WHITE NOTLEY & FAULKBOURNE
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

Welcome to the winter edition of the newsletter. We would like to wish all residents a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



WHITE NOTLEY

Carols around the Christmas Tree

Come and join us for the

Carol Singing

Saturday 3rd December at ***6pm***



Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls & Mulled Wine

Donations for Essex Air Ambulance

St Ethldreda's Parish Church, White Notley

Christmas Activities

You are very welcome to join us at any of our activities as we celebrate the Christmas Season:

Saturday 3 December	4pm	Carols around the tree on the Village Green with Rev Jonathan
Sunday 11 December	11am	Holy Communion
Monday 12 December	7.30pm	Carols at the Cross Keys pub
Sunday 18 December	6 - 9pm	Lessons and Carols Service
Saturday 24 December	9pm	Christmas Holy Communion



White Notley School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 2 December 2022 between 5 - 7pm

- ***Santa's Grotto***
- ***Refreshments***
- ***Arts & Crafts***
- ***Tombola & Stalls***

St Germanus Church, Faulkbourne

Our beloved Church is open for two services a month – the first Sunday in each month which is a Communion Service at 9.30 am and our Taize service which is at 6.00 pm on the fourth Sunday in each month. The Taize service is unique in this part of Essex and our attendance is extraordinary thanks to our Vicar's idea to place signage along our busy road a few days before the service which attracts people who would not otherwise know the Church is there. If you would like a quiet, meditative and musical interlude on a Sunday evening surrounded by over a hundred lighted candles do please come along to the service.

Rev'd Dr. Jonathan Pritchard is Team Rector for our group of seven parishes and at the present time is heavily involved in filling the two vacancies within the Team. We await with bated breath that the two vacancies will be filled soon and Jonathan can take a bit of a breather. One of the two new Vicars will live in the Rectory at Terling and the other in a clergy house in Witham. Jonathan is intending to focus on St Nicolas in Witham, Faulkbourne and White Notley with the other two Vicars concentrating on Rivenhall, Silver End and Terling.

We have two Authorised Lay Preachers, Melanie Hicks and Simon May and we have our own Funeral Minister, Heather Brewster, who is doing a grand job conducting funerals not only in the churches but also at the Crematoriums.
Our Quinquennial Survey was carried out during the summer and has highlighted one or two issues in the Church which will need to be addressed during the next five years.

Here are the events for December:

Christmas Coffee Morning



Saturday 10 December 10.30am - 12 noon

We will be making Christingles in the Village Hall, do join us for coffee while we do!



Christingle Service

Sunday 11 December at 4pm

Jesus said "I am the Light of the World" "Christingle" means "Christ-light". Using the symbolism of an orange, a red ribbon, four sticks, fruit, nuts and a lighted candle, a Christingle is a powerful visual aid to tell of God's gift of the worlds and everything in it. The Christingle gift is set in a simple service, which has great appeal to youngsters of all ages – and to their families.
(As our car park is dark, please remember your torch!)

Christmas Day Service

Saturday 25 December at 9.30am (please note the early time)
Christmas Communion Service with Carols
with the Rev'd Rob Cadman

Faulkbourne's Coffee Mornings
We continue to host a Coffee Morning on the third Saturday in each month (except December which is a week earlier) which is a good time to meet people who don't normally come to Church. We are famous for our hospitality, not forgetting our delicious home-made cakes and biscuits! We start at 10.30 am and finish around 12 noon. Do come along and renew acquaintances!

Faulkbourne Village Hall
The Hall continues to be well used with Pilates classes being held three times a week, business training sessions during the day and Church and Parish Council meetings frequently in the evening. The Hall is popular for children's parties, particularly in the summer when the garden can be used for bouncy castles and messy play, etc. We have had wedding receptions as well as adult birthday parties. The Hall now boasts super-fast broadband supplied by County Broadband - many thanks to Jeremy Fisher for arranging all this. The electrics have been upgraded this year with splendid new light fittings in the main Hall and again many thanks to Jeremy and Claire Fisher for this.

Faulkbourne's Litter Pick
Earlier in the year we organized a litter pick through the Village – from the Witham end through to the Football Club which was well supported and we were all amazed at the amount of litter on the verges and the number of bags that we filled. Dave Brewster has continued litter picking diligently from that time, throughout the summer and into the autumn and we continue to be astonished at the amount of litter that is deposited along our road, thrown from cars with thoughtless occupants. Faulkbourne always looks tidy and clean and we need to thank Dave for all his time and trouble risking injury along this fast and dangerous road. Thank you, Dave!

