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FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

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The County Council is currently consulting on proposed changes to some of the bus services it subsidises. Of most interest to East Hanningfield residents would be the proposed changes to Service **11A** which runs on Sundays and Bank Holidays between Chelmsford and Southend. Depending on the outcome of the consultation the service might be retained as at present, be retained with a reduced timetable or be withdrawn. The reduced timetable under consideration would have the bus terminating at



Rayleigh instead of Southend, the argument for this being that there are other services which cover the route between Rayleigh and Southend. It would also reduce the number of runs each way from the present six to four a day, the last buses

getting back to East Hanningfield from Chelmsford at 15.51 and from Rayleigh at 16.45. You can respond online at <https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/BusConsultation> or fill in the questionnaire which is available in County Libraries. PC has a few copies of the questionnaire, which must be returned to the County Council by 28th. September, so please get in touch if you would like one.

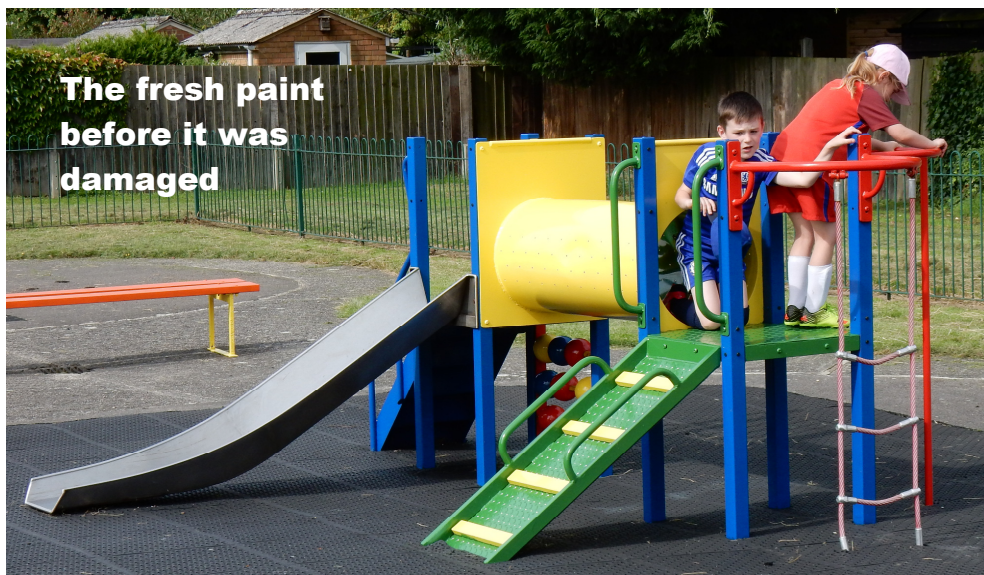
Residents of the Tye who have suffered the consequences of water main bursts will be pleased to learn that the main from the Rough Hill entrance northwards to include the Bicknacre Road junction is to be replaced with a 180mm polythene main. The present iron pipe has been in situ for over a hundred years, so it is not surprising it ruptures from time to time. Work is expected to begin towards the end of September and be finished by early November. Residents of the Tye will be informed by letter of the exact dates nearer the time. Although most of the excavations will be along the village green, which Essex & Suffolk Water have promised to restore to good order, there will be times when the footway and road around the Bicknacre Road junction will be restricted, but please be patient.

Something that seems to cause a great deal of annoyance amongst

residents is hedges taking over pavements. If you have a hedge which has a path running beside it, please go outside and check whether it is walkable, not by ducking and diving but walking at full height without having to weave in and out and on to the road. If you normally drive out of your property you might not have noticed how antisocial your hedge has become. If, like me, you have bramble growing amongst the hedge plants, it needs constant monitoring as a long spikey stem can grow out and make the path impassable in a matter of days. Autumn and Winter are the traditional seasons for hedging and ditching, so now is the time to plan to get out there and make a start, and don't forget that it will grow from where you cut it to, so if you cut it to the edge of the path it will grow over the path.

Another cause of frequent complaints is the amount of dog mess around the village. There are free dog bags available in the shop and village hall lobby, and plenty of bins around the village, so there is no excuse for leaving it on the ground. The law requires it to be picked up whether you have a receptacle or not!

