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CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

WELL DONE **DOMINIC WILLIAMS**, whose picture of a penguin is the winner of this year's Cover Competition.

Thank you to East Hanningfield School for participating again this year, and to the Mums and Dads who made sure the completed entry forms got back to School.

There were **49** entries, which made the judges' task very difficult, especially as there were so many that would have been perfect for the front cover. All the children did well, and obviously put a lot of thought and care into creating their drawings.

As many as possible have been included in this EH News, and they are all in colour! See how many you can find.



EMILY CHAPMAN

PARISH COUNCIL

The four year term of the present Parish Council comes to an end in May. All Councillors, including those who have joined since the last election, will stand down and will have to stand for election if they wish to continue. As one of the Councillors has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election in May, this would be a good time for anyone who thinks they might be interested in joining the Parish Council to start taking an interest and to follow the meetings either by coming along or by reading the Minutes on PC's website.

A few months ago, a concerned parent asked me about the possibility of the speed limit in Ashley Green and Coude Dennis being reduced from the present 30mph to 20mph. There is a process that PC can follow with the Highways Authority to achieve this, but it needs evidence of residents' support. If residents of any of the adopted side roads in the parish could either write to PC in support of reducing the speed limit in their particular road or collect a petition of names and addresses of those in favour, that would be the support needed for PC to go ahead with the request. If you do this, please state in which road or roads you want the change.

The transfer of the Catherine Close play area from the City Council is progressing. In the Summer PC arranged for a RoSPA inspection of the equipment to be done. This identified that there were several repairs that needed to be done. The City Council was informed of these and had completed them by the end of October, leaving the way clear for the transfer to go ahead. PC is to pay £1 for the play area, which must be kept as a public open space in perpetuity. As this is legally a purchase there will be the usual legal fees etc associated with buying property.

According to the most recent Superfast Essex quarterly newsletter, by October 2014 10,000 homes and businesses in Essex had been connected to superfast broadband as a result of the project. The intention being that 85% of homes should be connected. Phase 2

has the target of achieving 95% coverage. A visit from a member of the team to the September PC meeting, gave us to be optimistic that East Hanningfield would be in that second phase. The network is such that it might be that not all areas of the parish will receive it at the same time because the feed will be coming from different directions. You can find the most up to date information at www.superfastessex.org .

The Autumn News recorded the sad news of the death of Mike Harris. The vacancy on the PC that ensued was filled by co-optation at PC's October Meeting. The newest Parish Councillor is Karen Saynor who lives in Bicknacre Road. In the last 40 years there have been only four other female councillors. They were Libby Brooks, Shirley Tilby, Penny Waters and Janice Williamson . The vacant City Council seat was filled by election and an introduction to the new City Councillor, Matt Flack, follows on page 7.

The path to the School's back gate is to be resurfaced. Confirmation of the date of the work is awaited from the contractor who will also be carrying out repairs to the Village Hall car park. Depending on how wet and how cold the next few weeks are, it might be necessary to wait until the Spring. Funding for the path is coming from S106 monies. This is money paid by a developer, to the City Council which is then passed on to PC, for improvements to local open space provision. It seems there is more due to the Parish but a developer is contesting the need to pay because, supposedly, so many councils sit on such funds and do not use them. PC has a list of projects awaiting the funding, so that argument does not apply here.



HENRY ROWE

At the time of writing PC had been informed that the applicant for the gypsy site in Sandon Parish had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against refusal of planning permission and against enforcement action to remove the existing mobile home. There is still some time for the applicant for the proposed gypsy site in Old Church Road to appeal, so it is a matter of wait and see with that one. PC objected to the proposed 24 large houses at the Morelands industrial estate on the grounds that local housing surveys and the Parish Plan and Village Design surveys showed that the vast majority of local need and preference was for housing that was more affordable. PC is not opposed in principal to the development of this plot for housing, as properly planned, it could be an improvement on the present contaminated site.

