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## FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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### **CHRISTMAS COVER**

Well done to the 43 pupils at East Hanningfield School who entered the Christmas Cover Competition. The high standard of entries made the judges' task very difficult. The winning entry on the front cover was submitted by **Emma Kingsnorth**. The runners-up for each class can be seen on the back cover.

A few other entries are distributed through this edition of the News which you can see in colour on the Parish Council's website.

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***Reindeer by Katharine Warley***

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Government has aimed to address concerns that too often local buildings and land that are of great value to the community, such as a village hall or local pub, go up for sale and are purchased by a private bidder before the community has the opportunity to put together funding and take it over themselves. The Community Right to Bid gives communities the power to submit assets of community value to be kept on a list by the local authority..

If any of these buildings or land are put up for sale, a six week window of opportunity is triggered during which the community group may express an interest to purchase the asset. If they do express an interest, a further four and a half month window of opportunity is given so that the group may have time to find funding and put together a bid to purchase the asset on the open market.

So, the PC would like to hear from you as to what property you would consider a community asset.

If you filled in a slip at the Village Fete to volunteer for the **Community Speedwatch Team**, please could you get in touch? The box for slips disappeared during the tidying up after the Fete and hasn't been seen since. Also, please get in touch if you didn't volunteer then, but are interested, because there will be a training session soon to refresh present members and initiate new ones.



Chelmsford City Council now offers small WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) kerbside collections. This new service, which started in September, allows householders to recycle their small WEEE using the green recycling box. Place all small WEEE items in a carrier bag, either next to or on top of your green box by 7am on your green box collection day. Many electrical items such as mobile phones and handheld computers contain valuable plastics and metals. Recycling them means that they

can be used again, and they are not costing us money by taking up precious landfill space.

There is now agreement in principle that the Catherine Close play area will be transferred to the Parish Council. PC will of course arrange for regular inspections of the equipment and surrounds once it has become a local responsibility, but it would be helpful if residents who use the playground, or rather the adults who go with them, could report to PC should there be any problems. If you would be interested in setting up a group to do this, maybe a Friends of Catherine Close Play Area, please get in touch.

If you volunteered to take part in the Salt Bag Scheme and you haven't heard from me since, please send me an email so that I can forward the joining details to you. At the moment there are bags to spare, so if you haven't volunteered yet you can still do so for this winter. In case you haven't come across this before, I ought to explain that the County Council, through PC provides bags of road salt to volunteers who undertake to keep an area of road and or pavement clear in snowy weather. If you are worried about liability, in case someone slips on the pavement you have cleared, that is covered in the joining information, but, basically, this should not put you off as the County Council has legal advice on this.

You have probably noticed that some of our worst potholes have been filled. Thank you to everyone who individually reported these to the County Council. Although they will tell you that there is no need to report a hole that they already know about, I am sure sheer numbers of reports make a difference. If you have not made a report before, please give it a try. Go to [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk), scroll down the page and click on a blue box marked "REPORT IT". A new page will open giving you five options. Click on the top one called "View, track and report a pothole or highway problem". The next page that opens up is where you fill in the form. You can use this method to report all kinds of highway problems, not just potholes, and there is a facility for uploading a photo of the problem.

I received notice of the County Council's review of bus services too late for it to be included in the last News. This consultation lasts until 9th. December so you have a few days left to respond. The review includes the provision of financial support for local services. You might not be aware of this, but some services are subsidised by the County Council because of the social service they provide. The outcome of this review could be that some services lose their subsidy and as a result stop running. The consultation, plus all accompanying literature and documentation, including a list of the bus services paid for by ECC, can be found at [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview) . Copies are also be available through libraries, by calling 0845 603 7631 or by emailing [passenger.transportliaison@essex.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transportliaison@essex.gov.uk) .

