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EDITORIAL NOTE

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Earlier submission is always welcome: later submission might be excluded.

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This and back copies can be found on the Parish Council's website, in colour.

COVER COMPETITION

Well done to the 38 children who participated in the competition this year, and "thank you" to their parents and the School for your assistance. The judges had a difficult time choosing between some really excellent entries.

This year's winner is Charlie Worf Kirk. The runners up from each class are on the back cover, and as many as possible of the other entries are distributed through this News.

As an innovation, an album of all the entries will be posted on the Parish Council's Facebook page, after the awarding of prizes and certificates at School. This will allow you to see them in all their glory, in full colour.

PARISH COUNCIL

PC is waiting to hear the outcome of the planning application for a mix of affordable and open market housing on land between Old Church Road and Back Lane. The latest I am aware of is the drawing up of the agreement that specifies who will be given priority for the affordable housing. I am reproducing the list, so that there can be no doubt that the housing will be of local benefit, if or when it is built.



Priority of Households in relation to Local Housing Need

Priority 1 – Where any member of a Household has resided in the Parish of East Hanningfield for at least 5 continuous years immediately prior to the application for housing or have been employed in the Parish of East Hanningfield as their principal place of work for at least 5 continuous years immediately prior to the application for housing.

Priority 2 – Where any member of a Household have resided in the Parish of East Hanningfield for not less than 3 years during the previous 5 years immediately prior to the date of application for housing

Priority 3- Where any member of a Household have living parents, adult children or siblings who have been resident in the Parish of East Hanningfield for at least 5 continuous years immediately prior to the application for housing and is still so resident at the time of being offered housing

Priority 4- Where any member of a Household has an offer of permanent employment which has been accepted within the Parish of East Hanningfield where the principal place of working is within the Parish itself at the time of application of housing and either the employment remains open to the member or the member has commenced the employment at the time of being offered housing

Priority 5 – Where any member of a Household satisfies any of the 4 priorities mentioned above in the order given if the reference in each priority to the “Parish of East Hanningfield” is substituted by the “Parishes of Danbury or Rettendon, Sandon or South Hanningfield or West Hanningfield or Woodham Ferrers & Bicknacre”

Priority 6 – Those resident in the local government area of Chelmsford City Council.

As can be seen, priority will be given to people with a parish connection, followed by people with connection to neighbouring parishes and only if there are none of those seeking a home here will one go to a person on the general Chelmsford city-wide housing list. Which brings me to the point mentioned before, but as it is so important I shall repeat it: **you need to be on the Chelmsford City housing register to be considered for the affordable housing for local people in East Hanningfield.** Please see www.chelmsford.gov.uk/how-apply-go-housing-register for an explanation of how to get on the register.

It has been brought to PC's attention that vehicles parking on pavements around the village are causing problems. Although strictly speaking there is presently no offence of parking on a pavement outside London, it is an offence to cause an obstruction, and it is a criminal offence to **drive** on a pavement. The problem is that pavement parkers are not leaving enough space for wheelchairs and buggies to get past on the pavement, thus causing them to have to go into the road to get around the vehicle. According to government advice, there needs to be a space of 1 metre around obstacles for wheelchair users to be able to get past, so drivers are asked to first consider whether they really need to break the law by driving on the pavement to park but if they cannot resist the urge, to check that they have left at least 1m for wheelchairs, buggies etc to be able to get through the gap. Also, parking across a dropped kerb makes it very difficult for wheelchair users to cross the road, so there needs to be consideration for pavement users with this as well.



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The government is presently considering whether to make pavement parking an offence throughout the country. If you feel that it should be, then this is the time to write to your MP about it. If you would like to read the House of Commons document on the subject it is Briefing Paper No SN01170 called ***Pavement and on-street parking in England*** by Louise Butcher and can be found online.

I continue to get complaints from residents about the amount of dog mess left around the village. There seems to be a lot more being abandoned on the playing fields, which is making what should be a safe place to play a health risk for local children. A dog owner who uses the fenced in area of the sports courts for dog training has informed me that dog mess is being left on the ground in there, and the bin is just outside the gate! Dog bags are FREE in this village: it doesn't cost anything to pick up after your dog, so what is the problem?

