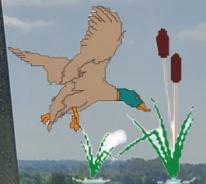


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Chairman's Introduction

At last, we seem to be on the road back to normality. It seems it's not to be an easy one but, as long as we all take care, we are set to win the race against the new variants that are troubling us at the moment. It is lovely to see the village coming into its own again with all the beautiful trees and shrubs in full bloom despite the unseasonable weather and an unusually wet May.

The newly refurbished RAFT seems to have been much appreciated by all and thanks must go to Groundworks and Bencrete for their work on this project. Activities at the Community Centre and on the green are once more available and local restaurants and pubs are open again. It seems such a long time since we've been able to meet with family and friends and to go out together with other people and enjoy their company.

The Parish Council has continued with business as usual throughout the pandemic but must now return to meetings in person. The government has not given permission to continue with Zoom meetings so we hope to see residents at the Notley Green Community Centre once again. We would like to see the community spirit, that has grown during lockdown, to continue. So many have given their time in helping others and looking out for neighbours.

Thanks must go to the members of Council and to Suzanne Walker for all her advice on Facebook and our webpages, to the litter team who have worked so hard and to the WI for their skills in beautifully decorating the village sign at various times throughout the year. With so many people out and about it has been lovely for us to have such a cared for village to walk through during our time in lockdown.

We have come through at last, though with no little loss and distress and I wish us all well for the rest of the year

Dorothy Griffin
Chairman Great Notley Parish Council

**Chairman's Report 2020/21**

This year has been a very difficult one for all of us but especially for those who have lost loved ones.

The Parish Council has continued its work without interruption, but meetings have been held online using Zoom and we have had members of the public logging on as welcome participants. We have seen a few changes within the team, welcoming Mark Hagger as a new councillor, and also welcoming a new litter picker to the team enabling the Parish Council to continue to provide litter picking for 7 days a week. I would like to thank those who gave up their time freely to assist with decision making to ensure Great Notley and White Court remain a well-regarded and happy place to live and work.

Some of the main points that we have delivered on in the 2020/2021 civic year are summarised below:

The Parish Council continues to provide 70 hours a week litter picking to keep Parish clean and tidy but has, at times, to increase these hours because of the large increase in rubbish being deposited during lockdowns. In addition, the PC has purchased new litter bins and updated the map boards.

We have almost completed the refurbishment of the play area at the RAFT having raised a large amount of grant funding towards the project and concluding the lease of land from BDC. It is hoped to reopen by mid-April

We continue to maintain the Levens Way play area which is open once again after closures because of safety issues caused by the pandemic

The North Essex Parking Partnership have been helpful in tackling the issue of inconsiderate and illegal parking within the village, but we await the decisions on requests for a 20-mph speed limit in White Court and a speed survey on London Road. We continue to liaise with the Country Park regarding overspill parking onto village, and with schools to assist them in the challenge of parking at school run times. BDC are soon to place bollards by Panners Bridge to stop unwary pedestrians crossing and encourage their use of the footpaths around it.

Our newly formed Health and wellbeing working group has been busy liaising with the GPs surgery, the volunteer hub at the Church, and the Community Association. It has also produced a leaflet circulated by councillors and volunteers to all homes. This set out the help available from volunteers at the Church and the Social prescriber at the surgery.

The Council also agreed to purchase mobile phones to be lent to the Church hub in order to help with communication at this difficult time.

The provision of allotments moves slowly but the Clerk has been in touch with The National Allotment Society who are pleased to offer any help that is necessary

Having been unable to hold a Remembrance Service this year we were grateful to the WI who decorated the village sign beautifully in an act of remembrance. They will do something similar at Easter and we are very grateful to them.

