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#### **COVER PICTURE**

The Fete Programme will have been delivered inside this edition of the News, so you have all the information about the marvellous things planned for the afternoon. If you can't attend the Fete you can still give support by buying the draw tickets included with the Programme. There are some great prizes generously donated by local businesses, & if you want more tickets, they are on sale in the shop.

The Fete is organised by the School PTA, All Saints' Church and Hanna's Field Charity, who jointly share the proceeds, so, by coming to the Fete, you will be helping to support your local community, as well as a having a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. For further details or to offer to help on the day contact:

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#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Thank you to everyone who turned out on a chilly May morning for the Annual Village Tidy, and a special thanks to Lay Minister Chritine Horton and City Councillor Matt Flack who live in other villages but still came along and took part. A trailer load of litter was removed from our village's streets and public areas, so it was clearly a worthwhile effort. Thank you also to the people who pick up litter during their walks around the parish. There is a body of thought that believes that litter attracts more litter, so tidying as you go doesn't just remove the nuisance, it helps to prevent further tipping. If you see fly tipping please report it to the City Council on 606606 or at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/fly-tipping so that it can be removed as quickly as possible.

PC's latest acquisition, the play area for younger children behind Filliol and Catherine Closes is now thoroughly absorbed into regular administrative duties, and this includes regular inspections. Nevertheless, if you see a problem there please get in touch because it might be several days until the next inspection. One such notification was a phone call to tell me that there was a strange, large object in the play area. It turned out to be an upturned trampoline, which had been carried there in the high winds. As the wind made it too dangerous to try to move it and there was a possibility that it might take off again, the area had to be closed for a while. Inspections have also identified the need for some maintenance work, so the area will be closed at some point for painting and wood treatment. The damaged swing seats have been replaced.

At the time of writing we have been informed that the outline planning application for 115 houses south of the Rough Hill complex has been refused. The applicants have 6 months to appeal, so it is a matter of waiting to see what they decide to do. They have other sites in the City which are ahead of us in the application/appeal process, and the outcome for those sites might affect what happens here. We are still waiting to hear the outcome of the planning appli-

cation for housing between Old Church Road and Back Lane.

In March, PC received a visit from representatives of Bellway Homes who are considering developing the old Morelands industrial area. You might know it as the breaker's vard the other side of the A130, near Rettendon Bell. The site already has planning permission for 24 executive style homes. PC, although in favour of developing the site in order to clean it up, was not supportive of the types of homes proposed and commented on the original application that a mix of housing would be preferable and reflective of the needs of the parish. Bellway have taken this on board and have shown PC a proposal for 44 homes of mixed sizes. This is expected to become a planning application shortly. As the site is distant from community facilities it is not suitable for affordable housing for local people, and the cost of cleaning up the contaminated land will prevent the inclusion of social housing being feasible, but the proposed range of housing will mean that there will be first-time homes for purchase at the lower price range for this area.

The concept of clearing the contamination at the Morelands site by getting it developed was, for many years, promoted by Parish and City Councillor Mike Harris. His lobbying of the planners prepared the ground so that the previous planning application was granted. This was necessary because the site is in the green belt where there is a presumption against most forms of development.

The broadband situation has moved forward considerably since the last News. We now know that much of the parish will be connected to superfast broadband this month.

There has been some concern expressed that plastic bags containing dog poo are being left hanging on hedges and other places rather than being placed in one of the bins around the village. Some of these might be waiting to be picked up by the dog owner on the way back from the walk, but either we have some very forgetful dog owners or something else is going on! I've been tasked

with trying to find some signs that show where to find the nearest dog bin, but so far have been unsuccessful. Another action was to publicise the sites of the bins, so a map showing their whereabouts can be found on the back cover of the News. Free bags can be obtained in the Shop and in the entrance lobby at the Village Hall.

The two *Play in the Park* sessions during the school Easter break were very well attended. The dates for the sessions during the summer break are 2nd. and 16th. August. Both are Tuesdays and run from 10am until 12 noon. These activities are for unaccompanied 6-11 year olds and accompanied younger children.

PC's Annual Report 2015-16 was published in May and presented to those attending the Annual Elector's Meeting. It contains an overview of the year and a receipts and payments version of the Council's accounts. You can download it from PC's website or read a copy on the noticeboard in the Village Hall, and there might be some copies left in the box under the noticeboard.

