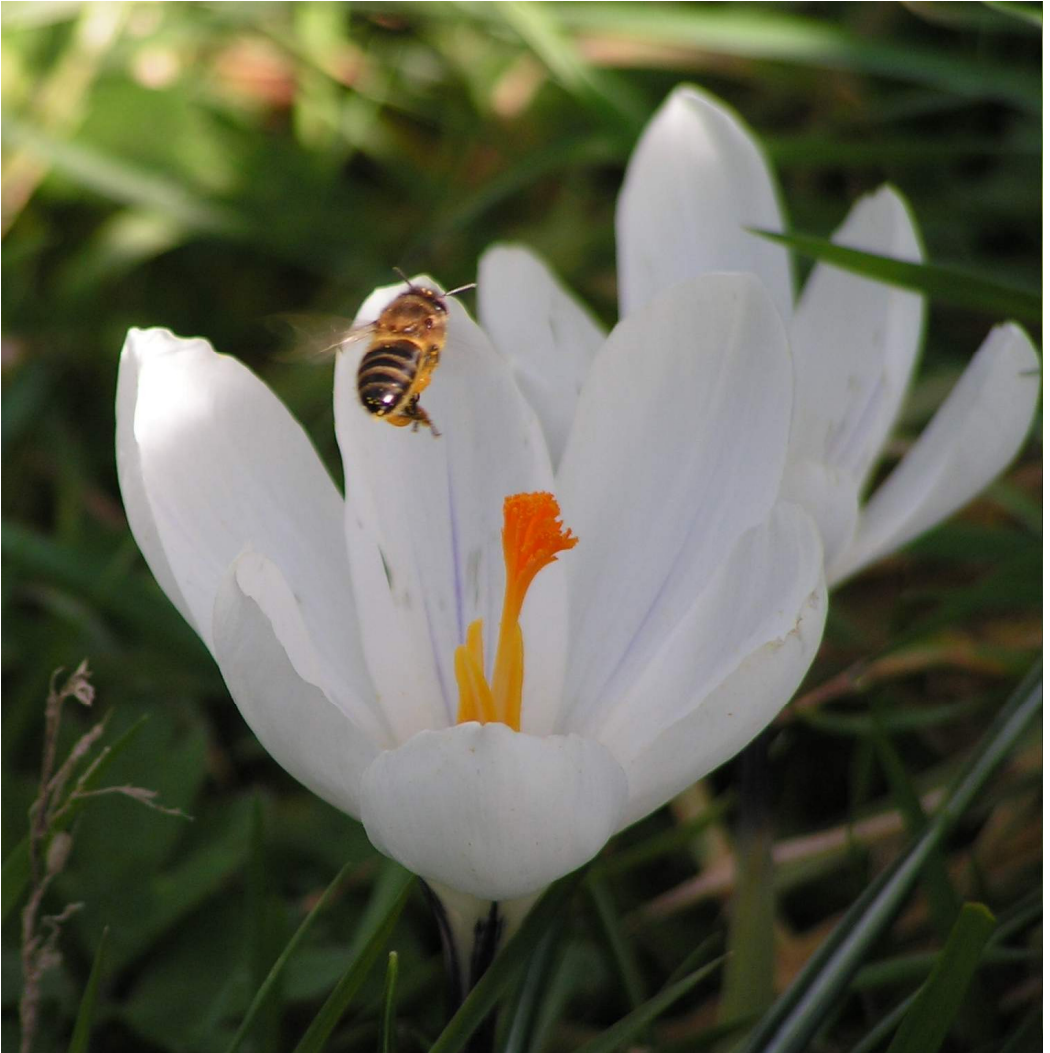


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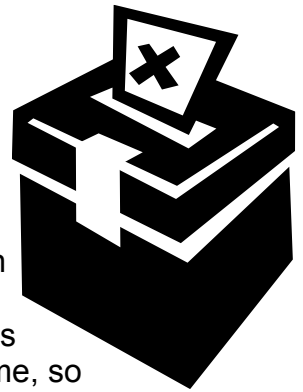
EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS BACK COPIES

More of the earliest copies of East Hanningfield News have been scanned and uploaded to PC's website. The first twelve issues, covering the years 1974-79, are now available for you to read or download. Publication was not as regular as it is now, with numbers varying between one and three per year. They make interesting reading as they include names of friends and neighbours who are no longer with us, and the events that were taking place such as the fund raising for the projected community centre, which became the Village Hall and playing fields.

The more recent editions on the website begin with Autumn 2004. If you want to see the paper versions from Number 1, they are on deposit at the Essex Record Office, Wharf Road, Chelmsford. As they are publications you will not find them in the online index on the ERO's website, but I am assured by the Archivist that they are there and available to view on request.