We and parishes nearby seem to be being targeted by industrial levels of fly-tipping! If anyone has information that would help identify the perpetrators, please pass it on.

The Neighbourhood Watch article in this News has more to say on the subject (see p. 9).



On a happier note, if you are in a Christmas shopping mood, or simply know that it's got to be done, you might like to take advantage of the free park and ride facilities at Chelmsford and Colchester on Saturday, 3rd. December.

At the time of writing PC was preparing to fill the vacancy on the Council by co-option. There being more than one candidate, and only

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one seat available, I am unable to announce who the new councillor will be, but the information will appear on the PC noticeboards, website and Facebook page.

As has been the case for several years, the December Parish Council Meeting will not be held on the usual fourth Thursday of the month. Instead it will take place on 8th. December, and will be the Budget Meeting when the Precept will be set for the 2017/18 financial year. The parish support grant will be withdrawn from April 2017, which means that even if PC budgets to charge the same amount as this year, the council tax paid by residents will rise.

If you want to read Council documents such as Agenda, Minutes and legal notices they are on PC's website, but more immediate announcements and pieces of information are posted on PC's Facebook page, so please take a look from time to time. Albums of photographs of the Fete and Art Exhibition can be found there as well.

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CITY COUNCILLOR

Chelmsford City Council has recently been updating its list of potential sites for new housing for the period 2021 to 2036. This includes various sites within East Hanningfield which have either been offered by owners and developers or have been identified as having potential.



The sites are:

Land South of Rough Hill Complex The Tye	223 homes
Land South of Rough Hill Complex The Tye (2 nd site)	138
Land South East of East Hanningfield village	839
Land surrounding Highlands Farm	734
Land rear of 6-16 Highfields Mead	40
Highwater Farm, Main Road	439
Land East of Pumping Station, Old Church Road	14

I should emphasise that just because these sites are listed as having potential does not mean that development will happen or that they will appear on the final list. In most cases they have been offered by developers and in my view all or very nearly all are totally unsuitable. In my view the amount of growth potential is unlikely to exceed 100 including any new homes built before 2021. In addition there is a recognized problem with surface water drainage and potential flooding. Anglian Water is unlikely to update its pumping facilities before 2020 to 2025. This will have to be taken into account in any future development. I will issue updates as and when they are available but nothing more will happen this year.

My wife and I wish all residents and their families a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2017. I am willing to call on residents and businesses at any reasonable time. Just send me an e-mail or give me a ring to make arrangements.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Chelmer Valley Park and Ride continues to thrive and the recent announcement of the Community Link Mini bus running a service every 23 minutes to and from the hospital is very welcome and of course there is the direct link from the Sandon Park and Ride. It will help both staff and visitors giving them another choice on parking which I know from experience can be a headache.

Recently we received the good news that attendance at our Primary Schools is at its highest levels since records began and we are now ranked 29 out of 151 local authorities in the country. At Secondary Schools it wasn't quite so good but still better than the national average. This improvement reflects the much improved Ofsted ratings and exam success around the county.

If anyone is interested in statistical information about East Hanningfield such as population, household composition, ethnicity, labour market statistics and more, why not log into www.chelmsford.gov.uk/ward-profiles. Just enter your post code and you should be away!

Winter is now with us and our Highways Department at Essex are all geared up to deal with any ice and snow. Last year was generally mild and wet, the coldest night being the 20th January. Just to illustrate how mild it was the service was called out 49 times compared with 85 times the previous winter. We have 60 lorries on standby plus a further 43 Farmers/Contractors to help keep 2000 miles of Essex Highways free for traffic. You often hear stories about clearing the pavement in front of your house. There is no law to prevent you clearing ice and snow in front of your property. Just be careful, use common sense and ensure the area is not more dangerous than before. Use salt preferably but if not ash or sand will help!

To all have a very Happy Christmas.

Ian Grundy

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You may remember in the September EH News item I reported that as a result of policing cutbacks it is increasingly difficult for NhW to know and report on what is happening locally. NhW is therefore reliant on information from residents, whether by word of mouth, e-mail, or the East Hanningfield Facebook page. By letting NhW know about an incident you may be increasing the chances of police apprehending the culprit but are also helping us maintain awareness of crime in the parish. Of course the police should always be your first call in the event of a crime.

