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Note from the Editor

I hope you enjoy this month's magazine featuring Felsted's great wild harvest this year.

My editorial team met the other night to take stock after six months of producing the magazine. We are very pleased with the very positive feedback from our readers it feels as if this is becoming a feature of community life, particularly at this difficult time. However, it is becoming clear that we need more volunteers to help with production.

We are delighted that Janet Johnston has offered to take over the recipe pages. In addition to this extremely useful offer, we are looking for help in chasing articles, editing and proofing them. We use Microsoft Word and preferably jpeg type files for pictures. Final proofing is done using PDF editor, but with help to proof individual articles the time taken for this should reduce.

We are also looking for ideas and articles. (150 – 200 words fill the page). It doesn't matter if you don't think that you can write. We can help with that. Enlarging the magazine team will ensure that it continues to flourish and to grow. All of us have full time jobs or other work and put extra time aside every month to produce it and make sure that it goes to every home. BUT we need more people to share in what is actually an enjoyable job for our community and would take up about 2 hours a month of your time.

Please, please get in touch with me if you would like to join us.

Next month we will be starting our ideas for Christmas! It will be different this year but, with a little planning, I am sure we shall all enjoy it.



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Felsted WI

Our monthly meetings are still on hold. We had hoped to have a meeting in October but the latest Government guidelines have, of course, scuppered that plan. However, we are intending to organise an online “drop in” session on the same date (14th October) for members to chat via zoom. We will be emailing members with details – bring your own tea, coffee or glass of wine! Our recent AGM was also held via zoom but, luckily, Book Club has still been able to meet in person. The photo below shows Book Club members Margaret Smith, Penny Norton, Rosemary Fitzearle, Barbara Storr and Corinne Burgess-Wise enjoying an outdoors discussion on the latest book, although the days of meeting in the garden are probably numbered! In the meantime, we are still keeping members updated with newsletters and/or phone calls.



For more information on WI, please contact Penny Lewis on 07825 312829 / penny717@btinternet.com or Margaret Smith on 01371 822092.

Wool and Waffle

Our last meeting was successful - socially isolated, thanks to the help of Margaret Howett of the Memorial Hall. Here is a photo of all the items we have knitted for Felsted Aid, Baby Bank, WI appeal and blankets and other items for the Neo-Natal Department at Broomfield Hospital.

In November we are knitting and crocheting items for the World Prematurity Day in shades of purple. If you are interested in making something for Broomfield Hospital please contact me 01371 820444 for details. It could be candula sleeves, ventilator pocket hats, hearts, very small baby jackets or blankets.



The next meeting is Monday 5th October, 10.00am in The Heather Room at the Memorial Hall. Bring your own drink and wear a mask. There will be sanitiser gel etc., in the hall. Park in the rear car park.

Kitty Drury

Felsted Friendship Club

Felsted Friendship Club met in August - the first time since February due to lockdown. Some 27 members enjoyed tea, cakes and chat in the Memorial Hall as there was a gale blowing outside; a most enjoyable occasion especially as some had not ventured outside for months. We celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Alison and John Moore and presented a bouquet to Marian for her 90th birthday. Covid restrictions have limited the number of seats available in the hall with two metres+ spacing. When we meet in October, November and December we will be offering a choice of coffee morning 10.30 – 11.30 or afternoon tea 2.30 – 3.30 so that we can accommodate more of our members and have time to sanitise between sessions. Members have been asked to book a place with Alison Moore in advance at either the coffee morning or afternoon tea to spread the numbers of attendees.

Future meetings will be held in accordance with government guidelines - currently the 'Rule of Six'.



Friendship Club details available from
Alison Moore 01371 821632 or
Sue King 01371 821411



RE-OPENING ON 3RD OCTOBER

ALL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ADHERED TO RELATING TO COVID 19

Hand sanitiser is available on entry and throughout the club.

There is a one way system in place and only 30 people allowed in the club at any one time. Social distancing is very important. If we all abide by these new regulations we can continue to socialise and enjoy a little bit of normality.