PARISH COUNCIL



The timetable for the local elections in May has been published. If you are interested in standing for election to the Parish or City Councils your correctly completed nomination form must be with the Returning Officer by 4pm on 9th. April. As incorrectly completed forms will not be accepted it is best to take the form in to Civic Centre in good time, so that corrections can be made if necessary. Forms will not be accepted by post or email. I have been provided with some nomination forms, you can also request them through the City Council's website or in person at Civic Centre.

If you want to apply for a postal vote you must do so by 21st. April and for a proxy vote by 28th. April.

As there will be a lot of counting to do once the polling stations close on 7th. May, the parish counts will not be starting until 2pm on 8th. May, so the outcome will not be known as quickly as the General Election results. The names of the new Parish and City Councillors will be published in the next edition of the News, and on PC's website as soon as they are known. New Councillors will assume office on 11th. May, the Monday following the election, and the first Parish Council Meeting after the election will be on Thursday, 21st. May. This will be a week earlier than the usual 4th. Thursday of the month in order to comply with the law requiring the first meeting after an election to be within 14 days of the councillors taking office.



I have been asked by some residents to remind all dog owners that dogs are not permitted in the fenced play area at Hanna's Field. There are pictorial signs in place, so everyone should be aware of the rule. You might think

that your dog is the soul of propriety and is safe to take inside, but there are children who are afraid of dogs and they should be able to play somewhere where they feel safe. It is also the case that if one person flouts the rule others will follow. The other point I was asked to relay was that there appear to be some rather large dog deposits on the playing field. How can children and adults be expected to play safely in an area covered with what is basically raw sewage? PC has provided numerous dog bins around the village, and free dog bags are available in the shop and Village Hall entrance, so there is no excuse for putting other residents' health at risk.

The transfer of the Catherine Close play area to PC moves very slowly. The latest delay is due to some technicality involving the original purchase of land by the then Rural District Council.



Dates for Play in the Park during the Easter holiday have been booked with the City Council, who provide the teams, but have yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye out for the posters nearer the time. It is hoped that there will be two sessions during the Easter break and three during the Summer holiday.

If you have ever wondered how these sessions are organised, PC provides the premises and pays a fixed fee for every time the team visits. Some sessions might be attended by the local Childrens Centre who provide additional activities for children aged 5 and under, who, of course, must be accompanied at all times by an adult carer.



You will be aware that the County & City Councils have been able to avoid raising their council tax requirements, but PC has not, and you will probably be expecting an explanation. If you read the minutes of the December PC Meeting on PC's website you will see that the budget for 2015/16 is appended. It shows that for the forthcoming financial year there is a new budget item called *Professional Fees*. This will be used if there is a need to employ a

planning consultant, legal representative or other professional. In the past it has not been thought necessary to have such a budget item as professional fees were paid from the general reserve and recouped over the next few years. The frequency of contentious planning applications, means that the general reserve is no longer sufficient for such use, and more robust budgeting has to be in place. Due to an increase in the tax base, the increase will not be as painful as it might have been, even though the government's council tax support grant is going to be lower in the coming year by about £212. The Precept for 2015/16 is £32,808 and for 2014/15 it was £30,176 which is an increase of 8.7%, but the 2015/16 D Band rate will be £66.26 which is a 3.79% increase on £63.84 the previous year. PC was informed recently that parish councils will not have to hold referenda in the event of increasing their precepts by more than 2%, which is good news as a referendum in East Hanningfield would have cost the parish more than £1,000.



The date for this year's Village Tidy has been set for the morning of Saturday, 9th. May. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Hall car park at 9am to collect a picker, gloves, & sack. Hi-vis jackets will also be available.

I have been asked to remind everyone that the siren that sounds on Fridays, 10am, is a test for the siren at Hanningfield Water. If it sounds at another time you should go inside and close all doors and windows, as it will be warning of a chlorine gas escape. The safest place is upstairs as chlorine gas stays close to the ground.

The last Meetings of the present Council will be on 26th. March and 23rd. April at 8pm in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall. Agenda will be posted on the noticeboards and website three days before. Please come along and find out how PC works.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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CITY COUNCILLORS

I set out below the present information that I have on two planning issues but I suspect that by the time this newsletter is published events will have overtaken this information.

Possible Gypsy Site in Old Church Road

I have just been informed that an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against the refusal of permission on this site although further information is required from the applicant before the process is regularized. Probably, this will be about the beginning of March. The only information that I have at the moment is that the appellant has opted for an informal hearing. This means that residents will have the opportunity to appear on the hearing of the appeal and make representations for or against the appeal. This is an informal process without legal representation or cross examination. It is most likely to take place in Chelmsford sometime in the summer.



Richard Poulter

All representations that were made on the original planning application will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. Residents who made representations on the original application should be informed of the appeal by the city council. They and any other resident can make additional representations direct to the Planning Inspectorate. Details will be available once the appeal process starts. I realise that this appeal is of paramount importance to all residents. I shall continue to work closely with both the Parish Council and East Hanningfield Action Group to do my utmost to see that the appeal is dismissed.

