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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The cover photograph was taken following the unveiling, by Sir John Whittingdale, of the plaque commemorating the installation of the solar panel system on the roof of the Village Hall. The plaque lists the bodies who contributed financially to the project. From left to right the people in the photo are:

- ◇ Mike Plumridge, Treasurer, Hanna's Field Charity;
- ◇ Rt Hon Sir John Whittingdale OBE MP;
- ◇ Jenny Mouser, Chairperson to Hanna's Field Charity;
- ◇ Wendy Thomas, Secretary to Hanna's Field Charity.



PARISH COUNCIL

For this newsletter the editor has indulged the Parish Council and allowed two entries. You will find the report on the Annual Village Meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.

As chairman I have been approached over the last few weeks by several residents all with different worries but all having a common theme, “problems with their neighbours”.

An elderly resident now with significant mobility problems knocking on neighbours doors asking for help having been far from friendly in the past.

A resident concerned with cars speeding past her street and neighbours being aggressive.

Neighbours parking on the pavement making it difficult to pass without stepping into the road.

People parking on a blind bend making it very dangerous to pass particularly as it is on a road notorious for speeding.

Unthinking drivers driving at speed through puddles and not giving residents time to get clear before being soaked.

Hedges not being cut causing pedestrians particularly children and people with prams having to step into the road.

I can think of many other potential problems with neighbours but none that residents have thought worth bringing to the attention of the Parish Council.

Most of the issues are not the responsibility of the Parish Council. However, in earlier times before a welfare state and social media, if the individual or family could not solve the problem, then the next people to call on would be other members of the Village or Parish.

So although it is not our responsibility we are prepared to help.

Firstly some thoughts.

It is in all our interests to be good neighbours. In surveys of a good place to live, having good neighbours comes high up the list.

Most of us drive more carefully or offer help if we see an unattended child. Why stop there?

The adult may have mobility, sight or hearing difficulties. I personally am lucky enough to have no mobility issues but have no chance of hearing a bicycle approaching at speed.

Parking in a dangerous position for a short time or judging the traffic is very light is a poor gamble. My son had a near fatal accident on the bend at the end of Old Church Road.

Get on familiar terms with your neighbours before you really need them. You cannot be aggressively independent for decades and then complain that your neighbours are not friendly. Start by always greeting your neighbours when you meet. You should soon be on better terms.

Sometimes residents complain to us because they have a very good relationship with their neighbours but do not want to risk it by complaining. So they ask us to do it.

We could go and have a chat, but official advice is that because of the risk of violence or false accusations we should always do it in pairs. Signs of the times I am afraid.

Or we could write something in the Newsletter! It might make a difference.

Occasionally the Parish Council can take action. We have trimmed more hedges. We did eventually get the drain at the end of the School Chase cleared. We have painted the bus shelter by the Bistrotro and we are in the process of repairing the one by the Vita Bella.

Please remember to look out for neighbours who are elderly or living

alone, and if you have not seen them for a few days or they are not using their usual routine then why not give a friendly knock to see if they are alright.

We also recognise that often residents have a problem that their neighbours or the PC cannot solve. We may, however, know an organisation or charity that may be able to help. To that end one of our councillors, John Bedding has volunteered to take these queries and try and help.

His contact details are email john.bedding@easthanningfield-pc.gov.uk telephone 01245 400885

Malcolm Thomas
Chairman
East Hanningfield Parish Council

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Report from Chairman Malcolm Thomas

People moves

We started last year with one councillor vacancy. After advertising the vacancy for several months John Bedding volunteered to fill the position. With no other applicant John was co-opted in September. John already had several years experience as an East Hanningfield councillor including serving as chairman. We are pleased to regain his experience and are grateful for his rejoining the Council.

Our new Clerk, Lucy White has now been in post since May. Already an experienced clerk with other local Parish Councils she has quickly found her feet and modernised many of our operating procedures and practises.