Similarly, the Torchlight Procession was not possible, and we are to review our future Christmas activities

Communication with residents using the Great Notley Times magazine, the website and Facebook page as well as getting information out quickly has been very important this year. This has been ably done by the Clerk, Suzanne Walker, who is quick to respond to queries from residents and ever mindful of all information they will find useful

The Strategy concerning trees in the parish, especially along Great Notley Avenue, is on hold because of the pandemic but will be addressed as soon as is possible with Braintree District Council who are responsible for tree management in the Parish.

We will continue to represent the Parish with sound approaches to Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and other statutory bodies when we have concerns or issues that require a collaborative approach to overcome.

Parish Council Tax increases of a small amount will be applied from April. In the instance of a band D property this equates to an increase of £1.70 per year or 3 pence per week.

The reason for the increase is to cover increased staff costs in view of the increase in the minimum wage and to ensure that the village remains clean and tidy in accordance with expectations of residents.

I would like to thank my Vice Chairman Frankie Ricci for his support over the past few months, along with my fellow Parish councillors, the litter picking team and the Parish Clerk.

Dorothy Griffin
Chairman Great Notley Parish Council



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

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30th June to 5th July 2021

30th September to 5th October 2021

4th to 7th January 2022



Recycling

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:

- 28th July
- 25th August
- 22nd September
- 20th October
- 17th November
- 15th December

Whilst Covid restrictions are in place please observe social distancing.



Knots, Pizza making, Battleships, Join us !

There is no such thing as a typical session at Scouts, and this year has been proof of that. Though we, along with the rest of the world had to shut down - it wasn't long before we re-booted and went online. Via Zoom we ran sessions for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, as we launched our Co-Video format.

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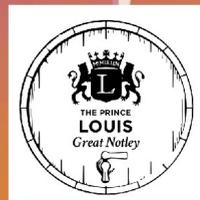
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**Parish Events****Parish Events 2021**

As we slowly emerge from lockdown the Parish Council has been collaborating with other Community Groups, specifically the Notley Green Community Association and the local Women's Institute WINGS to consider community events for later in the year.

Remembrance Day

For this year and in view of the fact that the Parish Council wishes people to feel confident to come to an event and socially distance if they wish the Remembrance Sunday event will be held on the village green. As usual youth organizations will be invited and residents are also welcome to attend on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 12 midday.

In addition, this year, after the event there will be a get together in the Community Centre.

There will be more information in the autumn edition of the magazine but do please note the new arrangements.

Christmas event

Plans are underway to organize a wonderful family event in and around the Community Centre on 18th December 2021 so do put the date in your diary and as plans progress the details will be published in the next edition of the magazine and on Facebook.



ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS IN THE THREE FIELDS WITH GREAT NOTLEY COUNTY DIVISION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM BUTLAND

The last twelve months have been challenging for all our communities as the effect of the COVID pandemic has been felt throughout the area.

I congratulate all eight Parish Councils on maintaining their services to residents and for the way in which many of them have helped to look after more vulnerable members of the community.

As the local County Councillor, I have not been able, due to lockdown, restrictions, to get around the area as much as I would normally do. Nevertheless, working with the Parish Clerks and being able to attend many of the Parish Council meetings via Zoom I have been able to deal with most of the local issues that have arisen.

Throughout the year Highways issues have tended to dominate the agenda together with flooding matters arising from the wet period in January and February. Essex County Council invited each County Councillor to put forward 50 potholes in their Division for priority treatment. I forwarded all the potholes “nominated” by the Parish Councils and they have been dealt with during the year. However, rather like painting the Forth Bridge, road repairs remain a never-ending task.

In February 2021, I facilitated a meeting between the Parishes and the Essex Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst, on the issue of nuisance vehicles speeding through our villages. I am delighted that the Commissioner recognised the disturbance that it causes to residents and that he has agreed an action plan to tackle the issue.

Finally, in 2020-21 the county Council introduced a new Locality Fund whereby each County Councillor was allocated £10,000 to use in their Division to support local projects.

