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Chairman Report 9th May 2022

After what has seemed a very long time life, as far as the pandemic is concerned, is at last returning to some sort of normality. We can return to work and education, meet with friends and family and take part in all the things we have missed. We are, of course, very conscious of those we have lost and those still suffering with the after effects of Covid 19, but we must now look to the future. Unfortunately, the terrible events in Ukraine and its consequences lay heavily on our minds as we try to keep positive about the days ahead.

In Great Notley, the Parish council has managed to work as usual throughout last year and has tried to keep everyone up to date through our Facebook group and on our website. We are now back to in-person meetings and welcome those who wish to join us. Unfortunately, after the resignation of one of our councillors, we have yet to find a new member and as a small council we do feel the loss.

On a more positive note, we have finally taken over the newly refurbished RAFT after a final inspection. It has proved to be very well used and appreciated in the community. We were happy to see it is frequented by quite a range of age groups. The area is much more open and parents feel that is safer for their children who can use it with confidence. Recommendation following inspection of the Levens Way play area were also implemented to maintain this popular children's facility. A new map board has been erected in White Court and a memorial bench organised on the village green for a former Parish Councillor, a White Court resident, who was Chairman of the football club for many years.

Consideration of planning matters continued as did consultations such as the ECC bus strategy. The Health and Wellbeing group liaised with the surgery during the pandemic in order to assist in relaying information to residents. Meeting other than monthly Council were often online which made it easier for participants in many ways.

We also took the decision to change the format of both Remembrance Day and the Christmas Celebrations. We were so pleased at the positive reception met by both events and hope to repeat the success during the coming year. We cannot thank those who helped enough. The community spirit was strongly felt, especially after so much isolation. Discussions with Braintree District Council about the provision of allotments continue but finding a suitable piece of land is proving difficult mainly because of the ease of access for both holders and water supplies, and the suitability of the land itself.

Problems around parking, speed and road safety are ongoing but repeated traffic surveys do show good compliance overall within the village, though we continue to speak with the police about their dealing with those who race cars on the A131. The safety issue on crossing that road at Panners roundabout is still being considered with Essex highways. Inconsiderate parking continues by a minority of residents despite the dangers and possibility of being fined after an increase in attendance by the Parking Partnership operatives. The police are hoping to start patrols of the village with councillors in May.

This year a new publisher took over the Great Notley Times producing a new front cover and some other changes in format. Unfortunately, there were some unforeseen problems with delivery by Royal Mail who apologised, but since it is also available on the website, we hope not too many were unable to see a copy.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful village and must thank our litter team for their hard work in keeping it so but we would like the community to be involved and have agreed to host a community litter pick in the Autumn. To maintain the condition of our Parish we continue to promote the scheme to recycle small electrical items, to book an Amenity vehicle for the use of residents, and to employ extra deep cleaning of areas not able to be reached by our litter team. New litter bins have also been acquired for use in the village.

We are also pleased to see Braintree are updating the tree and vegetation strategy though we still have no news on the work needed along Great Notley Avenue which will be in a separate report. Some work has been done by Braintree on hedges near Panners pond and a new fence has been erected. As part of the rewilding initiative, we are also

looking into starting a community orchard and a wildflower growing project though plans are at a very early stage. This year we were pleased to again win Local council Awards Foundation Status with very positive feedback from the Judging panel on our application. Thanks must go to Suzanne Walker, our clerk, for her hard work in ensuring we have met the required standards. We look forward to the Queen's Jubilee in May when the NGCA Fete will lead the village's celebration. It will be a joy to be coming together to recognise an extraordinary achievement and something positive to lead us into a new fiscal year.

Dorothy Griffin
Chairman of Great Notley Parish Council

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GP Update



Update

GP surgery Patient Participation Group

The Great Notley surgery wishes to let you know about its Patient Participation Group.

The aim of the group is to work with their practice to provide practical support, to help patients take more responsibility for their own health and to provide strategic input and advice. PPGs are based on cooperation between the practice staff and patients.

In particular the Group issues a regular newsletter which contains lots of useful information about the practice and managing your health and the group would particularly like patients to know how to obtain a copy.

You can download a copy at www.littlewalthamsurgery.co.uk/patient-participation-group and click on 'newsletter' on the left-hand side of the screen.

**Update****2021-2022 - Annual Report from Braintree District Councillors****Great Notley and Black Notley**

As your District Councillors we continue to work on local issues impacting on the ward of Great Notley and Black Notley.

