

BLACK-NOTLEY



Black Notley Parish Council

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Issue 7 - February 2009

Hello, and a Happy New Year to all our readers, this Newsletter is issued by the Parish Council to let you know what is happening in our village.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who voted for both the Black Notley Community Association and the Scouts in their appeals just before Christmas, they were both successful in gaining funding to the tune of £58,750 for the BNCA and £10,000 for the Scouts which is great news, our congratulations go out to both organisations.

With spring fast approaching we have included in this edition an article about the trees in the village and would appreciate it if you took some time to read it and pass the message on to your children, particularly if they do play out on their own

Once again, we are still receiving complaints regarding dog walkers not clearing up after their dogs, if you do see anyone doing this, you can report it to Andrew Potter on 01376 551414 extn. 2217

We would also like to warn parents who let their children use the park next to the Community Centre that there has been a number of incidents involving broken bottles being left there, the community warden Tony Lynch always ensures that this area is checked and cleared on his rounds but if you do use the park and find broken glass there, please report it to Braintree District Council as they are responsible for this area.

We have also included some information regarding help if you are being affected by the Credit Crunch.

Black Notley Community Association

The BNCA ended 2008 on a high by managing to secure £58,750 from Lottery Funding, which will be going towards the refurbishment of the swimming pool and changing rooms and they are hoping for the work to be completed by April. They were given £2,400 from the Parish Council to refurbish the disabled toilet and also managed to receive £7,500

from Braintree District Council Local Committee Grants which is going towards the refurbishment of the kitchen area.

They are hoping to have a Grand Opening on the 2nd May along with their AGM but please check their website (www.bnca.co.uk) or Mandy Quinn (07988 687310) nearer the time for confirmation of the date.

Neighbourhood Policing Contact Details:

Emergency calls only incident
in progress or imminent
999

Non Emergency's
0300 333 4444

Sergeant Natalie Mackintosh
01376 501212

PC Jason Corrigan
07791 402133

Police Community Support
Officer(PCSO)
Nikki Doubleday
**01376 501212 or 07791
402133**

Community Warden
Tony Lynch

**01376 552525 or 07785
515512**

Crimestoppers
0800 555111

Neighbourhood Watch Administrator,
Braintree & District Area:

Clive Stewart – 01376 556282 xtn 63126
clive.stewart@essex.pnn.police.uk

Our local PCSO will be available on
25th February, 25th March, 29th April &
27th May between 7pm and 9pm in the
Marked Police Vehicle at the entrance
to the former Hospital site on Mary Ruck
Way if you wish to discuss anything.

LOOKING AFTER OUR TREES

The open space areas in Black Notley are a valuable resource for the local community. They provide an area for play and relaxation, and also provide a habitat for wildlife. The young and old trees growing in the open spaces are an essential part. In addition to the obvious benefits like providing shade in hot weather, and cleansing the air that we breathe, they are bird nesting sites and protect wildlife when the weather is harsh.

The trees in the open spaces are though under threat from events like climate change. Trees like us can be infected by bacteria and viruses, and can be damaged by a range of animal and insect pests. A broken branch can lead to infection, and ultimately death of the tree.

As a nation the number of mature trees is diminishing, which is why the Council are keen to plant young trees, and protect the older trees.

The public can help us to preserve our trees – you can help by:

- Respecting the open space and encourage others to do the same.
- Abide by the laws, especially in respect of dumping and litter removal.
- Support local community initiatives to use and improve the local space.

Many of the trees in the open spaces are protected by law. This protects trees by making it an offence to damage or destroy one, with a fine of up to £20,000. In one action it is possible to lose a tree that could have taken over a hundred years to reach its mature size. The benefits mentioned above would then be lost forever.

You can help us protect trees by:

- Contact the Council's Landscape Services team on **01376 551414** if you are concerned by the health of a tree.
- Reporting any tree abuse to your local Community Warden, Tree Warden, the Police or the Parish Council.
- Explaining to your children the value of trees, and how to avoid damaging them when playing.

If there is sufficient interest, it would be possible to arrange an open space walk and talk about the trees in the open space, and the other vegetation and wildlife that contribute so much to our landscape.



BLACK NOTLEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

March – Growing up in Colchester's Dutch Quarter by Mr Waters

April – Tales of an Antique dealer by Mrs P Whitfield

May – This month we discuss the resolutions to be decided upon at the National AGM

As usual, they meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm, and anyone interested in coming along can ring Margot Williams on - 01376 340701.