Please note that forthcoming PC Meetings will veer from the usual 4th. Thursday of the month, and will be on 23rd. June, 21st. July and 11th. August. You can find the Agenda for PC Meetings on PC's website under *Publications* and on the Council's noticeboards in the Village Hall, on the Tye opposite the Folly and at the Bicknacre Road junction.

PC Meeting are open to the public, and a time is set aside early on in each Meeting for members of the public to ask questions or bring matters to the notice of the Council. If you have a serious matter that requires consideration by the Council please send it to me at least a week before a Meeting so that it can be included on the Agenda as correspondence.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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#### **CITY COUNCILLOR**

It is now very unlikely that the proposed development at Morelands will be built in its approved format. New developers are involved who instead of building about 24 executive houses would like to build about 44 houses of various sizes which are more likely to meet the need of potential buyers. Unfortunately because of the cost of decontaminating the site there will be no element of affordable housing.



The proposal to build 28 houses including up to 14 affordable homes is still awaiting a decision. Discussions are ongoing. The proposal by Gladman Developments to build about 110 houses behind the Tye with access from Main Road has been refused. I expect this decision will be appealed. The time limit for an appeal is six months so will expire in mid November.

Many residents have told me that in the recent PCC election that they did not receive poll cards. This was investigated by the city council. Normally poll cards are hand delivered but deliveres were not available so they were sent to Royal Mail to deliver. Due to a problem at the printers 790 residents living in the MC polling district did not receive polling cards for which the printers have apologised. The city council did not become aware of the problem until polling day. Hand Deliverers have been appointed for the Referendum in June. Poll cards should have been delivered in the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May. If any resident has not received a poll card when they read this article then please let me know at once. The absence of a polling card does not affect a resident's right to vote.

I am always ready to visit residents & local businesses to discuss & hopefully resolve any issue. Just give me a ring or send an e-mail.

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#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

At Essex County Council we have a new Chief Executive, Gavin Jones. Gavin joins us from Swindon Borough Council which he turned round from almost a bankrupt council to one that now has a balanced budget. Prior to joining local government he worked in the computer industry. We are all hoping he will bring with him new ideas and a fresh approach to meeting residents' expectations



Photo: Essex County Council

in the services we provide. We need to update our technology, join up services where appropriate, improve our communications to residents and be accountable when things go wrong.

The Energy Switch campaign earlier in the year has been a great success, in Chelmsford some 500 residents signed up and have achieved average savings of £335 per annum. There will almost certainly be another campaign later in the year, I will try and pick it up and publish the details of how to apply, it really is a no lose situation and well worth considering.

Road safety remains a very worrying issue for all of us and the statistics for the County over an annual basis are frightening. More than 1000 people were killed or seriously injured on our roads and there were some 7000 non injury collisions, over 50,000 drivers were referred to attend a speed awareness course and that included drivers not wearing safety belts and using mobile phones whilst driving. These are very sobering figures and a reminder to us all to drive carefully and be vigilant at all times.

It is now law for all dogs to be chipped, if you haven't had this done please check with your local vet or refer to the Chelmsford City website for details of a free service!

Finally we are inviting community groups to bid for a share of a £1.5

million Community Initiatives Fund and you have until the end of August to register an interest. Grants are available for social and recreational facilities, village halls, community transport, local sports clubs etc. Further details can be seen on the Essex website and I am sure the Parish Council will also be able to help.

#### HAVE YOU ANY UNWANTED PRESENTS?

It's now only a few weeks until the fete and that time of year when I badger you all for any tombola prizes that you would care to donate. Any items new or good-as-new would be gratefully received – unwanted Christmas or birthday presents are ideal. Items for young teens and children are always helpful as they like to have a go on the stall too.

I am happy to come and collect from you or you can deliver the items to me at 7 Highfields Mead. Please can I have any donations by Monday 20 June at the very latest.

Many thanks Sue Edward

#### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone for their very kind words of sympathy and the cards we have received after the death of my husband John. Both the family and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support everyone has given us both in the village and my ladies in the W.I. This is a very big thank you it has been a big help and much appreciated.

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#### HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This will be my last report as Chairman of Hanna's Field Charity as, after more than 15 years in the Chair, I have decided, on health grounds, not to stand for another year. During my time as Chairman of HFC we have



achieved a great deal for the benefit of the village and I hope the Charity will continue to do so in the future. Major achievements during my time as Chairman include the extending of the village hall to include the Village Shop & Post Office and upstairs committee room not forgetting the new changing rooms. During the last two years we have completed the refurbishment of the small hall and just recently replaced the roof in its entirety. Not bad achievements for such a small group of dedicated trustees.

