



WHITE NOTLEY & FAULKBOURNE  
PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2023



**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 2nd December at 6pm**



Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls & Mulled Wine  
Donations for Essex Air Ambulance



### St Etheldreda's Parish Church, White Notley *Christmas Events*

Sunday 3 December 11.15am - **All Age Service**

Thursday 14 December 7.30pm - **Carols in The Cross Keys Pub**

Sunday 17 December 6pm - **Carol Service at St Etheldreda's**

Sunday 24 December 9pm - **Christmas Eve Communion Service**



### St Germanus Church, Faulkbourne *December Services*



#### **Holy Communion**

Sunday 3 December at 9.30am

#### **Christingle Service**

Sunday 10 December at 4pm with Rev. Jane Quinton

#### **Christmas Day Service**

Monday 25 December at 9.30am with Rev. Jonathan Pritchard

## Faulkbourne Remembrance Service



The Remembrance Service led by Rev Noah Cockett was very well attended, thank you to everyone who came.

The Church was once again beautifully decorated by our flower arranging ladies, thank you to Melanie, Heather, Sue and Eve.

The 'Faulkbourne Tommy' with poppies made from plastic bottles.

## Faulkbourne Village Hall

The bookings for the Hall have increased substantially in the last year or so mainly because of the increase in day and evening classes.

The Pilates classes are held several times a week, and there were regular bookings from a home school group. Poker nights also continue.

We are also grateful for the continuing supply of the super-fast broadband.

We have a new cleaner who will aim to clean for two hours each month and depending on the time will, as a routine, clean out kitchen cupboards.

The grass cutting, hedge trimming and strimming are now carried out by Simon Braywood who is doing a grand job as the garden always looks neat and trim.

We are grateful to the Fisher family for paying for replacement light fittings inside and outside the Hall – these are a marked improvement on the previous fittings. The electrical installation was also upgraded at the same time with a new fuse box and a new control panel in the kitchen all of which was certified under the electrical installation regulations.

The gas boiler has also recently been replaced with the proper certification.

Fencing repairs have also been carried out.

The Hall was closed during September whilst the floorboards were carefully taken out and all the floor joists, which had dry rot throughout, were replaced. The floorboards were then re-laid in their original position and treated with a wood conditioner.

The Hall continues to be a valuable asset and amenity to Faulkbourne Village.

### 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

## News from White Notley C of E Primary School

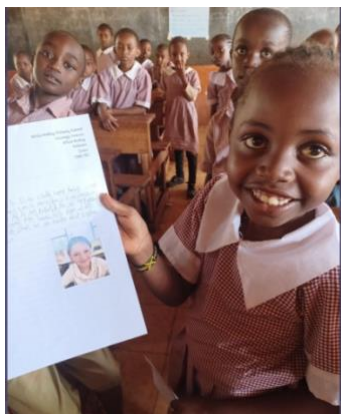
It has been a wonderful autumn so far at White Notley.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November we had our Harvest Festival at St Etheldreda's. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents in the church – there were over 60 adults in the congregation!

The children's singing and reciting of poetry was really beautiful. Thank you to the school community for all the donations to the food bank (a selection you can see in the photo); your generosity will definitely help people in need.

During October half term, Mrs Fitzpatrick visited our partner school, Kagio Primary, in Kenya. The link with this school has been going since 2007. She took letters the children had written responding to ones received in September from the Kenyan children. The White Notley and Kagio children worked together to learn about the Sustainable Development Goal, Responsible Consumption and Production, and produced artwork using recycled materials based on our LIFE vision.

Mrs Fitzpatrick was inspired by the Kenyan children's positive outlook on life: their hope, aspirations, work ethic, singing and dancing. We had a non-uniform day and raised



£300, which was donated to Kagio Primary. Some of the money was used to feed the whole school on the last day of their term.

Other events that we have had since the start of the year are a Teddy Bears' Picnic, World Food Day and hat making for Mad Hatter's Day. Class 4 went to Hilltop on residential, Class 1 visited the farm and Class 2 visited the Braintree Museum.

