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## **COVER ILLUSTRATION**

The bee on cherry blossom is the first of several pictures of insects that can be seen at this time of year.

See how many insects you can find in this issue of the News.

Take care: not all pictures have insects in them and some have more than one

**Answer:**

Did you find all twenty three? Hope you didn't count the spider!



## PARISH COUNCIL

It has already been announced on PC's Facebook page, so I am aware that I am not the only one to find that the requirement to prebook a time slot in order to take items to any recycling centre in Essex is going to be an added obstacle when carrying out household tasks such as gardening or DIY. The important date to remember for the start of the scheme is 13th. March and at the moment there seems to be no opportunity for a same day booking so you will need to plan ahead. Booking will be through the website on the notice, but if you don't have access to the internet you can phone the Essex County Council contact centre on 0345 743 0430 Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm and they will make the booking on your behalf. The only exceptions to the prebooking requirement are people arriving on foot or on a bicycle. It's probably not a good idea to park outside and carry your waste into the site.



**IMPORTANT CHANGES**

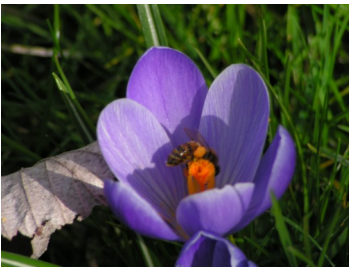
at your recycling centres

From 13 March 2023, bookings will be required to visit an Essex County Council recycling centre in any vehicle.

For full details, visit [loveessex.org/bookings](https://loveessex.org/bookings)

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Recycling and Waste

For several issues of the News I have been saying that the two housing developments planned for the parish, at Morelands and between Back Lane and Old Church Road are getting nearer to fruition. Again, I can report another step forward as both have seen applications regarding reserved matters pass through the system. These are matters of detail which were not covered by the original outline planning permissions. Now there is another, much smaller, housing development in the pipeline. The City Council is considering building four houses on green amenity areas at the Coude Dennis estate. So far, PC has only been given prior sight of the plans for one house which is intended for the gap between Filliol Close and Pease Place. As yet, no planning application has been forthcoming.



On another planning matter, it was with great disappointment that PC learned that the appeal was successful against refusal of planning permission for a solar farm straddling the Southend Road, and joining the two solar farms already given permission. My reading of



the inspector's report was that he agreed with all the objections and that they were valid but granted permission anyway because of the need for green energy. You can read the report for yourself as it is now on the City Council's planning pages under the application reference 22/00026/REFUSE.

Before the Summer edition of EH News reaches you the regular four year local elections will have taken place, on 4th. May. Both PC and our City Council seats will be up for election. There is an important change to voting that you need to know about: for the first time you will need to show proof of identity (photo ID) to be able to cast your vote. The list of acceptable ID is as follows:

*Passport*

*Driving licence (including provisional licence)*

*Blue badge*

*Certain concessionary travel cards*

*Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)*

*Biometric Immigration document*

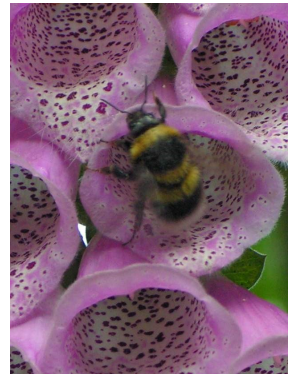
*Defence identity card*

*Certain national identity cards*

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or call the helpline on 0800 328 0280. If it turns out you do not have any acceptable form of ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate** at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate) .

The training in the use of the defibrillator, mentioned in the last News, has now taken place. There were enough volunteers to fill two sessions. Thanks to our local First Responders for providing this very important and life saving training for our parish.

Every year there is a discussion about what would be the best time to hold the village tidy. Do it early enough and the grass hasn't grown over the litter but it can be uncomfortably chilly and wet, or do it when the weather is warmer and more volunteers are likely to turn up for a morning in the sunshine.





This year PC has opted for an earlier date, so please come along to the Village Hall car park at 9am on Saturday 25th. March to collect pickers, sacks etc.

