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COVER PHOTO

Due to some bright spark thinking it was a great wheeze to turn the floodlight at the sports wall to face skywards, the lamp filled with rain water and was irreparably damaged. Thanks to local firm, Paramount, for the loan of the cherry-picker, and to the driver for his time, another local firm, Fordham Electrical, was able to get up there and replace the unit.

This just demonstrates how much bother and cost is involved in order to put right the consequences of a silly, inconsiderate prank.

The Charity that manages the Village Hall and playing fields, would be able to provide more facilities for the people of the village if they didn't have to put so much time, energy and funds into managing the consequences of antisocial behaviour. The newly installed bollards and fencing along the Village Hall Chase are a case in point. (*See article on page 13*).

PARISH COUNCIL

Your views are wanted on possible traffic calming.

There are frequent complaints from residents concerning the speed of traffic passing through the village. With a thousand more homes to be built at South Woodham Ferrers and Hyde Hall attracting greater numbers of visitors, there could be an argument for installing measures in the village to reduce speed and to discourage traffic coming through when there are alternative, more appropriate, routes available.

A resident has suggested to PC that flat topped speed tables, which can be seen in other communities around the county, should be installed along The Tye. This type of scheme would have to be requested through the Local Highways Panel. As requests to the Panel take a very long time, it makes sense to investigate what is and is not possible so that any request that goes to it is not returned to us after about 18 months or so with the message that the scheme is not feasible. PC has previously asked for a second pinch point on the Tye, which turned out to be unfeasible, according to the Panel.

Any traffic calming scheme that the Highways Authority might decide to proceed with would have to go out to consultation to the police, residents and road users. The LHP asks for evidence of residents' support, so PC is asking for comments from residents of the Tye and the rest of the village so that their responses can be included in the request should it come to be made.

Department of Transport Advisory leaflets were referred to for the following information.

Due to the discomfort caused to passengers, buses and ambulances have to slow down to 15mph over flat topped ramps. They are also more uncomfortable for cyclists and the recommendation is

that on bus routes and routes frequented by cyclists, round topped or sinusoidal ramps are preferable and quieter.

All ramps have to be lit and signed, and it is recommended that a speed reducing feature (eg.gate or pinch) should be installed at less than 60m from the first hump, so a scheme of humps would incur increased signage and lighting, which might be unacceptable to residents as the Tye is a conservation area.

All road humps should be a maximum of 100mm high (flat tops 75mm) and a minimum of 25mm. They should not be closer than 20m apart and should have a channel of 200mm between them and the kerb, but up to 750mm if it is to be a cycle lane. Flat tops normally have a minimum length of 2.5m but on bus routes it is 6m with an on/off gradient of at least 1:10. Round tops are 3.7m long. It might be easier to fit in a system of round tops than flat tops because of the required lengths.

On London clay, which we have here, the level of perception of the hump inside residences is at 10m minimum for round topped humps and 14/15m minimum for flat topped. Complaints are at 3m for round and 4/5 for flat. So it can be seen that near housing the round topped humps are less intrusive. "It is highly likely that any road hump will result in structural damage occurring to neighbouring buildings". Speed cushions that can be straddled by heavy vehicles produce the least vibrations, but have to be sited so that heavy vehicles approach them at right angles (so not near turnings, junctions or bends).

An annotated map showing lines for distances of 10m and 15m from residential buildings indicates that there is very little of the road that is more than 15m from dwellings, this being a length in front of Scarles Croft and another in front of the Folly, Rothards and Cobblers. (The map can be seen at the end of the Agenda papers for the PC Meeting on 27th. April, at www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/assets/documents/agenda170427). There is much more road surface available beyond the 10m line,

and it might be expedient to aim for round top speed humps, or even cushions, rather than flat topped “speed tables” , should PC and residents wish to take this matter further.

