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At last, the road back to normality continues apace and we find ourselves able to do more as the constraints we have become used to, during the last 18 months, are disappearing. That is not to say we can stop being careful as the pandemic is still very much with us and we must be alert and remember to take care.

Council business continues as usual, though back at the Community Centre now, but some of the same problems are still with us.

Racing cars blight the roads around the Parish and, if anything, have become more worrying as they organise themselves into a spectator sport. The police are well aware of the situation and are doing their best to resolve it. Residents have been very good at reporting incidents and, at the last council meeting, more information was given to the police officer present by concerned residents. The officer explained, to a certain extent, the steps presently being taken by the Police and some of the protocols that bind them. Members of the Council are looking to meet on a regular basis with the officer to address local issues.

There is a perception, by some residents, that the 20mph speed limit in the village is being ignored and on Bridge End Lane in particular. This has resulted in a resident parking in a manner he hopes will slow the traffic causing a lot of ill feeling. The matter is being looked into, but highways are an Essex county council responsibility and they only take action as and when they see fit. The issue will be raised at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council has been trying for years to persuade the highway authority of the need for a crossing across the A131 towards the Astronomer. They have finally decided funds are not available, as over £400,000 would be needed, and we now await the response to our plea for at least some signage to make motorists aware of pedestrians crossing there.

Inconsiderate parking continues to cause problems and we are in constant discussion with the North Essex Parking Partnership who patrol our area. The Council is to meet again with them late in September to see if there is a way to deal with the situation that will suit most people. The unusual weather has seen vegetation bloom quite spectacularly of late and some people have been worried by paths being obstructed. We

have passed these concerns on to Braintree Council who have responded as quickly as possible. The cutting of the verges on the A131 has also caused comments and we are pointing out instances of signs and lines of site being obstructed to the relevant authorities. The new policy is to cut less frequently for environmental reasons, amongst others. Take a look at the update article about traffic issues further on in the magazine'

On a lighter note, we've been busy planning the Remembrance and Christmas events. We are pleased that members of the community from various groups have been coming together to help and we have an exciting new format for both. Information about these events can be seen further on in the magazine. It has been very pleasing to see so much community spirit in the Parish and bodes well for the future.

It is also good news that The Parish Council has renewed its Foundation status in the Local Council Awards Scheme which demonstrates that it complies with good standards of Governance.

As I write this, we are enjoying a few days of bright sunshine as we move into Autumn and I hope our fight against the pandemic continues to be successful so that we can enjoy the new season and a healthy run up to Christmas time. Take care.

Dorothy Griffin
Chairman Great Notley Parish Council

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Recycling



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:

17th November 21

15th December 21

Whilst Covid restrictions are in place please observe social distancing.



Men's Social Group

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity host monthly Men's Social Group

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity are pleased to announce the launch of their Men's Social Group at their Mid Essex Support Centre in Hatfield Peverel, near Chelmsford.

The sessions which will take place every first Thursday of the month from 10am to 12pm, are to encourage men and their peers to talk about going through the issues of either having cancer or being directly affected by cancer.

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Centre Coordinator Hazel Keane explains; *"While men represent 51% of people diagnosed with cancer, we know they find it harder to talk about it. They might worry about how their diagnosis will affect loved ones, have questions about work, symptoms or even money worries.*

We hear that a lot of our male clients feel under pressure to 'man up' and stuff your emotions down which means that men are missing out and aren't asking for, or getting, the essential support they need from us. Our Social Group is an informal gathering in a confidential environment where men can share as much or as little as they want in a safe place and we will be here to provide information about our services. And with the added bonus of a tea/coffee and bacon sandwich – what's stopping you!?"

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Trustee John Triston said; *"Our first session has already proved popular and we have had some fantastic feedback..."*

"This has been great – I can talk to my partner/friends but they don't and can't understand exactly what I am going through – you guys can".

Following on from our first event, a small group of attendees have already been busy building a new gazebo donated to the charity by Sandra and Daz Liversidge, for the garden of our Mid Essex Support Centre in Hatfield Peverel A big thanks to Mark Cannon, Phil Morris, Ken Perry and Daz Liversidge (pictured).