I know there are residents who pick up litter the year round, and the village would look a lot less picturesque if they didn't do it.

During a recent walk along Back Lane I was appalled by the amount of cider cans and other litter but didn't have anything to put them in. When I went back the next day with a carrier bag, much of it had already gone, so "Thank you" to the phantom litter picker.

Another date for your diaries is **Wednesday 17th. May** when the **Annual Electors' Meeting** will be taking place in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for the different groups in the village to tell the rest of us what they have been doing over the past year and their plans for the future.

During the school summer break two days of Play in the Park will be provided for children up to the age of 11 years. Again the option to have a morning or afternoon only was not available so these will be full days. There will be a different extra activity for each session, but as the specific extras have not been confirmed I shall leave the detail to the next News. If you would like to note the dates in your diaries they are Friday 11th. and Monday 21st. August.

I am often asked why a damaged or demolished highway sign has not been repaired or reinstated. It is very frustrating, after reporting one of these to Essex Highways to receive a message saying that it is not a priority for them. This is the case with the fallen fingerpost at the Main Road/ Old Church Road junction. Although there is a temptation not to bother reporting problems, the repair will most definitely not get done if no-one tells Highways about it. So please continue to report online, and I will



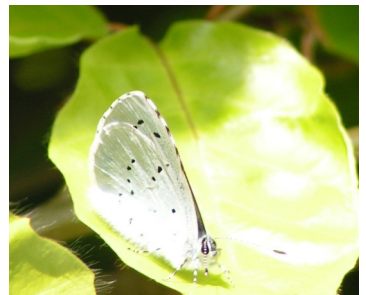


too. The Highways site is simple to find using Google but here it is in case your search engine is not very helpful  
[www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/problem-check](http://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/problem-check)

Sadly, at the election in May we will be losing Richard Poulter who has decided not to stand for election to City Council again. PC has greatly appreciated the help he has been able to give the commu-

nity over his 20 years in office. His advice and support in planning matters have been incalculable and his help getting through to the right officer at City Council has been particularly helpful to me carrying out the Clerking role. I'm sure everyone will want to wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

I shall also be retiring this year, so the next issue of EH News will be giving you the name of the person chosen to replace me as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Back in 1986 I was persuaded to take on the job by the previous Clerk. Was I chosen for my suitability or because the filing cabinet would only have to be carried over the road? It soon became obvious that the job required more than just the ability to type, so with the Council's backing I quickly signed up for a basic training course provided by the Essex Association of Local Councils. At the time there was talk about providing a national qualification for clerks, so I registered interest and waited for it to be provided locally, which eventually it was, so with a group of other Essex Clerks I started studying for the Certificate in Local Council Administration run by the Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education. Maybe the course was addictive, but I and my companions stuck with it and came out the other end with a BA Hons in Local Policy. Just as I was finishing the degree I was asked by EALC to start up one of the newly created parish councils in Basildon, and after the start up period I was asked to stay on as Clerk. Working for councils in different districts gave me the power to challenge district officers when they said something couldn't be done, if I knew that "it" was done somewhere else. They probably thought I was a real nuisance.





After a while I was asked by the College to become the distance learning tutor for the east of England. This involved giving tutorials in parishes as far away as Norwich and Cambridge, meeting up with other tutors in Seven-

oaks and attending residential schools in Cheltenham. All this networking proved very instructive as I learned about different parishes and towns across the country, how no two parishes are alike and that they all have interesting stories to tell. During this time I also represented Chelmsford on the EALC committee and the Essex branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Gradually I have given up all those extra activities and continued with this PC alone, but now the time has come to hand in the towel for this one too. I must say that being Clerk to the Council has been a real education in the nicest possible way, and I'm really glad I took it on all those years ago. Who would have thought that working in the smallest and most local area of local government would have led to meeting such a wide circle of interesting people and visiting so many interesting places, not to mention the variety of local issues that needed addressing on a daily basis.