Since the last News we have received information on the following (these are only the ones we are aware of: there may be more):

- The Tye: Man called at house of elderly resident offering to fix a gutter problem (gutters were fine!).
- Rettendon Common road: Car vandalised and house burgled.
- Back Lane: Fly-tipping incident.
- Old Church Rd/Pan Lane: House burgled.
- Pan Lane: Fly tipping incident.
- Leiham's Lane: House burgled.
- Rettendon Common road: Fly tipping on fields (both sides of road).

One person has commented that NhW seem to rarely report when the perpetrators of crimes are caught and consequently the news seems relentlessly bad. In fact, especially now with the loss of our



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local PCSO, NhW rarely receives feedback from police on whether anyone has been caught or prosecuted. It's a very imperfect system.

As you can see fly tipping is an increasing issue. It's punishable by a fine or imprisonment on conviction so if you see it happening call the police immediately on 999 with details, or 101 if after the event. They will ask for;

- Time and date of incident
- Description of person(s) dumping waste
- Description and registration numbers of vehicle
- Description of the waste dumped

and photos off your smart phone if you can provide them. Without such details the police will most times be unable to act and will simply refer the incident to Chelmsford City Council for clean-up. Anyone can contact the CCC authorities by calling 01245- 606606 or you can report dumping on line at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/flytipping.

The recent news that Tesco Bank had £2.5m taken overnight from around 9,000 current account holders is a powerful reminder of the increasing level of risk we all face from cyber-crime and bank and card fraud. The Office of National Statistics say you are now far more likely to be the victim of robbery through computer and phone related crimes such as online shopping scams, ticket fraud, hacking and theft of bank details or credit card fraud than through say mugging, burglary or car theft so we all have to be much more aware of risks and precautions. NhW send out latest alerts as we get them on new



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scams to residents through our NhW distribution list. If you are a victim or want advice phone (or go on line) to “ActionFraud” where you can talk to fraud and internet crime specialists (tel 0300 123 2040). Action Fraud is the UK’s national reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime. Reports received by Action Fraud are also forwarded to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau run by the City of London Police for collation and analysis.

Dodgy traders are still about I’m afraid – a resident contacted NhW recently with a sorry tale. They had arranged for some garden work with a chap who seemed legitimate but wanted 90% of cost of materials/labour paid upfront. Having made a start the contractor has now disappeared along with the money and left the owner with a mess and no way of recovering the costs. Never pay up front and do get references before agreeing to work.

Thank you to those people who have responded about having “slow-down” speed signs on their roadside wheelie bin. We have established a supplier/prices and will order these for houses in the worst affected areas (The Tye/The Common, Old Church Rd and Ashley Green) using funding from Parish Council. They are quite expensive (at about £3 each) and providing them on all bins at every house would be over kill so distribution will be a selective basis but we would welcome residents donations to help with the cost.

Essex Police has launched a new-look website giving people greater



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and easier access to services. The new site still operates from the www.essex.police.uk address and is designed to be smartphone and tablet friendly. It allows people to access online reporting of non-emergency crimes and road traffic collisions as well as lost and found property, fraud, hate crime, potholes, abandoned cars, street lighting and noise nuisance issues. The site also incorporates a link to the "AskThePolice" national website which provides answers to frequently asked policing questions.

Lastly – the usual plea with dark nights now here and Christmas approaching. Don't make it obvious your house is empty when you are out (have lights switch on when its dark, don't leave curtains drawn during daytime), lock side gates and windows, and don't leave Christmas presents on display for every passer-by to see).

The next NhW team quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday 1st March, 8pm in the Bethel Church meeting room. Contact me (Clinton Close), David Rackham (Old Church Rd) or David Shrouder (Highfields Mead) if you are interested in joining EH NhW team or would like more information.

EH NhW forward police/NhW messages on local crime & information to residents who have requested this



(the e-mailed NhW information is "blind" copied so you won't see other recipients on email and they won't see you). Contact me if you would like to be included.



