

# FELSTED Annual Report 2009

## FELSTED COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- **FELSTED ACTION CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT (F.A.C.E.): (Playing Field Project)**

- Funding Events: **January**, 'multi-use playing fields' given the green light after a parish council led project received a grant of £61,000 from Essex County Council, **14th March**, Nearly new sale of Toddlers clothes & collection boxes around the village that raised £3733, **6th June**, 'Murder Mystery Evening' at the Memorial Hall & **20th June**, Second-hand book sale of over 2000 books. **December**: To-date raised £85k short of £5 from their target.

- **FELSTED AMBLERS:**

Evening Events: **6th May to 19th August**, Each walk averaged around 3 miles (shortest 2.1 miles & longest 3.3 miles) & **24th December** & New Year's Day walked 3 miles in the morning.

- **FELSTED CHORAL SOCIETY:**

Performances: **26th April**, 'Mendelssohn's St Paul' at FELSTED School Chapel, **14th June**, Dixit Dominus-Handel & Matra Pictures-Kodaly & other items in the new Barbara Karan Auditorium at FELSTED School, **10th September**, the choir sung & rehearsed 'let's put our toes in the water I've always wanted to join a choir', **26th September**, opening day where new members sung along with the choir. **29th November**, Christmas Oratorio FELSTED Orchestra conducted by Roger Lawrence opening performed Bach

- **FELSTED DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY CLUB:**

Lectures Held: **28th January**, 'Oak trees & oil paint in Constable Country', **25th February**, 'Shakespeare's identity crisis. Who wrote Shakespeare?', **25th March**, 'The Medici: a history of the influential Florentine family', **29th April**, 'A journey around sculpture parks in Britain', **24th June**, 'Wonder workers & the art illusion', followed by a summer lunch, **26th August**, Vice president & presidents event, **30th September**, 'The Whitechapel Sugar-Bakers & St. George's German Lutheran Church', **28th October**, 'Hems, Hatchments & interiors: It's all around us' at Great Saling Millennium Village Hall, **25th November**, 'Regency style: Furniture & interiors in early 19th century England' & **16th December**, 'The twelve days of Christmas'.

- **FELSTED FRIENDSHIP CLUB:**

Events: **February**, members were saddened to hear Winifred Hinton & Hilda Ward had passed away, **19th March**, meeting at URC, **June**, summer day out to Woburn Safari Park, **July**, day out at Audley End & a garden party, **September**, members were once again saddened to hear Harold Nutter had passed away & a quiz night entitled 'My Gran had one of those', **7th November**, Coffee morning & Bring & Buy Sale at Memorial Hall **9th November**, coffee morning in Memorial Hall, **14th March**, 'Another Spring-Namagaland Spring & the Flowers of South Africa's Western Cape', **15th May**, new members joined & listened to Paula Short who talked about her visit about Nepal to climbing Everest in May 1953 & **19th November**, FELSTED Tapestry & drug awareness evening at British Legion Club

- **FELSTED GARDEN CLUB:**

Meetings: **15th October**, AGM meeting that was rescheduled from February.

Events: **28th March**, the Spring Show was at Memorial Hall, **April**, Annual Spring Show, **16th May**, Annual Club plant sale at Chaffix Farm Yard, **26th June**, an evening with Fuddlers Hall-Mashbury, **July**, all day outing to RHS Wisley, **5th September**, Autumn show at Memorial Hall, **19th November**, 3 members made each a digital presentation showing beautiful gardens they visited & their talks were of 'Hardy Plant Society Holidays', **22nd November**, Autumn Summer Evening at URC Hall.

Talks: **15th January**, 'The Secret Lives of Garden Birds' at URC, **April**, 'National Plant Collections', **16th May**, 'Fern to suit your garden' at URC, **20th August**, 'Chelsea Stories' & **15th October**, James Buttress a VIP speaker talked about the 'World Garden'.

