

***EAST
HANNINGFIELD
NEWS***

*Winter
2017*

No. 162



EDITORIAL NOTE

East Hanningfield News is published by East Hanningfield Parish Council and delivered by volunteers to all homes and many of the businesses in the parish. Inclusion of articles or advertisements does not signify endorsement by the Parish Council.

**Copy date for the next edition is Friday
9th. February, for publication on 1st. March.**

Earlier submission is welcome: later submission might be excluded!

Please send electronic copy to karen.plumridge@btinternet.com or hard copy to 2 Clinton Close.

This and copies back to 2004, plus the first 12 editions and the advertising rates can be found at
www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/east-hanningfield-news/

CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION 2017

Well done to all the East Hanningfield School pupils who submitted their entries to the competition, and also thank you to all the parents who made sure they got to School safely and to the School for participating again this year.

The winning picture on the front cover was by Elena Williams. One runner-up from each class is printed on the back cover.

Class 3 returned an impressive 19 entries of the total of 47. As usual the judges had a difficult time deciding which should be awarded prizes. To show you how good they were, as many as possible are reproduced throughout this News.



Santa's Hat by
Reis Tokgoz

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has asked me to remind residents that now is the time to cut back your hedge from footpaths and pavements, before growth starts again in the spring. Remember, growth starts from the point to which you have cut it, so if it is over the path when you have finished cutting it will only get worse when the buds burst.

This is also the traditional time for ditch “scouring”, to ensure that surface water flows away. Our predecessors had to dig out ditches without the benefit of machinery, so they didn’t do it without good reason. If you have a ditch on your property think what the effect of back-up might be having on your neighbours up stream.

As mentioned in the last News, the results of the Traffic Calming Survey were presented to PC at the September Meeting. The clearest outcome was that the opposition to speed humps won the day, so PC will not be following up this means of controlling traffic. There was also much concern about speed and volume in roads other than the Tye. Old Church Road has recently been added to the roads covered by Speed Watch and their results confirm the complaints in the survey responses.

An electronic traffic census was recently carried out on Ashley Green. It showed that the little speeding there was occurred in the small hours. Perhaps there is link to the cat fatalities in this area. If the perception is that traffic is travelling too quickly along Ashley Green, perhaps the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph, as some residents have already suggested.

Further thought needs to be given to traffic problems in the village before a proposal is taken to Highways.

The seats on the Tye had been scheduled for treatment during September, but



*Santa Outside School
by Leo Wing*

in the meantime one had been painted turquoise. Because this would need stripping there was only time to treat the one at the northern end of the Tye. The Parish Council has asked me to say that the enthusiasm of the person who painted the bench was misplaced, the colour is not to everyone's taste but has to be reversed at everyone's expense. It is scheduled for stripping in January.

Another activity to take place in January, or possibly December, is the rescheduled replacement of the broken posts and rails along the Tye.

I was recently told a touching tale of why Hanna's Field is so called: that it was named after a little girl whose parents donated it to the village. This story is as accurate as the one told to newcomers that there is a church under the reservoir. The truth is the playing fields were achieved by a great deal of hard work by local people fundraising over several years and the Parish Council raising a loan to purchase it. The name derives from the supposed Saxon Hanna whose people settled in the area which is now the Hanningfields. Although urban or, in this case, rural myths can be fun, it would be unjust to forget all the effort put into providing our recreation ground with its facilities by East Hanningfield residents past and present.



Tree in the Snow
by Apple

If you would like to read about the beginnings of Hanna's Field there is an account of the subject in the Autumn 2012 edition of the News which can be found on PC's website. A study of the East Hanningfield landscape including name origins can also be found on the website under Study Resources.

In the last issue I reported that a purchaser had been found for the paddocks behind the pumping station and numbered houses in Old Church Road. I have been informed that he did not proceed with the purchase because on investigation he found that he would be unable to develop the land as he had hoped. At the time of writing the land is for sale again and can be found on the internet.

On another planning matter, it looked as though the planning application for land between Old Church Road and Back Lane would be refused, so the agent was offering to negotiate. This News will have to go to print before any further information is likely to become available. The 43 comments from residents have demonstrated that local people have a strong understanding of the issues.

I know that the forthcoming demise of bus services 1 & 3 is causing considerable concern for residents. As the County Council is carrying out an impact assessment all your letters and emails will have filled them in as to precisely what is needed to replace them.

PC receives repeated complaints about parking on the Abbeyfields sight splay. A sight splay is a piece of land beside a junction which is purposefully kept clear so that drivers of vehicles coming out of the junction have sight of on-coming traffic. If an opaque object is stationed on the sight splay, the sight line is obstructed, which is a safety hazard. Also it is safer for pedestrians to walk on the verge rather than in the road, and lastly, parking on the grass in wet weather creates ruts which make it difficult to maintain and walk on.

For the most part, Parish Council Meetings are held on the fourth (not the last) Thursday of each month, but in December this can, inconveniently, be too close to the Christmas holiday period and the associated celebrations, so we meet earlier in the month and this year the Meeting will be on Thursday 14th. returning to the normal formula for January. As usual, the Agenda will appear on PC's website and noticeboards by the end of the previous weekend.