Discovery Club

The Discovery Club held at Black Notley Village Hall has changed their demonstration day – now held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30. On all other Thursday mornings we have an Art Class, Sewing/knitting/patchwork Class (I think it's just an excuse for a good chat) we achieve a lot of work whilst chatting and have sent many items abroad, such as patchwork quilts for children in hospital and bobble hats to go in the shoe box scheme. If you know anyone who would like anything made for charity or schools we would be pleased to hear about them. We charge £1.50 a session, there's nothing to join the £1.50 covers tea/coffee and biscuits and the rent. Come along any Thursday morning and give us a try – for further information ring Jean on **01376 330397** our programme for the next 3 months:-

March 19th

Betty Dean making necklaces

April 16th

Jean shows us umbrella cards

May 21st

Outing to a Craft Day at Hatfield House

Help to Residents

Facing redundancy or affected by redundancy?

The Citizens Advice Bureau (who are partly funded by Braintree District Council) can give free and impartial advice if anyone is facing redundancy. Call them on 0844 499 4719.

The Welfare Advice team at Braintree Council are here to make sure people get all the financial support they are entitled to. Call them for a FREE benefits check on 01376 557826 or e-mail: benefit_advice@braintree.gov.uk

Struggling to pay your mortgage or rent ?

Everybody who is struggling to pay either their mortgage or rent is able to get FREE and impartial advice and support from the Council's Housing Advice Team. Call the Housing Advice Team on 01376 552525 or email: housingadvice@braintree.gov.uk

Don't have enough to pay the essentials?

For anyone whose household income has reduced or who simply can't afford to pay the bills, the Council may be able to help by checking they have all the financial support they are entitled to. Call on 01376 552525

Help to the Elderly

Community Transport- Helping People to Stay Independent

The elderly who have difficulty getting out and about or live in an area poorly served by public transport could use the Community Transport scheme. To many customers it's their lifeline, allowing them to keep doing what they want to do, going to the shops, visiting family and friends, even getting to a doctors appointment. Community Transport took 50,000 passenger journeys in the Braintree District last year. To find out more or request an application form please call the Community Transport scheme on 01376 327357.

Don't Have enough to Pay The Essentials

Some people who are living on a fixed income and facing rising costs may be finding it increasingly difficult to pay their bills. Braintree District Council may be able to help by checking they have all the financial support they are entitled to. According to Age Concern the elderly have £4.6 billion of unclaimed financial support. They can call Braintree District Council now for a free and confidential chat on 01376 557826

Heating Bills Causing You a Problem?

A special deal with British Gas has been arranged for anyone to get their loft and cavity walls insulated. This could bring down a typical heating bill by up to £175 per year. People are entitled to a £110 rebate on their council tax and people who are over 70 or receiving benefits, can get their home insulated in this way FREE OF CHARGE. Call Braintree District Council on 01376 552525

Notley Youth FC News

Unfortunately due to the recent bad weather we have been unable to play many of our games. However, the U16 team did manage to reach the final 16 of the County Cup – for a club of our size this was a very respectful achievement.

At present we are looking for players at U11, U12 and U14 and in particular a goalkeeper at U12. All info available on the web site www.notleyyouthfc.org.uk or contact

Steve Galley on
07747 106875.



LOCAL SCHOOLS

John Ray Infants School

Quiz Night – 6th March

Easter Disco – 28th March

John Ray Junior School

Easter Disco – 20th March

Easter Craft Workshop (after school) – 26th March

White Notley Primary School

Fete - Saturday 16th May

12 till 3pm

Parking available at White
Notley Village Hall

Essex Watch



Give beggars a very cold shoulder this time of year!

Last year there were a number of experiences by the elderly and those who felt vulnerable, when on their own, when they answered the door to people who were claiming to be “deaf and mute” and presenting a card saying they “needed cash”.

Also there have been males who did knock at doors offering paintings for sale, saying they were trying to “raise cash to send home”.

It is important that anyone who feels vulnerable – whatever their age - always keeps the door chain/bar secure when answering the door to unexpected callers.

Why not use the Nominated Neighbour Card-it is FREE from Neighbourhood Watch Groups and has proven successful in preventing Bogus Callers gaining access to homes!

Genuine callers will make the effort to make contact with your “Nominated Neighbour” and bogus callers do go away!

Refuse to give money to these beggars without opening your door and they will probably give up and go away.

Please note that to sell anything at the door and ask for payment at that time needs a Peddlers Licence signed by The Chief Constable of the County or Area in which the “seller” resides.

You can however offer for sale items for delivery and payment at a later date!

If you would like information on Neighbourhood Watch or know if there is a NW Group in your area please call:-

Clive Stewart, Essex Watch Administrator, Essex Police, Braintree Police Station, Blyths Meadow, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3DJ.