- **FELSTED HOLY CROSS CHURCH: CLUBS**

COFFEE CHAT: Two groups meet up once a month for coffee & biscuits & caught up with any issues & Christian discussions.

**METTLE CLUB:** Aimed for 14-18 years organised to discuss friendships, Christian Faith & exploring 'who we are' with refreshments.

**ROCK SOLID:** Weekly Club aimed for 11-14 years to discuss 'our world and life', sing & explore the bible with a breakfast & waffles.

**FELSTED PARENTS & BABY/TODDLERS COFFEE MORNINGS:** Held throughout the year. On 9<sup>th</sup> May, Gulliver's Travels production was held at Holy Cross Church, August, mums evening with wine & nibbles, 11-12<sup>th</sup> September, 'Art & Farces' performance of music & laughter at Memorial Hall, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 'Murder Mystery Evening Art & Farces' performance for a night of music & laughter at Memorial Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> October, Nearly New Toddler Sale held at Foakes Hall in Dunmow, 18<sup>th</sup> October, the film 'The Kite Runner' followed by a chat of issues raised, 31<sup>st</sup> October, Halloween party where all the children dressed in white & bright colours, 29<sup>th</sup> November, film evening 'Watch & Watch' followed by a chat of issues raised & 11<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Cracker Concert with Flitch Green & FELSTED Primary Schools & FELSTED Choral Society performance.

- **FELSTED MEMORIAL HALL:**

Performances: March, 4 nights of 'GUNSMOKE' Panto, An national competition which offered a £20k recording contract as the ultimate prize FELSTED'S entry was an Indie rock band 'Temple to a Hero' & singer-songwriter Jessica Naulls reached the regional finals of 'Live and Unsigned' & 14<sup>th</sup> March, Village quiz night.

- **FELSTED HORSE SOCIETY:** 19<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> August shows held at Sunnybrook Farm.

- **FELSTED MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB:**

Events, First Saturday of each month with a full breakfast & general talks on a Christian based subject. February, Mulberry House near Ongar to listed to a talk on 'Richard Lon-'An African Adventure in the Maasai Mara' & 18<sup>th</sup> April, London Men's Convention at the ExCel. By the end of the year the membership grew to 20.

- **FELSTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB:**

Events: 24<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> November, members & local volunteers called round houses in FELSTED asked round for donations, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am Wreath laying service at FELSTED Memorial Hall 10:50am United Service of Remembrance at Holy Cross Church and 4:00pm Songs of Praise for Remembrance at the URC, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 11:00am 2minutes silence in the centre of FELSTED & 9<sup>th</sup> November, in conjunction with Essex Police FELSTED Royal British Legion hosted a Drug Awareness evening for locals.

- **FELSTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION CLUB:**

Events: April, Homeopathic remedies, May, Birthday party, July, a garden party was held at Willow Green, August, members & friends went to Brick Lane Music Hall for tea & to see a 50's & 60's show, September, Harvest supper as well as longest cucumber competition, October, AGM meeting & November, Cookery with Alice MacLaren,

Talks: June, 'Theatrical costumes, backstage gossip & a life making costumes for the theatre, films & TV' & October, a speaker from County & December, 'A Victorian Christmas'.

- **FELSTED SWAN MONDAY MORNING CLUB FOR MEN:** Meetings, Monthly meetings for ladies, a 20-30's mixed group and for Men.

Talks: January, 'The future of the motor car industry', February, 'History of the London Stock Exchange' & March, 'Barrack Obama electoral campaign'.

- **FELSTED W.I. CLUB:**

Meeting: March, members reminisced about the 'Good Old Days' of shopping in Chelmsford at Bolingbroke.

Events: 14<sup>th</sup> January, a presentation of slides taken by Barry Kaufmann-Wright of Svarlbard, a Norwegian archipelago in the High Arctic a country of retreating glaciers, April, Gary Baugh played 'Sunset' & other emotionally charged war tune on his Salvation Army bugle & an old gramophone, 8<sup>th</sup> July, Music for Summer (an historical perspective) by Peter Goodwin, 11<sup>th</sup> November, demonstration by Wendy Bartolomeusz on the topic of 'Festive Flowers' & 9<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas party.