All Parish Council Meetings are public meetings and you are welcome to come along to watch and listen. A special time, Public Question Time, is set aside early on in each Meeting for members of the public to ask questions or bring matters of concern to the attention of the Council. If you have an issue that requires PC to



*Santa & his Elves
by Sam Collins*



Robin, Snowman &
Tree by Robyn

make a decision then it has to be on the Agenda, so I will need it in writing a week before the Meeting date to ensure it is included. Local Government is complicated with some issues being the responsibility of all levels and other matters being the sole responsibility of one, so a quick call to establish whether PC can become involved in your issue as an actor or just a lobbyist might be worthwhile.

If you have never taken a look and are wondering why PC has a Facebook page and a website, I'll try to give a brief outline of the differences. The website contains all the official documents, plus some historical information

about the parish (suitable for school projects) and is generally an archive about the parish. The Facebook page displays more ephemeral information, but is being used for recent albums of pictures such as the Annual Fete and Art Exhibition photographs.

I hope you enjoy all the Christmas Cover Competition entries in this issue. Every entry will be displayed, including those that couldn't be squeezed into this News, on PC's Facebook page.

Karen Plumridge,
Clerk to the Parish Council
☎ 400628
✉ karen.plumridge@btinternet.com
🌐 www.essexinfo.net/
easthanningfieldparishcouncil



Christmas Tree by
Oliver

Find us on 

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Crime update - Other than more fly-tipping in Pan Lane, and report of a vehicle driving through fields and fences in an apparent attempt to burgle farm buildings, NhW are not aware of any recent local incidents.

The continued fly-tipping is shameful but, if we give the police something to go on, they say they will definitely prosecute culprits because of the scale of fly-tipping across the county. So, if you see someone, or a vehicle acting suspiciously, record the details - if it's in progress call the police (999) or, if its already happened report it to police on 101 or on the Essex police crime report website (a photo of vehicle/registration no. is ideal). If you employ a contractor to take away rubbish make sure they dispose of it legally – you could be held responsible if it isn't.

A reminder - unless it's an emergency or you need to speak to an officer about a crime, the police say it's easier and quicker to use the Police website "Do it on-line" to report a crime (<https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/>) rather than waiting for police to answer your 101 call.

Many house burglaries occur between dusk and when you get home. See how easy it is to spot the empty house in your road at this time of year. A house in darkness in a line of houses with lights on and signs of occupancy is easy to spot. A burglar will spot it too. Create the illusion of occupancy to help protect your house. Simple things like lights on timers and a radio or TV simulator for the evenings. You can fit doorbells that you can monitor and answer via your mobile phone. Lock tools away in a secure shed or garage so a burglar can't use them & use a shed alarm. These can also be remotely monitored.

The chances of you being a victim of burglary are small and are reduced further with a little thought. If you need advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officers (Crime Prevention Tactical Advisors) by email: CrimePreventionTacticalAdvisors@essex.pnn.police.uk, or by using the police non-emergency number 101. NhW have a marker kit which may aid recovery of stolen items should you be burgled. Photograph and record the details of jewellery and small items. Make a note of any serial number. The Police recommend you use the free public register website to register details of valuables at www.immobilise.com.

Scams and Fraud—There have been reports of cold callers trying to sell burglar alarms to elderly folk. If you are considering fitting a burglar alarm look for accredited companies at www.nsi.org.uk or www.ssaib.org or choose a Trading Standards "Buy with Confidence" accredited compa-

ny. These companies are vetted by Trading Standards; ring 0345 404 0506 or look at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk .

The police are warning of false information concerning solar panel battery storage systems being spread by cold callers in this area. Rogue companies seek to sell systems that cannot be verified and some offer no energy advantage. If you going to invest in additional solar panel equipment systems a good source of consumer information is The Renewable Energy Consumer Code website (<https://www.recc.org.uk>).

Fraudsters have been contacting the elderly & vulnerable claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs. Victims are told there are arrest warrants, outstanding debts or unpaid taxes in their name. The fraudsters ask victims for cash or iTunes gift cards as payment. The methods used include calls, texts & voicemails. HMRC never text to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty & never ask for payment in this way. Telephone numbers & text messages can be spoofed so never trust the number on your caller display. If you get a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

When TalkTalk was hit by a cyber-attack in October 2015, nearly 157,000 of their customers' details, including bank account numbers, were stolen. Some customers are still being scammed as a result of stolen data which appears to be unrelated to the original crime (source BBC). In a sophisticated scam, some UK TalkTalk customers after reporting a problem have received a phone call from people purporting to be TalkTalk employees. They say they are investigating the problem and ask to take control of the PC for IT checks, and then say the person's router has a virus. The fraudsters download their own software onto the PC to support the next stage of the scam. The person is told they will receive a new router and £200 in compensation. The person is asked to check their bank account to ensure the £200 had been received. The scammers provide a fake bank log-in screen for the victim to enter their bank account codes. One person lost £5,000.

