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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS



In addition to all the usual attractions such as Punch and Judy and the barbeque, this year's Fete will see the return of Karima Dance and the Iceni Dog Display Team.

Photographs from this year's Fete will be posted on the website. If you would like to see them and pictures from previous years, please go to www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/ village-hall/ and you will see the Fetes listed back to 2006. Just click on the year that you want to see.



PARISH COUNCIL

If you are not a regular bus user you will probably be unaware that from 12th. August there have been some fairly drastic reductions to the bus services. **Service 1,1a,1b**, - (Oxney Green - Chelmsford -East Hanningfield – Canvey) and **Service 3** – (Chelmsford – East Hanningfield - Rayleigh – Southend) have had routes and times revised and **Service 4** – (Oxney Green – Chelmsford – Rettendon – Wickford – Basildon Industrial Estates – Pitsea Broadway) has been cancelled. Children attending the Chelmsford schools will need to catch the 3b at 8.06 at the Windmill stop and the 1b at 16.05 outside the King Edward's School for the return journey. Copies of the revised timetables will have been available from August 22nd on traveline –<u>www.traveline.info</u>. If you do not have internet access and would like a copy please contact me.

I have also been informed that the **Service 5** (East Hanningfield— Maldon, Thursdays) timetable has been amended to more accurately represent what actually happens! It is now expected to leave East Hanningfield at 9.40 reaching Maldon High Street at 10.25. The return journey brings you back to East Hanningfield by 13.45.

At the time of writing the latest news about the proposed Anaerobic Digester facility at Highlands Farm is that the applicant withdrew the application, but has stated that he intends to resubmit. There is a possibility that even though the resubmission might have minor differences to the original, it will be necessary for the consultation exercise to take place again and all previous objections will be discarded, so please don't take it for granted that because you wrote objecting to the initial application your letter will continue to be taken into account. If you still object you will need to write again. PC will find out and confirm whether or not this is the case, if or when an amendment is submitted.

Thank you to all those residents who sent PC a copy of their objections. Thank you also to Malcolm Thomas who did an excellent job co-ordinating the Action Group.

Further to articles in the previous two editions of EH News, PC has gone ahead with the County Council's Winter Salt Bag Scheme. If you are interested in participating and haven't already let me know, please get in touch soon.

The City Council's Equipped Play Review first mentioned in the Summer 2012 edition of EH News has not gone away. At a recent meeting attended by officers from the City Council and representatives from PC and HFC the option was discussed whereby PC would take over responsibility for the Catherine Close site. The current maintenance cost of the Catherine Close site is £1,310 per annum, and it is suggested that a further £2,200 per annum should be added to reserves in order to be able to replace equipment when the need arises. This would cause an increase of about 11% in the precept and thereby the council tax paid by East Hanningfield residents, which would amount to about £7.75 per annum for



D band households (an extra 15p a week). At the time of writing this had not been discussed by PC, so no decision had been reached, and of course the budget for 2014/15 will not be agreed until November or December.

In fact, the budget might have to be delayed until later. Last year's Precept decision was delayed because the Government took so long to decide how much support was to be passed to the district councils to help compensate the parish level councils for the council tax payers who either don't pay at all or who have reduced levels of tax. Once the amount was decided the City Council had to calculate how best it could be distributed amongst the town and parish councils, which took some time and negotiation. This year it had been hoped that the support figure would be announced in good time so that local budget calculations could take it into account, but we have now been informed that it will be shortly before Christmas, so too late for our December Meeting which is earlier in the month in order to avoid clashing with all the seasonal events



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The next three PC Meetings will be on the fourth Thursday of the month as usual, but the December Meeting will be on the 12th of that month. If you want an item of correspondence to appear on an Agenda please ensure it reaches me by the Friday before. PC Meetings are public meetings so you can attend and speak during Public Question Time.

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CITY COUNCILLOR

When I thought I was on the mend I thanked everyone for their support and help. Since the problem has reappeared and I have now sadly lost my leg I am back to thanking people for their help and support again. Indeed this help and really genuine support has been overwhelming and I thank you all.

