

FELSTED Annual Report 2011

1. FELSTED COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS:

ABBNEYFIELD HOUSE COFFEE MORNINGS: *Venue-Abbeyfield, Station Road*

- 26th January 10:30-11:30: Held on the last Wednesday Thursday of each month.

ABBNEYFIELD BRIDGE TEA WEDNESDAY: *Venue-Abbeyfield, Station Road*

- 16th February 11:30-1:45pm £8: Held at Royal British Legion Hall.

BINGS HALL COFFEE MORNINGS: *Venue-Bings Hall, Chelmsford Road*

- Second Thursday of each month at 10:30-11:30am for a chat, teas/coffees, & homemade cakes.

FELSTED AMBLERS: *Venue-around Felsted Village*

- 25th April, Easter Monday & Summer Evenings, 5th May-18th August: Each walk averaged around 3 miles.
- 26th December: 1½ hour morning walks from the Village car park.

FELSTED CHORAL SOCIETY: *Venue-Felsted School Chapel*

- 3rd April 7:30pm: Jephtha by Handel evening.
- 12th June 7pm: 'Sacred & Secular Music' evening.
- 9th November 7:30pm: Roger Lawrence led the choir & orchestra in Stanford Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in 'A'.

FELSTED DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY: *Venue-Varies*

- 26th January 2:30pm: Speaker Dick Bolton, talked about 'The Current Restoration of Canterbury Cathedral' followed by teas/coffees.
- 23rd February 2pm: Speaker Anna Sebba, talked about 'Laura Ashley: The Woman who changed the way we thought about houses & clothes in the 1970's' followed by teas/coffees.
- 25th May 2pm: Speaker Robert McManners, talked about 'Mining & Industrial Art' followed by teas/coffees.
- 31st August 2pm: A president's event where Mrs Muriel Passey presented 'There Be Dragons.'
- 28th September 2pm: Lynne Gibson presented 'How to Look at Art.'
- 14th December 2pm: Mary Alexander presented 'Meet Me at The Waldorf' followed by pies & mulled wine.

FELSTED GARDEN CLUB: *Venue-Varies*

- 20th January: Speaker John Walker, talked about 'In the Footsteps of Darwin' & reflected about his trip around the Galapagos Islands.
- 17th March: Richard Ford spoke about 'Screening & Climbing Plants.'
- 21st April, 8pm: Margaret Willis gave a talk on 'Japanese Gardens' at URC.
- 19th May, 8pm: Monthly meeting at URC where Jonathan Jukes illustrated about 'Marks Hall Estate.' Later in June, the club visited Marks Hall Estate with Jonathan Jukes as their guide.
- 25-26th June: Open Gardens Weekend, a once in three-year village event.
- 18th August, 8pm: Angela Whiting talked about 'Creating & Looking After Alpine Troughs' at URC.
- 15th September: Peter Lawrence spoke about 'Epping Forest – A Living Museum.'

- **FELSTED HOLY CROSS CHURCH ON SUNDAYS: "LITTLE DOVES" crèche:** For children 0-5 years from 10:45am. **JUNIOR CHURCH:** Children aged 5-11 meet each week, except on the fourth Sunday of each month during the 11am Service. **SOLID ROCK:** Is a group for young people aged 11-14 years, meets weekly from 10:30am at the Vicarage. **METTLE:** Is a group for teenagers aged 14-18, to discuss friendship, Christian Faith & exploring 'who we are' refreshments. **COFFEE MORNINGS:** First Saturday of every month between 10am-12pm.

FELSTED OVER 60s FRIENDSHIP CLUB: *Venue-Varies*

- *18th February:* Speakers Mrs Marshall-Ward & Mrs Panzella entertained the club with 'Hat's Off'. Five men & five ladies from the audience were the modeled the fashions of years gone by, showing different styles from Tudor to Roaring 1920s.
- *5th March:* The quiz Night raised money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- *March:* A production by 'Women's Day of Prayer' & the 'Dunmow Players'.
- *5th May:* John Drury spoke about historic treasures of Essex.
- *7th June:* A full coach of members headed to Frinton for the day.
- *17th June:* Wynne Malpass stepped down as Club Secretary. Speaker Karen Travis gave a very informative talk about 'Helen Rollason Charity & her personal journey through breast cancer'.
- *July Thaxted:* Members had a lunch at The Swan Hotel followed by a stroll. Later in the month, over 70 members enjoyed an indoor Garden Party where they celebrated many happy memories at the Royal British Legion hall.
- *August:* Members headed to their Mystery Trip.
- *21st October:* Wendy Bartholomeusz welcomed Ann Welsh & Marion Cooke to talk about the 'Felsted In Stitches' project. Other guest speaker was Elaine Barker who led an afternoon of comedy & songs.
- *5th November:* A 'Bring & Buy Sale' from donations by the community of Felsted including local traders took place.

FELSTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB: *Venue-Royal British Legion Hall*

- Coffee mornings held on the first Saturday of every month between 10-12pm.
- *January:* Four new members joined the existing 60 members meeting where they could see how the WI Tapestry, Felsted in Stitches, was progressing.
- *11th June 7pm:* Summer Ball in 1940s style & uniforms as optional danced to the 'Swing Express Band'. All proceeds donated to RBL Poppy Appeal & Help for Heroes.
- *18th June 8:30-6pm:* A coach trip was arranged to the Chelsea Hospital & Imperil War Museum.

FELSTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION: *Venue-Royal British Legion Hall*

- *January:* Robin Carsberg presented a talk about a trip through Canadian Rockies from Calgary to Victoria on Vancouver Island.
- *February:* Alice McLaren brought a cookery demonstration making a special meal for Valentine's Day.
- *March:* Cockney night with fish & chips.
- *April:* The flora of the West Indies.
- *May:* A 65th celebration Birthday Party.

FELSTED TODDLER GROUP: *Venue-United Reform Church*

- Thursdays & Fridays 9:30-11:00 £1.70: Toddlers play while adults chat over a beverages & biscuits.

FELSTED WAR MEMORIAL HALL: *Venue-War Memorial Hall*

- A Panto performance of '1066 – And That Was That!' at Memorial Hall was packed. Over £1,500 raised towards for Memorial Hall upkeep.
- *11th March:* Spring Quiz night from 7:30pm, £8 per ticket, included supper.

FELSTED W. I. CLUB: *Venue-War Memorial Hall*

- *12th January:* Alice McLaren demonstrated her cookery skills.
- *February:* Captain Dennis Westbrook described his adventures 'Flying Executive Jet.'
- *9th March:* Mr Ray Spiller entertained the W.I. with 'A Surprise Evening.'
- *13th April:* Mrs Fran Smith talked about 'The Remus Horse Sanctuary.'
- *May:* Speaker Mrs Paula Short spoke to the members about how 1000s of women had to flee westwards on a trek from East Prussia using the fighting machine of Trocanan horses towards the end of WWII.
- *June:* Ilene Thawley painter for Felsted in Stitches, gave a talk on 'Who do you think you are?' & where we descended from.
- *October:* Kitty Drury gave a visual presentation & a humorous talk about the island of Cyprus. Kitty Drury was re-appointed as President & presented flowers to Wendy Bartholomeusz & Ann Welsh who left the Committee.

FELSTED W.I. FELSTED IN STITCHES: Venue-The Riche Chapel

- Between 10am-1pm, locals stitched away creating a Felsted wall hanging momentum with Felsted in Stitches. Dates held 7th, 10th, 18th & 28th January. 5th, 10th & 24th February. 1st, 7th 18th, 22nd & 28th March. 5th, 15th & 28th April. 5th May was the last planned session. 17th September, the hanging momentum was unveiled to the public at Memorial Hall by Ann Welsh.

FELSTED YOUTH CLUB: Venue-War Memorial Hall

- *Monthly Events:* The club held at the Memorial Hall during the first Friday of each month from 7:30 to 9pm for ages 10+ (*accept August*). The club purchased a Juke Box with accompanying videos as an upgrade from the CD player previously used. *In June*, the Youth Club supported the 'Best Kept Village Campaign' by sponsoring two of the communal flower tubs displayed around the village. Dates included 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November & 2nd December.
- 7th May: Several clubbers went to the shooting division (12 Bore) & got to the final of Essex Boys Club annual competition.

WATCH AND WONDER: Venue-Holy Cross Church

- 30th January, 6:30-8:30pm: The group watched 'Ghost Town' where everyone watched the film & had a chat about issues raised.
- *In March*, viewers watched 'Toy Story 3' followed by a discussion about the film.

WEA: Venue-Various

- 31st March 10-12pm: 'Camera, Action, Light! Lecturer', speaker Laurence Staig, an author, film critic, & formerly a college & university lecturer in Film Studies, took the floor.
- 4th April 4:45-9:30pm: A lecture by Roger Bawden on 'Golden Double Decade of Jazz.'
- 16th April 11-3:30pm: Various Spring one day school events on various topics.
- 4th-6th July April 10-3:30pm: Three days summer course on various topics.
- 26th September for 10 weeks 7:45-9:15 £45: Course on 'The 20th Century Social Cartoon' delivered by Roger Simpson at URC hall.
- 29th September for 10 weeks 7:45-9:15 £57: Course on 'The 20th Revival, Rebellion Revolution' delivered by Roger Cooke at Felsted Memorial hall.
- 15th December 10am £4: Special event at Royal British Legion Hall where Stephen O'Kane talked about 'A Literature Miscellany' followed by teas/coffees.