In the first six months of 2017, the Consumer organisation Which says over £100m was lost to bank transfer scams involving 19,000 victims. Nearly three quarters of that was never returned to the victim & in many cases the sums involved are life changing. In 2016 Which made a "super-complaint" to the Payment Systems Regulator (PSR), calling on it and banks to do more to protect people from being tricked into transferring money to a fraudster. The PSR responded last month (Nov) agreeing that scams involving bank transfers are a serious problem, and one that's growing. The regulator has told banks that they need to

do more to protect their customers. It said banks need to improve the way they respond to bank transfer scams, and do more to identify fraudulent payments. From 1 January 2018, people who've been victims of a bank transfer scam will only need to deal with their bank when making a complaint, not the fraudster's bank as well. The PSR is also consulting on a reimbursement scheme for people who are tricked into transferring money when their bank failed to do enough to protect them. Although little consolation for past victims, it is some progress at last.

NhW are still seeking a contact for the Coude Dennis estate, & another for Abbey Fields. Duties are receiving/passing local crime alerts (mainly by email), & an informal quarterly meeting with other EH NhW contacts.

There are about 110 residents receiving local NhW email alerts (the emails are "blind" copied so names & email addresses are not shared). Contact me if you would like to be included or know more.

We are also still looking for a couple of more volunteers for Community Speed Watch (four are now trained/operating & 2 are awaiting training). If you are interested please contact me. Some residents have complained about speeding in Ashley Green. NhW asked Essex Police/Community Speed Watch to arrange for a traffic survey of vehicle speeds there. A 6-day traffic survey took place over 7th -12th October:

Total recorded vehicles: 4,618: Average daily speed 85%ile: 26.8mph

Average daily volume (based on 6 days): 770 vehicles.

Although the perception is that vehicles go too fast in Coude Dennis & Ashley Green, the survey suggests most are obeying the 30mph limit.

Lastly, Roger Hirst was elected Essex P&CC (Police & Crime Commissioner) in May 2016. On 1st October he became the country's first Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (PF&CC), responsible for setting the strategy & budget of the fire service as well as the police in Essex. He said "*It is a great opportunity for Essex and means the public can really benefit from a better coordinated approach between the two services*". Given Essex police manning cutbacks due to budget constraints let's hope he can find more money for our hard pressed police service.

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

Mike Plumridge, NhW Co-ordinator.

 400628  NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com.

Hunnaball of Chelmsford



Family Funeral Service

A tradition of excellence since 1957



St John's House
91 Wood Street
Chelmsford
CM2 8BH

01245 290909

www.hunnaball.co.uk

CITY COUNCILLOR

It is common knowledge that last year an agreement was reached between East Hanningfield Action Group, a developer and the Parish Council. This met with the approval of the City Council and planning consent was granted to build on land between Back Lane and Old Church Road. This was for twenty homes, ten of which were affordable. This was regarded as a successful conclusion to protracted negotiations.



A fresh application has now been made by someone close to the original applicant and through the same planning agent. This application is on the same site but for an increase in the number of houses to twenty six of which ten only are affordable. The Parish Council and the East Hanningfield Action Group regard this new application as a breach of good faith and are extremely annoyed. Understandably they refuse to negotiate further with the applicant or his agent and will contest this application. I support this view. The planning application is currently with the city council for determination. If officers recommend refusal the application will be refused. If they recommend approval then I have arranged for it to come before the planning committee for determination when I will argue for a refusal.

I am very willing to visit residents and local businesses to discuss any problem. Just send me an e-mail or give me a ring.

My wife and I wish all residents and their families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2018.

Richard Poulter

☎ 223743

✉ r.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk



Santa Coming Down the Chimney by Ella Cummin



Independent People
Homecare Services

Caring for you at home

If you or a loved one are needing extra support at home – then our local Carers are able to help you out with lots of everyday things, however simple they may be - on a short or long term basis:



How we can help:

- Support around the home
- Meal preparation and cooking
- Housework
- Going shopping
- Dog walking
- Personal care
- Continence care
- Medication administration
- Mobility support
- Companionship
- Transport to appointments or social engagements
- Companionship
- Reading books/newspapers aloud
- Respite Care (from 3 days per week)
- Live in Care (an affordable alternative to nursing home care)

To find out more or to book your **FREE** care assessment, please call:

01245 768 712

or visit: www.iphomecare.co.uk



COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The news that Regal Busways has gone into Administration and will cease trading at the year end is very serious and worrying news. At the time of writing this article the announcement was only made a few days ago but I would like to assure readers that officers at Essex County Council are doing all they can to seek options including sourcing an alternative provider. The link into Chelmsford is important and this is recognised. I will keep behind this issue and hopefully in the coming weeks we can announce some positive developments.



When the clocks go back we see every year an increase in road accidents and in particular pedestrian related incidents. It is so important that walkers and cyclists make every effort to ensure they can be seen and car drivers look out for pedestrians and cyclists. Over the past three years we have had over 1000 pedestrian related accidents in our County - we all have a role to play in making our roads safer!

At this time of year we have to be ready for a cold spell and at a briefing recently I was reassured to hear we are ready! We have a fleet of 62 gritting lorries and two mini gritters ready to salt 2000 miles of roads across Essex and a stock level of salt exceeding 15k tonnes. The crews are on standby from now on and are supported by eight weather stations around the county providing detailed forecast information. In the event of a cold snap the Essex website will give you the latest Highway information.

