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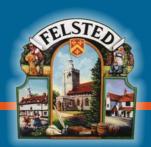
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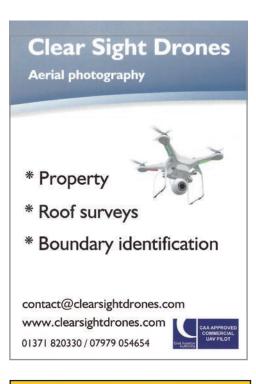
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Note from the Editor

Welcome to the sixth edition. It seems a long time ago since we started planning the first Felsted Focus. There were many great ideas for news and features and it was really exiting when I received those first precious contributions. Panic soon set in however when days later lockdown was announced, events were cancelled, and content was no longer relevant. Everyone from writers, photographers, the editorial team and the printers rallied round and we have been going from strength to strength with all their help ever since.

In this issue our District Councillors have written an interesting article that starts to explain the changes in the planning recently announced by the government, and how it will affect us locally.

Our greens keep on surprising us – who would have guessed what went on in Bannister Green! It is this time of year when many fruits and vegetables are ready for harvesting, so we are celebrating with a wonderful centre spread from our great allotment growers. It's also time to make use of the free pickings in the hedgerows around the village; blackberries for jams and crumbles, sloes for the Christmas sloe gin, and many other delights.

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Felsted WI

Like most organisations our meetings and other activities are still on hold but we are liaising with the Memorial Hall team to consider the measures needed prior to starting up again. We will keep everyone informed as to when we plan to re-commence our meetings and in the meantime are keeping members updated with newsletters and/or phone calls.

DID YOU KNOW? Speaking of the Memorial Hall, were you aware that WI was responsible for the beautiful embroidery and tapestry hanging on the walls? People across the community were involved in the 'Felsted in Stitches' project which depicts the buildings, heritage and village life. It was finished in 2011 after three years of planning and hard work. The photo below shows the then President Kitty Drury (left) and Danielle Frost who at the time was both Dunmow Mayor and a member of Felsted WI.



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

Felsted Friendship Club

In early August committee members delivered some of Alice's delicious apple pie and cream in a bag to club members living in Felsted and Flitch Green to cheer everyone up; this was much appreciated by members.

Our September meeting of tea, cakes and chat has been moved forward to Friday 11th September in the Memorial Hall though numbers may have to be restricted. Members are asked to please let Alison Moore know if they are planning to attend in case we have to make any last minute changes or restrictions. Hand sanitiser will be available at the hall but no cushions so, if required, please bring your own. You should also wear a face mask or shield.

Outings and entertainments for 2020 have been cancelled but we plan to hold meetings during the autumn and winter depending on Covid-19 restrictions.

We were very sad to hear that John Holland, a valued member of the club over many years, passed away on 15th August. Our thoughts are with his family.

Alison Moore 01371 821632; Sue King 01371 821411.

Wool and Waffle

We are going to try meeting again on Monday 7 September, at 10am in The Fern Room of the Memorial Hall. Social distancing will be in place, plus masks if we are still directed to wear them by the government. Please would you bring your own drink plus anything you have made during lockdown.

Any further details, contact Kitty 01371 820444.

There are no plans at the moment to restart 'Ladies Who'.

Kitty

Felsted Memorial Hall



Hello everyone.

What an interesting edition last month. I love reading about the 'greens', I've often wondered about them and how they got their names. The map in the centre pages is fascinating, I found the spot where we live and it was a farm. As for the art work, well, people are so talented!

Work continues in the Memorial hall and is hopefully coming to an end soon. I think our hirers will be pleasantly surprised. The few bookings we've had have worked well with hirers social distancing and sanitising between bookings. The Panto group met (socially distanced, of course!) to read through the first act. Am I going to tell you what it is? "Oh no I'm not!" Just wait and see!

Dicky and Margaret kindly put up the VJ banner over the front doors.