Morelands Industrial Estate

As many residents will know there is a planning application for resi-

dential development on this site in place of the present odious use. This planning application is due to be determined by 20th February but has stalled due to a number of factors.

First, Tileworks Lane is not an adopted road but a bridleway. For any future occupiers of the development to have a legal right of access the road needs to be adopted. Chelmsford Council is discussing this at length with ECC Highways with a view to finding a solution which meets both Planning and Highway procedures. Secondly due to the cost of clearing the site's contamination the applicant is not looking to provide affordable housing and has provided a viability assessment to justify that position. This is being reviewed by the council's own viability consultants. Thirdly there is a large earth bund that encloses the site. This needs to be disposed of, but further testing of it is required so the correct approach can be agreed with the council's scientific officer.



Matt Flack
Photo: Chelmsford City Council

Both Matt Flack and myself are very willing to visit local residents and businesses to discuss and hopefully resolve any matters of concern. Just give us a ring or send us an e-mail.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I am sure most readers will be aware that Essex County Council has frozen Council Tax for a fifth year. This is of course is good news and reflects a lot of hard work by officers, the cabinet and members to achieve a balanced budget – we now have the distinction of having the lowest council tax in the eastern region.



Photo: Essex County Council

The two big spenders remain Highways and Social Care Services and that is reflected in the investment programme for the next financial year. A staggering £131 million is earmarked for our highways network including a substantial sum to support design and consultation on improvements to the A120 and the Chelmsford North East bypass (linking the new Thames Crossing with the M11). Approximately £79 million is being made available to provide 3000 additional primary school places and other improvements in our schools.

The new Care Act comes into being in April and is a tremendous challenge to the Council being the appointed provider by government. The overriding objective is to help people live as independently as possible and enhance their quality of life, I am sure you will be hearing a lot more on this issue in the months to come and I would welcome comments, experiences, please let me know.

Whatever happens in May it is quite clear the challenging times are still with us and it will be as important as ever to maintain financial disciplines to ensure we can support the community.

On Highways matters it was interesting the Cabinet Member renewed his call for a ban on Lorries overtaking, with particular reference to the A12 and A130, this follows a series of accidents in January involving heavy goods traffic. Whatever the cause it is

clearly a frustration for drivers trying to reach their destination and must have financial consequences to the Essex Economy. It will be interesting to see how the Highways Agency responds!

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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL BUS REVIEW

ECC are after your views on how they can grow and improve the bus network in Essex. Buses are important to all of us, and they help to reduce congestion on our roads, reduce pollution, bring communities together and strengthen our economy. However you get around in Essex, ECC wants to hear your views.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY



It is confession time again! I am still cheating when writing these articles for the village newsletter. I look back at the article I submitted the year before and update it. This time I have checked out my articles for the previous three years and regret that I will not be saying anything revolutionary or startling in this year's edition. I am not sure whether it is sad or not that I keep on repeating myself and hope that I do not bore you with the repetition. The Charity has achieved a great deal over a number of years however I do think that the current committee, who have been in place for a number of years, are running out of steam. It is time for new village volunteers to raise their heads above the

parapet and take a more active role in contributing to village community life.

The Charity's **AGM** will take place at **7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April**, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome both to attend the meeting and to seek election as trustees.

We are once again reviewing a number of large expenditure projects and establishing priorities for the maintenance and development of facilities at the village hall and around the sports field. We have been seeking funding for the roof replacement and I am very pleased to report that we have been successful in obtaining a £15,000 grant from Essex County Council CIF fund. As the roof replacement is going to be in the order of £30,000 we are half way there!

We have dug out the ditch which runs alongside the Chase which has proved successful in reducing the flooding that had been occurring by the entrance to the School. We discovered that the ditch on the opposite side of the Tye to the school was completely blocked preventing the water from draining. I am pleased that our contractor took the initiative and cleared that blockage as well as the ditch on the hall side of the chase.

We are also arranging for the relaying of the path to the school back gate, funded by PC's S106 receipts, and the potholes in the car park to be repaired. Unfortunately the potholes in the Chase by the Tye are the responsibility of the highways department and our resurfacing contractor is barred from repairing them. Perhaps you can log on to the highways website and register a complaint about the potholes. The more complaints the better!

Following costly incidents of vandalism the decision has been taken to install CCTV.

Major expenditure projects that remain outstanding include:

- Replacing the hall roof which is over 25 years old and leaking

- Extending the main car park with a "green" overflow car park

- Rebuilding the mountain bike mounds

- Ploughing, levelling and reseeding the football pitches

- Resurfacing the sports courts

- Extending the sports wall

- Completing a trim trail and dog walking path around the field to include skate board ramps and exercise equipment.