We have many more plans for the future including meeting for walks, bike rides, small work projects for the charity and potentially a sponsored event or two – watch this space!”

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity CEO Kate Alden added; *“We are seeing an increasing number of men using our services which is fantastic news but we know we can do more! That’s why we have set up our Social Group to help support men either facing cancer or looking after someone who has been diagnosed.*

Sometimes it is easier to talk with someone you do not know. You may feel less pressure to act a certain way. You may also feel safe knowing that they will not share the conversation with your friends or family.

So why not join us on the first Thursday of every month from 10am to 12pm at our Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel where you will be warmly greeted by our staff and volunteers”.

For more information please visit our website www.helenrollason.org.uk or call our Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre on 01245 382888.



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HALLOWEEN TRAIL



Look out for details about our Halloween Trail that will be running over the October half term.

All welcome.

More details coming on our FB page

SAVE THE DATE



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 26TH
NOVEMBER

WREATH MAKING



WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
ALL WELCOME

BAG2SCHOOL

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2021
TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2022

SCHOOL LOTTERY

One of our school players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the national £25k jackpot!

Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to White Court School. Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. The easiest way to join our lottery is online at www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

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**Could YOU be a *Bloodrunner*?**

The **Essex Voluntary Blood Service** – or *Essex Bloodrunners* for short, is a charity providing medical courier services to the NHS and our local Air Ambulances. We are one of 30 such organisations in the UK.



From the NHS Blood Bank at Basildon, our unpaid volunteers deliver blood and blood products to A&E Hospitals in Essex and East London; deliver samples for analysis to a NHS Lab in North London, and via Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, supply blood to the Air Ambulances at Earls Colne and North Weald every night. Amongst many other tasks we also courier breast milk from donors to the Hearts Milk Bank and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

We operate every weekday night, and day and night shifts at weekends and Bank Holidays. Our enhanced support to Hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic has also introduced a weekday daytime shift. We now need more members to join those already in Rayne and Braintree. You choose in advance the days and shifts you work. We are looking for reliable and responsible men and women from all backgrounds, employed or retired, with a motorcycle, car or van, a mobile phone and internet access. You will receive training, documentation, full support and a hi-viz uniform jacket.

You will work alone on a delivery run with a typical round-trip distance from home of between 60 and 120 miles and be the face of Essex Bloodrunners to the public and NHS staff. The work is not glamorous; can be tiring; you may work unsocial hours in all weathers and you will add thousands of miles to your vehicle. You are unpaid and cover all your own expenses... *so not much going for it really!*

However, rather like being a First Aider or Blood Donor, this is one of the very few ways that an ordinary member of the public can help **save a life**.

Most of you reading this piece will think "*sounds good, but not for me*", which we quite understand, but just one of you may wish to enquire further. If so, see our website at:

EssexVoluntaryBloodService.com

And thank you for your kind attention.



Walking Group Update



BRAINTREE DISTRICT WALKABOUT

We're back in our stride again!



Thanks to our designation as an 'organised outdoor activity', group walks with up to 30 people restarted back in the Spring – as you can see below, social distancing was maintained.



We can accommodate even larger numbers now and, in addition to our usual walks in Braintree & Witham, we have ventured out into the Essex countryside for some slightly longer excursions. In June we walked from Dedham to Flatford Mill and back and picnicked by the river, all in beautiful sunshine.



July saw us in Castle Hedingham, finally able to enjoy a pub lunch after another very pleasant walk.



Most recently we walked on part of the Essex Way in a circular walk that took in Great Waltham & Pleshey and finished with some of the best chips we'd ever tasted!



All of these events were very well attended, with around 30 members of the group coming each time and a choice of short and long routes to suit all tastes.

In the past few weeks, four of our established walkers have completed their training as new Walk Leaders. Thank you for volunteering and congratulations to John, Niki, Sally and Simon.

We are now officially part of the Ramblers' Walks for Wellbeing, but this name change makes no difference to what we offer. Our regular walks, usually about 3 miles long, will cost you nothing and we have 'short walk' options for those who prefer them.

