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COVER PHOTO

The Cover Photo was taken on 30th. April 2006, when construction of the scheme of affordable housing for local people was well under-way. The first residents moved in just before Christmas of that year.

PARISH COUNCIL

With the Easter holidays fast approaching some of you will be looking for activities to keep the children occupied during the break from school. PC has again arranged for two Play in the Park sessions to take place at the Village Hall and playing fields. The first will be on Wednesday 30th. March 1.30-3.30pm and the other on Wednesday 6th. April 10am-12noon. Play in the Park is for children aged 3-11years, although under sixes must be accompanied by an adult carer, and is free of charge. Sessions will take place whatever the weather, as the sports activities will move from the field into the sports hall if necessary. Summer dates: 2nd & 16th August 10-12.

Parish Councillors recently attended a meeting with City Cllr. Lumley, Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing, at Civic Centre. There was an awareness that the period of 6 months in which an appeal could be made, following refusal of planning permission for housing on land between Old Church Road and Back Lane, was about to expire. Waiting for a possible appeal has meant that the process of providing affordable housing for local people has been in limbo. At the meeting it was decided that it would be beneficial to carry out a new housing needs survey in the parish, so that a more accurate and up to date view of what is required can be ascertained. The survey will not only establish the number of dwellings required but their size and whether they will be for rent or shared ownership. When the Geffrey Close scheme started to go up, interest in having one of the homes suddenly went up too, which inevitably led to disappointment for some. If we can get the number right in the first place, by everyone who needs a house filling in the form, then there will be satisfaction all round. The survey will be conducted by the Housing Enabler at the Rural Community Council of Essex.

Unbeknownst to the councillors at the meeting mentioned above, the applicant was putting in another planning application for the site, this time for 28 units where it had been 24 before. If you want to see it on the City Council's website, the reference is 16/00215/OUT.

The Action Group and PC are being kept busy with speculative planning applications. At the time of writing the joint response to the application for 115 houses off the Main Road was still in preparation, the extended consultation closure being on 29th. February.

We have been waiting so long that it has come as something of a surprise that the play area behind Catherine and Filliol Closes has finally been transferred to PC. Although it is being inspected on a weekly basis, it would be helpful if anyone who finds a problem there lets me know either by email or by leaving a message on my answer-phone.

Another surprise has been the appearance of a communications cabinet for fibre optic cable in the village. According to the interactive map on the County Council's website, much of the parish will be connected some time in the period 2016-19, but it looks as though there is a blank area on the Southend Road roughly in the area of the Royal Tiger and The Paddocks. Once connected to the cabinet, broadband speed will depend to a large extent on the length of copper wire between your house and the cabinet, so a wireless connection might still be the better option.

There has been criticism, by a resident, of the siting of the cabinet and Planning Enforcement at the City Council is currently investigating whether the proper procedures were carried out prior to installation in the Tye conservation area. Other investigations underway by Enforcement concern the possible residential use of caravans at various addresses around the parish. If you suspect an activity is taking place without the benefit of planning permission, you can report it by filling in a form on the City Council's website at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/make-complaint or telephone the enforcement team on 606826.

Something else you can report to the City Council on their website is fly-tipping. You can phone 606606 or you can find a form to complete at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/fly-tipping.



PC will be borrowing from the City Council a supply of litterpickers, gloves and hi-vis vests for the forthcoming **Village Tidy on Saturday 14th. May**. If you would like to participate, please meet at the Village Hall car park at 9am.

On another waste matter, Chelmsford City Council has designated all its streets, parks and open spaces under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, which means that dog walkers must clean up immediately after their dog has fouled. Not noticing that the dog has fouled is no excuse! Failure to comply with the Act can result in a minimum action of a fixed penalty notice of £50 or a prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000. The verges in Back Lane, or any other lane for that matter, count as streets where the Act is concerned!



Please note the date of the **Annual Electors Meeting, Wednesday, 4th. May at 7.30pm** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to have your say and find out what matters are of concern to other residents and local groups.

Finally, the reconstruction of the footway at the northern end of the Tye was completed slightly later than anticipated due to the wet conditions. This new type of surface is something of an experiment for PC, although it comes highly recommended. Should it prove successful here, further lengths will be rebuilt using the same process, as funds become available.

