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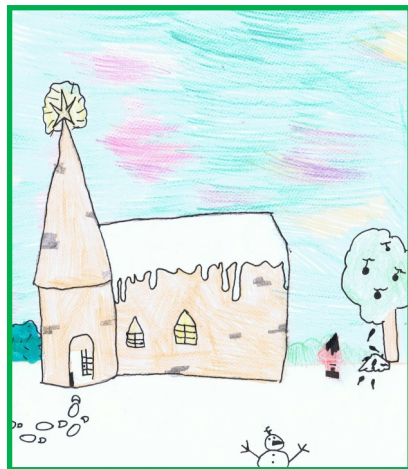
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## COVER COMPETITION 2022

Well done Fin Gilmour whose winning design is on the front cover. This picture really fulfilled the brief to “use a Christmas/Winter theme or one based on East Hanningfield or both of those” and looked good too.

Robins Class made a spectacular effort, and produced 25 entries! Kingfisher Class came second with 13 entries narrowly beating Doves Class who made 12 entries. The judges really enjoyed all your drawings even though it was very tough deciding which should win.



**A Snowy Church by a Class 3 Pupil**

The runners-up from each class are on the back page, and as many other entries as could be squeezed in can be found through out the following pages. If there wasn't parental permission to use the artist's name in the News, the pupil's Class will be noted instead.

## PARISH COUNCIL

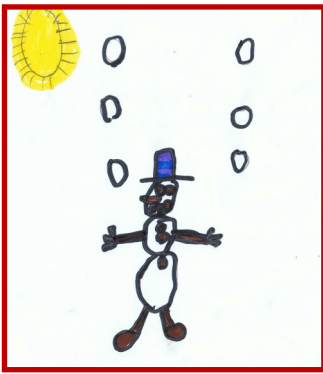
In the last News, I referred to PC, along with West Hanningfield PC, investigating the possibility of seeking a judicial review into the granting of planning permission for the proposed solar farm north of Pan Lane. The outcome of this was that it was decided that it would be better use of both PC's resources to prepare for the Appeal into the proposed solar farm which would straddle the A130, application no. 22/00026/ REFUSE. If you are interested in following this Appeal, the Reference is APP/W1525/W/22/3300222. It will be determined by a hearing, which will take place at 10am on 6th. December at the City Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford. PC is working in consultation with West Hanningfield PC and City Cllr. Richard Poulter in order to present a united front at that Appeal, but not to waste the valuable time slots saying the same thing. Unlike council meetings at City Centre, I have been told that the hearing will not be available over the internet, so it requires attendance in person if you want to listen to all the evidence presented to the hearing

Although, we were promised training in the use of the Village Hall defibrillator in the Autumn, our local First Responders were instructed by the East of England Ambulance Service not to hold any further public engagement sessions such as the training due to the significant rise in Covid19 infections. As soon as they have been given the go ahead, they will be in touch to arrange a date. I have not forgotten who is on the list to attend the training, but if there is anyone who hasn't already registered interest but now would like to take part, please let me know.

By the time of the next News, spring will have sprung, buds will be bursting and birds will be nesting, or at least thinking about it, so it will be too late to start making arrangements for your hedges to be cut back, so, if you haven't done it already, please check that your hedges are not swiping people in the face or forcing them into the road, and then take the appropriate action.



**Merry Christmas by  
Arthur Miskin**



During the time of national mourning for Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, very many residents took advantage of the presence of the books of condolence in the village, to leave their messages of thanks, appreciation and regret. Following the state funeral, the pages were taken to City Centre to be bound with pages from other communities within the City, so they will be a permanent record of the gratitude felt by so many for a long life of service.