I was delighted that I was able to support projects in all eight of the parishes as follows,

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| £2,250 | Salings Parish Council to provide wooden gates at entry points to the village. |
| £1,000 | William Bendlowe Charity towards the cost of building a petanque terrain at Shalford Village Hall. |
| £2,000 | St Mary's Church, Wethersfield towards the cost of urgent roof repairs at the church. |
| £1,000 | Panfield Community Association towards the cost of repairs to the roof of the Village Hall. |
| £1,000 | Great Bardfield Parish Council towards the refurbishment of the school green footpath. |
| £1,000 | Great Notley Parish Council to support the upgrading of village maps at the entrances to Great Notley and White Court. |
| £700 | Wethersfield Community Centre to complete flooring in the community centre rooms. |
| £400 | Friends of the Flitch Way to support the maintenance of the area. |
| £300 | Rayne Village Hall to purchase PPE and cleaning supplies during the pandemic. |
| £132 | Finchingfield Guildhall to purchase a whiteboard for the Guildhall. |

Let us hope that 2021-22 will see a gradual and safe return to normality.

Best wishes,
County Councillor Graham Butland

**RAFT Update**

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce the completion of the upgrade of the recreational area for teenagers (RAFT) at Notley Green.

The old metal skate ramp and old seats have been removed and replaced with a new concrete ramp and a youth shelter. Also, the existing goal ends and basketball hoops have been repaired and repainted. The vegetation was cut back to improve visibility and the aesthetic of the area.

Thanks to the contractors Bendcrete Leisure for carrying out the work and thanks also to the agencies that assisted in funding the project being 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.

The area is proving to be very popular and it is hoped that the upgraded area will be enjoyed by young people in the Parish for years to come!



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Your Heritage and Culture needs you

We have spoken of metal theft before, seeing it in many forms i.e. the theft of catalytic convertors from the exhaust system on cars and vans, lead from roofs old and modern rural and urban, cabling for utilities such as telecommunications and many other examples from around us where there are valuable metals. This time we are focusing on our heritage and culture under threat, and again seeking those extra pairs of eyes to report anything that you believe is suspicious.

The country and our county are full of a wealth of heritage and culture each telling a story of our past, some listed others not, some attractive and others perhaps not so attractive but each with a story. Our heritage and culture have been there for past and present generations to discover, enquire, learn from and enjoy and we need to protect it for future generations; it's like a piece of a jigsaw if a piece is missing the picture is not complete. A heritage asset cannot be replaced, when it's gone it's gone, when its damaged it may not be possible to repair that damage satisfactorily and future generations are deprived of it.

Heritage crime comes in many forms, these are but a few:

The theft of lead from a roof and its resultant water damage causing catastrophic damage to a church or other heritage building potentially also causing the cancellation of a wedding or other function.

Our heritage buildings, grounds and structures also suffer from the theft of paving stones, bricks, and other architectural masonry.

Monuments and memorials suffer from damage, and theft, often of metal plaques bearing the names of events of those recognised.

Royal mail post boxes many unique and recognised from a specific period in time are stolen.

Burglaries from historic venues and museums like that recently from Arundel Castle that stolen including the Gold Rosary Beads carried by Mary Queen of Scots at her execution in 1587, many visitors would have looked in awe of it and its history within its showcase.

'Nighthawking' the theft of archaeological material by unlawful metal detecting on scheduled monuments.

Graffiti to heritage structures.

All these crimes will not only have a detrimental impact on their custodians but also on the local community, families, and those from further afield. Some locations will be isolated and others may not, some may have neighbours, visitors, passer-by's, dog walkers, horse riders, hikers and more; see something suspicious report it to staff where appropriate, or the police using 999 if you believe a crime is in progress or 101, online or chat if not an emergency. **Don't know where you are use the "What Three Words" App** <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app/> police and other emergency services use it.

So, what can be done? We can make it more difficult to steal and we can make it more difficult to dispose of.

