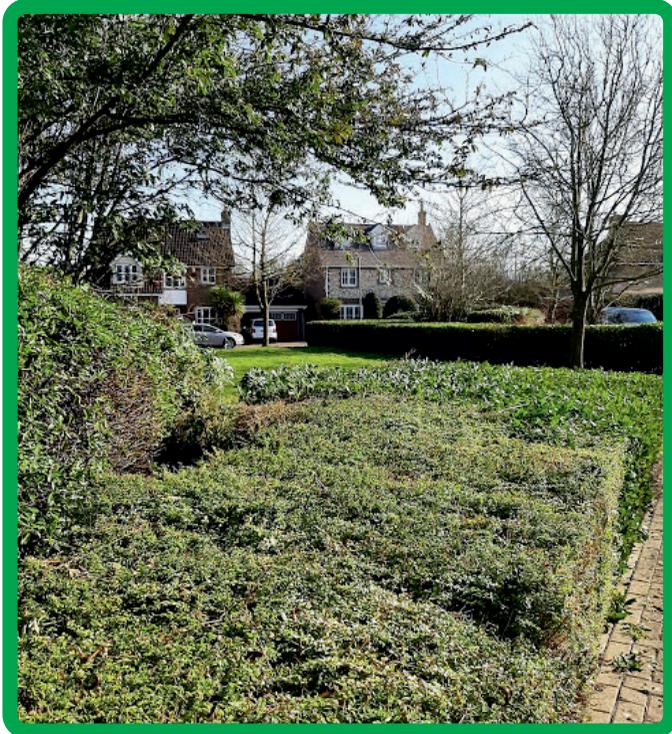




49. Spring 2021

# Great Notley

# TIMES



Uniting the Parish Areas of Cut Hedge ~ London Road ~ Notley Green  
Oaklands Manor ~ Panners Farm ~ Slamseys Farm ~ White Court



# LITTLE NOTLEY'S PRESCHOOL

The Church in Great Notley  
phone : 07583 506054 or 01376 33950  
Email : [littlenotley@btinternet.com](mailto:littlenotley@btinternet.com)  
Website: [www.littlenotleyspreschool.co.uk](http://www.littlenotleyspreschool.co.uk)



## WHY CHOOSE US ?

We are passionate about children and giving them the best start in life and their journey to education. Our timetable of activities is creatively designed to each child's unique personal development needs. Being small and locally owned we encourage a sense of belonging within our community. Providing a safe and homely environment where your child can establish friendships that build their confidence through the shared discovery of new things. Our dedicated, qualified and experienced staff create a secure, safe and stimulating environment that encourages the children to play, explore and learn through exciting activities that children enjoy.

**COME AND VISIT US**

**CALL NOW!**

### Learning through play

Learning through play helps children gain social skills and thrive. We provide a range of stimulating activities enabling children to explore their physical and creative talents.

### Now enrolling

Little Notley's Preschool welcomes children from two to four years of age and can accept government funded places from the age of three.

### Safe and stimulating

A welcoming indoor and outdoor environment that motivates children to learn. Toys, books, equipment and facilities to keep children entertained and stimulated throughout the day.

### Visit our website

Visit [www.littlenotleyspreschool.co.uk](http://www.littlenotleyspreschool.co.uk) for more information



### Serving the Great Notley community

We invite you visit us. If you would like to make an appointment to come in please give us a call. We have an open door policy so we encourage you to stop in at anytime for a visit.



# Joined up Legal Services

# and your family

# for you

When it comes to your legal needs, one benefit of working with FJG is that we offer a full range of legal services. We can help with Conveyancing, Employment Law, Equity Release, Family Law, Personal Injury, Planning and Wills, Life Planning and Probate providing joined up thinking that keeps all of your legal affairs with one trusted firm.

**Contact us today to make an appointment. Legal advice with a conscience.**

# FJG

FISHER  
JONES  
GREENWOOD  
SOLICITORS

Fisher Jones Greenwood LLP  
16 Baddow Road  
Chelmsford  
CM2 0DG  
Offices across Essex and London

**01245 673741**

[www.fjg.co.uk](http://www.fjg.co.uk)  
[enquiry@fjg.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@fjg.co.uk)



# Great Notley TIMES

Edition	Input Deadline	Delivery
Summer	1st June	End of June
Autumn	1st October	End of Oct
Winter	1st February	End of Feb

## 49. Spring 2021

### Contents

4-5	News from the Chairman	23	Notley Night Sky
7	Map Boards	24-26	Scouts
7	Recycling	28-29	WINGS
8	Allotments	30	Crossword & Rosetta Puzzle
9	RAFT	31	Star Puzzle
10-11	Parking	32-33	Photography Club
12	Covid-19 Support	34	Great Notley Country Park
13	Police Advice	36	Solutions
14-15	Foodbank	37	Advertising
16	Walking Group	39	Bowls
17	Braintree Lions	40	Badminton
18-19	Local History	40	Table Tennis
19	Easing Lockdown	41	Parish Councillors
20-21	FONGS	42	Parish Contacts
22	Notley Green Primary		

Front cover photograph courtesy of Suzanne Walker

**Local articles of interest, residents views and comments are always welcome and should be sent to the Clerk of the Council at 7 Mallard Close, Great Notley CM77 7YD or email: [greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com)**

**Great Notley TIMES**

Whilst Great Notley Times is supported by the Great Notley Parish Council, the views expressed within it are not necessarily those of the Council





## Chairman's Report

As you read this magazine the government's Step 1 out of lockdown will have started. Children will be back at school and students at university. What a relief for parents who have worked so hard to keep their children on task with school work whilst in most cases coping with their own work demands. It has been a dreadful start to the year and I'm looking forward to being able to meet some friends in the garden and I know many will welcome the ability to take part in outdoor sports too.

In our parish we are happy to see the start of the RAFT refurbishment and the reopening of play areas where the problems of social distancing caused such anxiety. Our children will be able to take part in outdoor activities once more and meet with their friends.

Having been out in my garden it was lovely to see the buds developing and I look forward to spring when our garden village begins to come into its own again. Some people have also taken the time made available during lockdown to undertake some home improvements and developments. We have, as usual, looked at all planning matters that could affect our residents but, of course, it is not parish councillors who make the decisions but Braintree district Council. We can comment; and do.

Unfortunately the noise of racing cars is as bad as ever and we keep in close contact with the police who are trying to resolve this matter. They are ever grateful for information from residents, which they encourage and you can now find the link to report the matter to the Police under the 'report it' tab on the Parish Council website [www.greatnotley.org.uk](http://www.greatnotley.org.uk)

Parking, in the parish, has been discussed with the North Essex Parking Partnership and the outcome was very encouraging. They intend to increase attendance by enforcement officers who will issue tickets for those who park on yellow lines. To deal with the issue of verge parking the district authority would need to produce signage but one would hope that people will try to be more

considerate of others. The guide for residents regarding parking problems has been updated and you can see it within this magazine.

We've had quite a lot of inconvenience, caused by road closures, for some time, but the construction works should be reaching completion soon meaning less through traffic along Cuckoo Way. We still await news on our requests for a speed survey on London Road, a 20mph speed limit in White Court, and traffic management procedures by the Astronomer (to make crossing the road safer), as well as several other items.

New map boards and litter bins, as requested by residents, are being installed soon and we hope these, along with the extra litter picking in progress, will go some way to keeping the village as we all expect. Again, consideration for others is essential.

The provision of allotments in the parish is moving forward, possibly in three stages. The first will be to look at what can be done and at what cost to whom. If feasible this will lead to going out to tender for a consultant and a move on through the stages

The census date was the 21st of March and hopefully everyone has been able to complete it. I hope the help we offered by way of a census support webinar has been useful. The data from the census will help national policymaking. This includes employment, health, housing, education, and many other public services along with the allocation of money to local areas. At this difficult time for everyone this seems even more relevant.

The delivery of the Covid19 immunisation continues apace and within a couple of weeks of publication we should see the opening of personal care premises, libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities and outdoor hospitality such as zoos and theme parks as well as those offering outdoor table service will be open too. Other events such as weddings receptions and funerals will see their allowable numbers rise. We do have a lot to look forward to but be alert and stay safe.