Tel: 01376 556 282.
Mobile 07837 160049
clive.stewart@essex.pnn.police.uk

Update on Cokers Close By John Cousins

During last summer the bottom boundary fence was badly damaged by youths, intent on getting on to the neighbouring Mill land. In doing so, the wire was cut and wooden posts were removed. As a result the whole fence has been replaced with metal posts and barbed wire, and blackthorn and dog rose have both been planted in this area.

The plants were obtained free via

Lord Hanningfield's 'Trees for Essex' Scheme. We now hope this planting will deter any further incursions.

The two footpaths have been reinforced with plastic mesh plus a covering of sharp sand to make them less muddy and able to take wheel chairs. Cutting of the area will begin soon in order to keep the weeds under better control but there is still plenty more work to be done!

Have your say

Is there anything you would like to say about our Village or see in our Village. Is there anything you would like to see in the Newsletter, would you like to contribute an article to the Newsletter.

Unfortunately we are unable to carry advertisements for businesses in our Newsletter.

Please contact Karen Adams – Tel: 01376 528678 or email: p.adams837@btinternet.com

COUNCILLOR'S CONTACT DETAILS

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Black Notley, CM77 8QS
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The Council meets on a monthly basis, normally on the fourth Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the first floor room at Black Notley Community Association Hall in John Ray Gardens. Public Question Time is held for 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting.

WHAT GOES ON IN OUR VILLAGE

Village Hall - Bookings via Elizabeth Hammond - 01376 324024

DAY	TIME	CLUB/GROUP	CONTACT
Monday	3.45pm - 7.45pm	Mandy Mason School of Dance	Mandy Mason – 01376 323180
Alternate Mondays	2.30pm (Club Room)	WI Whist	Bob Deacon – 01376 321410
Monday	8.00pm	Jazzercise	Sam – 01376 553359
Tuesday	10.00am	Jazzercise	Sam – 01376 553359
3rd Tuesday of the Month	2.30pm	Womens Institute	Margot Williams – 01376 340701
Wednesday	9.30am & 10.30am	Tuneful Tots	Diane Fitzgerald – 01376 323247
Wednesday	7.45pm	Bowls	Jean Bell – 01376 330397
Thursday	10.30am	Discovery Club	Jean Bell – 01376 330397
1st Thursday of Month	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Alzheimers Society	Peter Walker – 01376 332005
Thursday	7.00pm & 8.15pm	Jazzercise	Sam – 01376 553359
Friday	11.00am	Line Dancing	Rosie Grimwade - 01621 841207
Friday	7.30pm for 8.00pm	Bingo	Mrs Daphne Upson – 01376 322998
1st Saturday of month	7.30pm for 8.00pm	Village Hall Club	Peter Upson – 01376 322998
Sunday	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Larry Taylor – 07774 698990

BNCA Hall - Bookings via Mandy Quinn - 07988 687310

DAY	TIME	CLUB/GROUP	CONTACT
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Dance Fever	Sara - 07957 371029
Monday	10.30am - 11.30am	Yogalates	Sara - 07957 371029
Monday	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Song, Dance, Drama 5-7yrs	Sara - 07957 371029
Monday	4.30pm - 5.15pm	Song, Dance, Drama 8-11yrs	Sara - 07957 371029
Monday	5.15pm - 6.00pm	Song, Dance, Drama 12-16yrs	Sara - 07957 371029
Monday	7.00pm - 10.30pm	Carpet Bowls	Dave Denny – 01376 342210
Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Mucky Pups - Kids club	Tania Beddall - 01371 823030
Tuesday	7.30pm – 10.30pm	Table Tennis	Alan McEwan – 07901 670524
Wednesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Yoga	Charles Bryant – 01376 851054
Wednesday	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Carpet Bowls	Dave Denny – 01376 342210
Wednesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Karate	Mark Shelley – 07999 309525
Wednesday	8.15pm - 9.15pm	Yoga	Charles Bryant - 01371 851054
Thursday	9.45am - 11.00am	Caterpillar Music	Sharon Crowe - 01376 339679
Thursday	3.45pm - 6.30pm	Streetvibes Dance	Dena Smy - 01376 396382
Thursday	7.30pm - 10.30pm	Table Tennis	Alan McEwan - 07901 670524
Friday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	Kindermusik	Danielle - 01376 529470
Friday	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ballroom Dancing	Sue Harris - 01376 322538
Saturday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	Karate	Mark Shelley - 07999 309538
Sunday (not every Sunday)	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Table Tennis Coaching	Alan McEwan - 07901 670524

Look out for free Social & Quiz nights to be held in the Hall, info on the website www.bnca.co.uk