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**Welcome to the Spring edition of the Great Notley Times**

I am not one to wish my life away, but I was so very pleased recently to see that the Flowering Cherries in the area were beginning to bloom and hoped that perhaps this awful winter of destructive rain and winds would soon be over. Spring is my favourite season, as it must be for a lot of you who enjoy living in such a green and pleasant parish. A lot of the Parish Council's time is taken up with issues concerning our environment and we remain committed to promoting green issues in our community and well as the health and well-being of residents.

Parking remains a problem and we are concerned, at the moment, for the safety of pedestrians in the area around Panners pond. Despite there being a parking area at the rear, drivers continue to park on and around the corner by the Co-op, causing pedestrians to walk on the road and obstructing the view at the junction. Walking on the narrow kerb guard across the bridge is also an issue despite its not being for public use. We have requested signage to remind people and also an extension to the metal fencing to prevent misuse of the kerb. As you will have seen, we also requested the refreshing of the painted yellow lines in that area and this work has now been carried out. We have also asked for another speed survey on London Road which we expect to take place in April. This was as a result of concerns raised by residents.

The village sign has been repaired. Also, Braintree District Council are looking to repair the banks of the pond. It is a concern that we need to ask them to clean the pond quite so often, but we have requested they do so more frequently during the summer months.

We have recently appointed a new member to the litter picking team. The team work hard seven days a week to keep the village looking as good as it does. We thank Ken Emery for the work he did during his time with the team and wish him well for the future.

The acquisition of the Mrs Hedges statue and land has been completed. She is looking very spruce, since her spring clean, as she watches us go our merry way from her seat on Notley Avenue. Unfortunately, she will not see any on their way to their allotments as we are still in negotiation with Braintree to find a suitable site. Still, progress is being made.

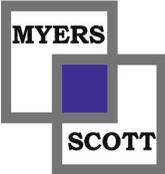
Our clerk, Suzanne Walker, continues to take action on reports of graffiti and fly posting in the Parish and so resolves most issues quickly. Others do take time when we have to rely on outside agencies when the correct procedures need to be followed carefully

Looking ahead, after many successful years, we feel the time has come to rethink the Torchlight Procession in December. We are thinking of holding a family Christmas event at the community Centre. It will take place on SUNDAY 20th December, after the procession, and we are setting up a working group to come up with ideas about the evening. You will find more of this further on in the magazine. We also have a new website about to come online which, along with our Facebook group, will help both residents and the Parish Council communicate information easily and quickly.

Finally, a little information for you about our part of the Council tax. The Parish Precept will increase slightly from April by 39p for the whole year if you are in band D. This rise will mean £34 towards helping to keep the Parish clean and tidy, instead of the previous £33.61. This is due, in part, to an increase in the minimum wage which has had a knock-on effect on the wages bill for our team of four litter pickers. The recent parish survey made it clear that residents were very keen that the Parish should be kept clean and tidy.

Enjoy the next few months of Spring

Dorothy Griffin
Chairman Great Notley Parish Council

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT NOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Friday 7th April 2000 saw the first meeting of the newly established Great Notley Parish Council (GNPC). Prior to the start of the building of Great Notley the area, including the established estate of White Court, was within the boundary of Black Notley Parish Council.

The establishment of a new Parish Council was not without difficulty. There were differing views amongst residents as to which areas should be included in the fledgling council area. Proposals were put forward to keep White Court and London Road within Black Notley Parish. At the same time there was strong opposition from residents in the Queenborough Lane and the Braintree end area of London Road to be included in either of the parish councils.

Following consultations with residents Braintree District Council decided that White Court and the west side of London Road should be included within Great Notley Parish. Residents in the Queenborough Lane area and the top end of London Road were successful in staying outside of the parished area, a situation that remains the same today.

The first Chairman of the Parish Council was the late Betty Barltrop. She chaired the Council for the first two years of its existence although she remained an active council member until 2015. Betty was succeeded as Chairman by another White Court resident, Paul Stirland. Paul remained as Chairman until he stood down from the Council in September 2008.

He was followed by Graham Butland who was Chairman for seven years giving way to Philip Heady in 2015. David Price and Frankie Ricci subsequently held the Chair until the current holder Dorothy Griffen was elected in 2018.

On 1st April 2019 following a Community Governance Review by Braintree District Council an extra area was incorporated into the Parish being the roads on the far side of Queenborough Lane south of Washall Drive.

Key to the smooth running of the Parish Council is the position of Parish Clerk. The Clerk is responsible for ensuring that the Council as a whole conducts its business properly and to provide independent, objective and professional advice and support. Throughout its existence GNPC has been well served by its clerks.

The first clerk appointed, in July 2000, was Angela Balcombe. Angie, as she was popularly known, served for eight years and played a significant role in the

development and growth of GNPC. She was briefly succeeded by Abigail Conway before Elizabeth Aylott became the Clerk for three years until May 2012. Since then the Council has been extremely fortunate to have Suzanne Walker as its Clerk. Suzanne has made a tremendous contribution to the work of GNPC and is well respected amongst parish councils in Essex.

Elections to the Council are held every four years and there are eight elected members. The Council owns the Levens Way children's play area, the storage units at the rear of the Village Hall car park and the RAFT teenage play area.

The Parish litter team provide on average 70 hours a week litter picking, emptying the 39 bins in the Parish, collecting fly tips and deep cleaning hedges. They also spread salt during snowy weather.

The Parish Council acquires and maintains assets for the Parish including seats, litter and dog bins, a defibrillator and two bus shelters.

The Parish Council works with other agencies to address problem parking issues and highway issues for example the yellow lines by the Square were installed as a result of an application by the Parish Council

The Parish Council is working collaboratively with Braintree District Council regarding green spaces in the Parish – at present the Parish Council is engaging with the District Council regarding the tree strategy for the Parish.