Hazel Fox





Unearthed among the veg

Digging on my allotment recently, I came across a military badge. My son-in-law, who collects military memorabilia, researched it and found out that it was a cap badge of the Army Support Corps from the period 1900 to 1918. The ASC, from 1918 the Royal Army Support Corps, did what the name suggests, providing food, equipment and ammunition to the army.

How did the cap badge get here? Was there a military encampment in Felsted during the first world war or was the badge dropped by an old soldier tending his allotment?

Stephen Ogle

If you know anything about this, please e-mail us, we'd love to find out the answer to this mystery.



Chairman's Chat

The Trustees of the Felsted Community
Trust held their first meeting a few weeks
ago. The purpose of the trust is to manage
the new doctors' surgery, when it is built,
for the good of the people of Felsted.
Effectively, the new surgery will be
owned by the Parish Council so ensuring
that the medical facilities required can
be provided to residents.



Unfortunately, the scourge of the fly

tipper continues - five separate incidents alone in my part of the village in just one week. It is mainly garden waste, hedge clippings etc. so please, if you are employing someone to cut your hedge do make sure they have a permit to dispose of the waste.

The standard of the art competition was extremely high and, once again, a pleasure to judge. Thank you to all the residents who took the time to enter.

Graham

Graham Harvey Chairman Felsted Parish Council

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Litter and fly-tipping

During and since lockdown there has been so much more litter everywhere as more residents walk, run, cycle and generally stay within the confines of the village. The PC are having to empty some litter bins twice a week, instead of the previous once, to stop them overflowing. Unfortunately, UDC is not so flexible and they have not been able to increase the frequency of emptying of the bins that they are responsible for. Can we please ask everyone to put their litter (including dog poo bags) in the bins provided and if a bin is full to carry it to the next available bin or take it home.

There has also been a dramatic increase in fly-tipping, especially in the more rural areas of Felsted. If you see any fly-tipped rubbish please report it direct to UDC (by searching 'fly-tipping' on their website) or notify the Clerk and she will report it.

Dedicated PC Coronavirus Helpline suspended

As lockdown eases, and everyone gets used to the new normal, calls to the Helpline have reduced and no new calls have been received in the last month. The Helpline is therefore being suspended. However, rest assured that, if circumstances change and help is again required within the community, it will be reinstated. The response from the community was tremendous and the Council wish to thank every one of the 60 or so volunteers who offered support to the elderly or those needing to shield or self-isolate. We didn't need to call on all of you but it was hugely reassuring to know that you were there if required.

Vacancy for an Assistant Clerk to the Council

Later this year the Clerk will retire and Heather Read, the current Asst. Clerk, will step into the Clerk's role. The Council are therefore looking to appoint a new Asst. Clerk. It is a part-time position for 10 hours a week, working mainly from home but involving



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attendance at two evening meetings a month. Good communication and computer skills are essential, along with an interest in planning matters. Please visit the PC website for more details of this role. The deadline for applications is 14 September 2020. Take care and keep safe.

Diane Smith Clerk to Felsted Parish Council

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Jollyboys Lane

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Recipe

I spent a lot of time trying to find a cake for using up windfall apples in September; this was my favourite, and I bake it all year round. It's lovely served with clotted cream and it can be served at tea-time or as a desert at a large dinner party. I would advise that whilst we are social distancing that you halve the quantity and bake a smaller cake (which experience tells me takes nearly as long to bake - 50 minutes or so). I use a deep 9" round tin, but it would suit a traybake.