Two other consultations which might interest you are those concerning the airspace of London City and Southend airports. My understanding of the map associated with the City consultation is that we

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are in the 4-7,000ft airspace, and the map for the Southend consultation shows us in a 2,500-3,500ft zone. The London city consultation runs until 21st January and can be found at [www.londonairspaceconsultation.co.uk/](http://www.londonairspaceconsultation.co.uk/) . The Southend airport consultation, which lasts until 19th. December is about the airport attempting to regain control of the surrounding airspace. I can forward an electronic version of the consultation document on request.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the FOURTH Thursday of the month, (only emphasised because some people in the past have confused it with the last Thursday of the month and missed it). As with most rules there is an exception: December's Meeting will be on the 12th in order not to coincide with Christmas festivities. If you have a matter of concern that you would like the Council to consider at a Meeting, please make sure it reaches me in writing a week beforehand so that it can be included in the Agenda. The Agenda will appear on the noticeboards and the website at least three clear days before each meeting.

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## **POPPY APPEAL**

We would like to thank everyone's generosity in raising a total of £435.83 from the school, shop and Windmill pub and the house to house collection.

Malcolm and Sue Edward  
and  
Geoff Dickman.



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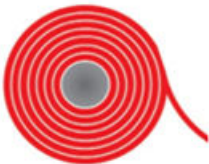
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## **CITY COUNCILLOR**

As we close the year I would like to tell you all about a project I am working on in my role as Cabinet Member for Corporate Services. We are being pressed to keep Council Tax as low as possible and rightly so. We are expected to maintain front line services with hugely reduced income from Government We have been diligent and prudent for years so the challenge for us is ironically harder than for Councils less well managed.

So the answer has to be to regard Chelmsford City Council as any business would need to do. To analyse the assets in physical terms to consider our human resources and to commercialise the whole enterprise with a marketing edge. We possess some of the finest officers in local Government but to create an ethos of commerciality is not easy I and I pay tribute to them for their support. The review is under way and I hope for many years we shall benefit from the investment & savings we shall embed in our structures.

An unintended consequence of this is that Chelmsford, a great place to be in business is even better. If you or your friends are in business or want to start one go to 'Chelmsford Enterprise Service', go to 'Ask Reg', by going on line to this service you can find out about regulation anonymously without feeling exposed. 'The City fact file' will be issued to estate agents and is available for people wanting to live here.

We can look ahead with confidence and in that vein I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a successful New Year and thank you all for your kindness and continuing support.

Mike Harris

Member for Bicknacre East & West Hanningfield Ward and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Chelmsford City Council

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## **REV'D SUSAN ISKANDER**

Advent is here, a time of anticipation and preparation for the excitement of Christmas. Whether you have one of those Advent calendars which you can open each day to find a new piece of chocolate or part of the Christmas story, we all know we are only allowed to open one little door at a time. Each Advent day is a moment of anticipation, of hope, that reminds us we are on the brink of new life. The hope of the first Christmas was that God becoming human in Jesus would teach us the ways of God by practical example and teaching and then by the cross. We celebrate the wonder and mystery of the birth of Jesus with presents at Christmas too. Secret Santa is a popular way to share presents in these cash strapped times, there is mystery in that we don't know exactly who gave us the gift and wonder at the gift itself and the joy it will bring. At Christmas we encounter the mystery of not completely understanding all that God is and the wonder of the potential impact the arrival of Jesus could have on our lives.

I am new to East Hanningfield, though my family have long been in Chelmsford. I have yet to unwrap all the mystery and wonder of the village and look forward to doing so. Advent and Christmas is a great time for me to be starting as I can hopefully begin to get to know people during the organised festivities, in All Saints Church and around and about. Please see the diary in this edition or check our website for up to date information about All Saints Church services.

In the New Year I plan to settle into a regular pattern of being in the village on most Wednesday and of course Sundays, however if there is something you think I can help with on another day please let me know. My two teenagers are both still in school in Chelmsford and that is where we still live, after the sad loss of my husband last year.