- Extending the entrance lobby and village shop

- Creating a Community Suite above the small hall

As you can see the list is long and does not include many smaller day to day maintenance issues

Information about forthcoming Charity events can be found in the

following pages.

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 committee member. The large hall, small hall, meeting room and sports field are available for booking via Dan Crow on **400965**. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate if you live in the village.

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

Colin Warren

Chairman, Hanna's Field Charity

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VILLAGE FETE 2015



This year will see what we hope will be the start of a new era for the village fete. After long discussion, it was decided to combine the collective experience of the longstanding fete committee with the relative youth, enthusiasm and initiative of the newly-formed East Hanningfield School Parents' Association to organise one village fete which will be held on **SATURDAY 27th JUNE**. The funds raised will be split between the school, Hanna's Field charity and All Saints' church. As in previous years, there will be stalls, entertainment, a grand draw and plenty of refreshments, but there will also be some new attractions – watch out for details nearer the time. As ever, we would welcome offers of help on the day, donations of prizes for the draw, and sponsorship from local businesses.

For further details contact :

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All Saints' Church Hanna's Field Charity Parents' Association

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Book Sale and Coffee Morning
Saturday
14th March
10:00 to 12:30
1st Floor Meeting Room
Village Hall



In aid of Hanna's Field Charity & All Saints Church

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE

As the Fete has moved to 27th June the Art Exhibition and Sale is also moving, to a September slot. The date for the art exhibition is **Saturday 5th September** with a short day on **Sunday 6th**. There will be the usual preview evening on Friday 4th.

As this is very much a village fundraiser for the Hall and field facilities, with many volunteers making it possible, it is important that they are aware of the change of arrangements. Also, we are always after more volunteers as well as new artists and crafts people. Anyone interested can contact me.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD GARDEN OPEN UNDER NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME!

On Friday 29th May in the evening from 6-9pm, The Limes garden on The Tye will be open for you to explore, with a glass of wine available to add to the enjoyment.

Also on Saturday 30th May from 2-6pm you are welcome to wander round the garden with tea and homemade cakes on offer. As in previous years, there will be plants to buy plus jam and chutney made from our garden produce.



NGS donated £2.5 million in 2013 to Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Hospice UK and a number of other charities, so your support is much appreciated.

NEW this year is a Seek and Find sheet for family fun.

Entrance is £4, children free.



VILLAGE DIARY

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- Sun 1** 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Ch
10.00am **ALL AGE SERVICE** followed by refreshments 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 Village Hall car park
- Sun 8** 11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sat 12** 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Fri 13** 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots - Village Hall car park.
9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots VHall
- Sat 14** 10am-12-30pm **BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sun 15** 10am **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE** (No Holy Communion) at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 17** 8pm **ALL SAINTS' PCC MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Wed 18** 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall. Speaker: Sandra Rolfe on *Fast Desserts*.
2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Fri 20** **SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT & BAKE SALE**
- Sun 22** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Tue 24** **SCHOOL DISCO**
- Wed 25** **WI SPRING LUNCH** (with puddings) with Group WIs

- Thu 26** EHPS **BREAK UP** for Easter holiday
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 - Village Hall car park.
9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots VHall.
- Sun 29** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11am **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Tue 31** 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church

APRIL

- Wed 1** 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Thu 2** 7pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL** followed by short service of Holy Communion in All Saints' Ch at 8.30
7.30pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY DEVOTIONS** at Bethel
- Fri 3** 10am **GOOD FRIDAY** at Bethel Church
12 Noon **GOOD FRIDAY** A quiet service of readings, hymns, prayers and reflections for one hour until 1pm.
- Sun 5** 8.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church.
10am **EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE** at All Saints'
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Fri 10** 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots - Village Hall car park.
9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots V.Hall.
- Sat 11** 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 12** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11am **MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM** at All Saints'
- Mon 13** EHPS **BACK TO SCHOOL** after Easter break
- Tue 14** 8pm **ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING/ELECTIONS** in the Village Hall small hall.

- Wed 15** 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
Speaker: Lyn Croot on *Tobago, My Island Paradise*.
2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Sun 19** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11am **REV'S SUSAN'S FAREWELL SERVICE** with **HOLY COMMUNION** followed by refreshments at All Saints' Ch
- Tue 21** 7.30pm **LICENSING SERVICE FOR CHRISTINE HORTON** at All Saints' Church & refreshments in the Village Hall small hall.
- Wed 22** 7.30pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at V Hall.
- Thu 23** 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 1st floor meeting room VHall
- Fri 24** 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots - Village Hall car park.
9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots , V Hall.
- Sun- 26** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE OF CHRISTINE HORTON'S MINISTRY at All Saints' Church. Details & future Sunday services to be advised on Church notice board & www.easthanningfieldchurch.org.
- Tues 28** 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 29** 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park

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- Sun 3** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church - time TBA
- Mon 4** EHPS **NON PUPIL DAY**
- Wed 6** **WI SOUPER LUNCH** with Group WIs
- Thu 7** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**
- Fri 8** 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool &
9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots V.Hall.
7-10pm **PAMPER EVENING** at the Village Hall in aid of Pre-school. Tickets in £5 advance from Ash in the shop. £6 on the door.

