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## **COVER COMPETITION**

Well done to this year's winner of the Christmas Cover Competition **Ella Cummin**, whose entry is on the front cover. The runners-up for each class are on the back cover.

This year Class 2 Doves were the most productive with a magnificent 19 entries. Class 3 Kingfishers and Class 4 Owls were tied with 12 each. A total of 48 entries was received.

Thank you to East Hanningfield School for participating in the Competition again this year, to the parents who ensured that the entries got back to School in time and to the anonymous judges who took the task of choosing the winner and runners-up with seriousness and care.

As many as possible of the entries have been included in this News and all of them will be posted in an album on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

## PARISH COUNCIL

With the completion of the long awaited “Walkable Verge” scheme opposite the Old Church Road junction with the Tye, PC is looking at new road safety proposals to put forward to the Local Highways Panel for implementation. The Panel does not accept schemes that do not have the support of residents, so you are being asked for your views on the following two possible proposals.

The first is a proposal to create 20mph speed limits in the housing areas in the village. These are primarily Highfields Mead & Ashley Green/ Coude Dennis and their side roads. Do residents of the other housing areas, for example Abbeyfields or Geoffrey Close consider that a 20mph limit would be appropriate in their streets as well? Residents of The Common & Old Church Road might also want such a speed limit. It might be that you think the whole of the area covered by the present 30mph speed limit should be reduced to 20mph. Please email me giving me your name, street where you live and your opinion of a 20mph speed limit there. Please note that this information will be passed to the Highways Panel in the event of a proposal being submitted.

The second proposal is for a paved footway in front of the houses from Firs Cottage to Altair, the Tye. Again, this would need the full support of the residents in that row of houses and might require their permission for use of some of their land if the width of highway verge is inadequate. The highway authority does not purchase land for footway creation.

Are there any other road safety features that PC could apply for? It could be that the idea has already been put to the Panel and turned down. The list of rejections is too long to itemise here, but a new way of looking at a problem might turn out to be successful, so please don't be shy!



***Wreath with Robin by  
LOUIS GARDEN***

The process of creating a **Neighbourhood Plan** has passed the first hurdle. The City Council has accepted PC's proposal that the whole of the parish should be a neighbourhood area for the purposes of a NP. The next task is to create a group to get the NP underway. If you are interested in the future of the village and its surrounding areas in the parish, please consider taking part. Please email me if you are interested in participating. If you would like to find out more before you commit yourself, there is information on the City Council's planning pages about how some other Chelmsford parishes are tackling this: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-new-local-plan/new-local-plan/neighbourhood-plans-and-village-design-statements/> and the Rural Community Council of Essex has published a guide to help groups through the process of creating their Neighbourhood Plan: [https://www.essexrcc.org.uk/Our\\_work\\_with\\_Communities/Community\\_Led\\_Planning/Information\\_packs/Neighbourhood\\_Planning\\_Guide.aspx](https://www.essexrcc.org.uk/Our_work_with_Communities/Community_Led_Planning/Information_packs/Neighbourhood_Planning_Guide.aspx) Help and advice is also available from the City Council and RCCE, and our new City Councillor Sue Dobson has hands on experience of neighbourhood planning, so it won't be a case of going into the process blind.

Is there anyone out there who regularly walks the parish public rights of way and is good at map reading? Dave and Francis Tyas were inspecting the paths on their rambles and reporting back the problems found with their maps locations. Now they have moved away, monitoring the condition of the paths has become rather fragmented, so if you could help, please get in touch.



**Santa by SAM FLEMING**

As Chelmsford City Council requires the Precept figure for 2020-21 by 3rd. January, PC will be agreeing the Budget at the Meeting on 12th. December. The tax base for the parish has increased by 1.3%. This means that an increase in the budget up to that amount won't show in the council tax bill residents receive. As inflation is currently running at 1.5% or 2.1% depending on which index you follow, there would have to be a slight increase in the Precept to continue at the current



value, but obviously more should new expenditure be added. There is a distinct possibility of this as PC has to find a new website provider shortly as the one provided free of charge by the County Council will be ending on 31st. March.

It seems appeal and government planning decisions are not being announced during the election period, so we are still waiting to hear the outcome of the appeal on land between Back Lane and Old Church Road. The Secretary of State has no concern on the proposed housing on the Morelands site, so will not be rejecting it, but we are still awaiting the S106 agreement before the final outcome is known.