Reverting back to my normal Chairman's report I am pleased to report on another successful year for the charity. Last year we set as our number one priority the replacement of the hall roof which after twenty five years was starting to show its age and beginning to leak. We achieved this target with the completion of a new insulated roof in March this year. You may also have noticed that the preschool have increased the size of their outdoor play area. The Charity have assisted with the costs of installing the electric awning and we have plans in the pipeline to install a new security door in the corridor providing a fully secure environment for the children. The more eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed that we now have a CCTV System covering the hall.

There are a number of other projects which we would like to

undertake and they are all dependent on our successful application for grants to fund each project. These projects which are not in any particular order include:

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

Extending the entrance lobby and village shop

Rebuilding the mountain bike mounds

Ploughing, levelling and reseeding the football pitches

Resurfacing the sports courts

Extending the sports wall

Completing a trim trail around the field to include skate board ramps

Creating a Community Suite above the small hall

Building a bin store

Last year's Village Fete, a new joint venture with the Village School Parents' Association and All Saints Church, was successful on its new June date. This year the Fete will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The Annual Art Show in September proved particularly successful with its increased opening times spread over three days. It will continue as a major fund raising event this year exhibiting works from many local artists and will be on 16, 17 &18 of September

We have continued running quarterly Book and Coffee Sales on Saturday mornings in the upstairs committee room. These regular book sale events have proved to be popular and successful providing both a book 'lending' service and social hub to the village.

It is good that the Village Shop and Post Office remains in the village. If we are to retain the Post Office and Shop in the village it is essential that we all use the facility and support Ash and his wife.

The work load of the Charity has once again been borne by very few for the benefit of the many villagers and organisations who use the facilities at the village hall and sports field. No officers or committee members receive any remuneration for their hard work; they are all volunteers and all should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village.

If you are listening to or reading this report have you considered joining the committee? We would welcome new members to assist in the future development of the Charity.

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

Colin Warren Retired Chairman, Hanna's Field Charity



# WANTED ITEMS FOR THE FETE WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Please bring your unwanted bric-a-brac to the Village Hall on Saturday, 18th. June, 10am-12 noon.

No electrical goods, shoes or clothes please.



#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**POLICE UPDATE**—Since the March EH News NhW item on Essex police cut backs due to police budget constraints I'm informed there will be just five PCSOs at any one time (10 in total 5 per shift) covering our Maldon and Chelmsford area and we no longer have our 'own' dedicated contact in PCSO Linda Samways, unfortunately.

In the past .PCSOs have provided the main point of contact for NhW reporting, speeding, anti-social behaviour & house burglaries and it's not clear how that gap will be filled but Essex Police under Chief Constable, Stephen Kavanagh have launched area "Community Policing Teams" as part of a "renewed commitment to local policing". Chief Inspector Alan Cook, district commander for Chelmsford & Maldon, says CPT strategic priorities are: Protecting and supporting vulnerable people and victims of crime; Reducing harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse; Reducing reoffending; Tackling crime, the fear of crime & anti-social behaviour; Tackling violent crime; & Promoting road safety & challenging irresponsible driving. The team members are based at Chelmsford police station and are: Inspector Andy Sawyer & Sergeants Philip Morley and Perry Land. There will be Community Policing meetings in Great Baddow United Reformed Church 10:30am Friday, 24 June, and West Hanningfield Village Hall, 2pm Tuesday, 9 August.

Meanwhile, the South Woodham Ferrers police station has gone and the nearest stations are Chelmsford (9am – 5pm, 7 days a week) and Maldon (12noon – 6pm Monday – Saturday). Opening times are subject to change at short notice.

As a result of the May election, Roger Hirst is the new Essex Police & Crime Commissioner, replacing Nick Alston. Roger Hirst's policing priorities are:

Being tough on Anti-Social Behaviour; Reversing the worrying increase in serious violence; Having a zero tolerance of domestic violence; Eradicating organised crime and people-trafficking; Making our Police more local, visible and accessible.

**LOCAL CRIME UPDATE & PRECAUTIONS**—NhW are aware of at least one recent burglary in the village, on The Tye on 12 April, and possibly a second on the same day on The Common. Do take precautions (padlock side gates; use "Lights on Timers"; shut/lock windows; don't leave keys in locks of doors and windows; consider a burglar alarm).