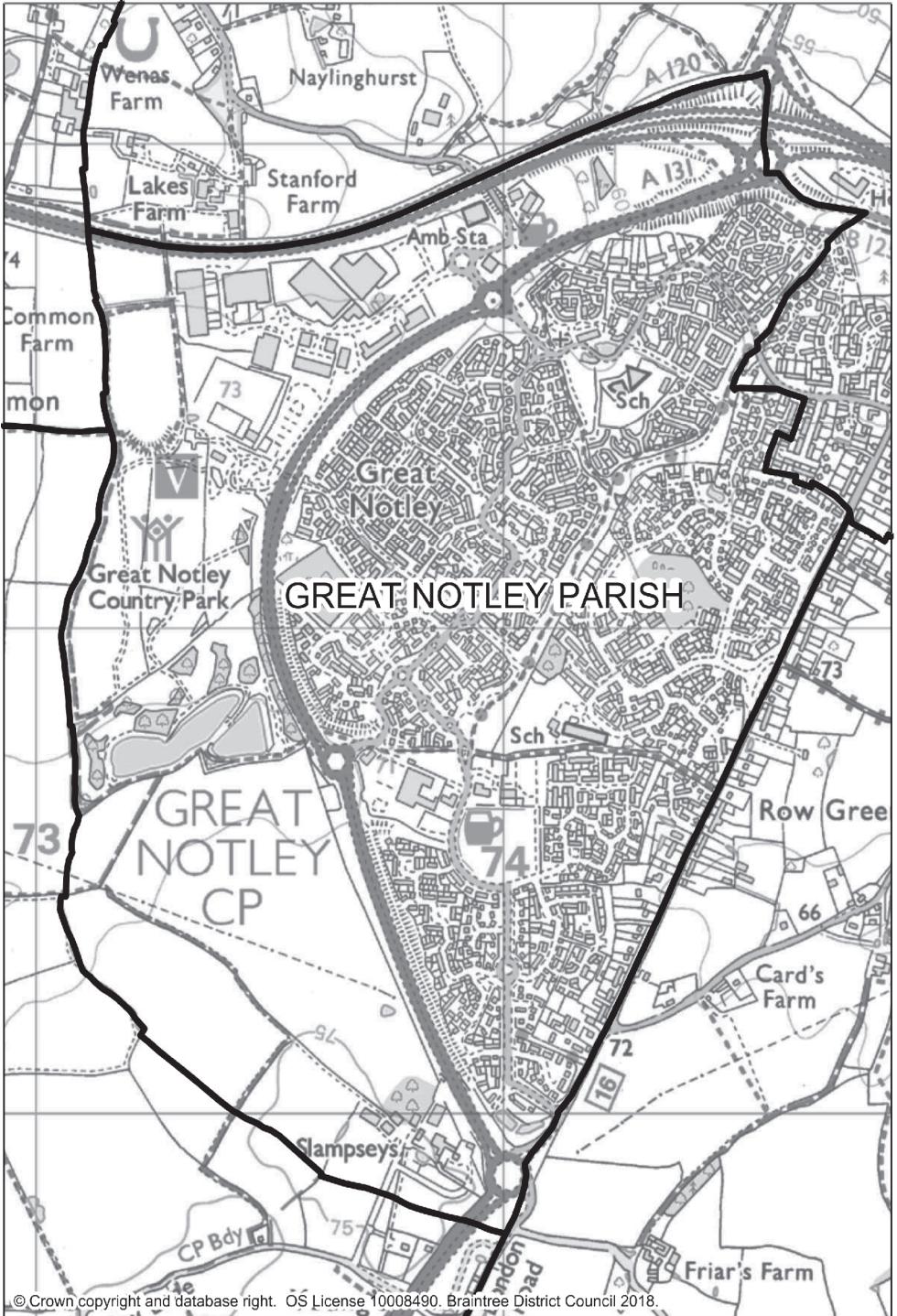
The Parish Council engages a volunteer tree warden, Allan John, who assists in the maintenance of Parish owned trees, assists the Parish Council in responding the Tree Preservation Orders and instigates 'green' projects in the Parish for example the bluebell planting project

Annual activities are organised such as the Torchlight procession and carol concert and the Remembrance Day service.

The Parish Council listens to the Community and makes representations on a variety of issues affecting the Parish such as bus services, the impact of Stansted Airport and planning applications.

Support is provided to local voluntary organisations through the small grant scheme and residents are kept updated with the 'Great Notley Times' magazine, the website and the Facebook page.

The Parish Council maintains the White Court Hospital memorial and the flag poles. Compared to some Parish Councils, for example our neighbouring parish Rayne which is 125 years old, GNPC is a mere youngster. However in its short life it has done much to improve and protect the areas of White Court and Great Notley. Here's to the next twenty years.



**Could you be a Parish Councillor?**

A vacancy has arisen on Great Notley Parish Council so why not volunteer and contribute to your community!

The Parish Council is the first tier of democracy and deals with the issues directly concerning your parish.

What issues does the Parish Council deal with?

The Parish Council deals with the following matters –

- Provides on average 70 hours a week litter picking, emptying bins, collecting fly tips, and spreading grit in snowy weather
- Acquires and maintains assets for the Parish including seats, bins a defibrillator and two bus shelters.
- Works with other agencies to address problem parking issues and highway issues for example the yellow lines by the Square were installed as a result of an application by the Parish Council
- Works collaboratively with Braintree District Council regarding green spaces in the Parish.
- Engages a volunteer tree warden who assists in the maintenance of Parish owned trees, assists the Parish Council in responding the Tree Preservation Orders and instigates 'green' projects in the Parish
- Organises community activities such as the Torchlight procession and carol service and the Remembrance Day service
- Listens to the Community and makes representations on a variety of issues effecting the Parish such as bus services, the impact of Stansted Airport and planning applications.
- Supports local voluntary organisations through the small grant scheme
- Communicates with residents via the 'Great Notley Times' magazine, a website and a Facebook page
- Maintains and improves the Levens Way Play area and the Notley Green recreation area (RAFT) and at present is planning to upgrade the area.
- Maintains and repairs a small number of streetlights
- Maintains the storage unit which includes space for community groups.
- Maintains the White Court Hospital memorial and the flag poles
- Plans for the future and looks to promote initiatives that will benefit the community

I'm not sure I have the time!

