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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

The top photograph is a recent addition to the collection of post-cards on the East Hanningfield Archive website. It shows two of the Mill Cottages, which had already gone when Dora Ost took a photograph of the site from the scaffolding around the church steeple in 1949 (see Photo Album – Places).

The lower photograph shows them from the south, with roses growing up to the roof on the front and village children posing for the photographer.

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PARISH COUNCIL

In the Winter News Letter I reported that to meet the Government housing targets for Chelmsford, East Hanningfield had been allocated an additional 305 homes to be built within the next five years. As this will be the biggest single change to East Hanningfield in fifty years I am returning to this subject in this news letter.

The dramatic increase in Chelmsford's and our target is driven by several factors:

- Chelmsford is not achieving its old target. Reasons include:
- The time needed to deliver the infrastructure for the proposed very large estates planned in the North East of the City.
- The cancellation of the improved Boreham A12 interchange.
- The slow build rate possibly linked to a slow sales rate.
- London not meeting its targets.

The Government aim to build 1.5 million homes during this parliament.

As a consequence Chelmsford has added an additional 1600 homes to its next 5 year (2027-31) target. These homes are concentrated in mid sized estates judged to not need large additional infrastructure. Over half of these homes have been allocated to the South East of Chelmsford with Bicknacre (230), Rettendon (350) and East Hanningfield (295). We should remember that this is on top of the 2000 new homes planned to the north of South Woodham Ferrers.

East Hanningfield had already been allocated a target of 40 homes as an expansion of the Abbey Fields and Highfields Mead estates. Additionally 28 new homes had already been approved for Old Church Road and there has been a recent application to extend this estate by an additional 10 homes.

This gives a total for East Hanningfield of 373 new homes. The present number of homes in the settlement boundary or village is 365. The village will be doubled in size in the next five years.

The Parish Council has objected to the proposals. Our principal objections are;

- This level of expansion over such a short period will inevitably

change the character of the village. We will no longer be a rural village but a Chelmsford overspill estate.

- The present road system cannot safely cope with this and our neighbouring villages' expansion.
- The drainage system is already failing to cope and although improvements are planned there is no firm time line.
- There has to be a question over the capacity of the school and there are no plans for health facilities.

The noise, disruption and construction traffic in building nearly 400 new homes in six separate sites will be a further burden on the residents.

The City Planning Department, as expected, defends their proposals and as far as we know are progressing the revised Local Plan without any significant changes.

The Local Plan will be subject to an independent review by a Planning Inspector in around June. He is required to determine whether the Plan, in total, is sound. That is, it meets the criteria of the National Policy Framework (NPPF) is robust, evidence based and capable of being implemented. The Parish Council plans to make representation at this review.

One further challenge is that the Government is planning major changes to the NPPF. These will be published before June. There are several proposed changes which will directly affect us.

- A permanent presumption in favour of approval. Any housing proposal on suitable land should be acceptable by default.
- Mandatory Housing Targets. Targets will be binding, failure to meet will result in the loss of the power to manage our own approvals.

Streamlined approval for small to medium sites of 10 – 49 homes.

Councillor News

Councillor Martyn Gard retired from being a councillor in January. Having reached the age of 80 he decided that now was the time to hand over to the next generation.

Martyn has been a councillor for many years. He has been a voice of level headed common sense throughout. He has always been generous with both his time and money. He is the first to support village events and heads a local company that follows his example.

If you sit at a picnic table on Hannas Field it is on wood donated by Gard and Sons. If you buy wood for a local project and live in the village it will be delivered free.

The Parish Council thanks him for his years of service but know that he will continue to be a resident and friend of the Parish. We will miss his wise advice and wish him all the best for the future.

Malcolm Thomas, Chair

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Village Hall & Playing Fields

After a lot of rain in January and early February, we can hopefully look forward to a drier Spring, and no late season snow to catch us unaware.

The field inevitably has had some surface water, but not as much as in previous years. Thankfully we had the ditches alongside The Chase cleared of a lot of the autumn leaf drop during November, which has really helped the situation. There are still some areas of the ditch in the field that have become waterlogged eventually. These needed further inspection to keep everything flowing well.

The overflow Car Park at the side of the hall had some more gravel distributed across it during the school break. It does seem to require this annually to keep a good even surface.

