

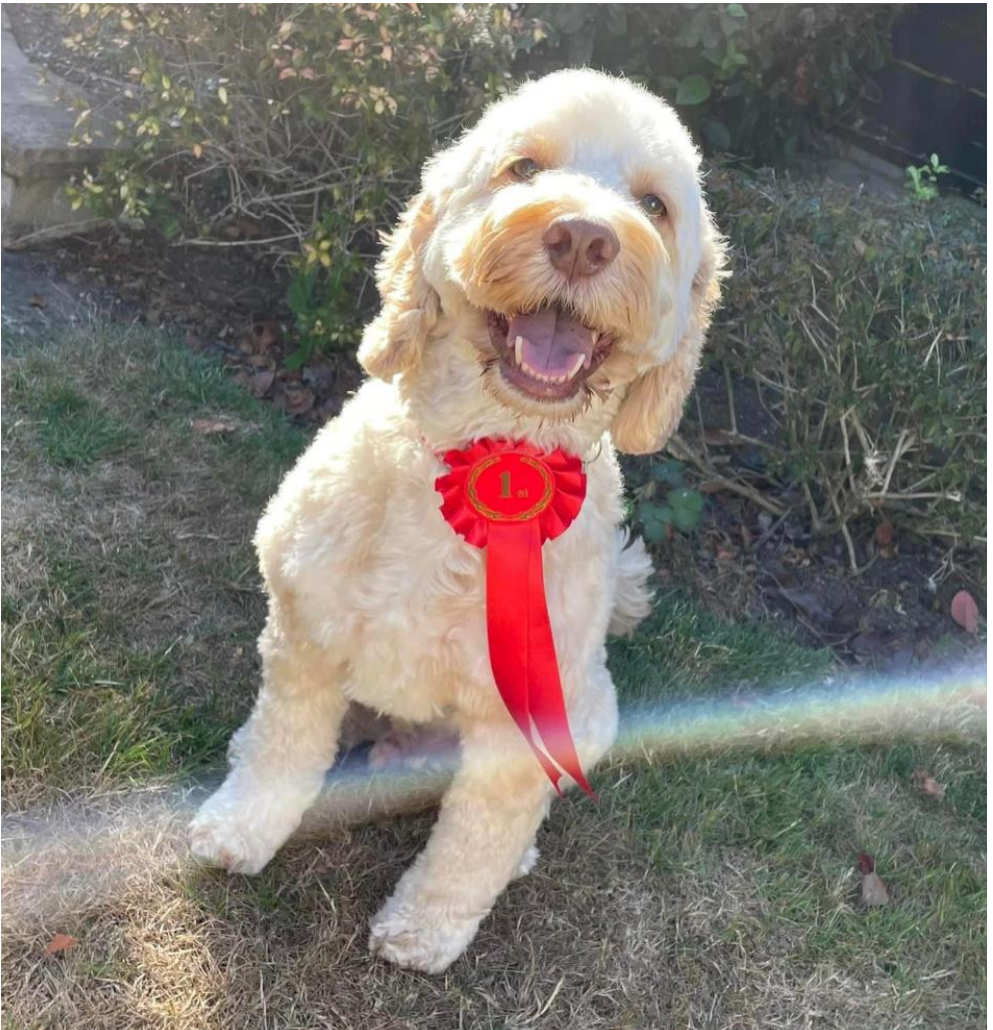
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or hard copy to 2 Clinton Close.**

This issue of the News seems to have been ill-fated. I had reached the point of just adding the Village Diary to the centre pages when I was suddenly locked out of the laptop I was using, and was told the local IT man would be unable to help until the end of the week. I had to start putting it together all over again, but without access to Publisher I was going to have to do it in Word on an unfamiliar machine.

If you think this issue looks a little different to the usual editions now you know why!

COVER PHOTO

This issue's cover shows the smiley face of a winner of one of the many competitions at the 2023 Village Fete. There are more Fete photos on page 13.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the May election six of the prior Parish Councillors volunteered to stand for re-election. As this was less than the allowed seven councillors they were all elected without the requirement for a ballot. This means we still have a vacancy for a councillor. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Lucy White on email clerk@easthanningfield-pc.gov.uk. There will be no need for an election, the prospective councillor will be co-opted and can serve until the next election in 2026.