The Parish Council meets ten times a year. The meetings are held on a Monday and last about 2 hours. Sometimes it would be useful to be involved in specific projects or activities which may take up more time. The day to day administration is dealt with by the Clerk. Most of the existing Councillors have full time jobs so the commitment of time is not excessive!

What sort of knowledge do I need?

The existing Councillors come from all walks of life and you don't need to be specially qualified. An interest in your community and a commitment to do the best for the residents of the Parish are the most important things together with your life experience and common sense views! Training is available and the clerk is available to advise or obtain advice on more technical matters.

Are there any specific qualifying requirements?

Yes! You need to be aged 18 or above, be resident or work either in the Parish or reside within 3 miles of the Parish, you should not have gone to prison in the last 5 years and you should not be bankrupt!

I would like to know a bit more

Feel free to have a chat with the Clerk if you would like more information and if you like she can arrange for you to have an informal chat with an existing Councillor.

Contact the Clerk by phone on 01376 331251 or email greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com

How do I apply?

The Application form can either be downloaded from the Parish Council website www.greatnotley.org.uk under the breaking news section or you can contact the Clerk at the details above and she can either email or post an application form to you.



Visit the New website of Great Notley Parish Council

The current website platform provided by Cambridge Open Systems in collaboration with Essex County Council has been withdrawn and will no longer be available as from 31st March 2020.

Great Notley Parish Council is legally obliged to have a website and has therefore set up a brand new website which you can visit at

www.greatnotley.org.uk

As well as all the usual Parish Council information including agendas, minutes, financial information and Councilor contact details, there is a new 'report it' tab! At the click of a button you can report broken streetlights, highway issues, dog fouling, fly tipping and even non urgent Police matters! The power is at your fingertips! If the problem is not covered it provides the contact details for the Clerk as well.

There is a Community facilities section and Community Contact section and if your local group does not have a listing just contact the Clerk to be added.

This magazine can also be viewed on the site.

There is also a '**breaking news**' section where urgent matters that the Parish Council wishes to highlight for you will be listed.

The Parish Council hopes that you will find the site useful and informative!



Great Notley Garden Club

Great Notley Garden Club meets in room one of the Community Centre on the second Wednesday of the month. We are a very sociable group. You do not have to be a gardener but enjoy looking at the efforts some do achieve.

For the Autumn and Winter months we meet in room 1 where we have speakers. Late Spring and Summer we visit gardens in and around Essex. The monthly fee depends on the cost of speakers. Tea and Biscuits are included.

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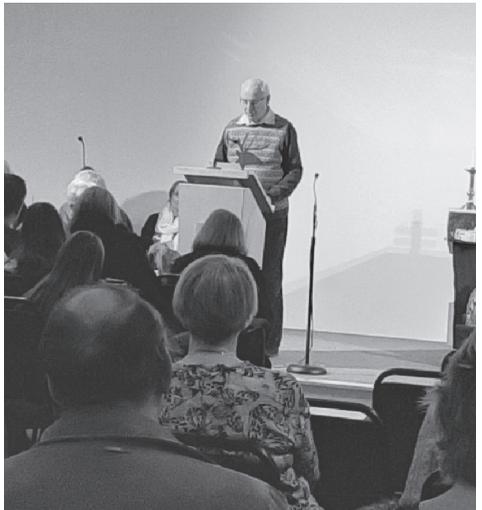
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Torchlight Procession

In December the Torchlight Procession and carol service took place and you can see some photos below. Many thanks to the children from local schools who presented a reading and to the Church for hosting the event. The nominated charity this year was the Braintree Foodbank who are now collecting at the Church.

Numbers were down for the event so this December there will be a Community event but it will be taking place on Sunday 20th December at the Community Centre. Watch this space as more information will follow in future editions of this magazine and do make a note of the new date and venue in your diaries!





Braintree Area Foodbank Lent Appeal



Contact: Vanessa Green or Maggie Drewett
Telephone 07717 204316
Email: pr@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk
Website: www.braintreeareafoodbank.org.uk

Once again Braintree Area Foodbank are offering two ways in which you can help someone in food crisis. In 2019 we provided 49,959 meals compared to 39,105 in 2018. This level of food crisis is something we never imagined we would see, which is why we really need your help over Lent. Many of those who come to our centres are those on low incomes and struggling to survive. Lent is traditionally a time where people choose to give up something for the 40 day period but we are asking you to give.

Firstly, there is the 40p for 40 days. Put 40p aside each day to be able to make a donation of £16 at the end of 40 days. These donations will help us with the cost of running foodbank. It costs between £30-£40,000 each year. As a charity we rely on fundraising and grants to be able to fund our vital work. For more information about how you can make a monetary donation please visit <https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Secondly, we would ask people to donate an item a day from our Ad Lent calendar, or just use our regular shopping list as every item will help someone.

A full list of donation points can be found by visiting <https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/collection-points/>

Research by the Trussell Trust has shown that those visiting Foodbanks, nationally, have just £50 average weekly income after housing costs are deducted. A Foodbank spokesperson said, when discussing the current food crisis in the Braintree District, 'We are shocked and saddened to see an increase in people needing our help. Supplying 49,959 meals is too many. Sickness, an unexpected bill, a recently made redundant worker having to wait five weeks to receive any money and those who have to choose between food or heat are just some of the reasons why people visit us. We would love to report that we are seeing less clients but unfortunately there is a growing trend in people needing us'

Lent begins on 26th February 2020.

We would like to thank everyone for their support. Your generosity really does help.

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Traditional fete attractions until 5pm, including:

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With laparoscopic spays, we tend to routinely remove only the ovaries, i.e., the uterus remains intact. This has been proven not to lead to any further complications. It still means that the seasons will stop and your pet cannot have puppies.

Generally all bitches can be considered for this procedure, but any weighing less than 5kgs would need an assessment with our operating surgeon Hermann prior to booking the procedure.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF NEUTERING?

