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COVER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Connor Shoesmith whose winning entry to the Cover Competition appears on the front cover, and to the Class Runners-up whose pictures are on the back cover.

Well done to Class 2, Doves for submitting 15 entries, followed closely by Class 3, Kingfishers, with 13 entries. In total there were 44 this year, so “thank you” to all the parents and carers who made sure the drawings reached school safely, and to East Hanningfield School for participating in the Competition again this year.

As many entries as possible have been fitted into the following pages.

PARISH COUNCIL

Volunteers

Not everyone knows that all the Parish Councillors are volunteers. The only benefit we get is knowing we are doing something important for the Parish.

I mention this because at this time of the year the Parish Council would like to say a big THANK YOU to the numerous volunteers who support organisations and events which help to make the Village and Parish a better place to live.

As an example.

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter a report from the Hanna's Field Charity. They are too modest to mention how important they are to the daily life of the village. They manage and maintain the Village Hall, the sports field, the children's play area on the sports field and the car park. There is no government grant to fund this. Without the volunteers running it and raising funds there would be no location for village events, no village shop and no convenient place to drop off children for school.

There are three large fund-raising events each year. The Summer Fete, The Art Fair and the Firework Display plus several Book Sales. These events were enjoyed by many residents and together raised about £8,000.

This impressive sum was helped by the generous sponsorship of local firms who donated money or goods.

Organisation of these events requires a significant commitment of time and effort. But the events could not take place without numerous volunteers giving a few hours of their time doing such things as setting up stalls, erecting display stands, selling raffle tickets or rattling buckets.

Thank You all. To borrow a slogan **“Every Little Helps.”**

If you tempted to help in 2024 just pass on your email or telephone number to an existing volunteer or just come along with them.

Parish Council Update

In the last newsletter I mentioned the need to keep our hedges cut to avoid restricting the footpaths. Many thanks to the residents who acted and if you have not yet done so the winter months are the time to do it. The Parish Council has arranged for the more troublesome hedges to be cut by a contractor.

I also mentioned that the PC intended to fund both 30 mph and Dangerous Bend signs. We were advised that displaying Dangerous Bend signs was not allowed. We have had to resort to requesting action from Essex Highways. Let us hope they do something.

We have approached the farmer regarding the hedge restricting visibility on the Pan Lane bend and he very quickly lowered the height. It is still a dangerous bend but at least you can see oncoming vehicles sooner.

We have replaced the deteriorating Village Gates originally installed by Essex Highways but then abandoned.

This winter we will also resurface the footpath from All Saint's Church to the entrance to Gard and Sons timber yard.

Planning

As a reminder of why the Parish Council planning reviews are important.

This time last year the Parish Council became aware of a proposal to site a huge 15 metre high 5G mobile phone mast plus equipment cabinets at the junction of Old Church Rd and The Tye. The presumption should be that no planning approval would be required

unless the local authority specifically insists that it is necessary. If the land involved is owned by Highways no landlord approval would be required.

The consultation period for this mast was conveniently timed, by the applicant, to be over the Christmas break.

The mast would have ruined the iconic view of the southern end of The Tye Conservation Zone.

The Parish Council with the help of a few volunteers quickly printed fliers and distributed them to every house adjoining The Tye. This resulted in numerous letters of objection. The PC also wrote to the Company involved and the Planning Department.

By January the application was withdrawn.

The potential for another 5G mast has not gone away but the organisations involved know that we are vigilant.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Malcolm Thomas

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It's been a very sad few weeks following the fatal accident in Stock Hill on the 3rd of November at which a local boy aged 15 was killed and another critically injured. The incident is in the hands of the Police, and we must await more details in due course. It does act as a reminder to us all on driver behaviour and the importance of keeping highway furniture in good order.

The Army & Navy upgrade grinds on. We have secured some £69m from the Department of Transport which will be supporting the £81m project to build the junction along with an extension of the two park & ride sites. The next step is to secure planning permission followed by construction start in the spring of 2025 & completion in 2028.

Devolution is taking up a lot of our time at currently. We are in discussion with the Government to go for what they call Level 2, which will be a combined authority together with Southend and Thurrock. All 12 authorities in the County plus business are supporting the move which will give us far greater control on Jobs, Skills, and Transport. You may well hear more on this as an announcement is due in the Autumn Statement on the 22nd of November.

