues, but Martin Harcourt Williams resigned due to overload of his diary. One vacancy now exists, and this post includes ex-officio membership of the PCC.
PCC Members – Martin Harcourt-Williams was elected, along with Sue Edward & Jackie Feehan who were re-elected and so rejoice continuing members Lindsey Brannon, John Chadwick, John Coffin, and Gil & Stan Gordon. Following Sue Yeo's resignation, one vacancy now exists.

Annual Reports – copies of these are available in church for those who were unable to attend the Annual Meetings.

Replacement of Church heating – a firm of heating engineers is now engaged in designing a new heating system and we await their proposals in the next few weeks. Meantime our old boiler appeared to be giving up on us, but it proved to be through no fault of its own. The poor thing was actually being choked to near death by an accumulation of squirrel and bird nest material in the flue – half a black

sack full in fact!

Installation of additional facilities – some initial design options have just reached us from our architect and the PCC will be meeting shortly to take consider them. That's got to be good news, at last.

Forthcoming services and events as currently known - please see the Village Diary on page 15-18 but watch out for further publicity nearer the time, giving final details of special events.

For further information about All Saints' go to www.easthanningfieldchurch.org, where we also offer a direct link to the latest Village Diary on the Parish Council website.

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Chairman's report to the 2012 AGM

This was a year of consolidation of the successes of earlier years and planning for the future.

Last year I expressed concern over the lack of new trustees joining the committee. I am very pleased that we now have three new members with the return of Jenny Ash from South Wales and the arrival of Steve Lambert & Malcolm Edward from the fete committee. Have you considered joining the committee? We would welcome new members to assist in the Charity's future development.

The work load of the Charity has again been borne by very few for the benefit of the many villagers and organisations who use the facilities at the village hall and sports field. No officers receive any remuneration for their hard work; all are volunteers and should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village.

We have said farewell to Sharon and welcome Dan and Jessica who took over the cleaning of the hall and organising the bookings following Sharon's move away from the village.

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

The Annual Art Show continued as a major fund raising event exhibiting works from many local artists. This year's will be on 7th July.

The Village Fete, a joint venture with All Saints Church, was again very successful under the Chairmanship of Jackie Feehan providing a fun event for all villagers. It was good that the event was supported by several of our local businesses and we are very grateful

for their sponsorship. This year's fete will be on Sat. 8th September.

We have continued running quarterly Book and Coffee Sales on Saturday mornings in the upstairs committee room. These regular book stall events have proved popular and successful and we have recently added shelving and storage in the loft area to expand the number of books we are able to store and display.

We are considering the priorities for developing and maintaining the facilities at the hall and field. There are a number of projects which we would like to undertake and they are all dependent on our successful application for grants to fund each project.

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

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

Colin Warren, Chairman 25th April 2012
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SPORTS COURT—USE IT OR LOSE IT?

The surface of the court has deteriorated so that it is no longer suitable for tennis, netball, 5-a-side football etc. Before spending around £20,000 on refurbishment the Charity needs to be convinced that there is a local need for the facility, so would like to hear from residents what activities they and their family members would like it set up for and what use they would make of it.

A fill-in slip will be available for you to complete in the shop or you can contact Wendy Thomas, HFC Secretary with your views on 400797.

BETHEL CHURCH—It's The Year Of Jubilee

Sixty years of reigning Great Britain as Queen. I for one would say that HRH Queen Elisabeth II has served with much grace and great dignity during this time (this will do my chances of a knighthood no harm). And I really hope that the Jubilee celebrations taking place across the land, will rekindle some much needed community spirit.

One of the toys I enjoyed when I was growing up was Etch-a-Sketch. A wonderful low-tech device. No digital readouts. It didn't beep or flash at you. It didn't even require batteries. You simply twisted two knobs on the bottom of the screen to draw a picture. And best of all, if you messed up, all you had to do was shake the thing to get a clean screen – a chance to start all over again.

Now wouldn't it be great if some parts of life were like an Etch-a-Sketch eh? Particularly credit cards, give it a shake and it back to zero. Unfortunately it doesn't work like that for credit cards or any other part of life, you don't get the chance to start over again.

Unless it's with God!

Let me introduce to you the concept of Jubilee from the Old Testament. Every 49 years the Jewish Day of Atonement was to be replaced by the blowing of the trumpet of the Jubilee. It was to be a day of rejoicing and jubilation. So we read in Leviticus 25:8-13

This signalled a permanent release of all unpaid debts. All who had lost their land through debt could return and reclaim their inheritance – a sort of divine Etch-a-Sketch; the slate was wiped clean.

There is a tremendously significant application of the concept of Jubilee in the New Testament that applies to us today. 'The Year Of The Lord's Favour' (Luke 4:16-21). Not a calendar year but the period when salvation would be proclaimed. A time to receive the love and mercy of God through the death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. Truly a time to start all over again.

So this Diamond Jubilee, when you are proudly flying the union flag

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and enjoying time with family and friends, spare a thought that you are also living in a time when all those who receive the message of salvation will enjoy new and abundant life.

We are having a Jubilee BBQ on Saturday 16 June at 12:00 midday and you are welcome to join us.

Please look out for a leaflet popping through your letterbox soon.

Other dates are in the Village Diary in the centre pages

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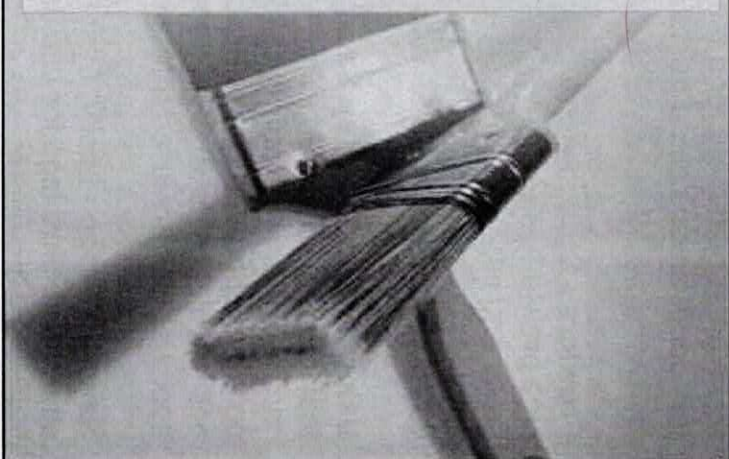
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cold callers - Since the last News a number of elderly residents have experienced attempts by cold callers to steal or defraud them of money. Some neighbourly advice on this from NhW:

It's OK to give the "cold shoulder" to cold callers

You owe them nothing!

Remember these simple rules:



Never let a stranger in to your home – Always check ID
Beware of the hard sell – They only want your money!
Never feel pressured in to making a hurried decision
Make an appointment for a more convenient time – You're in control
If in doubt always ask a trusted neighbour for support
If you're a soft touch the news will get round – expect further visits

Prowlers - Secondly, there have been two recent reports of night time prowlers entering residents back gardens etc. Keep garden gates and rear doors locked and secure at night. Don't make it easy for criminals. Let us know if you have had problems and call 999 if you think someone is on your property that shouldn't be.

Using an Outdoor Key Safe? A timely warning! - A resident had their outside key safe broken into and house key stolen very recently. There are a number of Key Safes on the market, but the only one approved by the Police is Supra C500 Key Safe which has the highest level of security awarded to any key safe. Police approval was achieved through the 'Secured by Design' initiative.

New NhW logo - Lastly, East Hanningfield NhW have adopted an alternative NhW logo for use on signs etc. It replaces the previous logo (showing people with a Policeman). These social creatures

have captured the popular image - **Help make our village safer** nation because they maintain vigilance against predators and look out for other members of their group. We feel this at the heart of what NhW is about and better symbolises the message we want to convey.



SIMPLESI

Next NhW Meeting: Wednesday 13th June, 8pm – Bethel Church Meeting Room: All local residents are welcome. It's usually attended by a police officer. If you have an issue or want to know more about East Hanningfield NhW or you have ideas about how to reduce local crime come along (or just receive emailed local NhW crime updates from me at geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com)

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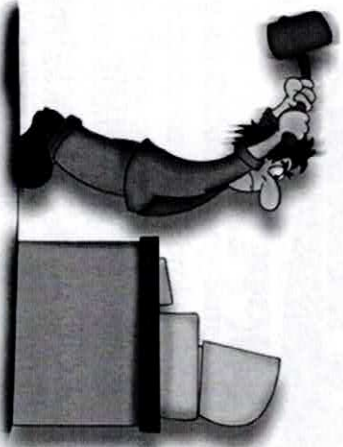
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TOTS

Hanna's Tots has been very busy over the last few weeks with all the children playing together with the variety of toys. We alternate the toys each week so each week is different.

We are open in the holidays where older siblings are welcome to come along. As the weather improves we will venture outside with the bikes and trikes.

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 for a small donation of £1.50. Please feel free to come and go as you wish during those times.

Rose and I would like to welcome Jenny on board who is helping along with the sessions which is much appreciated.

See you Friday!

Savannah Shankster 400979

PRESCHOOL

The children have been busy this term learning about different types of transport. They had a visit from a local taxi company and the children enjoyed exploring the taxi, so thank you to them for their time. We are also very pleased to announce that we have gained 5 stars for our food hygiene.

A huge thank you to all those who came and supported the Pamper evening, it was a great success raising money for the children of the preschool so thank you. We are now planning our celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

If your child is aged 2-4 years and you are interested in your child attending the preschool, spaces are starting to become limited and on certain days there is now a waiting list.

Please visit our website www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk or call 077332951613 during session hours, Monday-Thursday 9:15-12:15. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have a child under 2 and wish to come and view the preschool please contact us and we can then place you on our waiting list.

Francesca Chapman
Secretary

VILLAGE FETE 2012

By the time the next edition of the news comes out, Saturday 8th September will be nearly upon us, and the Paralympic Games will be drawing to a close. So I'm taking this opportunity to encourage you all to come and support this year's fete, with its Olympic theme. We have some new attractions, such as clog dancers, archery, and our mini—Olympic race, along with plenty of old favourites. There will be a competition to find the best decorated hat inspired by the Olympic Games, with free entry for three age groups – under 8, 8-11 and 11-16 (on 1st September 2012).

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? Could you spare some time during the morning, or at the end of the fete, to help set up or clear up? The more helpers we have, the quicker it all gets done! The white elephant stall needs more good quality items, and we always welcome donations for the book stall and homemade cakes to sell. Help to make this fete a fitting end to a celebratory Summer!

Jackie Feehan 400862

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BOOK SALE

The next sale of nearly new books is on Saturday 9th 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. Our regular customers will be amazed to see our 'loft library' – books on shelves, which Rob Allen very kindly erected for us. As usual, the box for donations – preferably recent paperback fiction - will be in the village shop during the week prior to the sale.

We now have a good stock of children's books and we welcome any younger readers who would like to look for a bargain. Proceeds to Hannah's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.