As well as now being your part time Priest-in-Charge, I have a part-

time training and development job in North Essex Partnership, the local NHS mental health service. My job includes some work with mental health chaplains and you probably won't be surprised to hear I have an interest in spirituality and mental health. By the way, being with you part-time in the parish doesn't mean being your part-time priest. I will be praying for people in East Hanningfield every day, if you have a special prayer request, please let me know.

Wishing you the joy and peace of this Christmas season and the hope of Christ in the year to come.

Rev'd Susan Iskander

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## .....**AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN**

**Unprecedented** – the speed with which our vacancy has been filled! Our grateful thanks go to the Bishop of Bradwell, John Wraw, for both finding and Licensing the Rev'd Susan in record time, and of course to Susan herself for agreeing to take us on! Thank you also to a number of you from the village who responded to our invitation to come and join in the official Welcoming on 29<sup>th</sup> October. *NB – As the Rev'd Susan has just two on-duty days a week with us, and is in employment for the rest of the time, please direct general enquiries to me or other church officials whenever possible. A full list of who to contact about what is on our church notice board, web site, and in our information leaflet which we can deliver to you monthly, free of any charge or obligation (see below).*

**The (silent) Bells** – the PCC are approaching grant-making bodies for church bells to see what financial support might be available, conscious that they will soon have to start on building repairs required by the latest Quinquennial Survey, and also that the Feasibility Study for church facilities/new heating system is approaching its final stage. What are the priorities to be?

**Churchyard** – I can now refer to the *team* of volunteers which has come into being this year – seemingly out of nowhere. The PCC are most grateful for this support, which depends entirely on personal initiative, and are delighted to see the grounds looking so good. The recent removal of the hollies from amongst the limes in front of the church has made another unexpected improvement.

**Advent & Christmas** – details of our arrangements can be found in the Village Diary. ***Let me know if you would like to receive our monthly information leaflet.***

**Ron Attenborough**

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

At our September meeting we welcomed Lucaster (Cass) Edwards. She is a Fashion Adviser and introduced us to different colour combinations to suit our natural skin and hair tones. Using a vast amount of coloured squares she showed us how to mix and match vibrant and more muted colours successfully. We were put into groups representing our natural colour. Blonds, Brunettes, Auburn and I was pleased to see that there was a group of chestnut brown with large dashes of grey and lots of white which I joined. She cleverly showed us how to use colours together that we would not normally consider to great effectiveness. I can almost hear the buzz of sawing machines and the clacking of needles actively producing next year's spring collection.

The Women's Institute have always supported the British Legion's poppy appeal. I had the honour as President of placing East Hanningfield W.I.'s Poppy Wreath at our War Memorial again this year. A sobering experience.

In October we learnt an awful lot about Auctions. Our speaker, Mike Logan-Wood who has many years experience as an auctioneer gave us many tips on what to do and more importantly what not to do when going to an auction. He also explained what you needed to do immediately if you find you had made a successful bid for the wrong item. It was a bit of an eye opener too when he explained some of the tricks of the trade. Some of us are paying particular attention to programmes such as Bargain Hunt to see if we can spot these little anomalies.

Our Harvest Lunch had to be postponed as the Electricity Company picked that day to change their cables. The task of providing a hot meal for 60 by candle power was a little too much for the W.I., but the opportunity for a good feast cannot be shaken it was moved to the 27 November.

We have been asked to decorate a Christmas tree at Hyde Hall again this year. All W.I's in Essex are invited to take part in this festive activity, but there is such demand now that Hyde Hall has to use a ballot system. The trees are decorated with recycled natural products and a lot of inventiveness. They will look stunning and will be on parade in the run up to Christmas. They are worth a visit.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the W.I. of wishing all of you a very enjoyable Christmas and our very best wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year. A Little less harsh winter weather would be rather nice too. Take care.

Flora Virgoe  
President.