PC now has a Facebook page. You can reach it through the home page of the website, or you might already be receiving postings via “friends”. The reason for moving into this “social medium” is so that news can be sent out quickly. The website contains a lot of information, and will continue to be used for PC’s documents, but you have to go in to look for it.



DANIEL MOSS

As you read through this edition of the News you will find that it is printed in colour throughout. This innovation is to celebrate the 150th. Edition. The first was published in the Summer of 1974, and was a folded A4 sheet with a drawing of some of the houses on the Tye on the front cover. You can find it and the next four editions on the Parish Council’s website with the more recent editions starting from Autumn 2004. Since Winter 2008 the version on the website has been in full colour. The first Christmas Cover Competition was held for Number 34, which although undated,

appears to have been in 1985. The winning drawing then was provided by Simon Reid-Henry and the runners-up were Chloe Searle, Felicity Brooks & Erin Bonner.

Please note that the next PC Meeting will be on 11th. December, not the usual 4th. Thursday of the month, in order to avoid the holiday period. As is usual, the Agenda will be posted on the website and noticeboards three clear days beforehand.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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CITY COUNCILLOR

I welcome our new councillor, Matthew Flack who joins me as Councillor for the ward of Bicknacre and East & West Hanningfield. He is a young man with vast amounts of energy and enthusiasm. It is hard to keep up.


The planning application for a gypsy and traveller site in Old Church Road was refused. The applicants went to considerable expense in preparing their application so it is reasonable to expect they will appeal the refusal. They have six months in which to do so. I have been working with the Parish Council and the East Hanningfield Action Group on the initial work so we are as prepared as can be to fight any appeal. I remain totally opposed to this application.

A planning application has been made for twenty four large homes on the Morelands Industrial site. This site is now scheduled for housing. There is significant contamination which will have to be cleaned up. Although not an ideal site it is a pragmatic solution to an otherwise intractable problem. The application is likely to be determined in early 2015.



I am very willing to visit residents and local businesses to resolve any issues. Just give me a ring to make arrangements. My wife, Matthew and I wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2015.

Richard Poulter

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Matt Flack

(Photo: Chelmsford City Council)

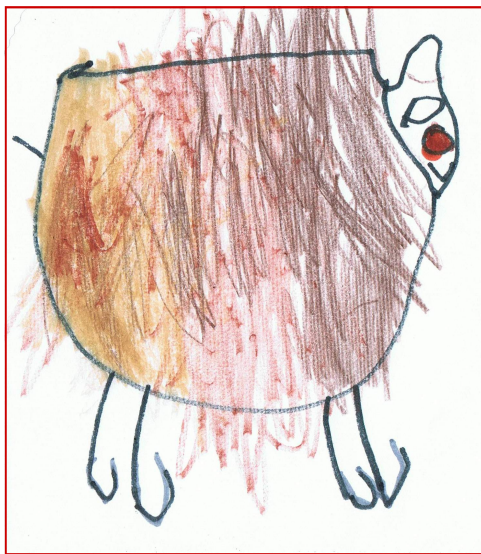
HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This year's Fete was run by a Committee without a designated Chairman. With a lot of hard work and support from a number of villagers and sponsors over £3,900 was raised which is shared equally between All Saints Church and Hanna's Field Charity. A number of the parish organisations ran stalls from which they generated a surplus in addition to the £3,900. Congratulations and grateful thanks to everyone who participated in the Fete whether as a stallholder, helper or participant. At the time of writing a Fete Committee had not been formed to run next year's Fete and it is likely that, if no one comes forward to organise the fete, this year's Fete will have been the last. The current Committee has been organising the fete for many years and deserves both our thanks and a well earned rest.

The Village Hall has been subject to vandalism in recent weeks, including the smashing of exterior security floodlights and breaking fence posts and rails, all of which cost a lot in time and effort to replace not to mention the expense. If you witness any vandalism taking place please ring Essex Police who have increased their patrols to include the Village Hall.