We continue to meet three times a week:

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

The companionship offered by walking together is a very important aspect of what we do and in future we would like to become even more inclusive. In particular we aim to involve users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters, especially in Great Notley. Please get in touch if this is something that would interest you.

So, for fresh air, good company & the chance to natter over a cuppa afterwards

- Visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk or
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- Phone 07799 068408



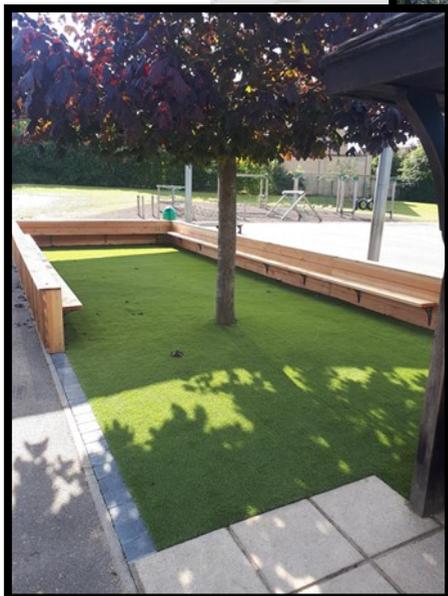
News from the school

It has been lovely welcoming back the children and all new starters this September. Hearing the children enthusing about their summers and being excited about their learning has been wonderful to hear. At break and lunchtimes, the children are enjoying mixing with other year groups again and supporting each other in the lunch hall.



Every year group is thoroughly engaged in their topics this term. We are all learning about geography and explorers throughout history. The children's learning to learn behaviours are strong and they are using these metacognitive traits in every lesson.

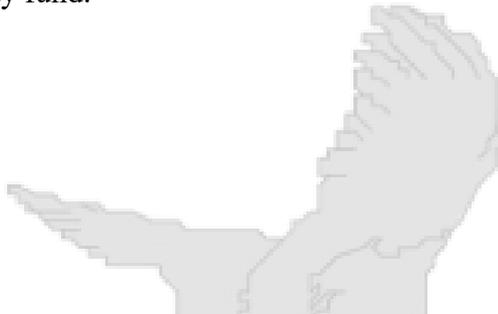
Our outdoor areas have been much improved over the summer. The astro pitch has been fully replaced and is now fully operational. We have also had a new outdoor reading area installed with seating and artificial grass. It is fantastic seeing the children enjoying these new outdoor spaces with their friends. We will be working further on developing the outdoor areas we created last year with our Nature's Voice projects to make our learning environment the best it can be.





Map Board

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the new map board has now been installed at the Windermere Drive entrance to White Court in the Parish. It was possible to purchase the board with the assistance of a grant from the Essex County Council Locality fund.



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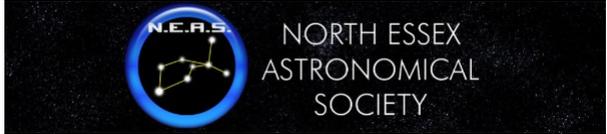


NEAS at Country Park

North Essex Astronomical Society will be at Great Notley Country park on the following dates:

Friday 12 Nov

Friday 17 Dec



We will have telescopes and binoculars of all shapes and sizes for you to look through from 7pm –9pm. Wrap up warm and come along, look out for the red lights. We will be in a slightly different place this year. Please be aware we cant control the weather, so please check for heavy cloud before heading out.



**All residents are invited to
the
Service of Remembrance
Sunday 14th November
2021**



At 12 Noon

‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them’

Please note that enable for sufficient space for everyone to attend in these difficult times the event will be taking place on the green behind the Community Centre this year and not at the White Court Memorial

Food and drink to be served afterwards in the Community Centre courtesy of the Tesco store

July to September Sky guideposts

First look to the south and west. There you will see three bright stars of the summer Triangle slowly setting. Altar is to the south the brilliant blue one further north nearest the horizon, is Vega and the bright star overhead is Deneb. Deneb is at the top of a collection of stars in the form of a cross standing almost upright between Vega and Altar during this time of year.