Unfortunately our longest serving councillor Les Draper has decided that now is the time to retire. His last official engagement will be this Village Meeting. Les has been a councillor continuously since 1998 including many years as chairman or vice chairman. His local knowledge, experience and straight talking contribution to council discussions is irreplaceable.

I would like at this meeting to thank him on behalf of the whole parish for his years of selfless contribution. We are truly sorry to see him leave us but he will still be resident in the Village and I am sure we will get some helpful advice for many years to come.

This means, the same as last year, we have a vacancy for a councillor. To be clear we are not looking for another Les! That would be impossible. If you are willing to give time to do an important job and contribute to the Parish then get in touch. No experience is needed. Other councillors will guide you and formal training is available. In the first instance get in touch with Lucy. She has formalised the process in her now familiar efficient manner and has a simple form that you fill in giving us information about you and why you want to help.

Website

One of Lucy's first acts was to develop a new Parish Council website. Just Google "East Hanningfield Parish Council". At the moment this contains official information such as the council diary, minutes of meetings and audit reports. It does contain some more general information such as local walks and maps of the Parish. Hopefully we can add more general information in the future. Les's retirement reminds us how easy it is to lose valuable local knowledge if we do not document it.

Another source of local information is the Village Hall website. There is a link from the PC website.

Budget

The Parish Council annual budget is small. Last year it was £36,000 and had been at this level adjusted for inflation for a number of years. This year it has increased to £40,000 without increasing the cost to any individual home. This is due to the increase in the number of homes in the Parish, primarily driven by the new residential development on the old Morefield Industrial site. All new residential housing developments have to make a contribution to the increase in regional and local infrastructure such as roads and schools. This is referred to as a CIL, Community Infrastructure Levy. A small percentage of this is passed directly on to the parish where the development is happening. The Morefield development has resulted in a one off award of £43,000.

This is very welcome and has allowed us to resurface The Tye footpath which had got into a very poor condition. It will also help us in making more grants to local facilities and organisations.

The Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of the communal grass areas such as the Tye, including any trees or hedges in these areas. Also maintenance of the small play area on the Coude Dennis Estate.

The Coude Dennis play area is starting to show its age and modern safety standards are much more stringent than when it was built.

The play area on Hanna's Field, which is the responsibility of the Charity not the PC, is in a similar position. The Parish Council and HFC are facing significant potential investment if we are to continue to benefit from these highly desirable facilities.

The number of potholes on local roads give a very clear indication of the challenges and budget pressures faced by Essex Highways. I will not comment specifically on this problem as I am sure County Councillor Ian Grundy will address this. I will, however mention in this budget section that these pressure are resulting in the Parish Council having to address issue which are important to us but do not meet Essex Highways priorities. I would list, repairs to the village Gateways installed by Highways but abandoned, repair and painting the bus shelters and more cutting of problem hedges.

Village Hall

I will not give a detailed report on the Village Hall as the chair Jenny Mouser will be doing this shortly. I will however mention a few items where the PC has been directly involved.

The charity has just successfully installed a solar roof at the cost of £40,000. This was officially launched on April 20 and should reduce the cost of the electricity used by the Hall and Post Office by at least 50% and possibly 100%. The PC gave a grant of £6,000 towards this roof. In the end HFC raised half the capital cost from grants. Obtaining these grants took time and effort. At one point it looked as though funding would fall short. To maintain momentum the PC agreed that in the event of a shortfall we would grant an interest free loan. In this manner the PC can leverage its relatively small budget to make a difference.

The PC recognises that the car park adjacent to the Hall, which is the responsibility of the charity, is of benefit not just to the Hall and Playing Field but to the Parish as a whole, not least the parents delivering their children to the school, residents and businesses using the Post Office or people taking their dog for a walk. To this end the PC have volunteered to share any car park maintenance costs 50:50 with the charity.

I have said this before but am happy to repeat it. The PC is extremely grateful for HFC running the Village Hall. Without their work the PC would have to take over responsibility for this vital task. This is the case in many parishes. Finding more volunteers would be difficult, costs would increase and our precept would have to increase accordingly.