TELEPHONE & EMAIL SCAMS—Some new ones to mention:
Talk-Talk scam: watch out for a caller claiming that you have been overcharged and asking for card details to give you a refund.
Wine Investment Scam: Watch out for criminals targeting members of the public who are seeking to sell their wine investment.
Fraudsters agree to purchase the victim's wine, but instead transfer the stock into their own account without paying.

**BT Scam**: Be alert for calls from someone claiming to be from BT quoting your BT account number and saying your router has been hacked.

**Apple account Scam**: watch out for texts and e-mail messages claiming to be from Apple. The messages typically state that the recipient's iCloud or iTunes account is out of date and that they need to follow a link to avoid account suspension. Once the link has been followed, victims are asked for bank account details etc.

Remember the rules: don't give bank account or Pin code details to cold callers; don't click on an e-mail attachment or link however legitimate it looks unless you are absolutely sure who it is from.

POLICE NhW ALERTS & MARKING KIT—EH NhW forward police messages on local crime and information to residents who have requested them. If you wish to be added to the distribution let me know. There over 90 people in the parish who receive local crime information in this way (the e-mailed NhW information is "blind" copied so you won't see other recipients & they won't see you).

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#### **VILLAGE DIARY**

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JUNE		
Fri	3	9.30-10.30am <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Preschool & H's Tots
Sun	5	9am <b>BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER COMMUNION</b> at All
		Saints' Church
		10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Wed	8	2pm <b>WI MEETING</b> in the WI Hall.
		2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
<b>-</b> :	40	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.
Fri	10	9.30-11.30 HEALTH VISITOR & CHILDREN'S CENTRE
Sat	11	at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall.  11am-1pm CAFE BAR at Bethel Church
Sun	12	10am <b>PETS' SERVICE</b> in honour of the Queen's birth-
Juli	12	day. All pets welcome in suitable cages or with leads. Service in and
		out of doors according to the weather.
		10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue	14	9.15am <b>ASSEMBLY IN CHURCH</b> - Parents welcome at
		All Saints' Church. All about the leprosy hospital.
Fri	17	9.30-10.30am <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Preschool & H's Tots
Sat	18	10am-12noon <b>BRING YOUR BRIC-A-BRAC</b> to the Village
		Hall. Bring items suitable for the White Elephant stall at the Fete. No
_		shoes, clothes are electrical goods, please.
Sun	19	10am COMMON WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION at All
		Saints' Church. 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue	21	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
Wed	22	2.00 for 2.30pm <b>STRAWBERRY TEA</b> at the WI Hall. This
vvca		is our very English afternoon tea with scones lashings of cream, straw-
		berries with more cream and more sumptuous sweets. You will be
		creamed out at the end of this event.£8.50 per head
		2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
		3.15-4pm <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Village Hall car park.
Thu	23	8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor meet-
•		ing room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
Sat	25	VILLAGE FETE

Sun	26	10am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING THEME at All Saints' Church.
		10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church
JULY		
Wed	6	2.35-2.55pm <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Ashley Green 3.15-4pm <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Village Hall car park.
Fri	8	9.30-11.30 <b>HEALTH VISITOR &amp; CHILDREN'S CENTRE</b> at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall.
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
Tue	12	6-8pm SCHOOL OPEN EVENING All welcome.
Wed	13	2pm <b>WI MEETING</b> in the WI Hall.
Thur	14	TBA LEAVERS ASSEMBLY IN CHURCH Parents welcome
<b>-</b> .:	4.5	at All Saints' Church
Fri	15	9.30-10.30am <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Preschool & H's Tots 7 for 7.30pm <b>BEETLE DRIVE</b> at the WI Hall. Bring drinks &
		nibbles. Tickets £6 from Pat on 403252.
Sun	17	10am COMMON WORSHIP COMMUNION with Archdea-
		con of Chelmsford & presentation of certificates to young
		people becoming Communion Assistants at All Saints' Ch.
		10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church
Tue	19	10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church
Wed	20	9.30am END OF TERM/LEAVERS' COMMUNION for Years
		5 & 6 - Parents welcome at All Saints' Church.
		2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
Thus	24	3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.
Thur	21	8pm <b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b> in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
Sun	24	10am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING All Saints' Ch
Ouri		10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Fri	29	9.30-10.30am <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at Preschool & H's Tots
Sun	31	10am SUNG MATINS at All Saints' Church
		10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church