Alternatively, success might be more likely if PC requested a 20mph speed limit along the Tye and the Common, and possibly other areas of the village if support is forthcoming. This would involve less engineering than humps and fewer signs etc. so should be cheaper and more likely to be acceptable for the conservation area.

Please let PC know what you think, stating whether you are a Tye resident.

PC’s Annual Report 2016-17, which includes the Receipts & Payments Account for the year, was presented at the Annual Assembly. You can find it on PC’s website and for the technophobes amongst you there are paper copies to take away in the Village Hall entrance.



Twenty adults, five children and a dog turned up for the Village Tidy on a cloudy Saturday morning at the beginning of May. Despite there seeming less litter than usual, some bulky items meant that the trailer was full to the top and a van was also used to take rubbish away. With such a large crowd the Tidy was completed very quickly, so everyone had plenty of time for the rest of their weekend activities.

The *Play in the Park* sessions during the Easter break were well attended and appeared to have been enjoyed by those who partici-

pated, and also appreciated by their parents and carers. We have three more sessions during the Summer break. All are on Tuesday mornings, so easy to remember, 10am until 12 noon on 1st., 8th, & 15th. August. Activities are aimed at 3-11 year olds, but 5 year olds and younger must be accompanied by an adult carer. On occasion, the Children's Centre attends with activities for babies & toddlers, but there has been no information about that so far.

In the last News it was hoped that the vacancy on PC would be filled soon, and, shortly after, at the March Meeting Paul Austin was co-opted to fill the seventh seat.



By the time this edition of the News reaches you, works to replace the water main at the northern end of the Tye and in the area of the Bicknacre Road junction will be well under way. Some of the excavations will have to be in the road, so it is inevitable that there will be delays for traffic using the main road through the village. We should find out how quiet it can be with really effective traffic calming! If you are using Back Lane as a diversion please remember that there are no pavements and pedestrians have to walk in the road, so even on the lengths without a speed limit, please take it easy: there might be someone walking their dog around the next corner. (It could be me!).

A few people, but not many, have wondered why it is taking so long to repair the railing on the Tye. After the initial damage, PC decided to undertake a survey of the full length of the fence and found that several of the posts were reaching the end of life, and others weren't far behind so it was decided to carry out an overhaul of the entire fence, replacing the rotting wooden posts with replicas of the original concrete posts. Sourcing posts with holes proved a little tricky, and they had to be made specially, but we now have them and are com-

paring quotes from contractors to have them installed, along with some replacement pipe. This exercise has raised the question, why is the right hand side of the church entrance so dangerous that it needs a fence when the left hand side, with a deeper ditch, doesn't?

Dates for PC Meetings are in the pull-out Village Diary in the centre pages of this News. Please come along and listen to what is going on and you can ask a question or raise an issue during Public Question Time.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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CITY COUNCILLOR

I would like to congratulate Councillor Ian Grundy on his re-election as our county councillor and also for his appointment to the county council cabinet as Member for Highways. Lots of local issues to solve here, Ian.

The other recent major issue relates to the city council's new draft development plan. This guides development for the period to 2036. No new housing is proposed under the plan during this period but it does not preclude some infilling. The major impact is likely to be caused by traffic coming from South Woodham Ferrers where 1000 new homes are proposed north of the Burnham Road from its junction with Creep hedge Lane at the Fenn Farm roundabout. There is the potential for rat running through the village. The Parish Council has responded to the consultation (now ended), making representations for traffic calming and other measures to keep disturbance to a minimum. I will also use my influence internally within the Council to look after residents' interests.

The plan also deals with the future provision of gypsy and traveller sites. Government has recently redefined the need for sites. The city council has now identified a need for a further ten pitches only. A site for all ten pitches has now been provisionally allocated in the Little Waltham area. This will significantly reduce the threat to East Hanningfield.



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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

With the County Elections only a short time ago and a General Election now in full swing it does seem quite strange and difficult to return to normality. However I would like to thank everyone who supported me at the polls and I will do my best to represent you at County Hall.