White Notley Duck Race



The White Notley Duck Race committee would like to thank everyone who attended, donated and contributed to the annual Duck race this year, we had a great day and raised a fantastic £2,292.00. After deductions which totalled £356.00 we split the remaining £1,936.00 between the Bob Champion Trust and the village memorial fund. Once again, a huge thank you to all and here's to a bigger and better Duck Race and fun day next year.

Friday Community Shopper Bus to Chelmsford

We continue to subsidise this service for residents but if it is not well used we may have to reconsider future bookings.

Remaining date for 2022: 9 December
Dates for 2023: 13 January & 10 February

The bus will pick up from the Cross Keys / Vicarage Avenue at 10am
and return from Chelmsford at 1.45pm

Places must be pre-booked

Please contact Betty Bright, 01376 583434, or Shirley Daniels, 01376 583298
Fare: £5.00 return

White Notley and Faulkbourne Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Our thanks to everyone who has volunteered for our CSW team. We have put together a rota which means regular CSW sessions will be happening in White Notley and Faulkbourne over the next few months. Volunteers monitor speeds of passing vehicles, take the details of those exceeding the speed limit and the data is passed on to the police who follow up with repeat offenders. We would still like to have more members of the CSW team as it would mean monitoring even more often. The commitment of time is only a short online training session and then a 1-hour CSW session every few weeks.

If you can help us then please contact Councillor Ian Bentley on 01376 583119 or Councillor John Guy on 01376 585164

You may not be aware that the electronic Speed Indicator Device (SID) located in The Street, White Notley records the speed and time details of every vehicle that passes it, enabling us to download the data regularly and produce reports.

Some interesting statistics:

- Over 1000 vehicles a day pass the SID from the direction of Black Notley.
- The average speed past the SID is 33mph, above the speed limit of 30mph
- Most vehicles pass at speeds of 30-40mph.

However, many vehicles are going much faster, and some enter our village at 60-70 and even 70-80mph. These are often at night but sometimes during busy daytime as well and it is these drivers we are trying to deter with our CSW sessions.

White Notley Village Hall

We are delighted that the new floor in our Village Hall is now complete. Our old flooring, while very well maintained over many years, was beginning to lift in areas, necessitating repairs and replacement patches. So, we decided to have a new floor installed, using solid wooden strips which clip together easily. The strips are made by a Scandinavian company called Junckers, and the floor comes with a 25-year guarantee, although we understand the life expectancy should exceed 50 years. It is very lightly sprung, making it ideal for exercise and dance classes and sports such as badminton. The costs were met partially from Village Hall reserve funds, and also from a substantial and generous grant from the National Lottery, for which we are very grateful.

White Notley Village Hall Committee

Village Hall Hire

White Notley Village Hall: Booking Secretary Mrs S Daniels, 16 The Street, White Notley. Tel: 01376 583298.

Faulkbourne Village Hall: available for private hire, full catering facilities and enclosed garden. Tel: 07956 639877

White Notley History Weekend 8 - 9 October 2022

We would like to thank everyone who supported our History Weekend in St Etheldreda's Parish Church, White Notley.



We enjoyed lovely weather and the church had a real buzz as over a hundred visitors came to learn and appreciate just how rich White Notley's history is. We had obtained our church's records from the archives office and, incredibly, we were able to let our visitors handle them carefully, leafing through books recording births marriages and deaths from the 1500s right through to the present day. There were also guided tours around the church itself, pointing out items of interest including the 13th century stained glass depicting St Etheldreda herself.

John Player had kindly prepared a set of presentation boards about White Notley Hall, its history and its owners through the ages, and we had a recording of King Charles reading a poem by Robert Byron, brother of Lucy Butler, both of whom lived at the Hall. We also had old newspaper reports and photos of village events, and a display of historical artefacts found by metal detectorists in the fields around the village.

Bringing things up to date, Angie Nunn and the staff at White Notley Primary School had organised a photography competition for pupils to enter with images of the church, and we were able to display the superb winning photos which were greatly admired.

Delicious refreshments of tea, coffee and scrumptious cakes were kindly provided and served by volunteers.

Although not intended solely as a fund-raising event, the generosity of our visitors meant we raised over £400 for the church, and we are very grateful for all the support we received from everyone to organise the weekend, and also for all the kind words and appreciation from people who came along.

White Notley PCC

White Notley and Faulkbourne Streetlights

All of the streetlights in White Notley and Faulkbourne belong to the Parish Council who pay for the electricity supply and the maintenance. As you will have noticed we changed all of the lights over to LED lights a while ago. Not only are they more environmentally friendly but they also cost a lot less in electricity and maintenance. Since they were changed over in January we haven't had to pay for any additional maintenance costs other than our regular monthly contract payments. The cost for the electric supply has gone down from an average of £110.00 a month to an average of £55.00 a month, a significant saving!

