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COVER COMPETITION 2018

Well done to the 57 East Hanningfield School pupils who submitted drawings to the Competition this year. Class 3 returned an impressive 20 entries. Thank you to the School for participating again.



This year's winner was drawn by Freya H. The runners-up from each class appear on the back cover.

As many of the other entries as could be squeezed in can be found throughout this News & they will all be posted in an album on the Parish Council's Facebook page. You will notice that some are not accompanied by the artist's name. That is because written parental consent was sought to print each child's name, & not all parents signed the form.

PARISH COUNCIL



Mark Priest

In the last News I reported that there was a vacancy on PC. The seat was filled by co-option at the 27th. September PC Meeting, with Mark Priest being the latest resident to step forward to serve on the Council.

At the time of writing, a report from the recent Survey of Housing Need has been received by PC, but not discussed at a meeting. It was disappointing that there was only an 18% response. The average rate in Essex is 25%, so we didn't do very well there. A point that needs to be raised is that only one respondent was on any housing register. The report emphasised that in order to be considered for any affordable housing here in the future, it is necessary to be on the Chelmsford City Council Housing Register. 76% of respondents were in favour of a development of primarily affordable housing for local people and 61% for a mixed development of affordable and open market. Only 28% in were in favour of an open market development with 67% against.

Shortly after the Autumn News was sent to the printer, the bench at the south end of the Tye was damaged. It appeared to be an impact, from the bus shelter end, possibly by a vehicle. The damage was such that it had to be dismantled and rebuilt, with the damaged joints strengthened. It then had yet another coat of paint! At the same time as the deconstructed bench was discovered other items were found to be damaged at various points along the village green. Whether these were the result of a night's spree of destruction or an unhappy coincidence was not apparent. Eight flattened wooden posts were replaced in mid November. Restoring damage such as this obviously has an impact on the public purse.

Further on in this News you can read



City Cllr. Richard Poulter's response to the proposed closure of St. Mary's School at Woodham Ferrers. PC also objects to the closure as precipitate in light of the 1,000 new homes soon to be built at the north end of South Woodham, and likely to cause added pressure on nearby village schools, including ours, that are presently over capacity. The consultation period closed at the end of November.

PC often receives complaints about obstructed pavements, and there are two main culprits: overgrown hedges and parked vehicles.

We have reached the time of year for hedge trimming. Deciduous species have lost their leaves so the cuttings are easier to dispose of, and you can be sure you won't be disturbing an active bird's nest, which would be an offence (Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981). Please check that there is enough pavement beside your hedge for a wheel chair, double buggy or invalid scooter to pass by unscathed.

"Rule 244 of the Highway Code says: "Do not park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it".

"Vehicles parked on pavements can create a hazard:

1. *To pedestrians by causing an obstruction that may result in them having to step off the pavement into the carriageway, thus putting themselves in danger.*



*Santa coming to our Village
by Layla Wing*

2. *By restricting the width of the pavement and making it difficult for someone with a pushchair or wheelchair to pass safely - again this person may have to enter the carriageway to avoid the obstruction.*

3. *Due to the damage caused by driving on and off the pavement - broken flags, potholes, etc.*

Illegally parked vehicles cost the City Council thousands of pounds a year in damaged paving and damaged grass verges. It can also create serious problems for blind, disabled and older people."

So just because you are unlikely to be prosecuted for parking on the pavement doesn't mean you should do it with a clear conscience: have a thought for those pedestrians you are forcing into the road and into the path of oncoming vehicles!

It has come to PC's notice that people with dogs accompanying a hunt are entering the old churchyard, behind East Hanningfield Hall. The law requires a hunt to have the permission of the landowner to enter land, but in this instance there is also the desecration of consecrated ground and the possibility of illegal exhumation of remains to consider. Have some respect!

The forthcoming elections for the Parish & City Council will be held on 2nd. May, 2019. If you are considering standing for election for either body, you will need a nomination pack which may be obtained from the City Council. Details are on their website at

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/upcoming-elections/.

Once the notices of election have been published, which will be by 26th. March, nomination papers will be accepted at Civic Centre up until 4pm on 3rd. April. An officer will be on hand in the lobby to take the nomination papers and to check they are correctly completed.

Lessons learned through experience: don't leave it until the last moment to get your papers in, because you might have to take them away for further information/

signatures etc. and don't put them in the post, because they don't always arrive, and if sent back to you for correction you might run out of time.

You might be interested to know that there are some short term employment opportunities associated with the elections for which you can register interest at the web page above.