**Reindeer**  
**By**  
**Ioan Williams**



**Christmas Pudding**  
**By**  
**Elena Williams**

# VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

You will find within this edition of East Hanningfield News the Village Design Statement questionnaire. The Committee has deliberated long and hard over the questions and we feel that the responses received will give an accurate guide to the thoughts of the residents and businesses in the Parish.

To try to ensure as many people as possible can respond there are 3 ways to get your responses to the committee:

- Online at <http://tinyurl.com/EHonline>
- Leaving the completed questionnaire in the Village Shop
- By arranging for collection by the committee, details in the questionnaire

Once all the responses have been received then the answers will be collated and the Design Statement printed and distributed.

This is your chance to help influence the way the Parish will look in the coming years.

Cliff Foster  
Hon Chairman



## MILLERS COFFEE MORNING

£330 was raised in aid of Marie Curie nurses and Farleigh Hospice from the coffee morning held at Millers, The Common. These charities were chosen as a tribute to a very dear friend the late Mr Leonard Miller a resident in the village for many years. A big thank you to all my friends and acquaintances who attended and helped make it most worthwhile and enjoyable.

Merry Christmas to all  
Pam Kenton

# VILLAGE DIARY

[www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/](http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/)

## DECEMBER

- Sun 1 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** Advent Sunday at [All Saints' Church](#)  
10am **ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** followed by refreshments at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Fri 6 7-8.30pm **YOUTH BUS** at the Village Hall car park.
- Sat 7 11am **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 8 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Wed 11 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green  
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Thur 12 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall
- Fri 13 7-8.30pm **YOUTH BUS** at the Village Hall car park.
- Sat 14 2-4pm **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CRAFT** in Village Hall small hall
- Sun 15 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church  
11am **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS** at All Saints' Church.
- Frid 20 am **HANNA'S TOTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
7-8.30pm **YOUTH BUS** at the Village Hall car park.
- Sat 21 4pm **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE** meet at Bethel Church
- Sun 22 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tues 24 4pm **CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
11.30pm **CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Wed 25 10am **CHRISTMAS MORNING SHORTENED FAMILY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church  
10am **CHRISTMAS SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Sun29 10.45am **SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church  
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** 1st Sunday of Christmas at All Saints' Church

## **VILLAGE DIARY 2014**

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### **JANUARY**

Sun 5 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church  
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
Sun 12 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
11am **MORNING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
Wed 15 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.  
Fri 17 am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots  
Sun 19 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
11am **MORNING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
Thur23 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall.  
Sun 26 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
11am **MORNING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church

### **FEBRUARY**

Sun 2 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church  
10am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
Sun 9 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
11am **MORNING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
Sun 16 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
11am **MORNING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church  
Wed19 am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots.



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Sun 23 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

11am **MORNING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church

Thur27 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall.

**To have your event included in the Village Diary,  
please send details to [karen.plumridge@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com)**



*Angel  
By  
Layla*



*Snowman with Crown  
By  
Alex Aldridge*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In November there was a burglary in East Hanningfield Road. Access was gained by breaking glass in the back door, but windows were also damaged, jewellery was stolen, and the house left in a mess. It will have been very distressing for the owners and therefore I make no apology in repeating this message:

If it's going to be dark before you get home

- Don't leave your curtains closed;
- Leave some downstairs & upstairs lights on auto timers and operating at different times;
- Don't leave a light on by your front door, unless it switches itself off during daylight;
- Double check windows and doors are locked;
- Padlock side gate: burglars prefer to break in unseen;
- Set an alarm if possible;

If you leave your property empty for a period:

- Let our PCSO know you are away and identify a key holder;
- Arrange for a neighbour to remove post etc if visible from outside;
- Ask a neighbour to park in your drive;

As Christmas is nearly here take these additional precautions

- Don't leave valuables or Christmas presents on display;
- Don't leave the boxes from high value goods in view;

If you would like to receive our emailed NhW updates & police crime alerts, please let me know.

