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EAST HANNINGFIELD ARCHIVE

Past copies of the News are no longer on the Parish Council's website but may be found at **e-voice.org.uk/eharchive/ehnews/**. Also in the Archive website can be found various historic photographs for you to browse and articles for you to read. There is plenty of room there, so if you have photos or stories you would like to share, please get in touch.

For instance, if you have researched the history of your house, or have some old family photos linked to East Hanningfield, I am sure there are lots of people who would like to see them. There is an example of one of the postcards in the Archive website on page 27 of this EH News. There are lots more like that on the postcards page of the website.

The website reports tell me that some pages on the website are receiving attention so I know some of you are checking in to see what is there. There is a lot of information that would be useful for school history projects, but it also makes an interesting read.















EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

The following report was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The last year has been a busy year for the Parish Council but I intend to keep this report on our activities relatively brief.

Budget

We again in 2024 took a more proactive approach to hedge cutting. Although not our direct responsibility we cut all the hedges in the Village which were making it difficult to use the footpaths. We are pleased that the number of residents who do not cut their overhanging hedges is also reducing.

This year we will extend this proactive approach to include grass cutting. We already mow The Tye, Hannas Field and the Hoppit Play Area. This year we will extend this to the amenity grass areas in Coulde Dennis, Ashley Green and Highfields Mead. We also assist with the maintenance of the grass in the Church grave yard.

We undertook a safety check and remedial work on all the trees in the public areas that we are responsible for.

We pay for the monthly safety checks and maintenance of the Hoppit Play area in the Coulde Dennis Estate.

We want our residents to enjoy themselves particularly our children so gave a grant to the annual Fete and as in previous years funded the Play in the Park events.

We are extremely grateful for the work of Hannas Field Charity who look after the Village Hall, the playing field and car park. We recognise that without the Charity, the work would fall upon the Parish Council. Put simply the Parish Council would not have the people or financial resources to do this. For this reason the Parish Council if it is asked and we are able, will always try and help. We help with grants for major projects. We pay for the grass to be cut. We share the maintenance costs of the car park 50:50. This year we shared the cost of the long overdue hedge and ditch work along the access road.

Jenny Mouser will give a more detailed report of the Charity's work later.

Major projects.

This year we had the path along The Tye from the Church to opposite the Folly Bistro widened and resurfaced. It was unfortunate that the work was scheduled immediately after an extended period of wet weather. This caused more damage to the grass area than we would have liked. We had included contingency funds in our project which will be used for the remedial work. We are confident that The Tye will recover and the overall costs will be less than the alternative which would have been cancelling and obtaining new quotes.

We are presently finalising the contract for extending the path past the house, Burniston, to link up with the existing paths to the Rettendon Road and Old Church Road which are still in good condition. This work together with the remedial work previously mentioned will be completed by the Summer.

A new village sign will be erected on The Tye in the next few weeks. It will advertise to all the walkers, cyclists and drivers who pass through our Village, where they are. We are an attractive village and proud of it. We want visitors to know that.

The PC has purchased the red telephone box on The Tye which has been declared redundant by British Telecom. We are fitting it out with shelves and the organisers of the Book Sale in the Village Hall will stock it with books which residents will be free to borrow, keep or donate their own surplus books.

We applied for and have just been successful in obtaining a £10,000 grant from Essex County Council for a new ground level spinner or roundabout in the Hoppit Play Area. This will be fully accessible for children of all ability. The existing play area railings will need to removed to make room. Some railings will be repositioned with new gates to maintain security and keep out dogs.

The enlarged park area will have room for picnic tables and be more attractive and usable by the whole family.

The grant was contingent on the Parish Council making a matching

£10,000 contribution. We have budgeted for this. However, most of this cost will be for simple railing dismantling, concrete removal, hole filling and grass seeding. This work could be done by volunteers. The money saved would be spent on new play equipment or improvements and still meet our commitment to Essex County. It is hoped the new spinner can be installed in time for the summer school holidays.

If you are interested in volunteering contact Lucy or myself.

Planning

This last year the Parish Council reviewed 24 planning applications in the Parish. Most were uncontentious applications for existing house modifications or extensions. Some, however, require significantly more analysis, discussion and action.