Karen Plumridge,

Clerk to the Council

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CITY COUNCILLOR

As vice chairman of the City Council Planning Committee I tend to get very involved in planning matters. This includes leading the discussion at planning committees and articulating the reasons why the committee should reach a certain conclusion. This usually follows the officer's recommendation but not always as has recently been the case for new houses at Gt Leighs. It also involved explaining the reasons behind approving the site for the new Sainsbury's store at South Woodham. Another of my responsibilities is keeping up to date with proposed changes in planning law and procedure.



The Housing and Planning Bill is currently making its way through Parliament and is expected to become law in early summer. Among its provisions are significant changes to affordable housing. There is a new addition for Starter Homes. This will be homes for sale at a 20% market discount. It will be available to first time buyers under 40 years of age. After 5 years the buyer will be able to sell at the market price and keep the profit. There is a maximum purchase price for homes outside London of £312,500. The homes will be available on what is known as exception sites that are sites outside the village defined boundary but adjacent to it which have been allocated for affordable housing. Changes are also proposed to the National Planning Policy Framework which will allow other forms of unviable or underused brownfield land to be used for Starter Homes. Examples could be land previously used for employment, retail, leisure and non-residential institutional use even where the land in question is greenbelt land.

The time limit for the appeal against refusal of consent for develop-

ment in Old Church Road has now expired. This was for 24 dwellings including 10 affordable homes. A fresh application has been made by the same applicant on the same site for 28 dwellings including 16 affordable homes. The planning reference for representations is 16/00215/OUT.

I am always willing to visit residents and local businesses to help with any problems. Just give me a ring or send an e-mail.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

There has been much discussion on the role of policing in recent weeks and I thought you would be interested in the CCTV coverage in our City which this year celebrates 20 since the first installation. There are more than 350 cameras covering the City Centre, South Woodham Ferrers, the Leisure Centres and Car Parks - in 1996 the initial scheme comprised only 40 cameras! The system operates 24/7 all year and works very closely with the police and the retail sector to ensure safety and supporting our partners in public health and those supporting the night economy.



Just to highlight the success of CCTV, last year their contribution and involvement resulted in over 700 arrests. Like all technology you have to continue to invest and I am pleased to hear some £200k will be allocated this year to update the system giving us better images, improved connectivity and mobile technology.

There is a growing drive on prevention these days and no more so than in public health, we see this with smoking and alcohol in particular. The other big area is weight, apparently some 62% of us in Chelmsford are considered to be over weight which is actually the second lowest district in Essex, the highest district being 73% of population. The County Council is committed to encouraging residents to review their lifestyle and discover what they can do to improve their health. Last month "Essex Weighs In" was launched and to join and accept the challenge of losing weight go to www.essexweighsin.com. Users will sign up to create a profile where they will enter details about their weight and a pledge to act upon lifestyle changes. You can continue to revisit the site for updates, advice, support and encouragement to create a healthy life-

style and hopefully prevent health problems in later life - good luck!

Without wishing to raise hopes too much I am pleased to report that the Highways budget on the roads and pavements has been increased by 50% for the coming year with the minor roads and pavements being the priority for action.

Ian Grundy

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BEGINNERS LINE DANCING LESSONS

7.30 PM THURSDAYS- WI HALL, OLD CHURCH RD

I am pleased to advise you that I have now organised the Line Dancing lessons for beginners, but anyone is welcome. It's for both men and women. - Yes we do have men joining us. It's fun and you don't need a partner. You also meet new friends.

It's very good for you both physically and mentally. It can help keep joints supple and build up strength in your leg muscles. It's good for the heart and lungs, memorising the step patterns exercises your brain and it is GOOD FUN.

All you need are comfortable shoes with a slightly slippery sole, which will stay firmly on your feet, loose top - because you will get hot, a bottle of water as you will become dehydrated during the physical exercise &, lastly, a good reason why you should not join in.

The class is held in the WI Hall, Old Church Road, East Hanningfield, and the cost is £6.00 per person for an hour.

Come along and give it a try - it's really good fun. Please telephone to let me know you want to join in.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Chris

☎ 400561,



HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Charity's **AGM** will take place at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 20th 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. I have already advised my fellow trustees that I will not be seeking re-appointment as Chairman of the Charity at this year's AGM. The Charity's trustees are actively looking for my replacement.