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

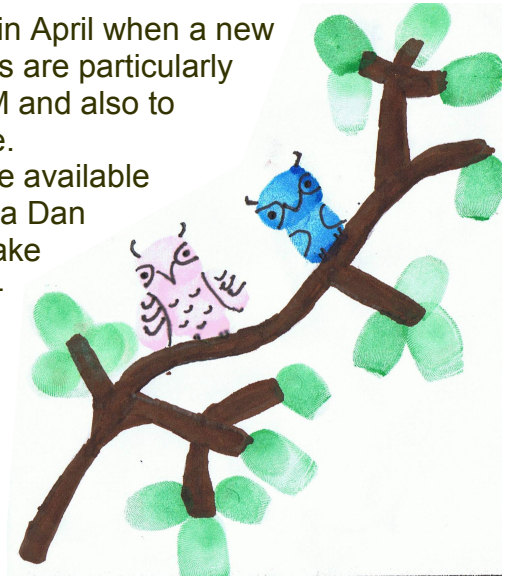
The Hanna's Field Charity Committee is always looking for new members to assist in the running of the Village Hall and sports facilities. If you would like to find out more about the Charity please contact me or any member of the Committee.



REIS TOKGÖZ

The Charity's AGM will take place in April when a new Committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome both to 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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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As we have recently been commemorating 100 years since the start of the First World War I had a look in the W.I. archives to see how this affected our little (as it was then) village. It was very clear that there was huge concern and worry about the men involved and the cost to the country as a whole. This inspired our ladies to help each other in the fight against their hardship. Meetings speak of pooling recipes with ingredients we would not put together today to help bulk up meals very cheaply. Unfortunately we cannot find any of those recipes at present – we are still looking. Gardens were also dug over to grow vegetables. Garden experts were booked to give talks and sort out difficulties some were experiencing. When reading these events it becomes clear that this was probably a forerunner to the Second World War where self sufficiency became absolutely essential. At this time of course the W.I. Hall was only a slowly building bank account. The Rectory and members houses were customary venues then.

Today we still have a slow growing bank balance but through dedication and gritty hard work we now boast a new heating system. The hall has hot water from a tap in the kitchen for the first time since the hall was built in 1925. What is the saying 'patience is a virtue'. We would like to extend our very grateful thanks to all those who have supported the W.I. especially at the Village Fete. Our grateful thanks also go to Ash who is kindly selling our first recent Recipe book – with wipe clean pages. It has well tried and tested recipes in from members and makes an ideal low cost gift.

Our meetings are fun packed with interesting and informative talks at the time of writing we are learning about tripe and trotters. There is no end to our talents. We have a full calendar booked to entertain our members next year. Our Events Calendar contains our well supported Spring Lunch, Strawberry Tea and Harvest Lunch there is a strong theme here I think you are getting used to now – we are ladies who do food . We have our Christmas lunch booked at the Chimes (Bell Pub) who are now experts at handling our enthusiasm

and laughter. We also have our Annual Christmas Carol Service with the other W.I.'s in our area which will be at South Woodham Ferrers this year. Then to finish the year we have a lovely afternoon of tea and special cakes with our own entertainment – certainly not to be missed.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and enjoyable New Year. Of course as ever; you will be most welcome to come and spend the afternoon with us and hopefully join our band of very happy ladies.

Flora Virgoe
President.



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DECEMBER

- Fri 5 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots
- Sun 7 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church
10am **ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at All Saints' Ch
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 10 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall Car Park
- Thu 11 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side door.
- Fri 12 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR CLINIC** at Hanna's Tots
- Sat 13 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
3.45 meet for 4pm start **CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE.**
Meet at Bethel Church.
- Sun 14 11am **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**
- Tue 16 8pm **CHARITY QUIZ EVENING** at the Windmill for Preschool
- Fri 19 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots
EHPS BREAKS UP for Christmas holiday.
- Sun 21 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
6pm **CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 24 12 Noon **VILLAGE HALL** closes for holiday. Reopens 3 Jan.
4pm **CRIB SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
11.30pm **MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Ch
- Thu 25 10am **SHORTENED FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
11am **CHRISTMAS MORNING** at Bethel Church
- Sun 28 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