High overhead of four stars of the great Square. Although they are not particularly bright, they stand out because they are brighter than any other stars near them. The square is lined up so the sides are aligned north and south, east and west. South of the square, the skies are nearly barren of stars. There is one very bright star called Formlhaut (pronounced something like form-a-lot), low to the south. If you see any other bright objects to its north it's probably a planet.

North of the Great Square, you'll see five main stars Cassiopeia making a bright W shape or an M shape depending on your point of view. It will be visible as far south as Brazil.

A string of second magnitude stars runs for the north east corner of the great square in a line south of Cassiopeia, that's the constellation Andromeda. The Milky Way runs through Cassiopeia and continues across the northern horizon. It's out of reach for observers in southern climes but some of its best objects are visible now in the north especially around Cassiopeia. It's nice just to scan your telescope through Cassiopeia and Perseus at random not looking for any object in particular.

To the east, you'll see the winter stars begin to make their appearance look for a little cluster of stars called Pleiades or the seven sisters as most people know it.

East and south of Pleiades is the reddish star Aldebaran; north of the Pleiades is a brilliant star Capella. It is a magnitude zero star a match for Vega in the west.

Along the horizon, the bright stars of Orion, Beetlejuice and Rigel, and the Twins will be just rising. It's worth staying up a bit later in the evening if you can, and try to get an early look at some of the best of the winter constellations rising.

During this time of year the Big Dipper can be hard to find even in northern climes because it lies right along the northern horizon during the evening any trees or buildings there or even just haze in the sky, may obscure your view until the early hours of the morning.

**Befriending service launches in mid-Essex**

Farleigh Hospice is set to launch a volunteer-led service that offers friendship and a listening ear to anyone who needs it in mid-Essex.

Launching on the 13 September, Farleigh Helpers is an online and telephone befriending service. Run by Farleigh Hospice volunteers, the service will assist those who are ill, bereaved, feeling lonely, isolated or in need of someone to talk to. Offering non-medical support, Farleigh Helpers will listen, converse with people, and signpost them to relevant information or professional services where appropriate.

Michelle Von Kimmelmann, Farleigh Hospice Volunteer and Corporate Administration Manager said: “We’re so pleased to be launching this new service. It has been in the pipeline for some time now, so it is great to see all of our planning come to fruition. We were aware that there are people in our community who need a friend or some advice and support, and, as a community focused charity, we wanted to be able to extend the care we offer to beyond our usual remit to bridge this gap. Farleigh Helpers is open to anyone locally, regardless of age or circumstances, who is in need of someone to talk to. Our helpers offer friendship, they’re there to provide a listening ear and direct people to additional information and services that may be of use.”

The service will initially run from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and will be extended to cover weekends dependant on demand. People wishing to speak with a Farleigh Helper can schedule a regular chat or simply get in touch as the need arises. To arrange a call back from a Farleigh Helper please call 01245 933800 or email farleigh.helpers@farleighhospice.org .

The hospice is also looking to expand its team of Farleigh Helpers. It is looking for kind, caring volunteers who are good listeners, IT savvy and who want to make a positive difference to people’s lives in the local community. The roles are home-based, so if you would like to help from the comfort of your living room or home office, please visit www.farleighhospice.org/farleighhelpers for more information and to complete an application form.



Scout and about !

We came, we zoomed,
we went back to face!

September saw the whole group back Scouting. In some ways it seemed so long since the sessions pre lockdown, but also just like it was yesterday, it's good to be back!

scouts.org.uk/join
#SkillsForLife

It was great to meet new additions to the ranks in real life, and not on webcams. We have been getting great feedback from the young people and also the parents, which is also so rewarding to hear.

During lockdown, we were lucky enough to get a couple of new leaders - so they are now switching it up, moving from Zoom TV-style presenting, to getting involved with running sessions, activities and of course, learning the many fun games. September also brought the update from



the Government and the youth sector, that Scouting has now moved to 'Green'. So although we of course still have rules to follow - it enables us to achieve more things with our Scouts, as restrictions shift in our favour.