During the school break some further lighting upgrades took place in the hall. The remaining fluorescent tubes were replaced with the more efficient LEDs. The annual service of the CCTV and Hall Alarm system also took place. There are always regular expected maintenance tasks to be undertaken but, of course, other unexpected ones that need urgent attention. We can never be complacent!

The sub-committee have been regularly meeting to progress with the refurbishment of some of the equipment in the field play area. Along with the Fete and Art Show fund raising money we have fortunately been successful applying for grant funding. Applying for grants is a lengthy, time consuming process. This success has allowed us to place an order for some new items. Together, with help from the Parish Council, this is exciting news for the children of the Village who use this facility all the time. None of this is cheap. Once this stage of refurbishment is complete, in the next few months, we will advise you of the amount spent. It will be an eye watering figure which may surprise many! We therefore hope that residents appreciate the hard work that

goes into the maintenance and refurbishment/renewal of this important facility. There is no magic money pot for all of this and certainly no Local Government help, which a lot of people just assume is the case.

Thank you to all the past and present Ford employees who answered the call to support an application for funding from the Ford Trust for play equipment. The application has been sent and a response is awaited.

Another regular fundraising event is the Book Sale in the upstairs Meeting Room. The loft storage area is fitted out with shelving to display alphabetically the hundreds of second-hand books for both Adults and Children. These cover Fiction, Factual and specialist subjects - like hobbies, cookery and travel. We also have a fair collection of Jigsaw Puzzles and DVDs too. It is a pleasant social morning where you can enjoy good refreshments (home-made cake) Coffee, Tea and Cold drinks, and a good chat! It may grow in ambition by becoming a table top event as well but that is still in discussion. So watch for information.

Our next 'Book Sale' is on Saturday 7th March from 10am to 12.30pm. Free entry. Well priced items. *Come along and support! Bring the kids too!*

We have a good steady number of regular users of the hall facilities, along with one off bookings for Parties etc. Availability can always be checked by looking at the website or can be discussed with Jess Crow our Booking Secretary. (see details below)

2026 is the 40th Anniversary of the Hall opening. It is a great achievement by everyone involved all those years ago. **Would residents like to celebrate in some way? We would love to hear of any ideas people may have!**

I hope 2026 is a year when residents will come forward to help and give their support to the Committee or join us even to keep the Hall and Field areas running well for everyone's enjoyment for the future. New blood and New Ideas are always welcome. Our **Annual General Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm** in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall, when you will be very welcome.

Jenny Mouser - Chairperson Wendy Thomas - Secretary



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To book the Village Hall/sports facilities or to check availability, please go to the Village Hall's website at the above address & click on 'Make a Booking' or email hannasfield@outlook.com.

Alternatively call the Booking Secretary on 07934270233 (before 8pm) and leave a message.

Please note: If you search online for East Hanningfield Village Hall, the top result on your screen could well be the Village Hall page on the Parish Council's website. Don't panic! There is a link to the East Hanningfield Village Hall and Playing Fields website on that page.



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EAST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE FETE and other events

New Year, new purpose and a new name!

The Fete Committee is a group of residents who work together throughout the year to organise the fete and sometimes other events. We are a subcommittee of Hannas Field Charity.

This year we have reviewed what we are doing and have decided to make some changes.

Raising funds for Hannas Field Charity and All Saints Church are a key part of village events, but so is the opportunity for people to come together.

The fete committee will now be called the **East Hanningfield Village Events Committee**.

We are putting together a varied programme of events, which will include some village favourites.

Art Sale/Show

The art sale/show in October has been organised and run for many years by Jenny Mouser and Wendy Thomas. They are taking a well-deserved rest and retiring from running this event.

Thanks to their amazing work the Events Committee are now going to be responsible for organising and managing this event.

Many thanks to Jenny and Wendy for all their hard work.

Scarecrow Competition

Gil Gordon has organised this event for several years, giving people an opportunity to show their creativity and raise money for the church.

Gil is also retiring from organising the competition this year and the Event Committee will take responsibility for it.

Many thanks to Gil for her hard work.

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Other Events

We are looking into having:

- regular quiz nights
- table top sales
- the fete (of course!)
- a Halloween party for children and adults, bar already booked! (Will be on Saturday 31 October)
- a Christmas fayre

Please keep an eye on the Village Facebook page for updates.