**Juggling Snowman by James Farrar-Collins**

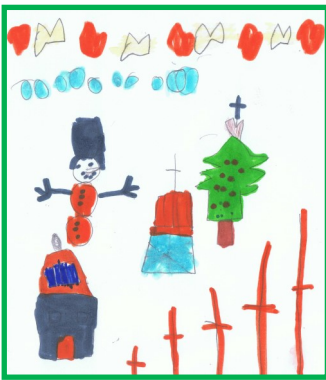
PC would like to encourage residents to take advantage of the warm winter Sunday afternoons in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall (at 2pm). PC and Hanna's Field Charity moved quickly to arrange the dates and HFC must have been one of the first community groups to apply for the grant funding that was available. HFC applied because parish councils could only apply for 50% of the costs, whereas the Charity was able to apply for the full cost of heating and cleaning etc and received it! PC's contribution is to cover the cost of refreshments. There has been an offer of a lift to anyone who can't get to the Village Hall under their own steam, so please don't feel you can't get there. Get in touch!

As well as keeping homes war, another casualty of the cost of living crisis has been pet ownership. PC can't feed you pets for you but hopes that it is being helpful to pet owners by providing dog bags free of charge in the shop and Village Hall. In East Hanningfield, at least, not being able to afford the bags is not an excuse for not picking up after your dog.

Anyone who has been in the Hall Meeting Room in recent weeks will have noticed the arrival of a wide screen television. The purpose of this expenditure by PC was to bring meetings up to date, so that plans and other documents can be seen clearly by everyone in the room. Previously, PC had used a projector, but it was getting dimmer and approaching end of life, so the screen is a replacement for that and also an improvement on it. Its presence in the room will



**Santa's in the House by James O'Driscoll**



**Decorations by Sophia**

be an asset for use for meetings and training by any VH meeting room hirer.

PC has asked me to mention again the need for volunteers to come forward to get the Neighbourhood Plan process moving again. There is some useful information about this on the Rural Community Council of Essex's website:

[www.essexrcc.org.uk/our-work/community-led-planning](http://www.essexrcc.org.uk/our-work/community-led-planning)

It also explains the differences between Parish Plans, Village Design Statements and Neighbourhood Plans. Having a Neighbourhood Plan

reinforces local responses to planning applications, as once adopted it becomes part of the citywide Local Plan.

I usually say that PC Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month, but there will be some instances in 2023 when the date will have to be moved. One of the reasons for this is having to hold a meeting within a given number of days of an election, and there will be Parish and City elections in early May. Also, there are times when not enough councillors are available on a given date, so please keep an eye open for the notices in the noticeboards around the village, and on Facebook and PC's website.

The December Meeting will not be on the fourth Thursday either! That being a bit too near Christmas for convenience. It will be on the third Thursday, 15th. December, and will be the Budget Meeting when the Precept will be agreed for the year 2023-24. The Precept is the instruction that PC gives to the council tax collecting authority as to how much tax to collect on PC's behalf. Meetings usually begin at 8pm and take place in the nice, warm first floor Meeting Room at the V. Hall. If you would like to attend please use the entrance facing the overflow car park, as the connecting door inside the Hall is usually locked. The Agenda is posted on the website three clear days before each Meeting.



**Santa's Here by  
Dylan Hill**

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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## CITY COUNCILLOR

Following the tragic death of the Mayor, Councillor John Galley, the Deputy Mayor, our own councillor Sue Dobson has been elected Mayor of the City of Chelmsford. Congratulations Sue. This will mean however that Sue will have less time to concentrate on her ward responsibilities. I will do all I can to cover for her and to ensure that no resident is disadvantaged by her absence.

One of the first acts of our new King Charles was to knight our MP who becomes the Rt. Hon. Sir John Whittingdale O.B.E. M.P. Many congratulations Sir John.

Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> is the date that the appeal will take place into the refusal by the City Council to grant permission for a large solar farm on land East and West of the A130 North and South of Cannons Barn Road East Hanningfield. The planning reference is 21/00394/FUL. The hearing will take place in the Civic Centre Chelmsford in the Crompton room on the first floor starting at 10.a.m. It is expected to last one day. Any resident can attend and speak. Comments on the original application will be part of the papers seen by the Inspector so do not need to be repeated. The main, but not the only, issue is whether there are exceptional reasons to grant permission for development in the green belt. I will be in attendance to oppose the appeal. The decision should be known early in the New Year

My wife and I wish all residents a Very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2023. I am very happy to call on residents and local businesses to discuss any council related problem. Just send me an email or give me a call to make arrangements.