#### **AUGUST** Tue 10am-12noon PLAY IN THE PARK at the Village Hall 2 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 EHPC & Chelmsford CC. Wed 2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green 3 3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park. 9am BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER COMMUNION at All Sun Saints' Church 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church 2pm WI MEETING in the WI Hall. Wed 1 8pm NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING at Bethel Church meeting room. Thur 11 8pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door 12 9.30-10.30am MOBILE LIBRARY at Preschool & Fri 9.30-11.30 HEALTH VISITOR & CHILDREN'S CENTRE at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall. Sat 13 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church MORNING WORSHIP at All Saints' Church Sun 14 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church Tue 10am-12noon PLAY IN THE PARK at the Village Hall & 16 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 EHPC & Chelmsford CC. 10.30am LADIES MEETING at Bethel Church 2.00 pm TEA AT THE WI HALL This is afternoon tea with Wed 17 lovely sandwiches & scrummy cakes. Out door games (we always have good weather) a quiz, & a bring and buy. £5.00 for visitors. 2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green

3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.

Sun 21 10am COMMON WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church.
 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE at Bethel Church
 Fri 26 9.30-10.30am MOBILE LIBRARY at Preschool & Hanna's Tots
 Sun 28 10am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING THEME at All Saints' Church

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
Wed 31 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.

# Send your entries for the Village Diary to karen. plumridge@btinternet.com

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTINUED FROM P. 15**

The next NhW team quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 8pm in 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. A marking kit is available to borrow.



Mike Plumridge, Acting NhW Co-ordinator.

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#### **ALL SAINTS' NEWS FROM CANON CHRISTINE**

Dear Friends,

It is now over a year since I took on the task of becoming leader of All Saints Church, both a privilege and a responsibility. During that time we have achieved a lot, not least the restoration of the bells which are now ringing again. Much of the money raised came from people wishing to give in order that the bells became dedicated in memory of Stan Gordon. For this we are very grateful. If any of you would like to have a go at becoming a regular ringer, do let me know and I will pass your name on for some lessons.

We have had services for many different occasions, which is great and we will be having a Pets Service on 12<sup>th</sup>June at 10am, as our celebration for the Queens official birthday, so do come along. Horses can be tethered in the churchyard, small pets in cages and dogs on leads. Bring them along for a blessing and sing song, the queen loves animals and always has dogs and horses around her.

We continue with our Messy Church on special occasions and Church Club at the school every other week. Children are always welcome and we try to have something for them to do in the children's area at the back of the church. I also enjoy visiting the Pre-School and Toddler Group. We have had a number of baptisms during the year which is wonderful, and we have three weddings coming up over the summer, with two already booked for next year.

We are a church for the community and we like to do things you will enjoy. We do pray for our organisations and businesses each week that they may thrive. Some of you came to our presentation about the future of the church or received details. Two things on our horizon are to put in a toilet and a new heating system. This would make the church more user friendly and they will hopefully happen over the next couple of years. What we need is your support, to come and give us a look and share services from time to time, if not regularly. East Hanningfield is a lovely little village with most things,

its Post Office, Village Hall, School and Church at the heart of the village. Not all villages are so lucky and in these days of changing times, it is villages like ours that help us to hang onto our British values and traditions. I enjoy holidays as we all do, I know our weather could be better and sometimes I go abroad, but I am always pleased to come back to all the good things about our country and its way of life, as Shakespeare said "The precious stone set in a silver sea, this blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England." (Richard 11, Act 2). I think I may be forgiven from quoting Shakespeare in his anniversary year!

I hope to see you sometime in the coming months. Meanwhile enjoy



your holidays and know that I am always here for you as is your God. Sometimes things change unexpectedly, perhaps, you have been storing a heart- ache. Whatever, know that someone is there for you. If you or any of your children are interested in talking about confirmation without commitment, come and see me. We hope to be doing some discussions, this Autumn, in the evening. Take care and may the Lord be always at your side.

Christine

**2** 01245 46534

#### AND FROM THE CHURCH WARDEN

Have you any idea what it costs to run the Village Church each week? £100? £200? £300? £400? Well, we have worked it out that in 2016 it will cost £455 EACH WEEK to keep All Saints operational.

