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## **COVER PHOTO**

Hedgehogs coming out of hibernation are hungry and very thirsty, so if your garden is frequented by this prick-



ly visitor, please ensure there is water to drink and you can also leave dog or cat food out for them to eat. You can be quite inventive creating a place for the hedgehog to eat which the local cats can't access!

Just in case there are still people about who think they should feed them bread and milk, please note they can't digest milk so it causes diarrhoea, which can lead to dehydration and death.

## PARISH COUNCIL

After two years without one, due to Covid restrictions, PC has decided to restart the Village Tidy. This is the Saturday morning, when lots of volunteers join together to clear the litter from the village and surrounding roads. If you would like to join in, please be at the Village Hall car park at **9am** on **14th. May** to collect a sack, picker, gloves and hi-vis vest. If you have your own, or have borrowed some from PC, please bring them along with you.

We have also had an extended break from arranging the Annual Parish Meeting, which is a meeting for all electors in the Parish. We usually have reports from local groups at the APM, and after a two year break there will be a lot of catching up to do. Please make a note of the date: **Wednesday, 11th. May**. The Meeting will start at **7.30pm** and is expected to take place in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, unless Covid rules prevent.

The village seems to have had more than its fair share of roadworks/ closures lately. The footway works just south of the Tye should be finished on 4th. March, but more is to come. Old Barn Lane is to be closed from its junction with South Hanningfield Road to its junction with Tileworks Lane for 22 days from 9th. March for duct installation by Interoute. Creephedge Lane will be closed on 23rd. March from 9.30am until 3.30pm for pole testing. You can see all planned roadworks at <https://one.network>

As part of a Countywide review of the Essex bus network, Passenger Transport at the County Council would like to get your views on how the local bus network could be improved. An online public survey has been launched to get the views of bus users and non-users on the bus network. To comment on the bus network in the Chelmsford area please go to <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/bus-network-reviews-chelmsford> . Other districts in the county have their own surveys: just change the name at the end of the url.

Back In November there was a planning application which would have increased the amount of housing to be built on the plot between Back Lane and

Old Church Road to 28. PC has been informed that the planning application has been withdrawn, but the existing permission for 26 units (houses and flats) still stands.

Aware that the expected new housing at South Woodham Ferrers could well cause an increase in traffic through the village, PC requested a traffic count to be taken roughly half way between the Tye/ Old Church Road junction and the southern village gate. The intention being to establish the amount of traffic before the arrival of the housing so that a comparison can be made once it has been built. PC also wanted to establish whether the perception when standing at this point, that traffic is speeding, is an illusion or accurate.

The count took place from 16th to 22nd October inclusive. Over the seven day period 15,654 northbound vehicles were logged and 14,496 southbound. A large part of the difference between the two is explained by the Friday afternoon northbound peak from 15:00 to 17:00 when over 450 vehicles an hour were recorded. Weekday peaks were between 07:45 & 08:00 and 17:15 & 17:30 in both directions, but you probably already know that!

The suspicion that vehicles travel faster when there is less traffic is borne out by the figures. Fifty percent or more vehicles were travelling at 36mph or above, northbound between 19:00 and 05:00, and between 16:00 and 08:00 southbound. The proportions of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit were 74.4% northbound and 84.6% southbound over the seven days. The peak average northbound daytime speed was 41.6mph at 08:30 on Sunday 17th. October, whilst the peak average southbound speed was 40.9mph at 07:45 on Saturday 16th. October (based on 15min averages between 07:00 and 19:00). The highest average speeds happened in the early hours of the Monday morning, 03:00 & 04:00 northbound and 00:00 & 04:00 southbound. No daytime (07:00-19:00) average speeds reached 36mph, and none of the 24 hourly averages northbound, but of the 24 hourly averages southbound only Wednesday and Thursday were below 36mph. Over the whole period 74.4% of northbound vehicles and 84.6% of southbound vehicles exceeded the 30mph speed limit.