Back to business, the dates of forthcoming PC Meetings are 27th. April, 25th. May and 29th June, all Thursdays at 8pm, but not all the usual fourth Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, entry being through the door at the end of the Hall facing the overflow car park. These are public meetings so you can come along and listen, and during Public Question Time you can raise matters of local concern or ask questions. Perhaps we'll see you there.

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## **CITY COUNCILLOR**

After almost 40 years loyal service the clerk to the Parish Council, Karen Plumridge has decided to retire. It is difficult to overstate her knowledge and commitment to local affairs. She is as near to irreplaceable as it is possible to get. Well done Karen. Enjoy your retirement.

The planning committee has now determined and approved the application to build about 1020 houses north of SWF. A further application will follow for an additional 200 homes on the adjoining site west of the B1418. Much of the committee's discussion centred on the impact of the increased traffic along the Burnham Road and the A132. Highway officers are adamant that the existing road can cope but with junction improvements. I am very sceptical as are local residents and the Town Council. No traffic calming improvements are proposed for Willow Grove which could cause increased traffic along Creephedge Lane and into East Hanningfield.

Housing numbers could increase on this site after about ten years. The developer proposals provide for a new primary school on a five acre plot. The County Council will have an option to build a school, but if they decide not to do so, the land will revert to the developer who could then submit a planning application to develop for building. I estimate this site could accommodate in excess of 150 houses. Whatever decision the County Council come to may have implications for our primary school intake.

The proposal to construct a telecoms mast on the Tye has met strong opposition and is very unlikely to be approved by the city council planners. A mast is still likely to go ahead but in a different location that is less obtrusive.

I was extremely disappointed with the decision on the appeal to approve a 49.9 megawatt solar farm on green belt land adjoining the old A130. Working together the city council, two Parish Councils, local residents and your two local councillors put up a very strong case against this development. With the other two approved schemes there will be significant visual intrusion and loss of valuable farmland. The city council are considering an appeal to the High Court but I am not optimistic.

Recently I chaired a meeting of the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee at which the police gave an annual presentation. This included crime solved outcome figures for every district in the county. These are very disappointing for Chelmsford but follow trends both nationally and in Essex. Examples for Chelmsford include rape: 2552 offences, solved 88, percentage solved 3.4%; burglary residential 4792 offences, solved 238, percentage solved 5% and theft of a vehicle 5062 offences, solved 137, percentage solved 2.7%.

Twenty years ago residents first elected me as your local councillor. Time and age has caught up with me and I have decided not to stand for election in May. Thank you all for your friendship and support over this time. Until the election I shall continue to make myself available to visit residents and local businesses to help with local issues. Please send me an email or give me a ring to make arrangements. My best wishes to you all.



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# COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This is the time of year Highways make a plea to landowners to ensure ditches and low hanging trees are cleared and cut back ahead of spring. Landowners are responsible for maintaining trees, hedges, shrubs, and ditches on their land particularly when they are close or next to a road or pavement. I do get quite a lot of complaints on ditches being blocked and causing flooding - if you do have this responsibility please act!


At Essex County Council we have formally approved the budget for the coming financial year with a 3.5% increase. I know this is not good news but be reassured we have one of the lowest rates in the UK. Essex's budget is incredible £2 billion plus, and the priority support continues to be Adult Social Care and I am sure that is right.

At a recent meeting with the Police Commander in Chelmsford it was good to hear a reduction in anti-social incidents and successes in fighting the drug gangs. It was also reassuring to hear police numbers are at a record number and their continued commitment to Rural Policing.

Please note that as from 13th March you will have to book a slot to visit any Essex Recycling centre. This booking system is a trial and will be evaluated later in the year. You can book your slot using the Essex website or phoning on 0345 743 0430. I have to say as a user of the Mountnessing site I have rarely experienced problems and find this decision difficult to understand. Please let me know of your experiences.

Potholes continue to reappear and the recent weather hasn't helped. Please let me know of any that are clearly a safety risk and I will take up with Highways.



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## **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

### **Village Hall & Playingfields**

2023 is obviously going to be a challenging year with ever increasing prices of everything but especially for the commodities – gas/electric/fuel/food, which will affect everyone one way or another.