OCTOBER 2020

- **3rd** – A game of Hoy – 8.30 p.m as a welcome back gesture from Graham (our Chairman) complementary Cottage Pie, crusty bread and baked beans are being provided.
 - **10th** – A game of Bingo – 8.30 p.m.
 - **17th** – A Quiz night with DJ Oz
Teams of 5 people only (*due to social distancing regulations*)
 - **24th** – A game of Hoy – 8.30 p.m.
 - **31st** – Halloween night - Vinyl music night with DJ Oz
- Look forward to seeing you all again soon.



Felsted Memorial Hall

Hello everyone.

Well, it feels like autumn has arrived, doesn't it? It's my favourite time of year!

Lot's of news about the hall. With the new government guidelines, we are seeking advice from the (Rural Community Council of Essex). After our last committee meeting, we concluded that all of our regular hirers (baby groups, Tai Chi, home schooling) are following guidelines so they can carry on. Of course, parties will not be able to go ahead.

The building work is almost at an end now. The gents toilet, accessible toilet and unisex toilet are finished with just the ladies to be completed. The new front doors have been delivered and there will be new donated soldier silhouettes. You will all notice a huge difference!

We have resumed our regular committee meetings, following guidelines. Hope you all stay well, 'til next month.

Hazel Fox

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We hope that everyone is keeping safe and well. The URC was hoping to open in September but that wasn't possible. We are hoping to open in the near future and we will keep everyone informed. In the meantime, we are still receiving Sunday services to follow from Rev. Ray which everyone is finding very comforting during these difficult times.

We look forward to catching up with our friends in due course. If anyone has any problems please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will do what we can to help.

Contact Diane on 01376 583994.
God bless

Unearthed among the veg

The badge shown in 'Unearthed among the veg' is from The Army Service Corps raised in 1888. The illustration you show was the solid economy badge issued in 1916. In 1918 the Corps absorbed some transport elements of the Royal Engineers and was renamed the Royal Army Service Corps.

Lawrence Dunn,
Causeway End, Felsted.



*The badge shown in
'Unearthed among
the veg'
from Issue 6.*





Felsted Parish Council

Refurbishment of the Village Crest

The Crest has been taken down because, after 20 years in position, it requires refurbishment. The Crest itself will be repainted on both sides and the oak supports, which were starting to rot, will be replaced.

Resumption of Parking Enforcement visits

These regular weekly visits were suspended during Lockdown but have now recommenced. With many vehicles coming into Felsted, especially at school start and finish times, it is important that drivers adhere to the parking restrictions to ensure that traffic can flow as freely as possible through the village. If you park in a restricted area at peak times you are likely to be issued with a parking ticket, so be kind to your wallet and to other drivers and THINK before you park, even if you're only stopping for a few minutes.

Replacement fencing around Bannister Green play area

The Council have accepted a quotation to replace the fence around the play area at Bannister Green and the work should be completed during October.

Churchyard improvement works

Following requests from the public the Wildlife Area within the churchyard will be reduced in size to allow easier access to graves within this designated area.

A planning application will be submitted shortly to construct a low brick wall, topped with arched railings, on the boundary of the churchyard which fronts Braintree Road (between the Estate Agents and Lime Walk). This will replace the existing untidy hedge and will improve the appearance of the village centre.

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News from the 'Greens'

In July's magazine, we asked for news from the Greens. John Grimshaw, who has lived in Cock Green for 67 years, told of Kathleen Young, who wrote of her life as a girl and young woman in the 1920s and early 1930s, until she moved to Chelmsford for work.

From this fascinating account we learn something of life there at that time. Her family had little money but good food - rabbits, hares, hens, including those past laying, a pig, usually the runt of a litter, that became pork pies, sausages, bacon and basins of pork dripping. Vegetables were stored in 'graves' all winter; apples and pears were stored on trays. They kept chickens. The baker came three or four times a week.

Kathleen went to the village school. She described a big iron stove with a tortoise cast in metal on the lid. There were pictures of Aesop's Fables on the walls. There was no heating apart from this and the school was clearly very damp.

Kathleen's experience of harvest is graphic - sweet tea and sandwiches amongst the hay and straw, romping in haystacks, searching for cornflowers and seeing the shooting of terrified rabbits trapped in the small piece of corn in the middle of a field.

She loved the big shire horses with their long hair falling over their big hooves, some with braided manes and horse brasses.

