



WHITE NOTLEY & FAULKBOURNE
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2021



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 4th December at 6pm



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



St Etheldreda's Parish Church, White Notley

Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 12 December, 6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols Service - come and join us for this well-loved service in our candle lit church with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Wednesday 15 December, 7.30pm - Carols in the pub - join us for an hour to sing your favourite carols in the warmth of the Cross Keys.

Sunday 19 December, 11am - Informal Children's nativity service - all children are welcome to join in, come in your own costume or we can supply them, lots of fun and refreshments afterwards.

Friday 24 December 9.30pm - Christmas Eve Communion Service, led by Rev Jonathan Pritchard - start the Christmas celebrations in a traditional way with our evening service.

And another date into the New Year; **Sunday 16 January** 11am Christingle Service - a fun service for all ages to celebrate light at a gloomy time of the year!

Goodbye and Hello to Revs Paulie and Jonathan

We are sorry to say goodbye to Rev Paulie Watkin who has moved to be rector of the benefice of Tadcaster in Yorkshire. Our thanks go to him for his time with us, and we wish him, Tara and all the family every happiness in their new surroundings.

We also say hello and welcome to the new Team Rector for the Witham Benefice, Rev Jonathan Pritchard, who has come to us from Keighley, also in Yorkshire! Rev Jonathan will be leading most of our services at St Etheldreda's in December, so please come and say hello to him as we celebrate Advent and Christmas together.

Speeding through the Villages

The Parish Council receives a large number of complaints about speeding through the villages. The following measures give you an idea of what the Parish Council is doing to try to address the problem:

- **Speed Indicator Devices (SID)**; the Parish Council already owns one SID and has just ordered another. The SIDs record the speed, times, and volume of traffic. Members of the Council have to change the batteries regularly and also download the data from the SID which is then produced as a monthly report. This report is forwarded on to the police for action if necessary.
- **Community Speed Watch (CSW)**; The Council has purchased its own speed gun, had training, and regularly carry out speed watches. We desperately need more volunteers to keep this going. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor.
- **Speed Surveys**; a new speed survey has been requested for Witham Road, this should be carried out hopefully within the next month or two.
- **Speed Reduction Scheme**; a scheme has been submitted to the Local Highways Panel (LHP).
- **Anti-Speeding Posters** - these were provided to residents a while ago to stick on their wheelie bins to raise awareness of the problem and to hopefully shame motorists into slowing down!
- **'20's Plenty' Scheme**; this is being looked at for outside the Primary School.

The Parish Council was represented at a meeting with Cllr Lee Scott, the Essex County Council Cabinet member for Highways. The meeting had been organised by County Cllr Ross Playle.

We emphasised the findings from the formal speed survey carried out in February 2019 which showed that the traffic in Faulkbourne travelled at an average speed of 37.3mph a level which warrants further action and Cllr Scott took away a copy of the findings.

Cllr Scott emphasised the importance of reporting to the police any traffic accidents which occur in our parish even if no-one is hurt. Essentially if there are no police reports relating to the roads through our villages nothing will be done. You can do this by phoning 101 or online to essex.police.uk

Zumba Gold

Perfect for the more mature participant with great music and moves. The only requirement is to be young at heart.

For details contact: Emanuela on 07769 564859.
We meet in White Notley Village Hall on Thursdays at 11am

Streetlights

The Parish Council owns all of the streetlights in White Notley and Faulkbourne and is responsible for maintaining them and paying for the electric supply to the lights. The Parish Council has decided to change all the lights over to LED lights, this will not only reduce light pollution but will reduce maintenance costs and also cut the monthly electricity bill to under half the current cost, a saving of around £50/60 a month. The cost of doing this will come out of this years budget (from reserves) so will not impact on next years expenditure.

The Parish Church of St Germanus, Faulkbourne



We are OPEN as usual!
If, for any reason, in the event that new and further Covid restrictions are imposed and services are cancelled once again, please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the "Church Near You" website for the latest developments. We have streamed on Facebook to date a couple of Taize services, a Rogation Service and Morning and Evening Prayer, we hope these provide some comfort should we be unable to meet in person.

In the meantime, here are the events for December at Faulkbourne:

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th December 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

we will be making Christingles in the Village Hall
do join us for COFFEE while we do!



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

4.00 pm Sunday 12th December

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 Eve: There will be "Midnight" Services at White Notley at 9.30 pm and at Terling at 11.30 pm

Carols by Candlelight

4.00 pm Sunday 19 December

Well known and loved Christmas Carols and Readings with the Rev'd Dr Jonathan Pritchard. Refreshments (including mince pies!) after the service

(again, please remember your torch!)



Christmas Day Service: 9.00am Saturday 25 December. Christmas Communion Service with Carols with the Rev'd Rob Cadman. (Please note the early start).