This month's PC Meeting takes place earlier than usual on 13th. December, but thereafter Meetings will revert back to the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month. The December Meeting will concentrate on agreeing the Budget for the 2019/20 financial year,



Family around the Tree
By Jessica Smith



Star and Tree
by Harry Cutts

and that involves setting the Precept, which is the amount of Council Tax paid by residents of the Parish. The increase in the tax base for next year has been minimal, so any incremental increases in costs due to inflation will probably be reflected in a tax rise.

If you would like to find out what other topics are discussed at PC Meetings the Agenda for each is posted on the website at least three clear days beforehand. Minutes are also posted on there once they have been confirmed by the Council as correct at the following Meeting.

All PC Meetings are open to the public, and it is only on very rare occasions that members of the public are excluded should there be confidential matters to consider.

If you would like PC to consider an issue at a Meeting please send the details to me in writing a week beforehand, so that it can be included with the Agenda papers sent out to the councillors. You can also bring a matter to the attention of the Council during Public Question Time, which is a slot set aside at every meeting for local people or groups to talk to the Council. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Santa, Stars & Tree
by Oliver Cutts

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CITY COUNCILLOR

Unusually this quarter I am writing not about East Hanningfield but about the neighbouring village of Woodham Ferrers. St Mary's school Woodham Ferrers is a Church of England primary school in Main Road Woodham Ferrers. Parents and local residents were given just seven days notice of the intention by ECC to undertake a six week consultation into the proposed closure of the school. Although this will not impact directly on East Hanningfield there will be an effect as East Hanningfield has one of the closest C of E schools to Woodham Ferrers and if St Mary's is closed then competition for places in East Hanningfield will increase. On the following pages, for residents' information as an appendix, are the reasons I have put forward for deferring any closure.

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

My wife and I wish all residents and their families a very happy Christmas & a Healthy 2019.

Richard Poulter

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Appendix

Submission by Councillor R.J.Poulter ward councillor for Bicknacre and East and West Hanningfield as to the reasons not to close St Mary's School in Woodham Ferrers.

I understand the concerns of Essex County Council over the continued viability of St Mary's school with a pupil roll of 49 and a capacity of 105. However I believe that a decision to close the school now is premature and should be deferred for the following reasons:

My principal reason is that the need in the locality for additional primary school is due to increase dramatically. In the draft Local Plan Chelmsford City Council provides for about 1000 new homes to be built on land north of South Woodham Ferrers. This is within one mile of St Mary's school. The proposal forecasts that the building work could start quickly. On ECC figures this equates for a need of 300 primary school places. Even at the 50% stage an additional 150 places would be required. To this figure there would be added those children transferring from St Mary's and any more children from houses built in the area. Although some of these children could be absorbed this assumes that the age of incoming children would match the spaces available.

One of the principal reasons for falling children numbers is that about two years ago many parents moved their children to other schools because of issues with the then head teacher. A new head has now been appointed and the issues resolved. The reason for removals having now gone there should be no more voluntary departures allowing numbers to increase.

St Mary's is a Church of England school. I am told that the nearest Church of England school with vacancies is at Stock. Many parents have said that they chose St Mary's because of its religious nature. To close the school without the choice of another local C of E school would have a significant impact on both parents and children.

St Mary's is a rural school. Collingwood is the ECC choice of preferred alternative. This is an urban school and a much larger school. Although both schools are dedicated to the education of children there

are significant differences in approach. St Mary's is a community school. It can provide the individual attention to children that a larger school cannot. This is particularly important for children with special needs and allergies.

I accept that Woodham Ferrers on its own cannot provide enough school children to make St Mary's financially viable. However many parents are attracted to the school by virtue of its rural community and C of E status, coming from as far afield as Southminster and Navenenden. To close the school now when a large number of new homes are likely to be built will remove parental choice from parents who live outside the school catchment area. This could create pressure on other C of E schools, assuming they have vacancies.

St Mary's Ofsted report says the school has made great strides and is improving. The school should be given the chance to prove this can continue and that Ofsted's optimism for the future is not misplaced.

Woodham Ferrers is a relatively small village with a close and friendly community. There has been a primary school in the village since Victorian times. Generations of the same families have been educated at St Mary's. The school is the hub of the village. To close the school would have a significant effect on the village and its community.