Still on the subject of numbers, when you receive your council tax bill for 2022-3 you should see that the amount allocated to PC has not ris-

en. This is because PC was able to take advantage of the higher tax base, to keep the same amount asked from households the same as last year while actually receiving £567 more. If you are interested and would like to find out how PC spends your money, you can see the budget calculations which are appended to the Minutes of the December PC Meeting, on PC's website under 'Publications'.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to book a visit by the City Council's Play in the Park team during the Easter holiday. The City Council has continued the arrangement, which began during the pandemic, that visits to sites will be full days instead of mornings or afternoons. This began because the team was disinfecting all the equipment during the lunch break and therefore didn't have time to pack up and move to another site. It has meant that not all parishes that wanted to participate could be accommodated. We have had better luck with the summer break and are also on a list to take advantage of any cancellations that might occur.

I often say this, but if you have a hedge with a footway beside it, please go and check that the path is walkable and the hedge is not forcing pedestrians into the road. It is easiest to cut back vegetation before bud burst, when the cuttings don't take up so much space in your brown bin.

Although there has been much lobbying of government to legalise remote meetings for local government, as yet HMG hasn't found the time, so for the foreseeable future PC will be holding face to face meetings or not at all. The Meeting dates for 2022 have been agreed, and all but December's will be on the **fourth Thursday** of each month, at 8pm in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. As the internal door will be locked please enter through the door at the northern end of the building beside the overflow car park.

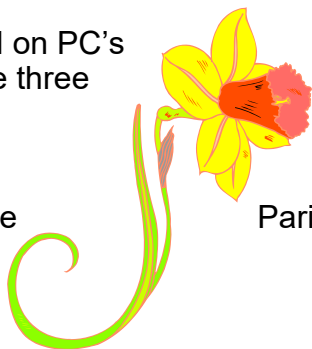
As with the Minutes the Agenda can be found on PC's website under 'Publications', and appear there three clear days before the Meeting.

Karen Plumridge,

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# COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As from the 1st of April the running of the Recycle Centres will change. They are currently managed by Veolia, but the contract has ceased, and a decision has been made to bring the contract in house. All the staff are being transferred and you should see no change. However, having said that the Council has had to purchase new skips, bins, compactors, and other equipment so there may be a few hiccups. Let me know if you experience any problems and I will certainly take it up.

At a recent police briefing it was disturbing to hear household burglaries are creeping up having dropped during lockdown. Please make sure your home is as secure as possible and the garden shed is locked or has some sort of alarm fitted. The encouraging news from the police is that recruitment is going well, and numbers are getting back to 2010 levels. I am due to meet up with the Chelmsford Chief Inspector shortly and will be taking up our concerns. One issue is the lack of incident data from the police and communication to parish councils

I am getting an abnormal number of complaints of streetlights not working - I guess this is something to do with the time of year. In the first instance please use the " Report it Tool " on the Council's website and if this is a problem let me know and I will deal with it. Each lamp post has a number - please include the location and number when reporting.

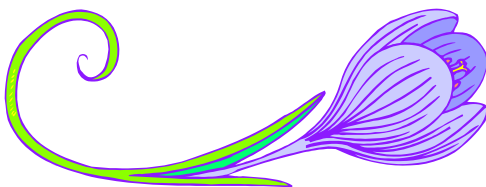
The Council is slowly returning to face-to-face meetings and some sort of normality. This is to be welcomed and can only improve communications.

If I can help on any issue, please contact me.

Ian Grundy

 07920286384

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## CITY COUNCILLOR

Arguments for and against solar farms are finely balanced. There is a need for increased electricity from renewable sources and also a need to protect the countryside and local residents from visual intrusion and loss of valuable farmland. The City Council faces this choice, not just in East Hanningfield but also in a vast project at Boreham/Great Leighs/Terling. This is a major infrastructure project which can only be determined by Government although the City Council is a consultee.

Locally a new scheme has been approved either side of the A414 coming up Danbury hill from the direction of Chelmsford. A large scheme has been refused mainly on green belt grounds alongside the old A130 in East Hanningfield. A smaller scheme designed to provide electricity to the water works has recently been approved.