A regular agenda item at the monthly Parish Council meeting is the list of local planning applications. The Local Planning Authority, Chelmsford City Council, is required to consult affected Parish Councils for comments on all planning applications in their areas. They do not have to agree with the comments but they do need to consider them

Although we are notified of applications involving existing homes most often we will choose not to comment. We recognise that most home improvements are straight forward and we should not inhibit the process.

We will comment if an application affects the Conservation Zone, a nearby listed building, is outside the Village settlement boundary or has a significant impact on neighbours. We will always comment on major developments which could impact a large part of the Parish.

We were very active in opposing the 3 large solar farms which have now been approved to be built in our Parish and will continue to be vigilant during their construction.

We are also very concerned with the large housing expansion to the North of South Woodham Ferrers. We believe there has been too little consideration of the traffic impact both from heavy trucks during the construction and general traffic afterwards due to the population increase. Rat running through East Hanningfield between SWF and

Chelmsford will inevitably increase. As will East to West traffic due to drivers trying to avoid the congested main road through SWF.

There are several major residential and industrial planning proposals alongside both sides of the A12 between the Howe Green and Boreham junctions. We will carefully monitor these for any potential impacts on our residents.

The significant development pressure on our area is due to the Metropolitan Green Belt. Development in this area is more restricted. The Green Belt in the Chelmsford area is broadly everything to the west of the old A130 and then north up to the A1060 Chelmsford – Bishops Stortford road. This totals one third of the Chelmsford City planning area.

There is a need for us to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish. This is a development of the Village Plan completed some 13 years ago. The Plan would define what residents consider would be a good development, what would be bad and why. To avoid any possibility of political influence the Parish Council cannot directly develop this plan. The preparation needs to be done by a separate group of residents. The Parish Council would of course help. If any resident or group of residents are interested in this task they can get more information through Google and then should contact me malcolm.thomas@easthanningfield-pc.gov.uk

A significant benefit to the Parish is that it would give us a stronger voice in the planning process and also the potential for obtaining a greater share of any “Community Infrastructure Levy” funds.

Although I have spent a lot of time in this letter talking about planning matters in our meetings, we spend a lot more time discussing the more immediate problems the residents are facing and what we can do to help.

Pot holes are a concern to all of us. They are dangerous and can cause significant damage. We report the worst to Essex Highways and to our City Councillor, Ian Grundy. Cllr. Ian Grundy is also the City Council’s

representative to Essex Highways so will probably write more about this issue elsewhere in this newsletter.

Speeding traffic through the village continues to be a problem and we support the Community Speed Watch and their speed checks. The number of traffic accidents on our roads, particularly Bicknacre Road and Pan Lane are far too high. The PC will be purchasing both 30 mph and Accident Black Spot signs.

We are anxious that we avoid accidents to pedestrians. Overgrown hedges are a problem at this time of the year. They grow quickly across adjacent footpaths and force pedestrians into the road or onto the grass.

The property owner has a responsibility to keep the hedges under control. We understand that it may be difficult to stay on top of the problem and we do need to be sensitive to nesting birds. But I am asking you to look at your hedges and take action if there is a risk. In the winter it is time to take more drastic action and cut the hedge back sufficiently to allow for next years growth.

Sometimes owners ignore their responsibilities. We do write to them but, in future, if no action is taken after our request we will get their hedge cut using a tractor mounted flail and then bill the owner the cost.

Malcolm Thomas, Parish Council Chairman,

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I am delighted to report the works in Tindall Square in our City are now finished and has been officially opened. The new public square completes the pedestrianisation of the area and will give us opportunities to host events. It also highlights the importance of bringing Shire Hall back to life and this event marks the beginning of that process - let's hope it won't be too long!

Another major development that has just been signed off is the contract with Network Rail for the building of Beaulieu Park Station. As I understand this contract means the station will be complete in 2025 and will include three platforms and parking for over 700 cars - all quite exciting.

If you are out and about this holiday period please check the roads for repairs. There is a lot going on around the county and I know from experience there is nothing more irritating than being diverted or stuck in a jam.

As always if I can help on an issue, please give me a call.


Ian Grundy

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

Here we are already nearly into Autumn after a very disappointing and mediocre Summer, weather wise – perhaps we will get an 'Indian Summer' as a compensation in September/October! We can but hope! We have been getting the usual maintenance work carried out including the repairs to the potholes in the car park, once the weather was dry enough. The annual electrical 'PAT' testing of all equipment within our facilities has also been carried out, along with the ROSPA report on the play equipment in the park, which always gives us a list of maintenance work required. Some of the play equipment will need relacing, at some point, but this would have to have a separate raising of funds to achieve this.