The various developments at Highwater Farm are a cause for concern. I cannot go into detail here. Suffice it to say we are watching developments closely, as are the Planning Department. There has been some past instances of the owner taking action and then asking for approval later. We hope to avoid this in the future.

Chelmsford City's Local Plan, which sets out the strategic planning framework up to 2041, has avoided being rewritten to meet the Government's increased housing targets as it was already at the review stage. But the Government's ambitions have not been reduced. Chelmsford's response has been not to change the strategy or physical housing locations but to reduce contingencies, speed up implementation and squeeze targets.

The Northern Expansion of South Woodham Ferrers will continue as will the two small estates in East Hanningfield. The major housing development alongside the northern end of the A12 Chelmsford bye-pass will continue. It is inevitable that traffic on all the roads in the area will increase whether it is a country lane or the A12.

Thanks.

Thanks to our Clerk, Lucy White. Lucy is also Clerk to West Hanning-field and also the Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Councils.

This means she is massively busy but also massively well informed. We could not do our job without her.

Thanks to Sue Dobson. Sue is both our City Councillor and County Councillor. That means she is also very busy. She spent many years as a Parish Council Clerk. So if we have a problem she knows who to talk to. Thanks to her for finding the time to come to our meetings.

I have already mentioned Hannas Field Charity but thanks also to all the volunteers who organise events and the people on the day who provide the muscle to make the events happen. Thanks to the volunteers who look after the All Saints Church and the Bethel Evangelical Church. Thanks to all the people who did litter picking. Thanks to the School, Thanks to Ash for running the village shop. Thanks to all the people I have not mentioned but will still keep helping anyway.

Thank you all for coming tonight.

Malcolm Thomas Chair

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Alan Dixon 1935-2025



The Parish Council sadly reports the death of Alan Dixon, born 30th May 1935. He died peacefully in hospital on March 9th. Alan was a resident of East Hanningfield living in the listed Rails Farmhouse at the south end of The Tye for many years.

Alan was a long term Parish Councillor and Chairman and also a Chelmsford Borough Councillor. A forceful personality he much preferred winning arguments than compromise. For this he attracted many supporters but upset an equal number

He was a Chelmsford Borough Councillor representing East and West Hanningfield for 28 years. His most noteworthy achievement was his enthusiastic support for the rebuilding of Hylands House. This had been abandoned for over 20 years, it had been damaged by fire and a large part of the roof had gone. In 2001 to commemorate 25 years service, the borough presented him with a reproduction Chinese urn which Alan then gifted to Hylands House. Today Hylands House is fully restored and emblematic of the City.

A man of principle he made a well advertised point of never claiming any expenses for his councillor work. "Public service should be given not paid for."

As a Parish Councillor he was instrumental in getting a regular bus service to the village. He had the roads through the village declared as unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles except for deliveries.

But most importantly he lead the campaign which enabled the Parish Council to purchase the land which is now Hannas Field, build the Village Hall and form the charity which now runs it. Alan performed the official opening ceremony in 1986. East Hanningfield would be a far less attractive place to live without these facilities at its heart.

After National Service, Alan started work in a bank but later became

an insurance broker. He was a keen skier until late middle age. He was a model railway enthusiast and put on displays to raise funds for charity. Until very recently he used to drive his classic MG B sports car around the village surrounds.

History will be kind to Alan. His achievements will live a lot longer than the memories of the people he upset.

He is survived by his wife Belinda and sons Timothy and Rupert.

Malcolm Thomas, Chairman East Hanningfield Parish Council



Alan Dixon planting a tree to mark the official opening of the Village Hall on 20th. September 1986.



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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY (HFC)-VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

Hanna's Field Charity would like to mark the recent passing of Alan Dixon on 9th March, and pass condolences to his wife Belinda and their two sons. Alan was for many years a Chelmsford Borough Councillor as well a Village Parish Councillor/Chairman for quite a number of years. Through Alan's knowledge and tenacity, he was the instigator in acquiring the land from the Brewery – known as Hanna's Field. Hence how the Charity came about to raise the money to build the Village Community Centre, we have today. Please see Malcolm Thomas's more in-depth history of Alan Dixon on page 3.