We have partnered up with our friends at Gridserve Electric Forecourt, as they want to reach out to local Scout Groups. So there will be some VIP visits for the Cub packs as they learn more things about renewable energy, as they tie in the visit and activities to badge work.

The Scouts have already been back over to Skreens Park Activity Centre. We now look forward to planning and prepping those things we took for granted, and missed so very much - Remembrance

Sunday is coming up, the whispers of camps are becoming a reality - and we think of next year, as 2022 brings the 20th Anniversary of our Scout Group.

"There is a common misconception about scouting. Some people believe that all you do is camping, hiking and knot tying. However, there is so much more to scouting. I have been able to go white water rafting and mountain biking in the mountains of Scotland. I have been part of scouting for 7 years, starting as a cub scout, and now I have recently become an explorer scout and a young leader for the cub scouts.

Scouting helped me through my hardest times and is like having an extended family. It has provided me with many





essential life skills. To be resilient, work as part of a team and communicate ideas. In the last 7 years, I have made friends for life and met scouts from all over the world at international events. The leaders have a massive impact on the participants and make time to create engaging and fun sessions, that inspire us to be more independent, confident, and better members of society who look to make positive changes in life

Harry Wadson | Explorer Scout

Calling all go-getters, we need you !

It's no surprise that the success of a Scout Group relies heavily on it's leaders. 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

Our schedule

Beavers 6-8yrs

Mondays, 5:30-6:45pm,
at Great Leighs Primary School

Wednesday, 5.30-6.45pm,
at Great Notley Community Centre.

Cubs 8-10.5yrs

Tuesdays, 6.30-8pm,
at Great Leighs Primary School

Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm,
at Great Notley Community Centre.

Scouts 10.5-14yrs

Mondays, 6.45-8.30pm
at Great Leighs School

Wednesdays, 7.30-9.15pm at Great Notley Community Centre.



Keep Calm and Make Poppies



We are looking for volunteers/crafters of any age to make poppies for a bigger Great Notley floral tribute for Remembrance Day once again.

These can be knitted, crocheted, sewn, painted or made with recycled materials in either red or white.

Contributions please by 30 October.

Collection points:

Linda : 70 Chestnut Avenue, Gt Notley

Other collections points will be made available .

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Green**

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THIS AUTUMN

Half Term Fun.

Pumpkin Trail.

Our Pumpkin trail returns this October half term and will run from Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th Oct. (Trail bags available from Wednesday 18th Oct)

Harvest Fun Day.

Join us for some Harvest Fun on Wednesday 27th October 2 - 4PM.

Crafts, Games, Scarecrow building, Bouncy Castle, Bake bread, make a Corn Dolly and lots more.

All Hallows Eve.

We will be serving up Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate between 4 and 7pm on October 31st. Everyone welcome.

Table Top Sale.

We will be holding a Table Top sale on Saturday 20th November from 9am . This is a great opportunity for you to offload some items or grab a bargain before Christmas. Other activities also available on the day.

For more information or to hire a table contact:
secretary.greatnotleychurch@gmail.com





SHOOTING STAR
ENTERTAINMENTS

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



Notley Green Community Centre

18th December - 3pm to 5pm

Doors open 2:30pm

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Court Residents

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address

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Organised by The NGCA, Great Notley Parish Council and WINGS

**Woman's Institute Notley Green**

Over the past couple of months WINGS has been able to get back together in person as a group. Members have been thrilled to once again socialise face to face. Our first get together was a Picnic in the Park with members bringing their own chairs, food and drink, catching up with one another and playing some socially distanced games.



To get those bodies moving again, an evening of fun and laughs was held where members joined in with some line dancing.

Small groups of members have also been on trips to the Mercury Theatre in Colchester to see Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville* and participated in a fundraising walk for The Royal British Legion.

Our Book Club has gone from strength to strength meeting regularly each month via zoom to discuss and chat about their chosen book. Our Knit and Natter group has also continued to meet.

We have also recently formed a new Gardening Group with a small group going on their first trip visiting an Open Gardens event for Farleigh Hospice in Great Waltham at the beginning of September.