The main advantage is that your bitch will not come into season every six months. This will save you any mess associated with the season and will stop the persistent amorous advances of the neighbourhood male dogs allowing you to exercise your pet freely, all year round, without running the risk of her getting pregnant and producing unwanted puppies.

Another advantage is a reduction in the incidence and severity of mammary tumours. Mammary tumours or breast cancer is very common in the un-spayed older bitch and early spaying drastically reduces the risk.

Prevention of Pyometra is another major benefit of spaying. Pyometra is an infection of the uterus which occurs in later life, characterised by the filling of the uterus with pus and a bitch that rapidly becomes unwell. If this condition is not recognised and treated promptly they will develop septic shock which will result in death. Fortunately a high proportion of Pyometra cases receive the correct diagnosis and surgery in time, to remove the infected uterus but the surgery is longer, more dangerous and the recovery time slower.

Ovarian Cancer is a relatively uncommon, but potentially fatal disease that is prevented by spaying.

WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES OF NEUTERING?

Spaying, although a routine procedure for small animal veterinary surgeons, is a major operation. A small number of animals have problems with anaesthetics, the operation itself and with post-operative bleeding, however the risk of bleeding is greatly reduced by using electrocautery during a laparoscopic procedure. Good post-operative nursing helps and careful supervision does reduce the risk but that risk cannot be totally eliminated.

Another disadvantage is that there is an increased risk of urinary incontinence in spayed bitches compared to their entire counterpart. This is not particularly common and usually responds to diet and medicines and occasionally surgery.

Where bitches are spayed before their first season, the vulva can remain very small. As the rest of the body increases in size, the vulva can occasionally become partially hidden behind a fold of skin, which can lead to urine spraying onto the legs. This can be corrected by weight reduction and sometimes surgery.

Some owners feel that the coat of some of the longer haired breeds can become excessively 'woolly' after spaying. Whether this is a genuine phenomenon, or simply normal coat changes associated with ageing, is not clear.

WHEN SHOULD I SPAY MY BITCH?

Small and medium breeds generally carry out most of their development by 6 months of age and so neutering at this age is recommended. For large breed dogs we recommend spaying 3 months after their first season to reduce the risk of urinary incontinence later on in life. We cannot spay bitches who are in or who have just finished a season as there can be a great increase in bleeding during and after surgery.

Older bitches are similarly spayed midway between seasons.

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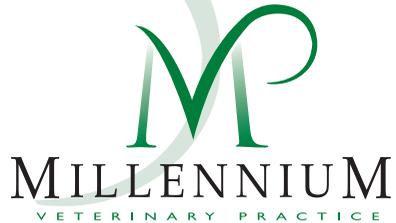
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We are still experience around the county a number of burglaries that have occurred where either doors are not being locked or not locked correctly. You can reduce the risk of being a victim of burglary by simply taking the time to ensure you understand how your door locks and keeping your property secure.

It may sound obvious, but do you know how your doors lock? There are so many types of doors and perhaps your door may have been changed or you may have moved to a new house. Many types of doors can be fitted with a multi-point locking system that as the name suggests has several locking points compared to the older traditional night latch (Yale lock) and mortice lock that each lock in one point.

Most multi-point locking systems have a latch enabling the door to be held closed on the latch upon closing the door and several bolts or hooks that are engaged when you lift the handle. The Latch – depending on the type of lock the latch may operate with both the indoor and outdoor handles or just the indoor handle, try your door and see which you have. The bolts or hooks - these provide the security for your door but only if you lock them in place with the key. The method – upon closing the door lift the handle putting all the bolts or hooks in place, on going out lock these all in place with the key, upon locking up indoors use the key as before or the thumb turn if applicable. Until locked in place the hooks or bolts can be released by someone using the outside door handle. If you use a key to operate the lock indoors ensure that you store the key close to the door in case of emergency, but make sure that any keys are out of view from windows and doors.

The Back door - also, we have had some burglaries where the occupants of the house are in their lounge watching TV and in slips the burglar via the insecure rear door, takes what is in that room, the car keys and the car from the drive. Firstly think about your rear boundaries, invest in good fencing and gate(s) 1.8m high, some spiky bushes or climbing plants and fit and use locks to secure the gate. If you need to come and go through the gate use a key operated lock to secure the gate. Secondly if you are not in the room or using the rear door keep it locked, you can also get fairly inexpensive battery operated PIR alarms to alert you if the beam across the door is broken.

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Braintree – January 2020

District Commander: Chief Inspector Janette Rawlingson



Your Priorities

You Said:

More visible local policing

We Did:

Drug Warrants executed, community events attended, multi-agency operations, foot patrols completed, school engagements carried out, Christmas events attended, speeding enforcement



Essex County Council Composting event

Do you want to start composting at home? Perhaps you have given composting a go in the past, but it didn't work. Or you've recently moved home and want to save some money in the garden? To help Essex residents get started with composting at home, a number of free workshops to provide an introduction to home composting have been organised. Everyone who attends will also receive a compost bin delivered to their home, free of charge.

What will the compost workshop involve?

Each workshop will provide an introduction to home composting and will be roughly one hour long and will cover the following topics:

- What are the benefits of composting
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- How to avoid common problems

Once you have attended a compost workshop you will receive either a 220 or 330 litre compost bin delivered to your home free of charge usually within six weeks following the workshop.

Where will it take place?

The nearest event will be taking place at Cressing Temple Barns, Witham Road, CM77 8PD - Wednesday 1 April, 6pm - 7pm

There are other events in other locations which can be found on the website

How do I book a place?

Visit the online link below to book your place!

https://www.lovesessex.org/news-and-ideas/attend-a-workshop-and-get-a-free-compost-bin/?fbclid=IwAR2jZgnpRQbdi9bdPd3RoIOBgVn48V_3KFIqnao6mWc0pT6QCAfri-eLrl



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Great Notley Photography Club

Hello from the Great Notley Photography Club - This may be the first time you have read about the club so felt some background information might be useful. Great Notley Photography Club (GNPC) was formed in July 2008 and is an exciting digital photography club for people who want to enjoy their photography and improve their skills among friendly and like-minded people.

