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## EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS



**Chestnut Blossom—The Tye** 

#### FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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Please continue to send articles & advertisements to me at karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or 2 Clinton Close.



#### **COVER PHOTOGRAPH**

These flowers are of the Indian horse chestnut and appear about six weeks later than the more common horse chestnut (the one that produces the prickly covered conkers). They thus provide a

display when other flowering trees have finished and are useful to pollinating insects by bridging the gap between spring and summer flowering trees and shrubs.

I have been trying to find out whether they are susceptible to the same diseases as conker trees, but failed.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

This is your final chance to volunteer for the Winter Salt service mentioned in the previous News. Please contact me by email if you would like to participate. In case you missed it, this is a scheme whereby volunteers adopt a length of pavement and/or road to keep clear of snow and to spread with grit. The grit would be provided, but it needs to be kept somewhere dry once the bag is opened, as if it gets damp it clumps and won't spread.

The Play in the Park sessions during the Easter break were very well attended. There will be two more during the Summer holiday, both on Tuesday afternoons: **30th. July and 20th August 1.30-3.30pm.** Please remember to slap on the sun block and make sure your children wear a hat as the sun will be very strong at that time of day and bring a drink. Children aged 5 and under must be supervised by an adult carer at all times.

If you would like to read PC's Annual Report for the year 2012/13 you can find it on PC's website. Hard copies will be provided on request to me.

The cloudbursts during the earlier part of this year have identified inadequacies in the local surface water drainage systems. This being, usually, the driest part of the country in recent years awareness of the need for keeping ditches and gullies clear seems to have been forgotten. As a blocked ditch on your property will usually cause a flood on your neighbour's property upstream, it is in the interests of good neighbourliness to keep them "scoured". If you are aware of a blockage in a gulley under a road you can report it to Essex County Council on their website. You can also see what other highways problems have been reported, although I have noticed that it can take up to six weeks for reports to appear as it is not updated very often.

If this edition of the News has reached you later than the usual

publication date of 1st. June, it is because a major planning application was expected, and it was thought important enough to hold, not the front page, but a few pages inside! This application is for an anaerobic digester facility at Highlands Farm.

The application was expected to go out for consultation by **Essex County Council** on 30th. May, and if you wish to comment on it you must do so to the County Council, (not the City Council which is the usual case for planning applications).

The proposed facility would consist of a site with a 12m high reception building with a ground area of roughly 1,500 sq.m and eight round tanks with slightly domed tops with a diameter of 28m and 15m tall. although there is a proposal to sink them into the ground to reduce their height. There would also be a gas turbine, silage clamp, weighbridge, office building and visitor parking on site. The lagoon or lagoons that would be needed to store the liquid fertiliser produced by the process are not part of this application, and could be constructed by the landowner using permitted development, as they are presently deemed to be "agricultural".



The site in relation to the Parish. Please note that the proportions are approximate, and refer to the planning application for exact dimensions.

When considering this application the County Council will not be reviewing the relative benefits of anaerobic digestion to other means of disposing of food waste. The Council has already decided to use AD and is exporting compacted food waste to the ap-



An example of an Anaerobic Digester facility taken from 'Anaerobic Digestion Action Plan' published by Defra & the Department of Energy & Climate Change

plicant's facility in Oxfordshire. If you decide to write to the County Council about this application, any arguments against AD will therefore be ignored.

What the County Council will be considering is the appropriateness or inappropriateness of the site for the proposed facility.

There are guidelines published concerning AD and you will find some very useful information about these and the process itself at

www.biogas-info.co.uk . The applicant's website can be found at www.agrivert.co.uk and its AD facility at Cassington, Oxfordshire can be seen at www.agrivert.co.uk/facilities/cassington-ad-facility.

PC will publish the details of the application on its website and on the noticeboards for those of you without internet access.

If you wish to register your interest in supporting or participating in a community action group, Malcolm Thomas is collecting email addresses in order to co-ordinate communication. You can contact him at <a href="mailto:EastHanningfieldAction@Gmail.com">EastHanningfieldAction@Gmail.com</a>.