We have had to consider this with recently increasing our hire costs to reflect the rise in heating and lighting of the premises.

We continue to investigate the installation of Solar Panels to address these rising costs and for the future.

We have already made some changes within the facilities with changing more of the lighting to either LED tubes in the kitchen and corridors (as we had already provided in the Sports Hall). We have now also installed new LED lights in the upstairs Meeting room which aesthetically look so much better and give a much brighter ambience.

Over the Xmas holiday break, a new Intruder Alarm and upgraded CCTV System was installed. (If you should hear the Hall or Shop alarm sounding and light flashing in the middle of the night, please call the Police).

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our bid from the ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) grant because it was oversubscribed. This was to look at widening the Sports Wall on the field. We will look at other grant funding to hopefully be able to progress this but we did have a generous donation of £300 from the East Hanningfield Athletic Football Club which we will earmark to go towards this.

Through the school we have asked for ideas to make additional improvements to the Children's Play area, and welcome any other suggestions which can be considered if funding is available.

Throughout the Winter months, subject to weather conditions, we have done our annual hedge flailing, clearing the Chase and Field paths of autumn leaves and silt build up, as well salting and gritting during the cold snaps and keeping the salt/grit bins topped up.

As reported in the Winter newsletter we have run the weekly Sunday afternoon sessions of offering a warm social space in the Meeting Room of the Hall, providing free refreshments, access to our substantial book library (to either borrow or purchase books/DVD's) and other craft activities. We are very grateful to all of those who came forward to volunteer to cover a session, however we have found that there has not been any take up of this resource from the Village.

We will continue to run the usual Saturday morning Book sales, which will be advertised on social media and posters around the village. Thank you to everyone who responded very promptly to the proposed 5G mast sighting on the Village Tye, which would have been an absolute blight on the landscape and in a conservation area.

The Annual Hanna's Field Charity AGM will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and we would warmly welcome anyone who would like to come along to join us at the Village Hall.

Just a reminder to say that anyone wishing to book the hall/sports fields now needs to login onto the Hallmaster website, link:- <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Scheduler/View/11289> to send an email use:- [hannasfield@outlook.com](mailto:hannasfield@outlook.com) alternatively, you can call the booking secretary, Jessica Crow, on 01245 400965 (before 8pm) and leave a message.

Jenny Mouser – Chairperson



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# VILLAGE DIARY

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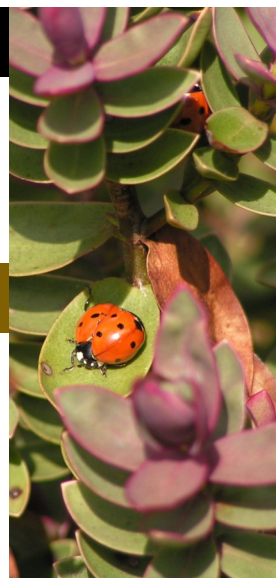
## MARCH

- Sun 5 9am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 7 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**
- Sun 12 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 13 **NON PUPIL DAY SANDON SCHOOL.**
- Tue 14 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Wed 15 2pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Sat 18 10am **LADIES BREAKFAST** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 19 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**, at All Saints' Church, when posies will be presented to all the ladies. All welcome to join us for this special day.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 21 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Sat 25 9am **VILLAGE TIDY** Meet at the Village Hall car park for sacks, pickers etc.  
10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Ch
- Sun 26 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 28 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER**
- Thu 30 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
In the 1st Floor Meeting room V Hall  
**BREAK UP FOR EASTER EHPS**
- Fri 31 **12.45pm BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY -SANDON SCHOOL**



