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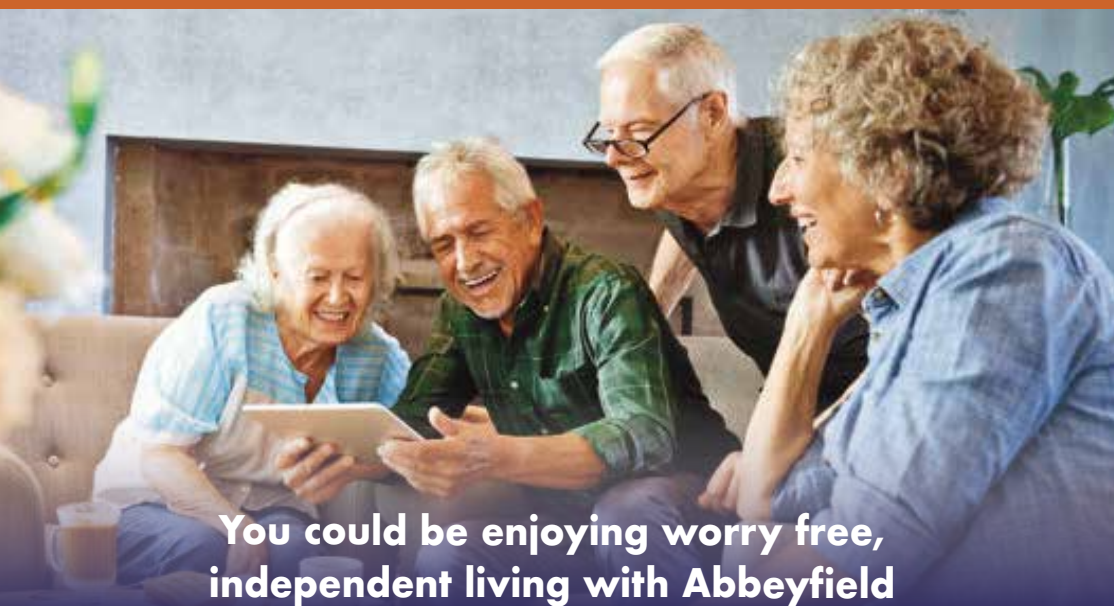
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Note from the Editor

After a disappointingly damp start, summer finally arrived and dressed our beautiful parish in every shade of green and, thanks to fields of borage, a stunning blue. At times it was hard to see where the fields ended and the sky began. As well as providing a treat for the eyes, the fragrance of the flowers was intoxicating adding a wonderful new dimension to a country walk.

It has also been a momentous year of change for everyone in the UK and particularly so in Felsted. Following the General Election and Parliamentary boundary changes, we no longer form part of Saffron Walden and are now part of the Braintree constituency. Our member of parliament is now former Home Secretary, Rt Hon James Cleverly MP.

As well as the political changes, the change in the seasons is beginning to show and have a few short weeks before the leaves and the temperature begin to fall, so we are keen to tell you what will be happening later in the year, over the festive season, to give you plenty of time to see how you could be involved.

On November 5th you may be having a Guy Fawkes party or just watching the fireworks across the Atlantic as America votes for a new president. You may be planning a special Halloween. Why not tell us what you're planning or how it went, and we'd love to see some photographs of your own events.

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Felsted Friendship Club

For our May meeting, we had chosen the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. Two delightful ladies came. Gemma, a Community Fundraiser who explained that the charity had two major support centres, Hatfield Peverel and Harlow, plus some smaller units. They offered support groups and many other services. Abi, who is living with cancer, gave us an enlightening and matter of fact talk.

Brian Thurlow, dressed as a Victorian butler, came to our June meeting and talked about the life of a young man at the Big House. He had begun in the stables as a young lad, looking after the carriages and progressed into the house and then on upwards to Head Butler. It was he who ran the house and did the accounts. A fascinating look at a Victorian Large House.