Our main priority is still pursuing ways to get grant funding to be able to proceed with installing Solar Panels on the roof of the Hall to help address the rising cost of electricity which will affect us very much. A further blow was received when we learnt that as a charity, we will be subject to V.A.T. on the cost of the system which is potentially a further £8,000 to be found. Apart from the initial partial grant from ACRE (which has to be used by October 2023) we have so far been unable to be successful in other applications we have made to date. Time is running out, unfortunately.

We are to be the hosts, this year, for the Rural Community Council's Annual Conference on Saturday 23rd September. This is where all members who run Village Hall's in Essex come together to share information and hear about services available from a variety of companies, and about current legislation that could effect us. The Village Fete was another very good Fund-Raising event, held on Saturday 8th July, please see the separate report, for more details of how it all went.

Many of you in the village would have known Sylvia Hopkins, who sadly passed away on 6th June, following an accident in February. Sylvia moved into the village in the 60's with her husband Alan into Back Lane, along with their children Philip and Sian, who went to the local school

and then Sandon. Sylvia had always been involved with village events including helping to start the original pre-school in the Old Rectory and being on the Hanna's Field Charity Committee from the start, and very involved with raising funds to help build the Village Hall and Community Centre we now have. She was also responsible for helping Mike Plumridge run the Children's Disco's regularly on a Friday night for the junior age children from the village. Sylvia was an amazing woman who sadly was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in her late 30's but she was absolutely determined this was not going to affect her in working life as the Head Pharmacist at Broomfield Hospital, she also worked at weekends as a locum pharmacist together with being a volunteer late at night on the phone lines for the Samaritan's organisation (still doing this right up until the accident). Although having moved to the outskirts of Danbury in early 2000, Sylvia still helped regularly at the Art Show and also the Village Fete each year. Although being less than 5ft in stature and looking quite frail, she was one very determined lady who we will all dearly miss.



Our next fund-raising event is the Annual Art Exhibition which will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October, with the Pre-view evening on the 6th. Please see the separate advertisement for full details. We are already working on this event and have asked our usual loyal volunteers for their support, but we are always open to anyone new who would like to help in any way. During the Art show the upstairs area will also be open for anyone wishing to browse/purchase any of our extensive range of second-hand books on offer. (Further book sale dates will be given in the Winter Newsletter)

Anyone wishing book the Hall/Sports facilities, please log on to the Hallmaster website at <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Scheduler/View/11289> or to email please use hannasfield@outlook.com. Alternatively, you can call the Booking Secretary, Jessica Crow, on 01245 400965 (before 8pm) and leave a message.

Jenny Mouser
Chairperson

EAST HANNINGFIELD ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION AND SALE



SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 10.00AM TO 5.00PM

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 10.00AM TO 4.00PM

Fundraiser for our Village Hall and Field facilities.

All manned by village volunteers.

You are welcome to join us as helper, art admirer
or artist!

Entrance:£1.50 per adult, children free

Book sale and refreshments also available all day.

Interested artists should contact
Wendy Thomas on ehartfair@gmail.com or
07917 131948 or
Jenny Mouser 07885 282413



A big thank you to all involved in making this year Summer Fete such a great success .

We are pleased to announce that this year's event raised just over £4,100, which will be divided equally between All Saints' Church and Hanna's Field Charity.

The Charity maintains and improves the Hall, Playing Fields and play equipment, which is such a vital part of our village. All Saints' Church will be putting the proceeds towards a new stained-glass window in the Church in memory of the late Queen.

Although the weather could have been better, we managed to put on a good show and it was lovely to see so many local residents with friends and family enjoying the day. The local Preschool and Primary School did us proud with a great show, and this year's entertainer Buzz went down really well with the children. The dog show was well attended and humans and dogs alike all had a great time.