- Sat 9** 9am **ANNUAL VILLAGE TIDY** - Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Hall car park for gloves, sacks, pickers & Hi-vis vests.
11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun- 10** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church - time TBA
- Wed 13** 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
7.30pm **ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Anyone on the electoral register for East Hanningfield can speak & vote. Local groups are invited to come along and tell us about their activities and plans.
- Sun 17** **10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church**
SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church - time TBA
- Tue 19** **SCHOOL FILM NIGHT**
- Wed 20** 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall. Speaker Liz Buxton on *Resolutions and Annual Meeting*
- Thu 21** 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 1st floor meeting room VHall
- Fri 22** 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots - Village Hall car park.
9.30-11.30am **HEALTH VISITOR** at Hanna's Tots in the EHPS
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
- Sat 23** **ANNUAL CHURCH SPRING CLEAN** at All Saints'
- Sun 24** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church - time TBA
- Tue 26** 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 27** 2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Fri 29** 6-9pm **OPEN GARDEN AT THE LIMES** under the National Gardens Scheme. Enjoy the garden with a glass of wine.
- Sat 30** 2-6pm **OPEN GARDEN AT THE LIMES** under the National Gardens Scheme. Tea, home made cakes, plants, chutney & jam.
- Sun 31** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
SUNDAY SERVICE at All Saints' Church - time TBA

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



As part of the new team's efforts after the departure of Geoff Dickman from the village, David Rackham (Old Church Road) has attended Chelmsford Area NhW meetings and Malcolm Hyett (Coulde Dennis estate) as our point of contact for police messages has been relaying these on to people who have asked to receive NhW updates (these are now provided through the new police Electronic Community Messaging (ECM) system and you can recognise them by the ECM logo).

Vandalism at our Village Hall reported in the last News issue has thanks to CCTV and police help been resolved. There have been no new reported crimes in the village since the last News. However, there has been one incident - a lady living on the Tye received a visit from a man who said that her roof had a broken ridge tile and he could go on the roof and fix it for her. This is a well known scam and there was no broken tile - fortunately she told the man to go way. In nearby Ramsden and Wickford, some elderly people have reported a well dressed man calling at houses claiming to be a plain-clothes police officer and asking admittance (suffice to say he wasn't genuine – if in doubt don't let them in and phone someone to check their story). In neighbouring parishes there have been instances of diesel, heating oil and quad bikes being stolen, so if you have them make sure they are secure.

UK news programmes this month reported that criminals are abandoning crimes such as burglary in favour of identity theft and online fraud ("purchase frauds" such as online shopping scams etc) which carry less risk of being caught. Research by Which? this month revealed the top five email phishing scams are Bank scams, Paypal scams and tax rebate scams in a survey of 2,016 adults carried out in January. Bank and PayPal scam emails often say there's a problem with your account, and ask you to update your account details, either by email or by clicking on a link. HMRC scam emails can take

several forms, maybe stating that you have made a mistake on your self-assessment form, or that your tax notice has been issued. Some even ask you to verify your identity by providing a copy of your passport. Emails seeking money for services or help are common with desperate pleas for aid or offers to buy shares for a high value. Unsolicited contacts promising a return too good to be true will be exactly that – too good to be true.

Bogus emails are becoming ever more sophisticated and some have cloned the look and feel of real ones. For instance some BT scam emails look identical to real emails from BT, including the overall layout and even signature of Libby Barr, BT Director. Hyperlinks in the emails appear to point to the proper BT website, including such links as ?bt.com/help? and have titles like “Payment for your BT bill is due” but if you click on the link you will actually be re-routed by them to their cloned lookalike BT Website.

If you would like to receive local police NhW alerts and crime prevention information please speak to either Malcolm Hyett, Peter Cockrell or me. Or, you can use the email address below to receive messages (there over 80 people in the village who currently receive local crime information in this way).



E-mailed NhW information is "blind" to recipients - people receiving them do not see any other person's e-mail address.

Lastly, the winter evenings are still with us so a reminder that if you are out late or going away don't leave curtains drawn. Leave curtains open and some downstairs and upstairs lights operating on auto timers.

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“GOODBYE” FROM REV'D SUSAN

New Church Leadership



Having spent the last year or so praying and listening to people, both those who attend All Saints' Church and many others in the village and the school. What seems to be most important is to have a consistent person to lead the Church and it seems most people thought it less important to have a weekly Holy Communion service (requiring an ordained priest). We have been trying out a range of different types of morning worship and will settle into a new pattern after Easter. The new pattern is

likely to include a range of types of services that reflect the views of the people we consulted. Gil Gordon kindly agreed to become our Deputy Church Warden in December and has offered to stand as one of the two Churchwardens at the Annual meeting on 14 April 2015 at 8pm.