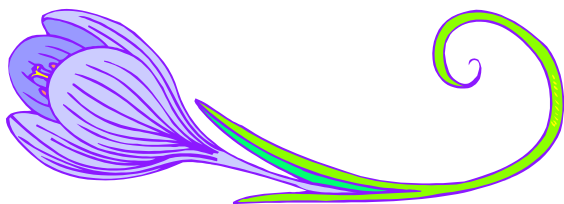
The third East Hanningfield proposal and the most controversial is an application for a solar farm at Hill Farm alongside Pan Lane. This is on rising ground and will be visible from some distance. There will also be an impact on local properties. The Parish Council has made well argued objections which I support. I am in regular contact with planning officers and am strongly opposed to this third application in the village. If necessary, I will arrange for it to be determined by the planning committee at Chelmsford. This will give local residents the opportunity to present their views direct to planning committee members. I am not expecting a determination of this proposal before April.

I am willing to call on local residents and businesses. Just send me an email or give me a ring to make arrangements. Keep safe.

Richard Poulter

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Local Crime:** There seems to have been little to report since the spate of burglary/intruder incidents in November in Bicknacre Road/Highfields Mead areas. All the same, whilst the dark evenings are here houses are more vulnerable and simple security measures around your house, plus steps to make your house look occupied when you are away, are a wise precaution.

There are, as we go to press, 5 or more cases of graffiti on the walls of residents' houses in Coude Dennis & at the Village Hall taking the form of a black spray painted "CM3" tag. The same graffiti but more extensive also appeared on the roof of the Youth Shelter on Hanna's Field.

Graffiti whether on public or private property if it is done without the owner's permission is a criminal act under the Criminal Damage Act 1971 and offenders can be punished with an unlimited fine. Whilst graffiti is widespread in parts of some towns it can make neighbourhoods appear dirty and run down and removing it is expensive. Thanks to a public-spirited offer by Ken Hart and Hanna's Field Charity at the Hall, the graffiti has been removed quickly as it has no place in our village or anywhere in the parish. A report has been provided to Essex Police.

There has been another case of small scale but annoying fly tipping in Pan Lane since the December issue News. You may have noticed in the news that the government has announced plans to tackle what the head of the Environment Agency has called the "new narcotics" of fly-tipping and waste crime. There were 1.13 million fly-tipping incidents in England in 2020-21, a rise of 16% on the previous 12 months so, as we have seen here in the parish, it is a growing problem. The cost has been estimated to be a £1bn a year for local councils. The government says its reforms will address flaws in the Environment Agency's Carrier, Broker and Dealer registration scheme (CBD). If you want someone to come to your house and pick up an old sofa or rubbish, they are supposed to be registered on the CBD database, and you should be able to go online to check they are legal. You are liable yourself to prosecution if you use a carrier who subsequently fly-tips your refuse so it pays to be aware of the law.



A reminder there are a number of ways of reporting crime depending on circumstances - these are:

☎ 999 (if you see something suspicious or a crime in progress).

☎ 101 (for non-urgent incidents) OR report it on line:

🏠 <https://www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

☎ 0800 555 111 (for Crimestoppers anonymous)

**Cyber Crime:** The government was at odds with the UK statistics authority for claiming in February crime had fallen by 14%. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) confirmed that whilst some crime fell during the pandemic it has been more than offset by increases in fraud and cyber crime as there has been an explosion of “phishing” scams and fraud. These criminal set-ups are often slick and professional and it’s very easy to be caught out so if in any doubt at all ignore the message, or the email link/attachment, or if it’s a call, just hang up. If you think you may have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime you should report this to:

☎ 0300 123 2040 and press 9.

🏠 <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

Forward suspicious emails to the National Cyber Security Centre

🏠 [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Forward suspicious/scams text message to: free-of-charge short code 7726 (enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action if malicious).

You can talk to a Scams Action adviser at Citizens Advice Bureau by calling [0808 250 5050](tel:08082505050), Weekdays (9am -5pm) or report it on their web-site): <https://ssl.datamotion.com/form.aspx?co=3438&frm=scam&to=scamsaction>

## RECENT SCAM ALERTS:

**PayPal:** two fake emails circulating using the company’s branding and its typical email layout, in the PayPal domain to make them seem more legitimate, and advising your account has been frozen or that there is a security concern with the account. Recipient is asked to click on a fake PayPal link to give personal and account details to the scammer.

**British Gas.** A phishing email purporting to be from



British Gas, stating that customers' bills are overdue and need paying. It attempts to extort the recipient's account details by urging them to click through to fake websites.