We want to say a big "thank you" to all our sponsors, to our main sponsors D. Chennells Ltd. And J. Gard and Sons Ltd., along with Bond Residential who helped with our advertising for the day. Also, a big "thank you" to our all sponsors of events and those who kindly donated prizes to our Grand Prize Draw:

Ash at the Village Shop; The Vita Bella; ACE Contracts; The Royal Tiger; The Beauvoir Arms; The Swan & Cygnet Room Bicknacre; Critic Framing & Anthemion Furniture and Woodcrafts; KellyBronze Turkeys, Communicate Ltd; Assured Fire Services; RHS Hyde Hall; Hounds of Hanningfield Gin, Aquagem, Hanningfield Motors; Atlantic Wealth Management; Beautifully Captured Castings; Grooming By Maisie; Bay & Grey Rettendon; Essex Ghost Hunters; Essex Bi-Fold Doors; Jade Medical; Lomas & Pigeon; Gatecraft Gates; Paramount Platforms; JM Swift Wholesale Fruit & Vegetables; Samac Fixings Ltd; Billericay Farm Services; The Reptile Hut; Mobile Thrones East Hanningfield, Hobby Craft and Polite Pooches

We wish also to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who helped set up, take down, and run the event on the day. Without all our joint efforts we would not be able to run our Fete or Fireworks.

The Fete & Fireworks Committee

SOME FETE HIGHLIGHTS



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Crime: Sometimes residents contact EH NhW about an incident but often we only learn about a crime through the police reports we are copied which may be a week or more after the event. If we know about a crime or suspicious activity we can, through the NhW network with victim's permission, ask for witnesses and in the process also provide a timely warning for other residents if relevant.

Since the last EH News magazine it seems to have been comparatively quiet – no fly-tipping to report and just following police reports:

21st July: Old Church Road (white Ford Transit Van broken into and battery stolen).

27th July: Bicknacre Road (property garage broken into and power tools, chainsaw and golf clubs stolen).

23rd August: Pease Place (vehicle taken from driveway).

From Essex police crime statistics for Chelmsford (which includes East Hanningfield), reported overall crime increased from July 2021 to July 2022 with increases in burglaries, shop lifting, bicycle and vehicle theft, and carrying weapons (but drug and public order offences decreased!).

Neighbourliness equals Crime Prevention: As this News magazine is delivered, we will be approaching the end of the “holiday season” but there will still be houses left unattended by owners and so more vulnerable to burglary. As well as the usual efforts to make the house look occupied whilst away (leave a light on, ask a neighbour to park on drive etc), a reminder neighbours can help each other by keeping an eye on their house when they are away, taking their bins out/put bins away and taking in deliveries/parcels.

John Chadwick: Sad to a report, a long-term EH resident (from 1971), John Chadwick, died on 12th May. John was quite a character and a member of the EH NhW, acting as its treasurer for most of the period from when the group was first formed in the late 80's. A memorial service was held at All Saints on 7th June when we learnt much more about his life - he trained in Paris at a hotel school from 16 – 20 years old, then whilst doing his national service, he met his wife Susan, in Chelmsford. He was a keen Rugby player in Paris, played cricket and enjoyed skiing. He and Susan ran a Hotel in Kent for 10 years, then

moved back to Essex where they ran a Banquet Catering business, until 1995 when both retired. Those of us in the village knowing him in his later years never realised the very full and energetic life he had led.

NhW Organisation & Email Alerts: Over 130 residents receive local emailed local crime alerts - contact NhW email address below if you would like to receive these.

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. Random 30 mph CSW checks continue in Old Church Rd, The Tye, Bicknacre Rd and the Common.

Essex traffic police receive the EH Speed Watch schedule for East Hanningfield and from time to time join us. As opposed to the local CSW (which sends the speed log after a speed check to traffic police) these traffic officers will stop a driver exceeding the speed limit and give them a speeding ticket.

20s Plenty Campaign: Reducing speed limits from 30mph to 20mph can cut pollution by 30pc and reduce the chance of a severe or fatal injury in the event of a collision by a staggering 60%. Most of the UK's larger cities have adopted 20mph for their residential streets and Wales is about to implement a 20mph national default for residential roads. We believe that communities can decide that "20's Plenty Where People Live" and Essex should be doing this in residential areas to reduce noise, pollution and allow cyclists and pedestrians to feel safer.

Appeal for CSW Volunteers: With some team members taking a break over the summer it has been difficult to maintain a regular speed check schedule, highlighting the need for a few more volunteers to share the load. We would love to hear from anyone interested in helping – training and a hi-vis jacket come free with the job! Contact the NhW email address if you are interested in either CSW or NhW.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.