Mid-July saw us heading off to Bury St. Edmunds for the day. The sun shone, the market was on and we had a leisurely day with most members ending up in the beautiful Abbey Gardens. We then boarded the coach for home, travelling through the lovely Suffolk countryside.

At our July meeting, Lindsay Whitehouse took us through clips of the TV programme Porridge, which had been filmed at Chelmsford prison after the fire in 1978. The headings were Bargaining Skills, Tribute to Mr Mackay, Fruit Pie Filling, Christmas Present for Grouty (an escape is planned) and What a Chunk. Episodes still appear on the television.

- 20 September – Through the Decades – Debbie Tomson
- 18 October – 70th Anniversary Celebrations and speaker on Lighting the Fuse – Lucy Lewis
- 2 November – Christmas Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall at 10.30 am.
- 5 November – second outing.
- 15 November – Barney's Bobbies – Mike Benning
- 6 December – Christmas Party with Threes Company entertainers

If you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings, please do contact either Alison Moore (821632) or myself, Sue King (821411).



Felsted WI

After summer arrived in the village, showing off the lovely flower tubs, we now say 'cheerio' to the W.I. summer garden party and the cosmos flower challenge, as we acknowledge the beginning of autumn not far away.

Wednesday 11 September sees the annual Rayne Challenge a friendly interactive fun meeting with Rayne and Felsted W.I. in pursuit of the coveted 'Frying Pan'. Felsted won last year and Rayne the year before! So who will be this year's winner? Refreshments are provided with laughter and a cheer for the winner after a great evening.

Also, on the agenda for the coming autumn calendar we have Amanda Sutherland back with us for 'Trends of the Decade' in fashion, on the 9th of October. Followed by a Christmas cooking demonstration from Alice McLaren on the 13 November, quite a bit in store.

So, do come and visit us at the Village Hall every second Wednesday of the month and a warm welcome is assured for more details please contact Penny Lewis (07825 312829)



Felsted Royal British Legion



Felsted Royal British Legion Branch will be 100 years old this December there will be a presentation of a pennant for our branch standard during December.

Our branch and club are well supported but we are always looking for new members just call in any time if you are interested.

Remembrance 2024

Our Remembrance parade and church service will take place on Sunday 11 November We assemble at the village memorial at 10.00 am the service commences at 10.15 this includes wreath laying and we are fortunate to have in attendance the combined cadet force from Felsted School. Following the Exhortation and two minute silence we then walk to Holy Cross Church for a service commencing at 10.50 All are welcome followed by refreshments in the British Legion club again all are welcome.

The Royal British Legion is important even in these modern times to support ex-service and serving personnel including their dependants and to have support in their daily lives. We aim to live by our Motto "SERVICE NOT SELF"

Terry Nunn

Felsted Branch Secretary



1924 - 2024



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Claire Parker

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Enrolment 03003 033464 option 1

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Largely through a generous contribution from the parish council and by selling advertising space we have just about been able to deliver our magazine to over 1100 homes in the parish four times a year free of charge. We've asked before for a small contribution but only a handful - a baby-sized handful - make regular donations. So far this year, we've received just £35!

You often tell us how much you enjoy the FOCUS and we have some wonderful volunteers who give their time to write, photograph, layout, proof and even deliver for us but, unless we can generate more income, we may not be able to continue.

So, please help us to continue your magazine and contribute what you can, even just £5 per year per household would help to keep us going. Every penny will be spent on printing and delivery.

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Dear Friends, following a recent Church Meeting, there are quite a few changes in store for us.

Firstly, we have decided to try a new venture of holding a service during which breakfast will be served. These will commence on Sunday 13 October 2024 at the usual time of 10.30am. (There will be no charge). If this is successful then the following one will be held on 8 December, which coincides with our Gift Sunday Service.

After the success of our Coffee Morning last year, we have decided to hold another on 28 September between 10am – 12pm. The admission fee for this will be £1.00 to include, coffee and biscuits. There will also be a bring and buy stall and raffle. All proceeds will be donated to our chosen charities.