If my medical situation has kept me away from some of my duties (and I have tried not to let it - I did some council emails on the day of the op.) then it is true to say that the experience has given me a much wider perspective of my role and I believe will make me a better councillor, but that is for you to decide. I can certainly speak with greater wisdom and more passion on health issues, inadequate bus services and the state of our roads.

It is frustrating that none of these areas are part of the remit of the local City Council. Neither was of course the application for an anaerobic digester, but what an amazing counter we marshalled against the positioning of the site and the applicants withdrew. I personally responded to over 150 communications and would like



to pay a personal tribute to all those who showed leadership and citizenship in fighting a brilliantly managed and intelligent campaign. Also to my colleague Councillor Richard Poulter who as a solicitor had worked on our joint response, had the matter gone to committee. Part of the reason that it did not I am sure, was the submission made by Chelmsford City Council Planning Officers whose arguments were clear and unequivocal.

If these talents could be used to de-

velop a community suite as part of the village hall which has always been a passion of mine I am sure we and future generations would delight in the benefit it could bring. How about it ?

Kindest Regards

Mike Harris Member for Bicknacre East and West Hanningfield and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Chelmsford City Council michael.harris@chelmsford.gov.uk





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Recent Burglaries

Since the last Newsletter I'm happy to report there have been no reported incidents in the village but please don't be complacent. There



are always thieves around looking for the opportunity to take your car and valuables – don't make it easy for them.

Happy Birthday?

Did you know that the NhW scheme was established in this country 30 years ago and that there are now 10 million members? Norman Lamb, the Health Minister, recently suggested that perhaps "watching out for our neighbours is more than just about crime" and suggests NhW schemes could usefully be expanded to watching out for the elderly and sick living at home". Food for thought perhaps? **Community Interest Matters**

Community First Responders volunteers attended the July NhW meeting at the Bethel Church meeting room to explain what they do and how they operate. As a result of that meeting they have provided a separate article for this issue of the Newsletter which I urge you to read – you may be grateful for their intervention one day!

Meet our Police Community Support Officer?

The current area PCSO is Hillary Willmot – she works with our NhW to keep us informed on local crime and prevention etc. She asked to be introduced to residents. This is therefore, in her own words, her item for this issue of the Newsletter:

My name is Hilary Willmot and I am a PCSO who works out of South Woodham Ferrers police station. For the present time I will be your point of contact.

The PCSO mobile number is 07711147171 or I can be contacted by e mail: <u>hilary.willmot@essex.police.uk</u>

Part of my role is to engage with the community and to inform your local Neighbourhood Watch group of incidents that may affect the community.

I would like to give some general advice regarding crime prevention. This includes securing your home when you go out and your valuables are kept safely.

While I have been on foot patrol in the area I have had cause to advise vehicle owners to shut the car windows and make sure no items of value are on show or left in the vehicle.

Recently in the surrounding area there has been a distraction burglary. The suspects stated that they were from the water board and managed to gain entry to the property and stole items. Please ensure that if you have person(s) knocking on your door you use the chain if you have one and ALWAYS ask for identification. If the person is genuine then they will not mind you checking thoroughly. If you are not sure do not let them in and call police immediately.

As this is a rural area please report any suspicious vehicles which you note on farmland, with the crops being cut we are no doubt going to see the Hare Coursers, if so remember this should be called through on 999 as an emergency.

Regards, Hilary Willmot, PCSO 8719 South Woodham Ferrers Neighbourhood Policing team.

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. **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 me. All residents are welcome to attend our quarterly NhW meeting. It's usually attended by a police officer. Let me know if you wish to come and join us.

Geoff Dickman 403175/07968-112179 geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

If you ring for an ambulance in East Hanningfield you may well find that the first person coming to assist you is actually a member of your own community. Trained and dispatched by the East of England Ambulance Service, Community First Responders (CFR's) have been active in our area for over 10 years and last year attended 302 calls, just short of 40 in East Hanningfield alone. From heart attacks and strokes to respiratory and cardiac arrest, if your call is deemed to be immediately life threatening, the CFR's will be dispatched alongside an ambulance or rapid response car. It has been proven time and again that early medical intervention is the best way to increase the chance of a successful outcome in the most serious medical situations. The CFR scheme is a vital service to the area and it has made a real difference to the lives of countless local people.