Email: NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com ☎ 01245-400628

Fireworks and Halloween Fun

Our next village event will be the Fireworks and Halloween fun event on:

Sunday 29 October from 5pm to 7 pm

(at the village hall playing field)

There will be a fantastic quiet firework display curated and organised by **Firework Crazy**.

Planning for the event is in full swing, we will have:

- food from "In the Mood for Food"
- Yamas Bar
- other attractions and
- Halloween fancy dress competitions for children and adults - with prizes.

This will be a free, outdoor event, so let's hope for clear dry weather. Please feel free to bring chairs, keep cozy with warm clothes (maybe thermals if you are in costume) and enjoy the spectacle.

Please save the date and come along for our second village event of 2023.

The Fete and Fireworks Committee

Early notice date for next year's village fete

Saturday 6 July 2024

VILLAGE DIARY SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 9am **BCP COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 5 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & YEARS 7+12 SANDON SCH.**
BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK
COLLECTIONS
- Wed 6 **SANDON SCH. REMAINING YEARS RETURN**
- Thu 7 7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH A HEALING THEME** at All
Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 12 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS &**
PAPER SACK COLLECTIONS
2.25-2.55 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park
- Thu 14 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sun 17 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 19 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
COLLECTIONS
- Wed 20 2pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village
Hall. Talk on Maria Martin and the red barn.
- Thu 21 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sun 24 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 26 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS &**
PAPER SACK
- Wed 27 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting
room at the Village Hall
- Thu 28 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sat 30 10.30am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church

←PULL OUT AND PIN UP

OCTOBER

- Sun 1 9am **BCP COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
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- Fri 6 **NON PUPIL DAY SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sat 7 10am-5pm **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE** with
Preloved Book Sale & Refreshments
- Sun 8 10am **MORNING WORSHIP FOR HARVEST** at All Saints' Ch
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
10am-4pm **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE** with
Preloved Book Sale & Refreshments
- Tue 10 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Thu 12 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- 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**
- Wed 18 2pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the V. Hall
- Thu 19 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM EHPS**
7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Fri 20 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sun 22 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 24 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Wed 25 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting
room at the Village Hall
- Thu 26 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Mon 30 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sat 28 10.30am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church
- Sun 29 10am **ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE** at All Saints' Ch.
This is the annual service when we commemorate all those we have loved &
have passed from this life to the next.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
5-7pm **FIREWORKS & HALLOWEEN FUN** at Hanna's Field.

Mon 30 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS**

Tue 31 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**

NOVEMBER

Thu 2 7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church

Sun 5 9am **BCP COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church - All Saints Day -
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 7 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS &
PAPER SACK**

Thu 9 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church

Sun 12 10.45am **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - We congregate by the
war memorial at 10:45 for the Act of Remembrance, the laying
of the wreaths and 2 minutes silence at 11am. We then go into
All Saints' Church to continue with the remembrance day
service.

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

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Sat 25 10.30am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church

Sun 26 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church celebrating
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10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

As I'm writing this at the beginning of August, it's cold and wet and definitely feels more like autumn than the summer. What a contrast to last year when I wrote "We are just at the tail end of a heatwave, and it still hadn't rained so everywhere was parched". It has been quite a wake up call perhaps re global warming, with much of the world suffering from extraordinarily high temperatures causing horrendous wild fires; other places have suffered terrible flooding; and the weather is proving a nightmare for many of our farmers, with the dry weather earlier in the summer having an adverse effect on their crops, and now with this prolonged wet and windy weather causing crop damage and being too wet to harvest them. That's not to mention the effect of the rising cost of living that many people are struggling with! It would be easy to find ourselves feeling rather pessimistic, but we have plenty of things to be grateful for as well. As Christians with our faith in God's unconditional love and care for all humanity there is always hope - as it reminds us in Matthews gospel that "The sun shines on the bad and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous alike."

As we move into the autumn, as a church it is a time for remembering and for being grateful for what we have, compared to many people living on the breadline in this nation, and in abstract poverty, malnutrition and little if any healthcare elsewhere in the world. On October 8th we are holding our Harvest Festival, and this year our harvest gifts and donations will be going to local food banks. You are always very welcome to join us, whether you generally come to church or not.

Also, during October at our yearly All Souls Day service we will be giving thanks for all those who have now passed from this life into the next. During this service we will read out a list of names of those we hold in great affection. If you would like to join us for that service there will be the list at the back of church, for you to add your loved ones if you would like to, and you will also have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of them as well.

