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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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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 is 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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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.



More information about the charity can be found on our website which is part of the Parish Council website

www.essexinfo.net/easthammingfieldparishcouncil/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.

Jackie Feehan
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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 WI 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 'Delilah' 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A stranger phones saying your computer is running slow, at risk, or has a virus & he can mend it for you. Just give him remote PC access and your bank details! Or maybe you are told your computer is vulnerable and you need to download software to rectify the situation. The caller tells you to type the URL of a seemingly legitimate website but this will allow the scammers to take over control of your computer. Some scammers even claim to be from Microsoft or other providers. Not true, these companies do not phone you with this type of problem unless you contact them first. **If you are unsure or cannot verify if a cold call is legitimate then just HANG UP– it could cost you £100'S.**

Received a “**Distress**” email purportedly from someone you know who has found themselves in a difficult situation, usually abroad, and is in need of money? It is almost certain to be a scam. A similar

scam doing the rounds is 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.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Suspect Fraud? To report a fraud or check out possible fraud, use police website: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>.

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.)

Geoff Dickman, East Hanningfield NhW,
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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

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

OCTOBER

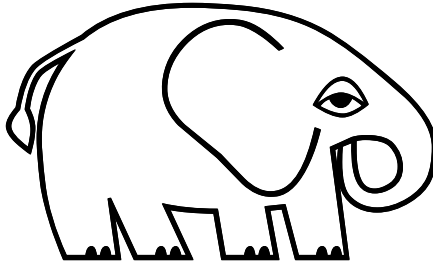
- Wed 3 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Sun 7 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Ch
12.45-1.45pm **HARVEST PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH**
at the School.
2-2.45pm **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at All Saints' Ch
- Sun 14 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
Church
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
4pm **PRAYER GROUP HALF HOUR** at All Saints'
- Mon 15 2.15pm **EDWARD BEAR CLUB** at All Saints' Ch
- Wed 17 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
- Wed 31 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car
park.

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 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel
11th 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
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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
Member for Bicknacre East and
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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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....AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

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..

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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.

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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 & VILLAGE 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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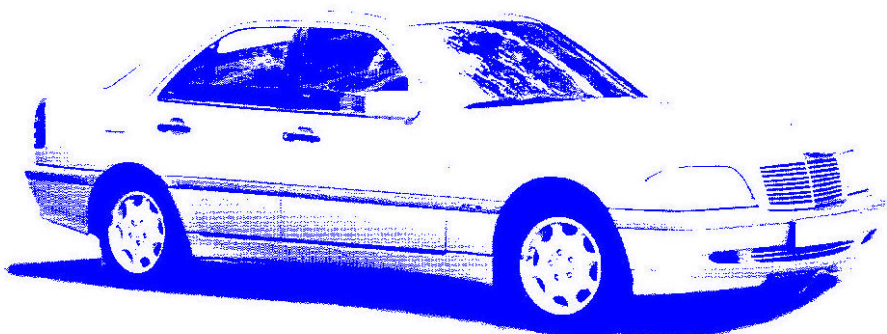


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field Go Cart Grand Prix was immediately popular in September, 1972, and it was followed in March of 1975 by the first annual Chelmsford Model Railway Show, which was even more successful, with both events attracting visitors in their thousands. However, 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 EHCCAC 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 EHCCAC 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.

EHCCAC 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 unflinching 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
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