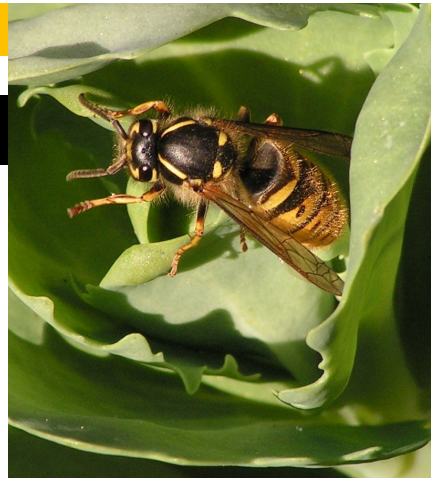
# APRIL

- Sun 2 9.30am **PALM SUNDAY** at All Saints' Church. We will start the service by processing round the churchyard following our special guest, Tintin the donkey, and shouting Hosanna! We will also be giving out the usual palm crosses that morning.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 4 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Fri 7 **GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY**  
10am **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church  
12 noon **GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church. We will reflect on the crucifixion
- Sun 9 10am **EASTER SUNDAY-HOLY COMMUNION** celebrating the resurrection at All Saints' Church  
10.45am **EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Ch
- Mon 10 **EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 11 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Sat 15 9am **MEN'S BREAKFAST** at Bethel Church
- Sun 16 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 17 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & SANDON SCHOOL**
- Tue 18 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Wed 19 2pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the V. Hall
- Sun 23 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH A HEALING THEME** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Ch
- Tue 25 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Thu 27 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Sat 29 10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Ch
- Sun 30 10am **SUNG MATINS** at All Saints' Ch  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Ch



# MAY

- Mon 1 **EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 2 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Thu 4 **CITY & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** - Polling station in the Village Hall
- Sat 6 **CORONATION DAY**
- Sun 7 9am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church with Coronation Fellowship Lunch at 12.30pm.
- Mon 8 **BANK HOLIDAY** in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III
- Tue 9 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Sun 10 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 16 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Wed 17 2pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the V Hall  
7.30PM **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sun 21 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 23 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Thu 25 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st Floor Meeting room at the Village Hall
- Fri 26 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM EHPS & SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sat 27 10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church
- Sun 28 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST** at All Saints' Church. Our service to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit; and with a healing theme.  
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 29 **SPRING BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 30 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**



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# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Local Crime Round Up:** Since the December News issue, EH NhW have been made aware of only two incidents in the parish.

A Container unit was broken into at property in Back Lane on afternoon/evening 2<sup>nd</sup> January - thieves stole various equipment including a trailer (the thieves entered from fields at back property).

In the early hours of Tuesday 10 January a resident reported their Ford Transit van stolen off driveway in Highfields Mead. Both incidents were reported to the police however no one has been apprehended. They highlight need to take care-thieves are always about!

<p><b>WORRIED ABOUT BURGLARY?</b> <b>THINK WIDE(N)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> <b>WINDOWS</b> LOCKED</li><li> <b>INTERIOR</b> LIGHTS ON A TIMER</li><li> <b>DOORS</b> DOUBLE OR DEADLOCKED</li><li> <b>EXTERIOR</b> LIGHTS ON A SENSOR</li><li> <b>(NEIGHBOURS)</b> KEEP AN EYE OUT</li></ul>  <p><small>Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England &amp; Wales, CIO no. 1173349</small></p>	<p>Nearly two-thirds (65%) of us are worried about our home being broken into, yet there are simple, proven measures we can all take to halve our chances of being burgled. NhW UK has joined forces with primary smart security partner, <b>ERA Home Security</b>, to promote a new burglary prevention campaign called <b>WIDE(N)</b></p>
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The aim of WIDE(N) is to highlight simple, evidence-based measures which can be taken in any home on a variety of budgets. The WIDE (N) acronym stands for:

**WINDOWS:** Burglars will attempt to break in through the quickest, easiest, least visible and noisy route - often a ground floor rear window. Keep your windows locked.

**INTERIOR:** Having lights come on and off gives the impression that someone is moving about inside, and a light has not just been left on in one room. Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb.