We have this year, volunteered to help with the Dunmow Blind and Housebound Club Harvest Celebration on 17 September.

As mentioned in the previous Focus Magazine, our Harvest Festival Service this year, will be held on the 8th September, followed by lunch at the cost of £10.00 per head. Should you wish to attend please contact Diane on the number below.

Our next combined service with Crix Green Mission will be on 22 September at 10.30am and led by Rev. Ray Sams.

As in recent times, we will be holding the Crix Comes to Felsted Christmas Celebration at the Felsted URC, this will include, music, songs and readings relating to the Christmas season. This will be held on 10 wDecember at 2pm.

If you would like to join us in any of the above events, then please do not hesitate to contact:

Diane on 01376 583994 or mobile 07484 7699360.



Felsted Memorial Hall

Hello everyone, Well, I seemed to have missed my slot in the last edition! That was partly my fault, so sorry to you all. That means we've got a lot to catch up on.

Firstly, the Centenary dance did not go ahead due to lack of interest, shame, we had it all planned. We did find out that there was a Tom Jones tribute at the Legion on the same night. Who can compete with Sir Tom!

You may remember me talking about the cleaning of the Memorial cross. We waited a while for it to be done, then, early one Saturday morning, a "Super Hero" turned up and cleaned the cross and the base! He is Rob, an Army veteran, who cleans military graves and memorials. He is trying to set up a business doing the same. Of course we and the Parish council made sure he was recompensed. It restores faith in human nature doesn't, it when a young man turns up out of the blue and does such a good deed?

On a not so nice note, there is a lot of anti-social behavior around the Hall in the evenings, one of which found me scrubbing the car park outside the back doors with a strong solution of bleach. I won't go into details, but it did involve disposing of a pair of very soiled men's underpants. Disgusting!

Over the summer work has been going on in the hall, mainly the stage. I did write in my last article (which you didn't see!) That we raised £4000 from the panto, so the money is going towards maintenance of the hall. Trevor, one of the committee members and also Panto director has stripped out all of the rather antiquated electrics on the stage, ready for rewiring and new, more efficient lighting. Trevor's son is a qualified Electrician, was supervising his dad! A handy young man to have around. Likewise Andy (another committee member) has put up notices, repaired the door, checked the flat roof and numerous other jobs around the hall. It's a bit like the Forth bridge! As I write this, there are plans to do a thorough clear out of cupboards and the loft space. More and more regular hirers are asking for storage space, so we must make room for them. The committee are a dedicated bunch who beaver away behind the scenes enabling the Hall to run as smoothly as it does, thank you to all of you.

Felsted Memorial Hall

Though some of the groups have closed for the summer, we continue to have bookings for events and parties. It's good to know our hall is so popular.

Talking of summer, it's been a bit "hit and miss" hasn't it. Even so, I hope you've all enjoyed it. Take care of yourselves and we'll chat again in the winter.

Hazel Fox

Crix Green Mission Hall

The village archives are kept at the Crix Green Mission Hall, situated at Crix Greex, the trustees of the hall are having an open day on Saturday, 12 October 2024 from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

There are many photo's of bygone days, parish records and many other interesting artifacts to be seen, included are the records and other interesting articles for the Mission Hall.

The trustees look forward to seeing you at some time through the day so come along and hear about the history of Felsted.



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Recipe: Pear and Celeriac Soup

You can use your windfall and bruised pears in this recipe, it is a savoury soup with the subtle taste of pear.

Ingredients

olive oil
1 onion finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 thumb-sized piece ginger, finely chopped
1 celeriac, peeled and roughly chopped
4 ripe pears, cored and roughly chopped
1 litre vegetable stock
salt and pepper to taste

Optional: a handful of parsley or chives finely chopped

Method

Heat 1 tbsp oil in a large saucepan, add the onion, garlic and ginger and cook over a medium heat for about 5 minutes until softened but not coloured.