There are plenty of issues facing the new administration and I know we are going to be in for a challenging four years but also one of opportunity. Adult Social Care, Highways, Education and Public Health are all going to keep us busy and then of course we will have the implications of Brexit to consider and plan for.

I have been asked to join the Cabinet and take over the Highways portfolio. This was a great surprise and took quite a while to sink in as you can imagine. The portfolio of course affects every Essex resident in their day to day life and includes 5100 miles of road, 1500 bridges and highway structures, 4000 miles of public rights of way and 127,000 street lights - it certainly sounds as though I am going to have my work cut out!

Ian Grundy

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E&SW employees will not object to you carrying out these enquiries.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY— VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

How fast the year seems to go! Before you know it will be **Saturday 1st July** and the village fete will be in full swing from 1.00pm until 4.30pm!

It would be great if you could help with extra manpower as we are an ageing fete committee and need it!!

Old pots for smashing are gratefully received for the scouts' crockery smashing stall. The White Elephant, the children's favourite, also needs you to search for 'hidden treasures'. Just get in touch if you have any that need collecting or nearer the date deliver them to the hall.

The village children are going to be a main stay of the entertainment. So please come and support this fundraiser for All Saints Church and Hanna's Field and Hall and have a fun day for the whole family.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Neil Surgeon's wife, Jennie. Neil was, for a long time, an active HFC committee member. We are thinking of him and his family.

Hanna's Field Charity is still without a Chair person. If you would like to join the small band of volunteers who run the hall and field on the village's behalf then please get in touch.

We had the Annual General Meeting in April. It was disappointing to not see any villagers other than the existing committee and organi-



sations that rent the hall. It is in everyone's interest to keep a watchful eye on how this resource is managed.

We also wanted to explain how the setup works. The hall, car park and field are run by the Hanna's Charity (volunteers) for the village. As it is the hall rental that earns the greatest revenue then it is this that helps support work on the field, the litter collection and maintenance of the car park.

The car park and field are then available for free use by villagers and visitors. We would encourage all to recognise the value of the lovely open space and the car park. Nothing however is for free! Despite occasional help from grants and lottery we still have to fundraise to cover all the costs. Any support you can give by attending fundraising events, buying our fete raffle tickets, or helping collect litter, are invaluable and reduce costs. Disposing responsibly of dog poo in the bags and bins provided is not only necessary under the bye laws but could prevent a child going blind. These little thoughtful acts make our open space more enjoyable and safer for all.



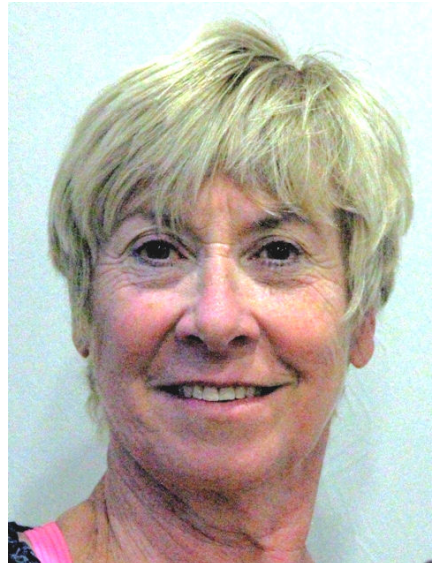
The car park now has a substantial rail along the school fence green





walkway to keep our children safe from cars. It could however be hazardous to careless drivers! Also note the concrete blocks on the grass verges to prevent parking. These protect the water main from further damage, preventing flooding as well as unsightly verges.

The Annual Art Exhibition & Sale will be held on Friday 27th., Saturday, 28th. and Sunday 29th October. I am after talented artists in the village and also as many village people as possible to help. I seem now to have got a vision of you all in feathers and leather dancing to 'YMCA'. This is not compulsory but please don't let us stop you!