It has been another eventful year and next year will be full of challenges for all of us, meanwhile to everyone, have a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

Ian Grundy
✉ Cllr.ian.grundy@essex.gov.uk



*Christmas Stocking by
Edward Worf Kirk*

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY— Village Hall & Playing Fields

Hi hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are gearing up for the festive season. It does seem to get going earlier and earlier. HFC has been busy fundraising again with the Annual Art Exhibition. It was the largest show we have ever held with 715 works needing to be hung on walls and stands, plus lots of work on tables for rummaging through. It looked great and was of a good standard. The artists were pleased with our efforts and how their work looked. We were pleased with how much we sold and how this added to our grand total of £ 2,400

The best bit is how wonderful it was to have so many lovely people in our village that came to help over the 4 days of preparation and the exhibition. A real team of people helped number work, hang it and get all the stands down from the loft. Then they had to man the doors and serve cups of tea. It is a big undertaking and it was all done by volunteers. Thank you so much for making this village a good place to live.

With the final cheques for the summer Fete having been banked we were able to confirm the profit share between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church. The final profit was £5,110.17, a splendid result. The cheque to All Saints Church was presented by Colin Warren to Cannon Christine at the Art Exhibition.

As always the hall is a busy place in the evenings but has space for activities in the day time. Preschool is active daily in the small hall but there is still a comfortable upstairs room and the large sports hall for hire. Perhaps a game of badminton could be just what you are looking for. Our bookings secretary Jessica Crow says that the Hall is increasingly busy and it's essential, if you are thinking of booking it for an event or party, to BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment.

We are presently looking to extend the car park onto the field area to provide an all weather overflow area for cars. This will help at very busy times. As always, we hope that careful driving and use of the side path will help keep our children safe from harm. We are also hoping shortly to change the sports storage container for a newer one as the existing one is in a sorry state.

You may have noticed that the children's play area has had some work done as a result of last ROSPA inspection. As part of this, a set of stepping posts were added to connect the "Burma" Chain Bridge with the Chain & Balance Beams Walk which we hope the children are enjoying. It is hoped we can add another piece of equipment to the play area. So, with the help of school, we intend to organise a survey so that the children can give us an idea of what they would like best. For example it could be a climbing frame, a longer slide or some sort of roundabout. Please encourage your children to get involved so we can get what they would most prefer. Once again, all thanks to volunteers taking time to get things done.

There are still plenty of jobs to be done such as the paths around the hall and Post Office but everything takes time and money. The 'to do' list is, just as in our homes, constantly getting longer. One very good piece of news is that St Peter's Way footbridge at the west end of the Playing Field was replaced in November. HFC are grateful for help from the Parish Council in getting this done by CCC.

A number of people have asked about the deterioration in the paint surface of the Hall's south, and now west, facing steel wall cladding. The cladding finish only has a 30 year life guarantee and the Charity is in the process of getting panel manufacturer's paint recommendations and quotes for repainting the panels.

By the time this Newsletter is issued our November quarterly book sale and coffee morning will have happened. We have set the following dates for book sales in 2018: 17th. February , 21st. April, 30th. June (Fete), November 24th. All are held in the upstairs meeting room & library loft on these Saturday mornings from 10.00am until 12.30. Signs will be around the village to let you know they are happening. It is a very social event.

Lastly there are lots of activities going on at the Hall as well as different sports equipment available both for indoor and outdoor pursuits. The activities and times are displayed at the Hall and on the Charity's website .- If you want to hire the Hall facilities including the Meeting Room, there are preferential rates for residents. Just get in touch with Jess, the caretaker.

Please note the Hall facilities will be closed over the Christmas holiday period from Sunday 24th. December to Monday 1st. January inclusive.

We would also just like to say how delightful it was to hear that Ash and Arifa have had their twin daughters and that all went well. We wish them all the best and we are sure that the whole village shares with us in this.

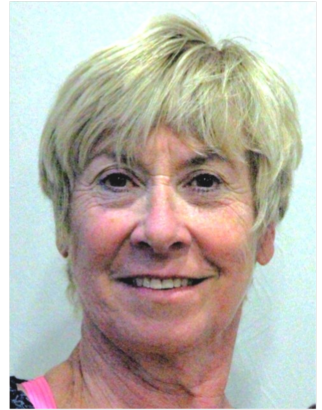
Anyone interested in assisting us at any of our fundraisers or joining us help to run the hall please get in touch with me, Jenny Mouser or Mike Plumridge.

Best wishes for Christmas and a Happy 2018!