Richard Poulter.

☎ 01245 223743

✉ [Richard.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk)



Night Scene by a  
Class 3 Pupil

# COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Good news from Essex Police. They now have 3686 Officers and by next April they will have a further 64 making a grand total of 3750 Officers - the highest number ever! Let's hope we see the benefit in rural policing and traffic issues.

I recently attended the Essex Climate Conference at County Hall and was impressed at all the initiatives ongoing to help reduce carbon emissions. The event was attended by representatives from environmental groups, businesses, local government, and various charities and was particularly relevant just preceding the COP27 conference in Egypt.

Among the many initiatives ongoing include a huge amount of work to make our schools energy efficient and a good example of this is the new school St Luke's in Runwell which has just opened. We are committed to planting 375k trees over the next five years and at last zero waste to landfill by 2030. The benefits of LED lighting can be seen everywhere, and this programme continues - out of 130k replacements we have now completed 50k. Priority on this has and will continue to be where the greatest saving can be made.

Transport of course remains a big talking point and the number of cars on the road. There are currently 814k cars registered in Essex of which 14,100 are electric but this is changing all the time as the supply situation improves. Interestingly the Ford Motor Company reckon by 2026 one third of their global production will be electric.

Overall, it was a very informative conference as to what is going on, full details can be found on the ECC website.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Ian Grundy

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**Santa by the Tree by  
Abigail Taylor**



## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY- Village Hall & Playing Fields

What a lovely long hot Summer we had this year, but with all of us wishing for some rain, come 31<sup>st</sup> October we got our wish and it has virtually not stopped since!!! Oh dear! Be careful what you wish for!

At the beginning of October, we held the Annual Art Show Exhibition, which was again another great success achieving a profit of £2,840.00, which will go towards making further improvements to our facilities at the Village Hall. We always have a 'Wish List' of things to be done! Once again, we thank everyone who came to help us put this event on, we are always so grateful for whatever help people can give us, we could not do this without such a great band of volunteers. The Book Sales over the 2 days also raised £120.00, which we passed to All Saints Church, who in turn donated it to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, as they have with previous Book Sale proceeds over this year, Well Done!

The next fund-raising event was the Halloween/ Low Noise Firework event at the end of October, another great success raising approx. £2,400. Well done! Please read the separate report, about the event, further on in the Newsletter.

In early November we learned about a fund being managed by the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) on behalf of Essex County Council which we could apply to for a grant to offer 'Community Winter



Rudolf by Rory Reeve

Warmth' in our facilities. We were very pleased to learn, 2 weeks later, that our application was approved for funds to be able to hold a 'Warm Hub' session once a week for 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon, for anyone who is possibly on their own, isolated, or perhaps new in the area and just wanting a warm place to meet with others, for some free refreshments in a warm venue, to sit and have a chat, make new friends, or browse through the library of second hand books, to either borrow or purchased, if you so wish. We are also happy to try and offer any activities that



Rudolph by Fern Mabel Ward

perhaps people might wish to do, learning to knit perhaps to make warm blankets for free. We also have a TV available for children to watch films. We are open to any suggestions people can give us. Why don't you come along to see if this might suit you. It is for 2 hours from 2 – 4pm every Sunday, except Christmas Day and New Year's Day until the end of March 2023. We are all very aware of the large rise in fuel bills this Winter, keeping warm is becoming increasingly expensive, and how this can be a huge worry for people.

