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**East Hanningfield  
Annual Art  
Exhibition & Sale  
5 & 6 October**

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## COVER PICTURE

### **The Annual Art Exhibition & Sale raises funds for Hanna's Field Charity.**

**This year it is on**

**Sat. 5th. 10am-5pm and**

**Sun. 6th. October 10am-4pm.**

**The Preview event is Fri 4th 7.30-9pm.**

**Entry for adults £2, accompanied children free. The Booksale runs for the full exhibition period and is free entry.**

**There will be refreshments.**

**Anyone interested in exhibiting please contact Wendy Thomas: [ehartfair@gmail.com](mailto:ehartfair@gmail.com) or 07917 31948.**

# PARISH COUNCIL

## More Homes Planned for Chelmsford

There was a large and vocal attendance at the May Village Meeting. This was largely driven by the very recent publication of the Planning Department's proposals for meeting Chelmsford's housing needs between 2026 and 2041.

There are two small housing estates proposed for East Hanningfield, one adjacent to Highfields Mead (20 homes) and the second at Abbey Fields (15 homes). Residents were also concerned with potential for increased traffic and strain on services from the planned northern expansion of South Woodham Ferrers (1220 homes) and the new proposal for a 4000 home estate on the site of Hammonds Farm. That is located east of the A12 between the Sandon and Boreham junctions. There are over 100 new homes planned for Bicknacre.

**These are all significant proposals. They are now likely to be increased.**

One of the first acts of the new government was to announce the need to increase new home building. To achieve this they have imposed mandatory annual house building targets with sanctions, including the withdrawal of planning authority if not achieved.

**The target for the Chelmsford Planning area has been increased from an annual 913 homes to 1406. An increase of 54%. We are not alone. Maldon's target has been increased by 97%.**

Chelmsford City was already planning to overachieve versus its previous target. In the proposed revision to the Local Plan the Council had increased the annual target to 1000 homes as they had declared a "Housing Crisis". In addition the Planning department had increased this to 1200 homes a year to provide flexibility for potential non delivery. Hopefully the Council will use some of this headroom to avoid the full 54% increase and not be tempted by more expansion of the city.

The Local Plan will need to be rewritten. I have no inside knowledge on how this may change.

It is unlikely there will be a major change to the location of the already planned new homes. Too much work has gone into developing these plans. Any major change would just delay delivery.

**What is clear is that there will be a significant increase in new home building in this area and soon.**

A further government change is the dropping of the requirement for developments to be “beautiful” and **increasing the percentage of affordable homes to 40%.**

The biggest single cost of a new home is the cost of land and developing the site. Achieving more affordable homes will need the market priced homes to bear more of these costs. The likely result of these two changes is that estate build density will increase and money planned on making the homes and estates attractive will reduce.

**So more homes, more smaller homes, more crowded estates.**

Regarding the two small estates proposed for East Hanningfield the most likely change will be pressure to build sooner rather than later. There may also be pressure to make all the villages take their share of the pain of the 54% target increase. **For East Hanningfield that would be 60 homes rather than 40.**

The government has **reduced the protection for the Green Belt.** Building on previously developed land, the “Grey Belt”, is to be encouraged. A large part of the Chelmsford Planning area is in the Metropolitan Green Belt. That is the majority of the open land South of the Roxwell Rd and West of the old A130 Southend Rd. Expect a **rush of applications for planning permission** on any previously developed land in this area.

**These are all major changes. The Parish Council will continue to monitor developments and keep residents informed.**

Malcolm Thomas  
Chair EHPC

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# COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As a frequent visitor to Broomfield Hospital and having experienced the challenges of car parking, it was good to hear the shuttle bus service from the Chelmer Valley Park and Ride has been reinstated. The shuttle bus service will run every half hour from 6.30 am to 8pm Monday to Friday. Staff at the hospital are entitled to a discount so hopefully it will ease some of the pressures to us users!