DORSET APPLE CAKE

(serves 8 generously)

225g (8oz) butter 450g (1lb) Bramley Apples cut into 1cm cubes

(2 large Bramley apples)

1 lemon (zest and juice)

225g (8oz) caster sugar

3 large eggs

225g (8oz) self raising flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

25g (1oz) ground almonds

1 tablespoon demerara sugar (to sprinkle on top before baking)

Method

- 1. Heat oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4. Butter and line a baking tin with parchment paper. Peel, core and cube the apples then squeeze the lemon juice over them. Set to one side.
- Place the butter, caster sugar, eggs, vanilla, flour, ground almonds and baking powder into a large bowl and mix well until smooth. Carefully mix the cubed apples and lemon into the batter. Pour into baking tin. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar.
- Bake for 45-60 mins until golden and springy to the touch.
 (Check at 45 minutes and add a foil lid if still undercooked).
 Leave to cool for 10 mins, then turn out of tin and remove paper.

Janet Johnson



News from the 'Greens'

Cycle Speedway 'Pirates'

Did you that there was a Cycle Speedway Track on Bannister Green in the 1950s?

Cycle speedway was the cheapest form of racing and started on the bomb sites in London. Many professional speedway riders learnt their skills in cycle speedway before progressing to the motorised version. In 1949, Hercules Herailleur, a special track bike with index shift levers was launched and marketed for five years.

Sad to say, we do not have any photos on record of the track and the cycle speedway events at Bannister Green. What we do know is that the Parish Council granted permission to build a slight banking for the site and many local Felstedians became members. These included Rod Laudrum, Tony Haslen, Barry Cloughton, Graham Bolton, Barry Baker, Dick Baker, Dopey Dye, Tony Webb (who later dabbled in motorcycle speedway in 1963) and Mike Letch (who became the club's secretary).

The team, known as the 'Pirates' raced against teams from Ford End and Ongar on a cinder track. The patrons at the Three Horseshoes pub used to watch and cheer the 'Pirates' during the well organised events. Team members would get their bikes straightened out at the blacksmith's shop which was on the Rayne side of the pub. The demise of the sport was possibly due to lack of team competition; in London and other cities there were several teams in one location.

The late Felstedian, Rod Laudrum, became a professional motor Speedway rider between 1948-1956, riding for Shelbourne park in Dublin, and Ipswich. Rod progressed from the army teams in Germany, where speedway kept the troops occupied when the war finished. He rode for Hanover and was later spotted for Wembley but never actually rode there.

John Egbert of Felsted also dabbled in motorcycle speedway in 1951.

If you have any photos of the Speed cycle track or events at Bannister Green to share, please send a copy to felstedinfo1@gmail.com
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News from the 'Greens'

Cycle Speedway 'Pirates'



Motor speedway event, Rod Laudrum (1925 – 2013) on motorcycle



Motor speedway event, Rod Laudrum (1925 – 2013) on motorcycle & seen standing second left

Growing your own

The allotments in the centre of Felsted are a hive of production. We stopped by on a searingly hot Sunday evening and found two keen growers tending their plots.























DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER: SEPTEMBER 2020

As all our lives turn back to the new normal, life for us as Councillors still finds us conducting all business over the internet via zoom or other platforms with UDC officers and other members. We have both attended and participated at full Council and at Scrutiny Committee, John at Cabinet and Joint Executive and Sandi chairing the Planning Committee. Most recently we attended the newly constituted Local Plan Leadership Group whose function is to give input to Cabinet concerning the way in which the new Local Plan will be formed during the district wide consultations which will be taking place in 2020 – 2022/3.

As you may have seen and heard through the media, planning and housebuilding are now near the top of the Government's agenda. It has just published a White Paper proposing massive reform which we shall be writing separately about on NEXTDOOR, as there is an enormous amount of detail to convey. We feel however that, if made law, there will be less scope for community engagement in the planning process, as 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". In the case of the first two zone types, planning permission for development in them will be automatic or easier respectively to obtain. Consultation on the White Paper runs until 29 October 2020.