On the subject of volunteers a big thank you to the volunteers who support the many organisations in the village, All Saints Church, The Bethel Chapel and major events such as the Summer Fete and the Art Show. The termination of the Firework Display after three brilliant years shows that we can take none of these events for granted.

Planning

We have been fortunate that there has not been a major contentious planning applications in our Parish this year.

We will, however, continue to be affected by the huge northern expansion of South Woodham Ferrers and the affect of traffic on local roads. We will need to be continuously vigilant as the project moves from outline approval, to final detailed approval, construction then occupation.

Anyone who uses the A130, the Southend Road or the A12 junction at Howe Green will be concerned with the major warehouse estate proposed North East and South East of this junction.

We are fortunate that the Parish of Sandon, who are even more affected than us, are wealthier and were able to purchase professional advice so as to make a robust and detailed protest against this application. We added our voice in support of this protest.

This speculative proposal was most likely triggered by a Google Maps survey of the major road network, the absence of Green Belt and the availability of agricultural land. The potential financial gain from any approval offsets any disadvantage of having no industrial logic or identified customers. Even if Chelmsford City Planning Committee reject the application it is almost certain to go to appeal

to a planning inspector. We should be prepared for the long haul on this proposal. Continued demonstration of overwhelming local public rejection is vital.

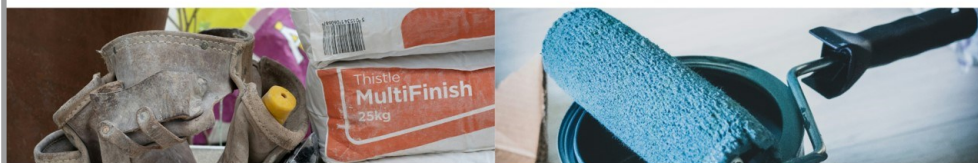
The Parish Council have noted that the award of city status has seen an acceleration in the size and appetite of the City. The major house building and new railway station to the North East. The numerous city centre high density apartments including the old Gas Works site and the expansion of South Woodham Ferrers northwards shows a Planning Authority focussed on growth. We are concerned that as a result the voice of the rural communities in planning decisions is becoming progressively reduced and ignored.

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CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I hope everyone is enjoying the occasional glimmer of sunshine which tries to convince us that Spring is here and you never know the rain may stop eventually!

Now that the election is over it is business as usual; the Local Plan review 'Preferred Options' consultation dominates the Council at the moment having just been put out for consultation on 8th May and this will run until 19th June. I would urge all residents to look online at the documents – they are somewhat lengthy – but they do set out where development is planned for the period until 2043. Comments through the online portal are preferred – there is a questionnaire, or you can add comments to each page if you prefer. Comments can also be emailed or posted. There is an online exhibition and there will be some in-person exhibitions at the Civic Centre on 16/17/18 May and 13/14/15 June (current at time of writing this) – check the website for the opening times.

There are two proposals affecting East Hanningfield directly and these are two developments of around 15-20 new houses each. The major addition to the Plan is Hammonds Farm. This includes:

- ◇ 3000 new homes to 2041 with a further 1500 after 2041;
- ◇ 43000sqm employment/commercial space;
- ◇ 2 Gypsy and Traveller sites with 10 pitches each;
- ◇ New junction onto the A414 adjacent to the A12 junction 18 which will also serve the employment site;
- ◇ Entire development expected to be delivered from 2029 -2048 and the employment space to be delivered by 2030 east of the junction 18.

Hammonds Farm will have a massive impact on the local area and one has to wonder how the infrastructure will cope with such a huge development. After all, this development is proposed to be 4500 houses eventually – comparing that with the sprawl of Beaulieu which is only around 3000 – will give you an idea of the scale of the development proposed. Whilst Chelmsford has no choice but to find locations for the extra housing, it is important that these extra

homes are located in the right place, and this is what this consultation covers. Please do take some time to respond and if you have any queries on this I will be happy to help you.

There are some small developments proposed in the adjacent villages – for example two small developments of 20 new houses at two locations within Bicknacre. Remember that this document incorporates those new houses already agreed in the current Local Plan but also adds the new proposed locations.