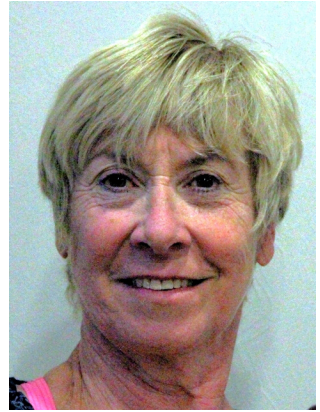
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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

(Village Hall & Playing Fields)



The Charity had its Annual Art Exhibition and Sale in September. This is our other big fund raiser of the year after the village fete. It all went exceedingly well and we raised an amazing £2,245 for extras at the hall and field.

It was successful partly because we had such an amazing response from the artists to exhibit (650 exhibits to hang and lots of portfolios) and we have had a great deal of praise from them for the standard of the exhibition. All good news for next year.

It was however primarily successful because of the great number of villagers who worked hard to make it such a success. Without their efforts we could not have had a chance. It is a real wonder of cooperation from the people who let us put signs up in their gardens to others who erected stands, numbered and hung pictures and then came and sold raffle tickets or manned the doors.

It is a great way to get to know some really lovely people and I would recommend it as such. I can always find a job for everyone!! What I hope to get is more village artists exhibiting. I know there are more of you out there who are perhaps too shy to come forward but we would love to have your work next year.

As I am sure you will have noticed we have made an improvement to refuse storage at the hall, moving the wheelie bins to an enclosure at the side of the car park set into the trees on the mound, so it is less unsightly (please note this facility is strictly for use of the Hall and Shop only). We also have had a lot of work done on the maintenance of the trees in the hedgerows around the playing field, removing dead and damaged branches. More work will begin shortly on

clearing the scrub that is encroaching at the back of the sports courts and behind the cycle track mounds on the field.

Over the summer holiday we fitted a security door in the hall corridor to make management of people coming into the Hall easier and allow greater security for Preschool when in operation.

We have had a lot of people apparently unable to reverse successfully in the carpark. Seven of the wooden post along the side of the carpark have been demolished since installation earlier this year. These were put along the carpark verge to keep pedestrians safe on their way to school. Can some of you try harder not to endanger the village children and mothers? Vans and trucks may be the biggest culprits but who knows!!

The new roof on the hall completed in February seems to have done the trick and so far no sign of water ingress in the hall. Mind you it has been the driest season for years so we wait with bated breath for the winter.

We are having the Book Sale/Coffee Mornings on a slightly less than 3 monthly basis from now on. They are great ways to meet people and buy really cheap good books on all subjects. Also to get a lovely drink with a homemade cake. All of the money goes to Hanna's Field and to All Saints Church. We have one on 11th February, & the next on 22nd April. Watch for future newsletter details, posters and the large road side banners in the village on the morning of the sale.

As well as a thriving and highly recommended Preschool we also have Hanna's Tots which is a weekly meeting for parents/carers and children aged 0-5 years. (see page 34). It is a wonderful resource that is in danger of being lost because not enough people are using it so funds do not stretch to cover running costs. If you have a baby or toddler, please give it a go and see if you can help your child learn to mix better whilst making friends yourself. A win/win situation at very little cost and no travel. Laura who runs it is organising various fund-raising activities including a textile and clothes sale (see page 35). We are still always after new people to be interested in assisting us

to run the hall and field. It is not all about being on the committee although a new chairperson would be a real asset. On the bright side we have had a couple of people show some interest and are thrilled about this. Any little time you have that you could share in the running of the hall would be much appreciated. As I said we can always find anyone a job! Unpaid of course but much appreciated!!

The Village Hall facilities are available for hire at reduced rates to all residents of the parish. There are many activities going on which are listed on the Hall entrance windows. If you want to hire a Hall facility including the Meeting Room contact the bookings secretary on 400965. Happy Christmas everyone!