**Eon Energy.** A phishing email purporting to be from Eon saying person is due an energy bill refund and asks the recipient to provide personal and bank account details to the scammer.

**Nat West Bank.** This time, text message stating that 'a new device has been registered', aiming to send recipients through to a website that has nothing to do with the bank.

**Santander.** A fake text message suggesting new direct debits have been set up and attempts to trick people into clicking links potentially loaded with spyware. It's attempting to panic you into following its own URL link.

**NhW Organisation & Email Alerts:** About 130 residents receive 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 members meet quarterly by zoom or face to face. The next meeting is Wednesday 20 April - contact NhW email address below if you would like to join us (we'd like to hear from anyone interested in joining us from Coude Dennis estate).

NHW's property marking kit is available on loan for anyone interested.

**Community Speed Watch: (CSW)** volunteers operate under the EH NhW umbrella. - CSW is part of the overall police strategy to deter speeding, the main cause of road accidents/fatalities.

### **Volunteer Appeal Success!**

Thank you to the two residents who have volunteered to help. If there is anyone else interested in helping on the occasional basis contact EH NhW via email: [NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com](mailto:NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com)

No qualifications needed - training and insurance provided (and the high viz jacket).

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.  
✉ [NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com](mailto:NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com).





Her Majesty The Queen's  
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1952 - 2022

This year the May Bank Holiday will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day bank holiday weekend created to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone.

This special bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities up and down the country to come together to celebrate the Queen's historic milestone.

Twenty two years ago some villagers organised a New Year Millennium event in the Village Hall. There was no charge for the Hall on that occasion and it was a great success with everyone then taking responsibility for clearing up the next morning. A similar event could be possible for the Jubilee if there were organisations and people in the Parish who wanted to arrange something like this again? It could be an afternoon or evening event and outside or in the Hall.

Hanna's Field Charity doesn't have the manpower or resources to organise it (our hands are full enough getting a Village Fete ready for Sat 9 July plus other fundraising events) but the Charity will provide the Hall and field facilities F.O.C. to any group wanting to organise a community celebration for the Jubilee weekend (we are keeping the Hall and Field clear of any other use to allow this).

If there are groups or individuals who would like to get together to organise such a community celebration please contact HFC to express your interest.

Jenny Mouser, Chairperson. HFC 01245 400411



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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY- VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

So far into 2022 we have been lucky to have had a mild start to the year. Hopefully with the easing of restrictions we can look forward to a better year ahead. We are planning the Charity's **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday 27th April**. This is an opportunity for the public to find out about how the Charity is run and to raise any issues. Look out for the publicity nearer the time.

The last Book Sale in December was a joint event with the Playgroup displaying a lot of second-hand toys for sale, unfortunately it was not very well attended overall, perhaps on reflection too close to Christmas, with people shopping for other things. Our next scheduled **Book Sale and Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 10am to 12.30pm, with plenty of new pre-loved books to choose from.

We have finally managed to be able to put more granite chippings on the Overflow Car Park to help the surface during wet weather (the chippings apparently come from Norway and were delayed in getting to UK). Fingers crossed this will provide a better all-weather surface.

We hope that the locking of the Sports Courts has been appreciated by those who genuinely want to use them safely in this enclosed area, with people taking responsibility for their individual keys and unlocking and re-locking when finished, although already one of the padlocks has gone walk about! Many thanks to both David Bell and Mike Plumridge for all their hard work to make this area safe and distributing keys to people that requested them.

Sadly, there has been some damage with 'Graffiti' on a number of houses on the Coude Dennis estate and also the end wall of the Village Hall and Youth Shelter on the field. If anyone has any CCTV evidence of this, they can pass onto us, this would be very helpful as it has been reported to the police, and they would be able to prosecute if evidence was given. We are very grateful to the villager Ken Hart (Cleaning Driveways) who has successfully removed this now from the houses in Coude Dennis and from the Village Hall, very many thanks. The roof of the Youth Shelter though has had to be re-painted, which Ken has also done for us, well done. We have been lucky in recent

years with not too much vandalism, but we can never be complacent, and we all need to be vigilant to keep this a lovely village to live in.