Remembrance Day service will be on November 12th. Full details are in the diary section of the magazine.

During our regular services we always pray for the village, for our organisations, businesses and also for those people and situations we know of in a time of quiet to lift them up to God. We also pray for every street and those who live in the village each year. In September we will be praying for East Hanningfield Road and Scarles Croft; in October Filliol Close and The Chase; and finally in November we will pray for those who live in Geoffrey Close, The Common and The Tye.



We believe that God knows us inside out, and perhaps better than we know ourselves, and he knows our situations. Therefore when we pray we don't always have to tell him what we want, but like any loving father we can approach him and ask for his help and guidance. He doesn't always answer how we might expect or hope for, but he will always answer our prayers in the way that's best for us. Prayer is simply talking to God, as we would talk to a friend or loving relative - we don't have to use special words or phrases. All we have to do is to tell him how it is for us; and to remember to say thank you to him for the good things we have in our lives as well.

If you'd like to find out more about what the Christian faith is all about then do get in touch with me, with no obligations, and I'll be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

Every Blessing, love and prayers.

Rev'd Suzy

Email - suzy.edmundson@btinternet.com

BETHEL CHURCH

Safely Home

As I started to write an article for the Village news, we received the sad news that our dear friend Joyce Dorman had died. So, I would like to pay tribute to her instead.

Joyce lived in East Hanningfield most of her adult life with her husband, Derek. She loved the village and was a well-known and well-loved character.

But how she became a member of Bethel Church was quite remarkable. Over 30 years ago, the ladies at the church were meeting together for their Tuesday prayer group. One of ladies, who became a lifelong friend, said that they should knock on a door with the number 11. So, they walked out in faith, with a certain amount of trepidation, round the corner to 11 Ashley Green.

There they were greeted with a warm smile from Joyce. After introducing themselves, they invited Joyce and Derek to Bethel Church – and they took up the invitation.

After a few months, they both came to faith in Christ and were both baptised in the school swimming pool one Sunday afternoon.

Soon after, Derek had a major stroke that left him requiring a wheelchair for mobility and died a few years later with related complications. His cheeky smile is still imprinted in our memories of him.



Joyce became a hard worker at Bethel Church, and an integral part of the Café Bar and fund raising for a homeless charity that was close to her heart.

The last two years of her life, Joyce struggled with her health. The last year she was house bound, but there was an extraordinary show of love and support from her Church family and village friends, particularly her next-door neighbour, Jenny, who gave up so much of her time to tend to Joyce's needs.

This is when community really came together. The people of East Hanningfield gave Joyce as much comfort as they could.

She loved her church family and was thrilled every time one of us visited her. Her love for Christ and the hope of salvation was always there, right to the end.

On Sunday, we paid tribute to her and reminded ourselves of the promises that God gives us:

“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands”.

2 Corinthians 5:1

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*“Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”*

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Joyce was much loved and will be much missed, but we take great heart in knowing that she is 'safely home'.

Roydon Hearne

EAST HANNINGFIELD W I

Hello again, it does not seem long since I did this before. I am convinced that time goes faster than it did when I was a child. The days seemed endless and they were always sunny. Unless of course there was a thunder storm. We had more of those then, but I think that was more to do with location. I do remember a neighbour who would appear at the first sign of a storm heading for the cupboard under our stairs, where she stayed until the storm had abated.

Still, back to the W I and the present or in this case the last three months. In June we had a Strawberry tea which was enjoyed by all. We had, strawberries of course, delicious scones (made by Lilian), cream and the one and only Strawberry jam made by the Tiptree Jam Factory. Food, chatter and sunshine made it a lovely afternoon.

July was our Seaside Month. Mr Martin Lockwood informed us all about the rise in the habit of sending postcards. The first ones were issued by the post office prior to 1892. Both back and front were blank. The address of the recipient on one side, the message on the other side. Gradually bits of decoration were allowed until they became the post card we know today. Donald McGill was considered the King of the Postcard. His nephew was seriously ill so he thought he would try to keep his spirits up by sending him a postcard with an amusing picture on the front and a cheery message on the back. The popularity of the post card spread with the result the day job of an architect was given up, in its stead he designed postcards until his death in 1962.

August is our Garden Party so we are hoping for fine weather.



September I am looking forward to, it is a true story of a Victorian Murder in Suffolk. You are welcome to visit if you Dare!!