In closing, I would like to again thank everyone who supported me, and I will do my best to serve the parish as well as I can. Cllr Taylor continues not to be available, so if any resident has an issue for which Chelmsford City Council is responsible, please contact me – my email address is sue.dobson@chelmsford.gov.uk and I will do my best to help.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

With local elections taking place around the county, it has been a strange period with few meetings but certainly all is now back to normal and of course a new council year. Highway issues continue to dominate my mailbox with potholes of course number one followed by speeding and flooding. With the better weather and increased funding, a determined effort has started to make our roads safe. On potholes, please report them on the Highways website and let me know the reference number and I will chase. Please be precise on the location.


Our libraries have been through a challenging time over the past few years what with Covid and technology advancement. It is therefore good to report an increase of some 65k new members last year and over 26k e-books/e-audio were borrowed - an increase of 13%. With almost half a million books borrowed it is good to see families making use of this public service. Increasing literacy levels remains a priority and events such as the Summer Reading Challenge for children help enormously to promote this - nearly 27k children took part last year!

I hope Ride London didn't cause any problems locally. I know the event is somewhat controversial but please bear in mind the council receives £750k to support local charities.

There are two large projects being discussed which involve both Chelmsford and ECC and you will be hearing more on these in the coming months. One is the Waterhouse development, and the other is what to do with the Meadows Retail site, both in Chelmsford of course.

As always if I can help on any issue, please let me know.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY- VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS



On the 20th April we held the Village Hall ‘Open Day’ to showcase our achievement in completing the Solar Panel Project. This was a requirement to show our appreciation to the organisations that had helped to fund the project, which we could not have achieved without their help. We had the company who installed the system – Solar Green there who were kept busy throughout answering questions, especially from representatives of other Village Halls, interested for their own premises. There was a live visual display showing what was being generated, even though it was not the sunniest of days. There was also a very comprehensive report, which had been put together jointly by non-trustee – Scott Mathieson, Mike Plumridge and the subcommittee for this project, and these were handed out to those interested, for public or residential properties.

A good turnout of village representatives was present – All Saints Church; The Bethel Church; W. I.; Neighbourhood Watch/Speed Watch; Rural Community Council for Essex; Chelmsford City Council, East Hanningfield Pre-School; Hanna’s Field Charity and Fund Raising. There was also a representative for the opposition group to the Howe Green Warehouse proposal.

We had also invited a company called Play Quip whose representative had brought along visual ideas of the types of play equipment available, and we were offering a questionnaire for parents to complete, with their children, on ideas for improvements to the play area on the field. Inevitably, new equipment is not cheap, but there is no Magic Money Tree, this area is not funded by the Government or Chelmsford City Council. Previously, back in 2005, new equipment had been funded by a group of pre-school mums who had produced their version of the 'Calendar Girls' Calendar, so separate fund raising is the only way forward to again be putting in new equipment and you as villagers need to get together to make this happen. A questionnaire is now being sent out through the school, so I hope people will take the time to complete and return this, so we can collate your responses, to hopefully move forward with improvements.

Sadly, though, we got very little support from people in the village to come in and see what was being offered. We had put up lots of banners advertising the 'Open Day' together with showing there would also be the regular 'Book Sale' open upstairs and free refreshments were provided throughout the 2-hour event. Just such a shame that people could not spare even 10 – 15 minutes to come and have a look!

We were very pleased though to welcome our local MP – Sir John Whittingdale – who gave a very good speech in recognition of our hard work and unveiled a plaque in the Sports Hall which showed our appreciation for everyone who had helped us with funding the Solar Panel Project.