**DOORS:** Double or deadlock your doors (deadlocking a door with a key, bolt, or turn means the door can only be opened from the inside or the outside using the correct key). Always remove the key once you've locked the door to prevent a burglar from reaching through the letterbox or catflap or breaking a window to get the key but keep it accessible in case of an emergency. On PVCu or composite doors fitted with a multi-point lock, the act of pulling up the door handle or shutting the door will not secure the property of course - you must also deadlock using a key or turn.

**EXTERIOR:** Fit outside lights with a built-in PIR motion detector. The best floodlight have cameras, which triggers a 950 Lumen light and recording. Consider also an alarm system - for example, the ERA Protect Battery-Operated Live Siren emits a loud 104dB sound and comes with flashing lights, indicating that the system is armed 24/7.

The location and appearance of fences, gates, trees, and hedges determine whether a property is a high or low risk for burglars. You want good visibility to eliminate hiding areas or easy ways of gaining entry. Side entrances should be secured with lockable gates – that are kept locked. Lock up garden tools and ladders and don't leave wheelie bins where they can help an offender climb or break into your home. Using a security pen or scribe, mark expensive tools and implements with your postcode.

Battery or mains-powered shed alarms are commonly available in DIY stores – or extend your main burglar alarm to include your outbuildings.


Keep your car keys out of sight in the house, and if you have smart keys or a keyless car, make sure you safe. Consider fitting gates or security bollards onto driveways to secure vehicles on the drive (check with your planning office for any restrictions). You can buy 'garage defenders', which bolt into the ground in front of the garage and stop it from being opened until you unlock it and drop it flat. Ensure it's "Sold Secure" gold or silver standard.

Lock bicycles and motorbikes to a ground anchor point within the garage or shed and use a good-quality D-lock or chain (cable locks are easily snapped with bolt-cutters). Look for Sold Secure approved locks; gold-rated ones offer the highest level of security. Use an additional chain or cable lock to secure the frame to the wheels.

**NEIGHBOURS:** This is at the heart of Neighbourhood Watch. Keep an eye out for your neighbours and their property– introduce yourself and watch out for things like parcels left at house or keeping an eye on property when your neighbour is away etc..

**Reporting Crime:** A reminder there are a number of ways of reporting [crime](#) depending on circumstances - they 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)

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**

Forward suspicious text messages to free-of-charge short code: **7726**


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:** Over 130 residents receive 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 continue to be speed checks in Old Church Road, The Tye, Bicknacre Road and the Common. 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).

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.

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

 01245-400628

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

## Appeal for CSW Volunteer

We are still 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 provided (and a high viz jacket).

Would love to hear from you - contact [NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com](mailto:NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com) if interested.







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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year will be long past, as will the cold weather and grey days we've experienced during the first couple of months of the year. Spring will be on its way, with the appearance of the familiar spring flowers, daffodils, snowdrops and many others as well.

In the church we will be making our preparations for our Easter services, the details of which are in the Diary section of the magazine, including Mothering Sunday as it is traditionally known.

In years gone by it was the one day when children that had been taken into 'service' in the big houses, were allowed to visit their families, and attend their 'Mother church' where they had been baptised. They would pick wild flowers on their walk home, to take to their own mothers, and if their employers were very kind and generous they would be given a Simnel cake to take home as well. Mothering Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent) was the one day that the fasting days of Lent were relaxed. Over the years the Simnel cake became the Easter cake, that we are more familiar with today.

Hot Cross buns were traditionally only eaten on Good Friday symbolising Jesus' death on the cross and why he died. The rest of the year we still ate the same buns, but without the cross on the top. How things have changed!!

On Easter Day we now give each other chocolate eggs, however traditionally ordinary eggs were painted or decorated, and prestigious jewellers like Faberge also made some exquisite ones! Easter eggs are traditionally symbolic of the new life that emerges during spring, and more poignantly for Christians, the new life that Jesus brought through his death and resurrection bringing the hope of eternal life for all who believe.

It would be lovely for you to join us for any of our services, especially for Mothering Sunday and our Easter services (Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) and you will always find a warm welcome however old or young you may be.