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VILLAGE DIARY

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DECEMBER

- Fri 2 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots
- 8pm **CHRISTMAS QUIZ** in aid of Preschool & Hanna's Tots. In the small hall in the Village Hall. Tickets £5 (includes Xmas drink), in advance from Pre-school, Viv Aspden, Michelle Patrick or Hollie Williams, or on the night.
- Sun 4 9am **COMMUNION BCP** assisted by Rev. Lee Batson., at All Saints' Church
- 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 7 2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
- 3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Thu 8 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
- Fri 9 9.30-10.30 **CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall.
- Sat 10 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 11 10am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church, in aid of the Children's Society.
- 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 14 2pm **WI MEETING** in the WI Hall.
- Thu 15 5.45 for 6pm **CAROL SINGING** around Village. Meet at Bethel Church.
- Fri 16 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots
- Sun 18 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- 4pm **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** with mulled wine and mince pies at All Saints' Church.

- Mon 19 6pm **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**, parents welcome, at All Saints' Church
- Tue 20 10.30am **LADIES MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Thu 22 **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- Sat 24 4pm **CRIB SERVICE** for children at All Saints' Church. Come dressed in your favourite Nativity character or animal, some costumes available in church from 3.30pm.
11.30pm **MIDNIGHT MASS** at All Saints' Church
- Sun 25 10am **SHORT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR FAMILIES** at All Saints' Church. BRING WRAPPED TOYS for those less fortunate. Please label boy or girl and approximate age.

JANUARY 2017

- Sun 1 9am **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER COMMUNION** - Rev. Lee Batson at All Saints' Church.
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Sun 8 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR ALL – Epiphany** at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 9 **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- Fri 13 9.30-10.30am **CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall
- Sun 15 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 18 2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Speaker Mr. B. Thurlow "The Perennial Potter".
- Sun 22 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All Saints' Church

- Sun 22 10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Thu 26 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room in the Village Hall. Please use side entrance.
- Sun 29 10am **SUNG MATINS** at All Saints' Church.

FEBRUARY

- Sun 5 9am **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER COMMUNION –**
Candlemass at All Saints' Church.
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Fri 10 9.30-10.30am **CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots,
Village Hall
- BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**
- Sat 11 10am-12.30pm **BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING** in
the first floor meeting room and loft at the Village Hall.
- Sun 12 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR ALL** at All Saints' Ch
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 15 2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Speaker: Mrs. Elaine
Pye, "Braintree - Knitted Town".
- Sun 19 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 20 **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- Thu 23 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor
meeting room in the Village Hall. Please use side entrance.
- Sun 26 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All
Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 28 **SHROVE TUESDAY**

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Dear Friends,

It is always a joy to baptise babies or adults and we have had several recently. It is a happy occasion for family and friends and one of the milestones in life. For the young of course, it is the commitment of others to teach them about the faith or see they are made aware of it as they grow, so that they can make up their minds with knowledge, as they grow older. That is the key in our democratic approach to life, that we make up our minds with information, not in ignorance. Something to think about perhaps?

Meanwhile, we begin to make our way towards the approach of another baby, the baby Jesus as Christmas approaches. I guess you will all be in various stages of readiness or not! Like baptisms this is a happy time for people to get together and share good times with family and friends.



While not a milestone, our Christmas traditions are one of the events that hold us together, and on which we look back with affection as the changing scenes of life affect us.

The bright lights of Christmas and the sparkles of all the tinsel and gold cheer us up in the long winter days. Our pagan ancestors had their winter festival and they clearly needed something to brighten their days in winter, so the replacement with the birth story of Jesus to celebrate, worked very well. We have changed things a bit as I do not think there is often snow in Israel and the timing might not be quite right, but it fits very well and that we celebrate the coming of Jesus on earth is what is important. This was love and hope coming into the world. God is love and he works through us all to bring that love to us

when we need it. We talk about 'goodwill,' on earth at Christmas time, an extra opportunity to help those around us who are not having such a happy time at the moment, however that might be. All Saints hope to meet with the Bethel Church to do some Carol Singing round the village on the evening of 15th December, so look out for us and we hope we can cheer you up a bit!

We have our church bells repaired and the ones you hear now are the real ones! So we can truly ring out the bells on Christmas Eve. Several people have been coming to learn bell ringing, and we are always pleased to hear from those interested, as they can only ring if people work at coming to ring them for us. Some of the children and one of the teachers from the school, have been coming in Friday lunchtimes.