Wendy Thomas, Secretary

☎ 400797

🌐 <http://hannasfield.org.uk/>



Baddow Plumbing Services Ltd

Gas Heating Repairs & Boiler Replacements;

All Domestic Plumbing Work Undertaken

Full list of our services please visit;

www.baddowplumbingservicesltd.co.uk



Phone 01245 - 358355

Mobile 07889147772



VILLAGE DIARY 2017

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2012/

DECEMBER

- Fri 1 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sun 3 9am **COMMUNION FOR ADVENT SUNDAY** (light the advent wreath) assisted by Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 6 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Thu 7 6pm **CHRISTMAS CHOIR** Come and join us for an hour. New friends welcome. At All Saints' Church
- Fri 8 10.30am **CHRISTINGLE FOR TOTS & PRESCHOOL** at all Saints' Church.
- Sat 9 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE FOR FAMILIES** in aid of Children's Society. At All Saints' Church.
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 13 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Thu 14 6pm **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** at All Saints' Church
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor meeting room in the Village Hall. Please use side entrance.
- Fri 15 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
6pm **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE.** Meet at Bethel Church.
- Wed 13 2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. XMAS PARTY - Mrs. K Beighton
- Sat 16 10-11am **CHRISTMAS CHOIR.** Come and join us, new friends welcome. At All Saints' Church.

- Sun 17 4pm **CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT** at All Saints' Church. Followed by refreshments.
6pm **CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 20 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2.35-55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Sun 24 10.45 am **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** at Bethel Church
4pm **CRIB SERVICE FOR FAMILIES** (dress as a nativity character - some costumes available, come early). At All Saints' Church.
- Mon 25 10am **FAMILY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS DAY**
(Please bring a gift for a child less fortunate, giving age and gender on label). At All Saints' Church.
10am **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Thu 28 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Fri 29 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sun 31 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church.
10.45 am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church



*Snowmen by
Alfie Rees, Bonnie Crow & Rupert Stevens*

VILLAGE DIARY 2018

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/

JANUARY

- Wed 3 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Sun 7 9am **BCP COMMUNION FOR EPIPHANY** (Assisted by Rev. Sandra Southee) at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 10 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Fri 12 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sat 13 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 14 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 17 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Debate resolutions.
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Sun 21 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** (Assisted by Rev. Mike Aston) at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 24 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Thu 25 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Fri 26 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sun 28 10am **CANDLEMAS SERVICE** to celebrate light at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 31 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2.35-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park

VILLAGE DIARY 2018

www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/

MARCH

- Sun 4 9am **BCP COMMUNION** (Assisted by Rev. Terry Brown) at [All Saints' Church](#)
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 7 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Fri 9 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sat 10 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 11 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR ST. VALENTINE** Come and celebrate love. At All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 14 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green
3.15-4pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park
- Sat 17 10am-12.30pm **BOOKSALE** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Refreshments available.
- Sun 18 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 21 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Speaker: Dr. Richard Rolfe on Hawaii-Miami revisited.
- Thu 22 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Fri 23 9.30-10.30am **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Preschool & Hanna's Tots, Village Hall car park
- Sun 25 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** Light a candle for a loved one. At All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 28 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2.35-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Ashley Green

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful response to our Harvest Appeal for the Roberts family, you were all very generous both at church, school and pre- school. Thank you so much. This was followed up with the wonderful cheque for £2,555 from the Village fete in July. We are very grateful, this will help to pay for the new heating system in the church making us all a lot warmer this winter.

So it is that time of year again and the clocks have gone back and we look to Christmas as the shops gear up and we cannot fail to be drawn in by all that we see. It is good to have something to cheer us up during the winter days when darkness comes even earlier, and we cope with increasing prices and gloomy news and other things that can make life difficult. It is no wonder that the early Christians made sure that Christmas coincided with the old Winter Festival of the pagans, so that people had something to brighten them up in long winter months. It did mean Jesus was born possibly in the snow, on a cold starry night, but that does not matter too much. We all see things best in our own culture and time.

It seems that the robin is the most popular bird with people, from a survey that has been done, and I think this is in no small part due to the robin we see on Christmas cards. The bright red chest and helpless look of the robin, on a piece of holly, seem very meaningful. Remember the rhyme

“The north wind shall blow, and we shall have snow, and what will the robin do then poor thing? He'll sit in a barn and keep himself warm, and hide his head under his wing, poor thing.”

We can take comfort in the fact that all our feeding of birds that come into our gardens, has helped them a lot, so hopefully the robin will survive this winter. And that is what this time of year is all about, helping each other out, showing the love of the Christmas season to those



around us. Jesus was born because God loves us and wanted to show that love through him, God in man. We know there are lots of bad things that happen but the more of us that show love and kindness then the better the world will be. It is good to be happy and for children to learn the Christmas story and see the love and care in it, so that they grow up knowing love and feeling secure.



There is a lot in the story, a young girl pregnant, a poor family, a homeless family, a family under stress, so all the ingredients there purposefully, to show God cares for everyone and he is there to turn to, to ask for the strength to cope. He works through us too, in this case the kindly innkeeper's wife who offered the stable and did her best to help. How many innkeeper's wives or husbands have helped you out at any time? So perhaps you have seen the face of Jesus without realising it along life's path. And perhaps you have been the face of Jesus to others. That is what is symbolised in the baby in the nativity scene with which we are



so familiar, but perhaps we forget, it is love that shines out, “love came down at Christmas.” says the carol. What a great thing to celebrate and so we do, but do not forget this message among the tinsel and the lights and the busy shops.

These are the words that mean a lot to me from **“O Little Town of Bethlehem.”**

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in.

Have a Happy and Blessed Christmas and hope to see you at some of our services.