Before the school summer break the small play area behind Cath-



erine and Filliol Closes was closed for a few days so that it could be brightened up with some new paint. As well as making it more appealing to its target age group of young children, the repaint was intended to prolong the life of the equipment. It was very disappointing that within hours of the gate being unlocked the new paint had been vandalised. There was also damage to the safety surface and signage. It seems someone doesn't want the little ones to have an attractive, safe place to play.

It now looks as though the housing needs survey will not take place within the near future, so if you are hoping for an affordable home for rent or shared ownership in the village please ensure your name is on the housing list held by Chelmsford City Council.

After some discussion with PC the developer, of the proposed site between Back Lane and Old Church Road, amended planning application 16/00215/OUT by reducing the number of homes from 28 to 20, ten of which would be affordable homes for local people. The Parish Council agreed to accept this new plan, but is still of the opinion that the sewage pumping station needs to be upgraded before any more homes are built in the village. In case you are not aware I'll explain. The sewage pumping station on occasion, after heavy rain, cannot cope with the capacity and allows raw sewage to flow into the ditch. Simultaneously, the ditch cannot cope with additional water after heavy rain and overflows into neighbouring gardens, across the road and onto the pavement. PC believes that any additional homes connected to the pumping station will increase the incidence of sewage overflow, and that is unacceptable.

You will probably have heard that Gladman have appealed against refusal of planning permission for their proposed housing development south of Rough Hill. There is to be a public enquiry beginning at the end of May 2017, and City Cllr. Richard Poulter has more to say about it in the following article.

County Cllr. Ian Grundy, in his article, mentions new rules beginning

on 31st October about what waste you can take to which recycling centre. They are quite long and complicated, so they won't be printed in this News, but I can send them by email to anyone on request. If you regularly take waste to the South Woodham, Maldon or Chelmsford sites, you will need to know that it will be accepted when you get it there.

The Parish Council's Facebook page has become an efficient way of spreading news quickly, although with one item reaching nearly 10 thousand it must be reaching well beyond the parish boundary. Documents in the public domain for the longer term continue to be posted on the Parish Council's website, so that is where to look if you want to see the Village Diary, audited accounts, minutes, agenda and items on village history etc.

There is expected to be a vacancy on the Parish Council shortly. Please get in touch if you would be interested in becoming a councillor, or would like to know what is involved. A good introduction to PC would be to sit in on a meeting.

Parish Council Meetings are scheduled for the following Thursday evenings: 22nd. September, 27th. October, 24th. November and 8th. December. You are welcome to come along to listen and, if you wish, ask questions or raise matters of local concern during Public Question Time. Meetings usually begin at 8pm and are held in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Any variation of time or venue will be clearly stated on the meeting notice displayed on the noticeboards, which are situated in the Village Hall lobby, on the Tye opposite the Folly Bistro and at the Bicknacre Road junction behind the Vita Bella.

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CITY COUNCILLOR

I am using this article as an opportunity to provide an update on the proposal to build up to 115 dwellings on land south of Rough Hill Complex behind The Tye. An outline planning application by Gladman Developments was refused in May on the following grounds:



The City Council can demonstrate a five year rolling supply of housing sufficient to satisfy the objectively assessed housing need without recourse to this site.

The site is outside the defined settlement of East Hanningfield. The proposal would affect an impact on listed buildings namely Forge Cottage and Willis Farmhouse.

The proposal would affect the East Hanningfield Conservation area.

The proposal is not sustainable and would adversely affect the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.

Gladman Developments have appealed the refusal. The appeal will be by way of Public Inquiry which has been listed to last seven days starting on 31st May 2017. It will take place in the Civic Centre Chelmsford. Chelmsford Council will strongly contest the appeal. This is the fourth appeal by Gladman in the Chelmsford district. They won the first appeal for development in Boreham. However Chelmsford Council took the view that the decision was flawed as the Inspector had not taken full account of the Council's arguments and the decision was wrong. The Planning Inspectorate agreed but Gladman did not. The decision has been appealed to the High Court by Chelmsford Council. A decision is unlikely before next year. If the appeal is successful a new Inquiry will be held.

The second appeal was for approximately 110 houses in Bicknacre.