The Essex Community Initiatives Fund is now open. Voluntary organisations, community groups and our Parish Council can apply for a grant. The £350k fund offers grants up to £10k and can be used to support projects such as upgrades to sports facilities, improvements to community buildings, transport, IT systems and cultural events. The closing date is the 18th of October and is being administered by the Essex Association of Local Councils - application details can be found on their website.

Highways have announced an extra £25m to their budget. The focus will be on larger road resurfacing but will also include more drain clearing, repainting white lines, cutting back vegetation and repairing signs. Let's hope we see the benefits locally!

As always, I can be contacted as below.

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# HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

## Village Hall & Playing Fields

A very slow start to our Summer this year, but we finally got there around the time of the start of the school holiday break!

Unfortunately, the weather was against us for the Annual Village Fete on 6<sup>th</sup> July, but we did still manage to make a substantial amount to be shared between Hanna's Field Charity and All Saint's Church, full details of the event will be in the Fete Committee Report from Mel Mavericks. HFC intend to put their share of this fund-raising money towards new Play Equipment on the playing fields. A big thank you though to everyone who gave their support with setting up, running a stall, taking down and clearing away on the day and the final bits on the Sunday morning with packing away the dried-out gazebo covers and assessing the damage to some of the frames, all very much appreciated. We then later managed to get all the broken frames collected by a scrap merchant, together with other bits from the storage container – a good opportunity to clear some old stuff out!

Following the Play Area Equipment Survey through Pre-school and the School, we have been able to collate all the responses and now need to set up a Working Group to look at what we are aiming at, for the future improvements, and how to get funding to be able to achieve this. Any parents out there who would like be part of this Working Group would be very welcome, as it is your children who are the ones to use these areas, so your input is very important!

Earlier in the year, we had to make the decision to switch football pitches because of problems on the North pitch. It was not an easy decision to make because of the close proximity to the Children's Play Area, and sadly it did receive some complaints from nearby residents, especially on one particular occasion with a visiting team and the totally unacceptable language being used by them. This was all reported to the local League, who looked into it but ultimately misconduct has to be dealt with by the Essex County Football Association, so we are awaiting their response. Remedial work on the



North pitch has been carried out now by the maintenance contractors, levelling, re-seeding and rolling, so we hope to switch back ready for the start of the next season.

In August we invited people to come and try Free Taster Sessions of 'Pickle Ball', a new racquet sport, at a couple of sessions on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August, to see if we could generate enough interest to start a regular new weekly class in the Hall. We will report the outcome of these 'Taster' sessions in the Winter issue of the Newsletter.

Our next fundraising event is the Annual Art Show on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, with the Pre-View Evening on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see the separate advert in the magazine for full details of times etc. We will again welcome our volunteers who come along to help with setting up/taking down etc. we could not do it without you all!

With the warm evenings there has been a noticeable increase in rubbish – particularly beer bottles and cans, left around the seating areas on the field. **Please use the bins provided**, it is especially dangerous with both young children and dogs about if these bottles get broken, and it makes it more difficult for our volunteers who do a sterling job of litter picking, but this is obviously not done every day of the week.

**Jenny Mouser**  
**Chairperson**

🏠 <https://e-voice.org.uk/hannasfield/>

**To book the Hall/Sports facilities or to check availability, please go to the Village Hall website at the above address and click on 'Make a Booking' or email [hannasfield@outlook.com](mailto:hannasfield@outlook.com).**

**Alternatively call the Booking Secretary on 01245 400965 (before 8pm) and leave a message.**

# Thank you



## **A big thank you to all involved in this year's Summer Fete**

We are proud to announce that this year's event raised just over £2,600 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 are such a vital part of our village. All Saints' Church will put the money towards further work to protect the church spire.

Although the weather was not on our side we managed to do our best under the conditions and want to thank all those who ventured out in the pouring rain to support the event.

We are sorry we had to cancel a few of the events due to the poor weather conditions but many of the stands and games were still well attended.

We want to say a big thank you to all our sponsors, especially to our main Sponsors D Chennells Ltd and J Gard and Sons Ltd, along with Bond Residential who help with our advertising for the day.