Bingo at the Cross Keys

Starting on Monday 14 November and then every month (12 December, 9 January and 13 February) at 7.30pm. Entry is £1 and paces must be booked in advance.
For more information visit the Cross Keys Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/crosskeys.whitenotley/
or telephone the Cross Keys 01376 388222

Hello from White Notley C of E Primary School



We have had a wonderful start to the academic school year. We have welcomed the new reception children to our school and they have settled in brilliantly; you would have thought that they have been here much longer than 6 weeks!
The school has been humming with many exciting whole school events, which the children have really loved. We had a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the first week of school. It was unclear who enjoyed the squash and biscuits the most, the children or the bears!

Our Harvest Festival was on the 5th of October. The children sang beautifully in the church and there was standing room only due to the number of parents attending. Reverend Jonathan blessed the food and the congregation; the donations for the Food Bank were very much appreciated.





National Mad Hatter's Day was on October 6th and all the children made hats, which were all shown off in a parade. Their design skills and imagination were magnificent.
We have had our first ever poetry and music recitals for Key Stage Two and Early Years/Key Stage One over the past two weeks. The children recited poems, sang songs, played instruments (both in ensembles and solos) and both concerts were well-attended by parents.



In conjunction with the open weekend at St Etheldreda's, the children took part in a photography competition, *The Church Through the Eyes of a Child.* All the children (even the four-year-olds) took a photo of the church and they were judged by Reverend Jonathan. It was a very difficult decision and eventually it was decided that there were 3 winners: Nico, Isaac and Isabella.

The highly commended children were George, Evie, Molly, Ava-Bluebell, Sonny and Daniel. Their photographs are on display in Etheldreda's.

We would like to thank the Church for this opportunity for the children and also for their fantastic prizes. Class One has had a trip to the farm, Class Two visited Cressing Temple Barns and Class Four spent three days at Danbury Outdoor Centre. All the children loved their outings and we would like to thank the PTA for their contributions towards the trips.
We are currently showing prospective families for the reception intake 2023 around school. Applications for reception places closes on 15th January 2023, so if you would like to visit the school, please email admin@whitenotley.essex.sch.uk or phone the office on 01386 583 376 to arrange a time. ***Patsy Fitzpatrick (Head of School)***

Dave's Big Quiz
First Monday of every month at the Cross Keys
£2 Entry - *Winner Takes All!*

Tables must be booked in advance

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Useful Contacts:

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Essex Police	www.essex.police.uk	Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency: 101
Crimestoppers	www.crimestoppers-uk.org	0800 555111
ECC Highways	www.essexhighways.org	Urgent Enquiries 0345 603 7631
Essex County Council	www.essex.gov.uk	General Enquiries 0345 743 0430
Braintree District Council	www.braintree.gov.uk	Customer Services 01376 552525

Join the White Notley Walkers

Come and join your White Notley neighbours for our monthly walk on the morning of the fourth Tuesday in each month. Everyone is welcome (so are dogs) and the walks last around 2 hours. Our walks are on footpaths around the local countryside and nearby villages. The walks are free and are a great opportunity to meet other White Notley residents while getting some healthy exercise and fresh air.
We send details of each walk via email to everyone on our mailing list. If you would be interested in joining us on our walks, please email John and Lesley at john_guy@btinternet.com for more details.
Or alternatively telephone Lindsay on 01376 583119.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Village Directory

Carpet Bowls	Every Monday 7pm – Village Hall Ann Williams 01376 567590 whitenotleycarpetbowls@gmail.com
White Notley Football Club	Chairman: Justin Daniels wnfc@hotmail.co.uk
St Etheldreda Church, White Notley	Churchwardens: Ian Bentley 01376 583119 Antony Stark 01376 583117 Secretary: Ian Bentley Treasurer: Lindsay Bentley Team Vicar: Rev'd Jonathan Pritchard
St Germanus Church, Faulkbourne	Churchwardens: Melanie Hicks 07956 639877 Heather Brewster 07948 281208 Secretary: Simon May 07939 249349 Team Vicar: Rev'd Jonathan Pritchard 07468 575114
White Notley Primary School	Headteacher: Ruth Baugh 01376 583376
W.I.	1st Thursday of the month, 7.30pm – Village Hall Secretary: Julie Burston 01376 323486 Julieburston2506@gmail.com
White Notley Village Hall Committee	1st Tuesday, every other month at 8pm. Shirley Daniels 01376 583298
Faulkbourne Village Hall	Bookings Secretary: Melanie Hicks 07956 639877

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at either White Notley or Faulkbourne Village Hall at 7.45pm. There is 15 minutes available for Public Forum at every meeting. Details of the meetings and an agenda are posted on the notice boards and website a week before the meeting.

Your Councillors are:

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