During the next few months, we will be continuing to pray for all the streets in the village, and for those who live there, as well as for all the village organisations, local businesses and events. In March we will be praying for those who live in Back Lane and MoorHall lane. In April we pray for those who live in Bicknacre Road, and Nicholson Place, and in May, for those who live in Bridon Close and Old Church Road.

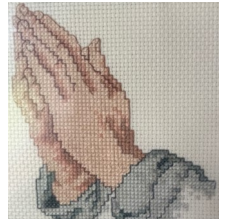
If you would like me to pray for you or anyone else, in my private prayers, please either phone or Email me, and I will do so. You don't have to give details unless you want to, a first name will be fine, but please ask the person if they would mind being prayed for first.

Every Blessing, love and prayers.

Rev'd Suzy.

☎ 01245 224181

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Happy New Year to everyone.

After the success of last year's village fete and Halloween/  
Fireworks events we will be running them again!  
Please keep these dates in your phone/calendar/diary:

**Village Fete Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July from Midday to 4pm**  
**Halloween and Fireworks Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October from**  
**5pm to 7pm**

We will of course need sponsors and volunteers so we can run both events, we will be in touch very soon.

Any queries or early volunteers please contact  
[melanie.mavers@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.mavers@gmail.com) 0793 989 3246

# BETHEL CHURCH

## 1923 Famous World Events:

- ◇ Warner Bros. Pictures established
- ◇ Time Magazine first issue
- ◇ The first FA Cup Final at Wembley stadium
- ◇ Mount Etna erupts
- ◇ Republic of Turkey established
- ◇ Insulin used for diabetes treatment
- ◇ Tutankhamun burial chamber unsealed
- ◇ **Bethel Church, East Hanningfield established**



Yes, that's right. Whilst Adolf Hitler was leading the Nazi Party in a failed coup attempt in Germany, and Howard Carter was unearthing King Tutankhamun – meanwhile in little East Hanningfield, UK, a small group of Christians arrived in the village.

In a 1923 newspaper clipping, East Hanningfield was described as a place of appalling need, such was the depth of poverty at the time. Horse-drawn caravans arrived with much needed relief and Bethel Evangelical Church was founded.



Throughout this time, Bethel Church has sought to serve the village wherever we can. To be a place where the gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, a place where hundreds of people have entered, many coming to faith.

To mark the event, we will be having a special Centenary Service, on Sunday 11 June. We will be able to tell you more in the next Village News issue.



But before then, in April, we will also be celebrating another famous world event, the greatest event in history. The day that Jesus died for our sins on the cross of Calvary and was raised to life three days later. Please come and join us as we share the Easter story.



From all your friends at Bethel Church,

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# News from East Hanningfield Pre-School

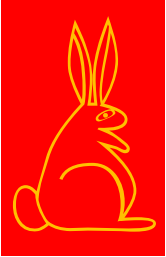
We hope the children had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year. Before Christmas we had some lovely visitors: some very cute Donkeys, Dora and Dotty. The children got to walk them around the outside area which they all enjoyed. Their Christmas Play went really well, with a special visit from Father Christmas after.



We have a new little starter who has joined the pre-school, Spike. Spike is our pre-school teddy who likes going on adventures. Each weekend a child gets to take him home and enjoy different adventures with him.



This term our topic of the term is Winter. The children have been making lots of different winter themed items to add to our topic board.



The children have also been enjoying celebrating **Chinese New Year**, they made some lovely craft and tried some Chinese food. They have also made some lovely biscuits for valentine's day, and bird feeders for local wildlife.

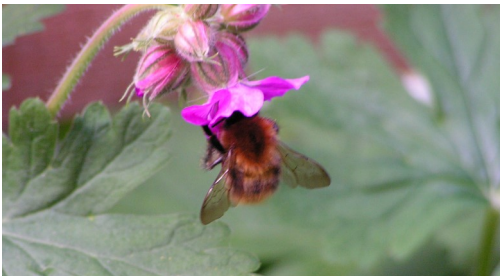
We look forward to the next term where we will be getting ready for Easter. The children will be making Easter Bonnets, which we will be looking forward to seeing.