We have a well-established "hard core" of volunteers for the fete and the art sale who are a vital part of these events being successful – thank you all in advance for your continued support.

If any other people would like to volunteer to help with any village events, please email.

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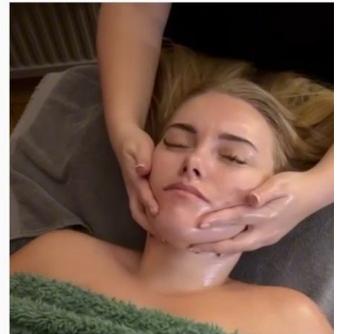
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VILLAGE DIARY

MARCH



- Sun 1 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) with Rev Jacqui at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 3 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY**
- Thu 5 7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Sat 7 10am-12.30pm **PRELOVED BOOK SALE** in the first floor meeting room & the loft at the Village Hall. Thousands of books to browse and tasty refreshments too.
- Sun 8 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with healing theme – Canon Andy Griffiths - James Laudrum to preach at All Saints' Ch.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 10 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 12 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sun 15 10am **MOTHERING SUNDAY** with posies for mothers, grandmothers and carers.
HOLY COMMUNION with Rev Jacqui – refreshments afterwards at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 17 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 18 1.30-4.30pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor Meeting room at the Village Hall
- Thu 19 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sun 22 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with Canon Andy Griffiths – James Laudrum to preach at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 24 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER COLLECTIONS**
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY**

MARCH continued

- Wed 25 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall. (Use side door).
- Thu 26 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Fri 27 **LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM** EH Academy & Sandon School which closes at 12.45pm
- Sun 29 **BRITISH SUMMERTIME BEGINS**
10am **PALM SUNDAY MATINS** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 31 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**

APRIL



- Thu 2 7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church
- Fri 3 12 noon **GOOD FRIDAY** Service of Reflection – Readings and Prayers with Rev Jacqui at All Saints' Church
- Sun 5 10am **EASTER DAY** Holy Communion with Rev Adam Atkinson BISHOP OF BRADWELL at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 7 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 9 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Sun 12 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with healing, with Richard Cecil at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Mon 13 **BACK TO SCHOOL** EH Academy & Sandon School
- Tue 14 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY**
- Wed 15 1.30-4.30pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor Meeting room at the Village Hall
- Thu 16 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Fri 17 National Primary School Offer Day
- Sun 19 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev Jacqui & Baptism of Jasper Macrae at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 21 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER COLLECTIONS**

Thu 23 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church

Sun 26 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with Val and John Woodrow at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 28 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**

7.30pm **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** open to all residents of the parish. In the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

Wed 29 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall. (Use side door).

Thu 30 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church

MAY 

Sun 3 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) with Rev Jacqui at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Mon 4 **SCHOOLS CLOSED** for Bank Holiday EHA & Sandon Sch.
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Tue 5 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER COLLECTIONS**
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Thu 7 7am-10pm **COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION**—
Polling Station at Village Hall
7.45pm **PRAYER MEETING** at Bethel Church

Sun 10 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** with a healing theme with Judy Cecil at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

Tue 12 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**

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

Sun 17 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Rev Jacqui – Refreshments afterwards followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

MAY continued

- Tue 19 **BROWN BIN, FOOD WASTE, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 20 1.30-4.30pm **WI MEETING** in the 1st floor Meeting room at the Village Hall
- Thu 21 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
- Fri 22 **BREAK UP for HALF TERM EHAc. & Sandon School**
- Sun 24 10am **PENTECOST MORNING WORSHIP** with Rev Carol Bull at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 26 **BLACK BIN, FOOD WASTE, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK COLLECTIONS**
1.30-2pm **MOBILE LIBRARY**
- Thu 28 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church
8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall. (Use side door).
- Sun 31 10.30am **NO SERVICE** at All Saints', instead at 10.30 we are invited to join in with other Hill and Vale Churches for a service at Holy Trinity Church South Woodham Ferrers taken by Archdeacon Jonathan Croucher.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- SATURDAY 4 JULY-ANNUAL VILLAGE SUMMER FETE
FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER ART SHOW PREVIEW EVENING
SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER-ART SHOW & BOOK SALE
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER-ART SHOW & BOOK SALE
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER-VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY
(Times to be advised)

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE VILLAGE DIARY PLEASE SEND THE DETAILS TO THE EDITOR AT

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Spring on the Horizon

Noticing the quiet signs of renewal

There's a particular moment each year when winter loosens its grip. A snowdrop appears where yesterday there was only mud. A blackbird decides it's time to sing again. And suddenly, even if the wind is still sharp, Spring is stretching its limbs. Stumbling upon a host of daffodils captures and lifts our hearts, and those first snowdrops and flowers stop us in our tracks.