At a recent Police briefing it was good to hear there has been a downward trend in all crime levels. We now have 3755 Police Officers including Community Support Officers and Specials - the largest the force has been in its 183-year history! It was a very encouraging report and good to hear they fully recognise the importance of a strong relationship with councils and voluntary groups. Apart from all the usual issues, stalking and harassment plus drugs remain key issues.

Season greetings to everyone and if I can help, please let me know.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

By the time you are reading this newsletter Christmas and New Year will be just around the corner! Another busy year having flown by! As reported in the Autumn edition, we were the hosts of the Rural Community Council's Annual Conference on 23rd September. This was very well attended by members of Village Halls throughout Essex, together with a wide range of guest speakers. We received very good feedback on all our facilities, and recognition of our expansion since first opening, and to later have a Post Office/Shop incorporated in our building, and what a great asset this was for the village.

The 6th, 7th & 8th October saw our Annual Art Exhibition, which was again a great success, raising just over £2,500. This is a big event to run, but one we could not achieve, without the help of the many willing volunteers who give up their time to help us make this possible. A Very Big Thank You to you all.

Please see the separate report on the Fireworks Halloween Fun evening on 29th October.

Our next regular event is the Book Sale on 2nd December 10.00 am – 12.30 pm. Come along and have a browse from our huge selection for both adults and children, have a chat and enjoy some homemade refreshments.



**Ho ho ho by
Rupert Gleadell**



**Santa's Workshop by
James O'Driscoll**



**Candy Canes by
Phoebe**

A very 'Big Thank You' to our Vice Chair – David Bell for providing and fitting the new British Sign Language boards both inside the Small Hall, the Pre-school Play area and the main Play area on the field. These have all been very well received by both parents and children alike in the village. Well done!

We previously advised we had received the ROSPA report on the Play Equipment and areas that needed repair, but also that some equipment may need replacement. Requests have also been received about additional new equipment. These items are very costly, (we have already been researching into this with some play equipment providers). There would need to be a completely separate fund-raising drive for this to happen. Are there any parents out there who could come up with some ideas of how this could be achieved? We would welcome any ideas and input with suitable suggestions. There may be grants available, which of course, we will pursue (usually match funded), but these are always very oversubscribed, so we would have to keep everything crossed to be successful!

We always have a list of improvement work on the horizon, again funds permitting – one of these being the completion of the improvements in the foyer, earlier this year after fitting the new double-glazed windows/doors (addressing heat loss), with some replacement flooring/mats and some fold up style seating.



**Snow Globe by
Arabella Smith**



**Merry Christmas by
Lily Tompkins**



**Snowballs by
Brogan**

In November 2022, we seriously started to look into ways we could address the ever-increasing fuel costs forecast. Our costs could double when our fixed rate electricity contract finishes in early 2024. We held an initial meeting of the Executive Committee, together with non-committee resident Scott Mattheson, who was able to share with us the extensive research he had already carried out on Solar Panels and their installation. This information was invaluable for us starting to understand how we could go about this and getting some true idea of costs/savings involved. A sub-committee was formed with Mike Plumridge, Malcolm Edwards, Malcolm Thomas (Parish Council) and Scott Mattheson who have had many meetings over this year to finally get to the point of establishing the full cost involved with such a large project. Certainly not something for the faint hearted!!

Looking at our available reserves, sources of possible funding, and then how we could possibly move this project on with installation, was again not easy or straightforward. One of the problems we did find out was that, although we are a charity, we would be expected to pay V.A.T. on this work (unlike private households) which would put 20% onto the whole cost. We do hope however that the Autumn Budget (22nd November) – will address this problem, so again we are keeping everything crossed but certainly we cannot be complacent of the outcome.



**Balloons & Candy
Canes by a Class 2
Pupil**



**Wolves at Christmas
by Eve**



**Waiting for Santa by
Chloe Smith**

However, thankfully with success from some of the grants we have applied for, and generous help from the Parish Council, we have been able to place our order, to proceed with this work, using a local business, Solar Green. They are planning to be able to carry out some of the work over the two-week shutdown period of the Hall at Christmas/New year, which will give the least disruption to all our hirers.

Whilst speaking of our hirers – long term regulars, like the Pre-School, Dog Training, Football and Taekwondo, we have gained some new group's – Pilates, Yoga and possibly a new Zumba class starting.