***Gingerbread Man by  
ISLA CHASTON***

In mid November, several residents were concerned that their polling cards stated that we are in the Chelmsford Constituency. Of course, we are in Maldon Constituency. Everyone should have received the correct card by now. If you haven't received the correct card, please don't think that it means you can't vote. You do not need to take the card to the polling station, so it shouldn't matter. What does matter is that you are aware of the candidates in Maldon, so you know who you are voting for. If you have not already found out who they are, the names of the four candidates for election are on the PC noticeboards.

It is sad to think of Christmas being over, but if you have a natural tree this year, please consider arranging for it to be recycled when you have finished with it. Farleigh Hospice will collect it on 11th. or 12th. January for a donation. You can register and donate at [www.farleighhospice.org/trees](http://www.farleighhospice.org/trees) but you must do so by noon on 8th. January. If you'd like to help with the collection you can call them on 457411 to volunteer.

Traditionally winter is the time for hedging and ditching in the countryside. It's easier to trim a hedge when there are no leaves getting in the way, and of course you can be sure you won't be disturbing any

birds' nests, but you have to remember that the spring growth will come out from your cutting point, so if you cut back to the edge of a path, the new growth will be across the path. This means it will save you trouble later if you cut back further than where you want the edge of your hedge to be. Many of those leaves that fell off your hedge have probably fallen into a ditch, so now is the time to "scour" your ditches to make sure culverts aren't blocked and flow is in the right direction. The predecessor of the parish council, the vestry, had the power to order residents to scour their ditches, which was for the good of all, but now we can only suggest ditch owners act responsibly and neighbourly.

As is usually the case, the last PC Meeting of the year has been brought forward to avoid the holiday period, and this year the date will be 12th. December, still a Thursday and still at 8pm. In the new year we will resume with Meetings on the **fourth**, not the last, Thursday of the month. Please remember that if you want PC to consider a matter and reach a decision, that issue has to be on the Agenda, so it needs to be with me in writing a week before the Meeting. Any matters that you want to bring to the attention of the Council but don't need an im-

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## CITY COUNCILLOR

As we approach Christmas our thoughts turn towards festivities and sharing with family and friends. Not everyone has this opportunity. The City Council has recently completed its Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy for the period 2019 – 2024. The main aim of this is to increase the number of households that are prevented from becoming homeless. This means building more homes for rent, particularly affordable homes. There are several causes for homelessness but the main one is when a contractual tenancy comes to an end and is not available to re-let. Bed and breakfast accommodation is the fallback but is expensive and is not a permanent solution.



Each November a national count is taken of those sleeping rough on that day. This is only a snapshot and last November's count in Chelmsford was 14. However it is estimated that there are about 60 people sleeping rough in Chelmsford but not the same people every night. It is shocking that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we still have people sleeping rough on Chelmsford's streets. I am a member of a cross-party working group whose aim is to reduce these numbers and move rough sleepers into settled accommodation. I am very committed to this.

As far as I am aware there are no rough sleepers in East Hanningfield but we do have a need for affordable homes for those with a local connection. This was the original intention for the site in Old Church Road, which was the subject of an appeal, heard last month. The outcome is still awaited.

I am very willing to visit local residents and businesses. Just send me an email or give me a ring to make arrangements. My wife and I wish all residents and their families a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2020.

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***Colourful Christmas  
by HARRY INGHAM***



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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This time of year is always a threat of crime so please take care. That includes your car, garden shed and of course your home. A good robust padlock, appropriate timers, alarms etc are invaluable. For emergencies dial 999 - for non emergencies call 101 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800555111.

There has been a lot of coverage in the media on Climate Change and I thought it would be useful to highlight some of the measures that Essex County Council have been undertaking. We have been replacing streetlights to LED over the past two years and this continues throughout the county - you will notice the difference, the old sodium light is now a white light!

The installation of solar panels on all our buildings is saving some 260 tonnes of carbon emissions per year and the scheme for residents to purchase solar panels is being well received. Our Highways team continue to create wild roadside verges and are now recycling 90% of their materials. Innovation is very high on the Highways agenda and one material being tested at the moment is a new form of tarmac which is estimated to save many thousands of tonnes.

Another commitment recently announced is a programme to plant 375k trees across the county over the next 5 years, this will equate to 210 football pitches! Also of interest is the setting up of the Essex Climate Change Commission which will be cross party, have an Independent Chairman, include experts, all with the objective of recommending what further actions Essex could take up to reduce carbon emissions and promote Green Infrastructure. As you can see there is a lot happening and I will be reporting more on this in the months ahead.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Ian Grundy  
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# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## Local Crime Update:

Several incidents reported by residents: Fly-tipping on verges in Back Lane again (near Claydons Farm) on or around 30 September. It's hard to understand why some idiots still do this when there are council recycle centres and if caught, the person could face an unlimited fine and up to 5 years imprisonment under the 1990 Environmental Protection Act!