Dorothy Griffin  
Chairman of  
Great Notley Parish Council



**Little Acorns Nursery at  
White Court School**

The Nursery at White Court School aims to provide a safe, secure and caring environment for children aged 3-4 years.

Morning session – 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon session – 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Full days are available, with a small charge for lunchtime supervision.

**Open morning for children due to start September 2021**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
(this may be a virtual meeting)

**For more details and registration forms:**

Please contact the school office

Tel: 01376 331801  
OR

Email: EYadmin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk

**Computer trouble?**  
Look no further. Help is at hand!

**GENERAL GEEK**  
Your IT saviour for home and business!

- Virus removal
- Hardware upgrades
- Wireless networking
- Help at home or at work
- Backup and data erasure
- PC servicing and maintenance
- Remote assistance and on-site visits



**All our advice is free!**

Visit General Geek's advice forum on our website at [www.generalgeek.co.uk](http://www.generalgeek.co.uk)

**Engineer** 07701 065253 / **Office** 0800 133 7514  
Call us for help. We're here **seven days a week!**

**Email for help!** [support@generalgeek.co.uk](mailto:support@generalgeek.co.uk)  
**Online help!** [www.generalgeek.co.uk](http://www.generalgeek.co.uk)



**W. Hutley Ltd**

**GROUNDWORK & BRICKWORK CONTRACTORS**

**FOUNDATIONS & GROUND BEAMS**

**ALL ASPECTS OF PAVING**

**DRAINAGE & WATER MAIN INSTALLATION & REPAIRS**

**DRAIN CLEARANCE**

**NEW SEPTIC TANKS & MAINTENANCE**

**Tel: 01371 820227 Mob: 07899 958 990**

**[www.whutleygroundworks.co.uk](http://www.whutleygroundworks.co.uk)**



### Map Boards

You may have seen the four map boards around the Parish. They have been in situ for several years and are looking a little tired. In addition, new areas have been added to the Parish as well as new roads and developments, so the Parish Council has decided to update the boards. As well as roads public rights of way will be shown on the maps.

The new map boards are now in place and by the time you receive this magazine the supporting posts should also have received a new lick of paint.

In addition, a new board will shortly be installed for the White Court area of the Parish at the Windermere Drive entrance.

Thanks to the Essex County Council Locality fund in assisting with the cost.



### Recycling Small Electrical Items

Each year it is estimated that 2 million tonnes of electrical and electronic equipment goes to waste. Braintree District Council is therefore running a 12-month trial of offering drop off locations for such items which could include anything from electric toothbrushes, small radios, toasters to hairdryers!

The drop off arrangements in this Parish is the Community Centre car park, Notley Green CM77 7US and the service will be available from 12.30 to 2pm on the following dates:

7th April  
5th May  
2nd and 30th June  
28th July  
25th August  
22nd September  
20th October  
17th November  
15th December

Whilst Covid restrictions are in place please observe social distancing.



**Allotments in the Parish**

For many years now Great Notley Parish Council has been attempting to obtain land for the provision of allotments for residents. There are 40 people currently on the waiting list so there is a clear demand for such a facility!

An area of land has now been identified within the Great Notley Country Park as shown on the photo below (behind the bird statue). The Joint Board comprising members of Essex County Council and Braintree District Council that manages the park has agreed in principle that land may be used for allotments in that area and the next stage will be to undertake a detailed feasibility study to ascertain if it will indeed be possible both in financial and practical terms to deliver allotments at that site.

In the near future the Parish Clerk will be contacting all those who are currently on the waiting list to make sure that they still wish to take on a plot and make sure that contact details are up to date so that they may be kept informed as the project progresses.

In addition, if you are interested in having a plot in due course please contact the Clerk and she may add you to the waiting list.

The Clerk may be contacted by email at [greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com) and by phone on 01376 331251





### The RAFT upgrade

By the time you receive this letter the upgrade of the recreational area for teenagers (RAFT) at Notley Green should be nearing completion.

This project has been some considerable time in the planning! Back in 2014 it was recognized that there was a need to upgrade the current skate area and representations were made by some youngsters and a skate group as well as responses to Parish surveys showing the wish for improved teenage facilities.

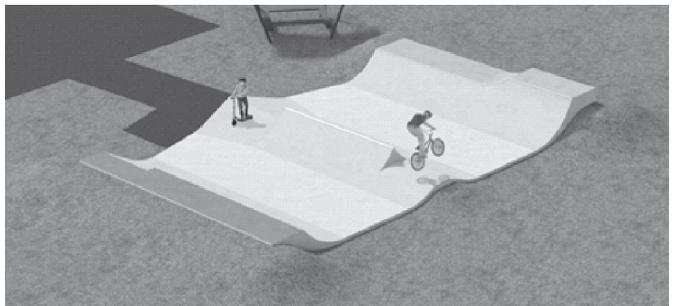
There was then a substantial consultation with young people in the Parish involving White Court and Notley Green schools plus Notley High School and local youth groups. The feedback was used to determine what facilities young people actually want in the Parish. There was also a residents' event in the Community Centre which was well attending not just by young people but by a number of residents as well.

Once it was known what was wanted and the designs had been put together funding was obtained from the National Lottery Awards for All, Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund, Stansted Airport Community Fund and the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. There was also some developer contribution section 106 money available and from an amount of money previously set aside by the Parish Council. After going through a competitive tendering process Bendcrete Leisure was contracted to carry out the work.

The next stage was to finalize the legal documents and obtain all land use and planning permissions which took a little longer than expected due to the Covid pandemic.

At long last the work was able to commence in February 2021 to remove the old metal skate ramp and old seats and to replace with new concrete seating, a youth shelter and a new concrete skate facility plus to repair and re-paint the existing goal ends. Also, the vegetation was cut back to improve visibility and the aesthetic of the area.

It is hoped that the upgraded area will be enjoyed by young people in the Parish for years to come!





### **Your Guide to Parking Problems**

As parking restrictions seem to be a regular point of contention in the Parish, the Parish Council have provided this guide for you.

#### **Who is responsible for Parking enforcement?**

First please note that the Parish Council does not have any legal right to make or enforce parking or traffic restrictions. That legal right has been delegated by Braintree District Council to the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) which is based at Colchester District Council and all decision-making processes must be dealt with by that body.

#### **Occasional parking issues and dangerous parking**

The Parking Partnership are able to act if a dropped kerb or access is completely obstructed and in such a situation you can contact them via email at [parking.central@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:parking.central@colchester.gov.uk)

Please note that the Parking Partnership will only act in such cases of obstruction

If you see a vehicle that is parked in an obviously dangerous position so as to cause an obstruction you could also refer the matter to the local police who may be contacted by dialling 101.

#### **Parking on grass verges**

If a grass verge is owned by a public authority then action may be taken and you should provide details including photos either direct to Braintree District Council who you may contact on 01376 552525 or to the Parish Council [greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com) although please note that the Parish Council will refer the matter on to the District Council for enforcement action to be taken.

#### **Longer Term parking issues**

#### **What Criteria do the NEPP consider when looking to Impose parking restrictions?**

The NEPP must be satisfied that an issue is serious and meets certain criteria in order to propose a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The main criteria are:

1. Safety – The NEPP would wish to see evidence of 5 or more Personal Injury collisions within 50 metres of the site in a 3 year period.
2. Congestion – The road network in Essex is set out in priority tiers, tiers one and two plus local roads and the NEPP aim to maintain effective traffic flow on those roads. Its task is primarily to protect arterial routes in the County.

#### **What about other forms of parking?**

Although troublesome, short term parking behaviour is considered a lower priority, however the NEPP will consider action in certain cases:

1. Commuter Parking – the parking must be by non-residents and must be sufficiently severe so as to cause serious inconvenience to residents and the suggested parking control must have substantial support from residents. Also any remedy must not just push problem on to adjacent roads.

2. Short term parking near a shop or a school – the NEPP would in those circumstances consider limited waiting solutions.
3. Other parking issues may be considered such as the introduction of disabled parking bays.

### **Is the solution worse than the problem?**

For example, would you and your neighbours want to pay for a residents' only permit scheme on your road? Would yellow lines in a location simply move the problem along the road?