This was also a Public Inquiry. Gladman lost that appeal in July. Chelmsford Council won that appeal on the grounds that it could show a five year supply of housing and that considerable harm would be done to the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. It is my belief that the same grounds and more would apply to the East Hanningfield application.

The third appeal is to build about 100 new houses in Gt Leighs. The appeal was heard in June. The result is due on 23rd September.

I shall be doing all that I can to assist in refusing the East Hanningfield appeal and the threat to the village.

Richard Poulter

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The recent announcement from Essex County Council on changes on the way waste is received at certain of the recycling centres is potentially a concern and one we in the parishes need to monitor very carefully. Essex have 21 recycling centres scattered around the county, some are large and well equipped others less so. As from October there will be changes to the way some are run and receive waste. At the South Woodham Ferrers site for example they will no longer accept DIY, construction waste, soil and hardcore from users in commercial type vehicles and cars towing trailers. In essence what the council are introducing is to ban the disposing of business waste at certain sites and to encourage them to use the bigger sites such as at Chelmsford or private contractors. The public sector and the taxpayer cannot accept responsibility for the disposing of business waste, a service residents pay for in their council tax. I hope this does not cause any confusion, as a resident you should be able to use the service as present.

I appreciate the first reaction is this will add to fly tipping and that is my worry as well which is why we need to monitor closely. Chelmsford City Council also will be keeping a close watch on this and will very shortly be increasing the fine for this offence from £75 to £400. Notices highlighting this will be placed at the known threatened sites and if there is a case for court action this will be done.

September is an exciting time for the City of Chelmsford, on the 29th September John Lewis will be opening and this will be followed Foyles, the White Company and Joules. If it is dining out you enjoy then Carluccios is now open, also the Cote Brasserie and if its a spot of Caribbean you fancy then the Turtle Bay is also open and there is more to come!

Ian Grundy

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

I am writing as Secretary of the Charity. As we are now without a Chair we are sharing the task of newsletter reporting. My turn this time!!

Our previous long suffering Chairman Colin Warren has retired to 'the back benches' of the Hanna's Field committee. His contribution over the years has been immeasurable. We wish him all the best with his health concerns and are happy that he still wants to be part of our team.

As to the progression of projects we have a new security door in the hall corridor for Preschool. We also have a new fenced hard stand for the wheelie bins which gets them away from the front door where they were unsightly and unattractive. Thanks to J. Gard and Son for the donation of the timber. (Please note that the wheelie bins are only available for use by Hall hirers & shop). Thanks also to Paramount for the loan of a cherry-picker so that we could replace the lights in the sports hall and clean away 30 years of cobwebs.

As always Mike Plumridge, Treasurer, is hard at work trying to find new funding and presently is working to find grant funding for improvement of the large hall lighting and assisting Serene Brown find funds for an additional awning on the rear of the small hall to give increased weather protection for Preschool. This would have been a handy addition for the Fete this year!

The Fete on 25th June had a goodly volunteer help crew from villagers although we could always use more. Is this your moment to join us and make a few friends in the village?

After doing most of the Fete shopping with Jenny Mouser, I abandoned the Fete to be knee deep in mud in a thunder storm at Glas-tonbury, but it seems the same weather also befell East Hanning-field. Despite the downpours the Fete continued in true British style



and did amazingly well and a good time was had by all. 'The Queen' still managed to attend! A game girl ! See left.

All Saints, PTA and Hanna's Field are discussing what to do for next year and would welcome feed back from any one in the village, and of course, any active support. It is never easy when so few people get actively involved and each year the Fete is within a knife edge of not surviving due to lack of support. This time was no different.

The Art Exhibition & Sale is our next big fundraiser (see separate item right). The quarterly book sale and coffee morning is on 26th November 10.00a.m. until 12.00 in the upstairs meeting room. Please come and join us and get some bargain books with your home made cake and coffee. Watch out for

the banners and notices advertising it.

Hanna's Field Charity committee is always eager to have new members and if you are at all interested then please contact me (Wendy Thomas 400797) or any other committee member.

The halls, meeting room and sports field are all available for hire via Dan Crow on 400965. You pay a discounted rate if you live in the village. The information is on the Parish Council website www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil.