The Parish Council is in communication with the neighbouring parish councils for Rettendon and Howe Green (Sandon PC) with a view to co-ordinating a response to the application.

If you decide to write to the County Council PC would be interested to receive a copy. You might also wish to send a copy or write separately to your MP

John Whittingdale at House of Commons, London SW1A 6AA, your County Councillor,

lan Grundy at Glenwood, 5 Thornton Place, Stock CM4 9NQ

cllr.ian.grundy@essex.gov.uk
and your City Councillors
Mike Harris Windmill Cottage, Back Lane
michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk
Richard Poulter Windways, Plumtre Lane, Danbury CM3 4JL
r.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk

It is likely that there will have to be an additional PC meeting to deal with this application, so please keep an eye on the website and noticeboards.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council 400628 karen.plumridge@btinternet.com www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil

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#### CITY COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

I am now on the road to improvement following my recent health problems and would like again to thank everyone for their help and support. My notes regarding busses and public transport inspired a lot of replies and comment. This proves both that the issue of public transport through our village is a matter of real import and that our Parish Magazine is widely read. The responsible authority, Essex County Council, have taken issue with the service providers and instructed them to improve I would like to see the service not only improve but be extended. I know that any lack of use is brought about almost entirely by lack of confidence in the service. Better managed, more customers, bigger profits.

Now a word on the City Council's Budget. The Council Chamber is now completed and Annual Council was held there on the same day as our Annual Parish Assembly. Bookings for its use when not needed by the Council are already building up so it will be a means of reducing cost to the Council Tax payer as will Highlands House upon its completion. Government forces savings in local authorities by reducing the amount they receive. For some councils this means



making long overdue economies. In Chelmsford we are already very efficient: we advise other councils and have won awards for financial management; so whilst having an eye to economies we must also generate income to sustain best value and we are achieving this. Long may it continue.

Best Wishes to you all

Mike Harris Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY—Chairman's report to the 2013 AGM & Annual Parish Meeting



I am pleased to report on another successful year for the Charity. During the last year we have completely refurbished the small hall and kitchen resulting in a bright warm environment for our principal weekday hirer of the small hall—the Preschool

The Charity's work load continues to be borne by very few for the gain of the many villagers and organisations who use the facilities at the village hall and sports field. No officers receive remuneration for their hard work; they are all volunteers and all should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village.

It is good that the Village Shop and Post Office remains in the village. If we are to retain the facility in the village it is essential that we all use the it and support Ash. During the year we have supported the refurbishment of the shop undertaken by Ash with the purchase of the new larger chiller cabinet.

The Annual Art Show continued as a major fund raising event exhibiting works from many local artists. This years Art Show will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 with the preview evening on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

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. Jackie stood down as Chairman after the 2012 Fete & I am very grateful to Jackie for her hard work as Chairman over several years. Jenny Ash has stepped forward to fill the void created by Jackie's resignation. Thank you Jenny & Good Luck!

It was good that the Fete was supported by several of our local businesses and we are very grateful for their sponsorship. This year's Fete will be on **Saturday 7**<sup>th</sup> **September**.

We have continued to run quarterly Book and Coffee Sales on Saturday mornings in the upstairs committee room. These regular events have proved popular & successful and we have added more shelving and storage in the loft area to expand the number of books we are able to store & display. I wish to record my thanks to Martyn Gard for his support in developing the shelving in the loft area which has created a village library.

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

Replacing the hall roof which is 25 years old and starting to leak Extending the main car park with a "green" overflow car park Creating a secure outside play space for the preschool Replacing the partition doors between the large and small halls Extending the entrance lobby and village shop Rebuilding the mountain bike mounds Ploughing, levelling and reseeding the football pitches Resurfacing the sports courts Extending the sports wall

Completing a trim trail with skate board ramps around the field Creating a Community Suite above the small hall Installing CCTV

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 which is part of the Parish Council website <a href="www.essexinfo.net/">www.essexinfo.net/</a> easthanningfieldparishcouncil

Colin Warren Chairman Hanna's Field Charity 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013



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#### **CENTENARY EXHIBITION**

I for one was surprised to learn that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of the United Kingdom wanted to bring their exhibition to this village, which they did on Saturday, 11th. May. They will be visiting several Essex villages through the Summer, so if you didn't get the chance so see them here, there will be other opportunities nearby.