Add the celeriac, pears and stock, bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer and simmer for 20-30 minutes or until the celeriac has softened. Liquidise the soup until smooth. Season and serve sprinkled with parsley or chives.



CHRISTMAS IN FELSTED...

It's that most wonderful time of year (again), when we begin to look ahead to the Christmas period - plans now start coming together for our festive events and we begin the search for helping hands. As in previous years, we are hoping to hold a Christmas craft day in late November, ahead of the annual Christmas Light Switch-on.

Previous craft days have seen great success and enjoyment by the children, parents and grandparents who have joined us - we make all sorts of decorations, some to take home and others to decorate the village tree. It is a free event for all ages and abilities, with previous crafts including Christmas cards, snow-globes and Reindeer food...and if you forget to post your letter to Santa? Don't panic! There's also a magical postbox on site, with an elf waiting in the wings to deliver your letters directly to the North Pole! If you post a letter on the day (and have a return address in Felsted) you'll receive a personal reply from Father Christmas himself.

If you'd like to help the Felsted Events team make some Christmas magic happen, please register your interest in volunteering by emailing felstededitor@gmail.com or 07961 206406.



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Vandalism of Public Toilets

Sadly this article starts with a report of very unpleasant antisocial behaviour. During the afternoon of Monday 27 May (the bank holiday) the public toilets were vandalised. The toilets were flooded, paper strewn about and faeces smeared onto the walls. A large group of youngsters were seen on CCTV between 3 – 3.15pm throwing water balloons into the toilets, causing the flooding. They then entered the toilets in order to cause the rest of the damage. The incident was reported to the police and the CCTV footage has been shared with them. Should anyone have seen this incident or have any idea who the culprits are they are encouraged to contact the police via 101 or by using their online reporting tool <https://www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

The PC would like to acknowledge the work of their cleaner. Clearing up such mess was beyond the call of duty and the PC are most grateful to her.

Allotments

The Community Payback Team worked on the allotments for five days in June. They carried out a large amount of work strimming and clearing plots. Their hard work was much appreciated.

Wildflower Meadows

In order to increase biodiversity the PC plan to sow wildflower meadows on Bannister Green, Watch House Green and Willows Green. A grant has been obtained from Uttlesford District Council to fund the works. Due to be sown earlier this year, the exceptionally wet spring weather meant that the wildflower seeds could not be sown. The meadows will now be sown in the Autumn.

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Treasure Hunt: The hobby for everyone!

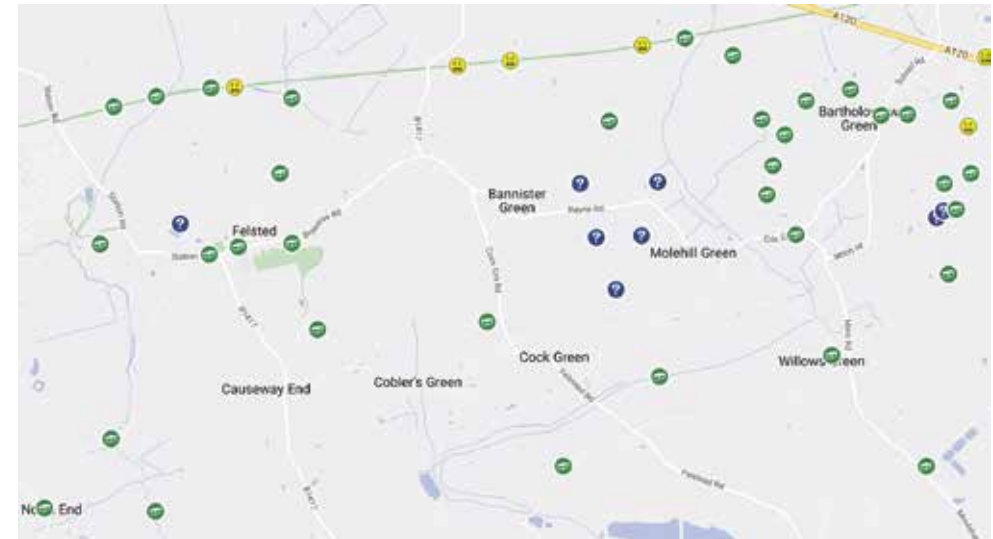
If you've not heard of this international phenomenon already, 'geocaching' is a real-world, outdoor adventure that is happening all the time, all around the world. All that it takes to join the hunt is the Geocaching app (or a GPS device to navigate) and you're on your way!