On the Tuesday following the open day, Hanna's Field Charity held their Annual General Meeting, where again everyone who uses the hall and field facilities were invited to come along to listen and ask questions about these facilities and how they are run and funded. Unfortunately, again, we had no one come along other than the

Committee of Trustees. We all are on the committee for the benefit of keeping this facility open to you all. In West Hanningfield, they in the end could not get enough people to put themselves forward to run their village hall and the building then became in need of major work, which no one was interested to do, so this will now be demolished and the land handed back to the owners, so a facility lost forever! Similarly, both Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers could not get enough people together for a committee and their halls have now been handed over to their Parish Council to run, but they still need people to put themselves forward to be Parish Councillors and having to also run the village halls will put more pressure on their time and energy to keep the halls open and viable.

The next occasion to put in your diary is the **Village Fete on 6th July**. Again, we would like to put out a request for young able-bodied people to help with the setting up and taking down for this event. Please see the separate report from Mel Mavers in this News.

Following on from that the **Annual Art Show** is planned for the weekend of **5th & 6th of October** with the **Preview evening on Friday 4th**. More on this event will be publicised in the Autumn News.

As always, I try to be positive and invite anyone who would like to join our Committee of Trustees, we meet just 6 times a year for a 2-hour meeting and new blood would be very warmly welcomed.

Jenny Mouser, Chairperson

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VILLAGE DIARY JUNE-AUGUST 2024

JUNE



Sun	2	9am BCP COMMUNION with Rev Terry Brown at All Saints' Church 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	4	BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Thu	6	7.45pm PRAYER EVENING at Bethel Church.
Sun	9	10am MORNING PRAYER with healing, Val Jellows at All Saints' Church 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	11	BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS 2.25-2.55pm MOBILE LIBRARY at Village Hall car park.
Thu	13	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	16	10am HOLY COMMUNION with Canon John Brown at All Saints' Church. 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	18	BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Wed	19	2 pm WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall
Thu	20	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	23	10am MORNING PRAYER with Canon Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church. 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	25	BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS

Wed 26 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall

Thu 27 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

Sun 30 10am **MATINS** with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

JULY



Tue 2 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.

Thu 4 **GENERAL ELECTION**-Polling Station at the Village Hall
7.45pm **PRAYER EVENING** at Bethel Church.

Sat 6 12 noon-4pm **ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE** at Hanna's Field & the Village Hall

Sun 7 9am **BCP HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev. Chris Poulard at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tue 9 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

Thu 11 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

Sun 14 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with healing, Melissa Clark, at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

Tue 16 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

- Wed 17 2 pm **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thu 18 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 19 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM EHPS & SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sun 21 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Canon John Brown at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 23 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.
- Thu 25 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 28 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with Canon Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 30 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 31 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall

AUGUST 

- Thu 1 7.45pm **PRAYER EVENING** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 4 9am **BCP HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev Chris Poulard at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 6 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

- Thu 8 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 11 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with healing, Melissa Clark, at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 13 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Thu 15 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 18 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Canon John Brown at All Saints' Church.
- Mon 19 10am-12noon & 1-3pm **PLAY IN THE PARK with Bouncy Castle** at the Village Hall & playing fields. Bookings at City Council open 24th. June.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 20 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 21 2 pm **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall (or at a venue tba).
- Thu 22 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 25 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with Canon Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 26 **SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 27 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 28 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thu 29 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



A mother CAMEL and her baby are talking one day and the baby camel asks "Mum why have we got these huge three-toed feet?" The mother replies "To enable us to travel over the soft sand of the desert without sinking." The baby camel thinks about this for a while and then asks "And why have we got these long thick eyelashes?" "To keep the sand out of our eyes on long trips through the desert when there might be a sandstorm" replies the mother camel. Then comes the next question "and Mum why have we got these big humps on our backs?" The mother camel by now a little impatient with all the questions replies "They are there to help us when we go on lengthy treks across the desert, so we can go without water for long periods of time". "OK! I get it!" says the baby camel. "We are made for the desert. We can walk across soft sand without sinking, we don't get sand in our eyes and we can store water. Then Mum what are we doing here living in a Zoo?"

It's a humorous story but has a serious point to consider. Like the camels, we humans are made for certain things - for living in a good relationship with one another and with God, to be in harmony with the planet and the rest of creation, and above all we are made for love. But all too often we find ourselves in the "Zoo" and not our natural environment. Many of us live lives that are busy and full of activity. It is easy for life to pass in a blur and for us not to see things clearly. With so much happening in our own lives, we are tempted to switch off from what is going on in the life of the world.