We recently held a meeting in the Village Hall to explain to people in

the village and surrounding areas that currently we have a shortfall of £57 per week to just break even, never mind any wish to develop the church and to put ourselves on a firm financial footing for the future. You might well ask how do we reach the weekly figure of £455? Church running costs and expenses amount to £97; Fabric & maintenance is £43; Parish share is £304 and donations to other worthy causes is £11. We wouldn't have a problem if we didn't have to pay the Parish Share! What is that exactly? The Diocese of Chelmsford is very large, some 622 churches, and the cost of running the Diocese (clergy salaries, housing, pensions, training to quote some examples) is spread throughout the parishes. Although we are led by Christine, we still need clergy to come in to take Communions, Baptisms and Weddings so we accept we must pay our share.

The present All Saints has stood as a centre of worship for over 130 years and the list of Rectors goes back as far as 1248 in the old All Saints Church. The future is in our hands: THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS! Our generation inherited the church and many of us have been delighted to use it for special family occasions over the years, so we need to cherish and preserve it for future generations to enjoy.

How can you help do this? One option is to join the Parish Giving Scheme, successfully trialled in the Diocese of Gloucester and recently taken up by the Diocese of Chelmsford. This is the first Direct Debit scheme to be available for those wishing to support financially their local church. An explanatory pack is available - I would be happy to let you have one, do please phone or email me. You then complete a form and send it direct to the Parish Giving Scheme, completing the Gift Aid part if applicable and also the anonymity box if you wish. Then each month they send the relevant amount to the church's bank account. Even a small regular amount each month greatly assists with cash flow and by supporting the church in this way, you are enabling us to ensure the future of the village church. In the past many people have been keen, for example, to support our fund-raising schemes by writing their names on a shingle to go on the spire or by having their family names on a kneeler - we therefore sincerely hope you will wish to support this time.

Are there any keen cyclists/walkers out there who are free on Saturday 10th September? We need volunteers to participate for All Saints Church in the Friends of Essex Churches Ride & Stride. You choose your own itinerary and get sponsorship for the number of places of worship you visit between 10 - 6pm that day. Half the money raised goes to the church of your choice (!) and the other half to FETC grants fund. If you want more details, the website is www.foect.org.uk

or contact Claire Newman on 07858

894596.

Finally I hope you have enjoyed hearing the church bells as much as we have enjoyed learning to ring them. Practice makes perfect is our current motto - it isn't as easy as it looks but is brilliant for getting fit and banishing bingo-wings!



Left: The cherry-picker in church Below: view of the belfry



# DANCE FITNESS

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—Emilie Guest.

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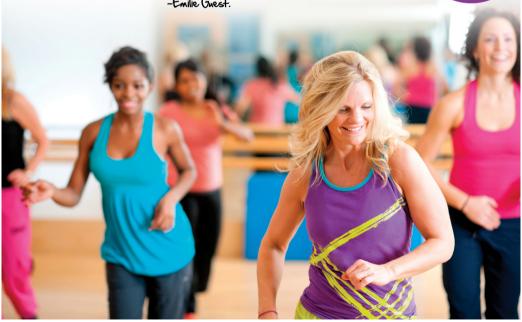
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Because the very essence and nature of 'God is love', it's in

loving others that we are most like Him. The apostle Paul writes, 'If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've got nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love' (1Corinthians 13:3 TM).

And love cannot be learned or practised in isolation. You have to be around people - irritating, imperfect, demanding, frustrating people. Sometimes we act as if relationships are something to be squeezed into our schedule. We talk about finding time, or about making time for others.

Jesus summarised what matters most in two statements: 'Love God' and 'Love people' (Matthew 22:37-40).

Relationships, not things, are what really matter in life. So why do we keep allowing our relationships to get shortchanged? Because when our lives become overloaded we start skimming relationally, cutting back on the time, energy and attention good relationships require. We become too preoccupied with making a living, paying bills, and accomplishing goals, as if these were the point of life.

They're not! The point of life is learning to love - God and people. Life minus love equals zero! In our final moments we all realise that relationships are what life is all about.

At Bethel Church, we have a mixture of people from all kinds of backgrounds. If it were not for our common love of Christ that we share, maybe our paths might not have even crossed. Yet, we have this unifying love that binds us together, a love for Jesus that compels us to love others. God not only demonstrated his love by sending his Son, but he IS love.