Making it more difficult to steal or dispose of:

Report any suspicious activity: i.e. the car or other vehicle parked up in a sus-

picious manner or seemingly out of place going down that lonely lane to an isolated church, unusual activity around a church, heritage or other building when it's not normal especially on a roof, unmarked vehicle with people removing a mailbox, unusual activity on a known scheduled monument or late evening/night metal detecting. **NB** – If you have planned building work let your neighbours, parishioners, employees know including who they are, what hours they will be there and provide an emergency contact number.

Make it harder to steal: i.e. reduce access make them walk further and into public view especially when protecting buildings and their roofs, remove aids to the thief i.e. tools to do the job and climbing aids or something to carry their ill-gotten gains away, consider an alarm, with lead from roofs especially try and make access difficult subject to certain conditions you could use a spiky topping around downpipes fencing and roofs. Consider electronic security and CCTV.

Making it harder to dispose of: to start off with if its less attractive its less likely to be stolen so appropriate property marking and signage may deter. Property marking makes it harder to dispose of, and there is something for almost everything from historic artefacts on the seabed to catalytic converter to roofing material to your day to day property. **NB seek advice and the relevant authorities before marking heritage items.** An unmarked piece of property can be anonymous when stolen, in most cases we don't know where it came from and therefore any prosecution is that much more difficult. A thief will know this and therefore anything that ties it back to the owner presents a risk not only to the thief but also to the handler, if the handler will not take it or it causes difficult questions at a boot fair or other then it's not worth stealing it in the first place.

If you are buying a piece of history, heritage stone, architectural masonry etc. question its provenance, where it came from, legitimacy of the seller, if in doubt report it to Trading Standards or the Police.

Essex is one of a growing number of counties in the network of Heritage Watches, talking to each other, with members helping to protect our heritage for this and future generations. Protect your neighbourhood by setting up a Neighbourhood Watch, Heritage Watch or Business Watch if you have not got one, the signage deters, and many eyes are better than one pair

For further advice on heritage crime and crime prevention see:

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Stephen Armson-Smith



News from the school

It's been a busy term at Notley Green Primary School. We're all really enjoying our learning and are busy preparing for our Performing Arts festival. Each year group is responsible for improving an outdoor area of our school as part of our Nature's Voice project.



EYFS have been learning about Brazil. They've been on a Rainforest adventure, looking at plants and animals. They have been exploring gymnastics and making carnival masks. The children have also been comparing their own locality with Brazil. Their Nature's Voice project has been a bee project where they have been researching bees and their importance to our environment. They carried out a bee survey and have chosen bee friendly flowers to plant. The children thought about colours, scents and textures to attract bees.

Year 1 have been learning all about Kenya. They have studied colours and patterns in Kenyan art and clothing and have compared the weather there to here in Braintree. The children have created fact files about Kenya and used Paint on the computers to create animals and flags linked to Kenya. For their Nature's Voice project, Year 1 have designed a wildlife garden to attract bees, insects, birds and hedgehogs. They have designed butterfly houses and bug hotels and will be making their own bird bath and feeders.

Year 2 are learning about China and are comparing the country to the UK. The children have made wontons and have learnt and written some Chinese words and phrases and have studied the artist Qai Bi Shi, creating their own watercolour in a similar style. For the Nature's Voice project, the children are planting a wild flower area at the front of the school and creating a concrete garden with pots and planters.

Year 3 are spending time learning about Mexico. They have studied the climate of Mexico and have been learning to read different maps. The children have been learning about how life is similar and different for children in Mexico and the UK. Their Nature's Voice project has been the Forest School area where they have cleared out all the rubbish, removed weeds and tidied everything up. They put bark down on the path through the area, have painted benches and made bug hotels to encourage wildlife to visit.

Year 4 have been busy learning about Greece. They started their topic tasting a range of Greek food which they mostly found to be delicious. The children have studied the terrain of Greece using Google Earth and have compared London to Athens. The Year 4 Nature's Voice project has been focussed on improving the sensory garden. Children have spent time weeded and clearing before deciding which plants they would like to grow to enrich the sensory experience.