So, why did they come? In their own words, the aims of their exhibitions are:

To show the 100 year record of good service that the Ahmadiyya Muslims have of faithfully serving the nation.

To use our Centenary to spread peace and harmony between the diverse peoples of this country. This is really important in



Chairman of Essex County Council Kay Twitch OBE and Parish Council Chairman Les Draper with Mr. Saud Saad President of the AMA UK Havering (which covers the East of England)

the current times of hardship that most people are going through. The tough times are ongoing and it is essential that communities come together to get through this.

To allow the voice of the law abiding, true Muslim to be heard in order to support the government in combating extremists who use the good name of religion to achieve their inhumane and evil objectives.



A few of the visitors with some of the Exhibition Organisers
Photographs on this page provided by AMA UK

Throughout the day the event was receiving visits from councillors at all levels of local government and also from one of our MEPs for

the East of England, Stuart Agnew. I might be wrong but this is probably the first time an MEP has come to East Hanningfield.

The Association members were very welcoming and willing to answer any questions put to them, so popping in to meet them was both an informative and friendly experience. I'd recommend paying them a visit if you get the opportunity at one of their other events around the county and country over the next few months, eg Writtle on 8th. June.

**Acting Editor** 



Member of European Parliament Stuart Agnew (UKIP)

#### VILLAGE DIARY

Tue<sub>18</sub>

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/ JUNE Sat 1 2-6pm NGS OPEN GARDEN AT THE LIMES. The Tve. admission £.50, children free. Tea & homemade cakes. Plants & Jam for sale. Proceeds to Macmillan Nurses. Marie Curie, Help the Hospices and other NGS charities. 8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 1st Sunday after Sun 2 Trinity at All Saints' Church. 10am ALL AGE SERVICE followed by refreshments at All Saints' Church 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church Tue 4 10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church 9.15-11.15am HANNA'S TOTS for ages 0-5 and their Fri 7 carers at the Village Hall, big hall. £2 donation per ses-10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church Sun 9 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints Church 10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church Tue 11 Wed 12 2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park Fri 14 9.15-11.15am HANNA'S TOTS for ages 0-5 and their carers at Village Hall big hall. £2 donation per session. 5-7pm **SUMMER FAIR** at East Hanningfield School Sat 15 10am-12.30pm BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Meet friends, make friends, choose from a vast array of books and an excellent selection of cakes and relax with a cup of freshly percolated coffee. In aid of All Saints' Church 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church Sun 16

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

10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church 7.45pm **MENS MEETING** at Bethel Church

Wed19	2pm <b>WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING</b> in the WI Hall with speaker Martin Harrison on the subject of the Mirth & Music of Harry Secombe.
Fri21	9.15-11.15am <b>HANNA'S TOTS</b> for ages 0-5 and their carers at the Village Hall, big hall. £2 donation per ses-
Sun 23	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue 25	10.30am COFFEE MORNING at Bethel Church
Wed 26	2pm STRAWBERRY TEA at the WI Hall
	2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park
Thur 27	8pm <b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b> in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall
Fri 28	9.15-11.15am <b>HANNA'S TOTS</b> for ages 0-5 and their carers at the Village Hall, big hall. £2 donation per ses-
Sun 30	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
JULY	
Tues 2	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
Fri 5	9.15-11.15am <b>HANNA'S TOTS</b> for ages 0-5 and their carers at the Village Hall, big hall. £2 donation per ses-
Sun 7	10.45am <b>SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP</b> at Bethel Church
Tue 9	10.30am <b>LADIES MEETING</b> at Bethel Church
Fri 12	9.15-11.15am <b>HANNA'S TOTS</b> for ages 0-5 and their carers at the Village Hall, big hall. £2 donation per ses-
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Fri 19	7.45pm <b>MENS MEETING</b> at Bethel Church
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Tue 23	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
Thur 25	8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor
Fri 26	Meeting room at the Village Hall 9.15-11.15am <b>HANNA'S TOTS</b> for ages 0-5 and their
11120	carers at the Village Hall, big hall. £2 donation per session.
Sat 27	10am-6pm <b>ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION &amp; SALE.</b> Admission £1.50 includes refreshment. Accompanied children fee. To volunteer to help or for information please phone 01245 400797
Sun 28	10.45am <b>SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP</b> at Bethel Church
Tue 30	10.30am COFFEE MORNING at Bethel Church
	1.30-3.30pm <b>PLAY IN THE PARK</b> for 0-11 year olds at the Village Hall.
AUGUST	
Sun 4	10.45am <b>SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP</b> at Bethel Ch
Tue 6	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
Sun 11	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
Tue 13	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
Sun 18	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch
Tue 20	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
	1.30-3.30pm <b>PLAY IN THE PARK</b> for 0-11 year olds at the Village Hall.
	7.45pm MENS MEETING at Bethel Church
Wed 21	2pm GARDEN PARTY at the WI Hall
Sun 25	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Ch