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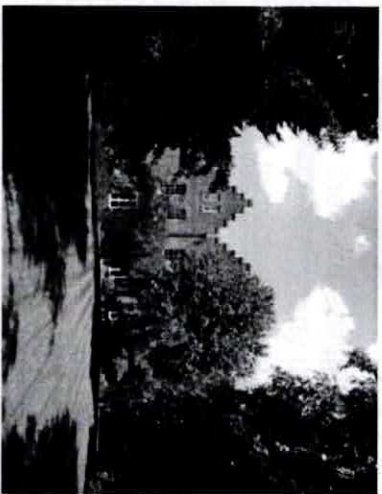
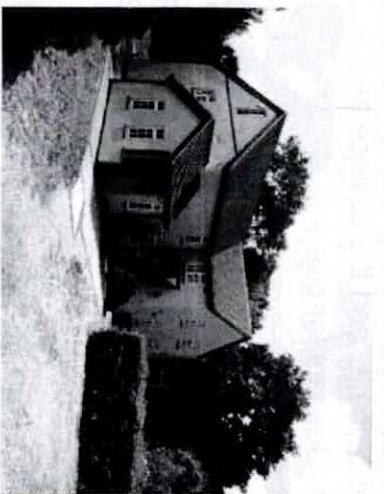
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am pleased to be able to contribute for the first time to the East Hanningfield News. I am the new Headteacher at East Hanningfield C of E Primary School, a position I took up in January 2012 after Mrs Findlay retired. I have very much enjoyed my time so far at the school and it has been great to meet so many parents, children and members of the local community in such a short space of time. I very much appreciated the welcome service, prayers and gifts that the Church gave me and the school last month.

East Hanningfield Primary school though small has huge potential and I very much look forward to leading it's future, one where it will be the centre of this community, a thriving environment where life-long learning is encouraged and fostered.

We have had a busy spring term with Class 3 visiting the Imperial War Museum in London and Class 1 attending Boydells farm in Wethersfield. There they had the opportunity to bottle feed lambs and milk cows. Fun was had by all! Many other children have taken part in out of school activities, including Football matches, Gym competitions as well as singing at the old people's home and attending the Infant Music Festival in Chelmsford. As well as fundraising for Sport Relief and our school charity Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The summer term sees us celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with our own street party as well as taking part in many sporting activities to celebrate the Olympics. This term we are also holding our Summer Fete, on **Friday 13th July at 5pm to 8pm**, based on an Olympic theme. There will be lots of stalls and activities to take part in and it would be lovely to see lots of you there.

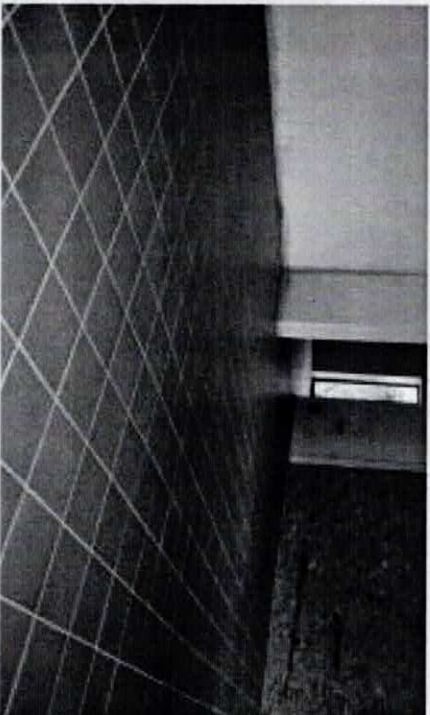
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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Although we should not complain about so much rain in view of the fact that we have a hosepipe ban, I have to say my wellies and sou-wester are looking very faded. We have been very busy at the W.I. over the last two months. Our coffee morning was not well supported which was a shame.

The W.I.'s of East Hanningfield, South Woodham, Woodham, Mill-wood together with South Hanningfield are a group who all come together once a year for our Spring Group Meeting. It gives us all an opportunity to share ideas and have a good natter. This year was our turn to be the host to the group which was chaired by our W.I. Adviser Moira Wiltshire. 80 ladies attended and of course we all enjoyed a lovely supper and outstanding entertainment. Each W.I. had contributed hand made or donated gifts for the selected charity of the evening which was Canine Partners. They were stunned at the quantity and quality of our gifts which they sell at craft fairs and villages fetes. Some of you will know our entertainer from his 4 year long part as Jean Valjean in 'Les Miserables' or Miss Saigon as well as many more shows or his association with the Windmill Pub. Phil Cavill was outstanding and certainly knocked the dust from our little hall's rafters. A superb evening was enjoyed by all.

We are now busy planning our annual Strawberry tea, 95th birthday celebration and of course the Queen's Jubilee. The W.I. will also be running a produce stall at the Village Fete this year so if you have an abundance of fruit or vegetables we would love to hear from you and will be extremely grateful.

You can find the dates of our meetings in the magazines calendar section. Do come along you will be most welcome and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Flora Virgoe
President

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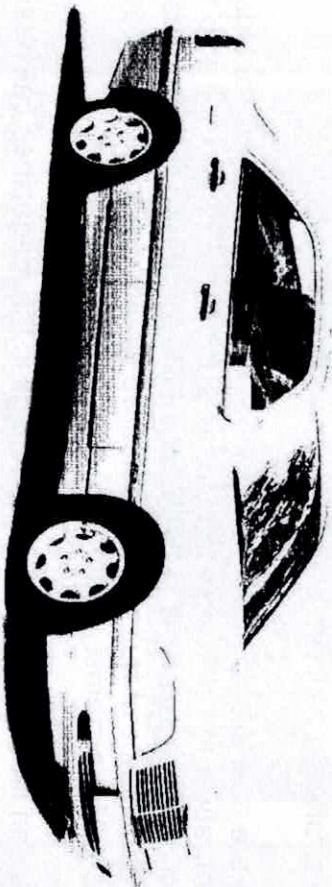


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As an employee at Hyde Hall and a resident of East Hanningfield, I have always been amazed how few people know about the good work being done at the beautiful gardens just a stone's throw from our village. For those of you who don't know, Hyde Hall is one of four gardens owned by the Royal Horticultural Society. It was originally a working farm owned by Mr and Mrs Robinson who kindly bequeathed it to the RHS back in 1993. Since then it has grown and evolved into a beautiful hill top oasis surrounded by rolling farmland. As I walk up the hill to work each morning, I still find it hard to believe that I am in Essex.

There has been so much development within the garden over the past few years; with much more to come. We are presently expanding our much feted Dry Garden; this has received a lot of press attention of late, thanks to the hose pipe ban. We have put in a new lake and are in the process of completing two Courtyard Gardens. There are also plans afoot for a 60 acre perennial wildflower meadow and a Mediterranean Garden, complete with herbs, lavender and vines.

We also host events at Hyde Hall. Coming up this summer, we have a Jazz Evening and Theatre Evening; bring a picnic (and glass of something nice!) and be entertained in beautiful surroundings. We also have a talk by Jekka McVicar, flower arranging evenings, the Hyde Hall Flower Show in August and much, much more. If you would like to know more about events, joining the RHS or even volunteering with us, you can either call into the Visitor Centre and pick up a leaflet, visit the RHS website on www.rhs.org.uk/hydehall or give me a call on the number below.

Nicky Hall

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PARISH COUNCIL

The group of volunteers who carry out Community Speedwatch in the village is due for retraining, so if you are interested in joining the team this would be a good time to put yourself forward. Please contact Tony Lees on 400338 for more information.

PC has received the report analysing the results of the Housing Survey that was inserted in the last edition of the News. The results are anonymous, and neither I nor any members of PC will ever see the returned forms. Twenty one of the forms returned said that they were in need of housing, but only eighteen of those gave details, so the results have been calculated using the information given by the eighteen. In total 44 people were in need of housing, this being made up of couples, individuals, lone parent families and two parent families. Three households stated that they would prefer open market housing and one of those seemed to be in a financial position to achieve that. Five households stated they would prefer shared ownership, but their levels of savings and income indicate that only two of them would be able to do so. Eight households said that they would prefer to rent from local authority or housing association and their income levels suggest that this would be the appropriate choice. Two of the forms were concerned about the longer term.

The Housing Enabler's report concludes, "Fifteen forms were received indicating a need for affordable housing. Following general planning guidance this would lead to a recommendation of seven units. At this stage it is recommended that three one bedroom units, two two bedroom units and two three bedroom units be considered. There is some indication that income and savings levels could support shared ownership tenure in one or two units but the majority be rented". At the time of going to press PC was yet to consider the report.

In the last News I made reference to the City Council's Equipped Play Review, which included the proposal to close the play areas at

Catherine Close and Payne Place. I received some very useful information from residents about their use of the play areas and how much they are valued, and I was able to forward this information to the relevant councillors and officers. City Cllr. Richard Poulter was present at the PC meeting when the matter was discussed and residents attended to express their views, and he undertook to support the opposition against the plans for the East Hanningfield play areas. Some parents were able to organise a petition prior to the Review being debated at the City Council, which I am sure made a favourable impression. I am supposed to be hearing shortly from a City Council officer who will be looking at the future of equipped play in the village, and you can be assured that I will be able to convey to him the views of local parents.

PC has decided not to attempt to hold an Autumn Village Tidy, but suggested there might be a few more people who would like to adopt parts of the village to keep tidy, so if that it you, please let me know and I'll provide you with a litter picker, and some sacks.

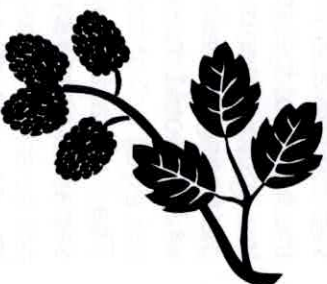
The East Hanningfield Village Design Statement Association has now been formed and has appointed its officers: Chairman, Cliff Foster; Secretary, David Lewis; Treasurer, Martin Harcourt Williams. You will be hearing from them shortly as they consult on various aspects of planning in the parish. If you are interested in becoming involved, they would be very pleased to hear from you. Please keep an eye open for posters announcing their meetings. The next is due to take place at the end of this month. You will be able to follow their activities on their dedicated website, which is linked from PC's website.

In the meantime you might like to give some thought to what you think enhances the appearance of the village and parish and what detracts from it. For example, some Essex villages are now having three storey houses built, would that be appropriate for us? Would the village have the same character if several householders decided to install brick walls and wrought iron electric gates?

PC Meetings continue of the FOURTH Thursday of the month. The Agenda appears on the noticeboards three days beforehand. The Meetings are open to members of the public, so you can come along and listen, and ask a question, if you have one, or make a statement during Public Question Time. If you have a matter which you think requires consideration by the Council please get it to me in writing a week before the meeting so that it can go on the Agenda as an item of correspondence.

Agenda and Minutes can be found on PC's website.

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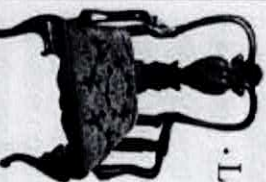


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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

A big thank you to Wendy, Jenny and their families and friends who organised once again a very successful Annual Art Show which this year raised over £1500. We are very grateful to Martyn Gard and his staff who came to the rescue to manufacture new display boards.

We are still evaluating the responses to the questionnaire regarding the future of the sports courts. We have however gone ahead with the improvements to the small hall which included insulating and plastering the hall, replacing the ceiling, lighting, doors and windows which should make it much warmer to use during the winter months.

The Annual Fete is on Saturday 8th September. Please see the separate article by the fete chairman Jackie Feehan.

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 Dan Crow on **01245 400965**. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate if you live in the parish.