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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It's a year since the last NhW "Points Of Contact" and as there have been some changes, this Newsletter includes an update (page 20, on the back of the Village Diary pull-out). You can cut out the page and keep somewhere handy for future reference.

Crime update - NhW are only aware of following in this period:

- 19/03/17: Burglary (Old Church Road)-car stolen (recovered).
- 20/03/17: Ford Luton box van stolen from BHN garden centre.
- 28/04/17: Stolen Maserati (recovered in Hall carpark).
- 12/05/17: Burglary (Old Church Road) - valuables stolen.

Distraction burglaries and bogus traders are still a problem in this part of Essex. They tend to concentrate on the elderly but everyone is at risk. The "Cold Caller" may say they are in the area and have spotted a problem with your home or garden or offer to carry out work cheaply (but then charge an extortionate price after it has been completed). If anyone calls at your property posing as a tradesperson (or even claiming to be a police officer), best advice if you do not know them or are not expecting them is to close door. Contact Trading Standards for an approved trader in your area (see leaflet) if you do need someone.

There has been much local complaint about speeding in the village. The new Slow-down signs given out to some residents to put on their Wheelie Bins are a reminder about the village 30mph speed limit (for those residents that have still to attach the signs, please do this as it's such a waste of NhW limited resources otherwise). NhW members have begun to operate under Police





authorisation, regular “Speedwatch” checks in the village as part of trying to deter speeding. We would like to hear from any volunteer willing to help with this task. Training is provided and it involves an hour at roadside with the speed-gun and clip-board to record offenders.

The next NhW team quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September, 8pm in the Bethel Church meeting room. These are very informal - contact me (Clinton Close), David Rackham (Old Church Rd) or David Shrouder (Highfield Mead) if you are interested or would like more information.

Lastly an appeal - we e-mail Police/NhW local crime alerts and information to residents, but only if you ask us to. So far there are about 100 residents receiving these but it would be good if we could increase coverage (the emails are “blind” copied so recipients do not see other recipients’ email names/addresses). Contact me if you would like to be included.



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NhW Co-ordinator.

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VILLAGE DIARY

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JUNE

- Fri 2 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sun 4 9am **COMMUNION** (BCP) assisted by Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 7 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Fri 9 9.30-10.30am **CHILDREN'S CENTRE** at Hanna's Tots, Village Hall
- Sat 10 11am **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 11 10am **PET SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. All pets welcome either caged or on a lead, horses on the Tye hardstanding or in the churchyard. Do come for a blessing and a bonio!
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 14 **Black Bin, Green Box, Card Sack & Food Waste.**
- Fri 16 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Tots,
- Sun 18 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Sandra Southee at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 21 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Centenary Celebrations.
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Thu 22 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use side entrance.
- Sun 25 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 27 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
- Wed 28 **Black Bin, Green Box, Card Sack & Food Waste.**

Wed 28 **GRAND DRAW RETURNS** –get your stubs and money to the shop or 2 Clinton Close.

Fri 30 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Tots,

JULY

Sat 1 1-4.30pm **VILLAGE FETE** at Hanna's Field RBRBR

Sun 2 10 am **COMMUNION** (BCP) assisted by Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Wed 5 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**
2 for 2.30pm **WI STRAWBERRY TEA** at the WI Hall.

Sat 8 11am **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church

Sun 9 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 11 6-8 pm **OPEN EVENING** at East Hanningfield School. All welcome.

Wed 12 **Black Bin, Green Box, Card Sack & Food Waste.**

Thu 13 **FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR SCHOOL** with presentation of Bibles to Year 6

Sun 16 10 am **HOLY COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Mike Aston at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Wed 19 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. "Hanningfield Smoke House".

Thu 20 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room in the Village Hall. Please use side entrance.