Various options have been considered for keeping the school open. One of these was to join a Federation or Multi Academy Trust. The head teacher is the executive head of three schools. The option of a federation involving St Mary's was found not to be sustainable due to its small size and the long term cost pressures this would place on a federation or academy trust. This however, assumes that student numbers would remain static for the long term but this is not the case as more children will come from the houses to be built north of the Burnham Road. This option should be reconsidered in the light of increasing pupil numbers. To close the school now would prevent this choice.

If the school is to close then it is proposed that those parents who chose Collingwood school will have their children transported there and back by minibus on a daily basis. This would be traumatic for both children and parents. Would a responsible adult or carer need to be employed to accompany these children? Who will ensure they are

in the right place at the right time? The numbers who would take up this option are uncertain but for 14-15 children the cost is £85 per day or £425 per week. This is a substantial sum and would be likely to exceed £15,000 per annum and more if numbers of children are higher. This is likely to be more than the 'loss' of keeping the school open.

There are additional costs of school closure which are likely to be significant. Once the school is closed and the infrastructure removed there will be no going back. A new school may need to be built to service the development north of Burnham Road. Why build a new school when one already exists?

For these reasons I believe that to close the school now is premature. A deferral for a few years will give the school the chance to show that it can be a good school and be financially viable. A few years is necessary because otherwise parents will be unlikely to send children to a school under threat of closure.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Many of you will be aware that a consultation on the closure of St Marys Primary School has been ongoing. We now know there have been concerns over the school for the past 2/3 years but nevertheless it was a complete surprise to hear the announcement in October. Various meetings have been held and I know the Woodham Ferrers Parish Council have sent in a comprehensive response. I strongly advised the Cabinet Member to extend the consultation and attend the Parents Meeting on the 12th November and this did happen. At the end of the day our children's education must be priority but as Cllr Poulter in his excellent article highlights it, any decision to close would be very premature.



Another very difficult issue is Libraries. The number of loans of books in the County has dropped from over 7 million to under 4 million in a 5 year period. Readers are using new technology and as such a rethink is necessary, not a dissimilar problem from retail in our high streets. My own local library in Stock with only 350 regular users and the one in Danbury are threatened unless the community or a partner organisation can come up with a viable plan. The County will expand its online service and is committed to encouraging readership. The consultation is ongoing until February and although you are not directly affected I know your comments will be of value.

I can see another challenging year ahead but meanwhile to all readers and their families may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Ian Grundy
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Christmas Welcome
By Alfie Rees

EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Crime Update. NhW are aware of one incident since last News, an attempted break-in at the Vita Bella on 28 September (two men wearing Balaclavas attempted to force an entry at the rear but set off an alarm and left emptyhanded).

But we know from police reports of incidents at Sandon, South Woodham and Danbury. Dark evenings are here and the house left with no lights on is an open invitation to the burglar so please be aware of the need for vigilance and take precautions.

Scams and Fraud. This year has seen some of the most convincing and sophisticated scams yet...a couple of examples below:

-TV Licencing scam [Action Fraud](#) say fraudsters are sending out fake TV Licence emails regarding refunds and payment issues to people across the UK. They will use headlines such 'billing information updates' and 'renew now' to trick people into clicking on the link within the email which will lead to a convincing looking TV Licencing website designed to harvest personal and financial information from the victim. Although the emails can differ in style, they all lead to the same website which prompts the victim to add their payment details, including the Card Verification Value (CVV) code on the back of their card, account number and sort code. With this information, fraudsters can drain bank accounts & commit identity fraud.

-Banking Scam Police are advising people to be alert when responding to unexpected messages from your bank after money was criminal-ly taken from someone's bank account. The victim was on holiday when they received a text message claiming to be from Danske Bank. The message stated that some of their bank account features had been disabled and asked them to phone a 0333 number to fix the problem. They were allegedly put through to the 'Danske Bank Fraud Team' where they were asked a series of questions including security questions and bank account number. The person then checked their bank accounts and found £67,000 had been taken from two accounts.

-Bank Transfer Scams & Purchase Fraud-More than £500m was stolen in the first 6 months of 2018 and the figure is on track for £1bn by the end of the year (Which Consumer Assoc). In the first half of the year more than £800,000 was lost on average every day due to people being fraudulently deceived into transferring money to a criminal's bank account. Often this is a result of a business or person's email account being hacked by criminals in UK or abroad, but it may be a letter

that appears to be legitimate simply asking for your subscription payment to be made to a different bank account, the criminal's.