The above is a very brief summary of the regulations which can be read in full at the following website address –

<https://www.parkingpartnership.org/policies/2015%2009%20TRO.pdf>

### **I think I have grounds to apply – what do I do now?**

If you wish to apply for a TRO then please bear in mind that any application needs to show local support. You, therefore, need to show that others in your area (i.e. your immediate neighbours) are supportive of any parking control.

You will also need to show the support of either the Parish Council or a District Councillor but please bear in mind that Councillors cannot support proposals that are contrary to the NEPP policies.

If you wish to address the Parish Council you will need to be willing to attend a Parish Council meeting and speak to Councillors. Although often contact is initially made via the Clerk decisions can only be made at a Parish Council meetings. These are meetings held in public and details of the dates of meetings may be found on the Parish Council website.

Alternatively you will need the support of one of the District Councillors for this ward. Their details may be found on the Parish Council noticeboards and website [www.greatnotley.org.uk](http://www.greatnotley.org.uk) Finally, you need to fill in the application form which can be found on the NEPP website at the following link.

<https://www.parkingpartnership.org/policies/Revised%20TRO%20Application%20July%202015.pdf>

### **What happens then?**

If the NEPP consider that the application may proceed it will need to carry out investigations into the matter. They will also need to consult with the District Councillors for the area and advertise the matter and give consideration to the responses. Only after this process can a decision be made on whether to apply restrictions and if so in what form. Please bear in mind the entire process can take up to 18 months.

## **ALL ABOUT GARDENS**

**Garden Maintenance  
& Clearance**

**Tree Surgery  
& Removal**

**Hard Landscaping**



**Robert - 07879 003135**



Great Notley Parish Council has been working with other partners over recent months via its Health and Wellbeing working group and you will have received a leaflet through your door advising of the practical assistance available to Parishioners from the local Church hub volunteers. Also help is available from the social prescriber at the GPs surgery.

Also here is a summary of sources of advice for you which the Parish Council homes you will find useful

## Great Notley Parish Council COVID-19 Support:

### **Great Notley GP Surgery:**

The Square, Notley Green, Great Notley CM77 7US

phone: 01376 341411

**Pharmacy services available at the Tesco Store**

### **Government Hotlines:**

**NHS:** 111 or 111.nhs.uk

**School Closures:** 0800 0468687

**HMRC:** 0800 0159559

**Universal Credit:** 0800 3285644

**Local Coronavirus Support:** If you are a resident in self isolation or unable to leave the house, Volunteers are available to help from the following sources.

**The Church in Great Notley hub:** 07835 955768 or 07835 955771

**Essex Welfare Service:** 0300 303 9988 <https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/>

**Community 360:** 01376 550507 <https://www.community360.org.uk/>

**Essex Coronavirus Action:** <https://www.facebook.com/essexcoronavirusaction/>

**British Red Cross Support** – 0808 1963651

As well as practical support they offer a befriending service and a hardship fund

## Other support agencies

- Carers First 0300 303 1555 or email [hello@carersfirst.org.uk](mailto:hello@carersfirst.org.uk)
- Domestic Abuse: 03303337444 or [www.essexcompass.org.uk](http://www.essexcompass.org.uk)
- Mental Health Support: [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)
- Alzheimer's Society – 0333 150 34356 [alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)

### **Agencies that will refer to other sources of support**

- Healthwatch Essex 0300 5001895 or [info@healthwatchessex.org.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchessex.org.uk) (can help people understand and navigate health, social care and wellbeing services in Essex)
- Community Agents 0800 977 5858 or [enquiries@caessex.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@caessex.org.uk) (help in finding independent living solutions)
- Connect Well Essex – [www.connectwellessex.org.uk](http://www.connectwellessex.org.uk) – a self referral tool containing over 400 local activities and services.



### **Spring Garden Crime Prevention**

Hopefully by the time that you read this we will be moving into spring and the weather improving inviting us out into the garden. It is a good time to take a look around; are your fences and gates in good condition do you have good quality locks on gates, will they keep the unwelcome intruder out? To the front of your property where possible keep fencing, planting and hedges to about 1.5m in height so that an intruder is not hidden from view.

**Defensive planting:** Security does not have to be just about locks, bolts, and spiky fence toppings; nature provides some excellent plants to keep people away. There are a number of attractive, fragrant plants of a spiky nature such as climbing roses, pyracantha and berberis and other planting of a dense nature that can work quite well. Have a chat at your garden centre or with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) for the right plant for the right location. We have worked with the RHS at Hyde Hall and there are a number of mature examples that can be viewed there, why not book a visit at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/hyde-hall> .

**New plants:** Larger plants etc. can be secured to land or rootball anchors or plant through chicken wire covering the area with soil. Cement or bolt down containers to the ground. The RHS or your local garden centre or DIY store should be able to help.

**Working in the garden:** It is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when working in the garden, if the house is empty it is wise to close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Remember when you stop for a break put your tools away, and at the end of the day as well as putting tools away put the wheelbarrow and wheelie bin away too. "It will add insult to injury" if your tools are used to break into your house, a neighbour's, nearby building such as a church, or provide a climbing aid or method of carrying things away.

**New tools and lawn mowers:** Be mindful of how you dispose of the packaging to your new purchases; don't advertise it to the thieves and burglars with your empty boxes on display outside for roadside collection. Fold boxes inside out or break them up and put them in bag for collection. If you are not using your lawn mower, jet washer or other put it away out of sight from prying eyes.

**Property marking:** It may deter a thief if your property or flower pots is visibly security marked with your house number and post code such as [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk) or labelled if a forensic (hidden) property marking system is used such as [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk). You can also record the serial numbers of any tools at [www.toolwatchapp.com](http://www.toolwatchapp.com) or . If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

For suitable security products look for the Secured by Design or Sold Secure logo's and for further garden security advice see the following webpages:

[www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)

[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

[www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

[www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=606](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=606)



Shopping List  
February/March 2021

Thank you for your continuing support during the Coronavirus crisis.

Foodbanks within the Trussell Trust network have seen unprecedented increases across our network and by continuing to support us with your donations you are continuing to support those most in need.

We are very thankful for any donations you can give.

**We currently need:**

**Food Items:**

- UHT long life milk

**Other Essentials:**

- Hair conditioner
- Shampoo

Our food parcels are made up of specific food groups so that those in need have enough food for at least nine meals. **The list above shows what we are in need of as we currently have good stocks of pasta, pasta sauce, biscuits, rice, fish, soup, baby food and cereals.**

We also ask for small packs of food as larger packs do not fit in our parcels, making it difficult for our clients to carry home.

Thank you

*We are grateful for your donations to the Braintree Area foodbank. However, we can only accept donations of freshly-bought, unopened and undamaged goods which are still well within their "use by" date (no less than 6 months). We cannot use items which do not meet these requirements, and the donation is wasted.*



VOLUNTEER WITH US

# Make a real difference in the fight against poverty

Braithree Area Foodbank provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to local people experiencing crisis.

We are currently looking for the following volunteers who will help play a crucial role in the running of the foodbank, from collecting and sorting donations to processing vouchers and helping to create a welcoming space for people in crisis:

**Warehouse Assistants** - happy to lift heavy weights and have an eye for detail

**Drivers and Driver's mates** - clean licence required and ability to lift heavy weights

**Witham Foodbank Centre Helper** - empathetic, team player & excellent communication skills

To find out more about how you can join us and for fuller role profile please

Phone: 01376 330694 or

Email: [info@braithreearea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@braithreearea.foodbank.org.uk)

No previous volunteering experience required. We endeavour to reply to all volunteering applications within 5 days.

[braithreearea.foodbank.org.uk](http://braithreearea.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity No. 1148782 : Company No: 8183618 : Reg. in England & Wales





### BRAINTREE DISTRICT WALKABOUT



Since Lockdown 3 started, we've had to go back to walking in our bubbles, solo or 1 to 1.

*Walks that used to look like this...*



*...became to look more like this*



*Sometimes you just have to turn back....*



*...but some of us battle on...*



*...with predictably soggy results!*

*But we always make new friends*



We hope to be walking in groups again soon (don't worry, no wet feet!), maybe even by the time you read this. We run weekly walks on Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays. So if you'd like to join us, why not...