We already have a willing band of volunteers to come and run this each week, just

to oversee the making of refreshments etc. At the time of going to print we have already held 2 sessions. Even if you just want to come along and look for books, from our many on display, we would love to see you. We are a community and want to help and support people in any way we can over the long cold winter months. (See separate notice in this Newsletter)

The Hanna's Field Charity Committee are also very aware that our own heating costs are going to rocket, so we are in the process of looking closely at what we can do to ensure we are preparing for the future and will be considering Solar Power to help, but this does come at a very large cost in the initial outlay. Obviously not something we can take on lightly. There is no 'Magic Money Tree', unfortunately. The Pre-School, being one of our main hirers and run for 5 days a week, we do of course have to ensure they are able to have sufficient heat to keep them warm, plus for all the other various hirers of our facilities. The Rural Community Council of Essex are already warning that some Village Halls will not be able to survive with escalating costs predicted – we do not want this to happen in our Village!



Christmas Tree by  
Connie Church

In September we started a 3-month trial with an Electronic Booking/Invoicing Software System (by Hallmaster) for the Village Hall and Sports facilities, which all seems to be going well and has been well received by our users. Please go to <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Scheduler/View/11289>

Over Christmas/New Year the Village Hall will be closed from lunchtime on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Despite all the Doom & Gloom, we do hope you can all have A Very Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for The New Year.

Jenny Mouser, Chairperson  
Village Hall & Playing Field Bookings: ☎ **01245 400965 (before 8pm)**  
✉ [hannasfield@outlook.com](mailto:hannasfield@outlook.com).



Family Christmas by a  
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COMMUNITY SPEED-WATCH

**Local Crime Round Up:** Since the last News these are the only crime incidents EH NhW have been made aware of in the parish:

- \* Unit broken into on Old Church Road Industrial Estate and equipment/tools stolen.
- \* Seven bags of rubbish dumped in Back Lane verge (between Windmill Cottage and Huntingdon's Farm) some time over 14/15 Nov.

### Winter Evenings:


**FACT:** November sees the highest number of claims from burglaries, with one every four minutes, according to police, due to clocks going back combined with shorter daylight.


Nothing tells a burglar a house is empty better than the one in a row with no lights on!

Help protect yourself by leaving lights on (with timers or daylight sensors to come on when it gets dark if you like) to give the illusion your property is occupied.

Don't leave valuables on view (presents in view around a Christmas tree are an invitation to the burglar).

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 Crime stoppers anonymous)

**Cyber Crime:** Fraud and cyber crime scams and "phishing" attempts continue to plague all our lives, whether its on-line, unsolicited phone calls or through mobile phone text messages.

In the year to June, there were an estimated 3.8 million incidents of fraud or attempted fraud against individuals in England and Wales, up 12% in five years.

Fraud now accounts for 41% of all crimes against individuals. About 6.6% of all people over 16 were victims of fraud or attempted fraud.

The government's most recent estimate put the cost of fraud to individuals at £4.8 billion in 2015-16, with the cost to businesses far higher. A report this week by the National Audit Office on the Home Office's efforts to combat fraud makes sobering reading. It found that, while the

number of frauds recorded by the police has risen by 50% over the past five years, the number of cases resulting in a charge or summons has fallen from 6,402 in the year to March 2017 to just 4,816 in the year to last March. Less than 1% of police personnel were involved in conducting fraud investigations in the year ending March 2020. Either police forces are not taking fraud seriously enough, or they lack the resources (The Times, November 2022)

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 text messages to: free-of-charge short code 7726 (enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action if its malicious).

You can talk to a Scams Action adviser at Citizens Advice Bureau by calling 0808 250 5050, Weekdays (9am -5pm) or report it on their website).

**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. Lastly, we have a property marking kit available to loan out for anyone interested.

**EH 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. There have been speed checks in Old Church Road, The Tye and the Common at regular times over this period. CSW speed checks are sometimes accompanied by Traffic Police officers (who will stop and book drivers at roadside if exceeding the speed limit during a CSW speed check).

Since the last News, Essex Police and Essex Highways approved, a CSW speed check location for the section of road between the Vita Bella mini roundabout and the 30mph speed limit sign coming into the village from Bicknacre. Despite the traffic calming pinch point here, residents complain some drivers still manage to exceed the limit in this short section of road.

# VOLUNTEER APPEAL

EH CSW are looking for a couple more volunteers to join East Hanningfield's Speed Watch team - currently there are 8 of us (3 ladies and 5 gents).