Year 5 have been learning about New Zealand. They have compared the terrain and weather patterns with the UK and looked at population density and reasons why areas are becoming more populated than others. For their Nature's Voice project, Year 5 have cleared an area at the side of the school and have chosen a range of wild plants and trees to plant which will attract wildlife. They will be planting these in the coming weeks.

Year 6 have been learning about London. They have been studying maps and learning about six figure grid references. The children have been exploring changes to the population of London over time and are presenting their findings and statistics in a range of ways. For their Nature's Voice project, Year 6 are overhauling the allotment. They have spent time preparing the ground and digging over the soil.



The children have researched vegetables they would like to grow and have selected a range including carrots, corn on the cob, courgettes, runner beans and various herbs.

The advertisement for Chris's Cars is set against a black background. At the top, a white outline of a car's roof and hood is shown, with the text 'Chris's Cars' in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside. To the right of this is a white Facebook 'f' icon followed by the text '@chriscars'. Below the car outline is a circular inset photograph of a dark-colored sedan. In the bottom left corner, a white circle contains the text 'All Airports Runs at Competitive Rates Available'. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Contact us now' is written in a white, sans-serif font, with the phone number '07495 766 539' in a larger, bold, white, sans-serif font below it. A white, zigzag pattern resembling a road or a stylized 'Z' runs diagonally across the bottom right of the advertisement.



Great Notley Parish Council Meetings for 2021

Changes have been made in relation to meeting days, dates and times of Parish Council meetings for the remainder of 2021. The dates are set out below.

At each meeting there is an opportunity for residents to raise any issues which are relevant to the parish.

Monday 19th July 2021 at 8pm in the large hall at the Community Centre

THURSDAY 9th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the large hall of the Community Centre

THURSDAY 14th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the large hall of the Community Centre

At the October meeting a decision will be made as to the dates and venue for the meetings in November and December and up to date information can always be found on the Parish Council website or by contacting the Clerk – phone 01376 331251 or email greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com



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July to September Sky guideposts

In the west find Arcturus, a bright orange star. If you find the Big Dipper, it's visible to the north-west, you can spot it using the adage "Ark to Arcturus", follow the Ark of the big dippers handle on an imaginary curve bending southwards until you see a brilliant orange star Arcturus. The two stars at the far edge of the bowl of the Big Dipper will point you towards Polaris, the NorthStar. Arcturus is a signpost in the western sky.

Move eastwards, and high in the sky you'll find a 'Summer Triangle' of very bright stars. The one to the south is a blue first magnitude star called Altair. It's the centre and brightest of three stars in a short row. The other two Summer Triangle stars almost directly overhead. To the east is a bright star Deneb. It appears at the top of the big bright cross of stars sometimes called the northern cross. Unlike its smaller but brighter southern namesake the northern cross is not by itself an official constellation; rather it is the neck and wings of Cygnus, the Swan. The brightest of the triangle stars, highest in the sky, is Vega. It's a brilliant blue white star. Compare its colour to the equally bright orange star of Arcturus and the deep red of Antares to its south.

In the south you'll see Antares, a very bright red star it is in the constellation Scorpius which is one of the zodiacs, so look out for planets here too.

Antares lies in the path of planets and it's red in colour, Antares can be confused with the planet Mars: Antares is Greek for 'rival of Mars'. However, Antares twinkles more than any planet does.

To the west of Antares are three bright stars in a vertical row; these are sometimes called the claw of The Scorpion.

Rising to the east of Antares is a set of stars that look like the outline of a house; look more closely for other slightly fainter stars nearby, and you can turn it into the shape of a teapot. Indeed, when the sky is really dark you can see a bright knot of the Milky Way above it that looks like a cloud of steam coming out of its spout. This is Sagittarius, another zodiac constellation and so another place to look for planets. It's also the constellation containing the centre of the Milky Way galaxy, and so the richest region of the sky to look for clusters and nebula.