Intriguingly she writes of the aspiration to find underground passages said to run from Bridge House, Pond Park and perhaps Leighs Lodge to Leeze Priory. She and her friend understood that during the Reformation all the treasures of the Priory were thrown into the lake.

She describes primrosing, violeting and picking anemones in spring, golden kingcups in the Chelmer and river banks thick with bushes, bramble and laurel. In summer she picked lady's slippers, vetches and ladies hair grass. Wonderful watercress grew near Thistley Meadow. Later in the year there was blackberrying and nutting. In very cold winters there were safe skating rinks on fields.

She and her friends made 'houses' from sacks and wood. For food they had 'bread and cheese' - hawthorn buds. Jellies were bullace plums with the skin off. If they were lucky, they had dog biscuits and maize from Cock Green mill. They were always busy, never bored, always with some scheme on the go. No screens, no instagram...

Recipe

HEDGEROW JELLY

For this hedgerow jelly, use a balance of sour, sweet and bitter. Vary the fruits according to what's available, including cultivated varieties. Just the same, try to keep the 'hedgerow' nature of the preserve. Apples are added for the sake of the set and must be left whole. The skin, pips and core are the prime source of pectin, the setting agent which makes a jelly gel.

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 kg crab apples or bramleys | 125g hawthorn berries (haws) |
| 250g blackberries | 125g rosehips (wild or cultivated) |
| 250g sloes or bullaces or damsons | 2 litres water |
| 250g rowan berries or elderberries | 2 kg granulated sugar |

Method

1. Rinse and chunk the apples (crab apples just need to be halved). Strip the berries from their stalks, rinse and shake dry.
2. Put all the fruit in a preserving pan or large saucepan with the apples. Add enough water, submerge everything completely.
3. Bring the pan to boil, turn down the heat, cover loosely and simmer for about an hour, until the fruit is mushy.
4. Strain the pulp and juice through a muslin lined sieve or drop everything into a jelly cloth (an old pillowcase is perfect) pinned to an upturned stool, with the pan beneath to catch the drippings. Let the juice drip naturally without pressing or the finished jelly won't be as clear as you would wish.
5. Measure the juice (it'll still be cloudy) and return to the pan. Add 500g of sugar for every 500ml juice and stir over a gentle heat until the sugar crystals dissolve completely. Bring the pan quickly to boil, skim off any white foam that rises, turn down the heat and leave to simmer uncovered till setting point reached – 105°C (221°F) on the sugar thermometer. Test after 10 minutes or drop a little of the liquid onto a cold saucer and push it with your finger: when it wrinkles it's ready.
6. Pot in sterilised glass jars while still warm. When cool cover the surface of the jelly, if you like, with a round piece of grease proof paper dipped in whisky or vodka to keep the mould at bay. Seal tightly and store in a cool place.



Autumn Craft Project

An attractive banner that you can make with only paper, paint, twine, and leaves from your garden!

Leaf printing is a lovely way to capture the changing colours of the season. Children can spend an afternoon creating this leaf printed banner and this beautiful autumn display will last in your home until long after the last leaves have fallen.



What you will need:

- Some blank white card
- Various shapes and sizes of leaves
- Assorted colours of paint
- Foam paintbrush
- Rolling pin
- Hole punch
- Twine
- Paper towels or wipes for messy fingers

Directions:



Start by gathering your leaves – softer leaves work best for printing, so leave the crunchy ones on the ground and seek out the more flexible and green ones.

Pour a thin layer of several different colours of paint onto a paper plate or baking sheet, ideally overlapping to create a marbled effect.



Older children can use a foam paint brush to dab the marbled paint on to their leaf. Younger children can dip their leaf directly into the paint tray, but be sure that there isn't too much paint on the leaf or it will result in a gloppy and distorted print. Avoid this by using only a very thin layer of paint in the paint tray if you intend to dip your leaves into it.

Sandwich your painted leaf between two sheets of card and lightly roll over the stack with a rolling pin. Use firm but gentle pressure for the best printing results.



Remove the top piece of card and carefully peel off the leaf to reveal the print.

To create a banner from your leaf prints, once dried, cut your prints to your desired shape and size, punch a hole in the top corners and string them along a piece of twine.