- Talks: 11<sup>th</sup> February, 'Nightwear through the Ages', April, 'Resolution & an amusing insight to life in Secondary Schools' with stories of the pranks & mischief that the young people demonstrated when taught in a large inner city boys school, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 'Splendours of the Nile' & 9<sup>th</sup> September, John Drury talked about 'Historic Treasures in Essex' at Memorial Hall

- **WEA:**

Talks & Lectures: 5<sup>th</sup> January, 10 week course on 'The Short Story' at URC Hall, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 10 week course on 'The Origins and Key Developments in Psychology' at British Legion Club, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 'Oak Trees & Oil Paintings in Constable Country', 12<sup>th</sup> October, an annual meeting was held at URC Hall followed by the usual lecture, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 'DNA Analysis: a new approach for historians?' an early history of Britain with particular emphasis on the Roman/Anglo-Saxon periods & 13<sup>th</sup> December, 'Cities in an Ancient Landscape' took place at the British Legion.

- **FELSTED WIZZ KIDS CLUB:** a holiday club for children aged 5-11 held at Memorial Hall throughout the year. In December, the club was held in Fritch Green Primary School's Hall.
- **FELSTED YOUTH CLUB:** Monthly 2 hours club, except for August, for local youths aged 10-17. 6<sup>th</sup> February, 75 members & some tried Haggis & Mash to celebrate Burns night, 8<sup>th</sup> May, a record attendance of 100 teenagers supported by an outdoor sport event, 5<sup>th</sup> June, outdoor football & table tennis tournament challenges & a vote for new play facilities for the new playing field, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, a barbecue evening, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 93 members & Jon Wallis became a new helper who ran the Tuck Shop, 9<sup>th</sup> October, Essex Association of 'Boys & Girls Club' organized activities helped by Sixth Formers from FELSTED School & 4<sup>th</sup> December, Disco night.

### **FELSTED BUSINESS REPORTS:**

- **February:** Little Scrummers, Andrew LeChevalier, who played for London Wasps, Swansea, and French club Grenoble & Andy Poyser, opened Little Scrummers on Sunday mornings from 15<sup>th</sup> February at FELSTED Preparatory School. Aimed youngsters of non-contact rugby for girls & boys aged 2-6 years old, to improve communication, behavioral, social skills & gross motor skills. 'Nail-it' Vicky Wright, 24, opened her new beautician parlour in a garden shed at Chaffix Villas.
- **September:** The Swan was named Best Food Pub in East Anglia.
- **16<sup>th</sup> October:** The Barn at FELSTED OPENING DAY, a new Farm Shop that sells their very own grown daily organic vegetables as well as other local produce.

### **FELSTED CHARITY EVENTS:**

- **January:** Dunmow Rotary Club, FELSTED members donated funds towards 3 fresh Playpump Water Wells in Africa. Contact the Elderly, a new Dunmow group held their first elderly tea party with two members only, both from FELSTED, the eldest being 98 years. 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Raj Mahal Indian restaurant held a Song & Spice night in aid of the Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity.
- **March:** FELSTED Aide for Deprived Children transported £1k worth of humanitarian aid including Christmas hampers. Cancer Research, the netball tournament raised money for the charity where FELSTED netball team were runners up for the 'The Georgia Cordery Cup'. FELSTED rower Charlie Pitcher, 45, father of 4 participated in the Marathon des Sables (MDS) desert event where he ran 6 marathons in 6 days across the Sahara Desert carrying a 12 kilo backpack. He came 182<sup>nd</sup> out of 850 runners & 33<sup>rd</sup> out of the 300 British runners who took part. His target is £100,000 for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust in memory of his friend Shaun McLeod-Jones who went under 74 operations to help cure his disease & also, a thank you for the treatment received by his youngest son Freddie, aged five.
- **April:** Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with a new manager Nicolas Douglas from FELSTED.
- **24<sup>th</sup> June:** Farleigh Hospice Outreach Project parks outside Memorial Hall as a drop in centre for advice & support with those affected by cancer. Pauline from FELSTED Aide for Deprived Children received a national recognition for the 'Clarins Most Dynamisante Woman of the Year Award 2009' sponsored by Clarins & You magazine, she received £1000 for her charity as runner up. 28<sup>th</sup> June, Farleigh Hospice The 4am Sunrise Charity Walk with 640 sponsors aged 5-70 dressed in pink T-Shirts started their 19km circuit walk from the Discovery Centre, Great Notley with a halfway stop at FELSTED for some who were unable to complete the full circuit.
- **July:** Christian Aid, Bannister Green, Cock Green & FELSTED raised funds for the charity. Poppy Appeal raised £7,199.52 from 2008/09. FELSTED Aide for Deprived Children delivered all donated items & funds for the children & families to Ukraine.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Farleigh Hospice Outreach Project parked outside Memorial Hall.