East Hanningfield

More information about the charity can be found on our website which is part of the Parish Council website
www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/
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VILLAGE FETE 2012

After a rather damp summer, we're hoping that the sun shines from around 1.30pm on Saturday September 8th, when this year's fete takes place, raising funds for Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church. In keeping with the sporting theme, there will be a children's cricket competition, as well as the 5-a-side football and a mini-Olympic race to watch. If you were inspired by the Olympic archery event at Lord's, then come along and try your hand at firing some arrows, courtesy of Perris Archery. Under 16s can enter the free competition to find the best decorated hat, inspired by the Olympic Games – bring your hat to the large hall by 2pm on the day. Long-time favourite, Ali Barmy returns, as part of the programme of events, which also features the Cockleshell Clog Dancers. A giant inflatable slide, stalls and games make up the rest of the entertainment, and there will be plenty of refreshments; from beer tent to barbecue, and cream teas to cakes!

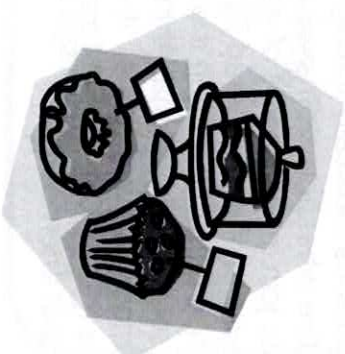


If you can't join us on the day, please make sure you don't miss out completely by buying some draw tickets – on sale in the village shop – as once again, there are some excellent prizes to be won.

Donations for the book stall and of homemade cakes will be gratefully received and the white elephant stall requires new and interesting items to sell. We need lots of help to set up stalls between 10 and 12, and to clear away after 5pm, and would welcome volunteers of any age to lend a hand.

Please contact me if you can help, or require more information.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

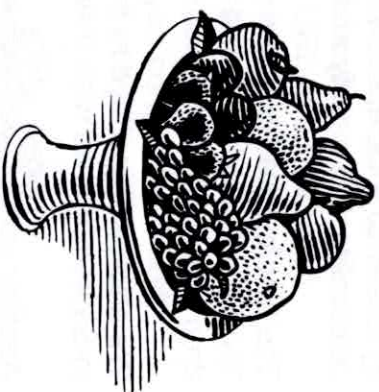
At W.I we have been in a whirlwind of hilarity and excitement packed with a mass of good fun. Our celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and our 95th birthday was a 'brilliant' success.



The Essex W.I Chairman June Ward and our W.I Adviser Moira Wiltshire were our guests, together with our oldest member who was also 95 years young. Our little hall had an abundance of flags, flowers and the decorated tables were fit for the Queen herself. We had bowls of strawberries and cream, Devon teas, outstanding cakes and pride of place, a birthday cake that surpassed all expectations. The rich fruit cake baked by Joy Devall was mouth wateringly superb. The decoration by Jan Vaile skilfully depicted all that the W.I is famous for, baking, music, gardening and needlework, it was truly magnificent and a shame to cut it – but we did. One of our ladies, Hazel Bailey cleverly knitted everyone a red white and blue buttonhole as a keepsake.

The entertainer Roy Spiller, jogged our memories as he skilfully took us musically through the decades. It became quite competitive when the room was split into two groups and each side invited to join in the chorus of well known 60's song. Tom Jones 'Delliah' was skilfully rendered by my side. But the Chairman and Adviser had difficulties when it was revealed that they had the yodelling song. The National Anthem and Jerusalem rang in our ears as we made our way home. It will be a talking point for some months I am sure. Our grateful thanks are given to all our ladies who helped that afternoon.

We are now looking forward to our Annual Garden Party regardless of the weather and have a wide selection of speakers for our future meetings as well as many other events. The calendar is very full. We are still making a special plea for donations of any fruit and vegetables for our produce stall at the Village Fete. I am afraid my 'Ferrari' dwarf beans have had to retire from the race to the Village Fete due to the an attack of slugs and weather conditions. The dates of our meetings can be found in the diary section of the magazine and we hope you will be able to come and meet us soon. You will be most welcome.



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PRESCHOOL

The weeks of the summer term were very busy. The preschool celebrated the Queen's Jubilee, the children had their picture taken by Essex Chronicle, showing their skills in tree planting. They also celebrated with a party and making personalised key rings.

The last few weeks of term the children had been focusing on the "Olympics" which included their very own mini Olympics all the children were gold medal winners.

We also said goodbye to our older children who are starting school in September, we wish them all the best and good luck.

Another school year has passed and lots of fun has been had by all children and staff. A huge thank you to all our staff and committee members for all their hard work over the last school year.

We will be holding our AGM on 19th September at 09.30am at the village hall. If you feel you have something to contribute or would like to play a part in the preschool committee, please come along. We are pleased to announce that we have had an increase in our numbers and hope this success continues into 2013.

If your child is aged 2-4 years and you are interested in your child attending the preschool, spaces are starting to become limited and on certain days there is now a waiting list.

Please visit our website www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk or call 07732951613 during session hours, Monday-Thursday 9:15-12.15. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have a child under 2 and wish to come and view the preschool please contact us and we can then place you on our waiting list.

Francesca Chapman
Secretary

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where the email appears to be from a trusted source, but has the subject headings and an attachment also called **"Private Message"**. If you click on the attachment it will hack into your email contacts list & it to all your contacts and might leave your computer vulnerable to a virus. Just delete both these types of emails immediately.



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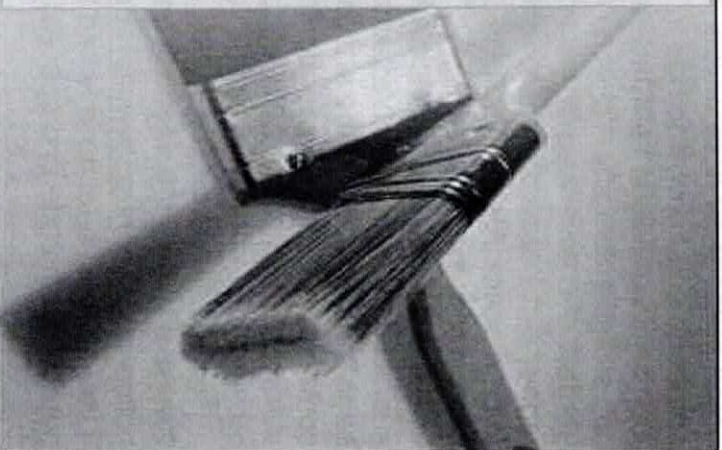
If you suspect a tel no is linked to a scam or fraud try Googling the number (with code and spaces) to see if it's already been reported.

Want to help us to make our village safer? The next NhW Meeting: Wed 26th Sept, 8pm – Bethel Church Meeting Room: All residents are welcome. It's usually attended by a police officer. If you have an issue, want to know more about your NhW or have ideas about how to reduce local crime come along (Just want to receive our emailed local NhW crime updates? Contact me or for information go to our website.)

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BETHEL CHURCH—RUN THE GOOD RACE

What can be said that hasn't already been said about our fantastic medal haul at the London 2012 Olympic games? I'm sure like me, you've been yelling at the TV screen, willing our athletes over the line.

I also loved hearing the stories behind many of the Olympians who overcame great difficulties even to compete, let alone stand on the podium.

One of my fond Olympic memories was several years ago during the Barcelona Olympics, the world saw one of the greatest moments in Olympic history. Derek Redmond, a young man from Britain, had dreamed all his life of winning a gold medal in the 400 meter race. He had worked hard to get to the Olympics and his dream was within his reach. He was in the semi-finals and was running the race of his life. He could see the finish line just ahead as he rounded the final turn. Suddenly, he felt a sharp pain in the back of his leg and he fell to the track with a torn muscle in his right leg.

As the medical attendants ran toward him, Derek struggled to his feet. He started to hop toward the finish line on one foot in an attempt to finish the race. Suddenly, a large man came out of the stands, pushed aside a security guard and ran to Derek's side. It was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek. "Well, then," said his father, "we're going to finish this together."

And they did. They stayed in Derek's lane all the way to the end. At first, the crowd watched in silence. Then they rose to their feet and cheered, and wept.

Derek Redmond didn't win the gold medal, but he walked away with the incredible memory of a loving father who, when he saw his son in pain, left his seat in the stands to help him finish the race.

The Christian life is often referred to as a race. The Christian race begins when we receive Jesus as our Saviour. It continues as we daily put our trust in him and step out to be his person and to do his will. We live day by day on the basis of his amazing grace. The Christian life is enabled and empowered by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit doesn't do it for us - we are the ones who have to step out with confidence, trusting him as we run the race. There is effort in the Christian life. We depend on what God has done for us in Christ our Saviour.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame. Hebrews 12:1-2

The Bible teaches us that life is like a race that has been set before us. We may struggle and face many obstacles, but we have a great crowd of witnesses who encourage us on. We have a Heavenly Father who loves us and will help us when the pain is too great. We have a Saviour, who left his place in heaven and came to earth to show us how to run the race. If we will keep our eyes on him, how can we help but finish the race?

At Bethel Church, we probably don't look like the fully toned athletes that we've seen winning Olympic glory, but we are running our race, nonetheless.

Come and join us on our Marathon. Or come and say hello at the Village Fete.

From all your friends at Bethel Church.

VILLAGE DIARY

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SEPTEMBER

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| Sun 2 | 8.30am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church
10am ALL AGE SERVICE at All Saints' Church
10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green |
| Wed 5 | 3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.
1.30pm VILLAGE FETE at Hanna's Field (Village Hall). |
| Sat 8 | 8.30am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church |
| Sun 9 | 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
4pm PRAYER GROUP HALF HOUR at All Saints' Ch
2.15pm EDWARD BEAR CLUB at All Saints' Church
10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church |
| Mon 10 | 9.30am PRESCHOOL AGM in the Village Hall. |
| Sun 16 | 2pm WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING in the WI Hall.
2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.
4.30pm SUMMER FAIR at the School - (rescheduled) |
| Wed 19 | 11am-1pm CAFE BAR at Bethel Church
10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church
10am COFFEE MORNING at Bethel Church. |
| Fri 21 | 8pm NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING at Bethel Church. All residents welcome. |
| Sat 22 | 8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance. |
| Sun 23 | 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch |
| Tue 25 | 11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church |
| Wed 26 | 10am COFFEE MORNING at Bethel Church. |
| Thur 27 | 8pm NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING at Bethel Church. All residents welcome. |
| Sun 30 | 8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side entrance.
10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
11am SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church. Details to be confirmed |

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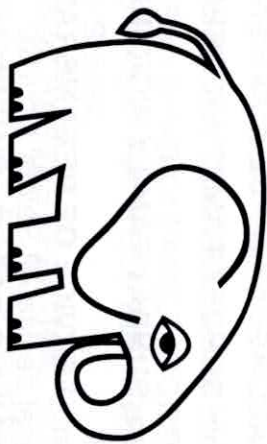
- Wed 3 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Sun 7 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
12.45-1.45pm **HARVEST PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH**
at the School.
2-2.45pm **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at All Saints' Ch
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
Church
- Sun 14 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
4pm **PRAYER GROUP HALF HOUR** at All Saints'
2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** at All Saints' Ch
2pm **WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING** in the WI
Hall.
- Wed 17 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car
park.
- Sun 21 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
Church
11am **ST LUKE'S DAY HEALING SERVICE** at All
Saints' Church
- Thur 25 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor
meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side
entrance.
- Sun 28 11am **ALL SOULS SERVICE TO REMEMBER** at All
Saints' Church
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car
park.
- Wed 31

NOVEMBER

- Sun 4 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
Church
- Sunday 11th 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
Church
10.50am **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** at the War
Memorial beside All Saints' Church.
4pm **PRAYER GROUP HALF HOUR** at All Saints'
Church
- Mon 12 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** at All Saints' Church
- Wed 14 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car
park.
- Sun 18 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
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- Wed 28

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

At East Hanningfield C of E Primary School we have completed another successful academic year. In July we said farewell to our Year 6 children who move on to new challenges and adventures. They marked their leaving with an assembly, a special service at the church where they were presented with Bibles and then some bowling and burgers with their friends. We wish them every success in their new schools.