No qualifications or experience needed – just the ability to point the radar gun and read off speed plus vehicle number plate.

Training and insurance is provided (and a high viz jacket).

Contact email below if interested.



Contact the NhW email address below if you are interested in either NhW or helping with CSW.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.

✉ [NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com](mailto:NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com).

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# WARM WINTER SUNDAYS

**Every Sunday afternoon until the end of March (excluding Christmas Day & New Year's Day) the Meeting Room at the Village Hall will open at 2pm for anyone to come along for a chat, a cuppa, cake & bickies. Books from the book store may be bought or borrowed. Children are welcome and can watch an age appropriate dvd, or bring along a board game to play. You can even use the Wifi.**

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# VILLAGE DIARY

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## DECEMBER

- Sun 4** 9am BCP HOLY COMMUNION at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 6** **BROWN BIN, Food Waste, Plastics & cartons, Paper Sack**
- Sun 11** 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 13** **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**  
2.25-255pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.
- Thu 15** 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING** in the Village Hall 1st floor meeting room
- Fri 16** **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SANDON (12.45)**
- Sun 18** 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
4pm **CAROL SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.  
6pm **CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 20** **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EHPS**  
**BROWN BIN, Food Waste Plastics & cartons, Paper Sack**
- Sat 24** 4pm **CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. Children are invited to dress as nativity characters. Come costumes provided.
- Sun 25** 10am **FAMILY CHRISTMAS COMMUNION**. This will be a short communion service with children in mind.  
10.30am **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.
- Wed 28** **BLACK BIN Food Waste, Green Box, Card Sack**

↳ PULL OUT & PIN UP ↴



Robins by Lily Tompkins



Christmas Wreath by Leia Collins

# VILLAGE DIARY

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## JANUARY

Sun	1	9am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> (BCP) at All Saints' Church (There will be no Service at 10am) 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Mon	2	<b>NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tue	3	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL SANDON SCHOOL</b> <b>BROWN BIN, Food waste, Plastics &amp; Cartons, Paper sack</b> 2.25-255pm <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at the Village Hall car park.
Thu	5	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS</b>
Sun	8	10am <b>EPIPHANY SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b> , celebrating the arrival of the wise men to see Jesus. At All Saints' Church 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue	10	<b>BLACK BIN, Food waste, Green box &amp; Card sack</b>
Sun	15	10am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> at All Saints' Church. 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue	17	<b>BROWN BIN, Food waste, Plastics &amp; cartons. Paper sack</b>
Wed	18	2pm <b>WI MEETING</b> in the 1st floor meeting room at the V. Hall
Sun	22	10am <b>MORNING WORSHIP WITH A HEALING THEME</b> at All Saints' Church. 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue	24	<b>BLACK BIN, Food waste, Green box &amp; Card sack</b> 2.25-255pm <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at the Village Hall car park.
Thur	26	8pm <b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b> in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
Sun	29	10am <b>SUNG MATINS FOR CANDLEMAS</b> at All Saints' Ch. 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue	31	<b>BROWN BIN, Food waste, Plastics &amp; cartons, Paper sack</b>

**Please send items for inclusion in the Village Diary, which appears in the News and on the Parish Council's website, to [karen.plumridge@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com)**

# FEBRUARY

Sun 5	9am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> (BCP) at All Saints' Church 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue 7	<b>BLACK BIN, Food waste, Green box &amp; Card sack</b>
Fri 10	<b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM EHPS &amp; SANDON SCHOOL</b>
Sun 12	10am <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> at All Saints' Church 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue 14	<b>BROWN BIN, Food waste, Plastics &amp; Cartons, Paper sack</b> 2.25-255pm <b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b> at the Village Hall car park.
Wed 15	2pm <b>WI MEETING</b> in the 1st floor meeting room at the V.Hall
Sun 19	10am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> at All Saints' Church. 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Mon 20	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS &amp; SANDON SCHOOL</b>
Tue 21	<b>BLACK BIN, Food waste, Green box &amp; Card sack</b>
Thu 23	8pm <b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b> in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
Sun 26	10am <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MORNING SERVICE WITH A HEALING THEME</b> at All Saints' Church 10.45am <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> at Bethel Church
Tue 28	<b>BROWN BIN, Food waste, Plastics &amp; Cartons, Paper sack</b>