In October members are participating in a 4 mile Rural Ramble around the grounds and gardens of Easton Lodge to help raise money for the cancer charity Helen Rollason. Of course it will be completed with a cream tea.



WINGS has also been very pleased to welcome several new members to our WI this year as we continue to grow and expand. As a local group within the community we have been thrilled with all the compliments, comments and conversations we have had over the recent months about the decorations we have put up on the Village Sign.

We are however, once again, calling on the community, of all ages to help us decorate the sign again for Remembrance. So whether you sew, knit, crochet, paint or craft we would like your help in contributing to this project. We are looking for a bigger and better display this year. Please check our website for details, dates and collection points if you wish to be involved.

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Our Forthcoming meetings:-
21 October – A Night in India
18 November – Gift Wrapping
16 December – Christmas Social



For those of you who think you may wish to join or be involved in our Group we meet at approximately 7.45pm at the Great Notley Community Association Hall every third Thursday of the month. We have a speaker or activity and have 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 further information by email:

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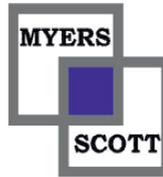
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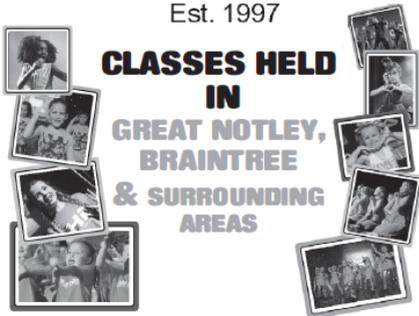
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Great Notley **TIMES**

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

<https://euwyn-poon-xhzh.squarespace.com/how-to-ride-in-braintree>

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.





Welcome

Braintree and Bocking Local History was formed in 1957 and has been meeting ever since. Our venue is St Paul's Church, Hay Lane, Braintree and we meet on the fourth Monday of each month in the autumn, winter and spring. Our next meeting is on Monday 25th of October when the speaker will be local historian Mike Bardell, his subject 'Braintree Streets Over Time'. It is the first in a series of illustrated talks and will cover Great Square, New Street and Market Street; you may be astonished at the changes, particularly in New Street which was once a major thoroughfare with many dirty and noisy businesses along with three riotous pubs.

Temporarily we are not serving refreshments before the talk but hope to continue soon. We meet at 7.30pm for a start at 7.45pm and the talks are about one hour duration. Fees for membership are waived for the rest of 2021 but in the new year they will remain at £12 and £2.50 per talk for non-members.

You will be very welcome to join us in whatever capacity you prefer and I hope to see you there.

Mike Bardell
Society chairman

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Protect your dog against theft

Ensure rear garden gates are locked at top and bottom with a shoot bolt and padlock. Consider fitting a bell or gate alarm as well. Do the same to any outside kennels.

Make sure the garden boundary (fence, hedge etc) is secure so that no one can gain entry or pull your dog out or your dog cannot get out on its own, check your garden on a regular basis.

Consider driveway alarms to alert you of visitors or use monitored CCTV/Alarm systems to areas around any outside kennels. These will alert you if anyone is close by.

See the home security pages on the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ for further advice.

Avoid leaving dogs in the garden or outside kennels if you are not home, and keep your dog in view whilst in the garden, don't leave him outside unsupervised.

Never leave your dog secured alone, outside a shop. This makes them vulnerable and a tempting target for opportunist thieves.

Avoid leaving dogs in cars alone and NEVER leave a dog in a car on a warm/hot day.

Your dog should be microchipped and registered with current information. Use a collar and dog tag displaying contact details (don't put your dog's name on the tag use your surname).

Take plenty of good, clear photographs of your pet so that it can be easily identified. Take photographs of your dog from various angles and update them regularly (i.e. with groomed coats and when not recently groomed). Make a note of any distinguishing features. Also take lots of photographs of yourself with your dog, to help you to prove ownership if needed.

Train your dog to come back when called and never let them off the lead if you are not sure they will come back to you. If in doubt, use an extending lead, especially if you are in an unfamiliar area where your dog may get easily lost.

