



WHITE NOTLEY & FAULKBOURNE  
PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2008



**Welcome to the Winter edition of our newsletter.** Sadly, the Post Office has now closed, not without a fight from villagers and the Parish Council. A surprise 'do' was arranged by residents at the Cross Keys on the 5<sup>th</sup> February (closing day) for Sub-Postmistress Betty Bright to thank her for all her help over the last 12 years. Betty has the following words to say.....

*"I would like to thank everyone who has been a customer at the Post Office for the last 12 years. It's a very sad time to have the office closed down despite the efforts to keep it open. Thank you to everyone who turned up at the Cross Keys and to everybody who made a donation to my leaving present. I was lost for words, it was a real surprise, once again thank you"*

## House of Lords Visit



As one of only 43 Quality councils in Essex, the Chairman of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council was invited to attend the formal signing of the Concordat between Essex County Council (ECC) and the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) (on behalf of town and parish councils), by the Leader of Essex County Council, Lord Hanningfield.

Betty Bright and Angela Balcombe (Clerk) travelled up to the House of Lords by coach, and once through security, were welcomed to the House of Lords by Lord Hanningfield. After drinks and canapés, Lord Hanningfield and Cllr John Buchanan, Chairman of EALC, (pictured above) made short speeches and then both signed the Concordat. The Concordat sets out the principles of partnership working between the County Council and town and parish councils and is a statement of the County Councils commitment to working with the parish tier, the most local tier of government.

After a few more glasses of wine, we were taken on a tour of the Palace of Westminster and the House of Commons which was extremely enjoyable and educational! It was then back on the coach for the journey home. An excellent evening and nice to be recognised and thanked for being a Quality council.



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR VILLAGE

Councillors Linda Desmond and Claire Roberts recently attended an informative training day about planning for the future of your village.

Several villages in Essex have community-led projects around developing a Parish Plan or Village Design Statement; this involves local people in making decisions about the future of their community and empowers residents to play an active and sustainable role within the community.

A Village Design Statement documents the character of the parish, is representative of community opinion and helps to protect open spaces and visually important buildings, both natural and constructed. Benefits include giving designers and planners positive guidance on acceptable design in the parish and enables local people to respond to development proposals in an informed and professional manner.

A Parish Plan feeds in to the Community Strategy, it contains an action plan, provides a vision for the future of the parish and can look at specific issues.

If you are interested in becoming involved in either producing a parish plan or village design statement please contact either Claire or Linda who will arrange an initial consultation meeting if there is enough interest. A steering group of at least 8-12 people is required. This will be a long-term commitment (possibly 2-3 years with meetings bi-monthly).

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## HARE COURSING – DID YOU KNOW?

Hare Coursing is illegal. The Police tell us that Hare Coursers are often responsible for other petty crime in the areas they visit.

If you see anyone you think is hare coursing (usually with dogs such as greyhounds or lurchers, usually two or more old cars often with children in the front seat) then take down the car registration number(s) remember a brief description of people and dogs and ring the police on 01376 551312. The dogs and handlers are often dropped off some distance from the field where they are going to chase hares.

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## White Notley and Faulkbourne WI

*Interested? Why not come to our meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall*

6 March	A day in the life of a vet by Paul Freeman	3 July	Fight of People of East Prussia by Paula Short
3 April	Talk by Essex Air Ambulance	4 Sept	Embroidery – Raised Work by Frances Fitzgerald
1 May	Coins & Jewellery by Gordon Bailey	2 Oct.	Book Binding – the History & Secrets by Ann Wood
5 June	House & Gardens of Easton Lodge by Brian Creasey	6 Nov.	Slides on Alaska or Canadian Rockies by Dudley Chignal

**Guests: £2.00 Raffle and Tea included**



# Neighbourhood Policing

For those of you who are not aware your community has a very proactive community policing team..

This consists of both police officers and PCSOs working together to try and make improvement in your community.

Some of the powers of PCSOs include:

Confiscation of alcohol and tobacco from those underage, or suspected of supplying to those underage.

Dealing with nuisance youth problems by the use of stop checking, obtaining details and the power to detain until further action can be taken if necessary.

Power to issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti / truancy / cycling / litter / dogs

And many more.....