A resident reported an intruder in the back gardens of some houses on The Common at around 2am Friday 18th October (policed attended but no details).

One resident on the Common reported having had milk stolen from their doorstep. NhW would be interested to know whether this was a one-off or others have had same experience.

**Crime Feedback:** Its good to be able to report success occasionally! One of the thieves caught on CCTV attempting to break in to outbuildings at a property in the Old Church Road/Pan Lane area on the evening of 31st March has been caught and convicted for this and various other crimes, include cold calling at properties impersonating a police officer, last month he was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment.

## Darker Nights are Here- Don't make yourself a Target for Burglars!

Winter nights are with us now and the tell-tale signs of the empty house become more apparent. **FACT:** Most burglars will prefer to target the empty house unseen and avoid any confrontation. A house in darkness says no one is in, especially if your neighbour's houses show signs of being occupied. If you back onto open farmland or have parking areas or footpaths to side or rear of the property this may be even more apparent so create the "Illusion of Occupancy", when you go out. Leave lights on or put them on timers or daylight sensors to come on when it gets dark (with energy efficient bulbs it costs very little now days). Remember though no one lives in the hall or on the landing so if you leave these lights on supplement these with lights on in rooms that you would normally occupy at that time of day i.e. lounge and kitchen. Don't forget the outside of your property too, if burglars see that it is lit they are less likely to approach for fear of being seen.

## Scams and Fraud Update

**Amazon Prime Scam**-Criminals are targeting members of the public with automated calls stating that the recipient has been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription. The fraudster claims someone has used victim's personal details to sign up for an Amazon Prime subscription. The victim is then instructed to press 1 to cancel the transaction. When they do this, they are directly connected to the real scammer who poses as an Amazon customer service representative and tells the victim the Amazon Prime subscription was purchased fraudulently and the scammer needs remote access to the victim's computer in order to fix a security flaw that will prevent it from happening again. Other variants of the crime involve victims being told they are due a refund for an unauthorised transaction on their Amazon account. The victim is instructed to download an application called Team Viewer and asked to log onto their online banking account. The software download grants the fraudster remote access to the victim's computer and allows them to see the victim's personal and financial details. So far, Action Fraud has received hundreds of reports from people and seen victims lose over £400,000 in two months. Unsolicited requests to remote access your computer should always raise a red flag.

**'Nottingham knockers' Warning** – It's believed the scam originated in Nottingham hence the name. These people knocking on doors are often ex-convicts who claim they are part of a rehabilitation scheme supposedly the Government backed Community Payback scheme. In fact, Nottingham Knockers are unlikely to not be a part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme. They have been operating on the Hertfordshire border & as we know, crime travels. They are dropped off in an area by a transit van and are given a list of streets to work. After an hour or so, they are picked up and dropped off in another location. They knock on doors, offering cleaning items which are cheap and of very poor quality. Many people will pay for an item just to get rid of them. There have been cases of elderly residents handing over large sums of money as these people can be very persistent and confrontational. Also, there have been occasions when they are "casing the joint", looking for houses to burgle. Action Fraud & Trading Standards advise homeowners not to buy anything at the door.



## **Volunteer for Village Speed Watch Vacancy**

The Community Speed Watch team consists of eight dedicated souls who, armed with a radar speed gun, periodically check and report vehicles speeding on roads through our village as part of the Essex Police county wide speed watch scheme. One member will be moving away shortly so the Speed Watch Team is looking for a couple of new recruits. A bright yellow high viz jacket and training will be provided. Contact undersigned if interested in making village safer.

## **Ashley Green Speed Limit**

Some residents have complained on Facebook recently about speeding in Ashley Green. In Sept 2017, at request of NhW/CSW, Essex Police did a speed survey for Ashley Green (which has a 30mph limit) to see if it should be a speed check location because of complaints. Over a 6 day period results showed the average speed was 26.8mph (measured halfway along straight length approaching Bridon Close entrance). Vehicle speeds are deceptive in this type of urban street and a vehicle at this speed will seem to be travelling much too fast but Parish Council are looking into whether the speed limit on this road can be changed to 20mph.

## **NhW Alerts**

About 120 residents receive our local emailed local crime alerts - contact NhW email address below if you would like to receive these. It's a two-way process and you can provide feedback or suggestions.