We will shortly be 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. The major project of the last three years has been the replacement of the roof. I am very pleased to report that the contractor was due to finish the roofing work during the Spring half term break so by the time you read this we should have a splendid new watertight insulated roof.

The overall cost of the new Hall roofing work including cleaning out & resealing gutters is **£30,864.00**. This is a huge sum & has only been made possible by generous grants from the following:

Funding Sources	Grant
Essex County Council (Community Initiatives Fund)	£15,000
Bernard Sunley Foundation	£1,000
Tom Amos Charity	£3,000
Chelmsford City Council (subject to final approval at their February Council meeting)	£3,000
Parish Council	£3,000
Total	£25,000

The Charity contributed the balance of £5,864 as “match funding” through fund raising over the last three years (Art Exhibition, Village Fete & quarterly Book Sales/Coffee mornings).

Other major expenditure projects for the future that remain outstanding include:

Extend the main car park with a “green” overflow car park,
Rebuild the mountain bike mounds & extend the sports wall,
Plough, level and reseed the football pitches,
Resurface the sports courts,
Complete a trim trail and dog walking path around the field,
Refurbish the main hall (new lighting & insulate the gable end),
Extend the entrance lobby and village shop, and
Create a Community Suite above the small hall.

So the list is long & excludes the day to day maintenance issues.

Following on from last year's success the **Village Fete** will again be a joint enterprise between **The School PTA, All Saints' Church & Hanna's Field Charity**, and will take place on **Saturday 25th June**.

Last year the **Annual Art Exhibition & Sale** changed places permanently with the Fete. Both are the big fund raisers for the village hall & field. The Art show is now in September but the date as yet undecided. As always it is a great team effort and many of you give time and effort to make it a great success both financially and socially. You will be needed again! We are also always on the lookout for new artistic talent and you have plenty of time to get your brushes out or your camera. We also have high end crafts on display at the Exhibition & maybe your talents are in this direction. If interested contact Wendy on 400797.

The Charity Committee is always looking for new members to assist in running the Village Hall & 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 & sports field are available for hire via Dan Crow on **400965**. Please make use of the facilities, at a discounted rate if you live in the parish.

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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BETHEL CHURCH—But For The Love Of God.

The copy deadline for submission into this edition of the Village News, was on Friday 12th February. So by the time this is published, Valentines Day will have come and gone.

If you're an incurable romantic, then you wouldn't have minded paying well over the odds for a bunch of red roses. Or maybe you are the type that doesn't need a 'special day' to confess your undying love for your other half.

Whilst there may have been many exchanges of love, this time of year always reminds me of an exchange of love that took place upon the cross at Calvary 2,000 years ago.

We need righteousness to be acceptable to God. But we don't have it. What we have is sin. So God has what we need and don't deserve — righteousness; and we have what God hates and rejects — sin. What is God's answer to this situation?

His answer is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died in our place. God lays our sins on Christ and punishes them in him. And in Christ's obedient death, God fulfills and vindicates his righteousness and credits it to us.

Our sin on Christ, his righteousness on us. What an exchange of love.

This is the gospel — the good news that our sins are laid on Christ and his righteousness is laid on us, and that this great exchange happens for us not by works but by faith alone.

Here is the good news that lifts burdens and gives joy and makes strong.

If you would like to know more of this love or if you like to understand how this involves you, please come and say hello.

We meet every Sunday for our family service at 10:45am.

For other regular dates, please see the Village News Diary or our website.

God bless

From all your friends at Bethel Evangelical Church, Old Church Rd.

Roydon Hearne

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MARCH

- Wed 2** 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Sat 5** 10am-12.30pm **BOOKSALE & COFFEE MORNING** at the Village Hall. Profits to All Saints' Church and the Village Hall. Free entry.
2.30-3pm **VISIT OF BISHOP JOHN** to All Saints' Church on his walk around the Deanery. Come and meet him with tea and cake.
- Sun 6** 10am **MOTHERING SUNDAY** with Bishop Stephen, the Bishop of Chelmsford at All Saint's Church. Come and collect your posy of flowers. A short service to give you time to go visiting afterwards.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Fri 11** 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & H's Tots
- Sat 12** 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 13** 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church followed by 20 Questions with refreshments at 11am. Come & ask those things you have always wanted to ask about the Bible and religion but have not liked to.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 15** 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 16** 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall. Speaker: Dr. Jane Pearson on Colchester Good Time Girls.
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
- Sun 20** 10am **PALM SUNDAY** at All Saints' Church. Come & wave your Palm Cross, followed by 20 Questions at 11am.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
3pm **MESSY CHURCH** at the Village Hall.
- Wed 23** 12.30 for 1pm **SOUPER LUNCH** at the WI Hall. Home-made soups & rolls with a variety of puddings for £6.50.