Wild about Blackberries

Apart from a depressing moment in the early 80's, when its name became synonymous with a portable electronic device that defined City Boy 'loads a money' culture, the blackberry has an unblemished reputation as the dark star superfruit of the autumn hedgerow.

Rich sources of powerful antioxidants that give blackberries their deep purple colour when ripe, each blackberry is made up of 20-50 small and juice filled seeds known as drupelets. Blackberries also contain important nutrients including potassium, magnesium and calcium, as well as vitamins A, C, E and most of our B vitamins. Just 10 blackberries count towards one of your five-a-day!

Various research studies have shown that extracts found in blackberry juice offered protective effects against heart disease, demonstrated antibacterial properties, as well anti-inflammatory and anti-viral effects, which could offer potential natural therapy against tooth infections and that blackberry extract, when directly applied, could help to treat cold sores. There have also been several studies into the anti-inflammatory effects of blackberries, which suggest that they could offer protection against inflammatory conditions such as arthritis, although more research is needed. One study in particular documented that blackberries reduced inflammation in gastric conditions, such as stomach ulcers, by as much as 88%.

And, if you needed any more encouragement to pick your own, a study by the European Journal of Nutrition even found that consuming wild blackberries can provide a protective effect on the brain thanks to their rich polyphenol content.

And apart from all that, they are terrific in the humble crumble!



Felsted's Abundant



ndant Autumn



Photographs: Richard Freeman
Dicky Howlett
Roy Ramm

Hedgerow Dating

While the title of this article might conjure up the notion of secret trysts among the hawthorn, the subject matter is somewhat less racy. The hedge dating system, devised by Dr Max Hooper in the 70s, gives us a way of finding out the age of our local hedgerows from the number of species in it. To start, measure a 30m length of hedge and record each woody species along it.

It's important to discount non-woody species such as elder, bramble and clematis, while including any established shrub or tree such as wild rose, hawthorn, blackthorn, willow, field maple, ash and oak. Repeat the exercise twice more with further 30m hedge sections and calculate the average. One species is said to be added per century, so a hedge with 3 species could be around 300 years old - however, it's not a precise science as your answer could be plus or minus 200 years.

Our village is unusual in Essex for being species rich in its hedgerows. Around the boundary of the greens and the hedges of surrounding fields there can be upwards of six species.

Why not test the theory while out for a walk around Felsted?

To help with recognition, you might like to download a guide to trees and shrubs such as the one on:

<http://www.imperial.ac.uk/opal/surveys/biodiversitysurvey/>

It's a great way to get youngsters involved in learning about different plants and berries, especially at this time of year.



Part of Matching Walker map of 1609 showing managed hedgerows

Hop Springs Autumnal

Hiding shyly behind the shimmering autumn berries and climbing high into the trees of the parish, wild hops are an often an unrecognised feature of our hedgerows. Hops are the flowers of the hop plant, *Humulus lupulus*, and are pale green in colour, hanging in bunches known as ‘bines’ or garlands.

While gardeners may not think much of this ‘vigorous climbing herbaceous perennial’ for brewers and beer drinkers, hops are the holy grail. Used as a bittering, flavouring and stabilising agent in beer since the 9th century, hops were first grown in England in 1524. Before that, hops were imported from France and Holland.

There are now hundreds of varieties of hops and, like grapes, where hops are grown affects the hops’ characteristics and flavour profile. Particular hop varieties are associated with beer regions and styles. British ales use hop cultivated varieties such as Fuggles, Goldings and W.G.V.

According to Thomas Tusser’s 1557 *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry*:

*“The hop for his profit I thus do exalt,
It strengtheneth drink and it flavoureth malt;
And being well-brewed long kept it will last,
And drawing abide, if ye draw not too fast.”*



DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER:

OCTOBER 2020

It has been a busy several months for us and we thought that we would let you know something of what has been going on in Uttlesford, outside COVID issues. All Council business incidentally continues to be conducted remotely.

We have both had active participation at full Council and at the Committees relating to our responsibilities, namely Scrutiny Committees, Cabinet, Joint Executive, Planning Committees and most recently a newly constituted body, the Local Plan Leadership Group, whose function is to give input concerning the way in which the new Local Plan will be formed during district wide consultations which will be taking place in 2020 – 2022/3.