Also a big thank you to all our sponsors of events and those who kindly donated prizes to our Grand Prize Draw.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped with the set up and take down, especially on such a wet and windy day and to all the volunteers who helped to run the event on the day.



**Without all your joint efforts we would not be able to run these events.**



**The Fete and  
Fireworks Committee**

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**The Fete and Fireworks Committee**

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Essex Police:** With over five and a half thousand police officers, staff, and volunteers, Essex Police is the largest non-metropolitan police force!

Essex Police is split into three local policing areas (LPA) in Essex; north, south and west. These LPA are further divided into 14 districts. Each district has a team of police officers, detectives, police staff and volunteers. The Chief Constable is Ben-Julian Harrington QPM (who has been in position since Oct 2018).

East Hanningfield is part of the Chelmsford district and policing in Chelmsford is now affiliated with the Maldon district. Both districts are overseen by District Commander Chief Inspector Paul Ballard. Similarly, the Chelmsford and Maldon NhW organisations are combined under one district coordinator, who liaises with the District Commander).

**The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:** Roger Hirst was re-elected in May as Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex for a third successive term. He has the key role as PF&CC of holding our Chief Constable (and the Chief Fire Officer) to account in making the police and fire and rescue services efficient and effective.

Roger Hirst has set out as his new priorities as, making policing more local, visible and accessible in order to drive down crime and anti-social behavior and has pledged to reduce knife crime, protect young people and improve road safety to reduce road death in Essex to zero (CSW is part of that strategy). Protecting women and girls from violence and domestic abuse and ensuring vulnerable people are protected is also included in Roger Hirst 's policing priorities. Over the past eight years he successfully grown Essex Police, recruiting more than 905 extra officers to the force.

**Local Crime News:** It's been a quiet period again with very little local actual crime reported to NhW. Crime reported to the police in our Chelmsford district has been falling in general over this last 12 months (309 crimes in July 2023 against 233 in July this year) - hopefully a good sign which will continue.

**When & how to contact the 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 Monday to Friday between 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 or harm, if property is in danger of being damaged, or if serious disruption to the public is likely.

**East Hanningfield NhW and Email Alerts:** Some people in the village may remember NhW started in the village with a chap called Mike Philpot as area coordinator, followed, after he left by Edward Poulter, and subsequently Geoff Dickman? My notes only go back to 2006 but it was probably started earlier than that!

Back then it was run in the traditional way with reporting of local crimes/feedback passed on verbally, or on bits of paper, between neighbours and street coordinators into the local area coordinator. With the advent of email, Facebook and Whatsap messaging the ability to share information more quickly and efficiently made the passing of messages verbally and on bits of paper a touch outdated. Nevertheless, the principle is valid and NhW is still valued by the police as a source of local grass roots intelligence and support.

Over 130 EH residents receive emailed local crime alerts and can provide and send in intelligence, but it still needs someone to co-ordinate and feed information into the system and provide feedback to the police. This bit hasn't been working well and I hold up my hand. Several people have asked to be added to the local NhW alerts distribution but, with other work commitments this hasn't happened. In fact, it's become necessary for me to ask if there is anyone else in the village interested in taking this role on for NhW? If so, please contact me as shown below and I will happily explain more.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-Ordinator.  
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Phone: 01245-400628

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# COMMUNITY SPEED-WATCH

**EH Community Speed Watch (CSW):** 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 & the Common.

**Why Bother:** To make our village roads safer for everyone here. CSW is part of the overall police strategy to deter speeding, the main cause of road accidents/fatalities. Speeding is antisocial, and collisions, deaths and injuries caused by driving too fast are largely avoidable if speed limits are complied with.

There is a direct relationship between road traffic accidents and speed. Speed kills and wrecks lives. In 2022 in Essex, road traffic accidents resulted in 53 deaths (more than one per week), 773 serious injuries (more than two per day) and 2,767 lesser injuries (more than 7 each day).

Our local roads are set to become still busier with increasing through traffic as a result of housing developments at South Woodham and the area north of Howe Green and A12.