All three of us sit on Great Notley Parish Council and Graham is also the County Councillor for Great Notley. We also regularly attend Black Notley Parish Council and work very closely with our colleague County Councillor Ross Playle.

Some of the issues we have helped with across the ward:

- Parking
- Speeding
- Litter
- Housing
- Planning
- Safety
- Benefits
- COVID
- Business grants.

We also have community grant funding to support local initiatives and if we can support any initiative with funding or help on any issue, please get in contact with us. Our details are below.

Operations

The Victoria Square covered car park, part of the Manor Street development in Braintree, has opened and provides 48 parking spaces to the public in the centre of the town.

The BDC car parks have been awarded the Park Mark accreditation for yet a further year, confirming the safety and low crime levels of our car parks in Braintree and Witham

The relatively new bring-bank recycling collections of textiles, and of food and drink cartons, have proved popular and are being more and more used by residents. 19 tonnes of textiles, and 7 of cartons, were collected during 2021, plus an additional 7 tonnes of small electrical material - all these collections provide a revenue to the Council.

Braintree Local Highways Panel is contributing some of its annual funding to the initial research stages of the proposed Earls Colne-Coggeshall cycle route.

An officer and Member Working Group has carried out a review of the BDC Taxi Licensing policies, to ensure that best practice is followed in the taxi and public hire vehicle provision in the District.

Health & Wellbeing

Rising levels of childhood obesity, reduced fitness levels, social isolation and loneliness all featured strongly during the pandemic. However, with the support of the voluntary sectors, parish and town councils and many individuals, we were able to recognise and help minimise some of the effects.

By using our assets, including the leisure centres, swimming pools, community transport, council officers and elected members and operational workforce; together with our strong links with the County Council and NHS, many examples of individual support and community activities have been created which will leave a lasting, positive legacy from the devastating effects of the coronavirus outbreak.

Planning

LOCAL PLAN : The examination of BDC's draft Local Plan Section 2 , conducted by two Inspectors, took place in July 2021 and then went out to public consultation on the proposed modifications. The Inspectors are now considering the responses to that consultation, and we await their decision on whether the Council can find the Plan 'sound'.

PLANNING: The Planning Committee has continued to be extremely busy throughout the year with meetings continuing to be held fort-

nightly, rather than monthly, to determine the large numbers of applications being submitted. During the latter part of 2021 several major applications went to Appeal, with their developers hoping to overturn BDC's refusal to grant permission. Although the refusals were upheld, frustratingly, each Inspector also gave different interpretations of BDC's 5 year land supply, which is crucial to determining applications. Finally, it was declared by one Inspector that our land supply stands at 5.1 years. Good news, but it is a slender safety margin.

ENFORCEMENT: A successful review of the Enforcement process resulted in several recommendations to improve the service; these proposals were presented to Full Council in February this year and were unanimously approved. There will be a staffing increase of five new officers for the team and improvements to the way Enforcement complaints are reported and monitored.

Climate Change

The Councils Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, to make the District Carbon Neutral as far as practical by 2030, was unanimously approved by Council in September 2021. Since then, the Climate Change Working Group continues to meet to work on the implementation of the Action Plan.

As part of the Climate Change Strategy and to celebrate Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee 13,000 native British tree whips and 73,000 bulbs were made available to groups throughout the District for planting. The uptake was very good, and groups were asked to add them to the data base for H.M.'s Jubilee Green Canopy. The trees and bulbs that were left over were planted on Council owned land. In addition, special trees with a plaque to celebrate the jubilee were planted in Weavers Park Braintree, Halstead Public Gardens and Witham Town Park.

Throughout the pandemic Environmental Services and Enforcement Officers were an integral part of working to keep our citizens safe.

Economic Development & Business Support

As part of the changes required to meet the Covid-19 restrictions, early in 2021 BDC acquired the technology to enable hybrid meetings to be held in the committee area and webcast to the public making it possible and for some attendees to be physically present in the committee area and others to attend remotely and contributing virtually. This has allowed the public to speak in person at meetings when Public Question time is on the agenda and maintain an open and democratic authority.

During the last two years BDC staff in the Economic Development and Finance Departments have been actively supporting residents and businesses through financial support where needed and acting as rapidly as possible to minimise the damage that the pandemic caused to the local economy. BDC has paid the following grants:

Exceptional Hardship Fund:

2020/2021 £3,302 9 awards; 2021/2022 £8,687 17 awards.