JANUARY

- Sun 4 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church
(There will be no All Age Service at 10am)
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
EHPS **BACK TO SCHOOL** after Christmas break
- Wed 7 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Fri 9 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR CLINIC** at Hanna's Tots
- Sun 11 11.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Sat 10 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Fri 16 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots
- Sun 18 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Wed 21 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Thu 22 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting
room at the Village Hall
- Fri 23 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR CLINIC** at Hanna's Tots
- Sun 25 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Tue 27 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
- Fri 30 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots

FEBRUARY

- Sun 1 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church
10.00am **ALL AGE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 4 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Sun 8 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

- Fri 13 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots -
 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR CLINIC** at Hanna's Tots
EHPS BREAK UP for half term.
- Sat 14 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 15 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
 11.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Wed 18 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Sun 22 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
 11.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Tue 24 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
- Thu 26 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting
 room at the Village Hall
- Fri 27 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots -
 9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR CLINIC** at Hanna's Tots



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EHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

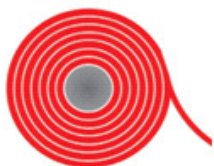
At the recent AGM the decision was made to change the name from Parent Teacher Association to Parents' Association. Our aim is to raise funds for East Hanningfield School and for the money to be spent immediately rather than saved, so that the children benefit right away from our activities.

We are very excited about this new era for the Association and will be organising events throughout the year. Information about the events we are planning will be sent out to parents in the near future.

All parents are automatically members of the Parents' Association and any help that they can give in running the PA's events will be very much appreciated.

Ellen Carden
Secretary Parents' Association

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REV'D SUSAN



Christmas starts with....the Christmas adverts. The theme this year seems to be sharing and Christmas blessings. We have been so moved, I think, by the centenary of the start of the First World War. Certainly the display of ceramic poppies at the Tower of London has been mentioned to me by everyone who was able to see them. I heard a work colleague describe how the solemnity of their visit had deeply moved them. Wonderful too that this raised so much money for the charities that support our service personnel and their families. We are truly a generous people.

Quite right too of course as we prepare to celebrate the greatest gift of all in the coming of Jesus to be amongst us to, live alongside us, teaching us generosity and love. Wonderful that we can demonstrate that generosity in the way we live too. Though it is tempting to overdo the Christmas spending, like expensive parties and presents, the real gift of Christmas is peace on earth and goodwill to everyone. So whether by post or the cheaper email cards we can get these days, it is the right time of year to pass on God's blessing with our good wishes to each other.

If you find you have the time you might also consider visiting a

neighbour or a friend you haven't seen for a while. Your presence can be a wonderful present of time and attention that might change their Christmas - could you invite someone who might otherwise be on their own to your Christmas meal?

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the Christmas celebrations at your Parish Church, see the diary page, our chance to sing carols and enter in to the true spirit of Christmas.

Advent and Christmas blessings,
Rev'd Susan



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

Remembrance Sunday was expected to bring out more of us to mark the 100th anniversary year of the commencement of WWI. We had all been made so much more aware of the sacrifices made on our behalf by members of our communities in earlier years - both during 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. But sad to say, in our village, there were fewer of us, not more of us, who came to remember them in the time honoured way on 9th November. However, Poppy wreaths were laid on behalf of The Parish Council, The Women's Institute and the Pupils & Staff of East Hanningfield School, and those who did attend, also gave generously. The sum of £175 is being forwarded to Help for Heroes this year (alternating with the British Legion). So to all who attended and gave – thank you.

There are still a few copies left of “We will remember them”. Please contact Sue Edward at sue.edward@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to have this interesting and moving record of those whose names appear on the village War Memorial.