Golden Rule: Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial details and never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text message. At present banks bizarrely do not check the name of the account you transfer money to matches the account number you give so before an online money transfer confirm the bank account details are correct directly with company on the telephone or in person. If you experience a scam report it on the website: www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-a-fraud/how-to-report-a-fraud

For information on online security visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk

Community Speed Watch: There are now 7 residents trained and able to do village speed checks using the police provided check locations and radar gun. This has allowed NhW to increase the number of speed checks around the village and hopefully deter speeding. We still have a few "30mph" self-adhesive A3 signs for brown wheelie bins. [Use the NhW email address below](#) if you would like one. You can upload your dash-cam footage of dangerous driving at <https://saferessexroads.org/extraeyes/extra-eyes-what-next/> .

NhW Team/Meetings: We are still looking for a point-of-contact to join us from Coude Dennis estate and Abbey Fields. Involvement just means receiving/passing local crime alerts (mainly email), and a quarterly meeting. Contact the NhW email address below if you would like more information.

The next (quarterly) NhW team meeting is 12th December, 8pm in the Bethel Church meeting room-contact me if you would like to come along.

Email NhW Alerts: About 120 residents receive local email alerts. Contact NhW email address below if you would like to be included. We do not keep recipient's details or share a person's email address with any other member or organisation, including other NhW organisations.

Mike Plumridge
NhW Co-ordinator.

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☎ 01245-400628

See Contacts List on next page.



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/ (report incident/queries)

For Crime Prevention (Crime Prevention Tactical Advisors)

✉: CrimePreventionTacticalAdvisors@essex.pnn.police.uk

or use 101.

Nearest Police Station:

Chelmsford (New Street). Hours 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week.

Note opening times are subject to change at short notice.

To contact East Hanningfield NhW Team:

✉: NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com ☎ Ch 400628

East Hanningfield NhW WebSite:

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



To look for a Trading Standards approved trader:

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To report Fraud, Scam Emails and Cyber Crime:

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🏠 www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-a-fraud/how-to-report-a-fraud

For information on online security visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk

To report Flytipping:

If you witness fly-tipping in progress call 999. If it has already happened call 606606 (Chelmsford City Council) with details of the incident and type/amount of waste or report at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment/report-a-street-problem/report-fly-tipping/report-fly-tipping/ (with photo if possible).



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

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

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

On 5th & 6th January 2019, Farleigh Hospice staff & volunteers will be collecting Christmas trees for a suggested minimum donation of £5, however please feel free to give more. The trees will be collected from the following postcodes CM0-CM3, CM7-CM9 & CM77.

Every penny raised will make a huge difference to those facing life-limiting illnesses. All Farleigh Hospices services are free of charge & without the generosity of the local community we would not be able to care for nearly 4,000 people every year, help carers & families, offer bereavement support and continue to be an integral part of the local community.

Registration will be open on the 1st December, so please visit www.farleighhospice.org/trees or call 01245 457 411.



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BETHEL CHURCH-The search is on

Whether you 'Google it' or even employ a personal shopper, searching for the perfect gift is made a lot easier these days.

We can even search for the perfect partner with the multitude of dating websites available. Searching for long lost friends & relatives or tracing your ancestors, with the plethora of ancestral websites. We certainly live in the information age, with answers to our searching in seconds.

But what about the search for some of the deeper questions of life? Where do we go to search for the answers?

The Christmas Story gives us an opportunity to begin that search, a story of hope that 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? In his own words, it was Jesus who said, "seek and ye shall find".

These questions take time to answer, but ultimately there is an answer, So, on Thursday 24th January, we will be starting another one of our popular '**Christianity Explored**' sessions. 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 4 sessions in Mark's Gospel, you will find out more about the life of the person at the heart of Christmas - Jesus Christ. Please join us at 7.30pm for a bite to eat and a presentation at 8.00pm.

We will be celebrating the Christmas story at our **family evening service** at 6.00pm, Sunday 16 December. It would be wonderful if you could join us.

Also, on Wednesday 12 December, we will be joining with folk at All-Saints



Christmas Tree
By George Turner

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, hotdogs and drinks back at Bethel.

Then on Christmas Day, we will be meeting at 10.00am to give thanks for the hope that we have found in Jesus Christ.