Rising in the east are the four stars of the Great Square looking more like a diamond than a square during this season and to the north the large W shape of Cassiopeia. The stars will be used later in the year as a guide post In the winter edition.

The Milky Way makes a path of light from north-east to the south. On a good dark night, it's nice just to scan your eyes through it looking especially around Sagittarius and Deneb and Cygnus.



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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


Receipts and payments account for year end 31st
Great Notley Parish Council

Receipts and payments account for year end 31 March 2021

RECEIPTS

31-Mar-20		31-Mar-21
£		£
87,269.00	Precept	88,642.00
777.00	Localism Fund	1,162.00
3,340.00	Great Notley Times Adver	2,400.00
134.99	Bank Interest	68.42
659.41	Savings Bond Interest	12.33
9,326.58	BDC Street Cleansing Par	9,510.87
2,976.89	VAT refund	2,435.20
0.00	Grant funding	11,000.00
452.61	other income	46.00
104936.48	Total Receipts	115,276.82

£		£
5,479.18	Administration	4768.90
61,417.39	Salaries & Pensions	67803.95
2,005.22	Motor Van Expenses	1377.83
638.60	Training	275.00
8,606.83	Great Notley Times/Counc	6563.54
1,955.00	S137 Payments & Donatic	20.00
4,881.71	Street Furniture	3085.85
1,057.07	Lighting Supply & Mainten	920.11
195.00	Open Spaces and War me	126.00
1,820.64	play areas	17952.75
2,435.20	VAT	5285.03
1,056.98	Subscriptions	1119.98
830.00	Storage Unit	706.16
675.30	Parish Special Events	54.00
347.20	Tools and PPE	378.34
93401.32	Total Payments	110,437.44

Bank Reconciliation as at close of business 31 March 2021

Confirmed Bank Balances	£
Unity Trust Current account	90,827.50
Business Saver Account	2,676.74
Saffron building So Society Corpotate Fixed Bond	46,012.33
Balance as at 31 March 2021	139,516.57
Less cheques issued but not presented	0.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	139,516.57
	£
Balance b/f 31 March 2020	139,516.57
Income	110,437.44
	249,954.01

Great TIMES

Covid-19 Support



Update

- More than 10 million people in the UK are vaccinated with a second dose of the COVID-19 jab.
- Almost one and five adults in the UK have now received both doses.
- People are urged to take up the second dose to maximise protection.
- Over 10 million people in the UK have received the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

Health services across the UK have now administered a total of 43,084,487 million vaccines between December 8 and the 18th of April including 32,932,448 million people with their first dose and 10,152,039 million with a second dose.

The milestone means of 19% of all UK adults have received both vaccines.

The government has already hit its target of offering everybody in cohorts 1 to 9 - those aged 50 and over, clinically vulnerable and health and social care workers are first dose of the vaccine by the 15th of April remains on track to offer the job to all adults by the end of July.

Vice minister Nadhim Zaharia said “vaccines have already saved more than 10,000 lives and this is the best way to protect you and your love ones from this dreadful disease”

“We want to send this virus into retreat no matter who you are, where you live, your race or your religion. I encourage everyone to get both doses when offered, and help this country return to normal life”

All vaccines being used in the UK have undergone robust clinical trials and have met the Independent Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulation Agencies strict standards of safety effectiveness and quality.

Rolling reviews are underway by the MHRA to assess the Janssen and the Novavax vaccines.

The spread and breadth of the UK vaccination program means even more people will soon develop strong protection from serious illness from COVID-19 infections, saving countless lives and significantly reducing pressure on the NHS.

Data from public-health England real-world study, shows the vaccines are already having significant impact in the UK, Reducing hospitalisation and death, saving more than 10,000 lives between December and March.