We have now completed all the complicated Legionnaires work in the tanks in the loft area of the hall, and installed temperature controls for all the hot taps, plus descaling of the shower heads in the changing rooms. All quite critical but time-consuming processes – thanks to Mike Plumridge for overseeing all of this.

The ditches and hedges have now been cleared, so hopefully if we do get any long spells of rain, this will alleviate some of the flooding we have experienced in the past in The Chase and field. Some of the costs for this work have been shared with the Residents of the Lawns, the Parish Council and HFC, for which we are very grateful.

Recently some delightful person decided it would be great fun to do donuts on our overflow car park scattering the gravel and making large gouges in the ground. Wendy and Malcolm Thomas, armed with rakes and brooms, set about sorting this out the next day, so a very big thank you to them, and no disrespect intended but it should not be down to the octogenarians of our village to have to rectify such disrespect of property and land!!! Another act of trying to destroy things, was the upending of one of the benches installed on the field, even though cemented in by David Bell who with the help of Dan Crow, then had the job of resetting it back into place.

During the Whitsun School Holidays the upper outdoor level of the hall structure will be repainted (weather permitting). It cannot be done if it is too hot as the specialist paint, which is very expensive, goes off too quickly. Alongside the carpark and pathway into the school, a post was accidentally knocked down, but we do know the vehicle and driver, so this will have to be replaced, the posts are very heavy and

the old part will have to be dug out with its concrete block, and a new one cemented in. Oh! The joys of maintenance tasks!!

Our next fund-raising event is of course the Village Fete on Saturday 5th July, please see the separate programme for full details. Just reminding people though that these events do not just happen, a lot of work goes into the planning and then putting up and taking down on the day, so we are always looking for volunteers to help and again if it could be younger, fitter people that would be a tremendous help. We keep our fingers crossed for better weather though this year!

We have now also set the date for the Annual Art Show $-3^{rd}/4^{th}/5^{th}$ October. Again, we are always so grateful for the volunteers who come forward to help us at this event which has been going on for around 35 years. This may be our '**Swan Song**' though as both Wendy and I are usually totally exhausted by the end, again a lot of preplanning and tallying up afterwards. New blood is needed to help keep this event going, we have had one offer of new help, which is great, but would love to see more people come forward. Further details of this event will be in the Autumn Newsletter.

We are very pleased to see our "Chief Elf"- Chris back collecting the litter from the bins plus what is mindlessly dropped – thank you Chris you are a star! Again more "Elves or Fairies" just picking up litter when noticed and placing in the bins provided would be a great help. Educating children and adults alike would also be a great help. When you visit lots of other countries and see how clean and tidy they are it does make you ashamed about how our country looks (especially alongside our roads) where people just think it is acceptable to throw everything out of the window!!

To book the Village 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.

Alternatively call the Booking Secretary on 01245 400965

(before 8pm) and leave a message.





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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

East Hanningfield NhW Organisation- Some people may remember in the last EH News that I mentioned due personal commitments and my responsibilities as treasurer to Hanna's Field Charity's), I have been unable to keep up with the role of NhW coordinator for the village. As a result I am reaching out again to ask if there is anyone else in the village interested in helping out with this vital role?

Do we need a local NhW? I believe we do – NhW helps make our community safer by encouraging residents to work together and with local police to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. NhW working with police can also help residents to protect themselves and property through providing information on home security and safety measures.

Organising this at the local level isn't difficult but does need some dedicated effort to coordinate and manage communications and keep it going. Im looking for someone who sees the value in this initiative and who has the time and pasion to take it on.

After the Filliol Close incident on the 16 April (see below) I've had one kindly resident reach out to express support on Facebook but if there is anyone else interested in getting involved or learning more please get in touch - I would be happy to explain more. This leads me on to the next subject!

Neighbourhood Watch Week. The national NhW organization will celebrate its 40th anniversary over the week Monday 2 June It is 40 years since the first "Home Watch week" began in Bedford.