- Thu 24** 7.30pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY SHORT COMPLINE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meet-
- Fri 25** 10am **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
12 noon **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.
- Sun 27** 10am **EAST SUNDAY** at All Saints' Church. Communion & Easter Egg hunt for the children.
10.45am **EASTER FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 30** 1.30pm-3.30pm **PLAY IN THE PARK** at the Village Hall and Hanna's Field. For ages 6-11 years. Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult carer. Although the sports activities usually take place outside, if the weather is bad they will move to the sports hall.
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.

APRIL

- Sun 3** 9am **COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 6** 10am-12noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** at the Village Hall and Hanna's Field. For ages 6-11 years. Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult carer. Although the sports activities usually take place outside, if the weather is bad they will move to the sports hall. Provided by East Hanningfield Parish Council and Chelmsford City Council.
- Sat 9** 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10** 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sun 17** 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 19** 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 20** 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.

- Wed 20** 7.30pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY AGM** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sun 24** 10am **ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. Followed by refreshments at 10.50.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
11am **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** at All Saints' Church. All welcome.
- Tue 26** 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church.
- Thu 28** 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.

MAY

- Sun 1** 9am **COMMUNION** (BCP) at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 4** 12.30 for 1.00 pm **SPRING LUNCH** at the WI Hall. This is a ploughman's lunch with soft rolls and sumptuous puddings. £8.50 per head
7.30pm **ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING**. All electors in the Parish are invited to participate. If he is present the Meeting will be chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council. This is your opportunity to have your say on local issues.
- Thu 5** **ELECTION FOR THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**. Polling station in the small hall at the V. Hall.
8pm **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** at **Stock Church** with the other churches in the Chelmer Crouch Group.
- Fri 6** 7-10pm **LADIES PAMPER & SHOPPING EVENING** at the Village Hall. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door.
- Sun 8** 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sat 14** 9am **VILLAGE TIDY**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Hall car park to collect gloves, sacks, pickers & hi-vis vests.
11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church

- Sun 15** 10am **PENTECOST SUNDAY & COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
- Sun 15** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
3pm **MESSY CHURCH** at the Village Hall.
- Tue 17** 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 18** 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
- Sun 22** 10am **TRINITY SUNDAY & HEALING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Thu 26** 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. (Via side door.)
- Sun 29** 10am **SUNG MATINS** at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 31** 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church.



Book Sale & Coffee Morning
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police & NhW Update

Since the December 2015 EH News NhW item on proposed Essex police cut backs as part of police budget constraints you may have read that more money was found. In fact this is true but it will not greatly alter the changes previously proposed by the Chief Constable, Stephen Kavanagh. Essex Police still need to save £12.4 million in 2016/2017 due to National Insurance, pay and insurance increases and existing obligations.

Front counters and Customer Contact Administrator posts will reduce. Buildings will also reduce from 80 to around 30. Under current police proposals, South Woodham police station will close and possibly also Maldon (Chelmsford will remain open). The changes are likely to be felt more by rural communities and, importantly for local rural neighbourhood policing, the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) is set to be reduced in Essex from 250 to 90. The reduction in PCSOs is perhaps the main concern as they provide a point of contact for NhW reporting of local incidents, speeding, anti-social behaviour etc, and for feedback on house burglaries.

In the village there are nine NhW residents covering most areas of the village (still no representative for Abbeyfields) who provide police alerts and information to residents as well as acting as a conduit for information to the police (through the local NhW email network).

You have an opportunity to influence policing priorities by voting in the election FOR a new Essex Police & Crime Commissioner on Thursday 5th May (at the Village Hall between 7am and 10.00pm).