We were very sad to hear about Marilyn Allen's death after a long battle with illness. Marilyn and Rob, her husband, have been good friends to Hanna's Field and Rob built the smart bookcase library we now have in the loft space. Our loving thoughts go out to Rob at this time.



ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE

The Annual Art Exhibition and sale is on Saturday 17th Sept. 10.00am until 6.00pm and Sunday 18th Sept. from 10.00am until 4.00 pm in the Village Hall. It is a great exhibition of art from artists of the region and photography, plus some fabric work and a few select craft stalls such as pottery, woodturning, glass, framing, and metal jewellery. The WI will be there with a table load of homemade treats.

We need new artists and also anyone who will help the amazing team of people who make this event a pleasure rather than a chore. Many hands always make a great difference between hard work and an easy passage.

Please come and join us for a pleasant hour or two looking at good work with a cup of tea and a cake. We are combining it with the book sale for the weekend so lots of bargains in store.

Wendy Thomas Hanna's Field Charity Secretary

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**CONRATULATIONS HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY
ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE VILLAGE HALL
20TH. SEPTEMBER 1986**

VILLAGE FETE 2016

I expect the village fete is now just a faint memory for most that came along that day in June. But for myself and others on the Fete Committee involved with its planning and organisation this year's Fete will go down as the one where we used the "wet weather" plan.

The fete is essentially an outdoor event but with our fickle climate you can never be sure even in June what the weather will do so the wet weather plan is a wise precaution although we always hope not to use it. That said, we have been amazingly lucky over the years with the Fete (we have only needed the plan once previously). That luck ran out on the 25th June. The forecast for that afternoon was heavy showers and thunderstorms, and this time the weather guys got it right.

Still, despite the weather, our fall back plan did work reasonably well on the day albeit not without some detail rescheduling Friday. We were able to run most of the stalls and entertainment planned and some of the outdoor activities although sadly the school mini-Olympics and choir, most of the Inflatables, fire engine and commercial stalls had to be cancelled. To offset this the School decided to organise a "mini-fete" as part of their July Sports Day and combine the proceeds from this with the Fete result. On the day a surprising number of you ignored the forecasts and came along to enjoy the afternoon and we still managed to run quite a lot on the field and inside the Hall.

In fact, what looked like a potential disaster on Friday afternoon turned out to be both a fun day and reasonably profitable. The Fete, including the School's mini-fete profit (£391), made approximately £4,246, about £500 less than 2015, so a big Thank You to all who came and braved the downpours that afternoon. The profit will be shared equally between Hanna's Field Charity, All Saints' Church and East Hanningfield School PTA as last year.

Space prevents a mention here of all the all many people in the vil-
lage that helped with this success including running stalls and set-
ting up etc but a few deserve special mention for their support with
sponsorship and prizes, which go such a long way to making the
event financially successful.

So starting with J Gards & Sons Ltd and David Chennels Ltd, main
sponsors; and then in no particular order, Meacock & Jones, Chel-
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SEPTEMBER

- Sun 4 9am **COMMUNION** BCP with Re. Lee Batson at All Saints'
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 5 **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- Fri 9 9.30-11.30 **HEALTH VISITOR & CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall.
- Sat 10 10am-6pm **FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE** How many churches can you visit in a day?
See www.foect.org.uk for details.
11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 11 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Charles Cope LL.M at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sat 17 10am-6pm **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE** at the Village Hall
BOOKSALE at the Village Hall during Art Exhibition. Profits to All Saints' Church and the Village Hall.
- Sun 18 10am-4pm **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE** at the Village Hall
10am HOLY COMMUNION assisted by Rev. Mike Aston at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 20 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 21 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
- Thu 22 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
- Sun 25 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM** assisted by Rev. Chris Poulard at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

OCTOBER

- Sun 2 9am **COMMUNION BCP** assisted by Rev. Lee Batson at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sat 8 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 9 10am **HARVEST SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. Please bring tins and packets to support the Roberts family and find out more about them.
- Sun 9 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Fri 14 9.30-11.30 **HEALTH VISITOR & CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall.
- Sun 16 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Mike Aston at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tues 18 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 19 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
- Sun 23 10am **PATRONAL FESTIVAL FOR ALL SAINTS & Baptism** Celebrate all the Saints and a new entry to the faith at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 24 **HALF TERM**
- Thur 27 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
- Sun 30 10am **ALL SOULS SERVICE REMEMBERING THE BEREAVED.** Do come along and light a candle for someone you have loved and lost.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

NB. At time of going to press the new Mobile Library times beginning in September had not been published. They will be posted on the noticeboards and website Village Diary when known.