I would personally like to thank all the members of the HFC Committee for their continued unfailing commitment to giving their time voluntarily, to ensure that we can continue to run and improve this invaluable asset that we have in our village. Some members are retired, (or partially!) but equally some are working parents who understand the importance of being a part of keeping this community facility going for the future.

Should anyone feel, they could add their drive or expertise, to help keep a vibrant committee going for the future, please do not hesitate to make contact. (We meet 6 times a year – every two months on a Tuesday evening).

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



**Robin & Snowman by
Edie Wheeler**

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FIREWORKS AND HALLOWEEN FUN 2023 – THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come, many dressed in amazing costumes, to our third Village Fireworks and Halloween fun event on Sunday 29th October.

Thankfully, the weather dried up late afternoon avoiding what might have been a washout if the rain had continued. The lighting was magical, the food, hot chocolate and bar even better than last year, and the fireworks, everybody agreed, were wonderful.

Numbers attending this year were down on last year, but it didn't seem to make any difference to the atmosphere and there was lots of positive feedback after the event which was very pleasing. The profit this year was just £1000 and significantly down on last year.

As you may imagine, it is expensive and takes a lot of hard work and planning to put this event together. We must pay for the first aiders, insurance, hired lighting and public address system, and of course the fireworks display itself. We debated the decision to keep the event free for the village once again this year (entrance by pre-paid ticket is an alternative method of funding the event) but the Committee want to keep this Fireworks and Halloween a “free event” for people in the village if we can. The overall purpose of this event is to bring the community together but also to raise funds for the Village Hall and All Saints Church. This means donations from people attending the event, as well as the sponsorship we get, must cover costs and still allow us to make a reasonable profit, one that reflects all the effort from committee and volunteers and contributions from companies providing financial help and services. The committee therefore will meet in January to take stock of how we did this year and decide whether to organise another Fireworks and Halloween fund raiser in October 2024. If you are interested in helping or have ideas for the event next year, we would love to hear from you so get in touch.

Now, the Thank You!! – first must come our generous sponsors (in alphabetical order):

ADS Tyres Ltd; Aqua Gem; Assured Fire Services Ltd; D Chennells Ltd (Rough Hill Farm); Fen Contracts Ltd/Mobile Thrones Ltd; Gatecraft Fencing Ltd; J Gards & Sons Ltd; Royal Tiger Restaurant; St Georges Pest Control Ltd; The Village PO Shop; and Vita Bella Restaurant. Also, Steve Wiggins at Bond Residential who provided house publicity signs around the village and to the residents who hosted a sign on their property.

The fireworks display was provided and organised by Firework Crazy, thanks to Mark Priest and his team who set up in the afternoon in the rain and stayed until the end and cleared up the debris.

“In the Mood for Food” did us proud again, providing plenty of hot food, candy floss and games, the Teacup ride and popular Trampoline. Yamas, returned to provide a great Bar, with delicious mulled wine!

We thank Ash in the shop, RHS Hyde Hall and Hanningfield Treat Company for prizes and vouchers for the Fancy Dress and Carved Pumpkin competitions.

We mustn't forget Essex Community First Aid Event Volunteers, with their ambulance, who keeping us safe. Happily, there were no injuries reported on the night.

Also, we have to say how grateful we are to the dozen or more volunteers, including friends at Paramount Platforms, who managed the car parking around the village. Thanks to the kindness of J Gard and Sons Ltd, Folly Bistro and Ace Contracts Ltd for the use of their car parks. And thank you to the other volunteers on the night who set up and managed the PA and lighting, collected donations at entrance, cleared up and put away at the end and picked up rubbish left on the field the following morning. Lastly thank you to our ever-professional event Master of Ceremonies, Steve Lambert.

Finally, a big thank you to all the children and adults who, in the spirit of “Halloween fun” dressed up for the evening or took part in the






Halloween competitions we organised, so much time and effort – we do hope they were used again for trick or treating on Halloween.

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 cold October evening! They generate vital funds needed for the upkeep of and improvements to the village hall and All Saints church so that they remain available for everyone to use. If you have any feedback about how we could improve the event for next year, or ideas for funding it, or want to help please do let us know.

The Fete and Fireworks Committee- subgroup of Hanna's Field Charity. Contact melanie.mavers@gmail.com

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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Crime: November seems to have been comparatively quiet, just small-scale fly-tipping (a garden strimmer dumped in Back Lane ditch), but September and October saw more incidents:

September: Number plates stolen from a Mini (Highfields Mead).