- **13<sup>th</sup> October:** FELSTED Aid for Deprived Children set off with their biggest convey to-date; 4 vans & 2 trailers which equals 6 van loads of humanitarian aid. They had meetings with the Ukrainian Police for support for future events so that they are not constantly stopped; on this trip they were stopped 14 times. No money was ever exchanged. **24<sup>th</sup> October,** Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Operation Christmas Appeal, 4 years in the row of a successful appeal where locals donated generously shoe boxes filled for boys or girls delivered to the disadvantage children in Montenegro & Serbia.
- **24<sup>th</sup> November:** Farleigh Hospice Outreach Project parked outside Memorial Hall.
- **December:** FELSTED rower Charlie Pitcher, the 3,000 mile Woodvale Atlantic rowing race was delayed due to poor weather conditions & raised £23k. FELSTED Aid for Deprived Children collected donations from pupils at Flitch Green Primary School.

### **FELSTED SPORTING NEWS:**

- **January:** Ridley League Dominoes, singles resulted with FELSTED player Darren Laudrum losing 1:2 to R Manning (Black Lion)
- **February:** Ridley League Dominoes, pair's final resulted Darren & Sue Laudrum (Chequers) beat B Allington & R Manning (Black Lion) 2-1. Ridley League season continues, Chequers 14, Retreat 1
- **March:** Ridley League Dominoes, singles resulted with FELSTED Chequers 12, Vine 3. Felsite's Ridley's Darts League resulted in Flitch A 9, Chequers 6 (6-1, 1-0, 0-1, 2-4). Next darts Ridley's FELSTED darts match resulted Chequers 12, Vine 3 (6-1, 1-0, 1-0, 4-2) allowed FELSTED to be in the semi finals.
- **April:** Ridley League Darts Cup, DARREN Laudrum's reigned as Chequers skipper hit a new high as the FELSTED pub's dartsmen surged into their first Ridley League Darts Cup final beating last year's finalist Retreat by 7-0. Ridley League Dominoes Chequers resulted with Chequers 7, Black Lion 8 (singles 4-3, mixed 0-1, women 1-0, dominoes 2-4).
- **June:** FELSTED Chequers gave another outstanding defeat by winning their fourth dominoes
- **13<sup>th</sup> July, Grange Farm 10km Race,** 450 runners arrived at FELSTED Primary School which set off at 11am. Cricket, Rayne 172 all out (Whiteside 74, Felsted 3-30, Newman 3-66) v Rayleigh Fairview 134-3 (Shearman 56) match abandoned – rain.
- **18<sup>th</sup> August (20:30):** The AGM meeting for Ridley's Darts & Dominoes League's AGM held at FELSTED Chequers left with lots of smiles as their cash balance was the healthiest ever.
- **September:** Football, Premiere Division: Herongate Athletic & Sporting Club Henderson shared 4 goals, Carlier & FELSTED netting for the home side in the 2-2 result. Division One Sides: Wayne Sheppard hit 3 for FELSTED Rovers in their 5-3 home win over Springfield.
- **October:** Equestrian, FELSTED secured the team trophy at their annual Inter-Schools Horse Show held at the Norton Heath Equestrian Centre in Blackmore which has been running since the 1990's. The show attracted 120 competitors from 13 different schools, with 8 dressage & 19 show jumping teams. The FELSTED blue team came first out of 19 teams. The last time FELSTED won this award was 2005 & 2007. Porsche Carrera Cup GB Championship, Tim Bridgeman former pupil at FELSTED School won the cup. Football, Division 4: H Tillingham Reserves lost 3-2 at home to FELSTED Rovers, whose goals came from Chris Glibbery & Todd Emblen.
- **November:** Football, Division 4: FELSTED Rovers beat Mundon Vics 8-1 with Tom Windsor & Will Polhill netting two a piece.