Local Crime Update and Precautions

NhW are aware of two burglaries in the village since the last News (one in Old Church Road & one in Pan Lane) so do take precautions (don't make it obvious your house is empty - use "Lights on Timers"; keep side gates, sheds, garages & barns locked).

Telephone and Email scams

Figures issued by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau show a 21% increase in reported incidents in the last 12 months. According to recent research, the most popular phishing scams include pretending to be from BT, iTunes/Apple ID, HRMC, a lottery organiser, PayPal, a bank, a parcel delivery or Amazon. The most common relate to BT and iTunes. In terms of the most popular channels for phishing, email comes out top, accounting for over three quarters (77%) of reported incidents. This is followed by phone calls, which accounted for one in ten (12%) incidents. Over a quarter (29%) of all reported phishing emails contained a potentially malicious link which if followed run the risk of identity theft or financial loss.

So- remember the rules: no legitimate callers will ever cold call to ask for bank account or Pin code details; don't be fooled by people claiming to be police or bank officials saying they need you to transfer funds to another account or provide them with account access; don't hand over control of your computer to anyone phoning/e-mailing claiming you have a computer problem; don't click on an e-mail attachment from anyone however legitimate it looks unless you are absolutely sure who it is from – if in doubt delete!

Police Alerts and ECM, NhW Meetings, Marking Kit.

Police information and crime alerts are available through the Essex Police Electronic Community Messaging (ECM) service – see contacts flyer. You can log onto the ECM website to receive Essex Police messages using the link below: http://www.essex.police.uk/contact_us/community_messaging.aspx

EH NhW forward police messages on local crime and information to recipients that have requested this. If you wish to be added to the distribution let me know. There over 90 people in the village who currently receive local crime information in this way (the e-mailed NhW information is "blind" copied to recipients so you won't see other recipients on email and they won't see you).

The next NhW team quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday 18th

May 8pm in the Bethel Church meeting room.
Contact me (Clinton Close) or David Rackham
(Old Church Rd) if you are interested in joining
EH NhW or need more information. The EH NhW
team has a marking kit available for loan to resi-
dents.



Mike Plumridge

Acting NhW Co-ordinator.

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(: 999 if you see something suspicious or a crime in progress.

(: 101 for non urgent incidents.

(: 0800 555 111 for Crimestoppers anonymous, or use anonymous
online report form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

VILLAGE FETE 2016



This year will see a continuation of what we started last year, combining the collective experience of the longstanding fete committee with the relative youth, enthusiasm and initiative of the East Hanningfield School PTA, to organise a single Village Fete, which will be held on **SATURDAY 25th JUNE**. The funds raised will be split equally between Hanna's Field Charity, the School, 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 :

All Saints' church—Jackie Feehan ☎ 400862

Hanna's Field Charity—Mike Plumridge ☎ 400628

PTA—Ellen Carden ☎ 07932952252

ALL SAINTS' NEWS FROM CANON CHRISTINE

Dear Friends,

I hope this year is progressing well for you. Christmas seems a distance away now, but it was good to see so many of you at the different services over Christmas week. The church looked lovely and it was a great joy to see it being well used. Thank you to those who gave gifts for children, they were much appreciated when I took them down to the YMCA in Chelmsford.

This year Easter is upon us with great speed and there is a lot going on in the coming weeks. I do hope you will come to some of the things shown in the diary, particularly the visit of Bishop Stephen our Diocesan Bishop, on Mothering Sunday at 10am. Do come along and greet him and receive a posy. It is great that true to his word, he will visit any of us large or small.

We have 2 sessions of Messy Church coming up during Lent and for Easter and our '20 Questions,' at 11am during February and March on Sunday morning after the service. Come and have refreshment and join in discussion. All of us have questions we have thought about and wanted to ask sometime. Now is your chance. Once Easter Sunday is past and the clocks go back our days get longer and brighter and we pull out of the winter darkness, and often dreariness. It is good to start thinking about warm sunshine and holidays; Easter always seems a turning point in the year. Unfortunately we know life is not all sunshine and for those of you going through hard times for whatever reason, do not forget we are always here for you and you are welcome to pop in after the service for a chat, there is usually someone about for at least 30 to 50 minutes after the service finishes. My email and telephone number are on the board.