We do hope you will come and join in with our Christmas Services which you will see elsewhere in the Community News and on the Christmas Card we have sent. Keep it on your shelf or where it is easily seen to remind you.

I wish you a happy and blessed Christmas, and know that I am always there for you if you need me.

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...AND FROM THE CHURCH WARDEN

I recently read this little story and thought I would share it with you, hoping you enjoy it as much as I did.

A small boy, Johnny, went to stay with his aunt and grandmother. His Gran loved having Johnny, but she was getting old and the Aunt

thought it was a pity he had to come just now, as Gran had not been too well lately. Most of the time the Aunt could be around and make sure he stayed quiet or she took him out or let him play in the garden.

However, one afternoon she had to go to a meeting and couldn't take Johnny. She was anxious about leaving him alone with his Gran, although the old lady assured her it would be OK and that she'd actually like to have him to herself for a little while. Just before the Aunt went out, she took Johnny to one side and said "Now you will be a good boy won't you? You won't disturb Gran will you? You can't go in the garden this afternoon and you mustn't make a noise. You can't play with that train in here. You can sit over there and read that nice book or do the puzzle I gave you and don't touch anything!" She drew breath and looking round the room one final time, she noticed a text which Gran had framed and hung over the mantelpiece. "There" she said pointing, "Can you read that?" Johnny carefully said "Thou, God, seest me". "Yes" said Aunt, "Just you remember that! Whatever you do, God will see you - so you be a good boy" and on that triumphant note, she went out.

Johnny moved across to the table where the puzzle was and cast a wary eye on Gran. Gran was smiling and shaking her head. "You know, Johnny," she said, "She's got it all wrong. It doesn't mean that at all. It means "God loves you so much that he can't take his eyes off you!"

I am not sure how much our recent attempts at bellringing are being watched or listened to, but a group of us are enjoying learning the art, not quite as easy as it looks! We are very grateful to Christina Brewster (and her husband Andrew) for nobly giving up her lunch-times on Fridays to teach us. It has been particularly pleasing that each week a group of youngsters from the school have been brought across to have a go. Great excitement and enthusiasm! Do get in touch if you would like to join in.

Our peal of three bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in

London in 1885 by Mears & Stainbank. The Tenor bell weighs 6 cwt 6 lbs and is inscribed Omnis Spiritus Deo Laudet F.L. St. Albans Bishop. The 2nd bell is 5 cwt 25 lbs dedicated to J.F.Fowler Rector, at the time the new church was built and is inscribed Te Deum Laudamus. The Treble bell weighs 4 cwt 2 qrs 18lbs inscribed Benedicite Joseph Ratcliff Churchwarden. (28 lbs in a quarter; 4 quarters in a cwt; a cwt is roughly 50 kilos) History relates that after the disastrous fire destroyed the old All Saints church in 1883, once the remains had cooled down, the village children sorted through the ashes to save the bell metal, which was then used to cast the new bells.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

I am thankful to be able to sit down to write this piece for the E.H. News. I have been preparing the salad most of the morning to compliment our Jacket Potatoes and lots of mouth watering fillings. My fingers are like prunes having been in water so much.

Of course all this preparation is for our Harvest Lunch. We do a variety of Lunches throughout the year open to Males and Females alike which are a vital part of our constant fundraising as our little Green Hall requires a lot of attention. As you have already been told we are 100 years old next year and we will be partying throughout the year so do come and join us. We have a full and exciting calendar. A warm welcome waits.

We are part of a group of five W.I.'s. Two are from Woodham, one from SouthHanningfield, Millwood and ourselves. Our group has just grown. We will be welcoming the Reservoir Rebels an evening meeting which has 65 members and is closed to new comers at the moment and finally the Purleigh W.I. which is approximately as big as our own. All the Group W.I.'s meet once a year, April time, for an evening of entertainment and of course supper. East Hanningfield W.I. will be hosting this event 2017.