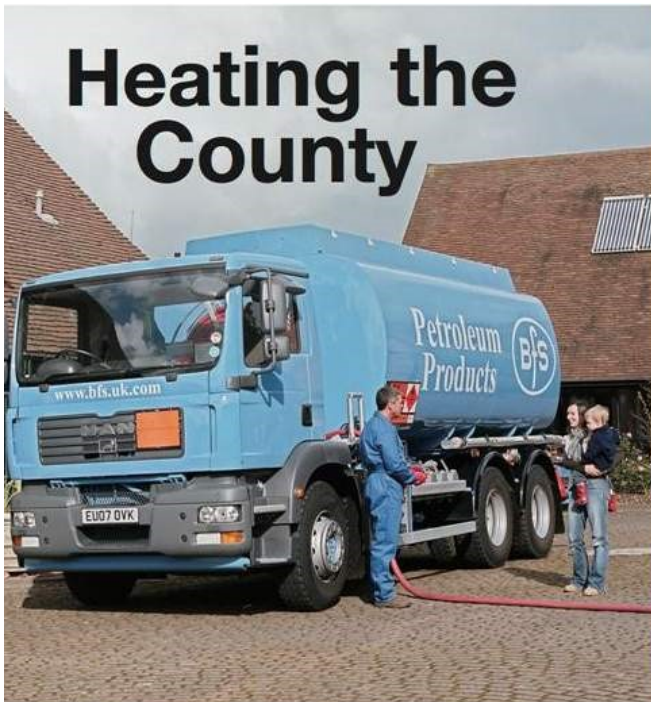
Can we take this opportunity in wishing you all a very happy Christmas time and health and happiness for the future.

From all your friends at Bethel Church.

Roydon Hearne



Santa in the Snow
By Leo Wing



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VILLAGE DIARY

<http://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2013/>

DECEMBER

- Sun 2 9am **ADVENT SUNDAY** - BCP Communion assisted by Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Ch. Light the 1st candle on the advent wreath.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 5 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
8pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING** 1st floor Meeting room-Village Hall
- Fri 7 5.30pm **CAROL SERVICE CHOIR PRACTICE** at All Saints' Ch
- Sat 8 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 9 10am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. Come & collect a Christingle orange & a candle. Collection for the Children's Society.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 12 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack collection**
WI CHRISTMAS MEAL at the Chimes, Rettendon.
6pm **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE** - Meet at Bethel Church 5.45.
8pm **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING**-Bethel Church
- Thu 13 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
- Fri 14 5.30pm **CAROL SERVICE CHOIR PRACTICE** at All Saints'
- Sun 16 10am **CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Ch.
6pm **CHRISTMAS EVENING FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Ch
- Tue 18 2.25-2.55 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
6pm **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.
- Wed 19 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
- Fri 21 **LAST DAY OF TERM**-East Hanningfield School
5.30pm **CAROL SERVICE CHOIR PRACTICE** at All Saints' Ch
- Sun 23 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
4pm **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** with live donkey - All Saints' Ch

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- Mon 24 4pm **CRIB SERVICE** (some costumes available) at All Saints' Ch.
 11.30pm **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Canon
 Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church
- Tue 25 10am **SHORT CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION** at
 All Saints' Church. Please bring a gift for a needy child, with
 a note stating age & gender it might suit.
- 10am **CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 28 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack collection**
- Sun 30 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR NEW YEAR** at All Saints' Ch.



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VILLAGE DIARY

<https://www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/village-diary-2014/>

JANUARY

- Fri 4 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons**
- Sun 6 9am **BCP COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Terry Brown at All
 Saints' Church
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 7 **BACK TO SCHOOL** - East Hanningfield School
- Thu 10 **Black Bin, Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack collection**
- Sat 12 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 13 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** - child centred & not too long- at
 All Saints' Church.
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

- Wed 16 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons**
2pm WI MEETING at the WI Hall
- Sun 20 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Canon Tim Ball, Area Dean, at All Saints' Church.
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 23 **Black Bin, Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack collection**
- Thu 24 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side door.
- Sun 27 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All Saints' Church.
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 30 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons**



FEBRUARY

- Sun 3 9am **BCP COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church.
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 6 **Black Bin, Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**
- Sat 9 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 10am **VALENTINE'S MORNING WORSHIP** for families, children & romantics at All Saints' Church.
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 13 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons collection**

- Fri 15 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM** - East Hanningfield School
- Sun 17 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 20 **Black Bin, Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**
2pm WI MEETING at the WI Hall. Speaker: Mrs. Kate Cole on Al Capone's Gangster Car & the 1930's Kursaal.
8pm HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING - 1st floor meeting room, Village Hall
- Sat 23 10am-12.30pm **HFC BOOKSALE & COFFEE MORNING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Sun 24 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HEALING** at All Saints' Church.
10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 25 **BACK TO SCHOOL** - East Hanningfield School
- Wed 27 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons**
- Thu 28 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first floor Meeting room at the Village Hall. Please use the side door.