### Hall Hire

Our school hall is available for hire on the evenings, weekends and school holidays. The cost of hiring the hall is £18 per hour. If you would like to make an enquiry or a booking please email our office at [WNPS@whitenotley.essex.sch.uk](mailto:WNPS@whitenotley.essex.sch.uk)

## **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 dates for 2023:*  
**8 December**

*Dates for 2024:*  
**12 January & 9 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

### **Vicarage Avenue**

Parking issues - we have had a number of complaints about residents parking on the greenswards in Vicarage Avenue. These areas are the responsibility of Eastlight who have put 'No Parking on the Greensward' signs in place. We would like to ask everyone to be respectful of these areas, no one minds residents parking for a short while if they have heavy shopping to unload from their cars but it becomes more of an issue in the winter when the grass can become churned up making it muddy and unsightly.

We have also had complaints about older children racing their push bikes up and down the pavements making it very dangerous for pedestrians, perhaps parents could have a word with their children explaining the dangers of cycling on the paths? It is ok for very young children supervised by their parents but older children should use the road, not the pavement.

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### ***White Notley Walkers – Everyone is welcome!***

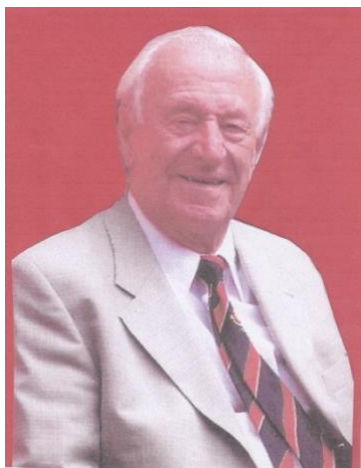
The end of 2023 sees our informal walking group marching into its 8<sup>th</sup> year and still going strong. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month we get together for an enjoyable social walk around a local area. Many of our walks are in or around White Notley, but we also go further afield to visit other parts of our local countryside. The walks last up to 2 hours and are mainly along quiet country footpaths and bridle ways – nothing too difficult!

Everyone is welcome to join us, participation is free and we welcome dogs too. Our walks are a great opportunity to see the countryside around us, socialise with other walkers and to get some healthy fresh air and exercise. Our next walk will be in January 2024, a good chance to blow out the cobwebs and start the New Year in healthy way.

The organisers are John and Lesley Guy and Lindsay Bentley – if you would like to learn more and be put on the circulation list, then email John and Lesley at john\_guy@btinternet.com, or telephone Lindsay on 01376 583119.

We look forward to seeing you and all our regular White Notley Walkers in January.

## An Appreciation of Gordon Snell who has passed away aged 92



Gordon was born in Lavenham, in Suffolk 1931. In 1936, he and his parents moved to White Notley. He spent five years in Suffolk and 87 in Essex, but he still referred to himself as a Suffolk boy. He started his education at White Notley Primary School, and then went to Witham Senior School. He went to Northeast Essex Technical College, then finished his education at Cardiff University where he gained an engineering degree.

Gordon worked for Marconi's in Chelmsford for 47 years and his final job was manager of the sheet metal department. But Gordon had another career, which was football. It started at Senior School and after national service, Gordon joined the White Notley football club. He played over 500 games between 1954 and 1975 and then played for Black Notley Hospital social club, before hanging up his boots in 1977.

Gordon always had really strong links with White Notley football club. He had various different roles over the years, from managing the team to being chairman and then vice president. In 1967, he joined the Essex Football Association, representing the Braintree League. He became chairman of Essex Football Association for 13 years and represented Essex on the National Football Association for six. Gordon was honoured to be a life member of the Essex Football Association, Life Vice president of the White Notley Football Club and the Braintree Sunday League, vice president of the Essex Olympian Football League and patron of the Ladies League.

But alongside this busy sporting life, Gordon was also very much a family man, as husband to Betty – as was said at his funeral service, theirs was a love affair of 87 years, and Gordon always said he would have achieved nothing without her support. He was father to Andrew and Anita, and a loving grandfather and eventually great grandfather, taking huge pleasure from all of his growing family as he got older and reduced his sporting activities.

Gordon was active in the village, a supporter and worshipper at White Notley church, and one of the founders of the White Notley Carpet Bowls Club, a sporting activity he kept up to the end of his life.

A glass half full man, who grasped all life had to offer with both hands, Gordon will be missed by his wife and family, his friends and all who knew him.

### Useful Contacts:

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## Village Directory

Carpet Bowls	Every Monday 7pm – Village Hall Ann Williams 01376 567590 whitenotleycarpetbowls@gmail.com
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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
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W.I.	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7.30pm – Village Hall Secretary: Julie Burston 01376 323486 Julieburston2506@gmail.com
White Notley Village Hall Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 7.30pm. 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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