NOVEMBER

- Sun 6 9am **COMMUNION** BCP assisted by Rev. Mike Aston at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 9 12.30 for 1.00pm **W.I.HARVEST LUNCH** 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.£8.50 per head
8pm **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 11 9.30-11.30 **HEALTH VISITOR & CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall.
- Sat 12 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 13 10.45am **VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
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.
- Sat 19 12.30-3pm **OVER 65S WINTER WARMER CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at Bethel Church. £3 per person or £5 per couple. Phone 400665 to book.
- Sun 20 10am **COMMUNION SERVICE** assisted by Rev. Sandra Southee.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Thur 24 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
- Sat 26 10am-12.30pm **BOOKSALE & COFFEE MORNING** at the Village Hall. Profits to All Saints' Church and the Village Hall. Free entry.
- Sun 27 10am **ADVENT MORNING WORSHIP.** Come and light a candle on the Advent wreath at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

August is the month when the factor 15 is a great relief to the dreadful spring that that tried to drown our gardens and make last years sun tan rusty. The W.I. has been very busy particularly with our craft stall. We have covered the Village Fete and this year Rettendon Village Show. Our many thanks to everyone who comes to either buy or chat to us at these events it is very nice being out in the village.



We have been doing more work on our little green hall. The Roof had its leak repaired, guttering and drains cleaned and checked and some window repairs done. We waiting for a date to have the power to the hall moved so we can attend to our extremely rotting barge boards. Attending to this work is really important as you know East Hanningfield W.I is 100 years old next year we have many celebrations lined up. We intend to celebrate in style.

Christine Holland is kindly giving us a talk on the history of our W.I. at our meeting on 21st September. She has been finding snippets of information from our records which we hope to illustrate around the hall next year. Christine gave a very interesting talk last year on the history of the Village it is amazing what went on years ago. It has certainly always been a very active community.

Please Note: Our Harvest Lunch this year which should be on the 26 October has had to be moved to the 9 November. 12.30 for 1.00. It is well supported but we always have room for more. Please let us know in advance if you would like to attend. It is £8.50 for a very scrummy hot lunch & sumptuous sweets to follow.

I am delighted to tell you that I came last again this year in the W.I's Beetle Drive this takes some doing you know I had tough competition. I took the trophy of a Lemon for the second year run-

ning thanking everyone for their very kind laughter and support. It is a real fun evening and well supported do join us next year , Gentlemen welcome too, when I hope to make it three lemons in a row. I am already in training for next year.

Our line dancing is having its summer break but starts again in September every Thursday evening at 7.00. It is great fun and everyone is welcome. I am also informed that East Hanningfield had a very good darts team at one time. The W.I. has a dart board and no team. If anyone has a passion for the game ladies or gentlemen please contact us.

The W.I. meets every third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in our hall. You will be made most welcome. Please come and see us.

Flora Virgoe, President

☎ 400073



A small sample of the items for sale on the WI stand at the last Art Exhibition & Sale

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH - CANON CHRISTINE

Dear Friends,

I hope that sometime this year you will have had a chance for a holiday or a few days out with family or friends. It is sometimes good to do things out of the usual routine of our daily lives and to have services in church which are a bit different. This year we held our first Pets Service to which we had a couple of passing horses and one firm friend on horseback, who came into the church yard for a blessing, and quite a collection of dogs both large and small. It was a really fun service and one I think appreciated by those who came. It is good to recognise the value of animals to us in many different ways. We also had a 'Songs of Praise,' at the end of July and next year perhaps we will try to have this outside at the front of the church yard, and see if more would like to join in. It is good to sing songs and hymns we like.



I have been extremely grateful to the Parish Council for organising a work day in the church yard and for making the edging of the grass at the front, much smarter, and strimming some of the long grass on the graves. It all looks so much tidier and well worth all their efforts on a hot day in July! You must have heard our bells are very much back in action and used on Sunday mornings and for the weddings we have going on this year. This is thanks to donations in memory of Stan Gordon. We also had a visiting group of ringers who came in June and gave them a good ring!