## **NhW Team /Meetings**

Our next NhW Team meeting is Wed 11 December at 8pm in the Bethel Church meeting room. Contact NhW email address below if you would like more information.

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NhW Co-ordinator,

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

I cannot believe we are in the last months of the year, just where did 2019 go? It has certainly sped by for me, although I know I have had a very busy year personally, with both highs & lows to embrace. Now the frosts have emerged there is the fall off the leaves and the wonderful colours of autumn, good exercise though with the raking of leaves to stop the slippery paths and driveways. I have also realised that the Millennium was nearly 20 years ago!!! As a village we organised such a fantastic family celebration of the New Millennium in the Village Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1999! All the doom and gloom forecast about computer melt down & related services went without a glitch, thank goodness!

We have achieved so much in these last 20 years, which I hope you agree with, but this does not just all happen, it does take a commitment of dedicated trustees of Hanna's Field Charity to keep these facilities operating for everyone in East Hanningfield to enjoy.

We hold Fund Raising events each year to help with continued improvements of these facilities – the Annual Village Fete (Jointly with All Saints Church) and the Annual Art Exhibition. We also have regular Book Sales throughout the year which always have a good turnout. We are doing our bit for recycling and raising money!



***Presents by JIMMY***

We reported the profit on the Village Fete in the last E.H. News and now we are pleased to report the outcome of the Annual Art Exhibition of £1,650, so another very successful event, which would not have been possible without all the wonderful volunteer help we received from everyone to set up and clear away. We thank you all sincerely.

We announced in the Autumn issue that we planned to hold a meeting in October to discuss the 'Fate of the Village Fete' in the future, although we did have to postpone this until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We had communication from a

number of people who were unable to attend, and on the day 20 people came along to debate a way forward for future events, mainly those who have already been involved in past events but a few new faces which was very good to see. It would have been encouraging though to have seen more interest from some new blood in terms of younger village input to become involved with keeping these important facilities going in the future. The outcome of the meeting was that the Village Fete should continue, a meeting was set for 8pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November to start the planning of next year's Fete on 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020. If you would like to be involved please come along to one of our meetings!



**Snowman by  
GEORGE TURNER**

The majority of us have been involved now for 30 – 35 years, so we too were young parents, working and juggling everything but wanting to improve the facilities available in the village to provide suitable facilities for a Pre-School, indoor sports facilities as well as the sports fields for Tennis, Basketball and Football, which were all successful activities in the 70's/80's. To keep these facilities going into the future there does need to be new input to ensure they continue for generations to come.

If you enjoy living in the village of East Hanningfield, please consider seriously what you could offer to help maintain what has been achieved over the last few years for the next generation to reap the benefits of! The future is in your hands.

Wishing You All a Good Christmas and New Year  
from Hanna's Field Charity.

Jenny Mouser  
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I wish you all Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, *Ash*



# VILLAGE DIARY

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## DECEMBER

- Sun 1 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP Advent Sunday at All Saints'Ch  
10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 3 **Black Bin, Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack collection**  
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Fri 6 5.30pm **CHRISTMAS CHOIR** practice at All Saints' Church
- Sun 8 10am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.  
Christingles available in Church-all welcome.  
10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 10 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons collection**
- Wed 11 2pm **WI Meeting** at the WI Hall. Speaker: Mr. M Farley on Henry VIII, Good King Hal.
- Thu 12 2pm **SCHOOL SERVICE** - Reception Class Nativity at All Saints' Church. Parents & families welcome.  
6pm **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE** Meet at Bethel Church.  
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Fri 13 5.30pm **CHRISTMAS CHOIR** practice at All Saints Church
- Sat 14 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church in aid of "Above Us Only Sky"
- Sun 15 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
4.30pm **SANTA'S SLEIGH** arriving at Highfields Mead  
6pm **FAMILY CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 17 **Black Bin, Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack collection**  
6pm **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. All welcome.  
**Last Day of School Term**
- Fri 20 5.30pm **CHRISTMAS CHOIR** practice at All Saints' Church



- Sun 22 4pm **CAROL SERVICE** with donkey at All Saints' Church.  
Carols & candles, mince pies & mulled wine.  
10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 24 **Brown Bin, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons collection**  
2.25-2.50pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park  
4pm **CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE** for children at All Saints' Church. Some costumes available for children who come early.  
11pm **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION** with Rev. Canon Elizabeth Jordan at All Saints' Church.
- Wed 25 10am **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
10am **FAMILY SHORT COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS DAY** (please bring a gift for a child marked with age) at All Saints' Church
- Sun 29 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** including talk about a favourite Christmas present at All Saints' Church  
10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