The Club currently has about 30 members and welcomes anybody who is interested in photography, from complete beginners to any standard and all ages and all we ask is that you are keen to learn and develop your skills in photography. We are very social and like to think we are a little different from many clubs or societies. Why not come along and see for yourself?

When we are not meeting weekly at the Club, we use social media including Facebook and Flickr and keep in touch and share comments and images.

We pride ourselves on the variety of our program which consists of workshops, competitions, external speakers, nights and days out and proactive learning sessions.

GNPC's approach has always been to encourage members to get out and use their cameras. This is seen in the variety of the programme and the inclusion of many bring your camera nights.

Whatever your genre whether portraits, landscapes, creative and regardless of your skill level you will be welcome at Great Notley Photography Club.

A great way to meet like-minded people who are willing to help and also make new friends, the club has an active social side.

For more information on the club and how to get involved visit Our website www.gnpc.co.uk , Facebook @greatnotleyphoto or Contact us by email to : gnpc.photo@gmail.com

The last three months have been busy for the club with a combination of monthly competitions, workshops, external speakers, club events and socials. We have had some great images produced and all the members images within this article scored maximum points in competitions.

Local professional photographer Damian Demolder gave a very interesting talk at the end of January. Damien, who was for a number of years the Editor of Amateur Photographer



magazine, spoke about "Photography as a means of communication". External Speakers coming to see us in the next few months include David Steel with "Route 66 America's Main Street" , Paul Sanders "Mindful Photography" and Chrissie Hart "Ordinary Photograph to Fine Art Print".

We welcome visitors to all our meetings including our speaker evenings. So why not pop along to Great Notley Church Hall on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm and see what a nice bunch of people we are!!



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The modest subscriptions are £12 per annum or £2.50 per session. The topics for our forthcoming meetings are

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Mondays	Fellowship Group	8:00 pm
	Ladies Oasis (3rd)	7:00 pm
Tuesdays	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Coffee Morning	9:00 am
Wednesdays	Snackanory	10:00 am
	Newbies (4th)	12:30 pm
Thursdays	Friendship Club (1st/3rd)	12:00 pm
	After-school Club	3:30 pm
Fridays	Coffee Morning	9:30 am
	Youth Invaders (2nd/4th)	7:00 pm
Saturdays	Men's Breakfast (1st)	8:30 am
	Who let dad's out (4th)	10:00 am

We will shortly be opening a branch of the Braintree Foodbank on a Tuesday morning. For more details visit www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

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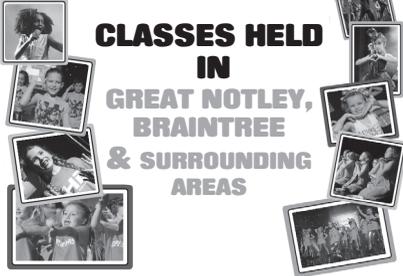
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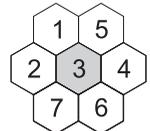
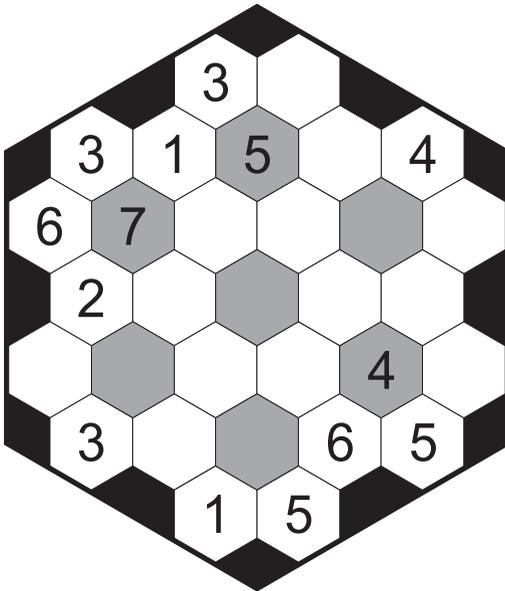
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Rosetta



Example

A Rosetta is made up of a centre coloured hexagon encircled by 6 white hexagons.

To complete the puzzle, fill in all 7 Rosettas with each number between 1 and 7 in no particular order while also ensuring that :

1. No number is repeated in a horizontal row
2. Each number from 1 to 7 are represented in the 7 grey coloured hexagon cells.

Solutions on page 43

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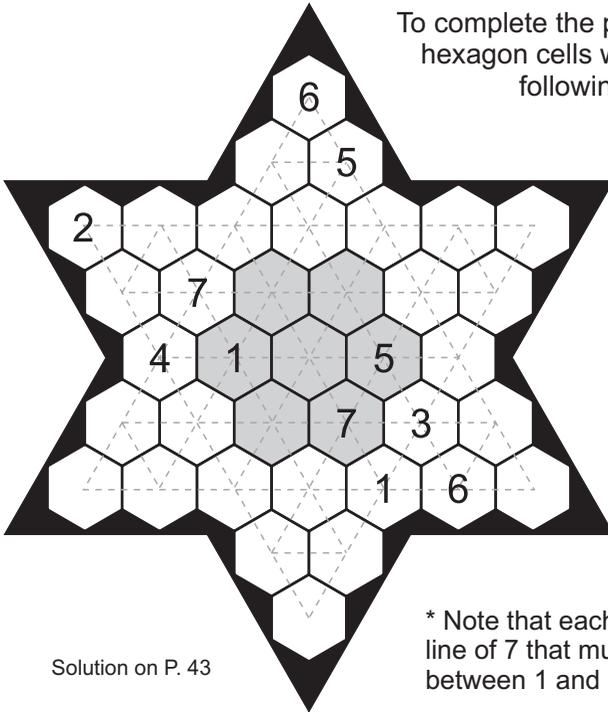
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1. No numbers in a horizontal line can be repeated.
2. No numbers in a diagonal line can be repeated.
3. No numbers in the 7 grey hexagons can be repeated.