We have decided to adopt the W.I.'s promotion of knitting or sowing Twiddle Muffs. They are thick muffs to keep cold hands warm and have lots of attachments to feel and play with that will keep their minds active. These are for dementia patients. We have received a serious number of enquiries from Care Homes as well as Hospitals who would like these for their patients but cannot afford to buy them. Enquiries about these Twiddle Muffs are welcome.

We are preparing for our Christmas Party and our Christmas Lunch. Roy at the Bell Pub, a man of great courage, is our host again for this event. Our Line Dancing classes will continue in the New Year

every Thursday evening at 7.30. It is great fun and everyone is welcome.



I shall keep everyone up to date with all our revelries at the Villages small green Hall throughout next year as we celebrate this marvellous achievement. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us in one form or another; we value your support greatly. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, a well earned rest over the holiday and very best wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year.

Flora Virgoe
President.



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BETHEL CHURCH—Might There Be More To Christmas?

The Christmas story is full of hope.

Hope keeps us focused. It keeps us going. It keeps us alive. But hopes can be disappointed. Expectations are not always met. Many a dream fails to come true.

The question is: how do we know whether something is worth hoping for? Christmas, the story of hope, is intimately connected with a person: Jesus Christ. In order to work out whether to put our trust in him, we need to know a few things about him, such as: who is he? Why did he come? What was his message? Is it credible? And has it anything to do with present-day concerns and our personal lives?

These questions take time to answer, but ultimately there is an answer, ultimately there is a hope. So, look out for our '**Christianity Explored**' sessions we will be putting on in the new year. Christianity Explored is a way of sharing the best news ever heard, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. Over 7 sessions in Mark's Gospel, you will find out more about the life of the person at the heart of Christmas - Jesus Christ.

On Thursday 15 December, we will be joining with folk at All-Saints Church for **Carol Singing around the village**. Please join us or listen out for us. We will be meeting at Bethel Church at 5.45pm and start at 6.00pm. Afterwards, we will be enjoying some hot soup and drinks back at Bethel.



We will be celebrating the Christmas story at our **family evening service** at 6.00pm, Sunday 18 December. It would be wonderful if you could join us. Then on Christmas Day, we will be meeting at 10.00am to give thanks for the hope that we have found in Jesus Christ.

Can we take this opportunity in wishing you all a very happy Christmas time and health and happiness for the future.



From all your friends at Bethel Church.

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POPPY APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to the poppy appeal.

The collections in East Hanningfield raised the following:

Post Office	£53.90
School	£82.33
Folly Bistro	£21.91
Door-to-door	£232.96

The total collected was **£391.10.**

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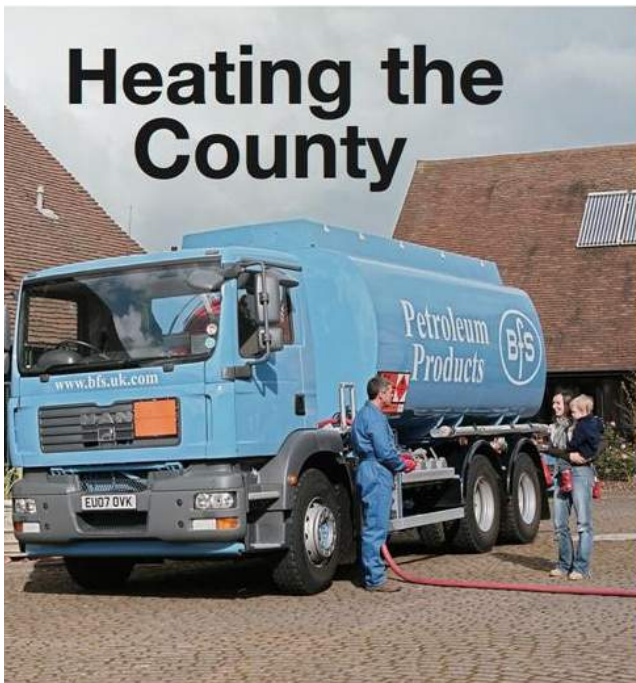
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CRICKET CLUB *(in association with Essex County Cricket Club)*

We are now in closed season in terms of cricket, but our efforts for a youth side are still on-going over the winter months. I am compiling a list of all enquiries from interested parents/guardians with their contact numbers/email addresses to bring their children to an open day at the club in April 2017, where we will be able to present our coaching programme and plans for youth cricket in the future.