With the easing of restrictions, we have been able to start planning future fund-raising events which you will see explained under the separate report for the **Village Fete** in July and **Fireworks** in the Autumn. We hope as well to be able to hold the annual **Art Exhibition & Sale** in October. We are delighted to confirm that Bond Residential Estate Agents have agreed again to provide boards advertising these events. Just so good to be able to feel more confident in planning events again, things we took for granted prior to 2020!

And finally, we have the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** in June – do you think we should hold our own celebration in the Village? 22 years ago, for the New Year of the Millennium, villagers organised a special event where the Hall was offered F.O.C. and a number of people (not HFC) organised for families/friends (including children) to have their own table (8/10 people) and provide their own food and drinks (eliminating the requirement of a Licence) one person then hired DJ equipment and provided the music, (the cost of this was then shared with those who attended by making a charge per table booked). It was a great success with everyone then taking responsibility for clearing up the next morning. A similar event could be possible if there are enough people out there to get together and organise. This could be a late afternoon/evening event planned for outside but also using the small hall and kitchen, (with the backup of the large hall if weather is bad) the HFC BBQ's could also be used for people to cook their own meat etc. and either live or recorded music organised for the event. If there are enough people who would like to get together and organise such an occasion, please contact me to express your interest in taking this forward. (Unfortunately, this is not an event that HFC can take on organising themselves with their commitment to fund raising events already planned).



Jenny Mouser – Chairperson – 01245 400411

**Just a footnote:** With the easing of restrictions, bookings for the Hall facilities are taking off quite quickly, so do contact Jess Crow as soon as possible if you are thinking of making a booking for 2022. To make an enquiry call 400965 or email [jessbell20@hotmail.com](mailto:jessbell20@hotmail.com)

## FETE & FIREWORKS

The group planning for this year's Village Fete and quiet Fireworks would like to apologise to **Bond Residential Estate Agents**. Bond actively and generously supported the Firework Fun event in 2021, providing promotion on their boards, following the Art Exhibition.

We neglected to thank Bond Residential for their support in our previous article in the Winter EH News, this was a complete oversight & for this we would like to apologise to Steve & his team at Bond. The ongoing support by Bond Residential for all village events is invaluable & we look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship. The Fete Committee are currently preparing for the Fete & Fireworks 2022. Please keep the dates free in your diary:

**Village Fete: Saturday 9th July 2022**  
**Fireworks: Sunday 30th October 2022**

If anyone would like to volunteer to help at either event (preparation, during the event, post event) please contact Jackie Feehan [jackie@feehan.org](mailto:jackie@feehan.org) so that we can keep a list of people on file and contact you nearer to time.

If you are a resident of the parish or have a village connection & would like a stall at the fete, please contact Melanie Mavers [melanie.mavers@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.mavers@gmail.com) – please note numbers for these stalls are very limited.

If you would be happy to have a Bond residential promotional board on your property, please also contact Melanie as above.

We are talking to sponsors who have so far been very generous, supporting both the Fete and Fireworks. We have the food booked and arrangements for the bar are in progress. We are hoping to make both the village fete and the quiet Fireworks successful, raising money for Hannas Field Charity and All Saints church.

We hope we can count on your support.



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# VILLAGE DIARY

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**MARCH**

- Tue 1 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**  
**SHROVE TUESDAY** - Pancake day
- Wed 2 **ASH WEDNESDAY** Lent begins
- Thu 3 7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Sun 6 9am **BCP COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church. During March we will be praying for all those in Back Lane and The Chase.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 8 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**
- Thu 10 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church
- Sat 12 10am-12.30pm **BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING** in the
- Sun 13 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 15 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**  
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Wed 16 2pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room, Village Hall
- Thu 17 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church
- Sun 20 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 22 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**
- Thu 24 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church  
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the Village Hall 1st floor meeting room.
- Sun 27 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY.** All welcome to join us for this service. All mothers and carers can receive a posy of flowers. Do come.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