Road speed limits and the traffic calming measures in the village are our only defence.



**CSW Volunteers:** We are always looking out for few more volunteers to join us and share the load. A short training session, bright yellow jacket and insurance come free with the job!

To volunteer for Speed Watch please contact Mike via

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



# VILLAGE DIARY SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 1 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev. Sandy Southee at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 2 **BACK TO PRESCHOOL**
- Tue 3 **BACK TO SCHOOL** EHPS & Year 7 & Sixth Form Sandon School  
**BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.
- Wed 4 **BACK TO SCHOOL** Years 8-11 Sandon School
- Thu 5 7.45 **PRAYER EVENING** at Bethel Church
- Sun 8 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with a healing theme, with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 10 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 12 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 15 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev. Sandy Southee at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 17 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 19 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 22 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with Canon Andy Griffiths including Baptism at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 24 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.
- Wed 25 8-9.45pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thu 26 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

SEPTEMBER continued

- Sun 29 10am **MATINS** with Fiona Ward at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

**OCTOBER**         

- Tue 1 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 3 7.45 **PRAYER EVENING** at Bethel Church
- Fri 4 **NON PUPIL DAY SANDON SCHOOL**  
7.30-9pm **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION PREVIEW EVENING** at the Village Hall.
- Sat 5 10am-5pm **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE**. Entry adults £2.00, children free. Book sale free entry. Refreshments. Anyone interested in exhibiting please get in touch with Wendy Thomas [ehartfair@gmail.com](mailto:ehartfair@gmail.com) or 07917 31948
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10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 8 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 10 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 13 10am **HARVEST FESTIVAL** with Melissa Clark at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **HARVEST SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 14 7.30pm **LICENSING OF NEW PRIEST** for the Hill & Vale Churches, Rev. Jaqui King at Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers.
- Tue 15 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
1.30-2.pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.
- Thu 17 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.



**OCTOBER** continued

- Fri 18 7pm **HARVEST SUPPER** at Bethel Church
- Sun 20 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Canon John Brown tbc at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 22 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 24 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM** EHPS  
7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 25 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM** Sandon School
- Sun 27 10am **ALL SOULS SERVICE** with Canon Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 29 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 30 8-9.45pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Thu 31 **HALLOWEEN** 🍷 🦇 🕸️ Keep safe!  
7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

**NOVEMBER**



- Sun 3 9 am **BCP HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 4 **BACK TO SCHOOL** EHPS & Sandon School
- Tue 5 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.  
**BONFIRE NIGHT** Be considerate!
- Thu 7 7.45 **PRAYER EVENING** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 10.45am **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** meet at the War Memorial for Act of Remembrance, the laying of wreaths followed by 2 minutes silence at 11am. The service then continues inside at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

NOVEMBER continued

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- Thu 21 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 24 10am **ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE**- our annual service to remember those we have loved who have passed from this life to the next, at All Saints' Church.  
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
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- Thu 28 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 29 **NON-PUPIL DAY** Sandon School

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# THE ESSEX BIG WEEKEND

The county's tourism organisation Visit Essex is helping businesses extend the tourism season by offering a range of prizes for local residents. Visit Essex is offering people the chance to win big with free tickets to attractions, overnight stays and meal vouchers, which will help extend the visitor season and support local businesses.

The Essex Big Weekend takes place from Fri 4 to Sun 6 October. Essex residents can enter a ballot to win standout prizes at attractions across the county. Prizes can be redeemed during the Essex Big Weekend.

Seventy Essex-based businesses are participating, including landmarks Colchester Zoo, Audley End House and Gardens, Hedingham Castle, Hylands Estate, Colchester Castle and many more.

Councillor Mark Durham, Chairman of Visit Essex, said: "We're keen to support local businesses and extend the tourism season. The Essex Big Weekend helps us to do that. Seventy Visit Essex attractions have taken part in this year's ballot, and there are over 660 prizes to win. This is more than we've ever had before with so many businesses getting involved. It's also a great chance for our residents to win an exciting prize and get out and about to explore their county."