Approved vaccines are available and thousands of NHS vaccine centres, GP practices and pharmacies around 98% of the people live within 10 miles of vaccine centre in England and vaccinations are taking place at sites including mosques community centres and football stadiums.

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Woman's Institute Notley Green

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We were overwhelmed and thrilled to receive so many lovely complimentary comments. Well done and a big thank you to all those who contributed not only from our own WI members but from the community. We hope to continue with these projects in the future.

Our WI had gone from strength to strength with new members joining us throughout the lockdowns. The age of our membership ranges from ladies in their 20s to 70s. Friendships, lots of laughs and chats are growing through meetings and sub-groups. In March, we enjoyed, a paint-a-tutorial with lots of giggles from an artist "Quirky Bird".



Forthcoming meetings:-

17 June – Medical Detection Dogs

10 July – Refreshment Stall at the Great Notley Fete

15 July – Monthly Meeting

19 August - Social

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Some of these future meetings may still be held on zoom but we hope that with this forthcoming calendar we will be able to meet very soon face to face. We meet at approximately 7.45pm, with 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 and active group of Ladies in Great Notley then please contact us for any more information by email: joino-urwi@gmail.com or

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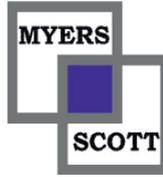
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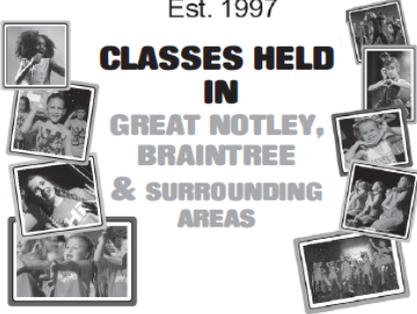
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E-Scooters



E-Scooter Information

Approved by the Department for Transport, Essex County Council is working with Spin, Braintree District Council and Essex Police in leading on the e-scooter trials as part of its Safer, Greener, Healthier transport campaign. Residents of Braintree can access Spin's e-scooters through a new long-term hire subscription model as a green, socially-distanced alternative mode of transport. For the first time, users who live in Braintree will be able to take home their Spin e-scooters for a monthly flat fee. You can find out more at the link below

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However Please note that private escooters remain illegal so if you see an escooter in this area that is not part of the Spin trial (they are painted bright orange) then it is not a lawful means of transport and should be reported to the Police.





River curiosities

Hello, I am Mike Bardell, new chairman of Braintree & Bocking Local History Society since Ian Hume left the area to live near family two months ago; we send Ian and Esther our best wishes and thanks for all the hard work they have put in over many years.

The Society is hoping to start meeting again in September. Our venue is St Paul's Church, Hay Lane, Braintree at 7.45pm on the fourth Monday of the month. We hold meetings from January to May then September to November. New members are always warmly welcomed.

In the absence of any Society news I offer you, something that often comes as a surprise, that Harlow, Chelmsford, Witham, Colchester and Clacton were once 'Thameside'. The River Thames was forced away from the Mid-Essex Depression, south to its present location by the Anglian Ice Sheet around 450,000 years ago. A wall of ice, around 1000 metres thick, reached as far as Hornchurch to cause the diversion. 'Thames' probably means dark water. The river's former route explains the rich sand and gravel deposits hereabouts.

Then Braintree and parts of Bocking could be called 'Mesopotamia', land between two rivers. That is far-fetched but each town (formally joined on 1 January 1934) has its own river and both change their name at a bridge in the urban area.

The Blackwater, first recorded by that name in 1477, becomes the Pant above King's Bridge in Bocking. 'Pante' or 'Pente' was recorded around 730AD but in the late 16th Century the whole river was known both as the Blackwater or Freshwell. It maybe that the latter name really only applied to one of the river's headwaters but it lived on as a 'Hundred' (the ancient land division) and name of the local magistrates court. 'Fresh' refers, not to water purity, but is Old English for frog.