### **OTHER FELSTED REPORTING MATTERS:**

- **January:** Wellbeing Village proposal for a site south of FELSTED at Hartford End near Mill Lane to occupy at least 157 elderly people in need of care was submitted, South Uttlesford Community Forum open meeting for local residents & councillors discussed concerns & issues within the community followed by Q&A, January's heavy rain caused much flooding to the fields.
- **2nd February:** Lots of snow on the ground caused FELSTED schools to close; in contrast a beautiful sighting of a pair of Hares was seen basking in the sun on the snow. **2-4<sup>th</sup> February,** Nearly a hundreds years ago, the 8 Bells situated in the Tower of FELSTED'S Holy Cross Church, came down for the very first time despite the bleak snow & cold weather. The Bells left for Hayward Mills Associates, Radford, (Nottinghamshire) for retuning & correcting ready for Easter Services. **6<sup>h</sup>**

**February**, a van crashed by Hollow Road in FELSTED due to the snow. No one was hurt. **10<sup>h</sup> February**, the melted snow flooded the fields & damaged a public bridge near Thistley Bridge in Ponds Farm Fields.

- **18-20<sup>th</sup> March**: 'Forbidden Planet' performance by 30 young teen, from FELSTED & other surrounding villages, of the 'Theatre Company Juniors', **28<sup>th</sup> March**: 'Tom Action Trust' presented 3 young Essex classical musicians who were all awarded by the Trust in September 2008 gave recitals at the new music school at FELSTED School, Former head Oliver Bach from FELSTED School published 'Viva South America' chronicling a year's journey through South America logging 67 long-distance bus journeys with a different theme in each country & meeting people from all walks of life, from a transvestite prostitute to indigenous tribes in Ecuador.
- **April**: Latest drawings of the Church's building extensions were presented to the committee members by the Architecture.
- **May**: Open Gardens Weekend in Essex included FELSTED'S 7 acre countryside gardens.
- **13<sup>th</sup> June**: FELSTED Village Fete at Bury Gardens took place from 1-4pm.
- **July**: Jolly Boys Lane, an accident occurred led between a car & motorcycle where new re-surfacing encouraged motorists to increase their speed despite green lane, poor visibility & limited width. Both parties were injured, **7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> July**, Chelmsford Summer Beer Festival of more than 300 real ales & around 120 ciders & parries included FELSTED Vineyard's selection of wines & soft drinks, **14<sup>th</sup> July**, Chris Jagger, Reeves Restaurant in FELSTED, entered the chef of the year, FELSTED Annual 10km Race, Keith Scrivener (V60) entered the road race on an undulating course & finished in a time of 59m & Mrs. Hazel Hopkins, was saddened to hang her pinny after working for 18 years at Hedingham Castle English Tea Room, Magnolia, due to health reasons.
- **November**: Selstar, displayed their fireworks at FELSTED primary school.