We have loved having the children in church for a variety of assemblies and for their final assembly in July. Themes have included talking about the Leprosy Hospital that used to be here in East Hanningfield in Moor Hall Lane, and things that do not change like God's love for us. Our final assembly was a communion, with us explaining what this is all about, and most of the children receiving a blessing and the leavers received the bread. The children also met the Rev. Terry Brown from Sandon, who will meet many of them going to Sandon School so there is continuity between us. We would like to think that as they grow up and make their own decisions some of the children will come back to be confirmed as full members of the church, able to take communion regularly. We are starting confirmation classes in the Autumn for anyone interested without commitment, but the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. Sessions can be at times to suit, so do let me know if you are interested. We are also very pleased to have children baptised, so do think about this also.

We were sorry to lose Tara Whitaker who has run the church club at the school for many years but pleased that she has been accepted for teacher training as this will be a great move for her. Church Club will start up again in September on a Wednesday after school, and I shall run it with our usual helpers.

Do keep in touch with us through our events and services. Our two projects over the coming year are to put a toilet in the churchyard at the side, and to get an estimate for a new central heating system to be put in next summer if possible. To be warm and see to our bodily needs are important if we are to enjoy our church and use it fully. Please note our changed website address and we look forward to seeing you.

Canon Christine

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 www.easthanningfieldchurch.btck.co.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WARDEN

Recently I was asked to give a talk on the history of our church to a U3A group from Rayleigh. For those of you who don't know, the original All Saints Church was built near East Hanningfield Hall across the fields from the centre of the village. During the afternoon of Sunday 30th December 1883, following the morning service, there was a disastrous fire which destroyed most of the church.

So followed much discussion as to where to build the new church. Some villagers favoured the original site, but most thought it best to build the new church in the village centre, so that it was more easily accessible. It was said *"that on cold, dreary, wet wintry days, the poor and especially the old and infirm among them had to undertake a hard journey, perhaps not being very well clad, to worship in the old church. The good old Rector used to rejoice in conveying those who were infirm in his carriage to church, but they could not all be taken in that way."*

Mr Elijah Slater of Stauningley near Leeds gave half an acre of ground as a suitable site and unbelievably in **under seven months** the Foundation Stone was laid! Only a further £600 was needed to complete the sum of £3,300 required for the completion of the building. Another quote *"Rev Fowler the new Rector and Mr Joseph Ratcliff the churchwarden have worked in a zealous and untiring manner to achieve this gratifying result. They have themselves contributed generously to the building fund and have drawn handsome subscriptions from the circle of their acquaintances"*.

The Foundation Stone was laid by The Hon. Mrs Claughton, wife of The 1st Bishop of St Albans who lived in Danbury Palace. On this great occasion the school children with the choir formed a procession at the Rectory and all marched to the ground singing Onward Christian Soldiers.

I was reminded of this story when the Primary School came to All Saints for an end of term service last month. They all looked so smart

in their home clothes, a special concession granted by the Head Teacher, so many pretty dresses! In 1884 it was quite a different story, as it was reported that Rev Fowler and his wife visited the school the day before the procession to distribute frocks and hats to the poorly dressed children. Times were hard. Incidentally beneath the Foundation Stone which you can see outside under the East Window, they deposited a number of coins, newspapers, a Bible, a prayer book and an almanac, apparently.

Although most days we have to keep the church locked, anyone wanting to visit or look round can contact me or Canon Christine to arrange a suitable time when we can open up. We are always happy to welcome visitors, including those discovering that we are a Pokemon Gym!



Gil Gordon

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NEW PILATES CLASS

Commencing **Wednesday 7th. September 2016** at
East Hanningfield Village Hall

8.30-9.30pm (arrive from 8.15pm) £5 per week

Sarah Walsh, a qualified instructor with 16 years of experience is passionate about Pilates. The main benefits are:

- Creating an evenly conditioned body to improve sports performance & prevent injury
- Develop a strong core and back
- Gain long lean muscles and promote flexibility
- Improve posture
- Relaxing the body & mind, reducing stress levels

The class will be adapted to suit all ability levels from beginner to advance sports training. Please bring water and a mat if you have one.