Despite the weather we still managed to achieve lots in the Summer Term. Our Year 4 & 5 children took part in the Sandon Summer Concert with other local Primary schools. We won the District sports with a commanding medal haul and our KS1 children did just as well in the Mini Olympics.

In school the Olympic theme was seen everywhere. Children in class 1 travelled the world on their magic carpet to learn about different countries. We held an Olympic sports day with Olympic torches and performed our very own Olympic ceremony. Class 3 used our own 'Aquatic centre' to hold a swimming competition that parents were invited to.

Earlier in the term the Years 5 & 6 children took part in the Junior music festival at the Civic theatre. We also celebrated Music in our school with our own Music afternoon with all children in the school sharing their musical skills with their parents.

We look towards our new academic year in September with great enthusiasm. Unfortunately the weather did prevent us from holding our Summer Fair in July. This has been re-scheduled for Friday 21st September at 4.30pm. It would be lovely to see lots of you there.

Kerry Collins
Headteacher, East Hanningfield C of E Primary School

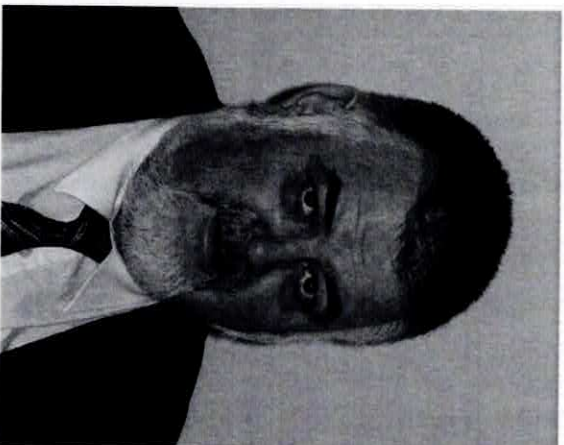
CITY COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

One thing I can be sure to encounter as I meet people is a view on what development takes place in our village. Over the years our agricultural village has morphed into a rural community where virtually all the old farm buildings are now industrial in some way shape or form.

A Village Design Statement enables us to determine the principles upon which all future development happens: where, how and when. Please, please get involved with the team creating this vital document which will affect all our lives and our village life for the future. I have heard some wonderful suggestions and views from many people what a waste if these views are not incorporated in an official future plan.

I often adversely criticise Highways Department, it is great to see the roads so much improved and the work was carried out with considerable expertise and efficiency. Great to recount good news for a change.

Sincere good wishes to you all.



Mike Harris
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FROM REVEREND PAM

There are many stories about Jesus which show how much people meant to him. He went out of his way to meet them, he talked to them, he lived with them, he healed them. We cannot all live exactly the same way as Jesus nowadays - he was an itinerant preacher - but we can offer friendly hospitality and a welcome to others we meet, especially in the church. This is one way of sharing, and showing, the love of God.

Our church has been welcoming people through its doors for many years. But we have been aware that our welcome is limited. We would now like to extend this welcome further by offering some basic amenities close to the church. We are considering two options. One is a toilet with outside access attached to the south side of the church. The other is a toilet and small kitchen, on the outside of the north wall, which would have inside as well as outside access. The second option would include a small social area in the transept by removing the pews there.

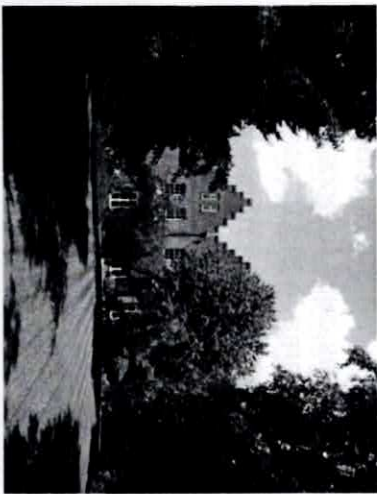
It would be wonderful to be able to extend our hospitality to you all as much as we can and enjoy meeting people over refreshments. Our festival services (eg Harvest, All Souls, Remembrance, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter) have particularly high numbers and we are short of space and amenities on these occasions to be as welcoming as we would like.

We will keep you informed of further developments as they occur. Meanwhile, we would be happy to hear what you think. May the welcoming love and peace of Christ be with you

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All Saints' will be involved in the **Village Fete on Saturday 8th September** as usual and looks forward to helping to make it a great afternoon out for everybody. But for keen cyclists as well as walkers, may we draw your attention to the possibility of a great morning out on wheels or on foot, before you have fun in the afternoon. The annual **"Ride & Stride"** sponsored event, in aid of Friends of Essex Churches Trust takes place from 10.00 am on the same day. Local organiser is Miss Daphne Hilliar and you can telephone her on 01245 264444 for details and sponsor forms.

The start of our **Autumn programme** follows on immediately:

The Prayer Group reconvenes at 4.00 pm in the church on Sunday 9th September.

Prayer Group meets at 4.00pm on the second Sunday of every month. We pray for our church, our community and the world. If you would like us to pray for anything then please contact us. We have been meeting for well over a year now.

Edward Bear Club continues on Monday 10th September at 2.15 pm in Church.

Edward Bear Club which meets at 2.15pm on the second Sunday of every month is now two years old. This is an opportunity for 0's to 5's to meet together and learn about the faith in a fun way. There are action songs and a story and this is followed by refreshments for adults and a playtime for children.

Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday 7th October and we are planning a Harvest Lunch followed by a Harvest Celebration in church.. **St Luke's Day Service** with a healing theme and opportunity for




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prayer is at 11.00 am on Sunday 21st October.

The annual service to remember loved ones we have lost is at 11.00 am, on Sunday 28th October. Names submitted to Pam will be read out and there is an opportunity to light a candle. We are hoping to have the church open the day before (Saturday 27) for those who would like to light a candle in remembrance and are unable to come to the service.

All Saints' Day All Age Celebration Service is at 10.00 am, on Sunday 6th November. We will display photographs and artefacts of historical interest to the church.

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 11th November this year, starting at approx. 10.50 am for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside the church, and then continuing inside for the Service of Remembrance.

As always, we offer a warm welcome to all our services & events. If you wish to obtain further information, please try our recently enhanced web site: www.easthanningfieldchurch.org

There is a lot of information and photos on our website. For those of you who like technology, why not collect one of our new business cards which have a QR logo which can be read by the barcode scanner on your smart phone to take you straight to our website.

If you would like to receive our monthly Information Leaflet through your door each month to keep you up to date, please contact Ron Attenborough as below. Be assured that it is free - both of any charge and of any obligation. We shall be more than happy to add your name to the distribution list.

Meeting the needs of our community

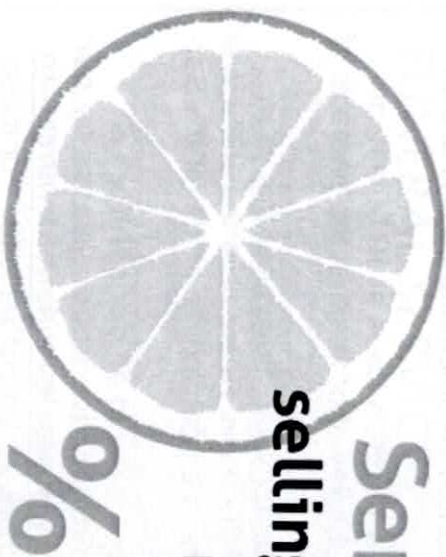
We are always looking at ways in which we can meet the needs of our community. As Pam has said we are trying to make the building more welcoming and we are always interested in any ideas about ways in which we can serve the local needs. If you have any ideas that you would like us to consider then please contact us.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYING FIELD & VIL- LAGE HALL PROJECT 1972-1986 by Alan Dixon

I was privileged to have been involved with this project from the beginning to the end, as a member, then Chairman of East Hanningfield Parish Council; as Chairman of East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee from its inception; and subsequently, member of the later land management committee.

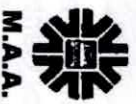
It is my intention in this brief article therefore, to present a factually correct account of the project from its inception to its completion, since it represents a very considerable achievement for a small community such as East Hanningfield, which has not been accurately recorded hitherto.

The East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee (EHCCAC) was created by East Hanningfield Parish Council (EHPC) in May, 1972, and was answerable to the Parish Council. There having been no previous initiative in the village for this purpose, it was tasked with raising money to purchase land should such a piece of land become available, in order to replace the rented playing field and to provide a site for a village hall.

In order to create a small float of working cash, the six all male members of the new committee, two of whom had only arrived in the village during the previous year, raffled a bottle of Scotch whisky amongst themselves, but as the saying goes, out of small acorns great oaks may grow!

A programme of events was devised, which by reason of its wide entertainment value would attract the general public at large, and this strategy was an instant success. However, the annual Christmas draw just involved all the village households, whilst the mid summer wine bottling party was very popular with a specific clientele, and themed supper dances were also successful. Using Mildenhall Round Table's team and equipment, the new annual East Hanning-

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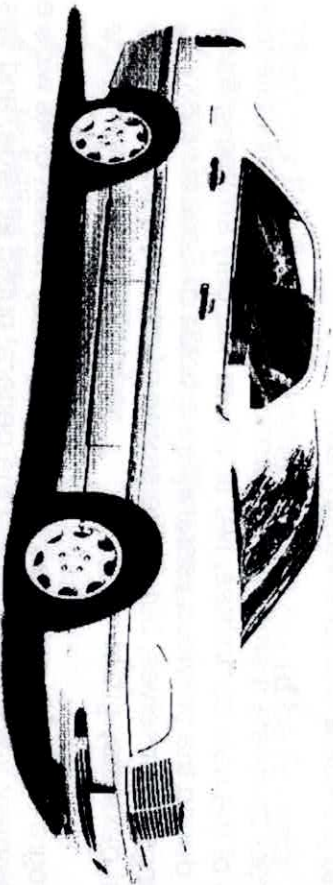
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field Go Cart Grand Prix was immediately popular in September, 1972, and it was followed in March of 1975 by the first annual Chelmsford Model Railway Show, which was even more successful, with both events attracting visitors in their thousands. However, none of these activities would have been possible without the small army of people of all ages and both sexes, from all parts of the community, some of whom did not even live in East Hanningfield, who turned out 'on the day' each to his or her allotted post as part of the team, in order to make the event happen.

Sadly, one failure has to be recorded in order to complete the fund raising picture, inasmuch as the concert featuring the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which was promoted by the Committee at the Odeon Cinema in Chelmsford, made a loss.