For those of you who have pets think ahead and book 12th June in your diary as we hope to have a Pet Service at 10am on that day. Bring your pet for a sing song and a blessing, in a cage or on a



lead, or tether them on the grass outside the church. We will probably be in and outside during the services. No-one should feel left out! This is also a celebration of the Queens 90th birthday and she loves animals. Perhaps someone has a corgi!

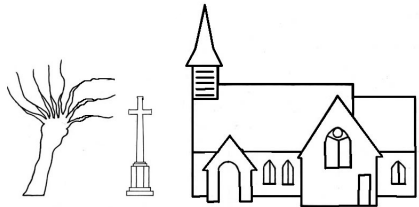
May I wish you all a happy time over the Easter break, we do hope to see you and the children at one of our services and events. We are here for you and it is good to see our church used and loved. A big thank you to everyone, who helps to keep it looking such a lovely place.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

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..... AND FROM THE CHURCH WARDEN

Exciting news, I can hardly believe it but it's true, work has started on repairing the bell fittings in All Saints' belfry! Not surprising that they are a little tired and worn out, as the bell installation dates from 1885 and records show that the fittings came by train to Chelmsford and the three wooden bell wheels cost £1.10s. We were advised in November 2012 to stop ringing them and after all the necessary paperwork and fund raising, we are now within weeks of hearing them again. Special thanks must go to Colin Warren for providing us with

recorded bells in the meantime. Also we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Lee, and his operator Colin, of Paramount Platforms in the village for the very kind gesture of goodwill, providing a suitable cherry picker to save the considerable expense of scaffolding. They have some amazing machines and do work all over the country in places like Canterbury Cathedral and Royal Albert Hall. However it was still quite an experience to see the Star 10 get through the church porch and door with only a couple of millimetres to spare each side!

To celebrate our church's 130th birthday in 2015, we had a scheme for collecting 130 coins. A big thank you to all those who participated, whether by cheque or with piles of filthy lucre, absolutely delighted to report that (taking gift aid into account) we have raised just over £3,000. The bulk of this will go into the Bells Fund, but we have bought the church a pressie of an electronic keyboard, which has been brilliant thanks to Fiona Ward's expertise and enables us to sing hymns to 'organ' music, as we haven't a regular organist.

We enjoyed welcoming the school for an Ash Wednesday service in church, not only hearing about their consumption of pancakes but also to share in getting grubby faces by marking ash crosses on foreheads! During Lent this year we are taking the opportunity of quizzing Christine - entitled 20 Questions - but we may not get to 20. Instead of a formally structured course for Lent, the idea is to have an informal chat about things that we are puzzled by or have never liked to ask. Anyone is welcome to join in, if you just want to listen then that is fine, asking a question is not compulsory. See the Diary for relevant dates.

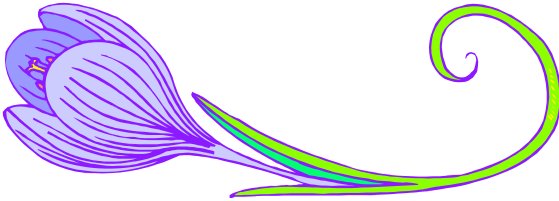
Finally do come on Mothering Sunday 6th March at 10 am, a great

opportunity to hear the charismatic Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop Stephen. Born in Essex, a prolific author and inspiring preacher, it is a chance not to miss.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Although a month has already escaped from our New Year (when writing this) I hope it is not too late to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Hasn't this been a strange winter – well for Essex, The garden is blooming with spring flowers already and providing you don't go out at night the weather has been rather kind. My wellies are under used. I will say no more.

Our W.I. Ladies are known as the 'Ladies that Lunch.' We arrange a number of reasonably priced lunches throughout the year. This year we would like to extend an invitation to any Gentlemen who would like to join us at these particular events or if you are a lady who has an afternoon free then please come and visit us. I have listed below when these events are taking place. All these events are held at the W.I. Hall in Old Church Road.

4 May **Spring Lunch** 12.30 for 1.00 pm £8.50 per head
This is a ploughman's lunch with soft rolls and sumptuous puddings.

22 June **Strawberry Tea** 2.00 for 2.30 pm £8.50 per head
This is our very English afternoon tea with scones lashings of cream, strawberries with more cream and more sumptuous sweets. You will be creamed out at the end of this event.