Tue 27 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
Thur 29 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor

Meeting room at the Village Hall



#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

#### **Recent Burglaries**

Since the last Newsletter there have been a few more burglaries in the village (including theft of domestic heating oil from the tank in



the front garden of house on the Common). It's often opportunity theft – a side unlocked side gate or a window left open and no one in the house. Don't be complacent – take precautions and avoid becoming a victim. Reported incidents could be seriously reduced if we all ensured that we secured our property.

Summer is coming and hopefully some hot weather so its time to remind people again about opening doors, patio doors and windows and then forgetting to close and secure them later when going out. It's easily done but it only takes one slip up for someone to spot an easy way in... take care!

If going away over the holiday period make sure your neighbour is aware and you stop papers and milk deliveries etc. Have lights that switch on at nightfall and don't close the curtains.



#### **Abandoned Cars**

We have had a spate of apparently abandoned cars in the village but when we asked the police to check they turned out to belong to a car dealer "parking" them between sales. Very annoying for the resident of the house he parked it outside. Let us know if you experience this and we will ask the police to find the owner.

#### Rag & Bone Collection

While being mindful that the collectors provide an often valuable service Essex Police have also received reports that other unlicensed collectors are scavenging metal items which people still want. There has been concern that these persons are operating without the relevant certificates and in some cases accessed people's back gardens and sheds and taking property without the

owner's consent. Reports any thefts or people acting suspiciously to the police with vehicle details.

#### Caravans

Do you own a caravan? Essex Police have seen an increase in the thefts of Caravans in this area recently and ask residents to make sure it's locked and secure please.

#### Mike Philpot (1937-2013)

Lastly we report with sadness that Mike Philpot, a founder member of NhW in East Hanningfield, died in February. Mike had been unwell for a long time but kept in touch with some in the village. Our sincere condolences to his family.

#### Want to help us to make our village safer?

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.

The next East Hanningfield NhW Meeting: 8pm on Wednesday 10th July at The Bethel Church. All residents are welcome to attend. It's usually attended by a police officer. Keep an eye of the Village Diary for the date.

East Hanningfield NhW E-mail Alerts (over 70 houses in the village now receive local NhW crime updates!). If you want to report an incident or receive local NhW crime alerts please call or e-mail

Geoff Dickman 403175/07968-112179 <a href="mailto:geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com">geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com</a> .



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH – from the Churchwardens

(Well, actually there is only one of us at the moment, as no candidate came forward to replace Sandra Robinson when she retired in April after 3 years of full commitment to her onerous post. Fortunately, she has kindly offered to continue with some of her previous responsibilities which is an enormous help and enables me to commit myself to one more year whilst fresh blood is sought for the future).

The Rev'd Pam returned from Study Leave in time for our Easter services as planned, only to be signed off sick for a month, and then for a further 3 months. As

her 5 year term of office was due to expire in November, she has sadly come to the conclusion that, in the best interests of the Parish, she should bring forward her retirement date to June, enabling early consultations to begin about the future. She will, therefore, not be returning to All Saints' save for a Farewell Service which it is hoped may take place towards the end of June. Please watch out for posters during that month with details of this service to which all will be warmly invited, and in which we will be able to express our gratitude for her 5 years of unstinting service to church and community.