When a piece of land ultimately became available in 1978, although EHCAC had already raised a sufficient capital to complete the purchase outright from The Writtle Brewery Company and Mecca Limited, EHPC decided that it would be best practice to spread the purchase price of £7,000 over future generations of users of the land, and a 20 year loan was arranged with the Public Works Loan Board to complete the purchase in March 1979. This enabled part of the capital raised by EHCAC to that time together with a small grant from Chelmsford Borough Council, to be used for levelling, sub soil drainage and seeding of the land, in order that, once acquired, it could be brought into public use in the shortest possible time. No other organisation contributed either to the purchase price or to the cost of these improvements. Planning permission was then obtained for change of use of the land from agricultural to recreational, and arrangements were made with the electricity supply utility to place underground, the overhead supply cables which crossed the land.

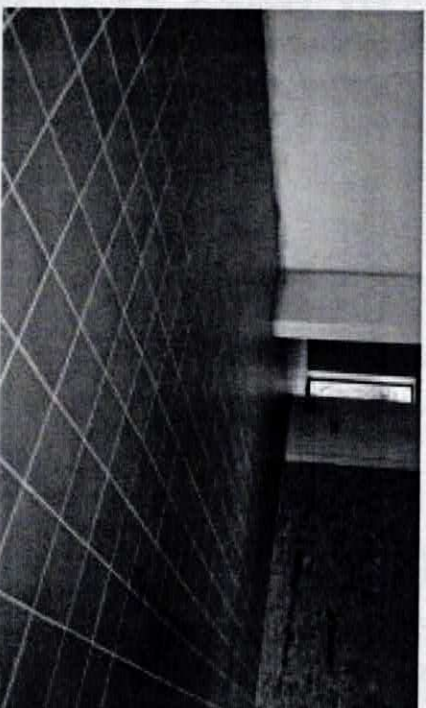
EHCAC continued with fund raising activity specifically to raise capital towards the cost of a hall to be placed on the newly acquired field. Meanwhile, and with a view to providing a hall facility in the shortest space of time, a dismantled industrial unit was purchased. However, as the committee developed the concept, it became ap-

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parent that this building would be as costly to adapt and less appropriate for the task than entirely new build, and it was sold. An acceptable quotation having been obtained for the construction of a more suitable new building, Parish Council pursued the matter of financing the project. In addition to the capital raised by EHCCAC, grants were obtained from Chelmsford Borough Council, Essex County Council, and once again EHPC, the latter being funded by a 20 year loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

At this point, since its fund raising activities as a registered charity were exclusive to itself and for its sole benefit, East Hanningfield Playgroup Association offered a contribution of £2,500 conditionally against the provision of suitable facilities.

A contract was placed in 1985 on a 'shoe string' budget, to construct a four bay building using second hand portal frames. However, there still remained a shortfall on the £100,000 project, but the final balance was secured by means of an interest-free loan over 5 years from the Sports Council for England's eastern region. Access to the site remained a problem however, but the splendid gift by a parishioner of a considerable tonnage of valuable crushed concrete enabled a satisfactory roadway and car parking area to be created, without which, use of the new building would have been impractical in January, 1986, when it was opened. Prior to the opening, in order to save cost, interior decoration of the hall was carried out by a very small group of ladies from the village. Also, to enable the new building to offer as wide a range of facilities as possible from the outset, a just affordable minimum of furnishing and sports equipment was purchased from Essex County Supplies.

In conclusion, it must be said that the fact the playing field and village hall have continued to be a success is the legacy of, and a fitting tribute to all those people, sadly, many of whom are now dead, who participated in the project, no matter how large or small their contribution, since without their unfailing support, the project would have been impossible to achieve.

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Every year Hanna's Field Charity in partnership with All Saints Church organises a Grand Draw for the Village Fete. Last year we made over £3,000 towards Hall and Church improvements. Even if you can't come to the fete you can still support us by buying the draw tickets included with this East Hanningfield News. We have nearly a £1,000 worth of prizes to be won, including a £150 cash first prize.

Tickets are £1 each or £5.00 for the book. If you would like to buy the tickets please return the counterfoils and money either to me at the address on the tickets or, if more convenient, give the stubs and cash to Ash in the village shop. If posting, send stubs with a cheque made out to Hanna's Field Charity rather than paying by cash.

Good luck and thank you for your support!
Mike Plumridge, Treasurer, Hanna's Field Charity

You are invited to a village
Harvest Ploughman's Lunch
in East Hanningfield School hall
on **Sunday 7 October 2012 from 12.45pm to 1.45pm.**

Craft activities will be available for children and there will be a suggested small donation to cover the cost of the food.

From 2.00-2.45pm there will be a
Harvest Festival in All Saints' church.

Gifts of harvest produce can be presented in the church celebration and will be given to a local charity

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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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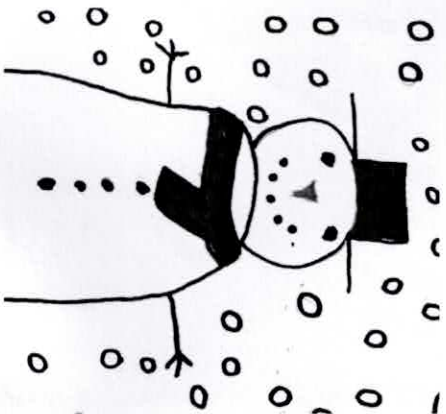
for publication on 1st. March. Please continue to send articles & advertisements to me at karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or 2 Clinton Close.

COVERS

Congratulations to Elena Williams for her Robin in the Snow, the winner of this year's Christmas Cover Competition. There were 35 entries this year, and they were all really good, which made judging a difficult task, but the judges enjoyed all the various depictions of Christmas and Winter in East Hanningfield.

The runners-up for each class are shown on the back cover. A few of the other entries can be found decorating the inner pages and in colour in the version of this News published on the Parish Council's website.

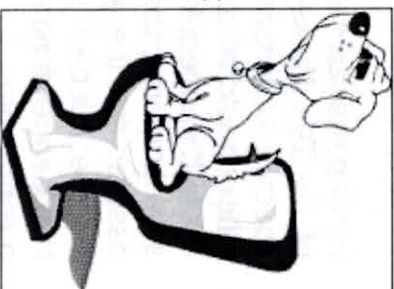
Thank you to all the entrants: you all did very well. Also, thank you to our local School for participating again this year. Lastly, thank you to the judges.



Snowman by George Hall

PARISH COUNCIL

At the request of a resident we return to the unpleasant subject of dog mess. I think we all know that it is an offence, in both senses of the word, for dog faeces to be left in public places. It is also dangerous because you can slip on a deposit if you are unlucky enough to tread in it and faeces carry a multitude of pathogens which remain in the environment when the poop has dispersed. The darker evenings make it tricky to avoid getting the stuff on your shoes when walking around the village. So, please clear up after your dog and put the waste in one of the many dog bins we have here. This applies to grassed as well as paved areas.



On a related matter, some dog owners seem to think that the signs prohibiting dogs from the fenced play area on Hanna's Field do not apply to them. However placid your dog might be with your children, it might not react so well to strange children, but more important, some children are terrified of dogs and will not use the play area if there is a dog there. Please respect the ban and do not take your dog in there.

Did you know that you can take a bus from East Hanningfield straight to Broomfield Hospital and then on to Great Dunmow? If you know someone who has missed a hospital appointment whilst driving around the car park looking for a space, you will appreciate the value of this service. It seems that Service 1 from East Hanningfield turns into Service 11 in Chelmsford and then carries on to Broomfield Hospital terminating at Great Dunmow Tesco. For up to date timetables and route map please see www.cartogold.co.uk/Essex_Public_Transport/

A few years ago, PC was approached by the Land Registry to voluntarily register any land it owns. This was thought a good idea by

PC and Hanna's Field Charity in order to prevent encroachment, which is a particular risk for public open space. Processes in real life are never as simple as the publicity would suggest, and various problems were one by one resolved so that Hanna's Field and its access are now registered.

Having noticed some die back on one of the trees at the south end of the Tye, I asked the arboriculturist at Chelmsford Council to inspect it. Unfortunately she advised that the tree in question and another should be removed, there being a danger that they might fall over. It is a requirement that trees that are removed from the conservation area should be replaced within two years, so you can be assured that the gaps will be filled. The *Pyracantha* on the Tye will also be cut back severely as it has spread well beyond the area that it was intended to occupy and has been colonised by a vigorous bramble.

If your property has a boundary which is skirted by a road, pavement or footpath, please could you check that there is nothing growing out which will impede the progress of passers-by? In particular, brambles seem to grow for most of the year, and pop out of hedges when you think you have everything under control. This is the time of year for hedge cutting, as mentioned by Penny on page 29, and what you need to remember is that they grow from the point to which you have cut them back, so if you cut your hedge to the edge of the footpath it will soon grow across it. You will probably remember that I have mentioned this subject before, but that is because it does generate complaints from residents.

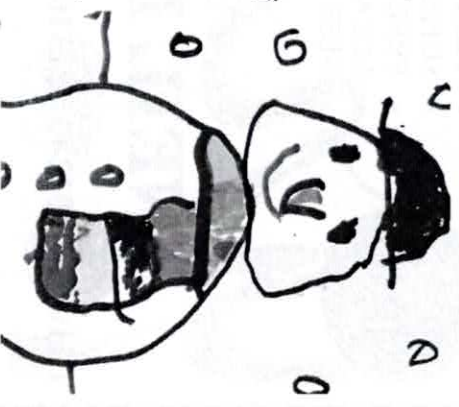
When the traffic calming was installed in the village, the PC, and probably most residents, were surprised that the 30mph speed limit did not extend down Old Church Road as far as the junction with Pan Lane. A 40mph speed limit presently runs from that junction to the Geoffrey Close junction. Since that time PC has been receiving complaints from residents of Old Church Road about speed problems there and has been pressing the County Council to reduce the

limit to 30mph. This repeated request was thought to have fallen on deaf ears, but a recent review of such requests by the County Council has resulted in that one being proposed for action. There has to be a consultation for such changes, and PC has already responded in support.

You might be wondering what happened about the proposed closure of the Payne Place and Catherine Close play areas. PC invited the Chelmsford Council officers to a meeting which also included Colin Warren as Chairman of Hanna's Field Charity. Negotiations are going to be protracted, but PC knows the strength of feeling of residents and users of the play areas and is doing all it can to retain this provision for the youngest children.

The role of Parish Clerk is wide and varied. I recently attended an event which included a briefing on blocked sewers. It seems that the manufacturers of tampons, baby & hand wipes and other similar items are misleading us when they say their products are flushable. Yes, they do flush away, but then they block the drain somewhere down the line. It seems the only manufactured article that should be flushed down the loo is toilet tissue. Blocked sewers should be reported on 08457 145 145. If the blockage is beyond your property Anglian Water will clear it, but if it is on your property you will have to pay an independent drain clearing company to do it, so it is worth remembering how not to block it in the first place!

Last Winter when we had a covering of snow on the ground, a few residents took it upon themselves to spread some of the grit on to pavements from the salt bins we have around the village. Thank you for doing that. If anyone should decide to do the same this Winter, please note that I am advised



Snowman by
Dominic Williams

by the County Council who supply the grit that it is ineffective on snow deeper than 1cm, so it has to be cleared first, and it is unlikely that the bins will be refilled before the Spring, so please use sparingly. If you need grit for your garden/driveway, please do not use the grit in the bins, which is provided specifically for use on pavements and roads. You can buy bags of grit at do-it-yourself/garden centres.

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the 4th. Thursday of the month, but the forthcoming meeting will be on 13th. December and will be the Budget Meeting, the Budget having been delayed in order to take into account awaited Government pronouncements on the Council Tax.