October: Bicycle stolen (Southend Road); Range Rover stolen (The Tye); two Lawn Mowers stolen from outbuilding (Old Church Road);

These were reported to NhW by police. If residents contact EH NhW to let us know about an incident, we will, with victim's permission, appeal for witnesses through the NhW network. This process makes other residents aware of the crime that is about.

Crime Prevention: Winter is here and daylight hours fewer. Burglars love this time of year when a house with no lights on is a sure sign no one's at home! As well as the usual efforts to make the house look occupied whilst you're away, lights on after dark etc, ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the house and take in that parcel left on your doorstep.

Nitrous Oxide (N₂O): From time-to-time NhW has been contacted about small metal N₂O (laughing gas) capsules left lying around the village, sometimes in carrier bag type volumes. As of 8th November, it has been illegal to possess N₂O for the purpose of getting high. It is classified as a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and it is now a criminal offence to possess N₂O without a legitimate reason. Serious users face up to two years in prison while those convicted of supplying face up to 14 years.

Which cars are more likely to be stolen? Car theft is still on the rise in the UK, with figures from AA showing a 25% increase since 2022. Some vehicles are more of a target than others. According to WHICH? Range Rovers are sought after (47% increase since 2021) and can be sold on quickly to foreign buyers. Some models like Fords can be broken down pretty much overnight and sold on for parts the next morning. Ford Fiesta thefts have risen sharply since 2022, according to the DVLA, because Ford indicated they'll stop Fiesta production soon, which will increase the price of parts. And while the precious metals in catalytic converters aren't fetching as much as they once did, thieves are now turning to other high-value parts on vehicles (such as the steering wheels in BMWs!). Insurers say vehicle thefts are most likely to happen when drivers are tucked up in bed (36% of claims take place between midnight and 7am) so take care your pride and joy is

locked up and secure at night, and if its keyless entry put keys in a faraday cage to prevent remote cloning of unlock code.

When and how to contact the Police:

Essex police are offering more ways of reporting non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour through their digital 101 service on their website. You can also use it to contact your local policing team, tell them about something you have seen or heard, or request information. A Live Chat service is also available where you can send direct messages to a digital 101 operator Monday to Friday between 10am-9pm. They still have the 24-hour 101 service which you can call if you feel you need to speak to someone or don't have access to the internet. **Always call 999** if a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed, if someone is in immediate danger, if property is in danger of being damaged, or if a serious disruption to the public is likely.

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

EH Community Speed Watch (CSW):

Random 30 mph CSW checks continue in Old Church Road, The Tye, Bicknacre Road and the Common. CSW is part of the overall police strategy to deter speeding, the main cause of road accidents/fatalities, and EH volunteers operate under the NhW umbrella. Registrations of vehicles exceeding speed limit are forwarded to Essex police and owners receive a warning. Essex traffic police receive the East Hanningfield Speed Watch schedule and from time to time join the local CSW team on speed watch. These officers stop drivers who are exceeding the speed limit and give them a speeding ticket on the spot, so be warned.

Appeal for CSW Volunteers:

We are still looking for few more volunteers to join us and share the load (currently there are 8 of us - 3 ladies and 5 gents). A couple more volunteers would make all the difference so we would love to hear from anyone interested in fresh air and helping. A short training session, bright yellow jacket and insurance come free with the job! Contact the NhW email address below if interested.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.

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- Sat 2 10am **PRELOVED BOOK SALE** at the Village Hall.
- Sun 3 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** from the Book of Common Prayer, with Rev Terry Brown, at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 5 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.
- Sat 9 2-4pm **CHRISTMAS FAIR** at the Village Hall organised by Friends of East Hanningfield School
- Sun 10 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with a healing theme at All Saints' Ch.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 11 2pm **SCHOOL NATIVITY SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.
- Tue 12 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
10.30am **LADIES' MEETING** at Bethel Church
5.30pm **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** at All Saints' Church.
- Wed 13 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, first-floor meeting room V. Hall.
- Thu 14 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Fri 15 **LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL before Christmas break.**
- Sun 17 4pm **CAROL SERVICE** followed by mince pies and mulled wine at All Saints' Church (no 10am service).
6pm **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** at Bethel Church.
- Tue 19 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Thu 21 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Wed 20 **BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EHPS & Sandon School**
- Sun 24 10.45am **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** at Bethel Church.
4pm **CRIB SERVICE** at All Saints' Church (no 10am service).
- Mon 25 10am **CHRISTMAS DAY SHORT COMMUNION** All Saints' Ch.
10.30am **CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Ch.
- Wed 27 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Sat 30 10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church.