- Tues 29 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
- Thu 31 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church
- APRIL**
- Fri 1 **LAST DAY OF TERM EHPS & SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sun 3 9am **BCP COMMUNION**, at All Saints' Church. During April we will be praying for all those who live in Bicknacre Road and Scarles Croft.  
10.45am **SUNDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 5 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**  
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park
- Thu 7 7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 9.30am **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. Please note the earlier time. Do join us for this special service with the donkey as it leads us around the church and receive a palm cross.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 12 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons**
- Thu 14 7.30pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY** at All Saints' Church. We will be joined by friends from Bethel Church.
- Fri 15 10am **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
12 Noon **GOOD FRIDAY** a quiet service at All Saints' Church to think about why and how Jesus died on the cross.
- Sun 17 10am **EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION** at All Saint's Church. All welcome to join us, with activities for the children and an easter egg hunt in the churchyard after the service.  
10.45am **EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 19 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS**
- Wed 20 **BACK TO SCHOOL SANDON SCHOOL**  
2pm **WI MEETING** in the Village Hall 1st floor meeting room.

Thu 21 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church

Sun 24 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR ST. GEORGE'S DAY**

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 26 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**

2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park

Wed 27 8pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY AGM** Village Hall

Thu 28 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church

8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the Village Hall 1st floor meeting room

## MAY

Sun 1 9am **BCP COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church. In May we will be praying for all those in Bridon Close and Pease Place.

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 3 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**

Thu 5 7.45 pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church

Sun 8 3pm **CANON CHRISTINE'S LEAVING SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. All welcome to attend to say our goodbyes to her, with tea/coffee & cake. No morning service.

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 10 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**

Wed 11 7.30pm **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** - the Meeting for all electors of the parish of East Hanningfield. Village Hall 1st floor meeting room

Thu 12 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church

Sat 12 9am **VILLAGE TIDY** Meet at the Village Hall car park to collect equipment. Wear stout shoes or boots!.

Sun 15 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 17 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**

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Wed 18 2pm **WI MEETING** in the Village Hall 1st floor meeting room

- Thu 19 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church
- Sun 22 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 24 **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
- Thu 26 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY SERIES: ISAIAH** at Bethel Church  
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the Village Hall 1st
- Sun 29 10am **SUNG MATINS** at All Saints Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 31 **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**



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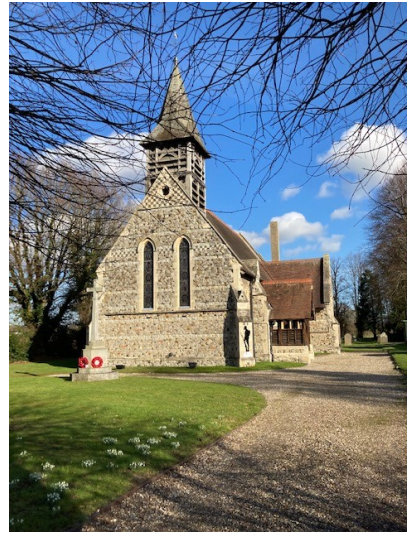
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# **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

## **CANON CHRISTINE**

Dear Friends,

As you will see in this magazine, our church notes have been done by Rev. Suzy Edmundson who will be your new lead minister from 9<sup>th</sup> May. I will have been at East Hanningfield for just over 7 years in May, and with another birthday on the horizon it is time for me to retire, helping out on an occasional basis, to cover for my friends in ministry, for things like holidays or illness.



Of course, this is tinged with more than a little sadness, as I have enjoyed my time at All Saints', and it has been a privilege to be your minister over these years. I guess more than anything I will miss the school and the children and assemblies, and all the things we have done together, sadly stopped from time to time by covid. The children give you an energy and inspiration that cannot be found elsewhere, though I am sure as parents this can be very tiring at times!

East Hanningfield, as a village, is a very special place to be, it is very well kept and cared for and the community of school, Hanna's Field Charity and the church work very well together. You should all be very proud of what you do and contribute to community life. I have been very grateful for the friendships I have made and the generosity of people in supporting us when we really need it.

I am sure you will all go on from strength to strength, and I leave things in safe hands with Suzy and those who serve on the Parochial Church Council. You have a lovely little church which is very popular for weddings and baptisms, so please continue to support it and attend services when you can. You will find friendly people, and easy acceptance. It is not a place that stands on ceremony, and we love to see folk and do not mind children having a little wander in church.