Colchester Zoo, Clacton Pier and Colchester Castle are offering free tickets, while a game of golf or a spa experience is up for grabs at a number of attractions. Residents also have the chance to win a family ticket to Audley End House & Gardens or take to the trees at Go Ape.

The 1935 restaurant at Holiday Inn, Southend, is giving residents the chance to secure a Sunday roast for two and hotels across the county are offering afternoon tea for two experiences. The popular Tiptree Tea Rooms has a prize of a cream tea for two.

Residents can also win a short break with the EBW ballot. Overnight stays for two at a range of hotels are available to win, while, if camping is preferred, a voucher worth £250 for any Lee Valley campsite is on offer.

The EBW takes place from Fri 4 to Sun 6 October. The ballot closes on Monday 16 September. To enter, visit [www.essexbigweekend.co.uk](http://www.essexbigweekend.co.uk). A full list of prizes is available on the EBW website. For more things to see and do, plus places to eat, drink and stay, see [www.visitessex.com](http://www.visitessex.com).

# E.H. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hello again from the W I ladies. I hope you are all enjoying the summer, in-spite of the few wet and cold days.

April seems so long ago, which is the last meeting I reported about, which means I commence with May 2024.

May is the month we hold our AGM. Moyra Jackson, the Chair of the Essex Federation came to visit us and take over when we reached the business part of the Programme. The secretary and Treasurer gave their reports on our activities and spending during the year, my report was to follow which was mostly thanks and waffle. Moyra then took over the Meeting. She invited the members to adopt the reports of 2023 then her mind turned to 2024. This was made quite easy for her, the members were happy with the Committee, who agreed to continue, so it was on to the important part, Tea and Cake !!

June was a good month weatherwise which was a good thing as instead of staying in we all went, to Tiptree. We went on the first guided tour of the year around Wilkinson Farm. It was very enlightening. They grow their own fruit for their jam and preserves. I remember when I first came to live near here they just grew strawberries. The amazing thing you could 'pick your own'. This was all new to me. Not that the area I lived in was void of agriculture, the main crop was Brussels, plus to pick them at their best was early in the morning after a frost. The strawberries are grown in raised beds now, so they are picked without crawling on the floor. Then, there are the plum, apricot and mulberry trees, raspberry canes, blackberries and more. We were taken around in trailer, with seats but no windows, pulled by a tractor, quite a bumpy ride I might add. Of course this was followed by a cream tea in a marquee, but, not before, we had been taken to sample their variety of fruit liqueurs. I am not sure whether it was Raspberry Vodka or Mulberry Rum that was the favourite.

July was also good, Gary Mathews came from Easton Lodge to tell us about the gardens, which have been given, 'Historic England, Grade 11 registered Garden.' There has been signs of life in the area since 1066 when it was a hamlet in what was part of Epping Forest. In 1597 by dint of a reward it was given to Henry Maynard by Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>, from which time it developed depending on the fashions

at the time. A momentous change came in 1865 when it was left to Daisy Maynard, aged 3 years. Daisy grew up to marry, Lord Brooke in spite of Queen Victoria wanting her to marry Lord Brookes friend, Prince Leopold, a brave Lady. Countess of Warwick, as she became, led an eventful life, part of which was a 9 year liaison with Edward , Prince of Wales and a Hobby of Bicycle riding, hence the song, 'Daisy, Daisy give me your answer do,'

Well I think I have given enough, info for this time. If you want to know more about amazing people or places pay us a visit you never know what you will hear plus you get tea and cake.

Next month, September will be a talk by a very interesting and amusing man, Brian Thurlow, October will be A Flower Arranging Demonstration and in November .....well come and See, you will be welcome.

Marlene

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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

On Sunday 14th July, together with the other Hill & Vale churches, we gave out the following statement from the Archdeacon of Chelmsford Jonathan Croucher:

*“We are delighted to be able to announce that Rev Jacqui King, currently serving as assistant curate in the Southminster and Steeple parishes, has been offered and accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Bradwell to be the next Vicar of Holy Trinity South Woodham Ferrers and Priest in Charge of St Andrews Bicknacre, St Marys Woodham Ferrers, and All Saints East Hanningfield – the Hill and Vale Churches.”*

Very exciting news!