Canon Christine

✉ Christine.aseh@btinternet.com

🌟 www.easthanningfieldchurch.btck.co.uk



Reindeer in the
Snow by
Katharine Warley

Christmas
Stockings
by
Noah Allars

Merry Christmas
East Hanningfield



Santa in the Sky
by
Layla Wing

FROM THE CHURCH WARDEN

It's almost Christmas time again and as in previous years we plan gathering with our families, perhaps with a mixture of anticipation and dread - I leave you to provide the proportions in which those emotions occur!

Magazines and newspapers kindly provide Survival Guides for the busy family Christmas and I offer you below some of their more polite advice.



1. Accept that you will not have your usual control over the television; rejoice in the number of different catch up options that now exist, so you won't miss that programme on fly fishing in the Alaskan wilderness that you really wanted to see.
2. If you have lots of people coming to stay or are going to a really crowded house, ask yourself a serious question can we afford a hotel?



3. Get everyone out of the house at least once a day, unless it is likely they will succumb to hypothermia.
4. Offer to be helpful, within reason, sometimes it's good to sit back and enjoy. If you are normally helping out, perhaps it is time to take a break. However if you only do the washing up once a year, perhaps that time has come.
5. Remember it is only for a short time. Consider your Neolithic ancestors who lived in small tribes and who could never get away from each other.

*Singing Outside the Church
by KC Stones*

Of course there is lots of other wise advice, eg consider those who will be

spending the season alone or on the streets, or those whose jobs mean that little time will be spent at home. Think of those for whom Christmas brings back difficult memories and remember those recently bereaved or mourning the loss of loved ones.

However my advice for surviving Christmas is this ... consider Jesus Christ, born of Mary in a stable in an obscure town in a country under military occupation in a strife-torn part of the world. Consider God come among us, not in power and strength but in vulnerability and love and in hope for the future. Consider Christ, whether at home or in church, on your own or with others, and then **R E J O I C E!**

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas,

Gil Gordon

☎ 400298

✉ sgordon@care4free.net

🌐 easthanningfieldchurch.btck.co.uk



Smiling Santa by
Ellie Hales



Tree With Presents by
Lilly Tricker

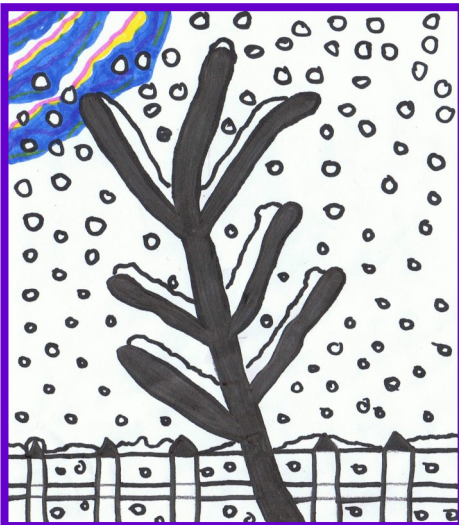
EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It has been a very busy and exciting year for our W.I. We have had celebrations and events throughout the year to commemorate our 100th year. Our meetings have been funny and interesting. We have had a large variety of talks which included horticulture, knitted buildings, music, a historical meeting, the Witches of Essex, (at one time there were more Witches in Essex than anywhere else in the country) and in November a talk about the war graves in Normandy. We are rounding up the year with Belly Dancing. We had a wild birthday party in June for all our members and a really enjoyable garden party in August. We are ladies who know how to party.

As you know we arrange a number of lunches throughout the year where we also have guests from other W.I.'s. I must not forget to mention the members whose hard work and loyalty is ever present at these functions. They are hard work but we would not survive without them. Our Souper Lunch, Spring Lunch, Strawberry Tea and Harvest Lunch are becoming renowned. This year we had ladies from Stock W.I. and Galleywood W.I. attend our Harvest Lunch taking our numbers to 65. On top of all this activity we hosted our annual Group Meeting which involves member from 6 other W.I.'s.

Phew! This is one event we do not host again until 2024.

All these events are the backbone of our W.I. They provide much needed funds to keep our renovation programme on track. We are hoping to apply for much needed help in the form of grants next year. Our work to date has become so urgent we did not have the time to investigate this kind of financial help but we hope to take advantage of this in the New Year. This small hall has been a massive fundraising facility in the past for all the other venues we have in the village. It has a long history that is touching and in some cases very funny. We still hold the ARP bell used in the Second



Tree in Snow
By Isabelle Cue

World War when the Army took over the use of the hall.

We continue to grow gently in number which I am told is not the norm for an afternoon W.I. today. I have a sneaky feeling this because we are most definitely ladies who promote fun and flavour.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone on behalf of the W.I. a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year. Take care.

Flora Virgoe, President.

☎ 400073



Godfrey Home Improvements

Interior & Exterior Decoration

General Property Maintenance

Trustworthy & Reliable Service

Free Estimates

Contact: Pete Godfrey

Phone: 01245 400650

Mobile: 07730904377

Email: Peter2godfrey@btinternet.com

RIAH & ALISHA RAHMAN

We are extremely happy to announce that we were blessed with beautiful twin girls Riah and Alisha on 6th. October.