Discretionary Housing Payments:

2020/2021 £291,592 277 awards; 2021/2022 £249,649 257 awards.

Government grant of £150 per LCTS claimant:

2020/2021 £846,445 5,643 awards; No 2021/22 grant.

Test & Trace Support Payments (Isolation Payments):

2020/2021 £217,500 435 Claims; 2021/2022 £869,000 1,738 Claims.

Business Grants – Various schemes:

2020/2021 £47,308,844 paid, 9615 claims; 2021/2022 £8,637,458, paid, 1617 claims.

A key priority remains supporting our businesses through this period of adaptation and recovery. We continue to dispatch government grants and support. In addition, we continue to offer local support packages including the recent £30,000 opportunity, consisting of small grants for High Street shops and businesses to improve the look and feel of their frontages. For more information, please contact:

www.braintree.gov.uk/business.

Due to the unprecedented impact on our local business community,

we are in the process of refreshing our economic plan to ensure BDC continues to play its part in supporting the needs of our businesses both urban and rural. This is building on our strong record of engagement with business over the years and our desire to help turbo charge new sectors that will create well paid jobs, post pandemic and attract new businesses to the area.

The Council has been working with neighbouring local authorities, after allocating a percentage of Additional Restrictions Grant income to support economic development projects across North Essex and will continue to do during 2022/23. Braintree DC is delighted that the I construct innovation hub building at Springwood Industrial Estate is completed and business support to stimulate the development of new products and services in the construction sector has been being provided since last summer.

In line with our commitment to Town Centres, BDC has started the procurement process to appoint contractors to bring forward improvement schemes in both Witham and Halstead. With the major completion of town centre works in Braintree and a programme of markets and/or events in all three towns, the Council will continue to play its part in doing all it can to help increase footfall, enabling our towns to bounce back together.

Supporting Communities

The councillor grant scheme has provided approximately £64,000 of an available allocation of £73,000 allowing some vital support to our town, parish and rural groups to respond on the easing of Covid.

Along with this, our we have been getting our community groups back to more face to face supporting including events such as Community safety partnership, United in Kind, Community 360 initiatives, and an increase in our community transport services etc. It has also assisted in re-engaging with communities after Covid restrictions were eased to show that it is safe to be out and about to adapt with living with Covid. It also gave communities the opportunity to raise any concerns about ways of collaborating with our partners to ensure we can continue to work together for the greater benefit of our district.

Some of the events organised in partnership with the BDC communities' teams included:

The creative climate challenge with our local schools

Inter faith week - engaging with a wide range of faith and religious groups

Dementia friendly train - celebrating Braintree Railway station becoming dementia friendly.

The final piece of important community work is the cycle strategy that was unanimously agreed as a special meeting of full council. This strategy is working with a number of stakeholders to make our roads safer & usable for all ages giving greater connectivity to our towns and villages.

Housing

The Council has continued its very good record on affordable housing delivery from the previous two years, and this year the affordable housing delivery programme will comfortably exceed the annual plan target of 250 and the number of completions for the year will be the highest annual delivery of affordable housing ever achieved in the District.

Skills

The Council continue to build on our work with local businesses and education providers to enhance the skills offering within the District. This is as important as ever as part of our bouncing back together plan, as we come out of the pandemic. We are reviewing the work we have been proud of in recent years with the Braintree District Education and Skills Board and look to revitalise vital skills relationships for the benefit of residents.

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Braintree District Councillors for Great Notley and Black Notley.

**Report****GREAT NOTLEY – ANNUAL REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM BUTLAND**

Dear Residents,

Since the last Annual Report we have had, in May 2021, new elections to Essex County Council. I am honoured to have been re-elected to represent Three Fields with Great Notley Division.

For most of the last two years we have had to live with restrictions due to the COVID pandemic.

This has caused significant hardship and distress to many families although there is beginning to be light at the end of what was a very dark tunnel.

What the pandemic did show however, was how extraordinary generous many people were providing help and support to their fellow residents. I would also like to add my praise to the part played by your local Parish Council throughout the pandemic.

In Essex we are determined to harness that spirit of collective endeavour to build an even better future. The task is huge, but we shouldn't be daunted by its scale. We are Essex, and we will build back better.