Sun 23 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All Saints' Church. Picnic with Bethel Church at 1pm on Hanna's Field, weather permitting.
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 25 10.30am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church

Wed 26 **Black Bin, Green Box, Card Sack & Food Waste.**

Sun 30 10 am **SONGS OF PRAISE** outside if the weather is OK. Come and sing along! Send Canon Christine your hymn requests.
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

AUGUST

Tue 1 10am-12 noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** for children aged up to 11 years at the Village Hall and playing fields. Under 6s must be accompanied by an adult carer.

Wed 2 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**

Sun 6 10 am **COMMUNION** (BCP) assisted by Rev. Chris Poulard at All Saints' Church.

10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 8 10am-12 noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** for children aged up to 11 years at the Village Hall and playing fields. Under 6s must be accompanied by an adult carer.

Wed 9 **Black Bin, Green Box, Card Sack & Food Waste.**

Thu 10 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room in the Village Hall. Please use side door.

Sat 12 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church

Sun 13 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church.

10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 15 10am-12 noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** for children aged up to 11 years at the Village Hall & playingfields. Under 6s must be accompanied by an adult carer.

Wed 16 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**

2pm **WI GARDEN PARTY** at Dunnock Cottage.

Sun 20 10 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church

10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Wed 23 **Black Bin, Green Box, Card Sack & Food Waste.**

Sun 27 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All Saints' Church

10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Wed 30 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Sack & Food Waste**



East Hanningfield NhW “Points of Contact”



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/ (to report incidents online).

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
- 🌐 www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/neighbourhood-watch

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 - 🌐 www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

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Dear Friends,
With an election on the horizon as this Community News comes out, I wonder how we all feel. There is so much change going on at present, in a world which also seems pretty unstable at times. However, we all have to work and go bravely on with our day to day tasks as people have done for hundreds of years, as changes of various types have come and gone.

Our journey of life has its ups and downs and we try to cushion our children in difficult times as much as we can, so that they feel stable and do not get anxious. May was a month for national tests for many of the primary school children, and at secondary school GCSE's and A Levels are in full swing. We try to support as much as possible but the children are on a journey too, and as I reminded the children at the village school, what is most important is that whatever happens they never forget they are loved by their parents and carers and also by God. Friends and families are so important to show love and care at the challenging times and God is also there for us to talk to however that may be, in prayer or from our hearts and in our minds. When a child, staying with my grandmother who lived alone, I wondered who she was talking to in bed at night, to find she was saying her prayers to God about the day and the things and people she cared about. That can be just as helpful today, as it was to her then.

Pets can also be a great help to us and we are having our annual Pets Service once again on 11th June at 10am, so do bring your pets along whatever they may be, either in caddies or on a lead, or tether your horse in the church yard or on The Tye. Pets may not enjoy our summer holidays as sometimes they have to go in ken-

nels or a cattery, or stay with someone different, but they are with us for much of our lives and are part of our journey of life, as we look back to pets we once owned.

I also talked about journeys to the children this week, the journey of two disciples to Emmaus, seven miles outside Jerusalem. A stranger joined them as they walked along, who turned out to be Jesus, but



they did not recognise him until he sat down and ate with him. The disciples, like us, found it difficult to believe he could have risen from the dead despite all he had said to them during his life. We do not believe things without proof but it is difficult to weigh a bag of love, friendship or trust. We cannot explain everything and the universe out there is showing us things we did not understand or realise constantly. Easter celebrates love and life, and life over death, the continuing of our journey in another way. Something to take comfort from, in our busy and sometimes hard world.



So live, love and enjoy our beautiful world and enjoy the journeys you may be going on this summer. On a bad day remember God loves you and I hope someone will show this love as you go along. Church is a place where you will always find it, in the quiet, the music and hopefully the people.

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN ...

The Summer issue? As I write this, it is 8 deg with a freezing wind, who mentioned global warming? Maybe by the time this is published and delivered we will be basking in lovely weather, one must remain optimistic and compared to many places in the world, we don't suffer too much. In fact I am suggesting an idea for the whole family to take part in A BLESSINGS JAR.