This is definitely an amazing new chapter in our life.

We were touched and truly overwhelmed by all the well wishes from village residents and would like to thank everyone for their love and support :)

Ashraf and Aarifa Rahman.



Hedgehog Family
By Ayse Tokgoz

Sports injury or muscle/joint pain?



Local osteopath Jo Barber can help relieve the pain of backache, headaches, sports injuries, frozen shoulder, whiplash, arthritis and many other ailments. AXA PPP & BUPA recognised. Gift vouchers available.



Tel: 01621 828285 www.natures-medicine.co.uk

Corporation House, Hackman's Lane, Purleigh, CM3 6RH

FIREWORKS

Early November was a very distressing time for many of the horses around the village due to fireworks being let off for several days and not just on the 5Th. If you are living in the country you need to be aware of the distress this can cause to animals together with the danger of rogue fireworks landing in a barn and even setting alight hay or straw.

People living in the countryside should be aware of THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006 in which it states that it is an offence to cause unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal. Fireworks must not be set off near livestock. The offence carries a fine of up to £20,000 and/or a prison term of up to 6 months.

The Act is enforced by local councils, animal health officers and the police.

Perhaps residents should be aware of this next year and preferably go to a display.

Vicky Hearn

Phoenix Fitted Furniture

Quality hand made Furniture.

Reliable, Trustworthy, Friendly Organisation

Small Showroom and Samples Available for viewing.

Free Estimates

Unit 17

Industrial Estate

Old Church Road

East Hanningfield

Chelmsford

Essex

CM3 8AB



Tel ; 01245 400920

Email : info@phoenixfittedfurniture.com

BETHEL CHURCH—JOY TO THE WORLD

On Thursday 14 December around 6.00pm, please look out for a group of carol singers from Bethel Church and All Saints Church. We will be singing our little hearts out, trying to bring some early Christmas joy.

One of the songs we are likely to sing is Issac Watts' 1719 classic, "Joy to the World." Now the interesting thing about this song is, the only stanza that is related to Christmas and the birth of Jesus, is the first one that announces "the Lord is come." There is no mention of Mary and Joseph, the angels, the Shepherds, the manger, or the Wise Men. Yet, it is one of our most beloved Christmas carols because it really captures the essence of Christmas, which is joy.

Watts was right when he titled his carol "Joy to the World", for Christmas is not just joy to the UK, it is not a national joy. It is not joy to the Caucasian, it is not a racial joy. It is not joy to the West, it is not a cultural joy. It is not joy to the rich, it is not financial joy. It is not joy to the educated, it is not intellectual joy. It is not joy to the happy, it is not emotional joy. It is not joy to the healthy, it is not physical joy. **It is joy to the world. It is universal joy.**

Even the angel in Luke's gospel chapter 2 and verse 10 said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy." The word for good tidings is the Greek word that gives us the word evangelism, which means, "to bring good news." We have a clue as to what this good news is all about in v. 11.

There is something unique in v. 11 that you do not want to miss. Nowhere else in all of the Bible will you find the three words Saviour, Christ, and Lord together in one verse. This is the only time in all of Scripture where these three words are brought together. Those words, along with the word "Babe" in v. 12, reveal to us why Christmas truly is a time of joy to the world.

But let's face it; Christmas can be a stressful time for a lot of people. For some it is a time of intense loneliness or crushing grief. Even at its best, Christmas means parties to plan, gifts to buy, elaborate meals to cook, long trips to take, or out-of-town guests to host. Instead of bringing JOY, Christmas can bring frustration.

That's why it's good to pause and draw breath; and to reflect on the joy

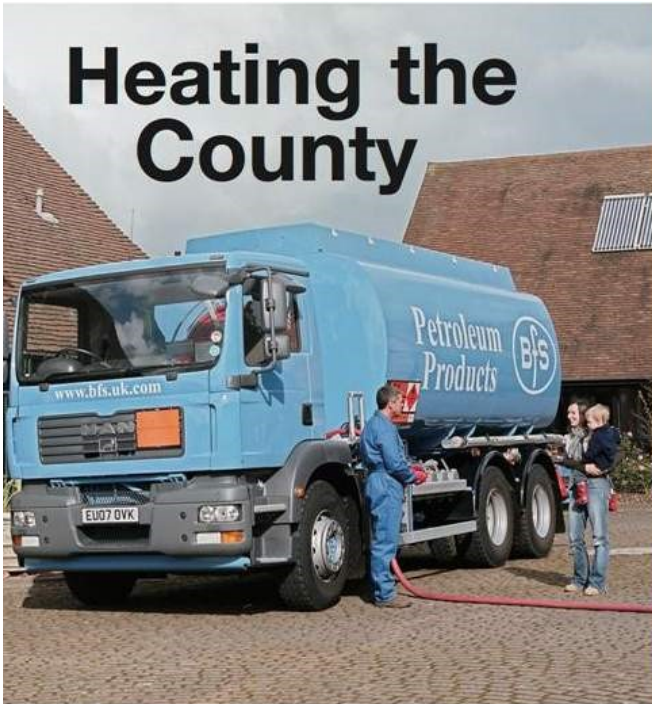
that came on that very first Christmas. The joy that really matters. The everlasting joy that comes from knowing God.