To have your events included in the Village Diary please send the information to karen.plumridge@btinternet.com



HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY-Village Hall & Playing Fields

I cannot believe we are now in the last month of 2018 and it is time to give Seasons Greetings to all our hall users and the residents of East Hanningfield that support our fund-raising events throughout the year.

It has been a very busy year for us with many projects accomplished, as previously reported in the Spring, Summer and Autumn issues of East Hanningfield News.

The Art Exhibition at the end of September was another resounding success, totally exhausting but very worthwhile, raising £1,656 to go towards future projects for our facilities in 2019. This whole event though would not have been possible without the help of so many volunteers that came to help us from the Thursday to the Sunday, I think you all need to pat yourselves on the back for giving us your time and energy to help make this happen! We really do appreciate every bit of help we get. A resounding **Thank You** to you all, you know who you are!

We had an official opening of the new 'Green Car Park' extension in October when our Local MP Rt. Hon John Whittingdale agreed to do the honours and 'cut the ribbon' whilst he was also visiting our Pre-School Committee to discuss future Government funding. Following recent heavy rain this does now look a bit muddy, although we are reassured it is quite safe for parking with the underlying 50mm thick plastic mesh and below this 200mm of crushed concrete and sand which provides a firm foundation for any vehicle, we have decided to close it temporarily to give the new turf a chance to recover.

We had some surplus paint left over from the work carried out on the hall at the end of July and it was decided to add a further coat to the most exposed areas of the cladding to give even more protection for the next few years.

Our regular Book Sales take place every 3 months, with our last one of the year having been on 24th November. Some dates have been set for 2019, they start on 23rd February, then 27th April, the fete 6th July

and Art Show in September, then in November/December as a rough guide but watch out for posters and banners around the Village + East Hanningfield News.

We have recently had to purchase and install new Goal Posts to one pitch of the field to be able to offer our facilities to Football Clubs in the future (the previous posts had become completely unsafe to use with serious corrosion) This did turn out to be a little more than a simple job and we eventually overcame the issues, but very many thanks to those individuals that made this possible, your help was invaluable.

Our next Hanna's Field committee meeting is on Wednesday 5th December, when we will enjoy a little seasonal cheer to celebrate all our accomplishments in 2018. We always welcome any new people who may wish to join our committee, but we are very aware that not everyone wants to commit to being on a committee and attending meetings (although only 6 times a year) but individuals may have other skills that they are willing to offer to help us achieve our goals to help us in the community and the facilities we offer to all residents. We will start the planning for our 2019 Fund Raising events at this meeting, setting dates for the Fete meetings, usually the alternative months to the Hanna's Field meetings, which normally start in January (very necessary to be able to pre-book various attractions ready for 6th July event!).

The hall is a busy place, but we do have some spaces for activities, especially the sports hall in the day time. The hire rates are displayed on the Village Hall notice board. If you want to hire any of the Hall facilities, including the Meeting Room, there are preferential rates for residents. Just get in touch with the Booking Secretary, Jessica (Tel 01245 -400965) or e-mail jessbell20@hotmail.com

Season's Greetings and Good Wishes for 2019, whilst also appreciating that this can also be a very poignant and thought-provoking time of the year for many people.

Jenny Mouser, Chair Person



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dear Friends,

There is no doubt that Christmas will be on your minds by the time you get this letter, I wonder where you will be spending it at home or away? If you are around I hope we may see you at one of our Christmas Services and you note that this year we will be having a donkey to our Carol Service, complete with Mary and probably Joseph leading him. I have a friend who breeds donkeys, prize ones which she enters for various shows, so Tintin as it may be, is a very special donkey. We will have to do a practice with him and make sure he likes our church and he sees no imaginary holes or anything in the floor which might upset him. Hopefully our church is fairly straight forward with no graves or anything like that in the floor, so all be well.

The donkey has a huge amount of symbolism in the Bible, riding on a donkey rather than some grand animal like a camel or fine thoroughbred horse showed humility, David had a mule and Solomon was anointed as king on a wild donkey. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday. There is a lovely story in the Bible about Balaam and his donkey, where God sends an angel with a sword in his path and the donkey sees the angel but Balaam does not. Three times the angel appears in different places and 3 times the donkey stops and goes another way, and is hit by his master until the third time he sits down, and God gives the donkey speech so he can ask what he has done to deserve such treatment, as he has loyally let Balaam ride him for many years. Then Balaam sees the angel with the sword and is sorry, as God tells him if the donkey had not stopped he would be dead by now as the path was dangerous. Perhaps this is why donkeys are stubborn today, as they have a strong sense of self preservation. They are also not easily startled like a horse.