## JANUARY 2020

- Thu 2 **Black Bin Green Box, Card Sack, Food Waste collections**
- Sun 5 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP-Epiphany- at All Saints' Ch  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 6 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM**
- Wed 8 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons, Food Waste collections**
- Sun 12 10am **MORNING WORSHIP**, child centred for Epiphany, at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 14 **Black Bin Green Box, Card Sack, Food Waste collections**  
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Wed 15 2pm **WI Meeting** with Resolutions at the WI Hall
- Sun 19 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev. Canon Dr. Roger Matthews at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

- Tue 21 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons, Food Waste collections**
- Thu 23 8pm Parish Council Meeting in the 1st floor meeting room in the Village Hall
- Sun 26 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with a healing theme at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 28 **Black Bin Green Box, Card Sack, Food Waste collections**  
10.20am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church
- FEBRUARY 2020**
- Sun 2 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP-Candlemas- at All Saints' Ch  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 4 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons, Food Waste collections**  
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Sun 9 10am **MORNING WORSHIP**, child centred, at All Saints' Ch  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 11 **Black Bin Green Box, Card Sack, Food Waste collections**
- Wed 12 2 pm **GATEAUX & GOSSIP** afternoon at the WI Hall
- Sun 16 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 17 **SCHOOL HALF TERM WEEK**
- Tue 18 **Brown Bin, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons, Food Waste collections**
- Sun 23 10 am **MORNING WORSHIP** with a healing theme at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 25 **Black Bin Green Box, Card Sack, Food Waste collections**  
10.20am **COFFEE MORNING** at Bethel Church  
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Wed 26 12.30 for 1pm **Souper Lunch** at the WI Hall
- Thu 27 8pm **Parish Council Meeting** in the 1st floor meeting room in the Village Hall

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### To contact EAST HANNINGFIELD NhW TEAM:

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☎ Ch 400628

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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The pantomime season will soon be here and I wonder what your favourite one is? We all like a good story with characters representing good and evil, and those who are often a bit of fun like the panto dame. There is nothing like laughter for making us feel better.

There has been so much 'stuff,' going on and now we have an election in the Christmas season. So I do hope it will not detract from our opportunity to enjoy this unique time of year. Whatever our thoughts and beliefs, it is an opportunity to think of humanities good will to one another, instead of disagreements and differences. A time to give gifts, think of others, be together and do things we may not do at other times, like singing carols, watching a child's nativity play, eating Christmas food and having parties.



**Christmas Cracker by a  
Class 4 pupil**



**Angel by HARRIET  
FITZMAURICE**

The Christmas story never loses its meaning, it remembers ordinary folk, those with not much money, those who have to obey laws with sometimes difficult consequences, those who have to travel far afield when they would rather not, those who have to face pain and rejection, but a little kindness too. The innkeeper's wife who comes to the rescue of Mary, gives us hope that people are kind to one another and do make sacrifices to help. The message is one of love & like the Christmas pantomime, good overcomes evil, with a room being found despite the crowded town of Bethlehem, & the family escape Herod's wrath.



*Cicely Mary Barker*

I wonder what is going on in your life at the moment. I hope you will feel able to take in a little of the awe and wonder of the season, little children dressing up, carols with lovely words and heart string pulling tunes, happy faces enjoying parties and unwrapping presents, twinkling lights all around in the dreary darkness of November and December, an extra sense of good will. We do need this after all that has gone on in the year & we must not let the election pandemonium destroy it.

‘Love came down at Christmas,’ says the carol and indeed it did. God had promised all through the Old Testament he would send a Saviour to the people who would help make a better world. He made things

better because he showed us an exemplary way to live, and offered us the chance to ask for forgiveness and compassion when things go wrong. There have always been hard times, to have an upfront loving God does make it better, because he is always there using us as vehicles to show his love and compassion, so we are there to do what is needed, be the inn keepers wife or the shepherd with what gift he could muster. The practical Joseph, or the wise kings from afar. They all played their part and we can too.

One of the Christian values on the school hall wall, is responsibility, others include community and courage. There are two events that these apply to at present , the Saturday morning meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am to try and get support to run another fete, I hope this will have been successful. This magazine may not get to you until after this event, but it will not be too late to offer your services to your community. The second is Midnight Communion at church. Lots of people ask me about this service but few come. Last year we only had 14 people. This year I shall start it at 11pm but it will still be midnight before we finish. If we do not get a good congregation this will be the last one at our church after many years, possibly another tradition lost in our community.