Take a jam or coffee jar and decorate the outside, leaving space to put a label entitled "**BLESSINGS**" Leave it on the kitchen table, with some small pieces of paper & pens or pencils beside it. When something good happens or someone has been kind to you, write it on a slip of paper and put it into the jar. Once a week when everyone is together, make a routine of opening the jar and reading the slips and saying Thank You to God for his blessings! You could even glue them into a book, to look back at in the future and see how God has blessed you!

This year at All Saints during the season of Lent, some of us decided to do something a little different instead of giving up chocolate or wine, by saving £1 for each day of Lent (£40) and sending it to Through The Roof charity, we can help transform the lives of disabled people in third-world countries. Under the scheme "Wheels for the World", the charity acquire old and broken wheelchairs, which are refurbished by prisoners on the Isle of Wight and then transported to Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti and many other places to make a huge difference to those children and young adults who find it so difficult to get around. We were delighted to send the charity enough, with the help of Gift Aid, for 11 refurbished and transported wheelchairs. We look forward to hearing from them



with the promised photos of the recipients in due course.

Recently we have been helping a family in the parish who struggle to feed the number of disadvantaged children and young adults currently in their care. A large box sits at the back of church and many very kind people donate packets and tins from their weekly shop to help this family cope. They have been most grateful and we are pleased to support a local cause.

Please make a note of All Saints' website below.

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Bethel Church



A school teacher was teaching a lesson on religions. For show and tell day she asked her students to bring in a religious artifact that symbolised their family's faith.

The appointed day for the presentations came and the students were excited to share. One of the girls volunteered to go first. She came to the front of the class and proudly announced, "I'm a Roman Catholic and this is a Rosary. We use these to help us when we say our prayers."

"Very good," said the teacher.

Then she asked who would like to go next. A little boy was next and he had a small candelabra with him. "My family is Jewish," he said, "and this is a Menorah. We light one candle each night during Hanukkah to remind us that God gives us what we need." "That is very nice," said the teacher.

Then she asked who would like to go next. A little lad came to the front of the class and enthusiastically announced, "My family go to Bethel Evangelical Church and this is a casserole dish!"

Throughout the scripture there are references to food and God's provision. Moses and the Israelites talked quite a bit about food in the desert. Elijah was provided for by a widow who barely had enough flour for her and her son. Abraham finds out that he is going to have Isaac after he invites three travelers to have dinner with him.

And in the new testament, Jesus himself taught that the Kingdom of God is like a banquet. He attended dinners with Pharisees and other religious leaders. He told stories that ended with people cele-

brating by “killing the fatted calf” – world-class barbecue table. He fed 5,000 people in a field – a world-class picnic. He invited himself over to Zacchaeus’ house where he “ate with sinners and tax collectors.”

And even after his resurrection, the disciples tell a story about Jesus cooking them fish for breakfast on the beach, and how two people recognised Jesus when he began to share a meal with them.

Of course the ultimate love feast is what Jesus asks his followers to do. In our breaking bread and drinking grape juice together, we are partaking in the communion of the new covenant, and remembering his sacrifice on a cross, until he comes again.

So, maybe the casserole dish is not such a bad symbol of our faith after all. There is something about a meal together that matters to God. A lot of what we do at Bethel involves food, because ‘eating together’ is something that the bible encourages us to do.

Please join us on a Sunday morning, or any of our up and coming ‘food dates’:

Ladies Breakfast – Saturday 27 May @ 9.30am

Café Bar – Every second Saturday of each month @ 11.00am – 1.00pm

Church Picnic (The playing fields next to the village hall) – Sunday 23 July @1.30pm

Please also note, that we have two large baskets at Bethel that get filled and regularly sent to the Chelmsford Food Bank, so if you would like to drop off any food produce, we will ensure that it gets there.