The humble donkey which has been a beast of burden for humanity for 5,000 years was to play an important part in the life of Jesus beginning with his birth. The nativity story has a timeless appeal reminding us that we can all be loved and there is a God who understands those who are in difficult circumstances. The narrative deliberately mentions shepherds, who were some of the least





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well off members of first century Palestine, a young, unmarried pregnant girl, in potential trouble, and wise men or kings, at the other end of the social scale. There is no doubt that Jesus came for all.

There will be those who are not looking forward to Christmas for a variety of reasons, not least because it may be the first without a cherished loved one. It can help to go out and be with others and let their joy lift your mood. Hopefully there will be this opportunity at one of our services. Over the years priests and their families have tried to help the needy and the poor, I told the story of the Reverend Arthur Sacre of East Hanningfield at our Remembrance Service, who used to visit a sick lad of 19 years, who was dying of consumption after the first World War. A descendant of his sent me a letter this year, telling how a cousin used to see him regularly making his way to the cottage where the lad lived, with a flask of egg flip, a bottle of brandy and a large prayer book. The church has always tried to help and still does, not just with food banks but with visiting and caring for those who need it in various ways.



So this Christmas I am sure you will try to visit someone you have not seen for a while, or someone living alone. It is the season of goodwill to all. God's love for the world, as he comes to us in human form, a tiny vulnerable baby. Vulnerable, just like us. We all enjoy a bit of extra love and care not least of all, the donkey, which very much enjoys being a pet if it gets the chance. I look forward to seeing you at one of our services, details are on the enclosed Christmas Card from us at All Saints.



Have a blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Canon Christine

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ALPHA – WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

Ever had lots of questions to ask about the Christian faith but never had the opportunity – Come to Alpha!

This is a course over a number of weeks to be held at Danbury in the Church Room starting Wednesday 16th January 2019 with dinner at 6pm. Questions and discussion 7.30 – 9pm.

No cost just donations to come and see without commitment. Run by the Compass Group of churches of which All Saints is a part. Canon Christine will be there. Hope to see you.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It was dark, cold and damp as I stood at 6.00 am clutching my suit case at the bus stop opposite Danbury Village Hall. The waiting crowd grew and banter displayed the excitement everyone felt. This was the start of a five day visit by 12 W.I. ladies to Scotland for a well earned break. Getting to know another group of travellers with quick wit and humour made the break a trip to remember. With snow on the mountains in the Cairngorms and glimpses of stags foraging for food our visit to Balmoral and Ballater took us through some jaw dropping scenery. Camera's always at the ready. Scone Palace in Perthshire was full of the rich history of the Scottish Kings We also managed a visit to St Andrews the famous town with its golf course and medieval charm and home to Scotland's oldest University. This was a trip we will certainly relive on a regular basis. Our grateful thanks to Pat who organised the event.

If you recall I mentioned in September the year long struggle the W.I. have had with regard to its land and Hall. I am so very pleased to inform you that the W.I. now owns the land and hall and at present we are having the title re-registered with the Charity Commission as Trustees. Our very grateful thanks go to Richard Taylor and Malcolm Thomas who supported us as Temporary Trustees and made all this possible. We had guidance from a solicitor whose advice allowed me to do the work with the previous Trustees Lawyers at no cost to our W.I. We have now engaged him officially to complete this work with the Charity Commission.

Had it not been for the generosity of Nellie and George Castle residents of East Hanningfield back in 1925 the W.I would not be in this secure position today. One of our Ladies, Leslie Dowling, did a tremendous job tracing the whole family and the church records support the results of this search. We are discussing a memorial plaque to be put in the Hall, a tribute to this family's generosity. We have been grateful for the many good wishes of support we have experienced throughout this



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very hard year.