We recently celebrated Easter and one can imagine the despair the

disciples felt when Jesus's body was taken down from the cross and buried in a tomb. But they moved from devastation to confusion to delight in the space of a few days. Jesus came back to life! They met with him and spoke with him. They suddenly had the confidence in what Jesus had taught them about the way to live - that there is love and forgiveness for all - that life in all its fulness can be truly celebrated.

So think about the story of the camels and take stock of life. Is it just too busy and too full of distractions? Have you lost sight of the meaning and purpose? Or are you living well, doing and being what really matters? Whatever is happening in your life, you can face it in the company of the risen Christ who offers his invitation to us all. This is a time of waking up and seeing life from a new perspective. May we all know the energy and joy of that!

Gil Gordon, Churchwarden ✠ easthanningfieldchurch.chessck.co.uk

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate 80 years since the D-Day landings this June, our village and some nearby parishes have been privileged to receive special memorials to mark the anniversary. These were designed and erected by John Cousins, all on his own initiative and in his own time. They have been positioned as tribute to the British, Commonwealth and American Servicemen who played their part in the Normandy landings on D Day 6 June 1944. Far too many gave their lives or were seriously injured, but the landings heralded the end of World War II, for which we should be eternally thankful.



VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 6th July from Midday to 4pm

Entertainment, food, drink, stalls, activities and competitions – it will all be happening at this year's Village Fete!

Everyone in the village, friends, family, and neighbours are invited. The programme in this copy of the village newsletter gives details of the afternoon.

There will be food, a bar, games, entertainment, live music, rides, inflatables, stalls, face painting, a steam engine, antique tractors, the fire service, police and a fun dog show! Something for everyone. All events have been generously sponsored by local businesses.

There are **Grand Prize** draw tickets with your newsletter too. If you would like to be in the running for the generously donated prizes, please do purchase your tickets. You can take your money and completed ticket stubs to the Village Shop, send them to 2 Clinton Close or just bring them with you on the day.

There will be an art competition for children on the theme of “expressing emotions” – (this years children’s entertainment from Emoto-Matic is about expressing yourself, a celebration of the power of our emotions) See opposite.



Children’s Art competition

Create: a picture, a 3-D sculpture, a model, craftwork (knitting, crochet, collage) on the theme of expressing emotions.

There will be three age group categories for the competition:

Age 0 - 5 Age 6 - 11 Age 12 – 18

Please bring all entries to the village hall on the day of the fete.

Even if you can't come to the fete on 6th July, you can still support the event by buying **Grand Draw** tickets. All funds raised will be shared between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.

The fun dog show will take place, weather permitting - dogs can be registered on the day (see page 12).

For any information about the dog show please contact:
Clare at politepoochesessex@gmail.com

Thanks to all the people who have already volunteered to help, we still need support to make the event go smoothly:

We need volunteers to help on the day; setting up, running stalls, helping in general and to clear up at the end. Whatever time you can spare to help will be valuable, just an hour here or there can make all the difference (from 08:00 onwards). Anyone who would like to volunteer and help in any way please contact:

Melanie - melanie.mavers@gmail.com 0793 989 3246

Look forward to seeing you all there for a great village event at East Hanningfield Village Hall, The Tye, East Hanningfield, CM3 8AE
What3words: ///theme.ridiculed.screening

EMOTO-MATIC



Emoto-matic is a hilarious new show, with music, clowning & audience participation. Watch a live demonstration of how to extract & bottle unwanted emotions, by a team of hap-hazard scientists. Exploring themes of feelings & how important it is to express yourself, this family show will have everyone dancing & laughing.

EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Hello.

Time for a catch up again, on the activities of the WI.