Bon appétit from all your friends at Bethel Church

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Those of you who live close to the W.I. Hall may have heard the blended tones of the Encore Harmony Singers, male Barbershop Singers on the evening of the 20th April. Our Annual Hanningfield Group meeting brings together seven Woman's Institutes from the Woodham areas and Hanningfields for an evening of entertainment and supper. This year it was East Hanningfield's turn to host this event.

We choose a charity to benefit from this event and this year we agreed to make twiddle muffs for Dementia Patients in Care Homes. We were delighted when we received over 300 and more are still being produced. Carline Hunt who owns four Care Homes in the Colchester area gave an insight how the muffs are used and how valuable they were to the homes. It is a project where not enough can be made we have been overwhelmed with requests for them, not just Care Homes but hospitals too. So East Hanningfield W.I will become a collection point and will carry on supplying homes with these valuable muffs. You can help us too, if you have any double knitting wool, any colour, you do not want and would like to donate it to us. I have ladies who knit. Your contribution will be gratefully received by us and our knitters, but more so, many people in hospitals and Care Homes. This whole evening was most enjoyable with humour, song and nattering. We look forward to next year.

A Change to our Programme. Due to a busy schedule this year, and having to fit in well earned holidays my ladies are wilting a little under the pressure. We have National and County Events that we have to attend and fit into our busy programme. In view of this we are cancelling our Spring Lunch on the 24th May. I do apologise, but to make up for this the Strawberry Tea a 'must not miss event' will still be held on the 5th July and we look forward to welcoming you to this very traditional fun event on our calendar. We will of course be at the Village Fete and are always available for a chat.

We have an interesting programme at our meeting on the 19th July.

We have a speaker from the Hanningfield Smoke House. I did not know we had one in the area. As you know this is our 100th year and we have some really interesting meetings arranged. We are also collecting a valuable record of all our events and meetings throughout this year for future members to see how we celebrated this fantastic achievement. It will be another essential piece of East Hanningfield Women's Institute to add to our already colourful and valuable history.

Please come and join us. With cups of tea, sumptuous cakes but above all a warm welcome and good company. We look forward to seeing you.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRESCHOOL



Last term the children were busy making bird feeders and counting birds in their gardens. We then spent time talking about baby animals and pets, and growing some flowers from seeds. At Easter time some of the children took part in the Easter bonnet competition, making some wonderful creations, as seen in the photograph. They were all so brilliant that we had to award extra prizes! Term finished with an Easter party which included an Easter egg hunt. This term we have welcomed some new children. We are starting to practice for our annual Sports Day. That may sound easy but it can be quite challenging to get 2,3 and 4 year olds to run up and down in a straight line without crashing into each other! We then complicate it even further by asking them to pick up certain items, or go different routes.

We are also learning all about the different wildlife we find in our gardens – frogs, toads, insects, slugs & snails - and we are hatch-

ing out our own butterflies. Each week we spend time focusing on a letter of the alphabet, a number, a colour and a shape. The older children are also learning skills that will help them when they start at primary school in September. These include recognising and attempting to write their own name, putting on their coat, and dressing and undressing for PE. Children that will be attending East Hanningfield Primary School get a chance to go and visit with pre-school, so familiarising themselves with the building and staff before they start. We also go over to the playground to look after our two gardens and the children can dig and plant seeds and flowers.

Once again, The Preschool is took part in the John Baron Funwalk at Barleylands Farm on 21st May. The idea is the children are sponsored to take a short walk and raise money for the Preschool. The organisers get local companies to donate money to a prize pot which is distributed amongst those that take part. The more money we raise in sponsorship - the more we will receive! Serene, our Supervisor, has once again taken part in the Funwalk, raising money for Pre-school. The village shop is collecting money from all the villagers who kindly sponsored her.

We still have a couple of vacancies for afternoons this term and are taking names for our waiting list in September 2017. If you would like to find out more about Pre-school take a look at our website, or if you would like to come for a visit please contact us by phone or email .