- Visit [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk) or
- Email [angela@angelagakis.com](mailto:angela@angelagakis.com) or
- Phone 07799 068408



## **Braintree Lions**

Braintree Lions Club would like to thank all the Braintree Community for their generous donations during our Santa Sleigh runs prior to Christmas. The total donations collected was an amazing £3,500! We collected from the Clare Road area, Acorn Ave, Kings Park, Marks Farm, Rayne, Tortoiseshell area, Fairview, Great Notley, White Courts and Cressing (where that collection went to the Cressing food bank). We could not do more of Braintree, because of limited resources and COVID constraints. We donated some of the money, prior to Christmas, to Crisis at Christmas, Braintree Salvation Army, One Direction and another in Chelmsford who provided shelter and meals to people during the Christmas period. We have donated to other deserving cases this year including Essex Blood Bikers and an emergency doctor service . We also had many comments, verbally, social media and email thanking us for turning out for the children, as many of the Father Christmas venues had been cancelled due to COVID.

We would also like thank Braintree District Councillors for their grant to repair and upgrade the Santa Float to meet the COVID conditions. This included transparent screens to protect Santa and a new public address system so that Santa could talk to the children. In previous years Santa would demount the sleigh to talk to them face to face.

It could be said that all your donations had great results in and around the Braintree Community. Any body interested in joining Lions are welcome to contact us on our Web site.

Malcolm Richardson  
President Lions Club of Braintree



### Local History Society

It will come as no surprise to readers of the "Great Notley News" that nothing whatever has happened to the Braintree and Bocking Local History Society since the pandemic shut us down, along with much of the rest of the world, equally needless to say we have no real idea of when we can restart our monthly meetings. However what is most important is that we all keep safe and virus free. The following are some extracts from a talk given to the Society in 1961 about policing in Braintree which it is hoped readers might find to be of interest.

The first effective step towards an efficient police service for England and Wales was Sir Robert Peel's Act, passed in 1829 'for improving the police in and near the metropolis'. Before this time, the prevention of crime and the detection and prosecution of criminals was largely in the hands of the parish. Each parish meeting or vestry chose a parish constable each year. The post was unpaid. Since it was a task that tended to bring the parish constable into conflict with his fellows it was not popular, and commonly the constables did no more than they were forced to do. The diminutive lock-up in the Gant is proof of the small number of arrests that were expected in Braintree.

It was in 1839 that the county police force was established in Essex. In due course it was divided into fourteen divisions and Braintree became the headquarters of the South Hinkford division. The first chief constable was able to recruit rather more than a hundred men.

The effectiveness of the new force was seen in 1848 when a Chartist meeting was held in Braintree and there were between four and five hundred persons present. One hundred and fifty or two hundred of the county police were stationed in the Corn Exchange and more than 250 special constables were sworn in from the tradesmen and other residents of the town. The meeting proved very tame. Ten years earlier it might well have led to rioting and a call for the help of the military.

At first the police lived in their own homes or in lodgings. In 1843 the Station House in Rayne Road — now (in 1961) occupied by the Hope Laundry — was built. 'The Station Houses', said William White (in his gazeteer), 'are all of the best description, and in many of them the Volunteer Riflemen have stores for their arms'. The present-day appearance of the building is evidence of its sound construction. Over one of the windows, which used to be the front entrance, can still be discerned the word 'POLICE' beneath the subsequent coats of paint. Inside, one of the small windows still has the bars from the days when it was a cell.

In 1851, when the census was taken, Supt. Malings was living in the house with his wife, two sons, three daughters and a female servant. The Inspector, Timothy

Rowan, lived in Rayne Road with his wife, two sons, and his mother-in-law. There were five constables. John Savill, the 31-year-old son of a Witham fishmonger, lived with his wife, three daughters, one son and -strange though it may appear for a constable - a domestic servant.

These men had been attracted to the police force by the prospects and the pay. In 1863 the superintendent was on a scale from £100 to £130 per annum, and the inspector's scale was £65 to £85. The sergeant was then receiving 23/- weekly, and the constables' pay ranged from 17/- to 21/- a week: enough with the security of employment to make a somewhat unenviable task worth while.

It was at some date between 1882 and 1895 the new police station was opened in Fairfield Road. Before the new building was opened in more recent times, 'Police Court' cases were heard in the County Court in Coggeshall Road. Before that was built in 1851 the Petty Sessions for the South Hinkford Police Division were held on alternate Wednesdays at the 'White Hart'.

Stay well and keep safe,

Ian Hume,  
Society Chair.

## Great Notley TIMES

## Easing Lockdown



### MAR 8 STEP ONE A

- Schools re-open, childcare allowed
- One plus one social meetings outdoors
- One visitor to care home residents
- Stay at home stays in place

### MAR 29 STEP ONE B

- Rule of Six
- Outdoor sports
- Stay Local
- Work from home where possible
- Still no overseas travel

### APR 12 STEP TWO

- Non-essential retail, personal care premises, hairdressers and nail salons, libraries, gyms, zoos and theme parks can reopen
- Pubs and restaurants can reopen outdoors. No need for substantial meal, no curfews
- Wider social distancing rules continue
- One household can stay at a cottage or holiday let

### MAY 17 STEP THREE

- Rule of Six will be dropped outdoors
- Two households can meet indoors
- Hotels, cinemas, soft play areas re-open
- 1,000 people or half full permitted at indoor sports venues. Outdoor venues 4,000 people or half full. 10,000 allowed at Wembley
- International travel possible
- Review of social distancing
- Review of certificates for jobs, tests

### JUN 21 STEP FOUR

- All legal limits on social contact to go
- Remaining hospitality re-open
- Restrictions on large events lifted
- Restrictions for weddings may still be in effect



# The Friends of Notley Green Primary School



Our spring article usually details our successful Christmas Fayre, but alas like so many things this past year, the Fayre didn't take place. We were however able to hold the "Not The Christmas Fayre Grand Prize Draw" which gave our fundraising a much needed boost.

We thank Branocs Estates and CB AutoServices for their generous donations of the top cash prizes, and all the other local business who contributed towards the 6 fabulous hampers. Our lucky winners were thrilled with their early Christmas treats.

## Superhero Word Hunt

We are very much missing organising events, but hope that our Superhero Word Hunt created a little bit of half term fun.

As you may have seen, over February half term, the Notley Green Superheroes were hidden around Great Notley and Black Notley, sharing words describing their core values. There were 18 in total, did you spot them all?



We'd like to thank The Prince Louis, Panners Coffee Bar and Tesco Great Notley for displaying some of the signs for us.

## Fundraising

Whilst our events have been put on hold at the moment, we are thrilled that fundraising has continued. Through Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising our supporters have continued to raise funds for our school, without any expense to themselves.

smile amazon.co.uk

Whenever you purchase items from amazon we would like you to select The Friends of Notley Green as your charity of choice.

All you have to do is go in via **WWW.SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK** and then type in

Select a charity to start shopping

It will then ask you to sign into your amazon account as normal and click to save us as your chosen charity.

**IMPORTANT**

You must enter amazon through **WWW.SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK** everytime you shop

Thank you for your support, happy shopping!

With Easyfundraising over 4,100 shops and sites (including takeaways, holidays and insurance) will donate to Notley Green Primary School for FREE when you shop with them, so you can support us no matter what you're buying!

easyfundraising feel good shopping

# How to raise FREE donations for

Notley Green Primary School

Use easyfundraising to shop  
It won't cost you anything extra.

- 1. Get started**  
Join easyfundraising for free and support us
- 2. Start shopping**  
Visit retailers then shop online as normal
- 3. Raise donations**  
Your cause receives Free donation

Find us at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/notleygreens?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=cp1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/notleygreens?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cp1)

Shop on mobile? Get our app

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

easyfundraising feel good shopping

# Raise FREE donations for

Notley Green Primary School

every time you **shop online**

Find us on **easyfundraising.org.uk**

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/notleygreens?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=cp1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/notleygreens?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cp1)

4,300 online sites will give us a free donation when you shop with them - at no extra cost to you!

Booking.com | eBay | M&S | GROUPON | eBay | iStock | ewitch  
Carnegie | Apple | Viking | ASOS | BT | JUST Eat | Borden

Download the easyfundraising App

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

Please try and remember us when you are shopping online.