In between Meetings, Pat usually organises an outing, usually to do with food. A different restaurant every time. A recent one was A Turkish restaurant which was enjoyed by all.

There is always something to do at the W I. If we are not organising something there are always events organised by the Essex Federation. Since I joined the W I I have never heard anyone say they are bored. The ladies go through all emotions except that one. There is always someone to chat to, some who remembers what you remember and someone who has experienced what you have, basically it's a give and take thing we Help each other.

If you are one of those people who suffers from that strange malady, boredom, come and join us one afternoon you will be most welcome. As for me, I have to get busy and sort myself out for the next three months. I hope you enjoy the rest of the Summer and Be Happy x

Marlene, (President, EHWI)



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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had a fantastic summer term at East Hanningfield, with lots for the school community to enjoy and celebrate.

At the end of May, the children enjoyed an inflatables event, organised by our wonderful parents association (Friends of East Hanningfield). The event was a great success and we are already eagerly waiting for next year.

The school council voted on ideas for a 'break the rules day'. During this day, children were able to break various rules such as: wear non-school uniform, bring an unhealthy snack to school, wear hair glitter and eat their pudding before their dinner! This is always a popular event with the children which, through the support of our wonderful parents, raised money for our school.

At the end of June, we held our annual sports day. This was a wonderful event, where all children competed in a carousel of different sporting activities and flat races. Additionally, some of our Key Stage 2 children represented East Hanningfield at District Sports and children in Year 2 participated in an annual Mini Games Tournament.

Children in Years 1 – 6 took part in a musical rap workshop, with a music specialist – Alex (otherwise known as 'Shy-Cookie')! They all worked hard to write their own raps, which they thoroughly enjoyed performing. A group of 22 children, who attend a singing and dancing club after school with Miss Forman, represented the school in 'Gotta Dance' at the Civic Theatre. The children performed brilliantly and were a joy to watch. They reprised their performance at East Hanningfield's village



fete and again really wowed their audience. A special thank you to Miss Forman for all of her hard work in preparing the children for this event.

As part of their topic on the Romans, Kingfisher Class (our Year 3 and 4 children) enjoyed a visit from a Roman General! He gave the children jobs to do in the fort, including wax tablet making, leather and mosaic work, pottery making and metal work. They were also trained to be Roman Soldiers and enjoyed a historical re-enactment.



The summer term in school always signals the beginning of new starts. Our Year 6 pupils have used the time to prepare for the next step in their education – secondary school. Year 6 children have been an absolute pleasure to teach and we will miss them all dearly. Well done Year 6 and we wish you all the best for the future!

The Year 6 children enjoyed an end of year trip to Adventure Island, funded by our fantastic Friends Association who used some of the money they raised from their events to support our leavers. Thank you Friends for all your hard work and organisation in raising the funds which provide the lovely extras, helping to create the memories for the children.

As well as our Year 6 starting a new phase in their education, we are super excited to welcome our new EYFS children into our lovely school in September. The Friends have also provided the funds to buy all of our new pupils their first school bookbag, which will encourage reading and support learning throughout the school – thanks again, Friends.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to updating you all with our adventures in the autumn term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stainsbury, Head of School

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News from East Hanningfield Pre-School

We had a very busy end of term saying goodbye to so many children. With 22 children leaving us to go onto their big schools it was a very emotional time for us. Having said that we all had a lovely time celebrating with them at the leavers ceremony.



The children all did an amazing job at the village fete singing their lovely songs. They all joined in and sang all

the words beautifully. We were very proud of all of them.



We had our annual sports day which the children really enjoyed and all participated in beautifully. We then celebrated their enthusiasm with a lovely picnic after.

We had a visit from a London city police officer. She talked to the children about what she does at work why children should never be scared to speak to a police officer. She showed them all the different uniform and hats she has to wear, then done some activities with the children, like fingerprinting and detective work. The children all tried on the uniforms and played games.

We had a special visit from Gemmas farm on the last week of term. The children got to see lots of different animals which they held and fed. We all really enjoyed it, especially the staff!

The end of term party was a great success with lots of party games, like pass the parcel and stick the tail on the donkey, with lots of music that the children enjoyed.

We have also been lucky enough to receive some amazing BSL signs that will be displayed around the park and hall, for anyone who would like to use/needs them.

We now have a new Facebook page if you would like to follow for more information.

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. We also have a website, www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk. We take 2 as well as 3-4 year funding.

Charlotte

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