What might you find? Well, caches are cleverly hidden containers of different sizes. Sometimes they involve solving a puzzle or riddle; they can be tiny, with just a logbook that you sign to prove you found it - or they might be much bigger and hold items to trade. The idea is that if you take something from a cache, you leave in its place another piece of 'treasure' of equal or greater value, so that the game continues. You might discover or choose to leave trinkets, stickers, small toys and such like - just don't cache anything that can spoil!

There are millions of geocaches in 190 countries waiting to be discovered — in fact, there are some near you right now! There are at least 30 hidden within the parish. This map shows just a few of the geocaches waiting to be found in Felsted, but there are thousands more to find locally. There is a series along the Flich Way, and a handful at the Gt Notley Discovery Centre and many, many more beyond.

Geocaching is a great way to discover places that you would not otherwise stumble across. It can also be an excellent education tool and an excuse to get off the sofa now that the summer has drawn to an end!

For more information, or a 'How To' on Geocaching, visit geocaching.com. Download the Geocaching UK app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.



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Local Plan - the latest:

Our Elections: Some residents have asked why in our Election in July did we vote in a different Parliamentary Constituency than before? In our ward of Felsted and Stebbing, we of course voted in the Braintree Constituency for the first time – does that have a knock-on effect for other elections? The answer is no. Every four years we will continue to vote, as before, in Uttlesford District Council elections returning two members (currently, me elected in 2019 and Councillor Richard Silcock elected in 2023) and also in an Essex County Council Election (currently, Councillor Martin Foley) representing our Division (running from Hempstead in the high north to Hartford End). In the next County Election, due in May 2025, we will be joined into the Great Dunmow Division for the first time, so we will then no longer be re[represented] by a member covering a largely rural area. These changes come about not because of any political decision, but come about because of population increases and we are not the only parishes affected; for the last parliamentary elections, electors in Hatfield Broad Oak, Hatfield Heath and the Hallingburys have been “moved”, in their case, into Harlow.

Local Plan - the latest:

I said that I would update residents as to the latest state of play. I am glad to report that Uttlesford's Regulation 19 Local Plan was approved on 30 July at Full Council to enable it to proceed to a consultation which will run for 8 weeks until 3 October. After this, the Plan with supporting evidence base (running to thousands of pages) together with the responses made in the next consultation, will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. They will review everything in an Examination in Public, and after hearing further representations, will decide if the plan is “sound” ie: complies with the legal requirements and meets both the housing requirements as set by the Government and also the employment needs for the District until 2041. Then, possibly containing recommended modifications, it will come back to Council to adopt. Hopefully, this will happen during 2025 so that it can be adopted after with the least possible delay.

UDC's current Local Plan is nearly 20 years old – it was made in January 2005, so it is hopelessly out of date and in fact recent National Policies have superseded it extensively. It is because of this that we have a dearth of effective planning policies and as a

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result, have experienced ad hoc developments pursued by speculative and opportunistic land owners and promoters. In fact, 8,614 dwellings have obtained planning consent since 2021 across the District and we have seen the impact of this on our own parish door step.

So, the importance of having an up to date Local Plan cannot be overstated; the district desperately needs to take control of its development future rather than have it come about by happenstance. However, by coincidence, on the same day the council voted to approve the Plan to go forward, the new government announced its intention to make substantial changes to its “housing numbers”, National Planning Policy and to make these changes effective by the year end. As will be recalled, the Government's election manifesto anticipated substantial housing development to come.