We would love for you to join us at any or all of our upcoming Christmas events listed in the Village Diary on Page 17.

We will also be starting a 'Christianity Explored' course in the new year. This will be on Tuesday evening around 7.00pm for 8 weeks. It is an opportunity for anyone interesting in finding out more about the Christian faith. Visit www.christianityexplored.org for more details.

So, on behalf of all the folk at Bethel, can I wish you all a very happy, joy-filled Christmas.

Roydon Hearne



Heating the County

Take advantage of our discounts. For all your supplies of heating and fuel oils direct from the BFS depot in Danbury, Essex
www.bfs.uk.com



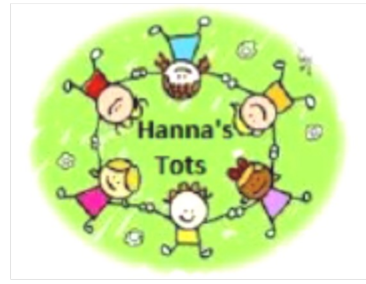
01268 710310

Billericay Fuel Services, Downham,

Billericay, Essex CM11 1QU.

HANNA'S TOTS

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.

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.

Stocking by
Freya Higgins



The Night Before Christmas by Sophie

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL



In the Autumn Term the children spent time talking about 'people who help us and about Recycling', 'Harvest' and 'Christmas'.

The Pre-school children had a visit from Canon Christine Horton the Minster from All Saints Church who came to pre-school and talked to the children about Harvest which the children enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone that sponsored, Serene our Supervisor and the other parents and children who took part in the John Baron Charity Fun Walk back in May. They raised £938 in total.

We are a registered provider for the two year and three/four year old funding and we offer the free 30 hours funding to working parents. More information on funding can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

We are open from 9am-3pm. We still have a couple of vacancies for the rest of this term and the Summer Term and are taking names for our waiting list in September 2018.

If you would like to find out more about the Pre-school our website is: www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk, or if you would like to come for a visit please contact us on 07732951613, or email us at eph1@live.co.uk





HANNINGFIELD MOTORS

SERVICE & MOT CENTRE

SERVICING
DIAGNOSTICS
REPAIRS
RECOVERY
AIR CONDITIONING
TYRES

MOT
CLASS 2, 4 & 7
AND
MOTORCYCLES



CALL US ON: **01245 400406**

OR VISIT US AT:

HANNINGFIELDMOTORS.COM

13A OLD CHURCH ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, EAST
HANNINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM3 8AB

EMAIL: hanningfieldmotors@gmail.com

OPENING HOURS: MON-FRI 8:30AM TO 5:30PM
SATURDAY 9AM TO 12PM



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The autumn term has rushed past and we are preparing for Christmas! We look forward to a school carol service in All Saints Church that classes three and four will host and classes one and two will be holding the Christmas play 'A king is born'.

I am happy to announce that we now have a 'Friends of East Hanningfield' organisation and they have met and are holding a coffee morning and cake competition to raise funds for the school in December and the teachers will be dancing away with the Children when they host a Christmas disco for school funds.

This term class 3 went back in time and became children in the 1940's complete with their gas masks. They had an Anderson shelter in their class and spent a day being evacuees and experiencing a 1940's classroom, food of the time complete with Spam sandwiches and taking part in activities of the time.

Class 1 and 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and had a visit from Falcon Fire and Rescue. Class 4 have visited Layer Marney Tower to experience an Anglo Saxon day. Alongside all the clubs we hold throughout a week, a group of children have been visiting West Hanningfield reservoir to take part in Forest School and the 2nd half of term has seen children taking part in bell ringing at All Saints Church, in the village.

At the end of this term we have to say a farewell to Mrs Williams who has been our school secretary. She is leaving the area with her family due to work commitments and we are extremely sad to see her go. She has been a great ambassador for the school and we wish her well for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Kerry Collins

☎ 400772 🌐 www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk/



An Evacuee



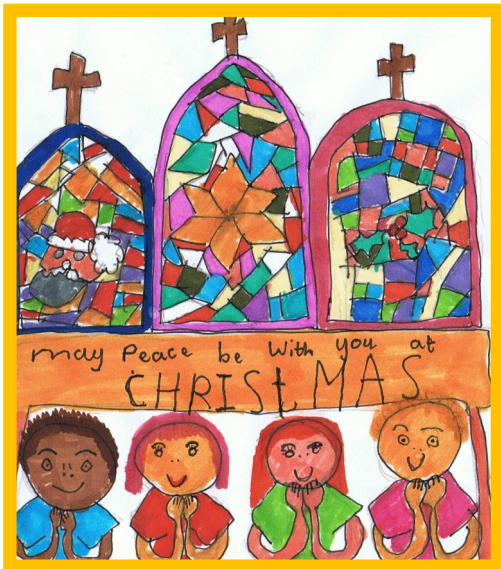
COVER COMPETITION 2017- RUNNERS-UP



**Class 1: Isla
Gordon-Hyatt**



**Class 2 Oliver
Cutts**



Class 3: Oliver



Class 4: Keziah