I am pleased to announce that Christine Horton has been appointed as the new Licensed Lay Minister for All Saints Church, East Hanningfield. Christine is currently a Licensed Lay Minister at St Andrew's Church in Boreham, part of The Chelmer Crouch Group of Churches to which All Saints belongs. From April 2015 she will be in charge on a day to day basis for All Saints, with support from colleagues across the Chelmer Crouch Group of Churches and supervised by the priest at Boreham St Andrews. So on the occasions that require an ordained priest, cover will be provided for All Saints from Chelmer Crouch Group. This means Marriages, Baptisms, Holy

Communion Services can still take place in the Parish Church. Thankfully Christine is able to offer the parish a long term commitment, and intends to help the church to grow. Though Christine will still live in Boreham she will be around most Sundays and for social events. I expect you may even see her walking her dog around the village.

Christine says: "Together we will keep East Hanningfield as the church at the centre of the village where people can come for a balance of different styles of worship, for baptisms and weddings, for nurture and love and the hearing of the Gospel of Christ. It is a special place in the village which reflects its heart and its ethos. I am honoured to be going there in April, to lead its ministry and mission."

Ron Attenborough Churchwarden and Sue Edward PCC secretary will both be standing down at the annual meeting, where I shall say the formal thanks to them. So please think about how you can support the Church and perhaps, more importantly, how you'd like the church to support you through all the important events in your life and all the day to day stuff too.

My last Sunday will be on 19 April and then, after the shortest vacancy I have ever heard of in Church life, Christine will be commissioned on Tuesday 21 April.

I have been really moved by the love and commitment I have experienced and shared in my short time with All Saints. I will keep in touch and hopefully hear more of your story as it unfurls further.

Rev'd Susan



.....AND FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

External roof repairs and maintenance – as I write, we are beginning to plan with Bakers of Danbury for the scaffolding to go up at the end of March/early April to carry out essential work, delayed from last Autumn because of Natural England's bat protection requirements. It is likely to be in position for a month or so, depending on the weather.

Annual Church Spring Clean – because of the maintenance work going on, it has been decided to postpone the big clean from its usual March date to Saturday 23rd May. Please note in your diary now!



Churchyard maintenance – more volunteers would be warmly welcomed as we begin to move into the new growing season. Please contact me as below. There are one-off tasks to be done as well as regular opportunities.

Church heating – we had to make another temporary repair to a leaking joint in our ancient cast iron heating pipes this winter. We are most grateful to David Speller our plumber who put in many hours at short notice and worked into Saturday evening to ensure completion for Sunday heating. Our boiler engineer too, is now seriously concerned by corrosion in the boiler itself, following his last annual maintenance visit. The PCC will shortly be provided with an approximate cost for a new heating system for their consideration.

Lent Course – this runs through the five Sundays of March and will be held in homes around the parish from 4.00pm to 5.30pm, followed by tea and biscuits. Please let Rev'd Susan know if you would like to attend some or all of the sessions of this "Course for the Christian journey" – 07710-079400 or revsusaniskander@gmail.com

Annual Parish Church Meeting Elections on 14th April – May I

draw your attention to the current position:

Churchwardens – two vacancies with one potential nomination only.

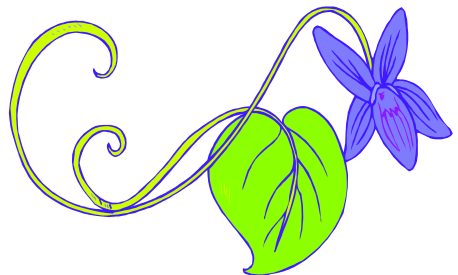
PCC members – four vacancies with two potential nominations only.

It is clearly vital that we should seek to have a strong supporting team for the new leadership arrangements which are being provided, to enable All Saints' to continue to function as East Hanningfield's parish church.

Churchwarden's Farewell – This is my last report as I step down as churchwarden in April. Ruth and I have taken the decision that it would be the wisest course then to move on, so we shall not be continuing as active members of All Saints', but think more in terms of living nearer to or in Chelmsford. We hope our respective contributions to church and parish over our eight years' residence here have been of some help in the ongoing work of our rural community to survive and flourish in a meaningful way – and our prayers will continue for those who take our place and face the challenges of the months ahead. I have been particularly grateful to the Rev'd Susan who, in her short 18 months stay with us, has worked so hard to prepare a new way forward for everybody at All Saints', and also incidentally teach us some useful lessons in the process! Thank you Susan for all your dedicated support. We wish you every blessing as you and your family move on into a new phase of life.