I wish everyone well and hope you will all continue to work and sup-



port each other. **My leaving service will be at 3pm on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at church, with light refreshments of tea and cake to follow. I do hope many of you will come along.**

My thanks and love to all, Canon Christine

## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH—REV'D SUZY**

Dear Friends, As this is my first article in the East Hanningfield News, since joining Canon Christine here at All Saints' church in February 2021, I haven't had the chance to get to know many of you outside the church, due to the Covid restrictions. Therefore, by way of an introduction I thought I'd tell you a bit about myself.

I'm Rev'd. Suzy Edmundson, with many years of ministry experience, firstly as Lay minister since 2003 and then as Clergy since 2018. I haven't been brought up in the church - far from it, and even now I've spent more years without knowing God than I've spent with him. I have 3 children, Emily is single, Richard is married with 2 children (Joey and Isabel), and Charlotte my youngest is also married. None of them live locally, although they all grew up in Bicknacre where I still live. Sadly I lost my husband John to cancer almost 9 years ago now. I look forward to getting to know you now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted, hopefully for the last time.

I have very much enjoyed my first year here working with Christine, although we've known each other for almost 25 years. It has been a real privilege to know her, and especially being able to work in this parish with her. I will miss her as I'm sure we all will, and I wish her and Peter every blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

It will be a new chapter in the life of the church and in the village when Christine retires as well. Something new we have begun as a church is to pray for every street, and those who live there during the year. In January and February we have been praying for those living in Abbey fields, The Tye, Ashley Green and The Common. During March will be praying for Back Lane and The Chase; in April we will be praying for





Bicknacre Road and Scarles Croft; and in May we will be praying for Bridon Close and Pease Place. If there is anything you would like to be prayed for as we pray for your street, then let me know what it is - you can remain anonymous if you'd prefer to, and any prayer request will be treated confidentially. Spring and early summer is also the time of year for new beginnings as the days lengthen, and nature bursts into new life. It won't be long before the snowdrops will appear, and other spring bulbs, the crocuses, daffodils and tulips to name but a few. Leaves will appear on the trees, and the birds will begin building their nests.



Like the spring brings new life to the earth, Christians celebrate the new life that Jesus came to bring, a new loving relationship with God won for us through Jesus' death on the cross that we remember on Good Friday, and his resurrection that we celebrate on Easter Sunday. We give and receive Easter eggs as a sign of this new life, and the new relationship that we can have with God, who showed his deep love for each and every one of us that first Easter. All we have to do is accept it, as we would an Easter egg that we are given. No-one is ever worthy or beyond God's love, as I discovered when I first became a Christian all those years ago.



Every Blessing, love and prayers.  
Rev'd Suzy ☎ 01245 224181  
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# **BETHEL CHURCH—Making a Splash**

During the construction of the building of Bethel Church (nearly 20 years ago), we wanted to include a baptistry pool, but the cost was too prohibitive. So, for many years we hired the school swimming pool and had many baptisms there.

But of course, these last couple of years have been somewhat disruptive, so we came up with an ingenious solution for two of our young men who wanted to be baptised.

One of these was Paul, who owns a Skip Hire company. He suggested that he could line a skip to make it water-tight..& this was the outcome.



Whilst this might appear a bit unconventional, the occasion was very sincere. These young men made a public declaration of their faith. For anyone looking on, it might have looked a little strange. So why baptism? What is the significance, meaning and purpose of baptism?

In order to understand the reason for being water baptised, it is important to carefully consider what the Bible says about it: Jesus himself was baptised. He was not a sinner, yet he humbled himself in obedience to identify with us and give us an example to follow. Mark 1:9

## **An act of obedience**

Water baptism is an act of faith and obedience to the commands of Christ. Matthew 28:19-20

### **A public declaration**

Baptism declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a public confession of your faith in, and commitment to, Jesus Christ. It is the next step after salvation through repentance and faith and is an important foundation for Christian life. Mark 16:16

### **A move from death to life**

Baptism is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection. Our entrance into the water during baptism identifies us with Christ's death on the cross, His burial in the tomb and His resurrection from the dead. Colossians 2:12-14

### **A brand-new life**

It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian. We bury the "old life" and we rise to walk in a "new life". Baptism is like a wedding ring, it is the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart, a commitment that has to be followed through and lived out on a daily basis. So, in the end the skip acted as a great visual metaphor. An old life being dumped and new-life emerging. We pray for Paul and Joseph that this is an unforgettable moment in their Christian walk.