WIZZ KIDS. Venue-Felsted Primary School

Events: In Winter

- Wizz Kids holiday club provides stories, songs, craft activities, fun, & games for primary school children in reception to year 6 run by Felsted Church. The first event was held on 23rd February from 1-4pm followed by tea & cakes.

2. FELSTED BUSINESS REPORTS:

New Businesses:

Waggy Tails Grooming: Professional Dog Grooming for all dogs.

Felsted Property Maintenance: For property maintenance, refurbishment & improvement.

Personal Training & Classes: Personal training with Gemma in groups of 3 or more (£10 per person, per hour) or on your own (£15 per hour). **Box Fit Class** every Mondays 7-8pm (£5), **Legs Bums Tums** fitness class every Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm (£5) & **Ab Attack** every Tuesday mornings 9:15-10 & evenings 6:45-7:30pm (£5).

Friday Fun Swan at Felsted

Each Month: 1st Friday - Fizz & Oyster Night, 2nd Friday - Game On, 3rd Friday - Steak Night & 4th Friday - 2 for 1 Cocktails.

January:

- *The Compasses, Little Green between Felsted & Great Waltham:* The Compasses Pub was awarded ★★★ by Herts & Essex Observer for serving real ale & real food including their unique Huffer (*a large bap with a range of hot/cold fillings*) in a real traditional pub.
- *The Swan at Felsted:* The pub won a signed copy of 'Nigella Lawson's Kitchen' celebrity cookbook after entering itself in for a charity feast. The feast is a project, which Essex Air Ambulance & Help for Heroes benefit.

June:

- *Essex artist Marcus Krackowizer:* At Felsted school, 20 years ago, Marcus had an accident after celebrating his A Levels where he dived into a river, hit a passing log & broke his neck which left him in a wheelchair. Over time he discovered a unique way into a beautiful style of modern impressionism, which led him to take up painting full-time. His technique talent has resulted to oil canvases using a striking mix of dreamy light and warm colours.

August:

- *Ridleys Returns:* The famous Ridley family continues their 163-year brewing tradition after a three-year break. Nelion Ridley, the 6th generation of the family, started a new 'craft brewery' & launched a range of beers under the name 'Bishop Nick'. The Ridleys, who started their business at Hartford End in 1842, were the largest independent brewer & pub operator in Essex, sold it to 'Greene King' in 2005.

October:

- *Joseph's Restaurant:* Closed down due to rising costs & a drop in numbers that made it impossible to continue running their restaurant.

November:

- *Music Nights at Swan at Felsted:* 4th November, Lara & Adam performed & 17th November, Kylie & Madonna tribute.

December:

- *Music Nights at Swan at Felsted:* 15th December, Lara George performed & 22nd December, The Rat Pack tribute.

3. FELSTED CHARITY EVENTS:

CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG (CRY) & MATERNITY WORLDWIDE:

- *7th-13th May:* Chris Lovitt (*Felsted former student*) & his spaniel dog 'Tigger' cycled 700 miles from London to Berlin with 8 other riders. Their ride began at Tower Bridge, passed the Felsted Mission in East London, then through Essex & caught the overnight ferry from Harwich to Hook of Holland. They covered on average 100 miles a day & arrived on schedule at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

ESSEX & HERTS AIR AMBULANCE & HELP FOR HEROES:

- *12-13th March:* The Great Essex Feast event took place at The Swan at Felsted with great food & activities on the night.

FELSTED AID FOR DEPRIVED CHILDREN:

- *26th March:* The charity set off to Chernihiv, Ukraine, with a large quantity of beds, furniture & other goods to kit out 4 new dormitories, which used to be a Pharmacy & Dental surgery. These rooms are to be occupied by the sick & disabled children. Further trips were made in June, July & October in 2011.
- *17th July 7pm:* Kiev Duo Classic backed by popular demand performed on their accordion at Holy Cross Church.
- *1st October 7:30-11pm £10:* Charity dance at Memorial Hall.