17 Aug **Tea at the Hall** 2.00 pm £5.00 for visitors
This is afternoon tea with lovely sandwiches and scrummy cakes. Out door games (we always have good weather) a quiz, as well as a bring and buy.

26 October **Harvest Lunch** 12.30 for 1.00 pm £8.50 per head
This is a lovely hot lunch of jacket potato with five different fillings available and a full salad with dressings . Oh dear and more scrumptious hot or cold sweets.

There is a good raffle at all these events too. They are all on Wednesday's at lunch time or afternoon. It would be lovely to see

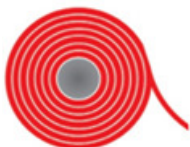
you and I will guarantee a warm welcome. Laughter is good for you. We usually start these yearly feasting events with our SOUPer lunch in March but this will have taken place before the EH News reaches you. If you wish to join us can you give me a quick ring on the number below a week before the event so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes?

For Ladies who wish to join the W.I we meet every third Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. in our little green hall. We have speakers of interest tea and cake a raffle and laughter. Please come and visit us you would be most welcome.

Flora Virgoe



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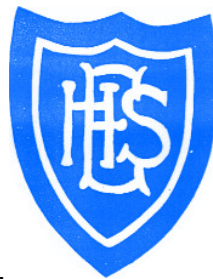
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EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL



This term at school we welcomed Miss Havers our new deputy Headteacher. She is teaching in class 2 as our year 1 & 2 teacher. The New Year seems to be speeding along, the children have been learning about World War 2, Vikings, myths and legends, toys, being a good friend, the French days of the week and much more. Children have been making Viking long ships, designing their own games and making Anderson shelters as part of their topics with the help of their parents.

This term, Class 4 are visiting Priory primary school to see and hear the Author, Shane Hegarty as part of their literacy work. Years 3 and 4 will be visiting Duxford and going back in time, in their 1940's classroom with gas masks and air-raid sirens. As a school we will be celebrating World Book Day on 3rd March with our own Book week. We will be dressing up as book characters, sharing our favourite books and having a visit from the author, Charlie Wilson.

The children have had opportunities to meet their peers in other schools. Year 4 have been involved in an interschool event called Superstars, taking part in a variety of sporting activities and Year 2 will be taking part in the Infant Music festival this term, singing and acting alongside other local schools.

After Easter we look forward to opening up our school swimming pool ready for our swim season. We are very fortunate to have our own pool and it means that every child in the school has the opportunity to practise their swimming skills every year under the supervision of a qualified coach.

We would like to take this opportunity in wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Kerry Collins, Headteacher

HANNA'S TOTS

Hanna's Tots is a parent and toddler group run by volunteers which operates every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 am in East Hanningfield Village Hall (entrance is via the front of the building) for £2 per family per session. It is aimed for people with children from birth up to the age of five. Children can entertain themselves in a safe and fun environment with a selection of toys and an arts and crafts activity.

The Health Visitor and Children's Centre come in every second Friday of the month. Come along and join us or for further information please ring.

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PRESCHOOL

East Hanningfield
Pre-School



Since the last edition we have been proudly announcing our “Good” Ofsted result and some of you may have seen our photo in the South Woodham Focus and also the Essex Chronicle. This Spring Term the children spent a couple of weeks talking about their favourite toys. We took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch and made unusual bird feeders for the garden using pine cones and also some garden worms made of lard. At the present time our theme is “Pets” which is always a very popular subject with the children. Some parents are kindly bringing in their friendly pets for a visit and so far we have seen a lovely Border Collie and we are hoping to see a chicken and a hamster. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday shortly and then St Valentine’s Day and of course, Mothering Sunday and then Easter.

We are now open longer hours due to popular demand and so our opening hours are 9-3 on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 9-1 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We still have a couple of vacancies for the rest of this term and the Summer Term and are taking names for our waiting list in September 2016. We also have vacancies for Bank Staff, please see details opposite.

If you would like to find out more about the Pre-school you can view our website, or if you would like to come for a visit please contact us on by phone or email.

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East Hanningfield Pre-school Bank Staff Vacancies

Pre-school Assistant

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Session times vary between 8.30am –
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ehps1@live.co.uk.

Applications close on 23rd March 2016.

East Hanningfield
Pre-School

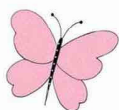


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