Geoff Dickman

NhW Village Co-ordinator.

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**Skating Snowman By  
Zach B**



## **BETHEL CHURCH—TAKING THE PLUNGE**

On Sunday 10 November we baptised Charly, a young woman who has recently come to faith. We usually hire the school pool to do this, but on this occasion it wasn't available. So plan B was to acquire a high-sided pool which we put up in the church grounds.

To the best of our ability we tried to make it as warm as possible, but the November climate made this quite a challenge. And the very fact that Charly had to be fully submerged under the water wasn't for the faint-hearted.

But the look of joy on her face as she both entered and came up from the water was a sight to behold.

In baptism, we follow the example of Jesus. Jesus was baptised even though he had never sinned. He did this to set the example for us. Matthew 3:13-16.

The Bible commands believers to be baptised. A Christian is baptised in order to be obedient to God. Acts 2:38 says, "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

As we go under the water and come up, it is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Baptism is a wonderful visual representation of what has happened to us. We have died to our old way of thinking and living and are raised to walk in a new way of life, a Christian life. We identify with Jesus through this experience. When we are baptised, we say to the world, "I am a follower of Jesus Christ."

For Charly, she is just starting out on her Christian walk. But she can face the ups and downs of this life in the knowledge that Christ has gone before her.

As we approach Christmas, the preparation for the 'big day' can be overwhelming and often stressful rather than the enjoyable anti-



pation it should be. Jesus sets us an example in his baptism, he sets us an example in his humanity. The Son of God, laying aside the riches of heaven to come and rescue the world.

Please join us for our evening Family Carol Service on Sunday 22 December at 6.00pm, as we celebrate the Christmas story once more. We are also joining with our friends at All Saints Church for Christmas Carols on Saturday 21 December, meeting @ Bethel Church at 4.00pm. So please dig out your lanterns, wrap up warm and come and sing some of those wonderful carols together. Or listen out for us around the village. For other dates please see the Village Diary in the centre pages.

Can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and joyful Christmas from all at Bethel Evangelical Church.

Roydon Hearne

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## **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

The two major fundraising events during the year for the Charity are the Art Show which is organised by Jenny Mouser and Wendy Thomas and the Village Fete which was chaired last year by Jenny Ash. Jenny Ash has decided to stand down as Fete Committee Chairman so we are currently looking for a new Fete Chairman. Good luck to the new Chairman when they have been found!

A big thank you to Jenny for her chairmanship and to everyone who helped with the Fete last September. (See Fete article on Page 29.)

The major item of expenditure for the future is the replacement of the main hall roof which after more than 25 years is reaching the end of its natural life. We are also actively seeking funding for improvements to facilities on the field including the sports courts, football pitches, mountain bike track, outdoor fitness track & sports wall.

The Charity has been approached by a group of villagers, who have been offered a former demountable classroom, to find a location on the field for a demountable to use as a base for a teenagers' youth club for the benefit of village teenagers. The logistics for installing the demountable are considerable & will require careful planning. (See Youth article on Page 31)

We are also liaising with the Parish Council over the future of the toddlers' playgrounds in Catherine Close and Paine Place offering our support for their long term retention in the village. One of the playgrounds has now been grassed over by the City Council and the responsibility for the other is being negotiated between Chelmsford City Council, the Parish Council and the Charity. (See PC article Page 4).

The bottle recycling facility located on the village hall car park is due to be removed by the City Council as all households should be using their green boxes to recycle their household waste bottles. The

Charity spends funds each year on clearing litter from the field, the chase & car park. We plan to install additional rubbish bins around the hall & field. Please use them or if the bins are full take your litter home with you.

We will be reviewing the Hall, meeting room, sports field and sports court hiring rates and new rates which incorporate a cost of living rise which will apply from January 2014.

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 Charity's AGM will take place in April 2014 when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome to both come to the AGM and also to stand for election to the committee.