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* Note that each white hexagon belongs to a line of 7 that must contain each of the numbers between 1 and 7.

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There are so many activities available to our children now, it can be hard to fit everything in. Even if you find time in your family schedule, how do you choose one that is best suited to your child?

Scouting could be the answer. Whether they're a boy or a girl, sporty or arty, shy or outgoing, technical or outdoorsy, joining a Beavers, Cubs or Scouts colony will give them access to a huge range of fun and educational experiences. They will meet new people, build self-confidence and enjoy activities they may never have even tried before.

One of the best things about scouting is that there is no such thing as a typical session. However, our young people have recently taken hikes through the woods, learned about astronomy, code-cracking and world religions, played indoor and outdoor games and even learned basic engineering principles by building bridges from dried pasta! In the summer, camping trips teach them independence and life skills.

Jamie Horobin, 18, joined aged 6 as a Beaver, and has stayed all the way through to Explorer Scouts. He shared what it has meant to him: "Scouting has always been a huge part of my life. It has allowed me to make friendships and given me countless opportunities.

"For me, the pinnacle was the World Scout Jamboree. This three-week trip to America allowed me to experience different cultures from around the world, all whilst making what I am sure will be lifelong friendships. The closing ceremony was a humbling moment – I had never felt prouder to be a scout in my life and Ban Ki Moon's words about living life as a global citizen and striving for equality and a better world were profound.

"I can truly say that I would not be the person that I am today had it not been for scouting – I am so grateful to have been part of such an amazing organisation."



New adult volunteers welcome!

If you're looking for something new, helping out at one of our groups is incredibly rewarding, and you don't have to be a parent to do it. You just need to be able to commit roughly an hour and a half per week, which we guarantee will be active and fun. It looks great on your CV and, if that is not enough, research has shown that volunteer work in your community is one of the key indicators of happiness!

We currently need adults to volunteer as leaders, or just to help out at sessions on a more casual basis.

Henry Wright, 17, also joined as a Beaver and shared his experiences of being a young leader: "I have been in scouting for 12 years now and it has been a life changing experience! With scouting I have travelled to the Scottish Highlands, the Swiss valleys and the Canadian wilderness.

"My dad is a scout leader and has been for 30 years now, so I was introduced to scouting at a very young age. Once I turn 18, I will become Youth Commissioner for Braintree District Scouts.

"I have been a young leader for almost four years now. Being an active volunteer has been a great experience for me. I have learnt how to work in a successful team and become a better leader. It's an amazing feeling coming home after the sessions knowing that the participants had a great time. Leaders make a huge impact on participants, making them into more independent, confident and kind young people."

Local sessions for your child

Beavers sessions are for 6-8 year olds and are held on Wednesdays, 5:30–6:45pm, and Saturdays, 10.45am–12pm, at Great Notley Community Centre.

Cubs sessions are for 8-10.5 year olds and are held on Tuesdays, 6.30-8pm, at Great Leighs School and Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm, at Great Notley Community Centre.

Scouts sessions are for 10.5-14 year olds and are held on Mondays, 6.45-8.30pm at Great Leighs School and Wednesdays, 7.30-9.15pm at Great Notley Community Centre.

Want to know more?

Find First Great Notley Scouts, which covers the whole family from Beavers to Scouts, on Facebook to get an idea of our activities.

If you have specific questions, please contact Group Scout Leader Paul Ashworth by emailing paul.ashworth@greatnotleyscouts.org



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Our first speaker for 2020 and what an inspirational lady! Dawn Wood (AURORA) who sailed solo across the Atlantic from Gran Canaria to Barbados in raise money for Marine Conservation and raise awareness to plastic pollution.

Our speaker in February, Stephen Bennett, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Essex gave us such an interesting talk on his role, it's history and how volunteers are nominated for the Queen's Garden Parties, OBE, CBE, and MBE awards.

Our "knit and natter" group (both for beginners and experienced knitters) like to knit for community projects or causes. We have once again been busy over the past couple of months knitting "Joey" pouches for the Australian Wildlife Rescue Centres following the wild fires. We have future projects planned as well as knitting something for ourselves.



WINGS Craft Group 2020
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25/2 pin boards
24/3 cards
28/4 travel jewellery case*
26/5 apron*
23/6 splatter canvas
28/7 bird feeder
22/9 autumn planter
27/10 Advent calendar
24/11 Christmas decoration
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Craft Group

The first project of the year was to paint stones for climate change and the WI campaign of "show the love". Many more projects as shown are planned for the forthcoming year.

We have also enjoyed some time to socialise outside of the normal monthly meetings and subgroups. We enjoyed an evening out in January to the Prince Louis to catch up and chat with old and new friends.

Our programme for 2020:-

19th March – Agnes Frazer – Chess – Homeless Shelter
16th April – Craft – The Creation Station

21st May – Annual General Meeting

18th June – Claire Matthews – Gardens of Easton Lodge

Sunday 19th July – Tour of Easton Lodge

20th August – Social event TBC

17th September – Dorothy O'Grady – Ways with Wrapping - Demonstration

15th October – The Fisherman's Mission

19th November – Kate Cole - Witches of Elizabethan Essex

17th December – Festive Social

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Notley Green Community Centre from 7.45 to 10pm including some social time, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. We really look forward to seeing you soon at one or visit us at a community event.

For more information contact: joinourwi@gmail.com

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We are a charitable organisation for anyone no longer in full time employment. We currently have around 500 members who participate in more than 40 separate interest groups. These cover socialising; learning; sport & leisure; creativity & the arts. We also organise a range of outings throughout the year. Our website provides further information: u3asite.org/braintree.