Could you join us? We are always looking for volunteers who can give as little as one morning a month to help spread the load of the 24/7 cover we often provide. More details can be found on our website <u>http://www.first-responders.org.uk/</u>.

Will you support us? We are really keen to engage with a community who often don't realise we are here and would appreciate help in spreading the word about the work we do. Find us on both Twitter

(@CFR_Danbury) and Facebook (Search 'Danbury First Responders') and help raise awareness by liking, retweeting, sharing etc.

Andrew Orsi



Community First Responders

VILLAGE DIARY

http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/ SEPTEMBER

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Sun 1	8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 14th Sunday after
	Trinity (Coffee & croissants served between services)
	at All Saints' Church www.easthanningfieldchurch.org
	10am ALL AGE SERVICE, followed by refreshments at
	All Saints' Church
	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Wed 7	2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park
Sat 7	1pm ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE - Village Hall & Playing
	Fields.
Sun 8	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church
Sun 15	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church,
	followed by Fellowship Lunch
	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church followed
	by refreshments.
Wed 18	2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park
Tue 17	7.45pm MENS MEETING at Bethel Church
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Wed 18	2pm WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING in the WI Hall
Sun 22	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church
Tue 24	10.30am COFFEE MORNING at Bethel Church
Thur 26	8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor Meet-
	ing room at the Village Hall
Sat 28	tba CHILDRENS HARVEST CRAFT MORNING at All
	Saints' Church

Sun 29 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

OCTOBER

Wed 2	2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park
Thur 3	8pm PCC MEETING at The Limes, The Tye
Sun 6	8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) ar All Saints' Church
	10am HARVEST THANKSGIVING All Age Service at All Saints' Church followed by refresh- ments. www.easthanningfieldchurch.org
	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP HARVEST SER- VICE at Bethel Church
Sun 13	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church
Tue 15	7.45pm MENS MEETING at Bethel Church
Wed 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
Sat 19	11am-1pm CAFE BAR at Bethel Church
Sun 20	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church followed by refreshments
Thur 24	8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor Meet- ing room at the Village Hall
Sun27	10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
	11am HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church
Tues29	10.30am COFFEE MORNING at Bethel Church
Wed 30	2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park

NOVEMBER

- Sun 3 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
- Sun10 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church, followed by Fellowship Lunch.
- Wed 13 2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Sun 17 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
- Tue19 7.45pm **MENS MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 20 2pm WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING in the WI Hall
- Sat 23 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 and Hanna's Field Charity.
- Sun 24 10.45am SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
- Tue 26 12 Noon WINTER WARMER at Bethel Church
- Wed 27 2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green

3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park

Thur 28 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall



BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING 10am-12.30pm Saturday, 23rd. November In the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall

EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

In May the W.I held their Annual General Meeting. We decided to make it a little more interesting and have a 'bring a plate' meeting. Sharing food always makes a business meeting more exciting, particularly when someone has something far more interesting on their plate than you have on yours. To my utter amazement the W.I reelected me as the President for 2013/14. I think they have come to realise that I still need more training. Joking aside, this really is an honour which I take very seriously and was pleased to accept.

The Resolution that the W.I. is taking forward for the coming year, (it was cheap milk and supporting dairy farming last year), is to support the development of British High Streets.

If you have passed the W.I Hall recently you will see that we have a new paved path leading to the Hall. It has been expertly installed and will give our ladies a much safer access. Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning which helped boost the funds towards the cost. This month of course is our 'Tea at the Hall'. It may well have an outdoor feel should the weather stay kind for us. It promises to be full of fun and laughter as always. We are once again supporting the Village Fete and will have lots of goodies on our stall. Please come and meet us if only to say hello. We are great natterers.