Yet this year, as always, Spring arrives in the middle of another kind of season - Lent. While the natural world is waking up, Lent invites us to slow down. It is a time for reflection, for taking stock, for gently asking ourselves what might need clearing out, or refreshing in our own lives. You could think of it as an inner (or spiritual) spring cleaning - a chance to notice what may be cluttering our hearts or minds and what we might gently let go of.

For some, Lent is a deeply meaningful journey towards Easter. For others, it may serve as a reminder to pause in a world that rarely does. But whether or not church is part of your weekly routine, there is something universal about the idea of renewal. We all know what it feels like to long for a fresh start, a bit of hope, or a sense that brighter days are on the horizon.

For Christians, this hope is at the heart of what we believe and what we celebrate at Easter - the belief that light triumphs and that new life can emerge even from the most difficult places. Even if you do not mark the day in a religious way, the wider message of new beginnings is one we see again and again in village life. Each year, we watch our gardens, fields, and hedgerows come back to life. Each year, we see our community find quiet ways to support one another - whether that is checking in on a neighbour or simply stopping for a chat at the gate. Each year, we are reminded that resilience and renewal are woven into the rhythm of life.

So, as the daffodils begin to nod their cheerful heads and the evenings stretch out just a little longer, may this season bring you a moment of peace, a spark of joy, or simply the pleasure of noticing something beautiful as you gaze out of your windows or walk through the village. Spring is here, and with it comes a quiet reassurance: life unfolds, surprises us, and begins again.

These words from the Bible echo the spirit of the season and may resonate with you too: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19)

Whether you come regularly, occasionally, or simply out of curiosity, you will always receive a warm welcome at any of our church services.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

As reported in the Essex Chronicle, Friday 14 May 1926

A CONCERT in aid of church funds was given in the Women's Institute Hall to a crowded audience. The organiser was Mrs. Strowger, ably assisted by her staff. The children who took part were loudly applauded for their graceful dancing and splendid singing. The rendering of two patriotic pieces, “Up with the old Flag” and “Land of Hope and Glory,” by the troupe were very popular. Master Leslie Owen, the budding comedian of the School, surprised with his song, “She Sells Seashells”: he was very amusing and his acting was excellent. Miss Singer and Miss Ketley, of the school staff, gave capital songs and duets, in one of which a pretty dance was given by Vera Saville. Other praiseworthy items were recitations by Donothly Saville and Audrey Tucker, songs by the Rev. J.H.A. Law of West Hanningfield, and comic contributions by Mr. Carter of Chelmsford. The concert was voted the best ever given in the village.

N.B. Mrs Strowger was the Headteacher, and you can see her in the photograph of the 1935 Jubilee Committee. (e-voice.org.uk/eharchive/)

THE OLD CHURCH

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EAST HANNINGFIELD.

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Picture taken from East Hanningfield archive – e-voice.org.uk/eharchive/

The old graveyard, original site of All Saints Church.

A bit of the 'back story' - *Recreated from information gathered by Gil Gordon.*

The church building itself was listed by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments for South-East Essex and judged as parts of it being constructed in the 13th century, or earlier and made of mainly pudding stone and pebble rubble.

In 1844, £ 750 (approx. £85,000 in today's money) was spent on major restoration work, with a new roof, two bells recast and a large heating stove and flue was installed.

It is thought that the stove/flue was the cause of the fire in 1883 that

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damaged the church beyond feasible repair.

A fire engine was 'called' by Mrs Gardener, who sent her manservant on horseback to Chelmsford to raise the alarm, they arrived about an hour later. In the meantime, villagers managed to rescue some furnishings, books and communion cloth.