### Save the Dates

Please keep an eye on our social media pages for details of future events, including the date of our next collection with Bag2School.



# Notley Green Primary and Thinking about Thinking .....

It hasn't been the easiest of times for any of us but the Notley Green family have been determined to stay together as a community- even if we are doing it remotely!

Our daily live and pre-recorded lessons online have made sure that all children have been able to see their teachers and collaborate with their friends. We have even held whole-school assemblies online so that our Headteacher, Mrs Saward, gets to see all of our faces too!

We have been thinking a lot about how we can best learn at home. This 'thinking about thinking' is what we call 'Metacognition' at school. We talk about it all the time in our classes but it is a bit different when trying to learn in an unconventional environment. We have had many lessons about how best to support our learning at home.

## Our Learning Space

We have been thinking about what makes a good learning space. We need to be by natural light, have a clear table or desk space and have a comfortable seated position. This is so that we are able to focus on our learning.

## Our Concentration Skills

We know how important it is to listen in our lessons at school but it can be harder when at home. We could use headphones to help us focus and work in a quiet area of our house if we can.

## Our Speaking and Listening Skills

We are always able to answer and ask questions in our online lessons but we have learnt to be extra vigilant when listening to others as it is harder online than in class. We also have learnt to raise our hands using a feature on the computer. We have to wait patiently for our teacher to let us speak.

## Metacognition: Remote Learning

## Our Routines.

At school, we have a busy timetable that enables us to get into good routines and have healthy habits. We have learnt a great deal about making good routines at home. This is so that our mental and physical health stays well. We recognise the importance of getting active and have included this in our daily routines. It is also important to take a break if things get a little bit tricky for us!

## Our Mindset.

We use a growth mindset every day when we are in school, but we have learnt a lot about our mental health as we have been learning remotely. We have learnt to accept our emotions but react to them appropriately as well as understanding other peoples emotions too. We have noticed the changes in our emotions more at home than we do at school and recognise the importance of talking about how we feel to a trusted adult.



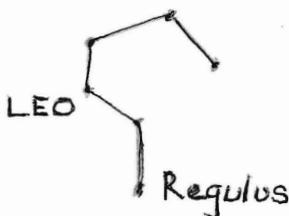


### The Notley Night Sky for Spring 2021

A rather rare astronomical event will occur during the day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. From soon after 10.00 a.m. to 12.20 p.m. we will be treated to a partial eclipse of the Sun. This is when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun and blocks out some of the Sun's disc and in this case around one third of the Sun's surface area. Usually the Moon (new at this stage) passes above or below the Sun but occasionally their paths across the sky coincide, creating either a partial or total eclipse. Let's hope the clouds keep away. However, a warning! Never, under any circumstances should you look at this spectacle with the naked eye or any form of optical aid such as binoculars or a telescope unless they are equipped with proper astronomical grade solar filters. Aluminium foil, old film negatives, sunglasses or even welding shields simply will not do. You have been warned! One method you can use to bypass all of this is to project the image through binoculars or a telescope onto a piece of white card. However, I have always found this to be somewhat fiddley.

During the first week of April the giant planet Jupiter can be spotted at dawn in the east with the planet Saturn to the right. Later in the month, Venus can be found low in the west with the tiny planet Mercury just above it on the 30<sup>th</sup>. However, these will be much better placed for observation around the first two weeks of May. In fact, Venus itself will gradually get higher in the evening as Spring progresses into Summer. If you are really keen to spot Mercury, on 13<sup>th</sup> May, it will be just above and to the right of a fine crescent Moon in the WNW around 9.30 p.m. The red planet Mars is still around and on 23<sup>rd</sup> June it passes in front of a lovely star cluster called Praesepe. Watch out for it around 10.00 p.m. in the WNW. Venus will be below and to the right. It should be a fine sight through a pair of binoculars.

During April and May look out for the bright star Regulus, the principal star in the constellation of Leo the Lion. It is one of the brightest stars visible from the northern hemisphere and is around 84 light years distant. The aforementioned star cluster Praesepe is to the right of Leo in the faint constellation of Cancer the Crab. It was first noted by the ancient Greek Astronomers and is around 520 light years distant. Binoculars or a telescope will show it consists of hundreds of stars. It is also known as the Beehive Cluster and is reckoned to be around 650 million years old.



Paul Freeman



Feb 2021



**Chefs, raft  
builders,  
carvers,  
book critics,  
treasure  
hunters...  
Welcome to  
Socuts**

[scouts.org.uk/join](https://scouts.org.uk/join)  
**#SkillsForLife**

The new year finds the group in fine form. We're still scouting and running sessions online - as we broadcast to our scouts around the area. I am happy to report all our sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are back to weekly zoom meetings. With some carefully crafted sessions, pushing what was possible from their home basecamps.



**Scouts**

The leadership team have worked hard to offer the best Scout experience possible, despite the situation we find ourselves in currently. All sections are working away towards earning badges, whilst we put a twist on what we can do. Such as mini raft builds, and floating them in mixing bowls and kitchen sinks, cooking pancakes on stoves made from tin cans, and a look at what we have been reading as we take part in World Book Day, by way of fancy dress and dramatic reviews.

As you are aware, updates have been announced by our government. We are waiting to see what these recent changes mean to the Scout movement - as we move slowly but closer to a face to face return. But till then, never fear we are here!

*“Most people associate scouting with camping, knot tying, and hiking. However, scouting goes so much further, like taking me zip lining in the mountains of West Virginia and rafting down valleys of Northern Italy. I have been part of scouting for the past 14 years, starting as a Beaver Scout and then progressing through to Youth Commissioner.*

*Scouting has provided me with many essential skills for life like how to work in a team, resilience, and communicating ideas. As a participant, I have made friends for life and met other scouts from all around the world at international events. I was a young leader for 4 years at 1st Great Notley Scout group, spending two hours a week as a volunteer. The leadership*





*skills I have learned from volunteering with the other leaders have helped me with employment and group projects in education through to university. The leaders have a massive positive impact on the participants, making them into more independent, confident, and kind young people who look to make positive changes in life."*

Henry Wright | Youth Commissioner for Braintree District Scouts.

## **Calling all go-getters, we need you !**

It's no surprise that the success of a Scout Group relies heavily on it's leaders. And now, more than ever as we know we will have a new format to return too when lock down eases. If you are reading this, we need you - please get in touch. What ever time you can spare, we can use it !

## **Want to know more?**

Search for '1st great notley scout group' on facebook, to get a glimpse at what we do. For anything else, please eMail Group Scout Leader Danny Yates at: [danny.yates@greatnotleyscouts.org](mailto:danny.yates@greatnotleyscouts.org)

### **Our schedule**

#### **Beavers: 6-8yrs**

Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:45pm  
Great Notley Community Centre

Saturday, 10.45am - 12pm,  
Great Notley Community Centre

#### **Cub: 8-10.5yrs**

Tuesday, 6.30 - 8pm  
Great Leighs Primary School

Wednesday, 6.30 - 8pm  
Great Notley Community Centre

#### **Scouts: 10.5-14yrs**

Monday, 6.45 - 8.30pm  
Great Leighs Primary School

Wednesdays, 7.30 - 9.15pm  
Great Notley Community Centre

# D. Want Plumbing

Great Notley 01376 348404

Mobile 07786 165643

Great Leighs 01245 633994

david@dwantplumbing.com www.dwantplumbing.com

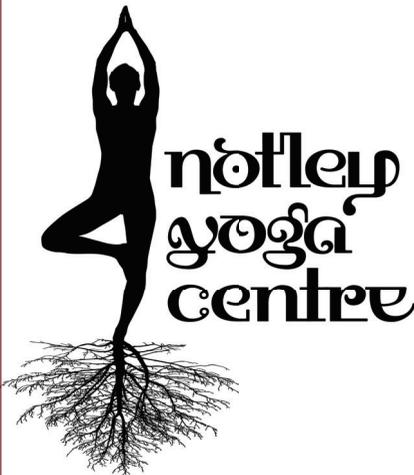
All aspects of plumbing, heating and maintenance.  
Supplying a local, friendly and reliable service for over 20 years.