Santa Stop Here by a  
Class 3 Pupil



Christmas Angel by a  
Class 3 Pupil



It's Christmas Time by  
Jessica Smith

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TUESDAY 3RD. JANUARY 2023**



## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH—REV'D SUZY**

The news from All Saints church is that our harvest services included the school coming into church for their harvest service. It was a lovely occasion every class presented excellent contributions towards a wonderful celebration of harvest in many and varied ways. Many thanks for all the hard work that went into making it such a lovely occasion. The school and the church together donated an amazing amount of goods which meant we were able to share them between the food bank and the Roberts family. Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously.

We held our annual Memorial Service to remember the people who have meant so much to us and have died and the Remembrance Day service was a poignant occasion as always.

As a nation it was with great sadness that our beloved Queen Elizabeth passed from this life into the next. We held a special service in memory of all she achieved, all she loved, and her life of faith. My new Grandson Ethan was born at the end of July, and so in the space of his first 12 weeks there were 2 Sovereigns and 3 Prime Ministers, which seems to say it all over the time of turmoil the past few months have brought. However many people will be having a very anxious and distressing time with rising prices, energy bills and interest rates going up, and with the situation in Ukraine that isn't getting any better. Our thought and prayers are with them, King Charles and also with the government at this difficult time.

During December, and throughout the coming year, we will continue to pray for the people, organisations and businesses of our village. During January we will be praying specifically for those who live in Abbey fields and Highfields Mead. In February we pray for Ashley Green and Main Road.

All details of all our services especially those over Christmas are in the Village Diary section of this magazine, please do come and join us for them. All are very welcome.

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration of Jesus birth in the stable in Bethlehem, when he was worshipped by angels, shepherds and Kings alike. He is still worshipped by people from every walk of life, whatever circumstance they find themselves in or their social status, whether rich

or poor, including our late Queen Elizabeth 11. So I'll leave you with some of her own words spoken at two of her Christmas broadcast. In 2011 she said *"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general (important as they are) - but a saviour, [Jesus] with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love."*

More personally and poignantly in 2002 she said *"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know the only way to live my life is to try and do what is right, to take the long view, to give my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God .... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian Gospel."*

May the Lord richly bless you this Christmas, and throughout the coming year.

With love and prayers

Rev'd Suzy,

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**Baby Jesus by the Tree**  
by Mya Saich



**Christmas Scene**  
by Dylan Hill



**Snowman and Tree by**  
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# SCARECROW COMPETITION 2022

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A big thank you to our Sponsors & to all those who took part in the competition, whether by making a scarecrow and/or by judging.

**The winners :**

**<1st prize: Gorgeous Georgina & her proud parents**



**2nd prize: Mr Porky >**



**<3rd prize: Bess + Bees**

Highly Commended prizes:  
Shortie    Wally & Ted    Firefighter  
Carrot    Strawpatch II



# FIREWORKS AND HALLOWEEN FUN 2022- THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come, many dressed up in amazing costumes, to the village Fireworks and Halloween fun event on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

The weather finally dried up, the lights were magical, the food and drink were great, and the fireworks were wonderful.

We have so many people to thank, without whose generosity with funds and their time, we would not have been able to put on this event. Thank you to the generosity of all our sponsors:

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The fireworks were curated and organised by Firework Crazy, thanks to Mark Priest and his team, led by Adam.

- In the Mood for Food did us proud again, including candy floss and games
- The rides were a new addition this year which were popular and great fun

We have to give a special mention to Yamas Bar who provided a great service with just four hours notice when our original bar booking couldn't make it.

Essex Community First Aid Event Volunteers did a fantastic and sensitive job looking after several children, who thankfully all went home with their families.