Be aware of and report all suspicious vehicles or people to 101 or report online to the police. Ask your neighbours to do the same. There have been a few reports of dogs being called and dog owners being distracted by someone, whilst the thieves try to take the dogs.

Fake RSPCA Inspector? In the press there have been reports of fake RSPCA staff seizing dogs. RSPCA staff have no powers of entry or seizure to do so they must be accompanied by a police officer. See: www.rspca.org.uk/-/news-advice-to-the-public-after-people-impersonate-rspca-staff

Don't buy any dogs from social media sites or any person where appropriate documentation (ownership etc, pedigree papers etc) cannot be provided. This increases the demand for stolen pets. Report all suspicious dog sales to the police on 101 or Trading Standards.

Don't give details of your pets, your location or your walking locations out on your

social media platforms.

Take care when choosing someone to care for your dog if you are going away from home or need a dog walker whilst you go to work. Use a reputable company or boarding kennels and check references for people who provide dog or house-sitting services.

If you breed puppies for sale, take details of anyone you are inviting in to view before they arrive, perhaps have a video chat? Try to have two people present from your home whilst viewing takes place and limit the numbers of people you allow in at a time. Show the puppies in one secure area, limit access to other areas of your house or property.

Safety while out walking your dog

Don't forget to take your mobile phone with you, but don't be distracted by calls, texting, or listening to music while walking your dog, pay attention to your surroundings.

If possible, walk with a friend. Beware of strangers asking you questions about your dog. Vary your times of walks and routes; to avoid dogs being targeted during walks. If your dog is suspected stolen, it is important to act quickly.

If your dog is missing and you believe it has been stolen, report it to the police on 101 or online report a crime www.essex.police.uk/. Note the crime reference number provided, and also advise your local authority of the theft. **However, if a crime is in progress, don't hesitate dial 999.**

Notify the dog microchip database provider and report the theft to www.doglost.co.uk/ or their Facebook page. They coordinate thefts for each county and offer advice and support. There is no single national missing animal database to report lost dogs so to ensure a widespread appeal consider giving the same information to all of them. Police do not take reports of lost or found dogs or those that have run off, these should be reported to the local authority and missing animal databases.

Visit places where dog walkers go such as local parks and public places and talk to people, asking them to keep an eye open for your dog

Make posters and display them in areas local to your home and also in relevant places such as vets, local parks etc. The poster should include a clear photograph and details of the circumstances.

Make sure local vets are aware in case someone takes your dog in for treatment.

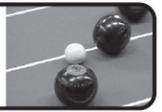
Contact local animal shelters and rescue charities and send them posters to display.

Losing a pet due to theft or other reasons is a traumatic event. Blue Cross operates the national Pet Bereavement Support Service which can be contacted on 0800 096 6606 (8.30am – 8.30pm) or by email: pbssmail@bluecross.org.uk

Consider joining Dog Watch run by Essex Police via email stating your home district: -

essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.police.uk Or see: -

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**Update**

At the start of my last article, I indicated that we were just about to resume bowling on the 17th May. This followed on from the lifting of some of the government restrictions which were in place at that time due to the pandemic. Having followed the letter of the law, and with gradual changes that the government made opening places up, we are now in a position where we are almost back to normal. We are so enjoying the game of carpet bowls again.

I want to pay tribute to all our committee members who over the last few months have shown great determination. They worked hard to make it possible for us to return with all the safety measures we have had to put in place. I would also like to congratulate all our members who have supported the club and have put their faith in the committee to make Notley Green Carpet Bowls Club as safe as possible to return to. An added bonus is that we have managed to secure one or two new members into the club. This can only go towards securing the future of the club.

It is not possible yet but we are now looking forward to the time when we can resume playing against other clubs in the area. We can only hope for a better winter period than the last one and pray that lock downs are a thing of the past.

We have resumed face to face committee meetings rather than Zoom calls which is again a step forward. Long may it continue.

It is our intention to have a fun evening for members towards the end of November to get together and have a quiz night including fish and chips in the Community Centre Hall rather than our normal annual dinner. A small step but an important one in our quest to return to something akin to normal.