## **FELSTED SCHOOLS:**

### **FELSTED School**

#### **GENERAL:**

- **January**: THREE sixth form pupils were offered places at Oxford or Cambridge.
- **February**: Vandals smashed 24 window panes & damaged several lighting bollards.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> March**: FELSTED Arts Festival, **4<sup>th</sup> March**, Pupils & staff were left "shaken" after a gang of youths targeted the housemaster's private residence where 14 windows were broken, some of which had only just been repaired, & a front door partially kicked. Security Guards were considered to be employed & **6<sup>th</sup> March**, 'Essex Book Festival'.
- **9<sup>th</sup> May**: A NEW state-of-the-art music school opened to the sound of drums, as world famous percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie cut the red tape on the new £3million centre.

#### **SPORTS:**

- **April**: Kieran Ball was selected for the England U16's rugby squad to take part in the Four Nations Championship.
- **September**: FIVE key sporting roles were filled at the school to maintain its leading edge in school sport. The following were appointed as, Jason Gallian Head of Cricket (ex-England & county cricketer), Andrew Le Chevalier Head of Rugby (ex-London Wasps player), Duncan Woods Director of Sport (former England & GB International Hockey), Charlie Knightley Housemaster (former player with Gloucestershire CCC 2nd XI & London Scottish RFC) & Brian Hays Head of Sports & Activities for FELSTED Preparatory School (Former Head of PE & active tri-athlete).
- **December**: FELSTED School's first XI cricket squad of 15 pupils went on their biennial 3 week tour to Australia touring around Perth, Adelaide & Melbourne & played 12 games.

#### **EVENTS:**

- Year 10 & 11 pupils teamed up with 10 other schools addressing current issues that ranged from freedom of the press, the state of our prisons & whether GM foods should be banned as part of the county heats of the English-Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition.
- **17<sup>th</sup> April**: Piano recital of J S Bach, Beethoven, Chopin & Debussy at Music Hall by Christopher Weston & **5<sup>th</sup> April**, Essex Chamber Orchestra performed at The Lord Richie Hall.

- **June:** An open day for FELSTED Schools had a taste of Greek Life where children dressed in robes, listened to music & story tellers & tried a range of foods. Lukas Wallis & Lizzie Hood from FELSTED primary school were selected for best costumes.
- **7<sup>th</sup> July:** The school celebrated their International Baccalaureate (IB) exams successful results.
- **December:** Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat, the theatre production ran for 5 days & was sold out.

#### CHARITY EVENTS:

- **July:** THIRTY-six ladies played in a charity tennis tournament at the school & raised over £1,000 towards the Essex Air Ambulance.
- **September:** As part of their Duke of Edinburgh gold award, pupils Claire Speakman & Lucy Coward-Whittaker returned from a 24-day trip sleeping under the stars in game reserves & living with Zulu families. Their adventure was part of a charity project aimed at heightening awareness of cultural differences. Claire walked through two Unesco World Heritage wilderness areas in the Drakensberg Mountains & the St Lucia Wetlands, spending 5 nights in the Umfolozi Game Reserve - home to the white & black rhino. They were accompanied by 2 armed guides.

### **FELSTED Preparatory School**

#### EVENTS:

- **January:** U13's girl's hockey team won the National IAPS (Independent Association Prep School s) Title. The team triumphed 3-0 in the final against Hazelgrove in Potters Bar.
- **March:** Zeegpaw the Musical set in Berlin in 1945, at Ross Hall, based on humans stop making war & animals start fighting. A young puppy, Zeegpaw, is thrust into a confrontation with the evil Inkpen—a cat who believes that felines should rule, & **26<sup>th</sup> April**, school hosted a 'Mini Olympics' day.
- **June:** FELSTED Carnival raised over £1k for the various charities. The parade, led by the FELSTED Cub Scout group, had schools, groups & organisations all dressed to impress 90-year-old carnival queen Gladys Beazley. Once inside the grounds, carnival guests were treated to pancakes, strawberries, homemade cakes, hot dogs, & lots of other goodies before making their way to a large selection of stalls including bric-a-brac, arts & crafts, competitions, raffles & games.