I am sure you would be interested to learn a little more about our forthcoming Priest-in-Charge so with Rev. Jacqui's permission, here is a little background information.

Jacqui was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and is married with two grown-up sons, one of whom lives in Essex and the other works and lives in America.

In 2018, Jacqui began ordination training sponsored by the Diocese of Chelmsford. She spent three years studying with St Mellitus College towards a degree in Theology, Ministry & Mission while working part-time as the County Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Essex & East London. She was ordained in 2021 and has served her curacy in the neighbouring Maldon & Dengie Deanery.

Jacqui enjoys working with other churches and is passionate about churches' relationships with schools, encouraging people to discover their gifts and pastoral care- she is on the team of Day Chaplains at Pleshey, the Chelmsford Diocese House of Retreat. She sees lots of opportunities ahead within each of the parishes in the Hill & Vale Churches. East Hanningfield will share Jacqui with Bicknacre, Woodham Ferrers, and South Woodham Ferrers churches.

Before curacy, Jacqui lived in Braintree and worshipped at an ecumenical partnership in Great Notley. Jacqui's career has been varied, she

has worked in human resources, managed and inspected homeless and supported housing projects, and, before training for the priesthood, for several years directed the research and development unit of The Salvation Army in the UK, overseeing a diverse portfolio of missionary projects.

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Jacqui to All Saints and liaising with the other Hill and Vale Churches. She will move into the Vicarage in South Woodham Ferrers at the beginning of October, and we wish her well with the move. She will be licensed by Bishop Adam of Bradwell at 7.30pm on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, at Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers, and she is looking forward to meeting you then or soon afterwards.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Harvest Festival - Sunday 13th October 10am - our gifts and contributions, together with those from the school, will be taken to the Food Bank

All Souls' Service - Sunday 27th October 10am Anyone is welcome to this service where we especially remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. If you wish you can light a candle on the altar and include their names on the list to be read out. n.b. British Summertime ends

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 10th November We gather at the War Memorial at 10.45 am for the Act of Remembrance, laying of wreaths and 2 minutes silence at 11 am. We then go into church for the rest of the Remembrance Day service. All welcome to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Gil Gordon  
Churchwarden

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# BETHEL CHURCH

## This is the Day that the Lord has made.

There now seems to be a day for everything imaginable. We have awareness days such as 'World Cancer Day' and 'Walk to Work Day'. On the 7<sup>th</sup> July, we have 'World Chocolate Day', or how about 'Squirrel Appreciation Day' on the 21<sup>st</sup> January.

There appears to be a day designated to great causes and the not-so-great.

However, one day that I was interested to discover is that there is a Homelessness Day. This falls on the first Sunday in October - and is known as Homelessness Sunday. Many churches all over the country, along with Homeless charities, come together to put on events to create awareness of this growing issue.

At Bethel Church, we are involved in a charity called 'Above Us Only Sky? It was formed in 2010 to meet the immediate needs of people living on the streets of Westminster, Canning Town and Ilford. We team up with another organisation, 'Church Without Walls' that has been serving the homeless for the past 30 years. Every week without fail, they have been meeting rough sleepers and helping wherever possible.



On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, I attended the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on the streets of Westminster. It was a real time of celebration as many ex-homeless folk came to say thank you – and give testimony of how God had trans-

formed their lives. Many battling addictions and mental health problems who had come to faith in Jesus Christ.

There are over 2,000 Bible verses about helping the poor. That speaks volumes – literally.

How close it must be to God’s heart if the Creator of the Universe encourages and instructs us so many times to care for the poor, the orphan, the widow and the afflicted.

When you dive into these Bible verses you notice the strong action verbs. Whether it’s God or us taking up the cause of the downtrodden, look how many times you see words like “rescue,” “defend,” and “speak up.”

There are so many powerfully simple verses that beg a response from us.