Working with partners the County Council will:

- renew our economy, because prosperity is the best pathway to a good life. And we will support our businesses as they seek to recover the ground lost by the hard stop placed on them by the pandemic and create the jobs that underpin our wellbeing
- seek equality so that opportunity is more fairly distributed across Essex – we want all our residents to be able to maximise their potential
- be as ambitious for the people of Essex as the people of Essex are for themselves and their families. Because there is no excellence without ambition. There is no landing on the moon, without first reaching for the stars.

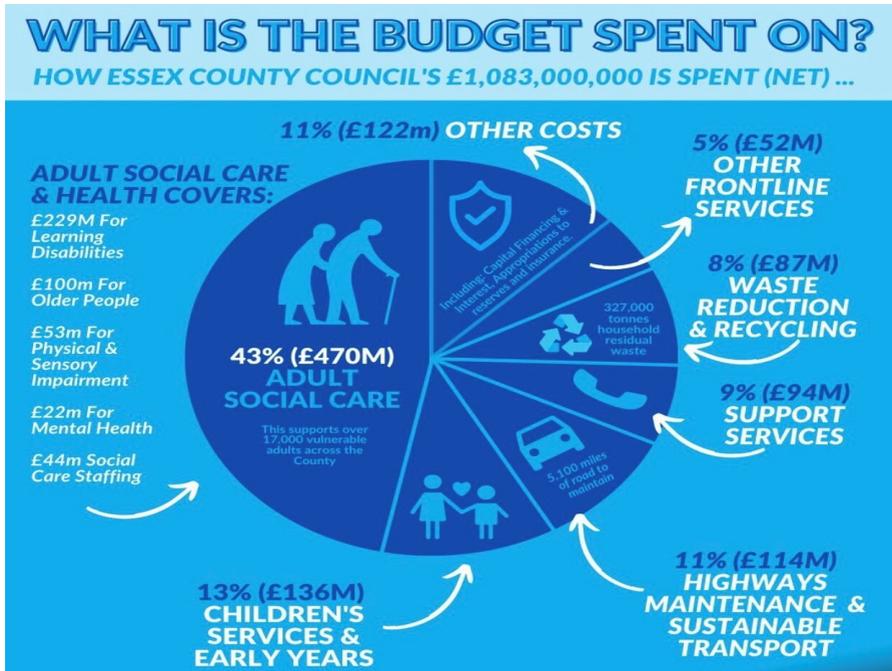
Alongside these themes – Renewal, Equality, Ambition – that run through everything we do, we are focused on 4 areas where outcomes really matter for the quality of life of our residents.



They are:

- the economy
- the environment
- children and families
- promoting health, care and wellbeing for all the parts of our population who need our support

Essex has a proud track record of addressing inequality across the county, but we know that there is always more to be done.



For the coming year the County Council's net expenditure budget will be £1.083 **billion**. By far the largest area of expenditure, £470 million, is on Adult Social Care. The pie chart below shows how the tax that is collected from you by Essex County Council is spent.

I am delighted that there is a close working relationship between your Parish Council, Cllrs. Cunningham & Ricci your Braintree District Councillors, and myself which hopefully ensures that the needs of the parish are well attended to.

If you have any issues that you wish to raise with me I can be contacted at cllr.graham.butland@essex.gov.uk



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Spring Garden Crime Prevention (Part 1)

Hopefully by the time that you read this Spring will be established with the weather improving, inviting us out into our gardens. 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 1.2m in height so that an intruder is not hidden from view. Protect your rear garden with 1.8m strong fencing, close boarded wooden fencing, and gates are a good choice and this can be topped with trellis or a plastic spiky topping such as www.defendastrap.com/ (warning signs needed). Panels should not be able to be lifted out of the posts, and avoid your fencing becoming a ladder by ensuring that the horizontal cross battens are facing into your garden.



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 actively work with the RHS at Hyde Hall and there are a number of mature examples of defensive planting that can be viewed there, and some very knowledgeable people that can advise you.

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 or labelled if a forensic (hidden) property marking system is used such as www.smartwater.com or www.selectadna.co.uk. You can also record the serial numbers of any tools at www.immobilise.com/ . If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording, there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

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Walking Group Update



"The walking group with something for everyone"

Our first Country Walk of 2022, at Hanningfield Reservoir near the end of January, was not blessed with the best of weather, but some brave walkers still enjoyed themselves.