At Council, unfortunately, all four LibDem members proposed an arbitrary blocking amendment to the draft plan (omitting some housing allocation in Takeley which would have led to redistribution elsewhere). Despite a strong warning that this unevidenced and last minute concept would lead to further delay and thus falling into the latest housing requirements of the Government, meaning an additional 11% housing allocation for our District, this proposed amendment was persisted in. Fortunately, it was defeated. However, on the main motion to proceed, the Conservatives (with two exceptions including the member for Flitch Green and Little Dunmow) and Lib Dems (with one exception - on this occasion that of Cllr Silcock) still opposed it. In the event, the draft was permitted to proceed by a majority vote of 24 in favour with 12 against. So, the process of making a new Local Plan has not been derailed, despite the very regrettable opposition just described. So, now residents may wish to respond to this final consultation stage, and the relevant link is at <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/reg-19-consultation>.

Paper copies of the plan will be available to view at the district council's offices in Saffron Walden and at local libraries but the Parish Council will also be provided with a copy and a briefing to be able to assist members of the public.

If any resident has any questions or issues to raise on this piece (or of course any other unrelated subject), I will be very pleased to hear from them. I would also like to bring to everyone's attention a

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monthly report which I have written every month since first elected in 2019. This is submitted to the Parish Council at their monthly meeting and then included in their Minutes as a link and contains a lot of information. If anyone would like their own personal copy, please shout !

District Councillor *John Evans*
E: cllrevans@uttlesford.gov.uk

Recent Government announcements and what it means for Felsted.

In his submission our District Councillor John Evans provides very useful details of UDC's current position regarding their emerging Local Plan.

Following the government announcement that John refers to we thought it would be helpful to expand on what he has said with specific details regarding the potential impacts on future housing in Felsted.

The Written Ministerial Statement (WMS), announcement of the Deputy Prime Minister, who is also the Secretary of State for Housing and Communities, will have a serious impact on many communities, like some of our neighbours. We are advised by UDC's Strategic Director of Planning that for example, Chelmsford has a 54% increase, Braintree a 35% and North Herts a 42% increase, which represent huge numbers of additional homes to be delivered by them.

The big question is, what effect could this announcement have on Felsted?

Fortunately as confirmed in the WMS, those District Councils that either have an "up to date" Local Plan or are at an advanced stage of developing a Local Plan (which UDC are classified to be, being at the Regulation 19 stage) will not have to accommodate the increase in housing numbers or apply the "yet to be formalised" revised yet to be formalised revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)..

It is also the case that those communities with an "up to date" Neighbourhood Plan (as Felsted has) will have their Neighbourhood Plans respected.

Neighbourhood Plan Review

Without having an emerging Local Plan and current Neighbourhood Plan, the potential 11% increase in housing that John refers to resulting from the revised Government allocations and changes to the method of calculating local "housing need" in the revised NPPF would mean for Uttlesford, around 1500 additional dwellings.

So, whilst UDC has been historically neglectful in not updating the 2005 Local Plan sooner, we can be extremely grateful that the current advanced status of the new and emerging Regulation 19 Local Plan (coupled with Felsted having a Neighbourhood Plan less than 5 years old) will prove absolutely pivotal in protecting us from yet more unwanted and speculative development.

We know that many people feel that there is far too much house building going on around us (although the majority is either outside of Felsted Parish or had been approved before our Neighbourhood Plan was formally "Made" in 2020) but we can be thankful that UDC has an emerging Local Plan that is well advanced and that the Felsted Neighbourhood Plan is in place.

Following the reclassification by UDC in the Local Plan of certain "large villages" to "small villages" and the consequential redistribution of some housing, Felsted receives an allocation of 104 dwellings which we will need to support between now and 2041. Had the UDC Local Plan not been so well advanced and UDC had been given the 11% increase mentioned above and UDC distributed that increase across the District, Felsted could have anticipated a further increase to around 115 dwellings.