The hall, field and sports courts are available for bookings which can be made via Dan and Jessica on 400965. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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Chairman Hanna's Field  
Charity  
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*Robin in the Snow  
By  
Harry Vowles*

## HANNA'S TOTS

We are the local baby & toddler group meeting every Friday morning (9.15-11.15) in the large hall next to the village shop. We welcome bumps and children 0-5 years with their parents/guardian. We have a large range of toys & space for the little ones to play. We have visits from the health visitor every 3rd. Friday of the month for weighings and chats.

We are a voluntary group and ask for £2 per family per session, so come along for a cup of tea/coffee and of course biscuits.

I'd just like to say thank you to all who help wash up and tidy up the toys. Also, thank you to all committees for your support you have given us.

Our **Christmas Party** is on **Friday 20th. December**. Please bring nibbles for the food table.

**Job Vacancy:** As from Easter I'd like to step down from my position due to my son being at preschool, then off to big school in September, and would like to find someone to take over the running of Hanna's Tots. If you are interested in this voluntary position please contact me.

Jenny Watts  
☎07810 888720

**Santa & Tree By  
George Hall**



## PRESCHOOL

We ended our Summer Term with a visit from a farm and all the children thoroughly enjoyed seeing and patting the animals. Some even got to give the lambs their bottles of milk. We are now in the midst of the autumn term and by the time you read this we will be busy making things for Christmas



and rehearsing our songs to sing to the parents and carers before we break up.

The first half of this term we have been learning all about different types of transport and this will be followed by Fairy Stories and of course, Christmas. Each week we endeavour to teach the children a letter, a number and also a different shape.

On Thursday 24 October some of the children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and took part in a sponsored walk in the hall in order to raise funds for a new permanent outdoor area. During their walk the children looked for Halloween items hidden in the fencing and once found, ticked them off on their list. East Hanningfield Pre-school has recently been granted permission for permanent fencing to be erected outside the village hall. The plan is that the children will be able to free-flow between the setting and the garden area which will have a child friendly safe surface and some shade provided by an awning. The pre-school has received funding for the Outdoor area in a grant from Essex Early Years for £5200.18. We are waiting to hear about another grant. The total funding needed to complete the project is £18,040.80.



## Guess the weight of the Christmas cake

Have a go to guess the weight of the Christmas cake. All proceeds to go towards our outdoor area. The Christmas cake can be seen in the Village Shop.

After the last very successful and indulgent Pamper Evening the committee and parents are busily planning the next not to be missed event. The date for your diaries is **Friday 25th April, 7-10pm** at the Village Hall. Luxury beauty treatments, beautiful gift and craft stalls, delicious refreshments, raffles and games with super prizes, and a great atmosphere promise to make this an evening for us all to look forward to! If anyone would like to have a stall or offer treatments please contact Hollie via email [lailah-lou@hotmail.com](mailto:lailah-lou@hotmail.com).

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

[www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk](http://www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk)

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# **EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Autumn is upon us and we are having another busy term. In September we were pleased to welcome two new teachers to our school. Miss Pegram is now our class 1 teacher and Mrs Wallace is teaching class 3.

This term, Children in Class 1 have had a visit from the farm. They had the opportunity to hold chicks, meet the farm dog, pony and ducks as well as learn about hamsters, rabbits and guinea pigs. Class 4 have been learning about the Tower of London and are visiting London in the coming weeks to explore the Tower for themselves. Class 3 have been learning about Roald Dahl and have a storyteller coming to share Dahl's work with them and Class 2 have been delving into science, making circuits to light their lighthouse that stands within their class! The whole school held a successful Harvest festival at All Saint's Church attended by parents and made donations to the women's refuge.

This term we are also holding a Design & Technology week where a company will be working with the children making architectural structures as well as the children, cooking, clay modelling and working creatively with design materials.