Any enquiries please call or text Gill on 07946 722094

DANCE FITNESS FOR ALL

Dance Fitness is a fun and exciting way to keep fit as well as toning your muscles and honing your timing and co-ordination skills. No previous dance or aerobic experience is necessary- just work at your own level and enjoy yourself. Instructor Emilie teams simple dance moves together in fun combinations to get you moving, booying and fit to feel good hits such as Uptown Funk and Prince's, Kiss!

Emilie is an experienced and qualified dance instructor and is excited to bring her new Dance Fitness classes for all the community to your local village hall.

"Dancing is a way to get fit while having fun- I've always wanted to do this and am so excited to finally share my passion with everyone- anyone can get fit with dance- and also maybe learn a few moves to whip out at those family discos!"
-Emilie Guest.

- YOU CANT HELP BUT DANCE AND HAVE FUN
TO THE UPBEAT SONGS!

CLASSES CURRENTLY RUN:


THURSDAY 2.00-3.00 PM
Howe Green United Reformed Church
East Hanningfield Road, CM3 7TJ

THURSDAY 5.30-6.30 PM
East Hanningfield Village Hall, The Tye,
East Hanningfield, CM3 8AE

THURSDAY 7.30-8.30 PM:
St Marys C Of E Aided Primary School,
Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RJ

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL OR TEXT

EMILIE ON 07840 123 552

 emiliemguest@gmail.com

 [www.facebook.com/
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£5
PER CLASS
(1 hour session)



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In the March and June EH News I reported on Essex police cut backs which have now happened. As a result the level of local communication and intelligence NhW enjoyed in the past has gone. It's difficult to know and report on what is happening locally and NhW is increasingly reliant on residents for information via word of mouth, e-mails, and Facebook. It's therefore timely to provide an updated "Points of Contact" on the next page for you to keep for future reference.

Sgt. Perry Land, our local policing team contact, considers the parish "a low crime area" (if we weren't it would be detected and result in police patrols) however, since the last EH News NhW are aware of a van break in Ashley Green, a burglary in Old Church Road (the villains were disturbed and subsequently arrested), and another in Moor Hall Lane so take precautions, don't make it obvious your house is empty; and keep side gates, sheds, garages & barns locked. The NhW team has a marking kit available for loan to residents.

The Office of National Statistics found one in ten adults was the victim of fraud/cybercrime last year, with offences covering online shopping scams, ticket fraud, hacking and theft of bank details or credit card fraud etc. Criminals are realising this form of crime is less risky and more profitable so be on your guard and use the ActionFraud website for advice.

Lastly, you will have seen wheelie bins in neighbouring villages with "drive slowly through our village" stickers. NhW have persuaded Parish Council to provide some funding for us to purchase labels for houses in the worst affected roads (Old Church Rd, The Tye & The Common, (where bins face the road), & Ashley Green. We will contact residents to determine how many labels are needed or you can email a request.

Mike Plumridge, NhW Co-ordinator
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



East Hanningfield NhW “Points of Contact”



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

To contact Essex Police:

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

101 (for non urgent incidents)

0800 555 111 (for Crimestoppers anonymous)

www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/ (report incident/queries)

Nearest Police Stations:

-Chelmsford (hours 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week).

-Maldon (hours 12 to 6pm Monday – Saturday).

Note opening times are subject to change at short notice.

To contact East Hanningfield NhW Team

NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com

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mike.j.plumridge@btinternet.com

East Hanningfield NhW WebSite:

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/neighbourhood-watch

To report Fraud, Scam Emails and Cyber Crime:

ActionFraud is the UK’s national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre:

0300 12320140

www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

To receive Essex Police community messaging website e-mails directly, register at:

www.essex.police.uk/contact_us/community_messaging.aspx

BETHEL CHURCH—Jesus The Refugee

Living in a relatively tranquil village environment such as East Hanningfield, one can often feel cosseted from what is taking place in other parts of the world. In some respects, we can even become desensitized, as it all seems to be happening so far away from us.

As a church, we meet regularly to pray for the church throughout the world. Using data and reports from organisations such as Open Doors and Barnabus Trust, we can see a growth in persecution of our brothers and sisters from other lands.

It is not only the Syrian refugee crisis, but there are so many other nations caught up in extreme hostility, that people are forced to flee the danger.