Please see the Village Diary for our services over the next few months.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Your W.I. President is buried under woolly clothes as I type this. As most of you already know, I have moved to Norfolk and I have to say it is cold up here. The reason for this move is because I was diagnosed with cancer and the family want me closer to them. I am doing extremely well, beating all odds really to be expected from a member of the W.I. 😊

I remain the President and thankfully my committee are still active too. This transition period from our 1924 W.I. Hall to the East Hanningfield Village Hall has been achieved with the support of our members and the Village Hall Committee which we are most grateful for. Our last meetings have been met with laughter and catching up on news as well as the difficulties we have experienced over the last 13 months.

The last information I received from Head Office was that 14 W.I.'s have closed in Essex due to the pandemic and lack of support in securing a new committee. We have experienced this too. I would be the first to say that looking after a wooden hall the age ours is and trying to meet all the new requirements for a public building was beyond our capabilities as well as our financial demands. However, we are on the up as my young great grandchildren would say. (I know it's hard to believe but I am that old).



I am still dealing with the sale of the land. It has been a slow process, due to a massive rise in house sales and the purchase of new properties over the last year as well as lockdowns. Most businesses have been stretched coping with extra work and fitting in with Government demands. We have had other legal issues to deal with and satisfy, but I am pleased to say I think I can see a bit of light at the end of our tunnel. I hope to have better news for you in the next issue.

Our W.I. does a lot of good work for charities. Supporting those that take young people off the streets and provide them with homes and jobs. Now badly hit by the pandemic. We have also collected clothing

for war torn countries. We are grateful for the help of the Bethel Church enabling us to support other charities in that way. We shall of course continue in our support of others as much as we are able too. We have speakers giving us a wide variety of interesting topics for discussion as well as laughter. Of course, it would not be W.I without our nice cup of tea/coffee and cakes that cannot be beaten. (In more ways



than one). I shall be there with my committee to greet you and I know my members will make you feel at home. Please come and see us.

Our meeting in March will have a therapist helping us to keep in tip top shape without any harm to our welfare. You will not be disappointed. The dates of our meetings can be found in the Village Diary of this addition. Take care and look after yourselves hope to see you soon.



Flora Virgoe  
President of EHWI.

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# EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Spring Term in school has been busy and successful. The term has seen lots of events including class assemblies, visitors – Portals to the Past (see picture below), family lunches and sporting outings – things that we haven't been able to do for a long time. It has been lovely to see and hear the bustle return to school life!



Our youngest two classes, Robins and Doves, have had their family lunches and have been the first to perform class assemblies for their adults; both classes did wonderful jobs when showcasing their learning in their assemblies which

celebrated the breadth of their learning. The children were confident and articulate and presented their learning so well. We were all very proud. We are looking forward to our older classes Kingfishers & Owls presenting their learning and welcoming in their parents.

The Spring term has also seen us be able to start some of our competitive sports again with our Year 3 football team being awarded Bronze medals for their performances in a mixed schools tournament.





We are now starting to look forward to the weather warming up so we can begin to swim in our pool, play on our field and run our outdoor after school clubs.

Best wishes for the summer.

Mrs Waters, Head teacher ☎ 400772

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# News from East Hanningfield Pre-School

At the end of last term, we held our Christmas performance and we had fantastic feedback from all our parents. The story was adapted from the book "We're going on a bear hunt" to "We're going on a Santa hunt". The children thoroughly enjoyed it, joining in with actions and singing. The committee organised a raffle with some lovely prizes and £160 was added to Preschool funds.

This half term is flying by as it is only 5 weeks long. The children have been busy making gingerbread with our volunteer, and heart shaped biscuits for St Valentine's Day. The children have also been counting the birds for The Big Garden Birdwatch.



For Chinese New Year the children made lucky red envelopes and also tiger masks to represent the Year of the Tiger. They also sampled Chinese food, some even trying to eat with chopsticks.

Next we'll be making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We will also be celebrating Mothering Sunday and of course, Easter, with a visit from The Reverend Suzy. We are also currently planning celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Toy Sale just before Christmas. We raised £50 for Preschool funds.



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18 APRIL—EASTER MONDAY—CLOSED