Sun 31 10am **SUNG MATINS** at All Saints' Church.
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church



Waving Snowman
by Saylor



Snow and Hearts
by Felicity Dyson



Seeing Santa
by Sophie Smith

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- Tue 2 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Thu 4 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & Sandon School**
- Sun 7 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** from the Book of Common Prayer, with Rev Terry Brown, at All Saints' Church
 10.45 **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 8 **PRESCHOOL RE-OPENS after Christmas break.**
- Tue 9 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
 10.30am **LADIES' MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Thu 11 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sun 14 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with a healing theme, at All Saints' Ch.
 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 16 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Wed 17 2pm **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thu 18 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church

- Sun 21 10 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church
 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 23 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX & CARD SACK**
- Thu 25 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sat 27 10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church
- Sun 28 10am **MORNING WORSHIP**, with Canon Andy Griffiths, All Saints' Ch.
 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 30 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS & PAPER SACK**
- Wed 31 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall.



Rudolph and Tree
 by
Florence Stevens



Pawsome Christmas
 by **Oliver Cobb**



Santa's Outside
 by
Ivy Jones

FEBRUARY 

- Sun 4 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** from the Book of Common Prayer, with Rev. Terry Brown, at All Saints' Church
 10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
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- Thu 29 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church



Sleigh on the Roof
By Dylan Hill



Reindeer and Sleigh
by Sophie Scott



Cat in a Hat by
A Class 2 Pupil

A REFLECTION THIS FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

What's the difference between Advent & Christmas? Why is Christmas called Advent? What is Advent and why do we mark it with chocolate filled calendars?

Advent gets its name from the Latin word for arrival. It serves as a countdown to Christmas when we honour the birth of Jesus Christ. During the darkest days of winter, it is a season of candlelight, reflection and expectation ~ a chance to get ready for Christmas. This year Advent begins on December 3rd and ends on December 24th. Each of the four Sundays in that period represent LOVE, JOY, HOPE and PEACE. In All Saints we light a candle for each of these in our Advent wreath. A fifth candle, white in colour, known as the Christ candle sits unlit in the centre, waiting to be lit on Christmas Eve. Traditionally evergreen branches represent the continuous life of Christ as they do not die and the circular shape symbolises the eternity of God since a circle has no ending.

When did this tradition begin?

Johann Wickern a German Lutheran pastor ran a mission in Hamburg for the rescue of orphaned and neglected boys. In 1838 he began using a candlelit evergreen wreath to help them countdown the days to Christmas. It is believed this was the beginning of the tradition, but nowadays most families have Advent calendars in their homes instead.

So what about those chocolate filled calendars? In 1908 another German man, a printer, produced the first commercial Advent calendar. When he was a child, his industrious mother had made for him a calendar with cardboard doors and sweets inside. He adapted the idea and it began very popular, but World War II shortages and Nazi Germany caused production to cease. After the war another German printer used his contacts to introduce Advent calendars to the

United States and in 1953 President Eisenhower's three grandchildren joined an appeal for sales of calendars that had been imported from Germany to raise funds for the National Epilepsy League.

So enjoy your countdown to Christmas, if you are fortunate perhaps by eating chocolate, but do remember you are very welcome to come to your village church to sing traditional carols and join in celebrating this very special time. Details of the times are on our website, just Google easthanningfieldchurch.chessck.co.uk as well as in this magazine's diary.

With very best wishes to everyone for a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Gil Gordon
Churchwarden



Church & Village in the Snow by Jude



Colourful Angels by Willow Ward

Message from organist Fiona:

Hi everyone,
Yes, it's that time again! If you would like to be part of the choir for the Carol Service in All Saints on Sunday 17th December at 4pm, I'd love to see you!

Rehearsals will be at 6pm in the church on: Friday 24th November, Friday 1st December, Friday 8th December and Friday 15th December. You don't have to attend every rehearsal!

Contact: fwardie1@gmail.com

Farewell to Reverend Suzy Edmundson.