We have to say enormous thanks to the volunteers who; set everything up, ran the kitchen, managed the car park (two car parks this year thanks to the kindness of J Gard and Sons Ltd and Ace Contracts Ltd on the industrial estate), was the master of ceremonies, managed the PA and lighting, collected donations on the night and picked up rubbish at the end.

Thanks to all the children and adults who dressed up for the Halloween competition, so much time and effort – hopefully you could use your costume again the next day for trick or treating.

We had record attendance this year and people donated just over £1000 on the night – thank you so much for donating to raise funds for Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church, particularly at the moment.

The village is a special place. Events like the fireworks and Halloween fun reinforce the community spirit and bring us together, if only for a short while on a damp October evening! They are also vital for keeping the village hall and the church available for everyone to use.

If you have any feedback about how we could improve the event for next year, please do let us know.

The Fete and Fireworks Committee – subgroup of Hanna's Field Charity Contact: [melanie.mavers@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.mavers@gmail.com)



Snowman by Edie Rose  
Wheeler



Snow-scene by Holly



Happy Hoppsmas by  
Darcie Reeve

# BETHEL CHURCH—A Weary World Rejoices

What are your childhood memories of Christmas? Many would say wonderful, happy, cherished. For others, it might be quite the opposite.

We probably all celebrate Christmas differently. But for some, celebrating Christmas can be a very dangerous thing to do. Around the world, hundreds of thousands of Christian children face persecution for their faith. Like young teenager, Valentina from Columbia, targeted by guerrilla gangs and indigenous groups because she is a Christian and her dad is a church leader.

Many churches across the UK support the work of 'Open Doors' - an incredible charity dedicated to help people like Valentina and her family.

Dutchman, Anne van der Bijl, known as the "Brother Andrew" who founded the charity, died this year at the age of 94. In the 1950s, he smuggled bibles into communist countries in his Volkswagen Beetle - and over the decades that followed, became a voice of voiceless persecuted Christians.

So, this year, at our evening **Christmas Carol Service**, we will look at the remarkable incarnation story and what it means to people across the world. Please join us on **Sunday 18 December at 6:00pm** And our **Christmas Day Service at 10:30am**.

Can we also take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas time and a happy, healthy New Year.

From all your friends at  
Bethel Evangelical Church.

Roydon Hearne

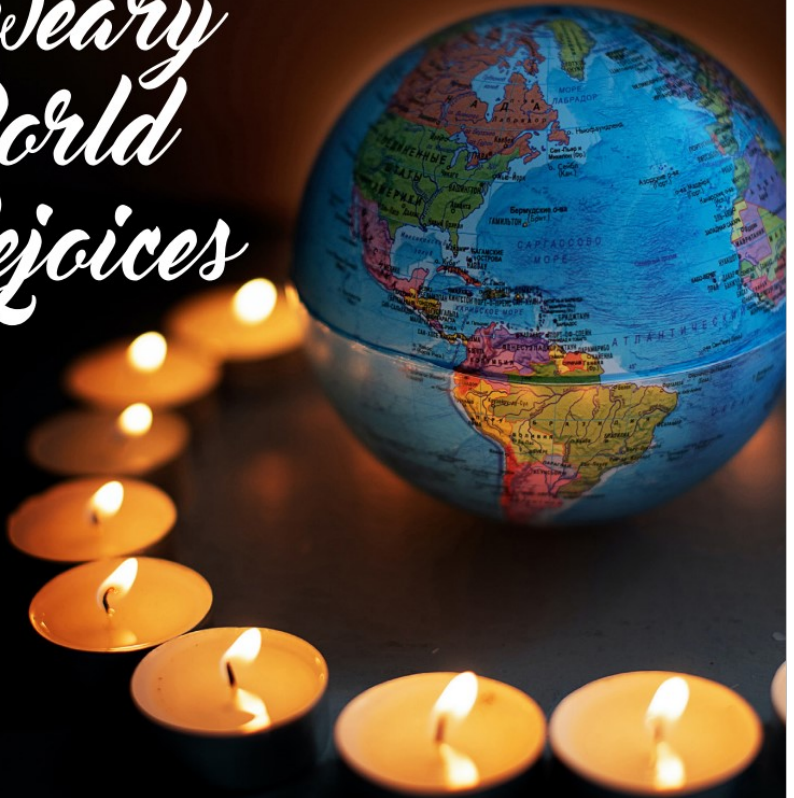


Christmas Scene by  
Evie Tompkins

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Evening Carol Service  
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# *A weary World Rejoices*



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Come and join us as we take a look at this remarkable story, and what it means to people across the globe.