If you might be interested in your child joining us and would like to come for a visit, please contact us by phone or email us. We also have a website (see below). We take 2 as well as 3-4 year funding.

Charlotte

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🌐 [www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk](http://www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk)



# EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

**Happy New Year!** The second half of the Autumn term flew by and was filled with exciting learning. Owl Class visited the British Museum to see all the wonderful Egyptian artefacts they had been learning about for their topic. We were able to see real mummies, sculptures, hieroglyphics and sarcophaguses. It is incredible to think that some of these objects date back to 10,000 BC.



It was an exciting and busy time leading up to Christmas break! The Sandon Language Leaders visited; teaching the Key Stage 2 children Christ-

mas-themed French vocabulary. We were even lucky enough to have some festive weather and we enjoyed building lots of snowmen and playing in the snow!







The children practised and perfected their Christmas productions! The Early Years' children performed their first nativity. They all did so well!

Year 1 and 2 performed their own version of the nativity

called 'Born in a Barn'. It was brilliant and I think we may have some talented future Hollywood actors!

Kingfisher Class led a carol service at the local church



and Owl Class performed an excellent play called 'Straw and Order'. We also had Christmas dinner and class parties! The lead up to Christmas is indeed a lot of fun in primary school!



In the new year we started our class assemblies. Dove Class shared all their learning with the parents about the Great Fire of London. Robin Class charmed us all with their as-

sembly based on the book 'Dear Zoo'.

The theme of our Children's Mental Health Week this year, was 'Let's Connect'. We all took part in a 'Walk and Talk' event where children of different ages talked about a range of topics such as their favourite music, films, friendship and learning. It was a great way to converse with children that I rarely am able to speak to – I found out that Harry adores Harry Potter and Eva loves Ed Sheeran!



With Spring fast approaching, we have a range of events to look forward to including: Our World Book week, Break the Rules day and a drumming workshop plus all the exciting learning that happens in between!

Have a wonderful Easter everyone!

Daniel Forster, Deputy Headteacher

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🌐 [www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk)



## ADVANCE WARNING!

There will be another Village Scarecrow Competition this year in August - keep a look out for posters nearer the time! Meanwhile do put your thinking caps on and start planning.

This year there will be a separate competition for Primary School aged children  
(the youngsters should be the ones who had the idea and made the scarecrow with a little help from an adult)

# SNOWDROPS

**Snowdrops** herald the end of winter and the arrival of spring. They may have been brought to the British Isles by the Romans, but were first documented in English gardens much later. They began to become more common, and fashionable, in the 17th and 18th centuries. The 'common' snowdrop, *galanthus nivalis*, is not really 'native' although naturalised all over the UK. Like many bulbs, it can be found growing truly wild in the Caucasus, southern Europe and Turkey. They became very popular after British soldiers brought them home from the Crimean War in the 1850s.

Snowdrops come into flower around Candlemas, which commemorates the ritual purification of the Virgin Mary 40 days after the birth of Christ, together with the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. St Luke's Gospel says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. Traditionally church candles were blessed on this day.

Candlemas is also the midpoint between Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox, celebrated in ancient times as the start of the agricultural season. Glowing white in the dark woods, folk names for snowdrops include Candlemas Bells, February Fair Maids or Mary's Tapers. Being the first flowers of spring, they are symbolic of new life and rebirth and of Christian resurrection. Perfect for churchyards!

At All Saints some few years ago, clumps of snowdrop leaves were found hiding in the front ditch in the days when it was full of nettles and brambles, not beautifully kept like now. Gradually every year they were divided and spread around the area by the entrance to the church and churchyard, where they appear to thrive and bring pleasure to those who pass by, making a beautiful white carpet and cheering us during the chilly days of February.



# East Hanningfield Village Store

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## BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Friday 7 April (Good Friday)**

**Saturday 8 April Open as usual**

**Monday 10 April (Easter Monday)**

**Monday 1 May (May day holiday)**

**Monday 8 May (King Charles III Coronation)**

**Monday 29 May (Late May Bank Holiday)**