The second half of term sees Christmas descend. Key stage 1 will be performing the 'Disgruntled Snowman' to parents and carers and Key stage 2 children will be holding a carol service at All Saint's Church. We are also holding a mini Christmas Fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15pm to 5pm. We hope that you will be able to visit!

Best wishes for the festive season from all at East Hanningfield C of E primary School.

Kerry Collins, Headteacher

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## VILLAGE FETE 2013

This year's Village Fete took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September, & although the weather didn't quite live up to that of the rest of the summer, the rain didn't last for long & had little impact on the day as a whole. A display by Silver Gems Majorettes from Chelmsford opened the fete, with other entertainment provided by Ali Barmy & also Icení Puppy Training. Our village postmaster was particularly glad to see Karima Dance return to the fete this year.

A massive amount of money was raised: £3,400. This has been split evenly between All Saints' Church & Hanna's Field Charity (responsible for maintaining the village hall & playing fields).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again the legion of people involved in creating a successful fete: the committee, the stall-holders, those who helped set up, those who stayed to pack away, everyone who sold draw tickets & all those involved in the football tournament. Without you good folk, there would be no fete.

I would also like to mention our main sponsors this year: J Gard & Sons, Carol Phillips & Intercounty, & Paul Edwards at Chelmer Site Investigations. The prizes for the Grand Draw were donated by a variety of local businesses: thank you to Fordham Electrical, Hyde Hall, The Royal Tiger, Communicate, East Hanningfield Motors, The Windmill, The Rettendon Bell & Vita Bella.

We are already starting to think about next year's fete, so if you have any ideas, or would like to be involved, get in touch with Hanna's Field Charity or come along to a meeting. We would love to see you.

Jenny Ash

*PS. You can see photos of the Fete at <http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-hall/fete-2013/> . Editor*

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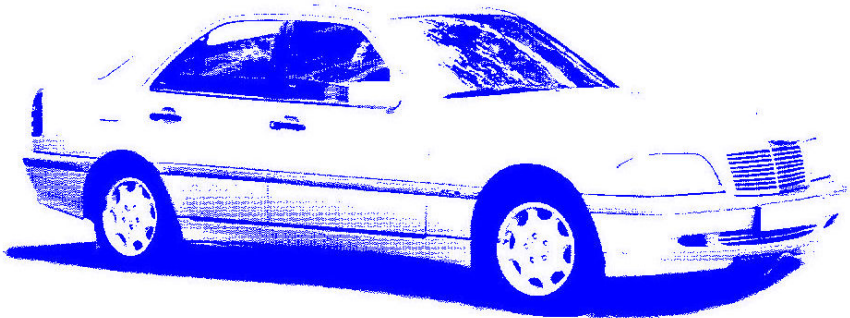


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## YOUTH GROUP

Back in Spring, an appeal was made to anyone interested in exploring the possibility of setting up a youth facility in the village. Six months down the line, we want to update you on where things stand.

Some time ago, you should have received a survey - this sought to establish if there was a genuine need for such a youth facility in the village. **Thank you to all of you who responded.** From this, we were pleasantly surprised to find out how many youth are in the village and encouraged by the overwhelming feeling that some sort of facility would be beneficial.

In light of this, we arranged for the Essex County Council to provide a youth bus to come to the village on Friday evenings throughout November and December. Provided this is successful, our long-term goal and hope is to set up a more regular facility, such as a coffee shop, where the youth can come throughout the week, not just on Fridays.

At the moment, we are still trying to find a suitable venue. We are hugely thankful to both Hanna's Field Charity and the Parish Council for their support as we explore this possibility. **However, we now need your help.** Do you know of a venue that could be suitable? Somewhere which could be set up as a coffee shop on a semi-permanent basis? Perhaps you own an outbuilding which is going spare? Or perhaps you know of a portacabin that's going free?

If you do know of anything which could serve such a purpose, we'd love to hear about it. And if you are interested in getting involved, we'd love to have you on board!

If you are able to help out with either of the above, please do get in touch.

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