It would be a great to relaunch NhW in East Hanningfield with some new faces and ideas for keeping NhW alive and relevant for the next 40 years! **Local Crime Update**: I try to provide a summary of crime incidents EH NhW have been informed of over the 3 months since the last issue of this EH News so residents are aware and can gauge trends:

- **13 March, Back Lane**: Suspects with a quad bike overnight stole a wood chipper, chain saw and tools from vehicle.
- **31 March**, **Back Lane** Suspects with a black Fiesta overnight attempted to break into vehicle using a keyless entry signal booster
- 9 April, Payne Place: Tools stolen from resident's van.
- **16 April, Filliol Close**: Suspects overnight smashed the windows of a resident's vehicle.
- **6 May, Old Church Road** (rear entrance to Highlands Farm site): Male, approx. 55, 6'0, White/Grey hair, blue jeans, light-coloured trainers, hi-vis with vehicle LM09*** attempted to access farm site around 3pm via the electric barrier but failed. Attacked and damaged the barrier's access controller.
- 10 May, Village Hall (gravel overflow carpark): Two vehicles arrived at the Hall at around 10.15pm and proceeded for 15 minutes to do handbrake turns ("doughnuts on gravel, scattered chippings across field verges and tarmac and damaging undersurface. Occupants (3 or 4 youths) and vehicles caught on Hall ANPR camera. Criminal damage report provided to police.

If you can provide any information on the above incidents, please contact Police on 101.

Reminder - When & How You Can Contact the Police: Use the digital 101 service to contact the Chelmsford local policing team about something you have seen or heard, or request information. A Live Chat service is available to send messages direct to a digital 101 operator. A 24-hour 101 call service is still there if you need to speak to someone or don't have internet access.

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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.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-Ordinator.

- NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com.

EH COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW):

The CSW is part of a national initiative to try and reduce road casualties. Village volunteers operate regular CSW checks at police approved sites in Old Church Road, The Tye, Bicknacre Road and the Common. Collisions, deaths and injuries caused by driving too fast are largely avoidable if speed limits are complied with but there is also (for pedestrian and cyclists using our roads in the village) an antisocial aspect to speeding.



Through regular speed checks at approved locations around the village supported by the police we try to modify driver's behaviour to keep to the village 30mph speed limits.

Vehicles caught speeding are logged and the details sent to the police for the owner to receive a warning letter, or a police visit should it be a recurring behaviour. If we are accompanied for a speed check by traffic police officer, as is the case sometimes, the offender will be stopped and issued onthe-spot with a speeding ticket.

CSW Volunteers: There are nine volunteers at present (three teams of 3) but we would welcome a few more to join us and help share the load. A short training session, bright yellow jacket and insurance come free with the job!

Contact us through the NhW email address opposite if interested.



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EAST HANNINGFIELD DIARY

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		Saints' Church
		10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP with Communion at Bethel Ch.
Mon		BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & Sandon School
Tue	3	BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK &
-		FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
\$	_	1.30-2pm MOBILE LIBRARY at the Village Hall Car Park
Thu		7.45pm PRAYER EVENING at Bethel Church.
Fri	6	INFLATEABLES at EH Primary School organised by Friends of EHPS.
Sun	8	10 am PENTECOST MORNING WORSHIP with healing at
		All Saints' Church
_	4.0	10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	10	•
Thu		7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	15	10am HOLY COMMUNION with Rev Jacqui King. Refresh-
		ments afterwards, at All Saints' Church.
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Tue	17	FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Wed	18	1.30-4.30pm WI MEETING .in the 1 st floor meeting room at
Wod		the Village Hall.
Thu	19	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	22	10am MORNING WORSHIP with Melissa Clark – Phil
		Harveson to preach, at All Saints' Church
		10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	24	BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE
		1.30-2pm MOBILE LIBRARY at the Village Hall Car Park
Wed	25	8-9.45pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the 1 st floor
Thu	26	Meeting Room at the Village Hall.
Thu		7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	29	10am MATINS with Melissa Clark & Fiona Ward at All
		Saints' Church 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
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Sat	5	12 noon-4pm VILLAGE FETE at Hanna's Field.
Sun	6	9am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) with Rev Jacqui King at All Saints' Church 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP with Communion at Bethel Ch
Tue	8	BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Thu	10	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	13	Clark at All Saints' Church.
		10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	15	BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
		1.30-2pm MOBILE LIBRARY at the Village Hall Car Park
Wed	16	1.30-4.30pm WI MEETING in the 1 st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
Thu	17	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Fri	18	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER EHPC, Sandon School (SS at 12.45pm) & EH Preschool.
Sun	20	10am HÓLY COMMUNION with Rev Jacqui King. Refreshments afterwards, at All Saints' Church. 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Tue	22	BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Thu	24	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
Sun	27	10am MORNING WORSHIP with Melissa Clark – Lesley Watkin to preach at All Saints' Church. 10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP at Bethel Church
Mon	28	10am-12 noon PLAY IN THE PARK at Hanna's Field
Tue	29	BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Thu	31	7.45pm BIBLE STUDY at Bethel Church.
		8-9.45pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the 1 st floor Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