FELSTED BOOK SALES CHARITY & COMMUNITY: *NEW CHARITY*****

- *9th April 50p:* First book sale in 2011 took place organised by David Gregory where he had 5,500 books, 14 helpers & raised £560. The money raised went towards Felsted Aid for Deprived Children, Braintree Mencap, Royal British Poppy Appeal & the extension fund at Holy Cross Church.
- *4th May:* Felsted Book Sales for Charity & Community was formally established. A constitution was agreed & arrangements made to open a bank account. David Gregory was elected Chairman, Margaret Howett was elected Secretary & Liz Read was elected as Treasurer.
- *15th June 7:45pm:* Meeting was held at Glandfields Farm, Chelmsford Road.
- *24th September 50p:* Book Sales took place at Memorial Hall.

- *1st October 9-2:30pm 50p:* Over 8,000 books went on sale at Felsted Memorial Hall.
- *13th October:* The group met up & agreed to support Felsted Aid Chernobyl Children's Project (Felsted), The Juice Project (Dunmow) & Felsted Playing Field Loo project in 2012 on the basis of 25% of proceeds to each party.
- *December:* The charity was able to present a cheque of £659 to Felsted Aid & £220 each to Holy Cross Renovations, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal & Braintree Mencap.

FELSTED UNITED CHARITIES:

December: A defibrillator was purchased for anyone in the village to use & housed at Linsells. Ten local residents were trained.

GREAT ORMOND STREET, THE CHILDREN'S LEUKAEMIA WARD:

- *6th December 7pm Free URC:* Carols, Christmas readings, entertainment, hot mince pies, sausage rolls & teas/coffees where all sales & contributions helped raise funds in order to present a cheque for *11th December*.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

- *October:* The annual Shoe Box Packing Day in URC hall was filled with 120 boxes ready to be sent to Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan & Romania.

4. FELSTED PARISH:

May:

- *5th May, 7am-10pm:* Election of 2 District Councillors for Felsted Ward. There were 5 polling stations, 1 x Crix Green Mission Hall, 2 x Memorial Hall, 1 x The Flitch Green Academy and 1 x Flitch Of Bacon in Little Dunmow.

5. FELSTED SCHOOLS:

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GENERAL:

- *April:* Nicholas Spring, an English tutor, joined the central organization that processes university applications. She was appointed co-chair of one of the advisory committees to UCAS.
- *May:* Seven 6th form German students helped restore the Gardens of Easton Lodge cleared flowerbeds, & painted the new Tea Pavilion.
- *June:* Four former students who are big names in the art world returned school to inspire current pupils. The visit was part of the secondary's work education program for Students aged 14 to 18. Matthew Wilkinson (architect & charged of the redevelopment of the entrance to the V & A Museum), Charlotte Belcher works at London's Halcyon Gallery, James Iveson a painter who has won many awards & bursaries supported by Jackson Pollock & Chloe Mellish designs for the rebranded 'Kew' clothing range.
- *July:* Students celebrated their success with their International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) results & achieved a new Felsted School record & a world class result.
- *August:* Felsted schoolboys were top in the country for History of Art A Level results. The school received a 'Good School's Guide Award' for the highest number of points scored by boys taking the subject out of schools across the country.
- *August:* Two 17-year-old students gained places at Oxford & Cambridge universities. Stephanie Byrne was offered a place at Cambridge's Trinity Hall to read history & Lucy Stuchfield was offered to study philosophy politics & economics at St Edmund Hall in Oxford. A 'level students achieved 22 A* grades
- *November:* Ofsted inspectors judged the school as outstanding in all six areas.
- *December:* Two talented brothers were among the final ten percussionists shortlisted for BBC Young Musician of the Year playing two percussion pieces on an instrument of their choice on a tuned & untuned instrument. Drummer 17-year-old sixth form music scholar Richard Rayner & Peter Rayner, 15, found love of music at a very young age.

EVENTS:

- *February:* Pupils from year's 8-13 pupils including GCSE, A Level & International Baccalaureate coursework, & teachers displayed their visual art works at 'Aubrey Gallery' in Dunmow.
- *February:* Lucia Llosa & Camila Boero of Markham College, two 15 year olds students from Peru, enjoyed a taste of life in Essex. 16 year olds students Katie Sunnucks & Alice Stone who will make a return visit to Lima in June shadowed both. They will spend 3 weeks shadowing the girls before helping with a school building project.
- *7th March:* Soloists' & senior musicians' concert held at Felsted School. Solo & chamber performances by the independent secondary's top pupils as part of the school's Felsted Arts Festival.
- *11th March 7:30pm £15:* Recital by John Lill at Felsted School. The international concert pianist, who has played with some of the United States' most prestigious orchestras, visited as part of the independent secondary's Felsted Arts Festival.
- *24th March 8pm £15:* The Jacqui Dankworth Quintet performed at Felsted Arts Festival.*June:* East Enders star Belinda Owusu & other tutors from London's City Academy gave acting tips & a taster session for the students performing arts summer course.
- *17th September 7:30pm £10:* Tom Action Memorial Trust presentation of Awards Concert performance by Matthew Lewis on trombone & Jennifer Hughes on Piano; Essex Young Musicians of the Year 2011.