The **Children's Harvest Craft Session** had been anticipated as usual in my last report but, with great regret, we found ourselves unable to staff it adequately when the time came and it did not take place. The **Children's Christmas Craft Session** planning has been experiencing similar problems and the decision has had to be taken not to proceed with it this year either.

Advent & Christmas related services are planned to be maintained, and you will find details of these in the Village Diary on page 13 and of course on our web site. We offer our usual warm welcome to all, but please note that the 10am All Age Service scheduled for 4th. January has been cancelled.

The external church repairs due to take place this Autumn have had to be postponed until the Spring. The problem can be summed up in one short word - **BATS!**

Ron Attenborough

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Some of you may recall the NhW article in the autumn EH News was an appeal from the then NhW Area Coordinator Geoff Dickman who had been in that post since 2007 and the point of



contact for forwarding on police and NhW information to residents. When he left in August there was no one willing to pick up this important task or coordinate activities and it looked as though our local area NhW would cease.

Thanks to several people who came forward in response to Geoff's appeal, a new NhW team has formed. This group feels that although the village is a relatively low crime area we can't assume it will stay this way and therefore NhW can offer a valuable service by keeping people informed about crime prevention and aware of what's happening around them.

To this end we continue to work with the police and community, reporting local incidents and feedback to the police, looking after NhW area road signs & providing crime prevention information to residents via email, the Parish Council NhW website & this News.

As part of this strategy new NhW volunteer David Rackham attended the Chelmsford Group Neighbourhood Watch meeting in October at the Great Baddow Millennium Centre where Essex Police District Commander, Alan Cook, provided an overview on changes in the way Essex police will in future communicate with the community at grass roots level using a new email messaging system. East Hanningfield NhW will receive these.

More details about the team will be circulated after the next East Hanningfield NhW meeting in December but, in the meantime, one of the volunteers, Malcolm Hyett, who lives in the village, has agreed to act as post-man for current police email messages and has started forwarding them to people on the email network (there are over 80 people in the village who currently receive local alerts and crime information messages in this way).

Apart from some recent, expensive vandalism at the Village Hall (about £750 worth) there have been no reported crimes but here is some food for thought:

There's a 20% increase in home burglaries during the darker months, according to Aviva. Halifax Home Insurance says the average cost of a winter burglary weighs in at £1,746. Two key things you can do:

- don't leave curtains drawn (but do leave some downstairs and upstairs lights operating at different times on auto timers);
- photograph and mark with postcode and house number/name valuable items. A number of people in the village who have been burgled were fortunate enough to later recover their belongings from the police but its easier if items are photographed or marked (NhW has a marking kit).

There's plenty more you can do to reduce the risk. The Metropolitan Police's "Operation Bumblebee" website is packed with useful advice including a Virtual House Tour that highlights vulnerable areas of your home, as well as dedicated sections on windows, doors, lighting, gardens, alarms.

If you are interested in helping the local NhW team (did you know that if you are a member of a NhW some insurers will offer a saving on your house insurance?) or would simply like to keep up to date with local police NhW alerts and crime prevention information please speak to either Malcolm Hyett, Peter Cockrell or me. Or use the email address below.

Note: E-mailed NhW information is "blind" to recipients - people receiving these do not see any other person's e-mail address. We will not share the address with any other organisation. We do not retain any details other than the email address of recipient.

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FREYA HIGGINS

BETHEL CHURCH

Christmas Turned The World Upside-down

We can come to Christmas thinking of it as the time that puts everything right.

Christmas songs on the radio, the Christmas TV adverts competing for our attention and affections – all heighten the expectation of a time spent with the people we love most. A time when everything that might seem upside-down in our lives, is set, at least for a couple of days, the right-side up.

Yet, the Bible account of that very first Christmas, was a time when everything was turned upside-down in a different sense. It wasn't about a loving, family-value mother caring for a conventional child. It was Mary, an unwed mother, expectant in a most unconventional upside-down way as you could imagine. And then giving birth in the most unconventional of settings.