We recognise that there are people in our communities who may not be aware of us, but could benefit from joining our organisation. New members are always welcome and are invited to come along to one of our regular monthly meetings at The Bocking Arts Centre

Wednesday 19th February

Lindsey Whitehouse - Life in Prison (from the view of a Governor)

Wednesday 18th March

Jan Gosling – Medieval Lavenham

Wednesday 15th April

AGM followed by short talk – How to avoid scams

Wednesday 17th June

Roger Dorking – Tales from the Smithy

Wednesday 15th July

Tony Harris – The Titanic Conspiracy

Wednesday 19th August

Michael Grillo – The Day the Music Died

Wednesday 16th September

Paula Sutton – Nepal. It's Mountains and Men

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The Friends of Notley Green Primary School



Whilst the winter weather seems never ending, we are busy planning our spring and summer events.

As always we are holding an Easter Event on **Saturday 28th March 2020**, complete with Easter Egg Hunt, craft activities, free sporting activities, face painting, bake sale and BBQ.

Tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt go on sale from **Monday 9th March 2020** but entry to school grounds is free. All welcome!

Please see our Facebook page, The Friends of Notley Green Primary School and Twitter Fongs_pta for further details, and to be kept up to date on our events and projects.

Quick Thanks....

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre, and enabled us to raise a record breaking £4,700 for our school.

Special thanks to Rascals and White Court who performed and our sponsors Branocs Estates and Yelo Taxis.

We also thank the Braintree Lions for allowing us to accompany Father Christmas on his visit around Great Notley on 17th December. The generosity of the local community is very much appreciated and raised £661 for our school.

Save the Dates

We'd like to invite you to our future events. All welcome!

- Easter Egg Hunt - **Saturday 28th March 2020**, 11am to 3pm
- Summer Ball - **Friday 5th June 2020**
- Bag2School Collection - **Friday 12th June 2020**, 9am
- End of Term Inflatables - **Wednesday 22nd July 2020**, 3:30pm to 7pm
- Christmas Fayre 2020 - **Saturday 5th December 2020**, 11am to 3pm

Summer Ball

Following the success of last year's ball, we are returning to Little Channels for our Summer Ball on **Friday 5th June 2020**.



If you would like to join us, or if you are a local business who would be interested in sponsoring this event, please contact us at fongsbball@gmail.com.

Bag2School

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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Friday 12th June 2020

at 9 am am / pm

Any questions - please ask your school collection organiser The Friends of Notley Green

www.bag2school.com

Earlier this year we joined forces with Bag2School to raise funds for our school and also help the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill.

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Over 1,800 visitors visited the event in 2019 and we had the best public reviews ever! Special discounted tickets for 2 days – treat yourself and enjoy the whole weekend learning, listening and relaxing!

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This year there will be even more food options in our Food Court which will cater for all diets. It will include middle eastern and Punjabi vegan street food, stone baked pizzas, Greek food, yummy cakes, ice cream, juices, smoothies and of course delicious specially selected coffee and refreshments stalls!

Live musicians will be performing on 2 stages with chillout music and comfy seating for you to relax and enjoy with friends and family. An amazing array of performers and instruments including harp, Native American flutes, didgeridoos and talented singer songwriters.

We will again have the popular Yoga Studio we introduced in 2019. How about early-risers yoga followed by a gong bath! Or mindfulness yoga followed by Bollywood dancing or a drum circle? All there for you.

New for 2020 is a FREE Chef's Stage demonstration area, with tasty samples for you to experience! From sour dough to sushi, vegan fudge to wild fermenting, cheesecake to CBD chocolate making. Watch, taste and learn about these delicious treats!

To find out more visit **www.lifearts.co.uk**

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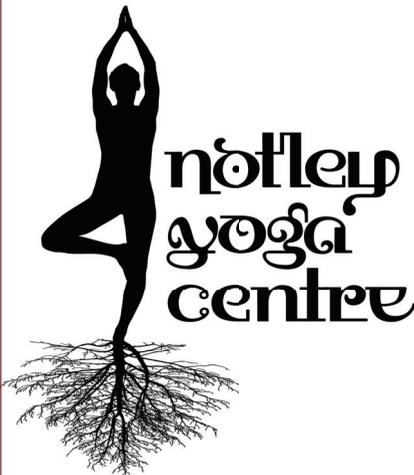
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NOTLEY GREEN CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Spring is almost upon us although you would not think it after all the wind and rain we have had to endure this winter. Brexit has gone very quiet so here is looking forward to better times in the months to come.

In December we held our finals day which is when the internal competitions for the women's singles, men's singles, and the pairs competitions finals are decided. These matches ran for a good part of the year culminating in the finals so it was a chance for members to get together and enjoy some very good bowls and to also enjoy nibbles and drinks. We were not disappointed with a very high standard of bowls in the matches. Below pictured are the winners of the three competitions showing off their respective trophies:

Picture one is Jean Kendrick, picture two is Richard Pound, they are pictured being presented by Richards wife Maureen, picture three is Terry Weeks and Geoff Pattenden this time being presented by Reg King our Team Captain.

The fourth picture in the sequence shows the winners of our new competition put together by Roger Smith this year (well done Roger) this was the Alf and Sylvia Goodwin Trophy. The three winners were, Trevor Yeldham, Mick Wetton and John Rose are pictured collecting the beautiful trophy donated in memory of Alf by Sylvia herself alongside Reg King. Last but not least the final picture, number five in the sequence is of Muriel Bell our most improved player of the year being presented by Margaret Patmore who donated the trophy in memory of her husband Les.

Our League season was going extremely well with us being in second spot in the league. Unfortunately, two very bad results have meant we have slipped to third as I write but who knows with a late rally in results, we may end up doing very well.

The annual dinner which was held at the end of November went very well as always. A big thank you to all who attended and for all the hilarious jokes which went down very well on the night.

In my last article before Christmas I talked about the passing of our chairman Dennis Hills. The family of Dennis have very kindly donated to the bowls club a set of red bowls in his memory which will give a lot of pleasure for many years to come to all members as well as serving as a reminder of the time Dennis spent as chairman. The bowls will be kept in a box with a plaque in his memory.

Our membership is looking quite healthy now but there is still room for new members so if you want to come along and give it a go you will be made very welcome. As ever we play on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 1.15pm and 3.45pm at Notley Green Community Centre so don't be shy and give us a try.