The Annual Elections in April led to the following Church Council composition:
John Coffin
Sue Edward (Secretary)
Jackie Feehan

Gil Gordon

Stan Gordon (Deputy Chairman)
Martin Harcourt-Williams

Colin Warren – Deanery Representative and ex officio PCC member

...plus the writer as Churchwarden

There is a tough year ahead which calls for total commitment from all of us.

(Copies of annual reports for 2012 are available in church)

The Church Bells were carefully inspected by the bell hanging firm of Whites of Appleton on 10<sup>th</sup> April after scaffolding had been erected inside the church. Their full report and quotation for repairs to the fractured bell wheels are due very shortly. They did say that they would knock 10% off their quotation if we could find a volunteer to go up and down the ladder bearing parts and tools as needed by the experts working in the belfry. Now there's a challenge!

The Feasibility Study for new facilities in the church has been progressed further since our last report, and is now focussed on an internal solution, integrated with a much needed new heating system. It is hoped to have a further meeting with the architect and the Diocesan authorities with a view to proceeding to the last stage of the Study. This is to provide a detailed costing of works which have been approved in principle. The PCC intend to press on to a conclusion.

The future is, as always, unknown, but we are planning for Sunday services to continue as normal with outside help, and the list of "Who to contact about What", published on the last page of the monthly Information Leaflet and viewable on both our own and the Parish Council websites, will continue to guide you for any enquiries you may have if you are in doubt. So it will be "business as usual" at All Saints' despite the difficulties.

Ron Attenborough Tel 400361 e-mail ronald304@btinternet.com

#### **MESSAGE FROM ASH**

Dear Village Residents,

Hello, everyone. I hope everyone is pleased with the new shop layout. I'd like to remind the village residents we are now open until 6pm Monday to Friday and 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays.



We have teamed up with Chelmsford Cleaners to provide a DRY CLEANING & REPAIR SERVICE. They collect from and deliver to us on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, so if you leave your items with us on Tuesday you will get them back on Friday, and items left on Friday are returned on Tuesday.

Also, I'd like to let the residents know that the famous Southend ROSSI ICE CREAM is now available from the shop.

I'd like to thank everyone for their support. I welcome any feedback, ideas or recommendations for new products and services.

I hope you all have a lovely summer!

#### Ashraf Rahman



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You're born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit

A ten-gallon hat holds three-quarters of a gallon.

Barbie's full name is Barbra Millicent Roberts.

Chop-suey is not a native Chinese dish, it was created in California by Chinese immigrants.

Evian (the bottled water) spelled backwards is 'naive'

If you can see a rainbow you must have your back to the sun. If you don't, you can't see it.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

There are more than 50,000 earthquakes throughout the world every year.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.

Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button. It was eliminated when he was sewn up after surgery.

Compact discs read from the inside to the outside edge, the reverse of how a record works.

From the age of thirty, humans gradually begin to shrink in size.

Right. Now you are armed with enough facts, or in this case, absolute useless information, to impress your friends and take home the prize at the pub quiz night. But is that all you need to know?

Life leaves us with so many unanswered questions, by which we turn to all manner of places in search of the answers.

With this in mind we want to introduce Christianity Explored.

Christianity Explored gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. You don't need to know anything about the Bible. You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing. You can ask any question you want.

We will be starting our first series of Christianity Explored courses in June. These are absolutely free and will be held over 8 weeks on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm. This will be very informal with refreshments served. Please let us know if you would like to come and join us on the course.