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3 9am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) with Rev Jacqui King at All Saints' Church 10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** with Communion at Bethel Church

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7 7.45pm **PRAYER EVENING** at Bethel Church. Thu

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

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

Thu 14 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

Sun 17 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev Jacqui Clark at All Saints' Church 10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

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

21 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church. Thu

22 10am-12 noon PLAY IN THE PARK at Hanna's Field Fri

Sun 24 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with Melissa Clark – John Woodrow to preach at All Saints' Church 10 45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

25 **SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY** – PO Store closed. Mon

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

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GOODBYE POSTMAN MIKE

In early May, residents of Ashley Green said, "Goodbye", to Mike Guddat who had been their postman for 33½ years. In that time he had also been delivering to various other areas of the parish, but it was only in the last 3½ years that he had been covering most of the parish, but then last year Back Lane was taken out of his round, so most of us have got to know him over that third of a century.

Mike joined Royal Mail after being made redundant by Marconi Coms in 1987. It was in 1991 that he was assigned the areas Old Church Road with the Industrial Estate and Ashley Green. As mentioned above, his round was chopped and changed many times to include other parts of the parish, but it always covered Ashley Green.



On his last day with Royal Mail, Mike says "Goodbye" to Ash in the Post Office.

When Mike started, the Royal Mail Group, which includes Parcelforce, had a complete monopoly in the postal market. Later, the parcels market was opened to competition and then in 2014 Royal Mail was partially privatised.

He remembers the Post Office and general store being located on the Tye. It was in the house that was recently demolished and rebuilt near the post box. Also in 1991 the cost of a first class stamp was 24p!

Mike receives the gift, contributed to by many villagers, from Amanda Plummer.



Mike hopes to be able to thank everyone from East Hanningfield who gave him cards and gifts, although some were anonymous, and also expects to return to the village for his MOT and to join in our litter-pick. As to plans for his retirement, he is intending to visit his family in New Zealand in the New Year.

Editor: Thanks to Amanda Plummer and Mike Plumridge for the photos.



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Gold is a beautiful element of God's creation, possessing both practical and symbolic value. The references to gold in the Bible often evoke a deeper spiritual meaning; they symbolise not only being valued, but also purity and God's divine presence with us. When gold is laid at the feet of Jesus, it becomes worship, but its greatest worth is realised when it is shared with those most in need; it then becomes 'love in action,' and we become channels through which God's character flows. It is then that we reflect the heart of God, who gave us His Son, Jesus, the most precious treasure, who in turn gave us the 'Golden Rule' – to do to others as we wish to be done to us (*Matthew 7.12*).

Whether you attend regularly, visit for special services, or enjoy the peace of the churchyard on a quiet afternoon, All Saints' is here for everyone to enjoy. We do our best to be a golden haven at the heart of the village.

Every blessing,

Revd Jacqui

















Over the past 5 years All Saints have:

- Welcomed over 60 families into our church to celebrate baptisms and weddings and to say goodbye to loved ones at funerals
- Financed the purchase of 82 wheelchairs for disabled people in developing countries
- Contributed £1870 to children's and armed forces charities

We support our village school through:

- Leading collective worship services
- Welcoming the children and parents into church for services
- Providing Bibles to children leaving for senior school

We maintain our Grade II listed church and churchyard to a good standard from within our own resources and without any regular outside financial assistance.