The topic taking up everyone's attention is PLANNING. This is because it is now at or near the top of the Government's agenda for housebuilding. It published a White Paper on 6 August 2020 proposing massive reform. If made law, land areas will be 'zoned': one for Growth, one for Renewal and another for Protection. What this means is yet fully to be explained, but early and thorough consultation will be needed with the Community to help define the areas/limits of these "zones". Consultation on the White Paper runs until 29 October 2020.

At the same time, the Government is ALSO consulting (until 1st October 2020) on the housing numbers required to be built in each District. The proposal for Uttlesford anticipates an annual build number of 1230, UP from about 700 now, an increase of 74%. This is the second highest percentage increase for any District in Essex, whose County wide average increase is 24%. Discussions will be taking place with the Government to challenge these numbers and formal representations to both consultations will be submitted by Uttlesford. For those wishing to submit individual comments on the housing numbers consultation the Government paper is included at: Uttlesford District Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER:

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As many will know, Stansted Airport have appealed against the Planning Committee's decision in January when they refused the application for an increase in passenger numbers. Uttlesford is preparing its 'Defence' at the present time. The appeal will be heard over some 40 days, currently fixed for early 2021.

On a non-planning subject, a debate was recently held at Council and Resolutions passed in regard to three issues which we think would interest many, concerning (i) Equality, Inclusion & Diversity; (ii) Fireworks (their effect on those with sensitivities and on animals); and (iii) Water and Rivers.

The Water and Rivers Resolution was supported by a detailed paper to raise awareness of the threat to Uttlesford's rivers as regards water supply and environmental protection, to adopt measures to avoid the loss of important river habitats and its chalk streams, as well as making water supply and river health a material consideration of sustainability when assessing major planning applications. Given the effect of climate change and population growth upon water resources, when developing the district Local Plan, full consideration will also be given to the sustainable provision of water and stringent policies devised in respect of water conservation and recycling.

As we are still unable to hold face to face councillor surgeries due to COVID restrictions, we would be very happy to hear from any residents should there be anything they think we can help with or would like additional information concerning the above.

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Our very best wishes

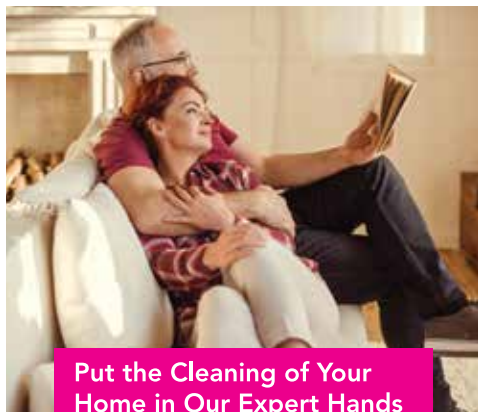
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Gardening Tips



AUTUMN

October sees the start of us raking leaves and finishing the edges of the herbaceous beds and the like. With the lawns needing cutting, many of the leaves are easily collected at the same time. The early leaf fall gets composted with these final lawn mowings.

Treat lawns with care when scarifying, although grass growth has been strong with the August rains, it was an exceptionally dry Spring. Lawns have recovered well but they may still be vulnerable if excessive thatch is removed.

When planting daffodil bulbs a reminder to plant them at a 6" (15cm) depth, planting in clumps of 5 or 7 gives a really effective display.

Top growth of perennials, like Crocosmia and Kniphofia (red hot poker) can be cut back, though we often delay this to give some protective cover to the wildlife through the winter and indeed it creates quite a display when there is a hard frost.

It is a good time to tidy up the summer vegetables in the kitchen garden. We will be cutting the last of the spinach and picking the remaining outdoor tomatoes. The leeks remain to be harvested through the autumn and winter.

"Every leaf speaks
bliss to me, fluttering
from the autumn tree."