All contacts can be made either via my email or by writing to my home address.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL



We have had another busy term and look forward to the Christmas Festivities.

This term we saw Miss Havers, our Deputy Headteacher, become Mrs James when she married in the half term holiday. We have also welcomed Mrs Dawes to our school this academic year as Class three's teacher and have been lucky enough to have a student teacher working alongside Mr Forster. We have recently held a Maths week, promoting maths all around us. Children shared their learning with their parents in a showcase assembly at the end of the week and Mr Forster our Math's co-ordinator held a parent workshop, teaching the parents some key calculation strategies! Key stage 1 children have taken part in the Teddy L'ympics this term with other schools and the school choir have been practising hard and are performing at Hyde Hall at their Christmas shopping event and at Chelmsford Nursing home. Class 4 will be Egyptians for a day as they dress up and learn what it was like to be living in the time of the Pharaohs.

We are just beginning to start preparations for our Christmas performances. Key stage 1 children and reception will be performing 'The Whoops-a- Daisy-Angel' and key stage 2 children will be organising and delivering a carol service at All Saints Church for parents on the 19th December. The end of term sees us holding Christmas parties and having our school Christmas lunch. The whole school will be able to enjoy the pantomime Dick Whittington, when a theatre company comes to visit us; it is always a busy end of term! It now just leaves me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017 from everyone at East Hanningfield C of E Primary School.

Kerry Collins,
Head Teacher



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East Hanningfield Pre-School



This Autumn Term we started off talking about our holidays, followed by Peter Rabbit stories and the children all enjoyed making various vegetables for our wall display. We have then moved on to the different continents in the world which has involved everyone learning our song “There are seven continents in the world and this is what they are” We are also incorporating Jewish New Year, Harvest, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and of course, Christmas during the term. As I write this the children are busy learning songs for their Christmas concert at the end of term, one of which is the Twelve Days of Christmas, including lots of actions! All the songs will be performed to parents, grandparents and friends on Tuesday 13th December.

All our new two years olds that started at the beginning of the term are settling in well. We still have few spaces left and several on our waiting list so if you are interested in putting your child’s name down or if you would like to find out more about the Pre-school or would like to come for a visit please look at our website and contact us by phone or email.

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HANNA'S TOTS

Throughout December Hanna's Tots will have Christmas themed art and crafts and on Friday, 16th. December, their Christmas Party. Join us for festive party games and food!



Hanna's Tots is a parent and baby/toddler group for people with children from birth up to the age of five, open every Friday morning, 9.30 to 11.30 in East Hanningfield Village Hall. Also open throughout the holidays when older siblings are welcome.

Children can entertain themselves in a safe and fun environment with a selection of toys for all ages including baby area and arts and crafts table.

Regular Events:

2nd. Friday of month—Children's Centre attend 9.30-10.30.
4th. Friday of the month— Messy Play session.

We have strong links with East Hanningfield Pre-school for easy integration to East Hanningfield School.

Hanna's Tots is run by a volunteer group and is £2.50 per family per session (refreshments included).

Children from outside the village are always welcome.

Please phone for further information.

Laura
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Hanna's Tots & East Hanningfield Pre-school

are having a

Cash 4 Clothes fundraising collection



We will be raising funds by collecting donations of clothes and accessories to convert to cash.

Bring any unwanted items to Pre-school or Hanna's Tots from 12th to 16th December.

All proceeds will go to East Hanningfield Pre-school & Hanna's Tots.

Items Accepted:

Accessories (belts, bracelets, rings, scarves, sunglasses, ties etc.)

Bags (handbags, purses, wallets etc.)

Clothing (babies' kids', adults')

Shoes

Items not accepted

Dirty, wet or stained clothing, underwear or socks.

Pillow, duvets, rugs or carpets

Household textiles (bedding, curtains, sheets towels etc)

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To raise funds for Hanna's Tots & Pre-school at 8pm on Friday 2nd. December in the small hall at the Village Hall.

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