In the meantime, Why not come and join us at our Sunday Family Service at 10.45am. Or perhaps at one of our other meetings: see the Village Diary:

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#### **EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL**

The Summer Term is upon us and we welcomed our new Deputy Headteacher, Kate Nunn who took over from Mr Crisp who retired at Easter after 30 years at the School



It is a busy term for us our Year 5 & 6 children are off to the of Wight in a few weeks time for their residential trip. Class 1 are off to Hedingham Castle and Hyde Hall and Class 3 are looking forward to seeing the Giraffe that they designed and painted for Colchester Zoo's 'Stand Tall' event appear around Essex this summer. We have also been planting vegetables in our growing beds thanks to the 'BHN garden centre' that have kindly donated compost, pots and

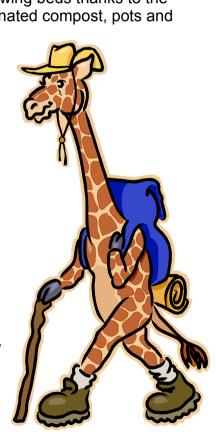
plants so we can develop our gardening

skills

Despite the weather we are hoping the sun will shine this term as we have our sports day planned and our summer fair is taking place on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be lots of stalls and this year a Beer and Pimms tent. We hope to see lots of you there.

**Kerry Collins** 

(PS. You can see Colchester Zoo's Stand Tall Road Trip on 15th June at Waterstones, Colchester & on 20th. July in Colchester Carnival. Acting Editor).



#### **PRESCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Ladies Pamper Evening back in April. Thanks to all the hard work of the Committee there were over 30 stalls and over £1000 was raised.



This term the Pre-school children have been enjoying the warmer weather with lots of outdoor activities. Our topic has been "Growing" and all the children have been growing sunflowers, cress and carrot tops. The older children on a Friday have been planting bulbs, seeds and pansies over in the Primary School where they have been kindly allocated two flower beds. We are hoping to harvest onions, beetroot and carrots later on in the summer

Some of our children will sadly be leaving us at the end of the summer term to move on to various local primary schools. We wish them well but they will be missed by us all.

If you would like to find out more about the Pre-school or would like to go on the waiting list please look at our website at <a href="https://www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk">www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk</a> or contact us on 07732951613 or email us at <a href="mailto:ephs1@live.co.uk">ephs1@live.co.uk</a>



## VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT COMMITTEE Report for the Annual Village Meeting.

I am pleased to report that since the committee was formed in July of 2012 the members have worked hard to produce a questionnaire for the residents and businesses in the Parish of East Hanningfield. The aim of the Design Statement is to provide some guidelines regarding new building, refurbishments and extensions. These do not

garding new building, refurbishments and extensions. These do not and cannot over rule Chelmsford City and National Planning rules and regulations but will supplement them.

The questionnaire has been finished. A draft has been submitted to a printer and a quote obtained. The questions are to be loaded onto a website and the printed version will mirror the appearance of the website. The responses to the questionnaire will be received in the following ways:

By the answers being loaded onto the website

By leaving the completed questionnaire with Ash in the shop

BY arrangement they will be collected on one day from properties in the Parish

By these means everybody will have an opportunity to have their say.

When the responses have been collated then the final Village Design Statement will be printed with the summaries of the responses included.

Cliff Foster Hon Chairman 07944866382

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#### **EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.**

Isn't it nice that the sun has at last found Britain? Our coffee morning in April was a success even though our numbers were still quite low. We were able to raise £120.00 plus a couple of donations which we were delighted

with. We are hoping to make the access to the W.I Hall much easier for those of us not so stable on our pins. Deliberations are currently taking place.

We had a very successful Spring Group Meeting with our neighbouring W.I's and the charity to benefit from this large meeting was the Linus Charity who provide quilts and blankets for sick and traumatised children as well as new babies. We were able to donate 150 beautifully quilted and knitted blankets of various sizes for their work. The standard was extremely high and the Charity where quite overwhelmed.

We have our AGM and Resolutions meeting on the 15 May. The Resolution this year, which will be put forward for adoption at the National Federation meeting at Cardiff in June, is to support the renewal of the High Street Shops. With the strength of the W.I behind this proposal it is hoped that we will see improvements in our towns and cities shopping facilities.

In June we have Martyn Harrison coming to tell us all about the Mirth and Music of that well loved comedian Sir Harry Secombe. That will be a worth while visit. We have our famous Strawberry Tea in June & our Garden Party in August. These events always take place regardless of the weather & are packed with love & laughter.

All the dates of our meetings can be found on the village diary in the magazine and we would be delighted to see you. Please come.

Flora Virgoe

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