But if we leave Jesus in the manger, if Christmas is only about a baby lying in a cattle trough; we miss the point of the incarnation.

We celebrate Christmas because He came. But there is no salvation in his birth alone, nor is there in the sinless way he lived his life. His example, as flawless as it was, could not rescue mankind from its sin. Even his teaching, the greatest truth ever revealed to man, could not save us from our sins.



RIA SMITH



OLIVIA MOSS



GEORGE HALL

There was a price to be paid that only the Christ could pay, that price was his life. His ultimate purpose in coming to this earth was that he might die, giving hope to all who believe in him.

From the moment of his birth, Jesus turned the world upside-down.

History has been shaped by the events of his life, death and resurrection. And peoples' lives have been transformed by the new birth that is received when they put their faith and trust in him.

If you would like to come and hear the Christmas Story afresh, please join us for our evening carol service on **Sunday 21 December** at 6.00pm

Also, if you would like to join us singing carols around the village on **Saturday 14 December**, please meet at Bethel Church at 3.45pm for a 4.00pm start. If not, listen out for us. But please be kind as we don't have the best voices in the world.

Please see pages 13-15 for other dates for your diary.

Can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas time and a happy, healthy New Year, from all your friends at Bethel Evangelical Church.

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Another term is upon us and the weeks fly past, we are already thinking about Christmas plays & parties! This term two new teachers joined us, Mr Daniel Forster and Miss Hayley Burns and we are extremely happy to have them with us. Last half term saw our new entrants make a successful start to their time at school and we look forward to seeing them progress through the years.



AMY KINGSNORTH

This term we have held a successful Harvest Festival at All Saints Church and we have had visits from Wilf, my Golden Retriever who is training to be a ***Pets as Therapy*** dog (www.petsastherapy.org). As part of his training he will be coming to school with me on occasions as I hope in the future he will work with children on the 'PAT' scheme "Read2Dogs". In connection with this we have had the Dogs Advisory team in to teach the younger children how to stay safe around dogs. This term the farm will also be visiting our reception children as part of their learning topic.

Later, this term, the school choir sang at Hyde Hall at their Christmas shopping event on Thursday 20th November and the whole school will be attending 'Snow White on Ice' at the Riverside in Chelmsford in December. This term sees the children celebrating Christmas by holding a Carol service at All Saints Church led by Key stage 2 children and Key Stage 1 children will be performing a school play in the school hall. There will of course be our Christmas parties and our special Christmas lunch.

This just leads me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Kerry Collins ~ Headteacher

PRESCHOOL

Following our appeal for information about our 40th anniversary we discovered that Pre-school has actually been open 44 years in the village and not 40 as we previously thought. Thank you to everyone who passed on information and photographs: We were able to have a display at the Village Fete in September, showing past and present pupils and staff.



Thank you also to everyone who supported Pre-school with donations or helped at the Village Fete. We raised £146 which will go towards new equipment for the children to use.

The first half of the autumn term we were busy learning all about healthy eating and also where our food comes from. Not straight

from the shops as many often think! We also tried some keep fit exercises and some dancing. We collected food for Harvest and the Vicar came to visit us and talked about Harvest and we also made our own bread.

The second half of the term we are learning about the seven continents on earth, one each week and we will also be incorporating Fireworks, Diwali, Remembrance Day and of course, Christmas. Each week in addition to our topic we endeavour to teach the children a letter, a number and also a different shape.

The canopy for our lovely new area is at last on order and once in place this will enable us to go outside and play in the dry whatever the weather.

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 8 May 2015. 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.

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS CAKE

Have a go: guess the Christmas cake's weight . All proceeds to go to Pre-school.

The Christmas cake will be in the Village Shop shortly.



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 www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk or contact us on 07732951613 or email us at ephs1@live.co.uk.

Christmas Cover Competition—Runners-up



Class 1

ARCHIE FLEMING



Class 2

ELENA WILLIAMS



Class 3

EMMA KINGSNORTH



Class 4

IOAN WILLIAMS