For our society to continue some of its traditions it will require effort on our part. Others have done their part for many years, now it may be our turn. We need to think about what we really value.

So this Christmas enjoy the things that mean most to you, as well as taking a little time out to reflect on the meaning of this annual event in our lives, and what our Christian heritage means to us. Sometimes we forget the importance of events, until they are gone, when it is too late. I hope we may see something of you in church at one of our services, and whether you are old or young, a child or an adult, there is a service there for you to savour and think about Christmas. Not to think



**Joy to the World!**

of the commercial things, but those feelings, words, stories, music which encourage us to have hope for the future, to know we are loved and to feel a part of a large Christian family, which stretches across the world. Jesus, our Saviour, who was born as one of us, did not arrive at election time but something similar, in that a huge census was going on, so the Romans knew numbers for all the Empire they had conquered. Perhaps the election will remind us that turmoil has always been in the world & that if God did not forget his people then, he will not forget them now.

Have a happy and blessed Christmas and do come and see us in church!

Canon Christine

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**Christmas Tree by  
ERIKA WATSON**



## **BETHEL CHURCH—What is at the heart of Christmas?**

For three wealthy sons it was giving Christmas presents.

*One year the first gave their elderly mother a new house. The second gave a new car. But, when asked, the third said, “you know mother likes reading the Bible, but now can’t see very well. So I’ve found her a parrot that recites Bible passages. He’s been amazingly trained.”*

*After Christmas the old lady wrote “thank you” letters. To the first son she wrote: “Thank you so much for the house. Sadly, it is rather too large. I much prefer my small flat.” To the second she wrote: “Thank you so much for the car. Sadly, my failing eyesight means I can no longer drive.” But to the third she wrote as follows: “Dear Donald, You have the good sense to know exactly what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious.”*

Presents can disappoint. Of course, the heart of Christmas is not about giving presents but an anniversary. Each time you write the date you acknowledge that 2019 years ago, Jesus Christ was born. Christmas celebrates his birth because, as the Apostle John said in John 1:14:

*“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Christmas was when God entered our world as both fully God and fully man in the person of Jesus Christ. And Jesus said:

*“for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.” (John 18.37)*

When it comes to buying Christmas presents, it is often said that it’s far better to give than receive. We hope this year, that the reverse is in fact true for you; that you receive the gift of Jesus Christ in your heart.

Please come and join us for our evening **Family Carol Service** on Sunday 15 December at 6.00pm. We are also joining with our friends at All Saints Church for **Christmas Carols around the village** on Thursday 12 December (meeting at Bethel Church at 6.00pm). So please dig out your lanterns, wrap up warm and come and sing some of those wonderful carols together. Also, you are warmly invited to pop into our **Christmas Café Bar** on Saturday 14 December, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Other dates are in the Village Diary.



As we enter the festive season, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a **very happy, healthy and joyful Christmas** from all your friends at **Bethel Evangelical Church.**

Roydon Hearne ☎ 400665

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Role Play - Themed Crafts - Baby Change - Small World  
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We are open term time and through the holidays, where we welcome older siblings.



Hanna's Tots is a voluntary run, non-profit play group for the local community. We ask for a donation of £2.50 per family per session with refreshments included.

Families from outside the village are always welcome.

Hanna's Tots at East Hanningfield Village Hall  
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## What we've been up to...



We celebrated the opening of the playschool 50 years ago and some of the original staff came in to see us and one made us a lovely cake with our new logo on the top. You might recognise some faces from the village in the photo.

Serene completed the Fun Walk at Barleylands in September to raise valuable funds for the Preschool. Thank you to all who sponsored her.

The children have had a busy term learning about all the different people who help us. Canon Christin kindly came in to talk to the children about harvest and how God created the world. We collected some food for Harvest and Christine passed this on to a local family.

We are now busy with our preparations for Christmas, including learning lots of new songs for our Christmas production at the end of term. This will be followed by a visit from Father Christmas with a sack full of presents for the children. On our last day of term we will be holding a Christmas Party for all the very excited children.

We still have some vacancies for next term. If you would like to find out more about the Pre-school see opposite, take a look at our website or if you would like to visit please contact us by phone or email.

Sue, ☎ 077329 51613 ✉ [ehps1@live.co.uk](mailto:ehps1@live.co.uk)

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ramme Hi Di Hi, in November & Michael Farley on Henry VIII at our December meeting.