So how much does it cost each week to keep our church running? £100? £200? £300?

In 2025 it costs £478 to run our church EVERY WEEK. But our income each week is currently £415.

This means we have a weekly shortfall of £63 just to break even. We have financial reserves, but cannot draw on these indefinitely.

Our regular congregation is small but gives generously to the church, however we feel that we need to make the wider community of East Hanningfield aware of our situation.

If you value having a parish church in our village, would you consider making a regular donation to support us? Or make a one-time gift?

Giving via the Parish Giving Scheme is the easiest way. You keep control of your giving through the scheme and can change or stop what you give at any time.

Please help us to keep our village church available to everyone living in East Hanningfield as a place to celebrate life's big events and as a place of hope and a place of sanctuary.

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services
EVERY Sunday
of the year







BIRTHDAY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

In June 1885, our village church was consecrated by The Bishop of St. Albans on its new site in the middle of the village, just some 18 months after the ancient church beside East Hanningfield Hall was burnt down.

So this year is our **140th BIRTHDAY!** To mark such an auspicious occasion, there is an opportunity to sponsor a part of our wonderful stained glass and in return receive a specially unique bookmark, featuring your chosen window.

Those in the village who recall supporting All Saints in the past, by having their surname put underneath a kneeler and/or signing one of the shingles put on the church spire, will I hope wish to be part of this new opportunity.

There will be just 16* specially selected parts of our stained glass and sponsorship prices depend on size and importance of the subject. Either a single sponsor, a couple or a family may wish to get-together to choose their particular favourite. First come first choice!

*From the beginning of June, it is hoped a display in church will show the chosen sixteen and again at the Village Fete on July 5th. Meantime please contact Gil Gordon on gilgordon22@gmail.com to register your interest or with any queries you may have.

Gil Gordon, Church Warden

An early view of All Saints' Church from the Tye.





Bethel Evangelical Church

In May, we were invited along to the East Hanningfield Parish Meeting to give a short report of Bethel Church and our work in the village.

We thought it would be a good idea to put a short summary here.



Bethel

In 2023, we celebrated out Centenary. 100 years of having a presence in the village. We had a week of celebrations including a special Sunday family service, and a garden party where we had many friends from the village who came to celebrate with us.

Events

More recently, on 10 May, we also celebrated the 80th VE Day with a tea party. You may be able to recognise a few people in the photos.

We also have Men's Breakfasts and Ladies Breakfast and Suppers throughout the year.

Please see the website bethel-eh.com for the next dates.

Also, come and say hello at the Village Fete, as we will be manning a few stalls.

Outreach

Gospel Partnerships – Our Associate Pastor, Peter Cockrell, regularly travels to Tanzania (and other parts of Africa) to minister and support church pastors. We provide Bibles and other teaching material to support them in their local churches.

The Homeless – with connections to the charity, 'Above Us Only Sky?' on occasion in the winter months, we will serve the homeless in Chelmsford. Supplying them with immediate needs such as army-graded sleeping bags, fleeces, and wash bags.

Prison Ministry - Peter is the Chaplain at Chelmsford Prison.

St. Giles – Graham and Gary have been coming to Bethel for over 30 years! We also enjoy having others from St. Giles occasionally.

Christianity Explored – A 6-week course on a day/evening to suit you. 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.

Regular Meetings

Please come and join us on Sunday.

Our Sunday Family Worship Service 10:45am (Communion on 1st Sunday of month). Creche and Sunday School available.

Or come along to one of our **Bible Studies** on Thursday evenings at 7:45pm (Prayer evening on 1st Thursday of month).

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WI

It doesn't seem long since the beginning of the year and now here we are halfway to Christmas. We started our year with discussions on the resolutions put forward for 2025. After a managed discussion and a casual chat over tea we had the vote. Our choice was to urge the government to put more emphasis on first aid being taught and defibrillators situated at more posts around the towns and villages.