However, in May, 25 of us were luckier with the weather at Bradwell on Sea, taking in St. Peter's Chapel, the sea wall and a field of wind turbines, followed by a pub lunch.





Further walks for later in the summer are being planned.

Over the past six months, around 90 people have taken part in at least one of our regular walks, with some averaging two or more a week. We try to offer a variety of routes to suit all tastes and speeds! For instance, Monday walkers can choose from four walks of different lengths in the Country Park, meeting up for coffee at Panners Coffee Bar afterwards to compare notes.

A group of our Wednesday 'regulars' recently took on a longer walk, to Bocking Windmill and back. A similar excursion to Stisted is planned for June or July.

We run three regular walks every week, all free of charge. They are:

Mondays: Gt. 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

Each one lasts about an hour, but shorter alternatives are available.

We also have a very successful quiz team and enjoy ten pin bowling and nights out in each other's company. New walkers are always welcome, even if you want to just 'try us out'.

So, if you want to get out of the house, meet new people, have a good time and get some exercise why not:

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Phone 07799 068408

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**Your Parish needs you!**

The Parish Council is the first tier of democracy and deals with the issues directly concerning your parish so why not get involved and contribute to your community? Great Notley Parish Council currently has one vacancy and wishes to co-opt a person to be a Councillor.

What issues does the Parish Council deal with?

The Parish Council deals with the following matters –

- * Provides around 70 hours a week of litter picking and maintenance in the parish including the emptying of litter bins
- * Seeks to make the Parish and clean and tidy place to live by organising additional cleansing
- * Liaises with other authorities (predominantly Braintree District Council) regarding green initiatives and tree maintenance in the Parish
- * Makes representations on planning matters and consultations effecting the parish
- * Maintains and seeks to improve the Levens Way Play area and the RAFT play area so as to provide facilities for the young people in our Parish
- * Promotes Health and Wellbeing initiatives including liaising with the local GP surgery
- * Maintains White Court memorial and flagpoles
- * Maintains some streetlights in the parish
- * Supports local voluntary organisations through its Grant scheme and works with such groups in relation to community events.
- * Publishes the Great Notley Times magazine and maintains a website and Facebook page to communicate important information to residents
- * Maintains the storage unit
- * Attempting to obtain land to set up an allotment site for Parishioners
- * Organises Parish Activities such as the Christmas carol event and the service of Remembrance
- * Organises volunteer activities such as the Parish pathway part-

nership with Essex County Council

- * Liaises with other organisations such as the police regarding parish matters
- * Plans for the future of the parish

I'm not sure I have the time!

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

What sort of existing knowledge do I need?

The existing Councillors come from all walks of life and you don't need to be specially qualified. An interest in your community and a commitment to do the best for the residents of the Parish are the most important things together with your life experience and common sense views!

Would I be subject to any rules and regulations?

Councillors sign up to observe the Code of Conduct and complete a register of interests form to deal with issues of possible conflicts of interests. In addition, decisions may only be made by the Parish Council as a whole and not by individuals so you will need to be happy to be part of a team. There are also a variety of policies and procedures governing other aspects of the business of the Parish Council such as the good governance of finances. Guidance will be provided by the Clerk to new Councillors and also new Councillors are expected to undergo some training which will be paid for by the Parish Council to make sure they have a solid understanding of the running of the Parish Council.

Are there any specific qualifying requirements?

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

I would like to know a bit more

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

How do I apply to be co-opted onto the Parish Council?

To show that you meet the legal criteria to become a Parish Council and to provide a bit more information about yourself, anyone who wish to join the Parish Council needs to complete the Councillor Application form and return it to the Clerk who will then advise you of next steps.

If you wish to have a chat about this volunteer opportunity or obtain an application form please contact the Clerk by phone on 01376 331251 or email greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com

Trolley for sale

Some years ago, the Parish Council obtained a trolley to assist the litter team. However, the trolley has hardly been used. The Parish Council is therefore looking to sell the item and wishes to offer it to residents.

The trolley can be seen in the photo below. Its dimensions are as follows –

Length 1310mm Width 610mm

Height of cage 320 Total height
650mm

Length of handle 900mm

One tyre is deflated but otherwise in good condition.

If you would like to view and/or purchase the item then please email the Parish Clerk at greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com with your offer on price. If you are successful with your offer then you will need to collect the trolley from the Parish Council storage unit adjacent to the Community Centre.