One can never plan ahead enough. At our October meeting we will be joined by Mike Logan-Wood, I think some villagers will know Mike. He lived on the East Hanningfield Road and was well know for his auctioneering skills. His assistance in raising much needed funds for local organisations is well known. Mike's talk is entitled 'Going, going, gone' and I can highly recommend it.

Our dates can be found in our Village Diary and we would be most pleased to see you, so do come along.

Flora Virgoe



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH – from the Churchwardens

Farewell -We are glad to report that Rev'd Pam was able to take her farewell service on 23rd June as she wanted to do, although still far from fully fit, and that there was a full church for the occasion. The presentations which followed, from church, school and community, demonstrated the wide appreciation of her dedicated commitment to her responsibilities in the parish, and the enormous amount of thought and work she put into everything she undertook. Thank you to all who contributed to her leaving presents, and to all who helped to make it such a memo-



rable occasion by coming to share in it. We wish her a steady recovery to full health and strength in her retirement, and feel sure that she will in due course find new outlets for her talents.

We were also glad to say a big thank you, and make a presentation, to her husband John who had been very active in our church life in his own right, as well as providing support for Pam in practical ways. We wish him well in whatever further ministry he may be called to in the future.

Our future – This is complicated by a major re-organisation of parish ministry due in our area in 2014-2015, which means deferring any new permanent arrangement for a year or two. However, our area Bishop John Wrar is concerned to try and bridge the gap for us as a temporary measure, to relieve the PCC of at last part of the burden of running the church alone for such a long period. He has met with them to discuss the needs, and is ready to Licence a suitable person as soon as one can be found to help us out.

Sunday services - These continue as usual with the help of volunteer clergy living in our area, to whom we are most grateful. They bring with them a wide range of experience over the years and pro-

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vide us with much food for thought each week. This "in between" time is not being wasted, and we warmly welcome all to come and benefit.

Harvest Craft morning for children – Saturday 28th September in church. Time to be confirmed.

Harvest Thanksgiving – An All Age service on Sunday 6th October at 10am

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10th November, commencing at 10.50am with the Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial, and then continuing inside the church as usual.

Churchyard – Looking a great deal better as a result of two kind volunteers with mowers, but it would be a big help to find someone with a strimmer for the areas where mowers cannot go. An hour or two a month during the growing season could work wonders for us. **Church Bells –** Still silent, but the Bell Hangers' report now received suggests that some short term works could put the bells back into ringing order for the time being at a cost of around £7,000 plus. However, after 128 years of use, the bells and belfry fitments are greatly in need of a thorough overhaul, and in the long run it would probably be more cost effective to do this work at the same time, with a total estimated cost of around £22,000 plus. The PCC will be considering their options in the coming months as the way forward for All Saints' Church becomes clearer, following consultations with the Diocese.

Ride & Stride – This annual sponsored cycling/walking event, organised by Friends of Essex Churches to assist churches like ours where repairs to the fabric are very costly, is on Saturday 14th September, *and for once it does not clash with the Village Fete!* Half the sum raised goes back to the local church and half to the charity for grant making. Sponsor forms are available in church or contact the writer as below.

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A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card that he had printed "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it for just such an occasion, and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned.

Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

I'm sure there are hundreds more bible tennis examples that could be played-out. I think it's fair to say that no other book is quoted or alluded to in literature or in world history more than the bible. Many people wonder why such a strong emphasis is placed on a book that was written thousands of years ago. How could its ancient writings possibly be relevant today?

At Bethel we have recently completed a 'Christianity Explored' course for those who are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. It was an opportunity for people to discover for themselves what the bible teaches.

The course uses the apostle Mark's gospel account and simply asks, who is Jesus, why did he come and what does it mean to follow him? Those who completed the 7-week course, all expressed how interesting and challenging they found it. Certainly food for

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thought.

We are hoping to do the same course again in the near future, so if this is something that you would like to consider doing, we would love you to join us. Simply drop us a line at www.bethelec.com/findus/contactus and we can let you know the next start date. Or look out for information on the website: www.bethel-ec.com

Also, come and say hello at the Village Fete in September. We will be running the golf game.

Roydon Hearne