Ron Attenborough

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH—LOVE IS IN THE AIR

The deadline to submit this article was 14 February, which of course is Valentine's Day. The history of Valentine's Day is obscure, and further clouded by various fanciful legends. The holiday's roots are in the ancient Roman festival of [Lupercalia](#), a fertility celebration commemorated annually on 15 February. [Pope Gelasius I](#), recast this pagan festival as a Christian feast day circa 496, declaring 14 February to be St. Valentine's Day.

So, from its pre-Christian origins, involving nudity, to its present incarnation as a commercial free-for-all — driving huge sales of chocolate, flowers and jewellery, Valentine's Day is now big business. I'm sure that there wasn't a spare seat at (the wonderful) Vita Bella. It's a day where you can express your affections to your 'True Love', or tease somebody with an anonymous Valentine's card.

But how is 'True Love' expressed in the bible? True love — the love for which we were made — sets aside selfish desires and sacrifices itself for the good and safety of others.



"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10)

The sexy, tantalizing "love" of Hollywood mixes seduction, scandal, and passion. It suggests that the best love is forbidden love. True love — the purest, fullest, most pleasing love — was designed by God for our good, and then displayed by God at the cross. If love



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looks selfish — if it takes, rather than gives — it simply isn't love.

This love of God is something that unites us all at Bethel Church. It is something we celebrate and indeed revel in.

If you would like to know more about God's love for you, we warmly invite you join us one Sunday. We are also hoping to do another Christianity Explored course soon. Christianity Explored is primarily for anyone who wants to investigate Christianity informally with a group of other people. Whether you have previous experience of Church, Christians and the Bible, or none at all, this course is for you. Everyone is welcome.

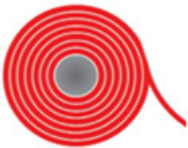
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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Happy New Year to everyone. January was not too unkind to us this year, a little rain & a little snow and rather mild at times. It has been a bit of a bonus to us as we are still getting to grips with our new heating system. Gauging how much gas it requires seems to be more a divining issue than a strict science, but I can report that it is extremely nice and we are enjoying our cosy winter meetings.



We thought we had a dragon in our female den when our January speaker 'Peter Jones' came to visit us. His talk on 'How to do Everything and Be Happy,,' had all the ladies in fits of laughter. His humour and sensible suggestions enhanced a good response to the books he has written on the subject.

February's meeting brought the return of our Auctioneer friend Mike Logan-Wood this time talking about his passion 'The Secret Lives of Garden Birds'. Mike has been a staunch supporter of Wildlife and in particular our native birds. Having a very clear voice and a warm sense of humour he is always given a generous welcome.

As you will be aware the Village Fete and School Fete are to amalgamate in June. This annual event is now a very important part of our annual fundraising in order to keep the Village W.I alive. With the enormous increase in City W.I.s the village groups are starting to feel the pressures of survival. With our W.I. so close to its 100 year birthday we remain dedicated to its survival. As our jams and pickles are one of our best sellers we are wading through recipes to find new and inspiring delights to tempt you with as well as a large selection of crafts and gift ideas. We hope you will pay us a visit. Our W.I Recipe book is still on sale in our Village Shop.

March of course heralds the beginning of Spring and our March

meeting on the 18th will see Sandra Rolfe showing us how to make 'Fast Desserts' which will be extremely helpful as our first fundraising event takes place on the 25th March with our Spring Lunch with puddings.

You are most welcome to come to our meetings: we are a chatty lot and of course if you wish to join our fundraising events just let us know well in advance so we can make sure you are taken care of. The more the merrier.

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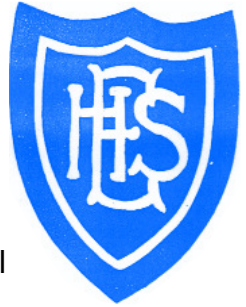
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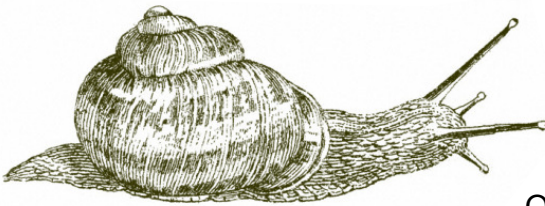
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year! We are already in March and as always with school terms, time flies past. This term we welcome a new member of staff, Jill Jones who is our Special Needs Co-ordinator. In January the year 5 and 6 children enjoyed themselves at the O2 performing with hundreds of other children in a concert called Young Voices. They all did extremely well and were a credit to the school.



This term we are developing our wildlife area that is situated near class one's outside area. We hope to make it a place where all children can learn and explore, to extend our curriculum opportunities.



Our new Parent Association have worked really hard and last term raised £674.85 for our school funds. Their fundraising has meant we are able to purchase a new play house for class one and we look forward to this being installed and used. They continue to work hard and have various events planned for the remainder of the year.