We are again inflicting our presence on Scotland in November. You may remember some of us took a Lochs and Glens holiday which was an absolute fun packed adventure. Our driver for the week said he had never enjoyed the weeklong trip so much with laughter and constant banter. I think it was genuine. We are going to the Edinburgh side this time and I shall have the opportunity of seeing Murrayfield again. I am a long loyal fan & was there in February for the 6 Nations.



We conclude the year with our Christmas Lunch at the Chimes, Rettendon Bell. I think Roy likes the challenge. It only leaves me to add the W.I.'s sincere best wishes to you all for a happy & fun filled Christmas. We will be back in the New Year. In the meantime, take care.

Best wishes

Flora Virgoe, President ☎ 400073

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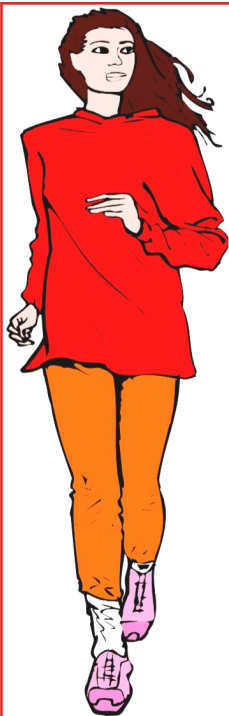
To the individuals who have kindly purchased and donated dog food and supplied scarves and a couple of dogs beds and Chelmsford food bank have also supported with a generous donation of dog food.

I plan to deliver the boxes, which comprise of at least a week's worth of food, dog treat biscuits and handmade toy, early December to Sanctus and Cool to be kind, both of these organisations support people in times of need in the Chelmsford area. Hopefully having one less expense will allow them a little spare cash for Christmas.

I hope to be able to provide support whenever I can, so if you have any food your dog won't eat or unwanted beds, toys, I will gratefully collect them. Have a 'Waggy' Christmas all !



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The autumn term is always extremely busy in school and this year has been no exception! The school has been developing its mission statement & deciding on the key Christian values that will inform the curriculum & direct all that we do. The school stakeholders have agreed these to be, compassion, courage, responsibility, respect & community.

Directly relating to these, the school was proud to lay a wreath at the Remembrance service to show our respects and thanks to the fallen soldiers in all the wars that have helped shape our futures. The children were interested to learn about soldiers from the village and their histories and to see their names on the monument.



The children are working really hard to put on some amazing Christmas performances for all their adults. It's only when you work behind the scenes that you realise the extent of the organising that goes into each and every one of these performances so I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff, volunteers and not forgetting our wonderful parents who are currently supporting with finding costumes, making props or even supporting with learning lines. It is massively appreciated.



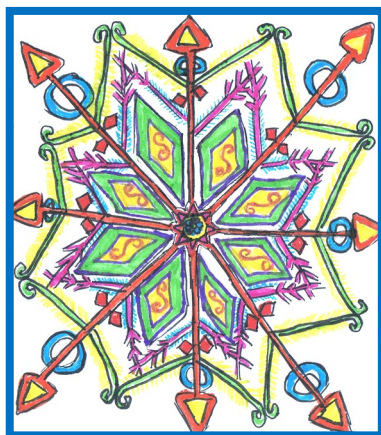
*Santa by  
HARRY WILTSHIRE*

For the first time we are having our Reception Class perform a traditional Nativity Story in the church. This will be a fantastic performance and I am sure many tears will be shed and we will all be left with lots of Christmas spirit. Alongside Reception we will also be having our Kingfisher class perform carols in the church for their parents. Owl Class are confidently practising their performance which will be one of the first using our new staging



that was purchased from our Friends Association.

It has been wonderful term, not at least as we are continuing to develop our community links by performing for the pre-school and singing in the local care home and also having some special visitors in to enjoy our Christmas lunch. We hope to continue to build these relationships further – if you are a member of the community or a local group and would like to work with the school in some capacity please get in touch.



*Snow Crystal by  
EDWARD WORF KIRK*

Have a fantastic Christmas with best wishes from all at East Hanningfield CE Primary.

Lisa Waters, Headteacher

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# EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Walking over to the Village Shop this morning, I was met by a blast of real cold north wind crossing our fields. It's that time of year when the winter warmers need to see the light of day.

First of all, a really big thank you to everyone who made cakes for the W.I. Stall at this year's Village Fete and a further big thank you to all those who purchased the very tempting offerings. Our little cakes free to the little people were also a great success.