- 6 month guarantee / 10% discount to new customers
- Bathroom and wet room installation specialists
- Leaks, dripping taps, repairs, showers and fault finding
- Kitchens
- Supplying and fitting tapworks water softeners
- Registered Aqualisa Installer
- Radiators and towel radiators
- And more.....



Find us on  
Facebook

## Centre for Health of Body and Mind



A beautiful space to let go of any worries and nourish your Body, Mind and Soul. Offering Yoga, Pilates, Meditation, Relaxation, Chair Yoga, Gong and Sound Baths, Drumming, and more. Classes for all abilities and everyBODY!

Ideally located in the countryside at Slamseys Barn, only minutes from Great Notley and accessible by foot or car (plenty of free parking)

For more information on classes please see website

[www.notleyyoga.co.uk](http://www.notleyyoga.co.uk)

[notleyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:notleyyoga@gmail.com)

Leigh 07723 321818



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTLEY GREEN

During the last few months, WINGS members have continued to meet and support each other by meeting through Zoom.

In December we held an virtual festive get together and our monthly meeting in January was a time to chat, catchup, reflect on the positives of 2020 and talk about achievements during the lockdown months. Our February meeting was an informative zoom talk, by a speaker from the charity CHES. She spoke about the charity and how it helps the homeless including what donations can be made to them.

At WINGS we feel it is important that we support our community and so we tried to lift the community spirit once again by decorating the Great Notley signpost over the Christmas period.

We are very excited to announce our new project for a May/Spring floral display based on An English Country Garden and are looking for volunteers for this. Please look at our poster – we would love you to be involved!



WINGS events for the forthcoming months currently on zoom include:

18 March - Quirky Bird – an artist with an online/participation fun tutorial

15 April – Talk on Genealogy

20 May – AGM and social time

17 June – Medical Detection Dogs

In addition to these our regular subgroups of Knit and Natter evenings and the newly formed Book Club have continued to keep members together. Also coming soon is a new subgroup on Genealogy and family trees.

All Meetings are currently held on Zoom (subject to change) at approximately 7.45pm including a speaker and some social time to chat with old friends and make new ones. If you wish to know more or want to be part of our inspirational group of Great Notley then please contact us for any more information by email:

[joinourwi@gmail.com](mailto:joinourwi@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page :  
<https://www.facebook.com/womensinstitutenotleygreen/>



## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*** ***For A May/Spring Floral Tribute***



To welcome Spring and lift our spirits, we will be decorating once again the Great Notley Parish Signpost.

Can you help by contributing to a beautiful display based on the theme of An English Country Garden song which includes flowers, insects, animals and birds?

These items can be knitted, crocheted, sewn with fabric/felt, painted on stones, etc or made with any other materials but could you please remember to leave ties so they can be attached to the display.

Contributions please by 7th April.

### **Collection points:**

**Linda : 70 Chestnut Avenue, Gt Notley**

**Linda: 27 Rydal Way, White Court**



For further details of the song, types of flowers, inspiration or instructions please visit our facebook page: [Women's Institute Notley Green](#) or email us: [joinourwi@gmail.com](mailto:joinourwi@gmail.com)



**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

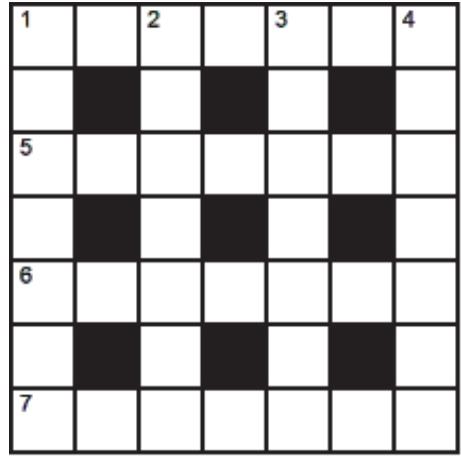


### Across

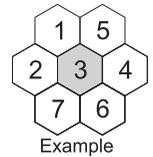
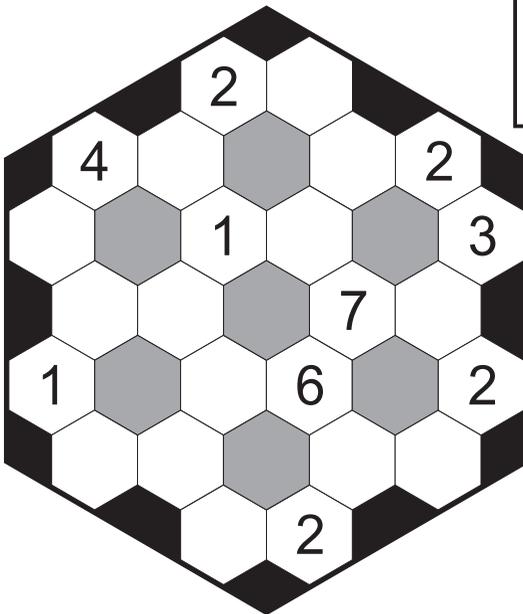
1. Terse
5. Other than plant or animal
6. Japanese art of paper folding
7. Lack of care and attention

### Down

1. Parody
2. Craftyness
3. Recount
4. Stringed instrument player



## Rosetta



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 36

## Prestige Window Cleaning

Pure filtered water technology.  
Services include window frames, sills and doors.



For a free no obligation estimate call or text Rob: 07807 774063 Fully Insured

## Feel Good Pilates

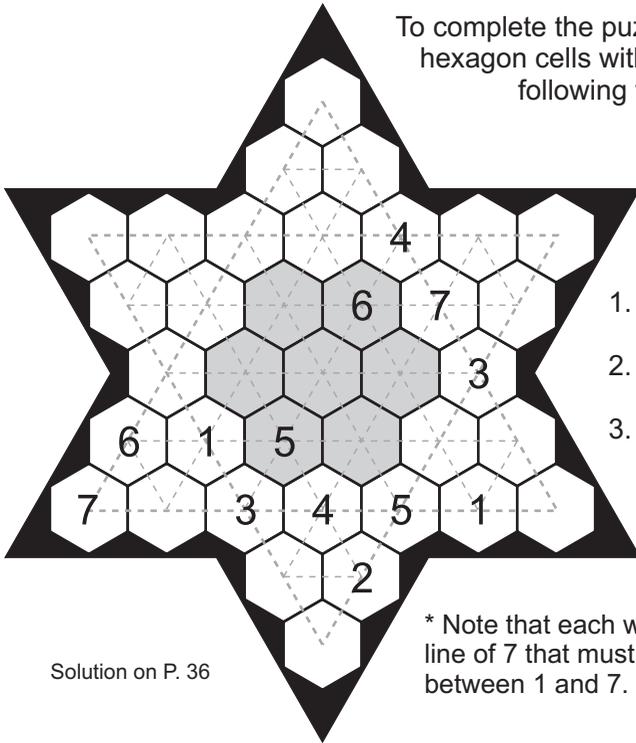


Contemporary Pilates Classes for all abilities

Come along to a 'Feel Good' class whatever the reason – maybe you require rehabilitation, or to achieve your fitness goals, simply to be able to touch your toes, or just have some 'you time'.  
It's a class for All!

The Church In Gt Notley, Bridge End Ln, CM77 7GN  
Monday 9am-10am & Wednesday 7.15pm-8.15pm  
£7.00 per class. First Session Free.

To book a session contact Karen 07515547683  
pilatesfeelgood@gmail.com



To complete the puzzle fill in each of the empty hexagon cells with numbers between 1 & 7 following the 3 rules below;

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.

Solution on P. 36

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




**Paul  
Clark Printing**  
LIMITED

*Make a better impression*

- Leaflets • Posters • Menus • Price Lists • Booklets
- Labels • Business Stationery • Business Cards
- Greetings Cards • Raffle Tickets • Invoices
- NCR Sets, Pads, Books • Plans



sales@paulclarkprint.co.uk  
www.paulclarkprint.co.uk  
01787 469628





### Great Notley Photography Club

Well, 2021 seems like it may be a better year than the last and we will all be able to get out and about with our cameras and take pictures with even the prospect of face to face club meetings resuming later in the year.