In February we had a talk by an up-and-coming new author, Ruth Leigh. She gave a very entertaining and interesting talk about how she made the dreams of a small child come true. Ruth brought some of her books along with her to sell. She was amusing to listen to and proved to be as entertaining in her books.

March was a disappointment. We had booked a chocolate shop who were going to send a chocolatier to give us a talk on how they made chocolate, particularly the fillings. We were looking forward to sampling the said chocolate, but it was not to be. They cancelled at the last moment. It was too late to get another Speaker so Pat led us in playing a fun game with prizes. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we did have tea and home made cakes.

We thought in April three talented Stitchers would visit but it was not to be. The Committee of the Village Hall needed to take advantage of the half term and have some work done which meant closing the hall. One of the of the days was Wednesday, our meeting day. Once again it was short notice. I did not know of a hall close by where we could hold our meeting, so I had no choice but to cancel the Meeting.

So far this year we have not been very lucky with our meetings. Our next meeting at the end of May is also our AGM. We do not have a speaker, a report is given about the preceding year and if the members wish they can change the Committee and the President. It can work the other way where the Committee decides they no longer wish to serve. Hopefully all will be well, but whichever way it goes we are going to have a little party with tea, cake, lots of chatting and a quiet time to reflect on all the young people who gave their lives to keep our island safe and free and long may it be so.

I hope you all have a lovely Summer,

Best Wishes

Marlene. East Hanningfield President

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 the children came into school dressed as their favourite book characters; there were characters from a wide range of genres. As part of the day, we had a 'read across the school' session, where the children signed up to listen to a story of their choice with a different adult from around the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity.

Also, in March, one of our teachers, Mrs Trigg-Hayes, organised a wonderful Science Week for the children. The week began with a thrilling Science mystery—'Whodunnit?' There was a crime scene in the library: the book trolley had been stolen! Five suspects were under investigation, all of whom were members of staff. To help solve the



crime, the children had a special lesson from Scott, a police forensic expert, who explained the importance of preserving evidence, match-

ing DNA, and analysing fingerprints. With all of this valuable information, they worked together to narrow down the suspects, figure out their motives, and finally unveil the culprit in a fantastic assembly where the CCTV footage revealed all! It was an exciting and educational way to apply our science knowledge to real-life investigative methods.

In April, the children all loved taking part in a West African Djembe drumming workshop. Our wonderful PTA, Friends, paid for this fun experience as well as paying for the forensic workshop during Science Week. We



are so

fortunate to have an active and supportive PTA who provide our children with a wide range of fantastic enrichment activities.

Children were particularly excited to start swimming lessons after Easter; 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 Pre-School

A warm welcome from all at East Hanningfield Preschool. We are enjoying the start of the summer term spending more time exploring the outside. The children have been enjoying using the mud kitchen, riding the bikes, and enjoying having lunch



outside, now the warmer weather has appeared. We have been very lucky and had two beautiful benches made for us. We would like to say a huge thank you, to David Bell for making these lovely benches for the children and a huge thank you to Guards for donating the wood to make them. The children absolutely love using them, they have made a lovely addition to our outside area.

Please remember, with the

warmer weather, sun Cream and hats for the Children as well as closed toe shoes, as the Children are spending a lot of time outside this term.

This term we will be looking at Growth and Decay for our termly topic. We will be growing various items with the children, fruit, vegetables and flowers and watch how they grow and decay. We will be looking at growth and change of insects, babies, and animals.

Dates for your Diary

Father's Day shop Open – 9th June to 13th June Father's Day – Sunday 15th June

Primary school Visits: 18^{th} June/ 25^{TH} June/ 2^{nd} July Photos: 26^{th} June please see Diane to book a slot, siblings wel-

Come for early photo's
Village Fete – Saturday 5th July
Sports day & Leavers – Monday 14th July
Last day of Term – Friday 18th July

First day of Autumn Term – Monday 8th September 2025

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

Also, eligible working parents will be able to Claim 30 hours childcare support from September. Please visit 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/

If you might be interested in your child joining us and would like to come for a visit, please contact us by phone or email (see below). We also have a website. We

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

Kerry

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