We had a speaker in July who stunned our ladies into shocked silence. If his topic had not been so serious it would have been an outstanding achievement. Gary Smith informed us of the work of the Medaille Trust, Modern Slavery. After mentioning the Countries, we felt were on traffickers hit list. We were shocked to find that Britain is the No 1 destination in the world and hundreds of young people lose their lives every year trying to reach us. This of course highlighted recently in our own County. The Trust seeks to find these exploited young people who are often set to work long hours in nail bars or car washes and other areas I will not mention. The vast majority do not speak English, it most certainly is not what they or their families were



**Snowman by VIOLET STEVENS**

promised. The Medaille Trust seek them out, take them into care, clothe, feeds and rehomes them with a job or return them to their family. People who are profiting from them often evade the Police and continue their practice elsewhere. In the New Year your W.I. is going to help support this charity. We are hopeful that our sister W.I.'s will also help support this work. I will be giving details how we can all do this in the next News.

As always the W.I. met some very interesting people at the Art Show who kindly stopped and had re-

freshments and a natter with us on the Saturday and Sunday. This is a really nice opportunity to make contact not only with people from our own village but from the surrounding area. Our very grateful thanks go to our ladies and neighbours in the village who helped to provide home make cakes. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £200 towards the upkeep of our hall and the survival of the W.I. A big Thank You.

Can I hear you say 'what about the trauma teddies?' They are turning out to be a massive success story. One of the W.I.'s that come to our lunches took up the challenge to help us & turned up recently with over 200. The Ambulance Service & three hospitals have already benefitted from these contributions. Fire Service is next on our list. We have had a tremendous number of requests from other Counties. So, we are now trying to launch this nationwide. We are asking if you have relatives or friends in another County who are acquainted with either a W.I. or a Knitting Group to send them our patterns for Trauma Teddies and Twiddle Muffs (still wanted by Care Homes and Dementia Wards in Hospitals), and see if they will knit these very simple things and distribute them through their local services to where they are needed. We have these patterns going to Ireland, Australia and Canada at present. There are no boundaries for East Hanningfield W.I.

Our sincere thanks go to Wendy & Malcolm Thomas for the loan of their garden for this year's August garden party. It is such an important meeting on our calendar it gives our ladies time to chat, something that we sometimes miss out on at our busy meetings. I also want to thank both Wendy and Jenny Mouser who fund a fantastic afternoon tea. Ladies and Gentleman, we are most grateful for your generosity.

We finish 2019 with talks by David Webb, a Yellow coat in the prog-



**Tree by ISABELLE KINGCOTT**

## J. GARD CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENARY



J Gard & Sons Ltd, was established in 1919 by Jack Gard. He had moved to Chelmsford from Debford to work as a timber handler. After learning the trade he set up a business in 1919 from a site in Beehive Lane, Chelmsford and started chopping and selling firewood, which at the time was an essential commodity.

In 1921 the business expanded, and more land was obtained, a small mill was built in order to retail timber, fencing and sheds. As the company grew it moved on to a greenfield site in Baddow Road, which is now Parkway, long before the Army and Navy roundabout was built. Gards continued trading through the good times and the bad, even having to dismantle their own racks to sell as lengths of timber during World War II and survived the recessions over the years. Through the 100 years the company has remained a family business which it continues with Kevin Gard, the great grandson of the founder, having worked through the business, now one of the Directors carrying the company forward into the next 100 Years.



*Harold Gard Son of the founder Jack Gard*



*The East Hanningfield premises*

Martyn Gard, Managing Director and grandson of the founder brought the company to new premises in East Hanningfield in 2005 as it had far outgrown the site on Parkway and with ever increasing traffic at the Ar-



my and Navy relocating once again was the only way the company would be able to continue developing its business.

The East Hanningfield site offered adequate customer parking enabling trading well into the future. Now one of the largest independent timber merchants in Essex, Gards serves both trade & the general public. Good customer service has always been key to the business &



***Gards staff with the Oak feature commissioned to celebrate 100 Years***

friendly, knowledgeable staff is what sets them apart from Superstores. Gard's staff celebrated the 100 Year anniversary with a weekend away at the Potters Resort in Norfolk this year, and customers have been given celebration free gifts, together with goodie bags with every delivery, throughout the course of the year.

Keeping up to date with the latest technology along with sticking to traditional values is foremost to the company and it hopes to launch a full online service later on this year along with a new user-friendly website. Martyn Gard has always prided himself on good customer service and stands by his father's motto that ***"a satisfied customer is our best advertisement"***.

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