In January we had our resolutions meeting. It was another difficult task trying to choose the one that we felt stood a chance of being dealt with and one we agreed needed attention. We chose the 'Poor Housing' option. I am sure you have all seen the news which depicts the state of some housing that landlords expect people to occupy. Housing was chosen over 'Provision of Dental Care.' 'Stop advertising for Gambling' and 'Help for Women in the Criminal System'

In February we had a very interesting talk by Julia Stone On 'the Myths of Body Language'. Now we know how to hide our inner most thoughts from general consumption.

March came along and we learnt about buttons. Items we all need but rarely take any notice of until they come off. Suzzanne Barr came along with several boxes of buttons. She started collecting about 20 years ago. Her collection goes from very old ones found by metal detectors to the plastic ones we have today. I think the most fascinating were the ones made of paper mache. Imagine making those tiny things with that sloppy bowl of wet paper and glue. Once dried they were then painted. They look amazing and I am sure enhanced many outfits but I am not sure about their sustainability when out in the rain!!

We finished off our W I year with decorating a bonnet for Easter.



We were helped by tea and cake and lots of chatter. Some beautiful hats were produced. I thought it would be good to have them judged and the first three would receive a prize. The obvious person to me was Ash from down below in the shop. He very kindly agreed but I think found it daunting when faced with two tables of hats plus a room full of smiling ladies. The winners were Chris, Ann and Elaine. All were presented with a large Easter egg from the W I and a bottle of wine from Ash. A big thank you to Ash from us all it was a lovely ending to a busy enjoyable afternoon.

Now I have caught up with our activities for present. By the time you read this we will have had our AGM. This year the Chair of Essex Federation of Women's Institutes, Moyra Jackson, will be in attendance. Fingers crossed, she will be Happy with what we have achieved and our plans for the next year.

Marlene. President East Hanningfield W I


E HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Crime News: Fairly quite period overall but perhaps the most serious fly tipping incident in a long time occurred sometime late evening Mon 13 May when a lorry load of assorted domestic waste was dumped in Pan Lane at a field entrance in the track to Hill Fm.

When/how to contact Essex Police: Use the digital 101 service to contact the local policing team about something you have seen or heard, or request information. A Live Chat service is available where you can send direct messages to a digital 101 operator Mon-Fri 10am-9pm. A 24-hour 101 call service is still there if you need to speak to someone or don't have internet access.

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 serious disruption to the public is likely.

EH NhW Email Alerts: Contact NhW email below if you would like to receive these.

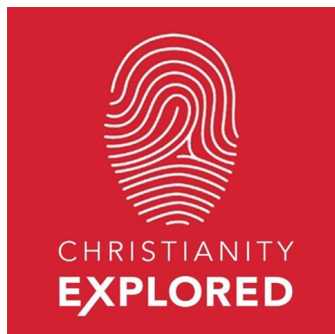
Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.  01245-400628

 NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com.

BETHEL CHURCH

Questions. Questions. Questions.

During a church Sunday School lesson, the teacher read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Then one of the kids asked the teacher, "and what happened to the flea?"



Kids aren't afraid to ask questions, are they? it's how they acquire knowledge. But it's answers to some of life's difficult questions that are still unanswered for many of us today. Questions such as:

What's life all about? Where do I belong? How can I find meaning and purpose? And what's that all got to do with Christianity?

So, to hopefully answer some of these questions, and to explore the Christian faith, we would like to invite you to one of our Christianity Explored courses.

Christianity Explored is a short course and is a great opportunity to take a closer look at the claims of Jesus and what it means to follow him.

The course is suitable for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, whether you've never been to church before or have been going to church for years.

We aim to make the course as informative and helpful as possible in a relaxed environment. Each week there is a short thought-provoking video on a different aspect of Christianity from Mark's gospel, followed by plenty of time for discussion and questions.

Courses run regularly throughout the year with flexible timing to suit anyone who is interested. Check out more of the course at www.christianityexplored.org

If you are interested in attending our next Christianity Explored, please email: Peter at pjcockrell@gmail.com or Emma at emma-cockrell@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Come and find out more about the man who changed history. Forever.

You are also warmly invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45am for our family service. We also have a regular Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7:45pm. *please note that the first Thursday of the month is a prayer evening.