Rev Suzy's last service at All Saints was on Remembrance Sunday - our gratitude for her time with us was marked by suitable gifts and a card signed by many people. Rev. Suzy took over as our Minister eighteen months ago, when Christine Horton retired in May 2022. Rev. Suzy's retirement is due to her birthday on Saturday 18th November and the new rules limiting Ministers to continue after a certain age! At All Saints everyone wishes her a Happy Retirement and we hope that her request to gain "Permission to Officiate" is granted in due course.



Robin in the Snow by Sofia Mae Hill



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BETHEL CHURCH- O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

As Christmas approaches, I'm sure you have a favourite carol that you love to hear or sing.

One of the more famous carols 'O Come, All Ye Faithful', also known as 'Adeste Fideles', has been attributed to various authors dating back to the 1600s. The original text dating back as far as 13th century.

It's simple carol that tells the story of the infant Jesus. Its joyous lyrics, 'Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!', invite us to join the angels in celebrating the Christ child's birth. However, when it comes to faithfulness, we must confess to being very fickle at times. In fact, we could say that oftentimes we are unfaithful.

This sentiment has been captured more recently in a new song called, 'O Come, All Ye Unfaithful' by Sovereign Grace Music. Here are some of the lyrics:

O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

O come, bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done



He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe

So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you.

You can hear the song here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-QHbpYjulq>

The entire song can be summarized in three simple words: “come and see”. It is the same invitation that Jesus gave to two disciples of John the Baptist in John 1:38-39, when they asked where Christ was staying.

It is the same invitation that God offers to all of us in regard to Christ’s birth and death. He wants us to come and see.

Come with all our questions and doubts. Come with all our guilt and shame. Come with our brokenness and spite for others. Come with our problems and unfaithfulness. Come as you are. Just come. Observe. Watch. See what Jesus has done for us. Gaze upon His birth and death. Yes, He promises peace for those who believe. O come, all you unfaithful.

Please join us to celebrate the Christmas story at 6:00pm, Sunday 17 December at our Christmas Carol Service. And stay for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards.



**Happy Christmas
by James Collins**

Can we also take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. From all your friends at Bethel Evangelical Church, East Hanningfield.

Roydon Hearne

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EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

I think we can say we are now in `autumn. November is a bitter sweet month of the year. We say Goodbye to the warmth of the summer, the endless days and the sweet smell of our garden flowers. Instead, we have the cold damp weather, darkness before tea and not forgetting the time, we remember the injured and fallen of so many wars. But there is an answer to this, don't sit at home alone come to one of our meetings. This month we are being entertained by Pat and Chris, the title of the meeting is 'Games'. This immediately brings to mind, the lesson called games at school. I don't know about you but I hated it. I could not see the point of climbing up a rope in the middle of a room, or running round the town in a pair of shorts usually in the rain. I also would like to point out I have never needed these skills since. However, I am assured by these sisters that it will not be like that. There will be indoor games and prizes. So if you feel like visiting, it will get you in the mood for Christmas, you are welcome to come along.

November will be our last meeting of 2023, December we have our members meal. Next year we have good things planned so fingers crossed the 'speakers' we have chosen will be able to come. Our first meeting of 2024 will be. 17th January, 2pm in the Village Hall.

Now I am going back to the Summer and our talk about "the Red Barn". The murder took place in Polstead, Suffolk in 1827. It was a nasty murder but it was an horrendous outcome or punishment.

"Some of the murder's skin was used to cover a book". !!! It became very well known in the area and far afield. Following



murders was an enjoyable pastime then. A Punch and Judy type show was made by some enterprising soul, instead his puppets portrayed the courtship and murder of Maria Marten by William Corder. Ornaments were made which were proudly stood on many mantle shelves. (See opposite).

All that is left is for me to wish that all you hope for will come to fruition as we pass into the good side of this time of the year. So, a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PEACEFUL NEW YEAR to all in EAST HANNINGFIELD. Hope to see as many as possible on 17th January 2024.

Best wishes

Marlene x. (President EH WI)



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MURRAY

I would just like to say thank you all for the cards and kind thoughts and messages I received after Murray sadly passed away on the 31st Aug. He always enjoyed a chat with you all over the years when he was out with the dogs.