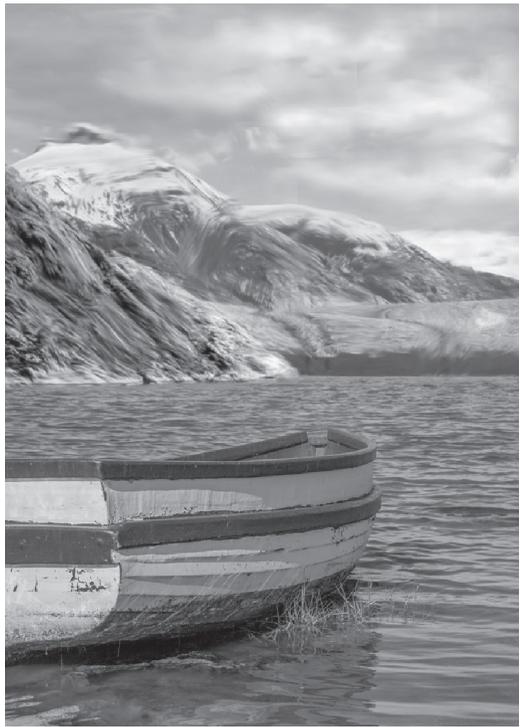
We have managed to continue and enjoy our photography. Watching and learning skills and techniques from other club members, experts and professionals via Zoom. We have had some inspiring speakers on a variety of subjects and genres, as well as monthly externally judged competitions. The pictures here are some that scored maximums in the recent January and February competitions.

We are looking forward to this year and we are looking for some new members to join our ranks. Anybody who might be interested in getting more out of their photography, learn a few new skills and enjoy our very social group. Contact us below if you



would like more information, we would love to hear from you.

We have also recently updated and refreshed our website so pop along and take a look around at [www.gnpc.co.uk](http://www.gnpc.co.uk) or facebook at @greatnotleypc.





## Great Notley Country Park

Explore Essex is pleased to announce that over 1,000 trees are to be planted at Great Notley Country Park as part of the Essex Forest Initiative.

The Essex Forest is Essex County Council's (ECC) commitment to planting 375,000 trees, covering approximately 150 hectares (which is approximately the same as 210 football pitches), throughout the county's parks and green spaces over the next five years which will capture 60,000 tonnes of carbon.

At Great Notley, over 1,000 native tree species such as Oak, Hornbeam, Wild Cherry, Willow, Field Maple, Hawthorn, Hazel and Alder will be planted by the rangers throughout the park.

However, these freshly planted trees will not be the only thing you can see if you take a stroll around this tranquil green space as the wildflower meadow will be coming into full bloom during the next few months. Take a walk through, and around the meadow, and you're likely to see Cowslips, Ox-Eye Daisies, Common Dog Violet and much more.

Also, you may well be lucky enough to spot the parks natural inhabitants when you visit as Skylarks, Owls and Woodpeckers frequent the area along with foxes, weasels and bats.

For more information about Great Notley Country Park, including opening times and facilities available, please visit the Explore Essex website. Also, please remember to follow the latest government guidelines when visiting.

## Great Notley Photography Club



wants  
**YOU**

Join us and enjoy your photography

**K2  
Orangeries  
NOW AVAILABLE**

*Unbeatable*  
**Quality • Style • Elegance**



*Countrywide*  
**CONSERVATORIES**

Windows • Doors • Roofline

For a **FREE** Survey Please contact us on

visit our showroom at  
Blake House Craft Centre,  
Blake End , Nr Braintree

**01376 585100**



**COME AND TRY**  
**BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY**

Conductor Janette Ruocco

Accompanist Tony Evans

We rehearse on Tuesdays 7.30 to 9.30  
in term times at The Learning for Life Centre  
Manor Street, Braintree, CM7 3HW.



We perform three to four concerts a year  
presenting a very varied programme.

No auditions. Just come and give us a try.  
Learn with us.

No subscriptions for a trial period.  
Under 26 free.

Contact 01376 331349 or 320822

# The Electrical Man

**Clive Coleman**

**Your local electrician**

Free estimates and advice

Reliable Quality work

Reasonable Prices

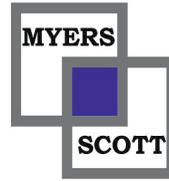
Any job welcome large or small, rewires,  
fault finding, security lighting

NICEIC/Part P Registered

**TEL. Clive : 07860 599427 or 01245360297**

**clivercoleman@aol.com**

[www.myersscott.co.uk](http://www.myersscott.co.uk)



Myers Scott Ltd

Tel: 01245 362197

Established 2004

Seamless 'walk-through' wireless network installers for homes and business.

Technology support. Networks, PC and Laptop repairs and servicing for homes and business.

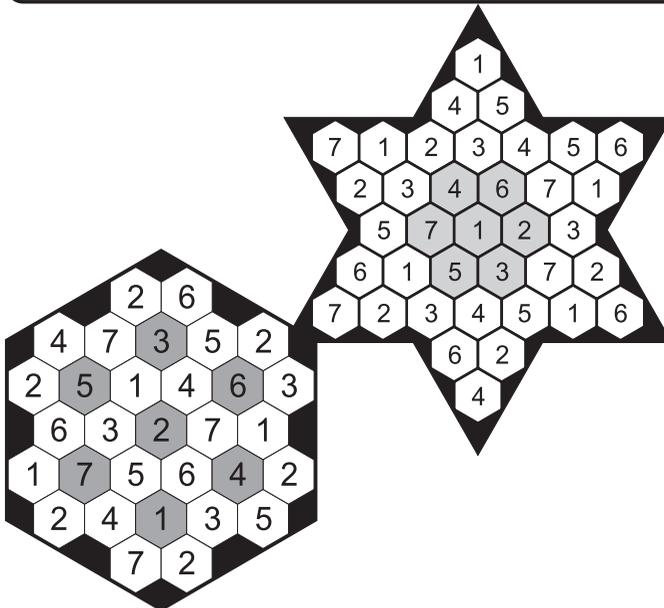
Microsoft and Apple systems supported.

Portable Appliance Testing for business

Website design, build and maintain services. Wordpress specialists.

**Great Notley** **TIMES**

# Solutions



L	A	C	O	N	I	C
A	U		A			E
M	I	N	E	R	A	L
P		N		R		L
O	R	I	G	A	M	I
O		N		T		S
N	E	G	L	E	C	T



**BRAINTREE'S No. 1 MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE**

**Build confidence, Improve Fitness,  
Gain Self-Discipline, Increase Focus, Learn  
Self-Defence & Improve Concentration!**



**KARATE**  
**KICKBOXING**  
**KRAV MAGA**  
**ROYCE GRACIE JIU JITSU**  
**BOXERCISE**



**No annual contracts**

**Top quality instruction using  
modern coaching methods  
based on traditional  
principles**

**The Martial Arts Centre,  
Unit 5 Springwood Court,  
Springwood Ind Estate,  
Braintree, CM7 2GB**

**WWW.THEMARTIALARTSCENTRE.COM**

**reception@themartialartscentre.com**

**Tel : 01376 529122 Mob : 07967 490968**

## **Advertising in the Great Notley Times**

The Great Notley Times is delivered to approximately 2,400 homes within the Parish of Great Notley. It is published by the Parish Council on a quarterly basis. The Parish Council are pleased to support local businesses by providing advertising space in this magazine.

Advertising rates are on an annual basis so that your advert will appear in four consecutive issues. The annual rates are as follows –

### **Black and White Adverts**

One eighth page £40 One Quarter page £80 and one half page £160

Please note that the rates for the black and white adverts only guarantees an advert within each magazine and does not guarantee a specific space as the set up of the magazine is dictated by editorial content.

### **Colour adverts**

A limited number of full colour adverts can also be accommodated on the inside of the front or back covers at the following annual rates

Half page £200 and one quarter page £100

To advertise in this magazine please contact the clerk by email [greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com) you can also email your artwork to her at this address. You may also telephone her on 01376 331251. Please confirm the size and type of advert you require. At present payment can only be accepted by cheque made payable to Great Notley Parish Council.