Our fund raising hit the roof this year apart from this very worrying episode in our history we have a number of expensive additions we have to do to the hall to bring it up to date. Our Harvest lunch was a huge success with members from many other W.I's attending. We had some ladies from Billericay too this time. The laughter and sharing of ideas makes all these events great fun and can easily erode the hard work involved. We are finishing this year with our Christmas Lunch at the Chimes before enjoying our Christmas holiday

The W.I. picks a charity to support as part of our Group Meeting in June each year consisting of five other local W.I's. Following our huge success with the twiddle muffs for those with dementia that we made last year we are going to continue making these this winter as there is still a large demand for them. We are adding to this project to give a variety to our knitters, Trauma Teddies for the Police. These are taken out by the Police when they have to visit a situation where young children may be involved. They are also used in Children's Hospital Wards. If anyone feels like knitting through the winter and would like patterns for either of these please let me know. They are very easy to make in double knitting wool and just plain stocking stitch unless you would like to add a little more fancy work to the finished articles. The demands for both are great.

Before I close this last rendition this year may I thank everyone in the village for the kind support when we took on the cake stall at the village fete and also tea and cakes at the Art Exhibition? Your support in whatever way is greatly appreciated. We hope you have a lovely Christmas with fun and well earned rests. We look forward to speaking to you again in the New Year. Have Fun.

Flora Virgoe, President ☎400073.



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As you may be aware the Government pays for 15 hours a week funding for children to attend a nursery or pre-school the term after a child has reached the age of 3. Some working parents are also able to access 30 hours free funding a week. Unfortunately the money the Government gives preschools and nurseries is less than current session rates and has not kept pace with increasing costs. We recently had a visit from our local MP, John Whittingdale, to make this point to him. He spent the afternoon with the children and meeting staff, including Serene Brown our Supervisor and the Chair of our Committee, Jean Simmons.

We still have some vacancies for next term and we are taking names for our waiting list. If you would like to find out more about the Pre-school take a look at our website, or if you would like to come for a visit please contact by phone or email.



We are also planning a breakfast and after school club for 2019, please check our website for details as they become available.

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Santa at the Seaside
By Ayse Tokgöz



Christmas Eve by
Francesca Fitzmaurice

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Dominic ,a former East Hanningfield School pupil and presently attending Great Baddow High, has had his lino print 'Red Red Robin' selected by the Down Syndrome Association as a winning design for this year's Christmas card and it is now for sale on their website. (10 @ £3:60).

The aim of the Down Syndrome Association is to help people with Down Syndrome lead full and rewarding lives. They are advocates for people with DS and support families, schools and professionals nationwide.



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Each year a horse(s) will die as a result of being scared by fireworks, whether from breaking through fences and being killed/injured on the road or being euthanised as a result of stress related colic. If you still wish to have your own fireworks display please bear this in mind and be a good neighbour by informing those horse owners around you when/where you will be having a display, what time and for how long, so that they can take the appropriate action.

Remember it is not only horses/livestock that are affected by fireworks, it is our pets and wildlife too, so when you next purchase fireworks please bear this in mind and think, do you need to buy and let off such loud fireworks or should you go to an organised display where you are safe in the knowledge that you will not be responsible for endangering animals or damaging

neighbouring property - do you really know where those rockets land?



Elves in the Snow
by Harry Wiltshire



Decorating the Tree

Those proven to be responsible for injury to livestock, horses, horse owners and their property will be held accountable if they choose to ignore this advice.

Thank you.

Nancy Poulten

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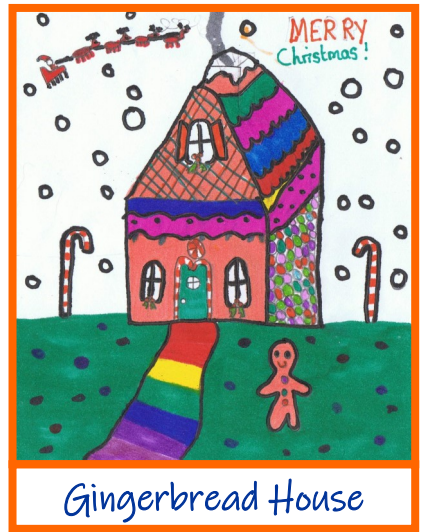
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This is only possible due to the generous food donations from the public. Just one extra tin of food, just one extra pack of biscuits in your weekly shop, can become a priceless gift to a family who are going through a crisis.

Ash at our village post office, has a Foodbank Donation Box, and a list of the types of food that can be donated.



Presents & Tree
by Thomas Warley



Gingerbread House

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If you would like to make a difference in someone's life, please just pop into the Post Office and drop something into the box.

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COVER COMPETITION 2018—RUNNERS-UP



Class 1 Runner-up
(Artist's name withheld)



Class 2 Runner-up
Sam Fleming



Class 3 Runner-up
Niamh Crozier



Class 4 Runner-up
(Artist's name withheld)