Best wishes.
Sandra Woodward

POPPY APPEAL IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

The Poppy Appeal from house to house collections, the Shop and the School raised a total of £630.71 for The British Legion. We would like to thank everyone for contributing.

Malcolm and Sue Edward
Highfields Mead.



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Through kind donations Danbury & Villages Rotary have serviced and supplied well over 100 bicycles to refugees – ladies and gents and youngsters. More adult bicycles are urgently needed. If you have one in your garage or shed that is not being used and you wish to donate it, please contact me.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

It has been a great start to a new academic year at school. In September, we welcomed our new EYFS children. The children have settled into school really well and have enjoyed all of the exciting learning opportunities that we offer at East Hanningfield. Our Year 6 children have been fantastic role models, working hard to be supportive 'buddies' to our new EYFS children and demonstrating our core values of compassion and responsibility.

Our wonderful Friends Association has been busy organising events to support fundraising for the school. At the start of November, the children really enjoyed discos organised by Friends, where Mr Forster (our Deputy Head) was the resident DJ! We are eagerly looking forward to the Christmas Fair on 9th December, again organised by our wonderful Friends Association. We hope to see some of you there!

The children have elected their peers into the roles of School Councillor, Wellbeing Ambassador and Eco Councillor. They have many exciting plans for the year, which we look forward to sharing with you as the year progresses.

We were delighted to have our Harvest Festival Celebration in All Saints Church with Reverend Suzy. The children and families enjoyed the class performances and gave thanks for all that we have. Many families also generously donated food to support Chelmsford foodbank.



**Lots of Snowflakes
by Lara Tokgöz**

A group of East Hanningfield children ably represented the school at The Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. They all worked hard to prepare and read a poem during the service. In school, the children learnt about why we commemorate Remembrance Day, with our children in Dove Class completing some beautiful pieces of art.



In November, our Year 6 children attended a five day residential to Hilltop in Norfolk. During this trip they took part in a variety of exciting activities including: air jump, archery, an assault course, caving, zip wires and the big swing. They all had a fantastic time together and further developed their confidence and resilience.

Also in November, we participated in Children in Need, further developing the children's understanding of our key values of compassion, community and responsibility. We often plan learning which focuses on the children making a difference and giving something back; through our charity and fundraising work, the children understand the importance of this and feel proud of their efforts in real life. Our youngest children in Robin Class ran their own art gallery, with all the proceeds being donated to Children in Need.

We are now looking forward to the Christmas season and cannot wait for the class performances, which include festive carols, an EYFS nativity in the church and Christmas Story themed productions.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, happy new year.

Lisa Stainsbury
Head of School

Pets in the Snow
by Fern Ward →

Night Scene
by Holly Smith
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News from East Hanningfield Pre-School

We hope everyone had a lovely October half term. The children did some amazing Crafts for Halloween and fireworks.

Every week we concentrate on a different number, letter, and shape please see the next ones upcoming.

December 4th - 3 M Diamond 11th - 4 N Oval

We are starting to get festive making all our Christmas crafts, lots of glitter and sparkle are flying around at preschool, we are very excited that it will not be long before Father Christmas will be visiting again.

Children are practising their songs and actions for our upcoming Christmas show, we are so proud of each one of them. We cannot wait for you to see them on show day.



We had our yearly AGM meeting at the beginning of November and had an amazing turn out. As we are a Charity run pre-school we need committee members to keep running. A lot of our parents were amazing help and stepped forward to create an amazing new committee to move the preschool in a new direction.

Dates for your Diary On Monday 11th December we open our Christmas shop. We ask for a donation of £3 per gift, the children can choose and wrap their presents for their chosen family member.

Wednesday 13th December is our Christmas show day, mum's dad's, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and carers are all welcome. Please enquire for your ticket £1.50 a seat with a free sweet treat. On the day we will be selling raffle tickets at £2 per strip and £5 for 3. We have a lovely range of raffle prizes so do not miss out. Our Christmas shows are always magical and each child takes part in singing and doing actions that they have worked hard practising. We also have song sheets available for the children to practise at home. Please ask a member of staff.

Party Day Thursday 14th December is party day for the children. We welcome every child to attend and join in on a fun day with party songs, games and a lovely food platter.

Our last day of term is Friday 15th December. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year and look forward to welcoming all children back Monday 8th January 2024.

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.

Kerry

SCARECROW-COMPETITION-2023

Just in case you missed the results, here they are:



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