We look forward to seeing you.

From all your friends at Bethel Church.



E HANNINGFIELD COMMUNITY SPEED-WATCH

The CSW volunteers continue with regular 30 mph CSW checks in the village at police approved sites 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.

Why Bother?: To make our village roads safer for residents if we can - there is a direct relationship between road traffic accidents and speed. In 2022 in Essex, there were 53 deaths (more than one per week), 773 serious injuries (more than two per day) and 2,767 slight injuries (more than 7 each day) because of road traffic accidents.

Speed kills, end of story!

To volunteer for Speed Watch please contact Mike via

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The spring term at East Hanningfield was a great success, enjoyed by the whole school community. Parents joined us for a school lunch with their child and to watch class assemblies. Every class shared what they had been learning and presented so confidently and articulately.

In March, we celebrated World Book Day. This year we chose to promote vocabulary and children came into school dressed as a word. We had some fantastic vocabulary (including casual, vivid, obsessed, mythical and nocturnal) with amazing costumes to match. Some of our Year 6 children organised a second-hand book sale and raised

£85 for our library.



We are very proud of our Year 5 children. Recently, they all had several training sessions to become 'Bronze Ambassadors'. They learnt how to create and teach a variety of PE games to play with the younger children at lunchtimes. The coach said that the children were brilliant ambassadors of East Hanningfield; their behaviour was impeccable and they led the younger children beautifully!



I have been thoroughly impressed with the hard work of all of the children at East Hanningfield. Recently, I was wowed by the persuasive letters written by Years 3 and 4. Their letters were so persuasive that I agreed to their request of eating packed lunches on our lovely school field!

Children were particularly excited to start swimming lessons this term; we are so lucky to have our own swimming pool, which children use every week.

The summer term is always a particularly busy time in school, full of fun events and activities for the children. With the warmer, and hopefully drier weather, the children are better able to enjoy our extensive school field for playtimes, lunchtimes and PE lessons.

We are all eagerly looking forward to other popular summer events, including an inflatables event (organised by our wonderful Friends of East Hanningfield Association), a 'break the rules' day and of course our annual sports day.

Best wishes for the summer.
Mrs Stainsbury, Head of School
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News from East Hanningfield Preschool

What we are up to this term...

Our theme is 'Water.' We are discussing all the different types of waters. Sea, Lakes, Puddles, Glass, Ocean, Pond, Spring, River, Falls, Bowl, Canals, Streams, Fountains, Baths. We have been making crafts with the children, to relate to all the different Waters, while discussing which water creatures live in certain waters. Every week we concentrate on a different number, letter, and shape.



We still have places available for 2-4-year-old children, please come down and visit us for a play date.

Also, eligible working parents will be able to claim 15 hours childcare support once their child turns 2 years old. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to apply.

We have had some wonderful ideas for fundraising. Could we ask you to sign up to Easy Fundraising, every time you shop you can raise vital funds for our preschool, **all you have to do** is sign up, once registered any purchases made through the app or website, the companies will donate money to the preschool. Please find Link below: or alternatively download the app on your smart phone.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/east-hanningfield-preschool/

We are also selling bingo numbers each month: £1 each per number, each number sold will be put into a bingo pot to be

picked out at random, the winning number will receive half the money raised, the rest will go to preschool. Please pop in and grab a number.

We would like to share the great news; we received a continued food Hygiene Rating of 5 on a latest inspection we had this week from the Food Standards Agency.



Dates for your Diary

10th June -
Father's Day Shop opens.

8th July -
Sports Day, Lunch & Leavers

16th June -
Father's Day

15th July -
Last week of Term

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.com. We take 2year old funding as well as 3-4-year funding.

Kerry ☎ 07732 951613 ✉ ehps1@live.co.uk

🌐 www.easthanningfieldpreschool.com

WRITTLE GARDENS OPEN DAY SUNDAY 16 June 12-5PM

15 Village Gardens Open—Admission by Programme from The Green (£7 per adult)
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