Karen Plumridge,
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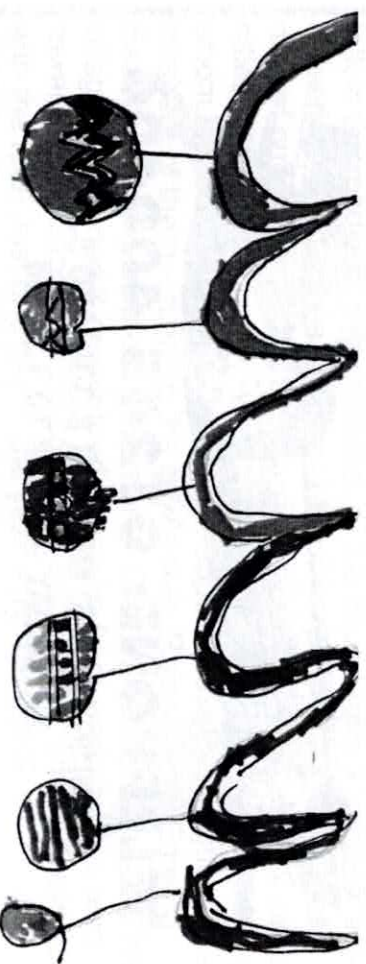
BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Whilst we Christians celebrate Christmas, people of different faiths and of no faith enjoy it with us. It is very easy to see the shortcomings of individuals and organisations and wholly right that we highlight them and demand their improvement. However at a recent meeting I attended, and I attend many, a colleague was asked to justify foreign aid. He said that in the third world a child, otherwise healthy dies from malnutrition, starvation and associated problems every two minutes day in, day out. Here in Britain a group of veterinary scientists has been commissioned to deal with the growing problem of obesity in pets. He developed the argument no further so neither will I.

Let us be happy with our freedoms and our comforts and support each other where we can. Thank you for the privilege of serving you all as a City Councillor and a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2013.

Sincerely

Mike Harris
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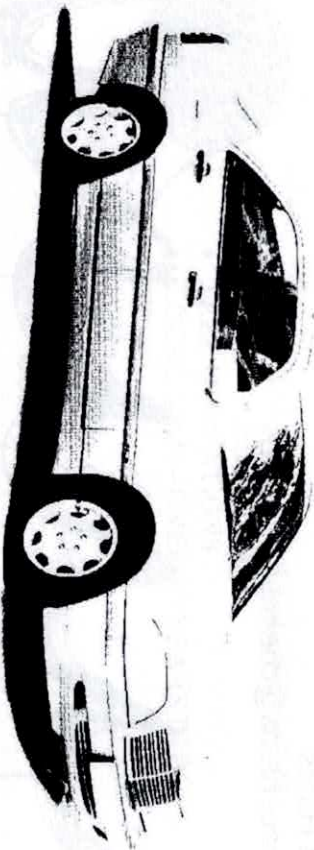
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VILLAGE FETE 2012

September 8th was gloriously hot & sunny, continuing an almost unbroken tradition of fair weather fete days in East Hanningfield. £3680 was the final total raised, which will be shared between Hanna's Field Charity & All Saints' Church. Thanks are due to all those many people who contributed, in a multitude of ways, to making the fete such a success. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the invaluable support of our principal sponsors - J Gard & Sons, David Chennells & Co, Carol Phillips at Intercounty, Paul Edwards at Chelmer Site Investigations & Chelmer Drain Fix Ltd.

There are photos of the fete on the village website (<http://essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil>), which show all aspects of the Olympic themed event, from the fiercely competitive annual 5-A-side football competition & our old favourite, Ali Barry, to this year's 'have a go' activity - archery! Perris Archery, with a shop on the outskirts of the village, was keen to become involved in the fete; thus joining an ever-increasing number of local businesses which have supported us in recent years, by donating draw prizes, offering sponsorship or practical help. We are grateful to Fordhams, East Hanningfield Motors, Communicate, CP Printing, The Windmill and Ash at the village shop for their continued participation.

After heading the committee for 5 years, I am handing over to Jenny Ash, who will, from now on, be the voice urging readers of this magazine to contribute to the fete. This summer there's been much talk in the media, & by politicians, of the importance & value of volunteering. The Games makers at the Olympics received a great deal of public praise, but there are many unsung heroes in communities all over the country, who give of their time willingly, & without whom lots of activities just wouldn't happen. East Hanningfield has its share of them - running the bowls club, Rainbows or Edward Bear club; being a school governor or Church Warden; keeping the village hall funded & maintained. It can be hard work, but it's also rewarding, sociable & often great fun. Especially if you're involved with the fete! Just one day in the year - try it in 2013!

Jackie Feehan and the 2012 Fete Committee

EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

What a super day. The Village Fete had everything including great weather. We had a lovely time talking to villagers and produced a stall brimming with many craft gifts. Thank you to everyone who came to see us and purchased goods from the stall. We are already designing and planning our crafts for next year's Fete and hope you will come and see us again.

The W.I provides hospitality teas for other W.I's who visit the area and organisations that are on a day's outing visiting nearby attractions. We provided one such tea in July for an organisation from Chelmsford who holds a weekly club for the elderly and those who live on their own. Their summer outing was a trip to Dedham and they wanted tea on their return home. We catered for 30 ladies & gentlemen and in true W.I fashion the tea included home baking. We had a super afternoon, humour abounded from table to table and we celebrated eight birthdays that day. We are delighted that they wish to repeat the experience again next year and look forward to their return.

Our Harvest Lunch in October was again a great success. Our usual invitation to our neighbouring W.I's swelled the numbers even higher this year. A piping hot lunch was followed by a mouth watering array of the most sumptuous puddings. Crowd control had to be put in place. It was a relaxed afternoon giving everyone an opportunity to chat and laugh and catch up on news. The afternoon concluded with an excellent raffle. I think our numbers may grow even greater next year for this event.

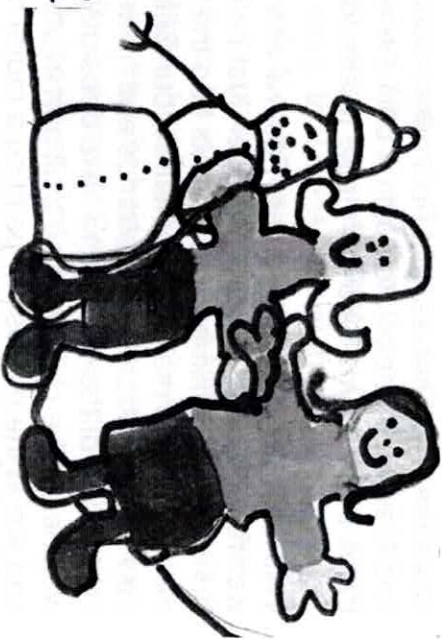
Your Village W.I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind support this year to our village events, this is very much appreciated. We would also like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

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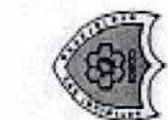
we are sure you will decide to stay. We have a very full programme throughout the year with some very interesting speakers as well as activities, food being our forte of course. Our meeting dates are in this magazine's calendar and you would be most welcome.

Flora Virgoe

*Children & Snowman
By Honor Fletcher*



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EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

Another half term has passed & we look towards the festivities of Christmas. Autumn saw us hold our re-scheduled Summer Fair and the rain managed to hold off until the very end. I would like to thank those of you who were able to attend & make it a success.

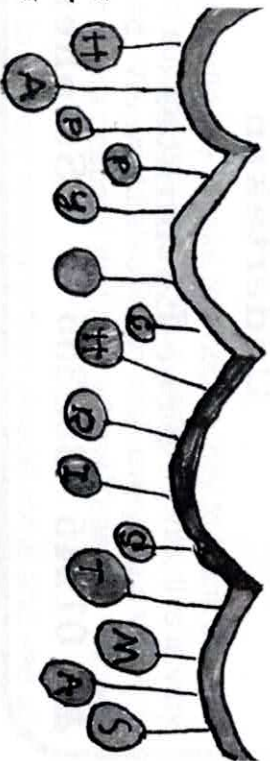
This term we held our Harvest Festival at the church which was well received by the parents. Then just before half term we held an Art week and children and parents had the opportunity to get messy, to help make and construct our British Wildlife display that now proudly adorns our entrance and hallway. The children are all very proud of their work and have become avid bird and animal watchers. The children also took part in printing, clay modelling and are in the process of painting a mural for our school hall, with the help of one of our parents.

In the coming weeks we have a whole school trip to the Civic Theatre to watch the Panto 'Dick Whittington' Then Key Stage 2 children will be performing their own Panto of 'Puss in Boots' to parents and Key Stage 1 children will be holding a Christmas Service in the church. With visits from Santa, Christmas lunch, decorating the Christmas tree and the school choir and class 4 singing at Hyde Hall's Christmas shopping evening on 22nd November, another busy but enjoyable term will have flown.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas from everyone at East Hanningfield C of E Primary School.

Kerry Collins
Headteacher

Decorations
by Oscar
Wolf Kirk



REVEREND PAM

Just recently I found something, an unusual Christmas decoration in a shop in London. It was a carved nativity scene, complete with animals, but carved onto a cross. I had never seen a nativity scene like this before. The decoration was a reminder that the Christmas story is also part of the Easter story, that Christmas is the beginning of a story and not an end in itself. It reminds me that the baby Jesus had a destiny before him and a purpose which included a cross. It reminds me that Jesus chose to be vulnerable as a baby and chose to be vulnerable as a man. I bought the carved nativity in a cross as a reminder that Christmas is a time for being grateful not only to family and friends for their gifts, but also to God for closing the distance between heaven and earth, between God and us.

In our church we try, in our services, to help close the distance between God and us, so that we experience contact with Christ in some way. At the same time, we are also trying to make the church more hospitable and welcoming by providing toilet and kitchen facilities. To this end we have a meeting arranged with planners of various relevant organisations to consider the possibilities of two options which may provide these facilities.

The church exists to provide a meeting place for Christ and the community. This Christmas we will be celebrating Christ's birth and in expectation that He will be among us. We will celebrate in expectation that our Christmas services will not be an end in themselves, but mark the beginning, or deepening, of our faith.

May your Christmas be peaceful and joyful. May you meet the risen Christ as well as the baby. May God bless you this Christmas.

Rev'd Pam

...AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Village Fete is our starting point - first to thank everybody concerned for All Saints' share of the proceeds. This most welcome annual contribution to church finances helps us with our ongoing task of keeping our 128 year old, now Grade II listed building fit for purpose. But we are especially aware of this responsibility. Firstly because we have recently received the 5 yearly annual survey report, with its usual list of work to be carried out during the next 5 years. Secondly, and more dramatically, because a recent inspection of the belfry found that all three bell wheels are beginning to break up. This means no more bell ringing whilst a full assessment is made by the experts. Fortunately there are no further weddings booked for 2012 so no bride and groom have had to be disappointed by silence as they emerge from the church.

Community Service Teams have continued to give valuable help with the churchyard maintenance during the past "summer", but it has been a difficult year for them to put teams together, as well as for us all to cope with the adverse weather conditions. As a result, we have not kept on top of the job as well as we usually do, and we offer apologies to those who have visited the graves area and found things looking not so good. We really would appreciate any help the community can offer from time to time, particularly with strimming round the graves. Parish Council keeps the open areas well mown for us and that is a great help.