So, if you fancy meeting up with some irritating, imperfect, demanding and frustrating people, you know where to find us. You'll fit right in.  $\odot$ 

We meet every Sunday at our family service at 10.45pm. Or come and say hello at our stall at the Village Fete.

Also, later this year, we are planning an **Over 65s Winter Warmer Christmas Lunch**. This will take place on Saturday, 19th. November, 12.30-3pm. We are making a small charge towards the cost of the event of £3 per person or £5 for a couple. For early booking please contact Emma Cockrell on 400665.

Please see the diary for other Bethel key dates.

Roydon Hearne

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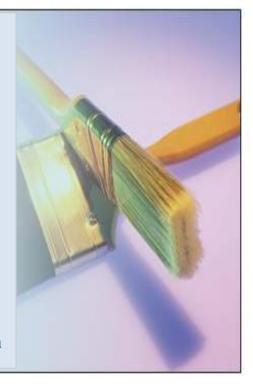
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#### **PRESCHOOL**

We spent a busy Spring Term talking about dinosaurs and then zoo animals. At Easter time the Vicar came in to talk to the children and the end of term finished with an Easter Party



which included an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter bonnet competition.

During this term we are discussing growing and this includes hatching out our own butterflies - the children love watching the different life cycle stages as the caterpillars change into Painted Lady butterflies and then we release them outside. We have also been planting different seeds –sunflowers, grass, onions, carrots – and will be watching them grow.

In June we will be holding our annual Sports Day in our lovely newly extended outside area and then in mid July we will be saying a sad goodbye to fourteen of our children and we wish them well as they move onto various local primary schools.

From September due to demand we will be opening two extra afternoons, making our hours 9am-3pm Monday-Friday during term time. Certain age restrictions apply.

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 telephone or email.

www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk

# Pamper and Shopping Evening

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the event on the 6th May.

The team, headed up by Hollie (who put in a tremendous amount of work!) spent months planning for this annual fundraiser. From designing the goody bags, sourcing the contents, finding raffle prizes, booking stall holders and therapists, table planning, posters, finding a sponsor and hosts for the marketing boards, selling tickets, setting up on the night, keeping the event running smoothly, and packing away at the end - the list is endless and the helpers that make it happen are our unsung heroes!

Our local raffle prize donations from Vita Bella, Ash at the village shop, BHN Garden Centre, Hyde Hall and Marsh Farm as well as prizes from Ocado, Chelmsford Theatre, Vicky Jade photography, The Stand hairdresser, parents and stall holders made for a very large prize draw! Thank you to all of those that donated, we really appreciate you generosity. Thank you to Meacock and Jones for advertising boards which ensured a good marketing presence running up to the event.

The night was an excellent success! We had a great turn out of ladies who made the most of the therapists, stall holders and super raffle. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

A fantastic amount was raised of £854!

If you weren't able to make it this year we hope you can next time, as it is only through the support of our village that we can keep going.

# East Hanningfield Pre-school \*New opening hours\* Places available for the autumn term Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Morning sessions 9am-12pm Afternoon sessions 12-3pm

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\*N.B: Lunch club and afternoon sessions only available to children aged over 2 years 6 months

Monday pm session is for rising school aged children.

(Inc. lunch club)

All day 9am-3pm

Pre-school has links to local before and after school club for children aged 3 and above at Jesters

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#### **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 ring

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#### **EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL**

I write this with the Sun shining in the hope that summer is only around the corner. The school continues to be busy with sports days, summer fetes, and open evenings on the horizon.

This term the children will be taking part in various sporting activities including District sports where the key stage 2 children compete against other schools in both track and field competitions. The younger children will be taking part in the mini Olympics with other schools in our area. We will also be holding our own Sports Day to celebrate sporting activities and this year it is being organised by our very own 'Sports Crew'.

Hanni

The summer term sees us learning in the outdoors; Key stage 2 will be building Dens, orienteering and team building when Years 3 and 4 visit Hadleigh Park and Years 5 and 6 go to Hanningfield reservoir. Key Stage 1 are becoming pirates for the day, linked to their class topic, visiting Danbury Outdoor centre to take part in a variety of activities.

As a school we encourage strong relationships with our parents and carers, to celebrate Father's day, in June, we are holding a special father's day lunch for all the fathers and Grandfathers of our children, this is always well attended and something the children enjoy very much. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July we look forward to holding our Open evening. This is from 6pm -8pm and everyone is welcome to attend. It is an opportunity to showcase what the children have been learning over the Year.