At the same time, the Government is also consulting (until 1 October 2020) on the housing numbers to be built in each District. The draft requirement for Uttlesford anticipates an annual number of 1230, up from about 700 now. This is the highest percentage increase for any district, exceeded only by the requirement for eight London boroughs. Discussions will be taking place with the Government to challenge these numbers and formal opposition to both consultations will be submitted by Uttlesford, to which we shall both be contributing as Planning Portfolio Holder and Chair of Planning, as well as in our capacities in the Local Plan Leadership Group. Uttlesford has in each of the first two decades of this century experienced over 15% growth in housing numbers. The equivalent statistics for Braintree District incidentally are 12% and 4.65%.

We shall keep you in the picture on developments.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER: SEPTEMBER 2020

At the recent Council meeting, the Water and Rivers Resolution resolved to:

- Raise awareness of the threat to Uttlesford's rivers as regards water supply and environmental protection.
- Adopt measures to avoid the loss of important river habitats and its chalk streams.
- Make water supply and river health a material consideration of sustainability when assessing major applications for development within the district.

Given the effect of climate change and population growth upon water resources, when developing the district Local Plan, full consideration will be given to the sustainable provision of water throughout the district and stringent policies for new buildings in respect of water conservation and recycling.

We would be very happy to hear from any residents should there be anything they think we can help with, and in particular, we would be happy to receive comments and enquiries concerning the Government's proposals which we have described briefly.

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Our very best wishes

Sandi Merifield and John Evans







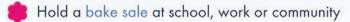
Sandi Merifield

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Crest Fallen

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Over the last almost 20 years the weather has taken its toll and, though the alloy has stood up well, the paint is badly faded and peeling. Comparing the colours of the current Crest with images of the original, it's clear a repaint is urgently required.

So, having paraded my artistic credentials on VE day with a monochrome rendering of Churchill, I was 'elected' by my colleagues on the Parish Council to repaint the Crest in full colour. I have painted a fair few things over the years, but none as challenging as our iconic, two-sided Crest!

I will take my time and try to replicate the original colours and images. My ambition is that when it is eventually returned the Crest will look as bright as it did in 2001.





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Felsted Primary School



School staff have been busy setting up their classrooms ready for our full reopening in September. After the new build was completed two of our three relocatable classrooms were demolished. As you can see from the photos our field area will look very different! Grass seed has been sown and this will give us more space and areas for children to play. Our old Reception play area will be used to help with splitting classes for playtimes.

We are aiming for class bubbles, which will be kept as separate as possible by staggering events like lunch times and by using different

areas of the school. There has been a lot of guidance to take on board but we are looking forward to having all our children back in school at last. The last few weeks of term in July were very positive and it was nice to see most of our pupils returning in small groups.

Lockdown was a difficult time for us all and we hope for a bit more normality. Although the new regimes may take a bit of getting used to we will do our



bit to keep our children staff and parents safe and enable the children to return to education.



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Gardening Tips



Late Summer brings with it all kinds of jobs in our garden:

Harvesting vegetables – courgettes are growing well; green tomatoes from our neighbour's outdoor tomatoes may go into chutney; and digging up our few remaining potatoes before slugs damage them.

Pruning some trees – we have a rather unbalanced mulberry that needs a few branches removed.

Dividing herbaceous perennials and cutting back overgrown invasive perennials, especially Alchemilla mollis that seems to overrun our garden!

Finally a bit of lawn advice – it is a good time to rake out thatch from lawns, aerate over trodden areas with a fork and re-seed bare patches.

This month sees the start of our seasonal transition into autumn. It makes us think of the awesome colours seen in the Canadian Fall – the resplendent reds of the maples, and many other autumnal trees.

Every now and then we get our own magnificent tree colours as they turn yellow, brown and shades of red. If we get a chance we hope to visit Anglesey Abbey Gardens, where we shall see some wonderful trees and fine landscaping amidst our East Anglian countryside

Finally enjoy all those plant catalogues. Have fun deciding what to order this autumn – bulbs, shrubs, flowering trees, herbaceous plants, or what? Big decisions to make to enhance your garden next year!

Judy Mackay

PUZZLE PAGE

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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: Water Pump outside the Boote House, Chelmsford Road.

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