Christmas appears over the horizon with our All Age Christingle Service, combined Bethel & All Saints' carol singing in the village, a Children's Christmas Craft morning and the Nine Lessons & Carols Service followed by mince pies and a cuppa. Please join us if you possibly can for this very special occasion, and of course we shall hope to see you at one or more of our other Christmas services, Christmas Eve, Midnight and Christmas morning. Details in the Village Diary on pages 15 – 17, or on our website –

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VILLAGE DIARY

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DECEMBER

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| Sunday | 8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), Advent Sunday at All Saints' Church |
| 2 | ANNUAL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE followed by refreshments at All Saints' Church |
| Monday 3 | SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church |
| Sun 9 | 2-3.30pm HANNA'S TOTS for ages0-5 and their carers at the Village Hall. Enter by kitchen door. £2 donation |
| Wed 12 | 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church |
| Thur13 | 11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church |
| Sat 15 | 2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green |
| Sun 16 | 3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at the Village Hall car meeting room at the Village Hall. Use the side entrance. |
| Mon- day 17 | 8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. |
| Sun 23 | CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING in All Saints' Church at 3.45pm. Refreshments after. |
| Mon 24 | 4pm CAROL SINGING around the Village. Meet at Bethel Church at 3.45pm. Refreshments after. |
| Tues 25 | 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church |
| Sun 30 | 11am NINE LESSONS & CAROLS at All Saints' Church |
| | 2-3.30pm HANNA'S TOTS for ages0-5 and their carers at the Village Hall. Enter by kitchen door. £2 |
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| | 11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church |
| | 6pm FAMILY CAROL SERVICE at Bethel Church. |
| | 4pm CRIB & TREE SERVICE at All Saints' Church. |
| | 11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at All Saints' |
| | 10am CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church. |
| | 10am CHRISTMAS SERVICE at Bethel Church. |
| | 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch |
| | 11am FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church. |

Details yet to be announced.

JANUARY 2013

- Sun 6 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** - Epiphany at All Saints' Ch
 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 7 2-3.30pm **HANNA'S TOTS** for ages 0-5 and their carers at the
 Village Hall. Enter by kitchen door. £2 donation per session.
- Wed 9 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Thur10 8pm **PRAYER GROUP MEETING** venue to be advised
 Sun 13 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints Church
- Mon 14 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** at All Saints' Church
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 ers at the Village Hall. Enter by kitchen door. £2
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- Thurs24 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor
 Meeting room at the Village Hall
- Sun 27 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
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- Sun 3 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** - Candlemas at All Saints' Church
 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 4 2-3.30pm **HANNA'S TOTS** for ages 0-5 and their carers at the
 Village Hall. Enter by kitchen door. £2 donation per session.
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- Thur14 8pm **PRAYER GROUP MEETING** venue to be advised
- Fri 15 **COPYDATE FOR EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS**
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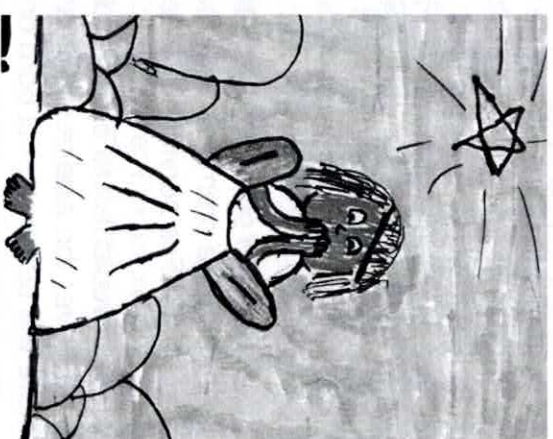
Evangelical Church

Invite you to join us for

Carols in the Village

On Saturday 15 December
 Meet at Bethel Church at
 3.45pm

If you cannot join us, listen
 out for us as we
 may be down your street.



Angel by Ellie Cheek

MESSAGE FROM ASH

It's an exciting time for the village store and the post office, as you are all already aware we have just completed the shop Refurbishment with added facilities of Lottery and Off-Licence.

Ever since I took over from Tom Wright in 2007 I have been considering ways to improve the Village store not just from business point of view, but for it to serve its purpose as a Community store & post office and to make it viable and sustainable for the future. Along with Hanna's Field Charity we developed a plan few years ago with the help of Paul Garner to extend the shop along with the Village Hall to have a Cafeteria & extended Village store, but unfortunately we could not go ahead with the plan mainly due to financial reasons. Therefore I went with a second option of refitting the village store to make use of the small space that's available, after a lot of planning and effort over a year we have now completed the shop make-over.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible: ECC Big Society Fund for their match-funding towards the refurbishment; Hanna's Field Charity for their contribution towards the replacement chiller; Members of Hanna's Field Charity and East Hanningfield Parish Council for their co-operation; my colleagues Terry Tricker & Jane Brunt for their work and, most of all, the Village residents who keep this shop going.

I would like to point out that although we have a Lottery and Off-licence in the premises, our main focus will be on essential goods and post office services & I welcome any feedback from customers.

Also, I would like to point out that we will be extending our opening hours over the weekends. Starting from 1st of December the Village store will be open until 6pm on Saturdays and 1pm on Sundays.

Kind Regards.

Ashraf Rahman

Sub Post Master

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Charity has had a busy summer with the refurbishment of the small hall. The small hall is now well insulated and lit with efficient low energy lighting. The doors and windows in the kitchen and the small hall have been replaced with new double glazed units. This refurbishment work has cost £22,000 funded by grants from Essex County Council (£6,000), Essex Community Foundation (£3,000), Tom Amos Charity (£3,000), East Hanningfield Parish Council (£4,670) and the balance by our own fundraising efforts. We intend to replace the room divider between the small and large halls and refit and redecorate the kitchen early in the New Year which will complete this phase of the refurbishment.

The two major fundraising events for the Charity are the Art Show and the Fete which has been chaired for the last 5 years by Jackie Feehan. Jackie has now passed the baton to Jenny Ash who will be the new fete committee Chairman. A big thank you to Jackie for her successful chairmanship and good luck to Jenny for the future.

The major item of expenditure for the future is the replacement of the main hall roof which after 25 years is reaching the end of its natural life. We have recently assisted with the refurbishment of the village shop and are actively seeking funding for improvements to facilities on the field including the sports courts, football pitches, mountain bike track, outdoor fitness track and sports wall. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey on the future of the sports courts.

We are also liaising with the Parish Council over the future of the toddlers' playgrounds in Catherine Close and Paine Place offering our support for their long term retention in the village.

We have reviewed the Hall, meeting room, sports field and sports court hiring rates and new rates which incorporate a 3% rise will apply from January 2013.

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 & sports facilities. If you would like to find out more about the Charity please contact me or any member of the committee.

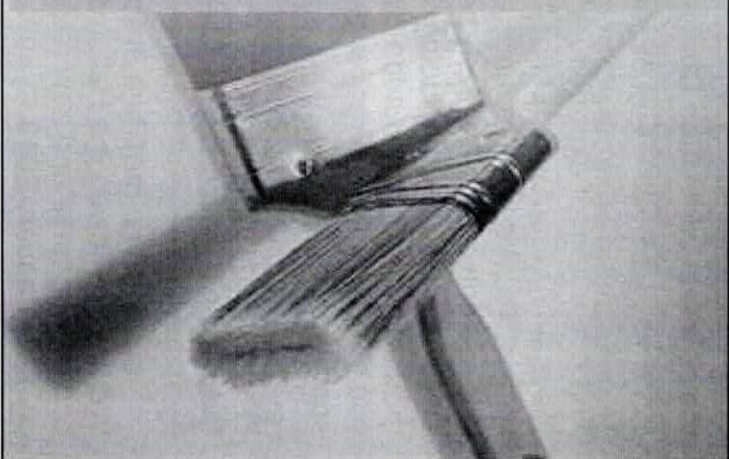
The Charity's AGM will take place in April 2013 when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome to both come to the AGM and also to stand for election to the committee.

The hall, field and sports courts can be booked via Dan and Jessica on 400965. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to residents of East Hanningfield.

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FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT



Preparing for winter – a few tips:

- Have your heating system serviced and your chimney swept
- If you have wood-burning, coal or gas heaters, make sure that you have adequate ventilation
- Fix draught excluder strips on ill-fitting window and door frames
- Check that your water stopcock is working properly
- Make sure your smoke alarm is working, and consider installing a carbon monoxide detector, in case air vents become blocked
- Keep a mixture of salt and sand handy to put on steps or paths in icy weather
- Don't forget your flu jab, and make sure you have sufficient supplies of prescribed medication and simple cold, and sore throat remedies in the house
- Stock up with store cupboard foods that will keep you going – long-life milk, pasta, baked beans and canned fish
- Dress in plenty of layers and make sure that you have some warm shoes or boots with non-slip soles.

FREE ELECTRICAL PORTABLE APPLIANCE TESTING is available if you are over 65 year old for kettles, toasters, fan heaters, electric blankets, etc. Don't forget the Christmas lights!

John Peart.
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Reindeer by Lidia Williams



Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room Bethel Church

The thing I enjoy about Christmas is the build up, the anticipation, the expectation. My wife Kate, prepares and plans it with military precision because if, heaven forbid, the 'pigs in blankets' have been overlooked, there would be mutiny in our house. And of course there is the advent calendar - which counts down the days to the big day itself. The first one up in the mornings gets to eat the chocolate. But as we take a closer look at advent itself, we realise that it has significant meaning. Advent comes from the Latin word, adventus, meaning "coming." It is a season to prepare for the coming of Christ in various meanings: the promised coming of the Messiah to the Jews, the coming of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, the promised return of the risen Christ in final victory, and the continual coming of Christ into the lives and hearts of believers.

And whilst I enjoy the build up, I'm very aware that Christmas for some isn't always a happy time, something that many do not look forward to. Therefore advent takes on even greater significance, because Jesus' coming into the world was to fully identify with those who are alone, those who are in poor health and poor in spirit.

Jesus himself said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill & destroy; I have come that they may have life, & have it to the full." John 10:10

I'm also reminded of the old Christmas carol:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come

Let earth receive her King

Let every heart prepare Him room

Whatever your preparations for this year's festivities, we hope that it will be a happy, healthy & peaceful time for you. Please come & celebrate with us. We also will once again, be joining with our friends at All Saints Church to sing carols around the village. Please listen out for us.

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of all your friends at Bethel Evangelical Church, to wish you a very merry & joyful Christmas.

Roydon Hearne

HANNA'S TOTS

We are still open but we have changed the opening time and days. Hanna's Tots is now open every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Village Hall (via the kitchen door).

We are a friendly volunteer group open to parents/guardians for children 0-5 years.

We have toys for all ages with song time at the end and plenty of tea & biscuits too, for a small donation of £2.00 per family.

Please feel free to come along and enjoy. Hope to see you there.