The East Hanningfield Pre-School **Ladies Pamper & Shopping Event**, held on Friday 5 May, was another great success. It is our biggest event of the year and raises vital funds for the preschool. The Committee would like to thank all of the therapists, stall holders and those who kindly donated prizes for the raffle. Last but not least, a huge thank you to everybody that bought tickets and came along for some pampering. With your generosity, we raised over £800!

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have started the new term and the school is busy with sports days, school trips, and open evenings on the horizon. This term class four, our years 5 & 6, go on their residential trip to the Isle of



Wight. They enjoy five days of visits to various parts of the Island as well as visiting HMS Victory in Portsmouth before travelling on the ferry. This term also sees Year 6 children learning to

ride their bicycles sensibly through a 'Bikeability' programme that takes place within school.

The better weather allows us to start our Forest School development. We are converting a small area of our field to enable us to run forest school classes within it. Mrs James has been undertaking a forest school course and we hope to start lessons in September.

The Key stage 2 children will again be holding a mini market for the younger children in the school at the end of term and funds raised will go to a charity of their choice. Many of our children will be taking part in sporting events in and out of school, against other schools; we have football, netball and Athletics this term. The children are great ambassadors and always do the school proud.

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.

The summer term allows us to open our swimming pool and the

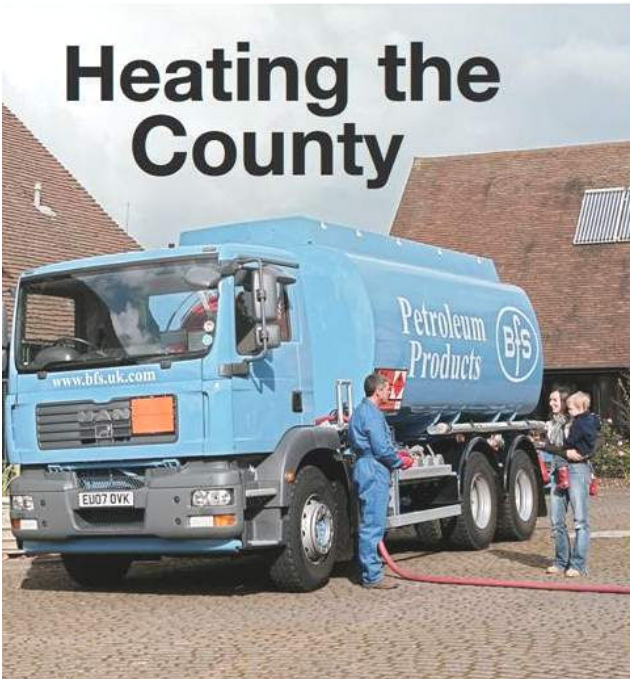
children have begun their swimming lessons as well as their delight at being able to use the school field more frequently.

On Tuesday 11th 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 and celebrate what the children have been learning over the Year.

Before we know it, the summer term will be at an end. It is at this time that we like to wish our Year Six children all the very best as they move to their new schools.

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There is a small joining fee of £10, which is for the whole cricket season, and includes a complimentary East Hanningfield and Great Burstead Cricket Club shirt.

Our professional coach is Mr Peter Phillips, and our Youth Development Manager is Mr Scott Constable, who will both be in attendance at the coaching sessions on Friday evenings.

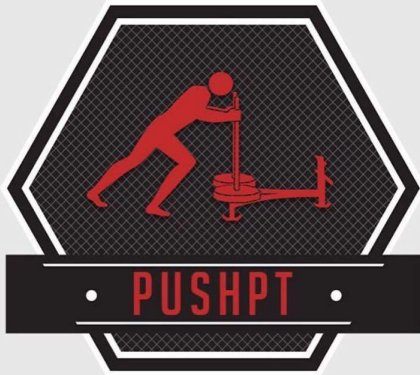
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