On Demand Electric bus service

Residents in south Braintree and north-west Chelmsford areas can now access an exciting on-demand, fully electric minibuss service called DigiGo.

One of the first of its kind in the country, the service responds to demand rather than having set routes, with minibuses able to divert on and off journeys for passenger collection and drop off.

DigiGo connects rural communities in north Chelmsford, including Felsted, Little Dunmow, Barnston, Leaden Roding, Good Easter, Pleshey, Great Waltham, Little Waltham and Great Leighs to popular locations such as Chelmer Valley Park and Ride, Broomfield Hospital, and Writtle University College.

Meanwhile, the service in south Braintree connects villages, including Great Notley, Black Notley and Rayne, to Braintree Bus Interchange, Braintree Railway Station, Braintree Community Hospital, Springwood Industrial Estate, Great Notley Country Park and many other locations.

The new service operates seven days a week, from 7am to 10pm and caters for everyone; students, families, the elderly, and people travelling to work, with accessible minibuses available for people with disabilities, providing a flexible and environmentally friendly service for people who do not live close to public transport routes.

To book an on-demand journey, residents can download the TravelEssex planning app via their phone's app store or visit www.digigo.uk. After ordering, passengers can pay for their journey via the app and track the location of their minibuss in real time. Tickets for the service can also be pre-booked up to seven days in advance.

Councillor Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport at Essex County Council, said: *"The DigiGo service is the first of its kind in the area, offering a new type of responsive shared public transport which enables people to simply book a journey to when and where they need to go."*

"The aim through this trial is to create a service which really becomes embedded in local communities, attracting users of all ages and creating a platform to be rolled out in other parts of the county."



Photo by Liz Cutting

Have you seen a Turtle Dove?

If you have, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us with a date, location and, if possible, a photo.

The numbers of this beautiful bird have plummeted by 94% since 1995, but we are working with some fantastic farmers and communities to save this threatened species.

Where will I see or hear one?

They nest in dense scrub in the countryside or around the edges of villages. Listen out for their distinctive 'purring' song from April to August (scan the QR code below), more often heard early or late in the day.

What do they look like?

Turtle Doves are smaller and darker than Collared Doves and slightly larger than a Blackbird. Their backs are distinctively patterned with chestnut and black.

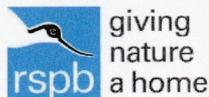
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The highlight of the year so far was on 1st May when thirty-three pupils from White Court Dance appeared in a wonderful show at The Cliffs Pavilion in Southend. They had been rehearsing for many weeks but it was worth perfecting their routines as they were A-May- Zing!! Miss Zoe choreographed an extract from “Mary Poppins Returns” and Miss Rachael choreographed “A Little Party” .



All pupils took exams in ballet, acro, freestyle or tap and everyone passed, with more than 80% gaining Highly Commended or Distinction. The club champion this year was Teegan Latchford who gained overall the highest marks. Sophie Rippingail was the ballet champion who received the highest marks for her very first ballet exam. It's even more amazing as Sophie only started ballet in September at the age of 13.

We are pleased to congratulate Miss Lozzie on the birth of her second son Henry who arrived on 6th May and we are also eagerly awaiting Miss Aimee's baby news which should be any day now. Thank goodness for Tiana who has been very busy covering their maternity leave. We are very excited that we are able to dance at the Great Notley Jubilee fete, Felsted fete and later in the summer, White Court fete. This will give the opportunity for the younger members of the school to perform.

It has been great to see everyone back to enjoy dancing classes again. Saturday mornings are at White Court School and Tuesdays at Notley Green Community Centre. We will be pleased to welcome any new pupils if they would like to contact Miss Margaret on white-court-dance@hotmail.co.uk or follow us on facebook.



Crafting For Our Community Made Possible by the National Lottery



Since November 2020, our WI, WINGS, has been decorating the Village Sign with crafts made from different materials, supplied by members as well as contributions from the local community to commemorate and celebrate.

The decorations captured the attention of so many locally and became such a talking point that as a result, we have had several new members join us from the local community, keen to learn new skills and be involved in improving where they live. The Jubilee is the perfect starting point to instruct our members in a variety of different crafting skills. Encouraging members to find at least one craft that they enjoy and will continue with. Discovering the therapeutic benefits and sense of accomplishment that making something brings as well as bringing joy to others. By passing on those skills to friends and family members, we can ensure even more contributions to our decorating efforts from the wider community as well as our members.