God doesn’t just say “remember the poor,” or “pray for the poor,” though both of those things are good and important to do. He calls us, to go into a hurting world and proclaim his love. This is the gospel being worked out in word and deed.

Homelessness isn’t going away any time soon. In fact, there is a year-on-year growth in the numbers of rough sleepers and those living in poverty. So, we will continue to raise awareness and help in practical ways, and of course, share with them the words of eternal life.

We also have a couple of ‘Days’ when you might like to come and join us:

Wednesday 18 September – **Christianity Explored**. A 6-week course that looks at the heart of the Christian Faith.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October – **Harvest Sunday Family Service** at 10:45am

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – **Harvest Supper**. An informal time to celebrate and give thanks for all God’s blessing. Come and join us for a Ploughman’s Lunch.

You are also very welcome to join us each Sunday for our **Family Service** at 10:45am

If you would like to know any further information on these events, please contact Emma Cockrell on 01245 400665

Roydon Hearne

# EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

June was a particularly busy month! At the beginning of June, the children enjoyed another brilliant 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 summer term is always a sporty one! In June, we held our annual sports day. This was a wonderful event, where the children competed in a carousel of different sporting activities and flat races. It was great to see them all trying their best, working together as a team and celebrating each other's successes. A particular highlight for me was hearing Kingfisher Class cheering-on the EYFS children; a lovely example of how our children are so caring and inclusive. 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.



At the end of term, all of our children took part in a STEM (Science, Technology and Engineering) workshop, where they designed their own maze. The children absolutely loved this experience and learnt a lot about the design and making process which engineers use. They all got to keep the amazing mazes they made and had such a wonderful time creating these. A huge thank you to 'Friends' who funded this experience for our children and to all of our wonderful parents for always supporting our fundraising efforts.



Also in June, a group of 23 children, from years 1 – 5 (who attend a singing and dancing club with Mrs Wollard) represented the school in 'Gotta Dance' at the Civic Theatre. The children performed brilliantly and were a joy to watch. It was great for the children that love to perform, who are used to big stages, and was also such a brilliant experience for children who had never performed before - we are so proud of all of them.

In the summer term, our Year 6 pupils used their time to prepare for the next step in their education – secondary school. Our 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!



This year, our Year 6 children participated in a special Leavers' Service at Chelmsford Cathedral. They took part in a variety of activities that were based on the theme of trees. They sang and danced to the songs 'Hey Hey, Hey' and 'Show me the Way' and reflected

both on their time at primary school and also the exciting times and challenges that lay ahead. The children behaved brilliantly and were polite and thoroughly engaged in all of the activities. Two of our children even read their prayer of reflection confidently in front of all the other schools!

The Year 6 children enjoyed an end of year trip to Cineworld for their own private screening of a film, partly funded by our fantastic Friends Association, who used some of the money they raised from their events to provide our leavers with this memorable experience. I would like to thank East Hanningfield's Friends for all of their hard work and organisation in raising the funds which provide the lovely extras, helping to create special moments for the children.

As well as our Year 6 starting a new phase in their education, we are 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 had a wonderful summer break and look forward to updating you all with our adventures later in the autumn term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stainsbury, Head of School

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# News from East Hanningfield Pre-School



We would firstly like to say a big thank you to all the parents who supported us in our sports day in the summer. What a wonderful success the day was. The children did amazing and we are so super proud of them!

Thank You!

We would also like to send a big thank you to all the lovely thank you cards and presents we received from parents and children of preschool. We wish the children leaving the best of luck in their new school adventures starting in September. We will miss you very much. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September.



Our topic this term is Transport, we will be discussing different types of Transport, and about our holidays and discussing what transport we took to get there.

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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to apply.

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/](http://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.

### Dates for your Diary

2 <sup>nd</sup> September Back to School	5 <sup>th</sup> November Bonfire Night
21 <sup>st</sup> October Half Term	11 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day
28 <sup>th</sup> October Back to School	15 <sup>th</sup> November Children In need
31 <sup>st</sup> October Halloween	17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Road Safety Week

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

Kerry



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