We continue to raise money for good causes and this term we will be holding a non-uniform 'Board game Day' in aid of the NSPCC. The Key stage 2 children will again be holding a mini market for the younger children in the school and funds raised will go towards restoring All Saint's church bells.

As another school year is coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our summer fete held on the village field on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The PTA and parish work hard to arrange this event and it is a fun afternoon for all. I hope to see many of you there.

Kerry Collins Headteacher



The middle bell at All Saints' Church



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#### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

I am sitting in the garden writing this with a careful breeze (it's not blowing my papers around), a lovely warming sun and a beautiful blue cloudless sky. Arhh that is nice.

The Ladies of the W.I. have been very busy. Apart from our famous welcoming lunches (we have not got to the teas just yet); we have another future event to tell you about. On the 15<sup>th</sup> July at the W.I. Hall we are holding a Beetle Drive. It is 7.00 for a 7.30 start

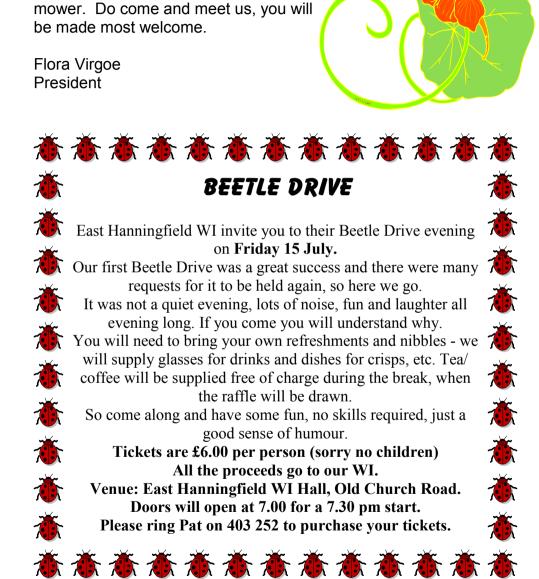


at £6.00 per person. When we held this event for the first time last year it was great fun – well I use this term fun loosely. After such energy and determination I came last and was presented with a lemon. I shall endeavour to get the hang of the game this time.

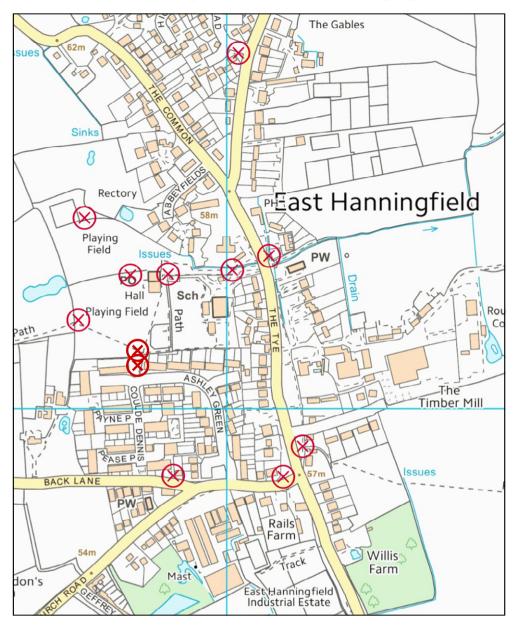
Apart from all our fundraising events and meetings each month we have undertaken a number of very necessary refurbishments to our small old hall hence the fundraising efforts. As I have previously mentioned East Hanningfield's Women's Institute is 100 years old next year. This achievement has been made possible by the dedication of very many members and Presidents battling to keep it alive through a war and hard times. We intend to celebrate the achievement of all those dedicated ladies with a wide array of special themes to our events. It is our intention to secure the future of the Women's Institute and its Hall for the future generations to come so please come and join our celebrations.

We are very active ladies, apart from our regular meetings and fundraising events we arrange outings to places of interest and we are also 'Ladies Who Dine Out'. If you would like an informal chat about the W.I. please give our friendly Pat a ring on 403252 who will gladly answer questions or tell you more about our activities. We are a fun bunch

Our next meeting and the dates of our functions can be found in the magazine's Village Diary section. It seems that I am the speaker for that event – not to be missed I am told. Having soaked up the sun and completed quite a bit of work I now need to exercise the lawn



#### WHERE TO FIND A DOG BIN



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