### **FELSTED & FLITCH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

#### GENERAL:

- **April:** Jody B Jenkins, mother of a well known actress Daniella Westbrook & father Kevin Jenkins a well known millionaire businessman, joined FELSTED Primary school for a year in year 3.
- **September:** Some pupils living at FELSTED left the school & moved to a new eco-friendly inclusive school 'Flitch Green Primary School' that opened on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 with 55 pupils
- **December:** 13-strong team pupils managed to win every single game during a competition of Tag Rugby & won the 'Tag Rugby Area Championships' at Saffron Walden Rugby Club.

#### EVENTS:

- **April:** 165 Trees donated by The Woodlands Trust were planted in the conservation area on Mothers Day by Army Cadets aged 12-15 from Essex Army Cadet Force Saffron Walden Detachment.
- **July:** AlcoHELP, held its first hard-hitting presentation with children at the school. This was lead by the death of an alcoholic Gary Reinbach aged 22, in July 2009 that brought to the fore the problem of drinking among young people.
- **September:** 5 Days of Science & Space. The pupils experimented & explored chemistry & electricity with 'Mad Science.' By Wednesday a huge space planetarium dome was installed at the school so that pupil's could wander in for 45 minutes & observe stars & planets.

### **FELSTED CRIME REPORT:**

- **May:** A shooting at Gypsy Lane Travellers site of FELSTED left 2 men with injuries. Armed police found the casualties had fled & later found in Dunmow High Street, one suffered injuries to his head

& the other had a cut to his shoulder. Both were taken to Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford, **1<sup>st</sup> May**, Lisa Wilks, 34, of Bannister Green, was found using threatening words, shouting, swearing & spitting at door staff who escorted her from a Braintree night spot at 11pm. She also obstructed & resisted a police officer & needed leg restraints when arrested. She had to go undergo an alcohol treatment for 12 months with supervision & **22<sup>nd</sup> May**, Second time within 3 weeks, vandal's turnover new barrel pots outside FELSTED Primary School where volunteers plant & maintain the flowers paid for by the Parish throughout the year.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> June (23:00)**: THREE fire crews tackled for 2 hours a large rubbish blaze at the Gypsy Lane Travellers site of FELSTED, **20<sup>th</sup> June (22:45)**, Ponies were led to safety after arsonists torched a storage lean-to just yards away from where they were being kept in FELSTED. Police & fire investigators were called to Cock Green following the blaze which was started deliberately. Several bales of hay & straw were burnt & the shelter was made unsafe.
- **July**: Pavilion locks were replaced twice, new glass replaced at Watch House Green Parish notice boards, 2 waste bins was torched & businesses & FELSTED Church suffered damage. The Parish considered CCTV cameras in vulnerable areas though the police advised against this as it is not an effective means as this will simply move the problem to areas where there are no cameras. The council & police had encouraged locals & 'neighbourhood policing team' to discourage non-resident youths from using the village as a meeting point & to report all crime, **4<sup>TH</sup> July (18:30)**, 3 fire crews were called to the site in Gypsy Lane Travellers site of FELSTED as 20 tonnes of rubbish were alight. Curtains of water were used to protect the surrounding area & stop the fire spreading. Firefighters used a water relay system as they worked to bring the blaze under control with fire appliances, leaving the site in turns so water tanks could be refilled & supplies brought back. The fire was extinguished by 8pm & **14<sup>TH</sup> July (16:00)**, the owners of a thatched cottage in FELSTED narrowly missed seeing their home going up in flames thanks to the prompt actions of firefighters who tackled the blaze which broke out in the roof of the Hartford End building & is thought to have been caused by burning embers from the chimney. Though the fire was put out just over an hour, they stayed on the scene for several hours checking the roof with heat-sensitive cameras to ensure the blaze had died.
- **December**: Police warned locals to be aware of a professional BT Collection Service telephone scam claiming money of less than £10 was owed to them. It was not the money they were after but the card details.