Emily Bronte

Judy Mackay



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HALLOWEEN QUIZ

1. On which date does Halloween fall?
2. What is the word Halloween an abbreviation of?
3. What is a group of witches called?
4. What would you traditionally bob for at Halloween parties?
5. What vegetables were carved before pumpkins were used?
6. Where do real vampire bats live?
7. Halloween was first celebrated by who?
8. Why did the tradition of fancy dress for Halloween begin?
9. What is the name of a witch's pet cat or toad?
10. Name the ingredients that the witches in Macbeth added to their cauldron.
11. What is the day after Halloween called?
12. To protect yourself from evil on Halloween, what common kitchen ingredient would you carry in your pocket?
13. Where did bobbing for apples originate?
14. Where is Transylvania?

• *Answers in next month's edition.*



HALLOWEEN PUZZLE PAGE

Word Search

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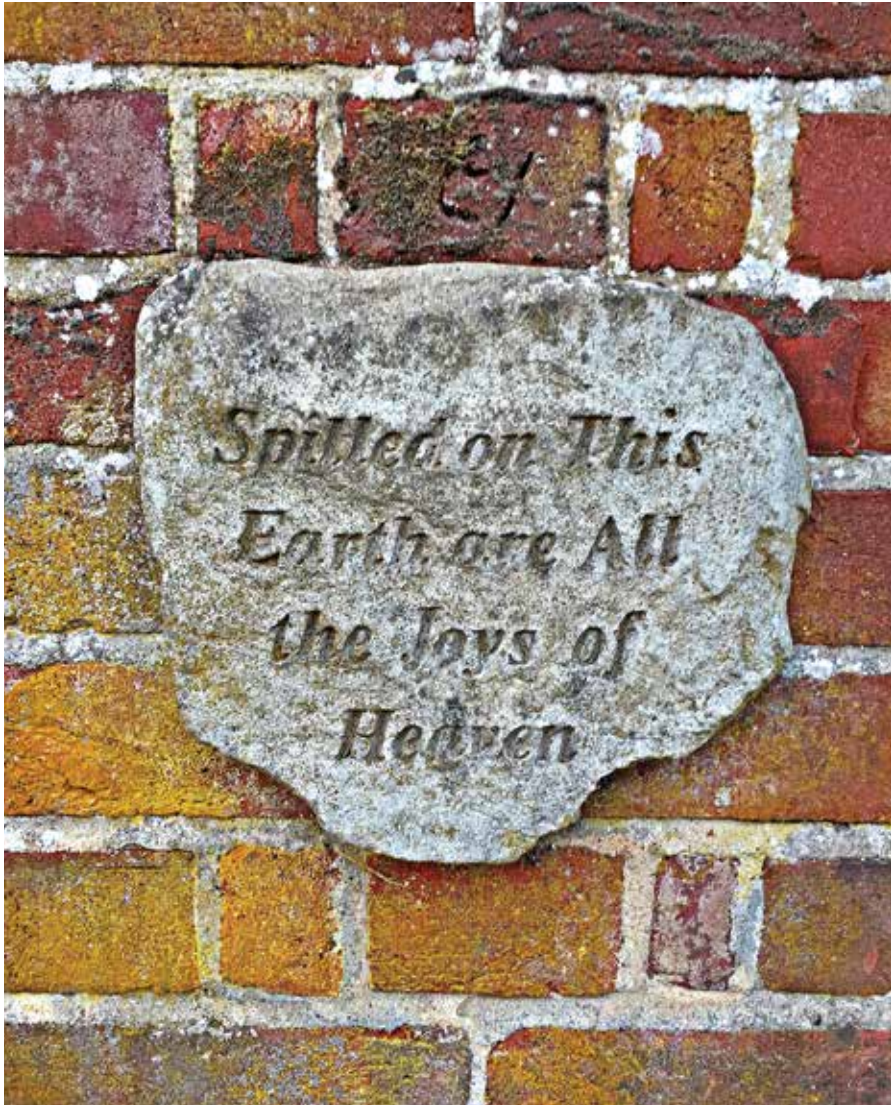
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Where is it?

Each month there will be a close up photograph of somewhere in Felsted. See if you can find it before the next edition where we will publish the answer!



Last issue – Answer:

The Chelsea Sculpture by Hannah Grace

Tree Lined Avenue adjacent to footpath 58 Felsted School.

Don't Struggle Alone

If you are facing challenging circumstances at the moment, you are not alone. The pandemic itself may have caused financial or other problems for you or your family or it could have made an already difficult situation even worse. But however insurmountable a problem seems, there is always a way out.

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