The River Brain derives its name from the town itself. It changes name at Clap Bridge on Rayne Road to Pod's Brook. Pod may have been a person's name but it was sometimes written as 'Padbrooke' and 'padde' was Middle English for toad.

So the town is a place of frogs and toads!

Another curiosity is a name shown until recently on Ordnance Survey maps near the Blackwater, immediately north of the Coggeshall Road Recreation Ground - 'Hanging Hill'. In case you are concerned by the macabre do not worry. It has nothing to do with gallows but rather it is another Old English term for a wood on a steep slope. So Hill Hill!

Mike Bardell
Society chairman



Shopping List



Shopping List June/July 2021

Thank you for your continuing support during the Coronavirus crisis.

It is with your fantastic support that we are pleased to only be in short supply of the below items. By continuing to support us, we are actively working towards a future where there is no longer a need for Foodbanks.

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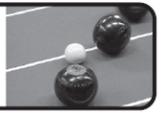
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- Deodorant (spray cans please)

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, tinned meat, beans, 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.

**Update**

I write this article the day before we are due to return to bowling on Monday the 17th May. The tumbleweed has stopped blowing around the now busy streets and roads and we are about to return to playing the game we love after what has been a very long time.

We have again put in place all the safety measures required by the government like washing and sanitising hands, social distancing regular cleaning of equipment just as we did for the period of our brief return to playing July – September last year. We are again playing two sessions in the one day, one after the other, having sanitised all equipment. We have different players at each session to reduce numbers within the hall and help with social distancing having safety uppermost in our minds.

This time we have the added bonus that most, if not all members will have had their two vaccinations which will add to us all feeling a lot safer which we did not have last year. Who knows if we are returning to something like normal but we have to hope and pray that lockdowns are a thing of the past. I guess we will have to wait and see what happens in the days and weeks and even months to come?

Friendly matches and league games are something for the future when we will hopefully meet up with friends and teams from the area. For now let us meet up and socialise away from the four walls of home and look forward to getting back to bowling and having a laugh with club members we have not seen for many months.

My thanks go out to the Notley Green Carpet Bowling Club Committee who have along with myself been keeping in touch via Zoom to make sure we have again kept up with all the measures we have needed to put in place to safely return to bowling.

Ray Hall
Notley Green Carpet Bowls Club.



White Court Dance

This has been a very strange year, but we are now back to face to face classes we hope forever. After such a long time on zoom the children are ready to take their exams. This term they have been working for their ballet grades and freestyle medals. It has been impossible to do tap and acro on zoom and very difficult with social distancing but hopefully we can concentrate on those subjects more next term.

By the time you read this the exams will be over fingers crossed they have done well.

One of our pupils, Mary-Beth was nominated to apply for an IDTA freestyle scholarship. Because of the lockdowns this has been postponed several times but is now going ahead later this term. We wish her good luck in her challenge.



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Update

You are probably aware that, like other sports clubs, the Table Tennis club has not been able to meet during the past year due to the covid 19 restrictions. With the easing of restrictions, we are planning to reopen on Thursday 24th June (barring any last minute Government changes) when we should be able to operate something near normality. So existing members we look forward to your return. We do have some membership spaces available so if you would like to come along and give it a try we would be pleased to see you.

The table tennis club meets on Thursday mornings at the Community Hall between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. The three hour session gives flexibility, we don't expect players to attend the full 3 hours. We have 5 tables in use so there is never too much sitting around waiting for a game. It is an extremely friendly club with competition not too serious and also very sociable, regularly celebrated member's birthdays during club sessions. If you would like some gentle exercise with a friendly atmosphere just come along.

If you require any further information please call the club secretary, Roger Watkins on 01376 329289



Update



If you enjoy social badminton then please call in any TUESDAY between 1.45 pm and 3.45 pm at the Notley Green Community Hall and join us for a FREE taster session. There is a small session fee on subsequent occasions.

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