At the time of Jesus' birth, there was also great hostility. So much so, his parents fled from Nazareth to Bethlehem and from there, took refuge in Egypt. Jesus didn't grow up in a palace, protected from the tough stuff in life. Instead the bible tells us that 'he was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.' (Isaiah 53) He knew what it was to be poor, to be an outcast.

He knew what it was like to be a refugee.

This part of Jesus' life often gets forgotten. But Jesus' early childhood will resonate with many Christians around the world at this time of unrest. The UN recently announced that the number of people living as refugees has exceeded 50 million for the first time since the Second World War. Many of these are Christians fleeing persecution.

Many refugees feel like they are in a foreign country. Though they may be safely away from the danger, many have seen terrible things and are traumatised. Not knowing when it is safe to return home. Like the refugees in Kurdistan, Jesus' parents wouldn't have known when they would be able to go home. In fact when they did return to

Israel, it still wasn't safe to go back to Bethlehem, and instead they went to Nazareth. For many refugees in Iraq, this is not the first time they've had to run. Many came to Mosul as refugees from Baghdad in the first place. They have no idea when they will be able to go home.



Image courtesy of Barnabus Fund

In Matthew 25: 40 Jesus says that 'whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' When I look at the faces of Iraqi refugee families in the news, it's really not that hard to see Mary, Joseph and Jesus staring back.

If you would like to know more about the persecuted church, please visit: opendoors.org barnabasfund.org

And our own website for our family services and events: bethel-ec.com

Roydon Hearne

Village Seniors Christmas Lunch

Saturday 19th November 2016 12.30pm to 3pm

This year Bethel Church is changing our usual village Winter Warmer to a Village Seniors Christmas Lunch.

We would love as many people from the village in this age group (any one over 65) to join us for a time of good food and early festive celebrations.

In order to make sure that there is plenty of food to go around, it would be helpful if you could let us know if you hope to come, and then we can send you a ticket and make sure we can provide transport if needed.

If you are not over 65, but know of someone who is, and who might like to join us, please pass on this invitation.

We are making a small charge towards the cost of the event of £3 per person, or £5 for a couple. Please enclose a cheque or cash when you return the form below.

If you have any questions call **Emma Cockrell on 01245 400665, or email emmacockrell@hotmail.co.uk**

Please return this form by 1st November to:

Emma Cockrell, Sharon Old Church Road, East Hanningfield. CM3 8BG, or telephone 01245 400665



I/We will be coming to the Village Christmas Lunch on November 19th 2016

Name(s).....

Address.....

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I do/do not require transport to the meal on the day.
(Please delete as appropriate).



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PRESCHOOL



East Hanningfield Pre-School held their Annual Sports Day in June which had a travel theme this year and was enjoyed by all the children. Every child was presented with a certificate and medal for taking part.

During the summer term the children all made crowns for the village fete and some of the children were presented to the “Queen”. Winners in the 2,3 and 4 year age groups were chosen by a member of the local community and all the children received commemorative



crowns. The children all wore their crowns on Party Day at the end of term when we said a sad good-bye to the children moving onto local primary schools.

From September 2016 the Pre-school will be opening longer hours. We will be open Monday – Friday from 9 am-3 pm. Certain age restrictions apply. For more information or to arrange a visit, email us or visit our website .

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We are offering free coaching and use of cricket equipment in a supervised, safe and friendly environment, with our own fully qualified cricket coaches for all teenagers, male and female, between the ages of 11 to 18 years of age.

We offer a superb environment and facilities with our new licensed cricket pavilion where Mum or Dad can either take part, or relax, while you are playing/ training or taking part in competitive matches.

We are progressing our plans to set up a youth section at the cricket club and currently planning an open day in September, at the end of the cricket season, and inviting parents and their youngsters along so we can promote the club and, hopefully, create some interest for our plans to form a youth side.

Roger Sharpe-Club Chairman
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A woman with short grey hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and glasses, is leaning forward to look at a framed painting of a field of sunflowers. The painting is on a wooden wall. Other framed artworks are visible in the background, including a still life with fruit and a landscape. The floor is light wood with white lines.

**EAST HANNINGFIELD
ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION
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**Saturday 17 Sept
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**Sunday 18 Sept
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