**DANCE • ACT • SING**

★  
**Rascals**  
Theatre School

Est. 1997

**CLASSES HELD  
IN  
GREAT NOTLEY,  
BRAINTREE  
& SURROUNDING  
AREAS**



For more details tel: 01376 331543

Email: [admin@rascals-uk.com](mailto:admin@rascals-uk.com)

Website: [www.rascals-uk.com](http://www.rascals-uk.com)

 [www.facebook.com/RascalsTheatreSchool](https://www.facebook.com/RascalsTheatreSchool)

**suregreen**  
...delivered in a click

QUALITY LANDSCAPING GOODS FROM A LOCAL,  
FAMILY-OWNED SUPPLIER IN FINCHINGFIELD

[www.sure-green.com](http://www.sure-green.com)



Timber • Electric Fencing • Wire  
Aggregates • Planters • Compost  
Tree Guards • Vine Protection  
...PLUS, SO MUCH MORE!

Order online at:  
[www.sure-green.com](http://www.sure-green.com)

Visit us at:  
Viridis House, Toppesfield Rd,  
Finchingfield, Essex, CM7 4NZ

Contact us on:  
01376 503869  
[sales@sure-green.com](mailto:sales@sure-green.com)

Trade accounts available



FREE Click & Collect

Local HIAB Delivery

# WJH Grab Hire Ltd

WJH GRAB HIRE LTD are a fast reliable service  
for muck/grab away and delivery of all types  
of aggregates for commercial and domestic use:

## WE CAN REMOVE

- Soil and hardcore
- Muckaway clay
- Hardcore
- Tarmac

## AGGREGATES AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY

- Sand
- Ballast
- Gravel
- Type 1 MOT
- Sleepers
- Topsoil
- Crushed Concrete
- Decorative Stone
- Road Planings



Call us today on  
**01371 238 621**  
OR  
**07758 160 366**



## NOTLEY GREEN CARPET BOWLS CLUB

As I write this article Boris has outlined the roadmap as to how we come out of the current lockdown. I guess we have to wait and see how the return to schools rolls out and subsequent measures that will follow but on the face of it as of now we may be in a position to return to bowling around the middle of May but don't quote me on that. We had an all too brief return to playing in the summer only for that to be undone and we were closed down having gone to a lot of trouble to put all the measures in place required by the government.

Notley Green Carpet Bowls Club is still very much around even if the best we can do is to endure virtual committee meetings with the hope that we can look forward to the day when we can get back to playing, meeting friends from within the club and being something like normal if there is ever to be such a thing in the future. None of us are getting any younger so fingers crossed for good news before too long.

On the positive side the vaccine roll out is progressing very well so that is our light at the end of the tunnel which we all cling to.

A number of WI ladies and friends will already know that Roger Smith's wife Irene has sadly passed away. Irene was secretary of the club for a period of time and when she moved on from that she still supported club functions and sold raffle tickets which boosted the club funds. Irene is sadly missed by all who knew her.

Not much else to say except stay safe and when we are in a position to return to bowls maybe you might like to come along and give it a try, you will be made very welcome.

Best wishes

Ray Hall

Notley Green Carpet Bowls Club..



Please note that due to the current Coronavirus situation all activities of the Badminton club are suspended until further notice.

The club has not played since March and will advise when they intend to resume in due course making sure it is safe to do so.



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 side.

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





**Clerk: Suzanne Walker**

**Tel: 01376 331251**

**E-mail: [greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com)**

**Parish Councillors**

**Dorothy Griffin  
(Chairman)**

7 Thatcher's Way, Great Notley, CM77 7HB  
[cllrdgriffin@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrdgriffin@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Frankie RICCI  
(Vice-Chairman)**

1 Drayman's Grove, Great Notley, CM77 7GY  
01376 322695  
[cllrfricci@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrfricci@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Graham Butland**

25 Highclere Road, Great Notley  
[cllrgbutland@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrgbutland@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Barry Crawford**

10 Bridge End Lane, Great Notley  
07966 550507  
[cllrbcrawford@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrbcrawford@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Tom Cunningham**

35 Malyon Close, Braintree CM7 2QZ  
07891 537669  
[ClIrtcunningham@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:ClIrtcunningham@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Mark Hagger**

[cllrmhagger@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrmhagger@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Tony Pritchard**

[cllrtpritchard@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrtpritchard@greatnotley.org.uk)

**Graham Sheppard**

39 Cuckoo Way, Great Notley  
[cllrgsheppard@greatnotley.org.uk](mailto:cllrgsheppard@greatnotley.org.uk)

**District Councillors**

**Graham BUTLAND,**

25 Highclere Road, Great Notley CM77 7WX  
01376 345681

**Frankie RICCI,**

1 Drayman's Grove, Great Notley, CM77 7GY  
01376 322695

**Tom CUNNINGHAM**

35 Malyon Close, Braintree  
07891 537669

**County Councillor**

**Graham BUTLAND**

25 Highclere Road, Great Notley CM77 7WX  
01376 345681 email: [graham.butland@essex.gov.uk](mailto:graham.butland@essex.gov.uk)



**Website:**

**[www.greatnotley.org.uk](http://www.greatnotley.org.uk)**



organisation	Contact name	Contact details
Art club	Isobel Chaudry	01376 552376
Badminton	Keith Hind	01376 327687
Bridge	Peter Whent	0797 4940265
Carpet bowls	Ray Hall	01376 749580
White Court Dance club	Margaret Cave	07809 042964
Church in Great Notley		01376 567971
WINGS evening Women's Institute	Linda Pickers	07713 754414
NGCA		01376 348449
Photography club		gnpc@gmail.com
Scouts	Danny Yates	07795 060075
Tai Chi		01206 576167
Toddler Group	NGCA	01376 348449
workout	Brendan Cassidy	thechair@ngca.org.uk
Gardening Club	Pauline Inskipp	01376 342165
Tuneful Tots	Kelly Croker	0759 0031278
Notley Yoga	Leigh Acteson-Rook	07723 321818
Feel Good Pilates	Karen Blackburn	07515 547683
GP Surgery		01376 341411
Ducklings Pre-School	Julie Cook	01376 340432
Little Notleys pre-school	Steph Long	01376 339590
Busy Bees nursery	Melissa Harrison	07723 321818
White Court Primary School	Candida Burrell	01376 331801
Notley Green Primary School		01376 343485
Brownies and Rainbows		<a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested">www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested</a>
Rascalls	Dianne Neave	01376 331543
Local History Group	Ian Hume	01376 330733
Slamseys	Ruth Wheaton	01245 361400

We are at  
**home** in  
**Great Notley**



*Your Local Property Specialists*

Thinking of buying, selling or renting?  
 There is only one number you need

**01376 341 141**

[www.hamiltonpiers.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonpiers.co.uk) 7 The Square, Great Notley, CM77 7WT  
 780 Associated Offices including Chelmsford and Park Lane, London W1

Massage  
 Facials  
 Holistic treatments  
 Manicures/Pedicures  
 Tanning/Waxing  
 Threading

**THE RETREAT**  
 Beauty and Holistic  
 SPA

Spa Garden  
 Barrel Sauna  
 Hydrotherapy Pool  
 Slipper baths  
 Relaxation suite  
 Private hire



Hidden away in the  
 Essex countryside...

Call 01371 878989  
 or visit: [www.theretreatspa.co.uk](http://www.theretreatspa.co.uk)

...a haven from the  
 bustle of daily living



ADVANCED.....  
 nutrition programme  
**AromaWorks**

**ENVIRON**  
real results. radiant skin

**O.P.I**

*Jane Feredale*  
THE SKIN CARE MAKER

**Minx**

*natural spa facials*  
— (S) BATH ENGLAND —

**aqera**  
by suncare

**ST. TROPEZ**  
The Ultimate Tan

Find Us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram - The Retreat - Dunmow



Polly's Field Village  
BY ABBEYFIELD

# Retirement with a more *inspiring view*



*Arriving soon*



Register your interest  
01376 77 30 20  
or for more information and  
to take a virtual tour of the  
village visit our website  
[www.pollysfieldvillage.com](http://www.pollysfieldvillage.com)



**Abbeyfield**

Making time for older people

The Abbeyfield Braintree, Bocking and Felsted Society



Essex County Council



Braintree District Council



Homes England

Company Number: 945603.  
Registered Charity Number: 257782.  
Housing Corporation Number: H0340