In order to do this we need to be working in partnership with local agencies and the general public so we need your support. You can help by reporting minor incidents to us by use of the **Neighbourhood Policing mobile telephone: 07791402133**. However all emergencies

**must be reported via 999!!!**

**We aim to take positive action against any problems or issues that may arise. Please help us to help you by reporting any incidents via the above telephone number or attending your next Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting.**

**The next NAP meeting for your area will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at The Village Hall, BLACK NOTLEY at 10.30am.**

The NAP meeting will aim to take note of any issues and for the community to become involved in finding solutions to them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your local PC covering the area **JASON CORRIGAN - PC 3676**

## BEAT SURGERIES

### Terling Stores

6<sup>th</sup> March  
16.00 -18.30  
3<sup>rd</sup> April  
16.00 -18.30

### Black Notley Community Association

John Ray Gardens  
8<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30 -12.30  
5<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30 -12.30

### White Notley Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> March  
11.30 -13.00  
6<sup>th</sup> April  
11.30 -13.00

### Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Maldon Road  
20<sup>th</sup> March  
17.00 -19.00  
17<sup>th</sup> April  
17.00 -19.00

**The Mobile Police Office will be in Black Notley, Bedells Avenue between 10.30 and 11.45 am on the 4th of March and the 1st and 29th of April.**

## Village Directory

Carpet Bowls	Every Monday, 7.30pm – Village Hall Ann Williams 01787 476210
Football Club	Witham Road, White Notley
Parochial Church Council	Churchwardens: Ian Bentley 01376 583119 Barbara Brown 01376 583271 Secretary: Kathryn Bennett 01376 583194 Vicar: Rev.d John Hall 01245 233256
White Notley C of E Primary School	Headteacher: Mrs Penny Smith 01376 583376
W.I.	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7.15pm – Village Hall Secretary: June Jones 01376 585886
Village Hall Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, every other month at 8pm. Shirley Daniels 01376 583298

*If you would like your details added to the Directory, please contact the Parish Clerk*

## **DOG MESS - COUNCIL STEPS IN!**

The Parish Council has received complaints about dog fouling in the Village. If you have any information or evidence of who is responsible, please let the Braintree District Council Dog Warden know (01376 552525). There is now a new dog bin in Farnbridge Chase.

## **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE**

It has been suggested that the Parish Council might like to buy a large 15' Christmas tree to plant on the triangle by the notice board in White Notley. The tree could be decorated each year. We would like your views – do you think this is a good idea? Let us know your views, you can contact any parish councillor or the Parish Clerk.

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## **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:***

Cllr William Beal 2 Oak Cottages, Faulkbourne	01376 517678
Cllr Betty Bright ( <b>Chairman</b> ) 28 The Street, White Notley	01376 583434
Cllr Shirley Daniels 16 The Street, White Notley	01376 583298
Cllr Linda Desmond Heron Cottage, 13 Station Road, White Notley	01376 583772
Cllr Margaret Galione ( <b>District Councillor</b> ) 2 Lodge Cottage, Faulkbourne	01376 511 423
Cllr Sue Hood ( <b>Vice-Chairman</b> ) Jack at Hares, Green Lane, The Green, White Notley	01376 343443
Cllr Keith McKoy 38 Vicarage Avenue, White Notley	01376 584476
Cllr Claire Roberts 68 Vicarage Avenue, White Notley	01376 585129
Cllr Andrew Wagstaff 2 Home Farm, Faulkbourne	01376 517106
Angela Balcombe ( <b>Clerk</b> ) 6 Shires Close, Great Notley CM77 7FT	01376 528081 E-mail: <a href="mailto:angiebalc@aol.com">angiebalc@aol.com</a>
<b>Visit our website at:</b> <b><a href="http://www.essexinfo.net/whitenotleyfaulkbourneparishcouncil">www.essexinfo.net/whitenotleyfaulkbourneparishcouncil</a></b>	

### ***Need to report a pothole?***

Tel: Essex County Council Highways 0845 603 7631  
or report it online at [www.essexcc.gov.uk](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk)

Street lights in White Notley and Faulkbourne belong to the Parish Council; any faults can be reported to the Parish Clerk

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