Jenny 403245

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Pam Kenton

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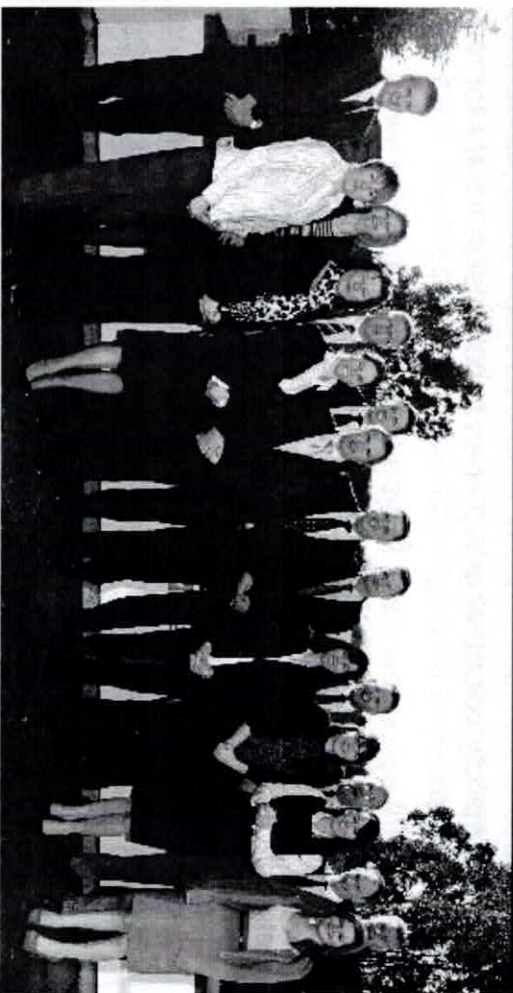


If so and you are over 18 we would love to see you on Tuesday evenings in the village hall from 8.30pm. to 10pm.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM NHW

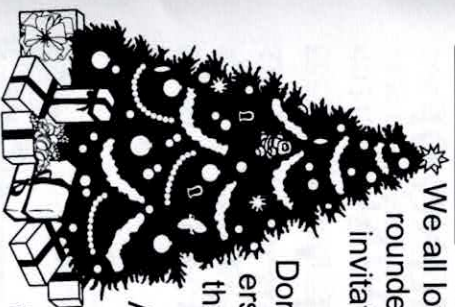
Winter brings long nights and the Christmas and the New Year holiday. Unfortunately, burglary offences traditionally rise during the winter months. Some precautions to avoid becoming a victim:

✳ We all love Christmas time with a decorated tree surrounded by presents but you may unwittingly give an invitation to unwanted "visitors".

Don't leave presents on display to be seen by passers-by: it's a magnet to the unscrupulous looking for their own Christmas presents.

And ... what about those empty boxes?

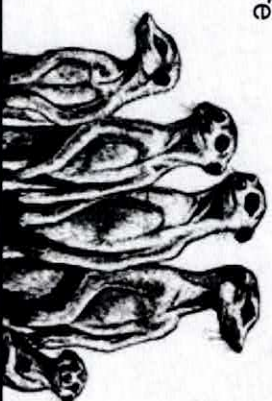
Once the celebrations are over, think about how you dispose of the wrappings. Leaving the carton for that new top of the range laptop out on the pavement for refuse collection may also be an invitation for someone to collect the laptop whilst you are out!



- With the dark evenings here now a house left with no lights on is an open invitation to thieves.

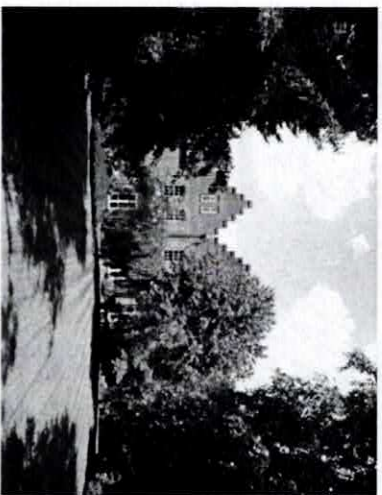
- If going away over the holiday make sure your neighbour is aware.
- When leaving the house or going to bed, check that your UPVC front and or back doors are "double locked" (i.e. that you have pulled the handle up before locking it with your key). The police say its surprising how many people don't do this making entry for "visitors" far more easy.

And, if you see something suspicious or a crime in progress call 999. Call new short code 101 for non urgent incidents. You can also give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Church & Hawes



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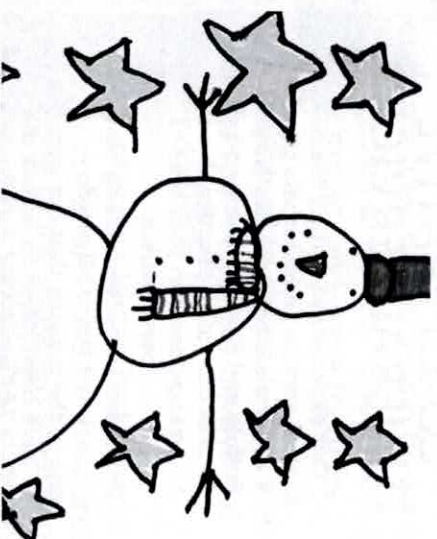
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The next East Hanningfield Nhw Meeting: 8pm on Wednesday 12th December at The Bethel Church. All residents are welcome to attend. It's usually attended by a police officer.

East Hanningfield Nhw E-mail Alerts: If you want to report an incident or receive local Nhw crime alerts please call or e-mail me. Geoff Dickman 403175/079668-112179 geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com.

The Nhw team wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous (& Crime free) New Year.

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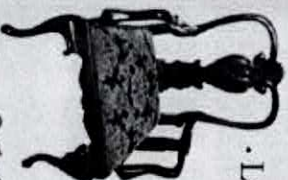
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HEDGES, PLANTS AND OTHER CREATURES

Now, coming up to midwinter, is the time to reshape your hedges, not springtime when habitat for creatures to grow and multiply is so needed on our crowded island. When a hedge is bare of leaves, as most of our native tree/hedge plants are now, its shape can be seen. Look for nesting small mammals in bundles of leaves. Show them to your children & grandchildren, the real magic, and leave them be.

How does it need to be shaped? Always best to shape it like a tree, wide at the bottom to a point(ish) at the top. You could always get artistic and weave your living hedge as it grows.

When the branches are bare it also enables one to see how to help to increase the density of the hedge for cover and food for creatures, planting English honeysuckles (surely one of the sweetest smells to waft up you nostrils on an early summers day) and/or other climbers.

When reshaping hedges keep in mind it is the ultimate growth of a hedge that your pruning is interacting with - you know approximately how much your hedge grows in a year. Hedges do not have to look like a block and let your "weeds" (Anglo-Saxon word for small herbaceous medicinal plant) grow at the bottom so that you can harvest them along with what the rest of the hedge can give you: the more plants the more butterflies and others.

Nettles harvested in spring are a specific herbal tea for hayfever. Hawthorn, flowers and leaves in spring and berries in autumn, is restorative to the heart being used for high blood and also stagnation of the stomach in traditional medicine. Rosehips are also good for the heart, as long as there is no material damage to the heart, works more on the emotional heart.

Also if there is a demand - I have been medically trained - an honours degree - I would sit and talk with people about their health & nutrition & plants.

Penny Waters

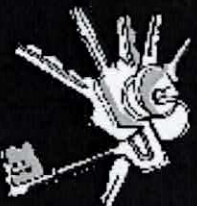
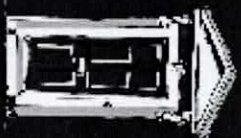
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REMEMBERING EAST HANNINGFIELD'S WAR HEROES

Many of us will recently have bought poppies and made donations to remember those killed and injured in both World Wars and more recent conflicts, and of course the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War is now less than 2 years away.

With this in mind, All Saints' Church is launching a project to find out about the men whose names are on the War Memorial in our church yard. We already have access to all the Find My Past databases, Commonwealth War Graves and the British Newspaper Archive. If you have information, documents or pictures about any of the following, please would you contact Sue Edward (Tel: 403091; email: sue.edward@yahoo.co.uk).

First World War

Edward Bambridge
Herbert Bambridge
Gerald Barclay
Edward Cox
Frederick Cox
Ernest Daines
Frederick Doe
Charles Eaton
William Eaton
Ernest Holtom

Second World War

Horace J Horton
Charles Johnson
Frederick W King
Maurice Linnett
Lawrence Picking
Ernest C Saffill
Herbert Thorogood
Charles Wilkinson
William C Wilkinson

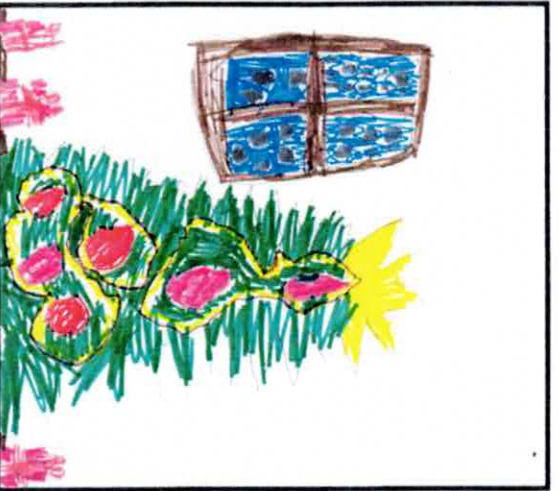
William Allen
George Byam
Ernest Maynew

On graves but not on the War Memorial
Edward Harknett (WW1)
Ben Thorogood (WW2)

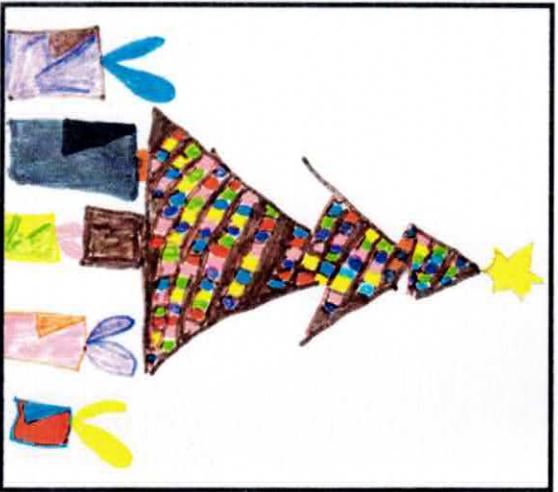
Also if you know of any local service people killed in more recent conflicts please let us know. We hope to present this information back to the Village at our Remembrance Day service next year and to publish a small booklet as a memento of those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

Finally, the Acting Editor is looking into the history of some soldiers from the Birmingham area who were stationed or billeted here in early 1915. If you have any information that might help please send to karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or phone 400628.

**CHRISTMAS COVER
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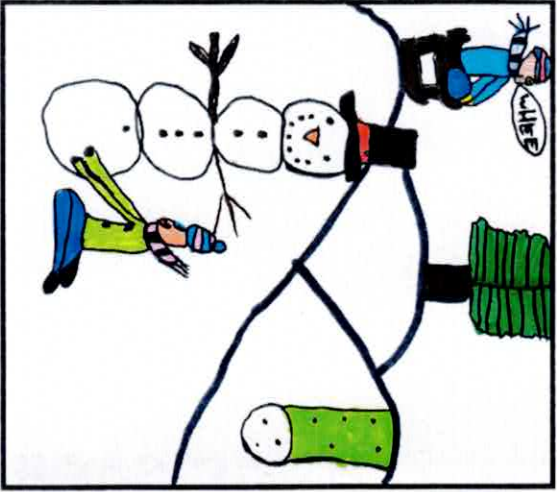
**Class 1 Runner-up
Emma Kingsnorth**



**Class 2 Runner-up
Nate Denham**



**Class 3 Runner-up
Isla Sewell**



**Class 4 Runner-up
Philippa Aldridge-Ward**