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# EAST HANNINGFIELD W I

I joined East Hanningfield WI in May this year. So much has happened during that time. We had a talk on New Hall in Chelmsford which once belonged to Henry VIII. You don't have to be a history buff to know that his owning the Hall gave it instant appeal. Proof he could change wives quicker than a Tudor builder could do a few renovations. Henry ordered a stained-glass window depicting Catherine of Aragon. It arrived some what late only to find Ann Boleyn in residence.

We had a lady who upcycled clothes, bought from jumble sales or charity shops. An example of which she bought with her was a wedding dress made from a discarded duvet cover.

Sheila Norton, a local author came in October when she enlightened us on the problems of publishing a book

All of this plus a Strawberry Tea and a Summer Garden Party. Like all W Is and clubs we are trying to recover from the restrictions of covid. We have all got out of the habit of going out as we did before. This is sad. We all need company at times some more than others. The W I is a good outlet for meeting people, having a chat over a tea and cake. Some W Is have biscuits but we have cake!

Our speakers vary to try to accommodate differing tastes. We also have outings, usually arranged around food, I have found. We meet on the third Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall, you are welcome to come along and visit. You don't have to join straight away, come as a visitor and see what you think. After all they took me in, so you will be sure of a welcome.

Hope to see you soon

Marlene  
President



Polar Bear by the Tree by  
A Class 3 Pupil

# EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The first term has been really busy and has raced by! We have been enjoying the relatively mild weather and have all settled back quickly into our new academic year.

The football team played in their first competition at Great Baddow High School. They played fantastically as a team and represented our school brilliantly with their sense of fair play and sportsmanship.



We also had our Harvest Festival



and the church was full to the brim! We had lots of songs and readings; thanking God for the food we eat and thinking of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Another part of our Autumn term celebrated Black History Week. Each class chose a famous black person to present to the rest of the school. All the children presented extremely well and showed real enthusiasm when demonstrating what they had learnt. The classes learnt all about Dina Asher-Smith, Stormzy, Ruby Bridges, Bob Marley and Lilian Bader.



We also had a brilliant Maths week where the children learnt all about maths in a variety of contexts. We learnt how to measure trees using p



perspective, set up our own shops, played and learnt a variety of maths games and created mathematical art! We even invited all the parents into school to share our games and learning!

For Children in Need this year, Miss Cormick arranged a fantastic Bake Off competition. I was amazed by the amount of cakes that were baked by the children and was privileged to be one of the lucky judges! Thank you to all the parents for their contributions and for helping us to raise an amazing £435 for this brilliant charity

Now we are on the lead up to the busy Christmas period where the teachers will be putting together their Christmas plays and carol performances. French language leaders from The Sandon School will be teaching us all some Christmas themed French and our Friends of East Hanningfield School (FOEHs) will be running an exciting Christmas event! It really is a magical and special time of the year in primary school for the children and adults alike!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Daniel Forster, Deputy Headteacher

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Trees and Santa by Class 2 Pupils





This term our topic of the term is under the sea. The children have already started the Christmas build up with practising some songs for our Christmas play. We will be doing our Christmas raffle at the end of the play so any prizes are always welcome.

We are looking forward to welcoming several new children in January. If you might be interested in your child joining us and would like to come for a visit, please contact us on 07732 951613 or email us at [ehps1@live.co.uk](mailto:ehps1@live.co.uk). We also have a website, [www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk](http://www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk). We take 2 as well as 3-4 year funding.

Charlotte



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