We have another busy term upon us. We celebrate Mother's day by inviting the children's mums to come to school for lunch. On the 5th March we will be dressing up as book characters for World Book Day and will be in red for Red Nose Day. Our year 4 children are competing in the Superstars event at Melbourne Athletics Stadium against other schools and class 3 have Chelmsford Hockey Club coming in weekly to develop their hockey skills.

Just before Easter we will be holding a French day; we will dress in red, white and blue, have a French themed lunch and will be taking part in various French activities and practising our French through-

out the day. It just leaves me to say Au revoir and wish you all a Happy Easter.

Kerry Collins, Headteacher

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EHPS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The PA have raised several hundred pounds over Christmas with our raffle and school Disco and we feel like we're really finding our feet now. We're planning further events over the next few terms to raise money for the school as well as collaborating with the Village Fete.

Dates for your diary

20th March: Easter egg hunt and bake sale

24th March: School Disco

19th May: Children's film night

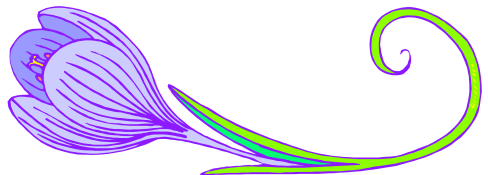
14th July: School Disco



We're also planning a Single raffle prize for Mothers and Fathers Day, whereby each child can buy 1 ticket for a chance to win a special gift for mum or dad.

We're really excited about the prospect of bringing the Church, Village Hall and School together for the Fete on 27th June. This year it has been agreed to have a limited number of commercial stalls at the Fete. We're focussing on small local businesses to fill these pitches, and if you're interested we'd like you to get in touch by email to Parents@easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk, by 1st April 2015.

Ellen Carden, Secretary



PRESCHOOL

For the first half of this term our topic was “Our Senses” and the children enjoyed lots of different activities connected with this subject. All the children took part in the RSPB Bird Watch and we have been feeding the birds outside.



Thank you to everyone for your help with fundraising over the Christmas period. We raised a total of £330. This amount is enough to purchase the curtain to allow indoor/outside access so is fantastic! We would like to extend our thanks to the pub (Claire) and Tracey who hosted the quiz & who did a fantastic job promoting the pre-school, and also thank you to everyone for the raffle donations and for people coming along to the pub to support us.

We will be holding another **Ladies Pamper Night on Friday 8 May** to raise funds towards new equipment for the children. Tickets will be **£5 each** and include a **cocktail and goody bag** with the option to pre-book treatments. (Details opposite). **Please tell your family and friends. Everyone welcome.**

Once again this year we are collecting the Active Kids vouchers available from Sainsbury until 5 May so if you have any we would love to have them. In the past we have been able to obtain lots of useful equipment for our outside area. Please drop them into the Village Hall any morning during term time.

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 or contact us by phone or email.

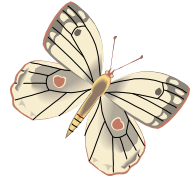
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PRESCHOOL FUND-RAISING



EAST HANNINGFIELD PRESCHOOL PAMPER & SHOPPING EVENING VILLAGE HALL, FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2015, 7-10PM

After the last very successful and indulgent Pamper Evening the committee and parents are busily planning the next not to be missed event. The Pamper & Shopping Evening is a fundraising event for the Pre School which is a charity run organisation and relies on these events to keep going.

Preschool is an important part of Village Life but we have low numbers attending this year which makes the event extremely important.

Luxury beauty treatments, beautiful gift and craft stalls, delicious refreshments, wine, a raffle 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.co.uk or text / tel: **07837841969**

Tickets will be £5 in advance (available from Ash in the Village Store from April) and £6 on the door. A goody bag and drink on arrival are included in the ticket price.

Do you work for a company that would like to sponsor the event? or donate a raffle prize?

We welcome your contributions!



Proposed Gypsy Site in Old Church Road

The planning application for a 6 pitch Gypsy Site in Old Church Rd. East Hanningfield was rejected on September 19, 2014. The applicants have now lodged an appeal against this rejection.

Nearly 500 people from this and adjoining villages wrote objecting to the original application. The Parish Council also objected and will again strongly voice their objection at the appeal hearing. The Parish Council and the Village Action Group have agreed that our objections will be best heard by appointing a planning professional who can both advise us and represent us at the hearing.

This professional will cost us, the village, around £10,000. The Parish Council can afford half this amount. The Village Action Group have agreed to raise the other £5,000.

We have appointed the professional advisor and he has started work. The Action Group have kicked off fund raising. You can help by donating. Every little helps.

You can transfer funds to the dedicated bank account;

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Or you can leave an envelope at the Village Post Office containing cash or a cheque made out to the above account.

There will be a leaflet distribution around the village to ensure everyone is aware of what is happening and how to donate.

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