We are so grateful to the **National Lottery Awards for All** for agreeing to fund our project. This funding will allow us to purchase more crafting materials and supplies for projects for our members to make, offer free member workshops, enable members to attend courses online and in person as well as visit crafting exhibitions held throughout the year, further inspiring ways to engage with and enhance our local community.





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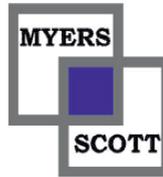
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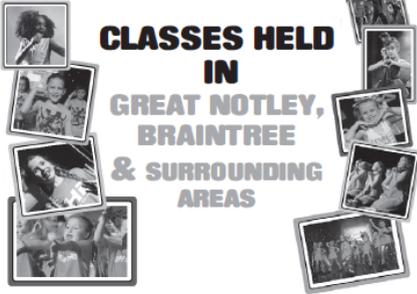
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Scout and About

We have been out and about since our last update! At camps and sleepovers, building dens, hiking and so much more!

In June the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all away at their camps! Hopefully some of you will have met us at the Great Notley Fete and maybe sampled our burgers and bangers from the BBQ.



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Our Schedule:

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Cubs 6.30 – 8pm
Scouts 7.30 – 9.15pm

Great Leighs
Monday:
Beavers 5.30 – 6.45pm
Scouts 6.45 – 8.30pm
Tuesday:
Cubs 6.30 – 8pm

We do still have a waiting list for some of our sections, others have a few spaces, so do get in touch!

A number of new leaders have joined us in the last few months and more leaders means more fun for the leaders as well as for the young people! If you fancy joining the fun, please get in contact with our Group Scout Leader, Ann Quartermain at ann.quartermain@greatnotleyscouts.org



**Market Dates**

Braintree District Council:

We would like to invite members of the Notley community to our ever popular Braintree Street Market.

Held on the last Saturday of the month, the market brings together artisan producers, talented crafts people and fresh street food.

The street market runs alongside our traditional market and the stalls complement our range of unique high street stores.

We have a range of stalls at each market, and each event is a difference experience as the traders joining us vary.

The dates for the remainder of the season are:

Saturday, 30 July

Saturday, 27 August

Saturday, 24 September

Saturday, 29 October

Plus we have special Christmas events on Saturday, 18 November and Saturday, 3 and 10 December.

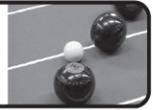
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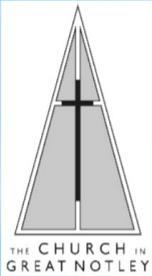
By the time you read this article the Great Notley Village Fete will have taken place on the 4th of June. Let us hope that the weather is kind and the events of the day go to plan following the resumption of the fete. Good luck to everyone involved.

We as always continue to play carpet bowls and have in recent months organised some friendly matches for a bit of fun as well as adding a bit of competition by playing loosely along the lines of the league match format. The matches have gone very well and have shown we can still have sociable evenings after all that has happened over the last three years.

We have recently heard that the league plan to resume matches in September albeit with some possible changes to the format. This is great news and a big step forward that we may at last be able to play league matches again after a very long absence. It will be great to meet up with other teams and renew acquaintances with old friends from other clubs.

If you are reading my article, can I wish you a pleasant summer with hopefully some nice weather when we can forget about all that has gone before. As ever I always end by saying why not come along and give carpet bowls a try. You are under no obligation, just come along either on a Monday or Thursday afternoon at 1.15pm. You do not need to bring anything except yourself if you decide to come along and give it a try. You will be made very welcome.

Best wishes
Ray Hall
Notley Green carpet Bowls Club.



The Church in Great Notley

OPEN DAY

The Church in Great Notley will be holding
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to come along and see what our Church
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We are really looking forward to meeting
you and seeing lots of familiar faces too.

If you would like more info please check
out our FB Page or email
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**Update**

The Great Notley Table Tennis club meets every Thursday morning at the Community Centre Hall between 10am and 1pm. The three hour session gives flexibility so members are not expected to stay the whole three hours unless they wish to. We have 5 tables in use so there is never too much sitting around waiting for a game. We have a yearly competition which is optional to enter and not too serious. We are very sociable and welcoming to new people.

Our members have very differing levels of ability so if you would like to come along and have a couple of free taster sessions or would like any other information please call club secretary Pauline Davis on 0752 7079112.

Many thanks
Pauline Davis
Secretary GNTTC

**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!





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