Cleaners and Flower Arrangers for St Germanus Church

We welcome new members to our team of cleaners and flower arrangers in our lovely Church. If you are interested in helping out, however little time you have, please contact Melanie: hicksfaulkbourne.mh@gmail.com



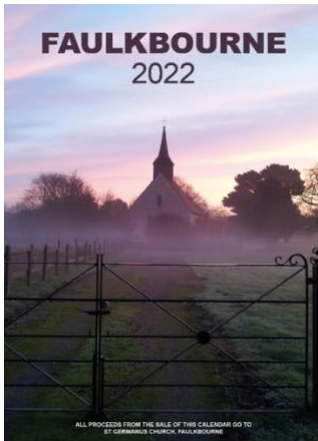
Faulkbourne Village Sign

Our wooden Village Sign is looking very old and sad and is beyond repairing! So we are pleased to say that the Parish Council has applied for funding and agreed to pay the remaining cost for replacing the wooden sign with a smart looking pierced metal one. The design will be basically the same but being metal will last many years longer than a wooden one.

We are hoping the new one will be in place by the Spring!

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits our Village every three weeks on a Monday at 11.40am until 12.10pm. These are the latest dates for Faulkbourne; 13 December 2021, 3 January 2022, 24 January 2022 and 14 February 2022.



Faulkbourne Calendar 2022

The calendar depicting lovely photos in and around Faulkbourne is now ready! This will be available at Faulkbourne's Services each week, at the Coffee Morning and can be ordered by ringing 07956 639877.

The cost is £8.50 per calendar and all proceeds go to Faulkbourne Church.

We had a great many photographs to choose from, so thank you to everyone who contributed, including Dave Brewster, Carol Ponder, William Dart, Pam Shoobridge, Simon May and Helen Phillips.

Community Tree and Bulb Planting Scheme

Braintree District Council are offering free trees and bulbs to parish councils and community groups. 400 bulbs have been ordered for White Notley and if you would like some to plant then please contact Cllr Ian Bentley 01376 583119.

Faulkbourne has also ordered some of the trees and bulbs and if you would like to take part in the planting of these (only in publicly accessible areas yet to be agreed) then please contact 07956 639877.

Friday Community Shopper Bus to Chelmsford

We continue to subsidise this service for residents

The bus is booked for the remaining dates: 10 December 2021
14 January & 11 February 2022

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 Walkers

We run monthly walks around and about White Notley, Fairstead, Terling and the locality. They are open to anyone who is interested and who wishes to keep fit and enjoy the countryside and good company. They are usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Well behaved dogs are also welcome. They start at 10.30 and last for about 2 hours walking at a modest pace.

We have started to arrange shorter walks as well.

We ask that those who are interested should contact

Lindsay on 01376 583 119 lindsaybntly@aol.com

Or Lesley on 01376 585 164 john_guy@btinternet.com

We will notify participants by email or phone where the walks will start from.

Look forward to meeting new members.

Hello from White Notley School!

It's been a very happy return to school this September, being able to finally meet together as a whole school once more. We have made the most of it, holding several whole school celebration days already this term including Teddy Bears' Picnic Day, Mad Hatters Day and Be a Time Traveller Day! We are now looking forward to celebrating Christmas together and the fun of concerts, shows and Nativity plays as well as enjoying Christmas dinner together.

Our School Christmas Fair is on Friday 3rd December, 5-7.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along. Father Christmas and very excitingly, a group of Alpacas will be visiting!

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the school who are looking for a place for their child next September. We always enjoy showing people around our friendly, nurturing school; if you know of anyone with a child starting school in September 2022 please point them in our direction.

Our PTA have been very busy raising money for the school and we were thrilled to have our new log trail installed after 2 years of fundraising! Our pupils have been taking part in a sponsored mini marathon event over the past couple of weeks and have run an amazing 260 miles between them all!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you are able to spend it with friends and family.

With best wishes,

Ruth Baugh, Headteacher White Notley C of E Primary School

Village Hall Hire

White Notley Village Hall: Booking Secretary Mrs S A 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.

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 Paul Watkin 01376 583930
St Germanus Church, Faulkbourne	Churchwardens: Melanie Hicks 07956 639877 Heather Brewster 01376 517095 Secretary: Margaret Galione 01376 511423 Team Vicar:
White Notley C of E Primary School	Headteacher: Ruth Baugh 01376 583376
W.I.	1 st Thursday of the month, 7.30pm – Village Hall Secretary: Julie Burston 01376 323486 Julieburston2506@gmail.com
White Notley Village Hall Committee	1 st 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:

Cllr Betty Bright (Chairman) 28 The Street, White Notley	01376 583434
Cllr Ian Bentley Garden House, Church Hill, White Notley	01376 583119
Cllr Shirley Daniels (Vice-Chairman) 16 The Street, White Notley	01376 583298
Cllr Jeremy Fisher Faulkbourne Hall	01376 513385
Cllr John Guy Old Mill Barn, White Notley	01376 585164
Cllr Linda Harrison 29 The Street, White Notley	01376 585065
Cllr David Phillips 2 Post Office Cottages, Faulkbourne	
Cllr Dee Smith 42 The Street, White Notley	01376 583627
Cllr Mo Taylor Station House, Station Road, White Notley	07402 776000
Angela Balcombe (Clerk) 6 Shires Close, Great Notley CM77 7FT	01376 550927 E-mail: angiebalc@aol.com

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