As John Evans says in his article, there are still bridges to cross; UDC's Local Plan must gain formal approval at the "Examination" stage, the authority needs to be able to demonstrate the required 5 Year Housing Land Supply and precisely when the revised NPPF will become law is unknown (anticipated around December 2024). But the current combined status of the UDC Local Plan and our Neighbourhood Plan have at least sheltered us from even more housing.

That's why we are working hard to review our Felsted NP to extend its period of added weight and influence.

Richard Freeman

The Gardens of Easton Lodge

I can't believe I am writing news for September already – where has the year gone?!

The Gardens have looked surprisingly good, despite the on/off spring and summer – the rains have helped the roses and the trees and grass have been lush, the Italian Garden borders have changed colours through the season and are now moving into late summer gold framed by the lavender hedge, golden yew and the buddleia. Unfortunately the dahlia border in the walled kitchen garden has barely recovered from the incessant slug damage in early summer. But our patient volunteers have, eventually, managed to get vegetables growing and it has been lovely to see visitors leaving with bags full for a healthy supper!

As reported by others, there have been relatively few butterflies this year, but we have had quite a lot of dragonflies. So it will be interesting to find out from our bat walk on 6 September, at 7pm, whether we still have the range of bats that usually frequent the Gardens. Contact us through our enquiries email to reserve a place on the walk. Enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk

We have been harvesting soft fruit for jams and jellies and the apples have been swelling on their trees. So, things are shaping up



The Gardens of Easton Lodge

for our Apples and Bees Day on Sunday 15 September. It will be a fun celebration of orchard produce, including apple juicing, apple and honey cake tasting, apple crafts for kids and much more. There will be music from local groups: the Rock Choir and Harlow Concert Band; and plant and craft stalls.

For more information about our opening hours and discounted advance tickets for the Sunday Open Day go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on



THE GARDENS OF
EASTON LODGE

The Hundred Parishes

The Hundred Parishes has an exceptional depth of ancient buildings. More than 6,000 are “listed”, meaning that they appear on the National Heritage List for England. Each property listing includes a description and many of these descriptions take their text from the guide books produced by one exceptional man, Nikolaus Pevsner.

Pevsner, an architectural historian, was born in 1902 in Leipzig, Germany, the son of a Russian-Jewish fur merchant. In 1933 he moved to England and settled in Hampshire. Following the outbreak of World War II, he was taken to an internment camp but was released three months later.

Work on his series of architectural guide books, *The Buildings of England*, began in 1945. The edition covering the whole of Hertfordshire was published in 1953; Essex and Cambridgeshire followed in 1954.

Most of the ancient architecture in *The Hundred Parishes* is 1200 or in great detail. One example in Essex is Manuden, which he describes as follows: “Manuden has a specially pretty, short village street with timber framed cottages with oversailing upper floors near the church and a small assortment of Georgian houses a little further west”.

In Cambridgeshire, he described the Norman interior of Ickleton’s parish church as having few equals in the country.

In Hertfordshire, the 17th-century almshouses in Buntingford were described by Pevsner as “the stateliest almshouses in the county”.

Nikolaus Pevsner was granted British citizenship in 1946, appointed CBE in 1953 and knighted in 1969 “for services to art and architecture”. In total, he was responsible for 46 county-wide guides. He died in Hampstead, London in 1983.

The website www.hundredparishes.org.uk has more than a hundred walk routes that can be freely downloaded. The route descriptions draw attention to some of the listed buildings that are passed.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

The Hundred Parishes



Nikolaus Pevsner



Manuden



Ickleton



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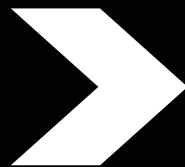


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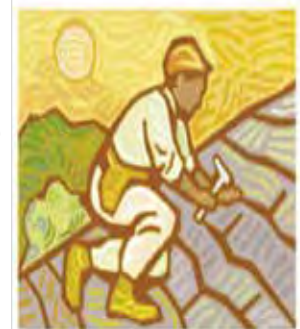
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