To finish my article I want to pay tribute to our Team Captain Reg King who very sadly passed away very recently. Reg was a larger than life character who was a great support to all our members old and new. He was never short of a joke and made everyone laugh in his presence and feel good. He is hugely missed within the club and will never be forgotten.

Ray Hall
Notley Green Carpet Bowls Club

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12th December

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4pm: Christingles and Carols

Christmas Eve

12-1PM: Time to Remember

2PM: Crib Service

Christmas Day

11.30am: Family Service

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28th November

6PM: Advent Sequence

19th December

4PM: Nine Lessons and Carols by
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Christmas Eve

1-3PM: Time to Remember

4PM: Crib Service and Carols

Christmas Day

10AM: All age Eucharist

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12th December

9.30AM: Toy Service

19th December

6PM: Nine Lessons and Carols by
Candlelight

Christmas Eve

12-2PM: Time to Remember

4PM: Instant Nativity

11.30PM: Midnight Communion
Service

Christmas Day

10AM: Family Communion

**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 1.30pm and 3.30pm at the Notley Green Community Hall and join us for a FREE taster session. There is a small session fee on subsequent occasions.

It doesn't matter what standard you are or whether you have never played before. We are a friendly bunch, so just drop in and give it a try. We can supply a racquet, but please wear trainers with non-marking soles.

Contact Keith on 01376 327687 or just turn up!



**Update**

As a result of complaints from residents, Great Notley Parish Council approached the Local Highway Panel of Essex County Council in January 2020 so that consideration could be given to the possible need for traffic calming measures along London Road. The Panel commissioned a speed survey along the road. It was delayed due to Covid but has at last been carried out and the results are –

Northbound;

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Southbound;

With a total of 38,293 cars counted across 7 days the Average Daily Speed was recorded at 30.7mph.

As the survey shows good compliance to the current 30mph speed limit it does not meet the necessary criteria to install any traffic calming measures.

The Parish Council has also applied for the speed limit within the White Court section of the Parish and a speed survey is currently awaited. More information will be included in a future issue of this magazine.

In addition, various issues have been raised in relation to Bridge End Lane which are due to be considered by the Parish Council shortly to decide on how to proceed to a further update will be included in future editions of this magazine.

Please note that ultimately changes to road design or speed limits is a matter for Essex County Council to decide as the highway authority.



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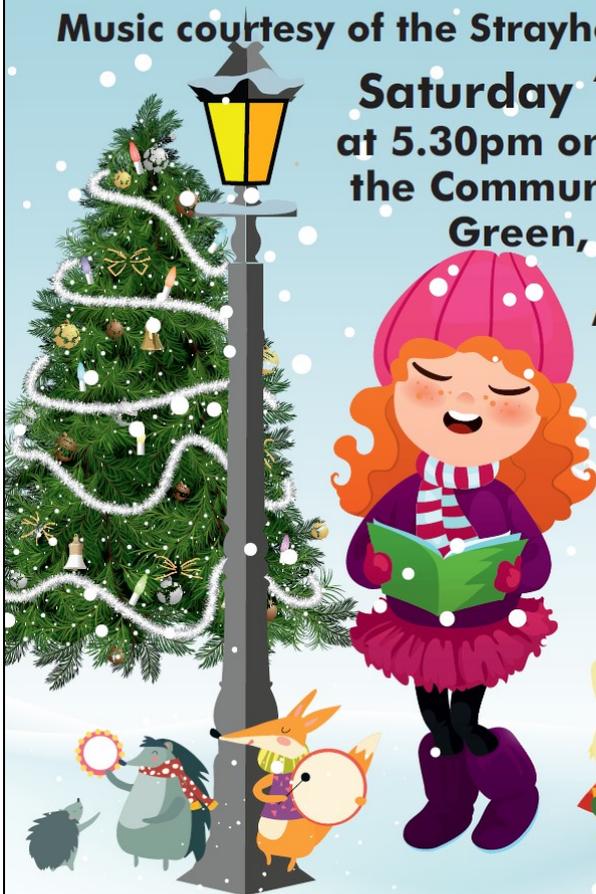
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