Ray Hall
Notley Green Carpet Bowls Club.





Badminton Players Wanted



Have you ever played? - It doesn't matter what standard you are, if you enjoy playing social badminton then just call in any **TUESDAY** between 1.45pm and 3.45pm at the Notley Green Community Centre and join us for a free taster session.

Never played before? - No problem - we are a friendly bunch, so call in and have a go - we can supply a racquet, but please wear trainers with non-marking soles.

Contact Keith on
01376 327687
or just turn up!



Table Tennis



The Table Tennis club has now been going for 10 years and is proving to be extremely popular, with regularly attendance of 20 to 30+. We cater for all abilities and it is amazing how quickly players who have not played since their youth club days quickly improve. We do not take competition too serious but we do have an annual single and double competition which is just beginning for this year. However, it is not all about table tennis as we do have an active social s i d e .

Our Christmas dinner outing is now a permanent well supported feature, last year we were at "Weavers" in Bocking. We meet every Thursday morning at the Community Hall and have just extended our hours to 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, which gives members more attendance flexibility. Unfortunately our membership is currently full so we are having to introduce a waiting list. If you would like to be added to the waiting list please call Roger Watkins on 01376 329289





BRAINTREE DISTRICT WALKABOUT



Happy new (walking) decade! The past few months have seen some of the most variable and fast-changing weather conditions BDW has ever experienced. We have enjoyed some beautifully cloudless skies, when the sunshine has made it glorious to be out in the crisp, clear air, only to find ourselves facing persistent drizzle just two days later.

Our major event since the last edition has been the Christmas dinner, held once again at Weavers restaurant in Bocking, a very enjoyable evening enjoyed by 40-odd members. We've already rebooked the same venue for Christmas 2020, but this time for a Friday night - it will be interesting to see how many party-goers make it to our Witham walk the following morning!



Christmas Dinner



Our first walk of 2020 fell on Wednesday January 1st, so we celebrated the New Year with an outing that was slightly longer than usual, along the Flitch Way from Braintree station to Rayne and back again. This was very well attended, with over 20 walkers turning out to enjoy the sunshine, good company and a visit to the popular café.



New Year's Day Coffee Stop at Rayne

If you have been walking in the Country Park during February, you will know how muddy the conditions underfoot have become, and this has probably been the main factor behind reduced numbers on our Monday walks. However, once drier conditions return, you can once again expect to see 30 or more of us gathering at Panners Coffee Bar. On our other regular walks, where we keep to pavements and paths, attendances have held up well.

Our weekly walks are:

- Mondays: Great Notley, starting from Panners Coffee Bar at 10:30 am
- Wednesdays: Braintree, starting from Marks Farm Tesco at 10:30 am
- Saturdays: Witham, starting from Morrison's at 10:00 am

As thoughts turn to longer days, we are also beginning to plan our programme of Summer Country Walks for June, July and August. After the 2019 washout, we are determined to complete a walk at Pleshey this year and other venues under consideration include Heddingham, Bures, and Dedham - further details will be available nearer the time.

Beyond walking, our quiz team continues to enjoy great success, the ten pin bowlers meet monthly and there are many other social events. To find out more about joining Braintree District Walkabout for fresh air, friendship and fun:

- Visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk
- Email angela@angelagakis.com
- Phone 07799 068408



White Court Dance

On 15th March the pupils from White Court Dance present – “Movies & Musicals” – at Boswells School, Chelmsford. Every student from 3 to 20 years will be dancing and we are busy rehearsing at present. As well as many other dances the littlest children are (of course) Elsa from Frozen, Poppy from Trolls, while the juniors are Minions and Orphans from Annie, and the older girls are in Grease, Fame & the Black Swan. It will be lots of fun and great experience for the children, many of whom will tread the boards for the first time.

Last term we had excellent exam results and Mary- Beth Kogbe was nominated for a scholarship by gaining 94% in her Freestyle. Several girls took their grade 5 ballet all achieving 80 marks or more.

The club champion this year is Ellie Shelter with Austeja Andrulute taking the junior award.

Our special “Liz” award for the pupil or pupils who show the most dedication to dance was shared by Aimee Gunn and Ellie-Mae Thorn both of whom have managed to get to almost every class this term despite having serious and worrying illness in the family. Both girls did extremely well in their exams.

This term we congratulate Miss Gemma who gained her Licentiate qualification with 95%. (Equivalent to a 1st class honours degree) This is all due to her hard work and diligence.

White Court Dance is very proud to announce that Francesca Roe has been offered a place



at the prestigious Trinity Laban college from September. Fran has been with the dance school since she was 5 years old and we have great hopes for her future.

Thirty-five pupils will be dancing at The Cliffs, Southend again in July and will be starting rehearsals after the show. The younger children will be performing at many local fetes so we hope you will come and support them.

Any new pupils will be very welcome at our classes at Notley Community Centre on a Tuesday or White Court School on a Saturday morning. We also have a really fun Adult tap class on a Tuesday at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome, but a little tapping experience would be helpful.





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The Community Contacts page

The Parish Council is updating the community contacts section of this magazine. Due to changes in Data Protection legislation a consent form has been sent to all those who are currently included in the list. If your organisation usually appears in the list and is not included on this occasion it is because the form has not been returned to the Parish Clerk. If you would like your club details to be included in future editions then please return the form to the Clerk as soon as possible. You may also consent to your club's details appearing on the Parish Council website. If you are a club or group that is not currently included in the contact section and would like to be included – again please contact the Clerk. Her contact details are – greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com or by phone 01376 331251

Great Notley

Open Gardens

2020



Could you help us by opening
your garden on Sunday 7th June?

A wide variety of gardens is ideal for this event and it doesn't matter if your garden is big or small, wild or landscaped. It is a lovely way to show off your garden to visitors and bring your community together while raising vital funds for Farleigh Hospice.

If you feel your garden isn't suitable but you know another garden that is, please pass this on.

For further information, please call **01245 457352**
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