The fire was so intense that the new bells melted, the metal of which was sorted and saved by local children when it cooled, a fireman rescued a 16th century stained glass window, although whereabouts of that became unknown, the 12th century piscina also survived, and is in the Colchester and Essex Museum.

For some years after the fire the remains were used as a mortuary chapel and in 1940 the most important 'treasure' was discovered, under several layers of paint: Frescos of Adam and Eve, St. Catherine, and Cain and Abel, thought to date back to the late 13th century. Records and pictures of these are held at the Victoria and Albert museum. What remained was demolished in 1960 as it was deemed unsafe, brass memorial plaques dating back to the 1600's on the chancel floor, were also stolen around this time.

I hope to tell some of the stories of the *residents* within the graveyard in next Parish news and if anyone wants or has any more information please get in contact.

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The Old Church while in use as a mortuary chapel.

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The speed at which AI is impacting our workplaces and daily lives is both astonishing and, if we're honest, a little unsettling. One minute we're asking it to write an email, and the next it's generating lifelike videos of people saying things they've never said — or casually placing a herd of elephants strolling down The Tye! Apparently, reality now comes with an “edit” button.



It raises an important question: what is real anymore? What is truth?

As we approach Easter, we're reminded of a powerful moment during the trial of Jesus before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. In their exchange, Jesus declares:

“You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into

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the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

To which Pilate famously responds, *“What is truth?”* (John 18:37-38)

It’s a question humanity has been asking since the beginning of time. In a world often marked by confusion, distortion, and deceit, what can we really believe? What is true today?

We often say, “Seeing is believing.”

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples in the upper room. Thomas, however, struggled to believe. He insisted that unless he saw the nail marks and placed his hand into Jesus’ side, he would not believe. When Jesus later appeared again, He invited Thomas to do exactly that.

At Easter, we reflect on the eyewitness accounts of many who experienced those three extraordinary days. We hear their testimonies and are invited to consider their conclusion: that Jesus is the truth Pilate was questioning.

Earlier, in John 14:6, Jesus had made an extraordinary claim: *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

It is a bold and remarkable statement. And at Easter, we are given the opportunity once again to reflect on this profound and life-changing story.

You are warmly invited to join us at our Easter services:

April 03 – Good Friday at 10:30am
April 05 – Easter Sunday at 10:45am

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.” (John 8:32)

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Celebrating 20 years in East Hanningfield

On January 2nd 2006, we opened our doors to business for the first time in East Hanningfield, so this year marks a special milestone for us. Moving from Chelmsford we proudly made the village our new home - a decision that has shaped the past two decades of our story.



Over the years our yard has grown, we've expanded our stock, invested in new machinery and welcomed new members to our team. While plenty has changed, one thing has always remained the same: our commitment to quality workmanship, friendly service and being part of the local community. East Hanningfield has never just been a place to work - it's a village we're proud to belong to.

Supporting village life has always been close to our hearts. We're delighted to support and sponsor the annual Village Summer Fete and, over the years, have also played our part in the firework displays and other community events that bring people together and help local traditions thrive. These events are what make village life so special and we're proud to be part of them.

As we celebrate 20 years in the village, we would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way - our loyal customers, our hardworking team and the wider East Hanningfield community. We look forward to many more years of working, building and growing together!

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News from East Hanningfield Pre-School

A warm welcome from all at East Hanningfield Preschool.



It's that time of year Preschool are looking forward to the spring months ahead, and bringing more of our education outside and enjoying the hopefully drier and slightly warmer weather.

We will be looking at topics of babies, identifying baby animals, where they live, what they eat, different species of insects which will include our exploration of watching caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies! Lots of opportunities for learning, exploring,



and creating beautiful spring themed pictures. The children are enjoying our new sensory equipment we purchased over Christmas. This is giving each child an opportunity to join in, explore, take turns and enjoy our sensory sessions.



Dates for your Diary

World Book Day – 5th March 2026
Monday 9th March Mother's Day shop open
Sunday 15th March Mother's Day
Easter Half Term Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April
Summer Term Starts Monday 13th April
Bank Holiday Monday 4th May – preschool closed

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.

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.

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 us (see below) We also have a website. We take 2-year old funding as well as 3-4-year funding.

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4 & 25 May Bank Holiday Mondays.**