CHARITY:

- *April:* Joe Wolf, 18, raised £5k in the London's Marathon for The Neuroblastoma Society, which battles childhood cancer in memory of a family friend's younger brother. Joe was later nominated for the Essex police Young People of the Year (YOPEY) award.
- *June-Farleigh Hospice:* Students raised £2,700 at the annual Musical Miscellany evening, organised & performed by the girls of Manor House & the boys of Montgomery's House. Parents & friends were treated to music ranging from choral singing to a rock band, & took part in a raffle & an auction.
- *Magic Bus Slum Children in India:* Privileged teenagers raised thousands of pounds for slum children in India have been nominated for an award. The 13 students spent 13 days in Mumbai working with Magic Bus, a charity helping disadvantaged children, at its residential centre & in the city. All the teenagers raised £1,400 to go on the trip & raised another £6,500 for magic Bus to buy equipment for the residential centre, including mattresses, trekking shoes & a water cooling system.
- *October-In Harmony:* At least 70 villagers were learning how to play musical instruments for free & aimed to take a Grade I exam in their chosen instrument before the end of the spring term. Money raised was to provide instruments & free tuition to children in very deprived areas.

SPORTS:

- *15th January:* A team of show jumper gave an impressive performance at the National Schools Equestrian Association Championships. They finished 5th place overall & reaped success in a prestigious show.
- *June:* A team of 4 show jumper girls raced against the clock competing in the East of England regional finals at Norton Heath in Blackmore. They completed the 14 jump intermediate course to finish in second place & qualified for a place in the national finals.

FELSTED PREPARATORY SCHOOL

GENERAL:

- *May:* Chris Lee (Head of Years 3-4) set up a 'Heritage Trail Group' for Felsted where students & villagers worked together to set 8 boards around the village with information about key buildings & points of interest for Spring of 2012.
- *May:* The school received a glowing report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISIO) by achieving a clean sweep of 'excellent' in each of the seven categories inspected.
- 7th May Open Morning Day from 9:30am.
- *June:* The first school in South East to receive the top award 'Soil Association's Silver Food For life Award' for its commitment to healthy eating & making meals using local, free range & organic ingredients.
- *October:* The school was presented with 'Best Prep School' award at the annual Good Schools Show in Olympia after the school was short-listed with 3 other schools & received the most votes of confidence.

CHARITY:

- *Little Havens: October,* the pupils & staff raised £650 for Little Havens, the children's hospice who cares for children across Essex, by selling their old toys & books & parents & staff made cakes.
- *Children In Need Charity: 19th November,* the school held a Christmas Fair from, 1-4pm. Funds raised were also for the school's PTA funds.

FRIENDSHIP KINDNESS SINCERITY SCHOOL (FKS)

GENERAL:

- *July:* Theo Canning aged 9 was among just 6 out of 1,200 hopefuls to make it into London's Royal Ballet Lower School.

FELSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL

GENERAL:

- *January:* The pupils were set a challenge to work as a team, to be confident & able to relate to others.
- *May:* The school was shortlisted for one of six education's top awards across the country in the running for the Times Educational Supplement Award for the best school with maths or literacy initiative. Its 'reading power' project has helped pupils make double the progress compared to the national average.
- *November:* Six years in a row since pupils at the school raised 24 boxes of groceries to the village's elderly residents as part of their harvest festival celebrations. They also raised £260.67 for Stebbing medic Valerie Mulcare-Tivey's Jars of Grace appeal.
- *November:* The school celebrated after receiving top marks in its OFSTED report and judged as 'Outstanding' by inspectors visiting the school in September.
- *November:* Forty grandparents were invited to take part in classes to find out how children learn in 2011.
- *4th November 7:30pm:* A firework spectacular night was held with a bar, BBQ & activities for the children, entry fee £5.

6. FELSTED SPORTING NEWS:

May:

- Lukas Wallis from Felsted played for Braintree RFC received an award for best-improved player for U10s age group.

June:

- 'FELSTED Chequers' gave another outstanding defeat by winning their fourth dominoes

25th July:

- 450 'Grange Farm' from Felsted & Dunmow runners held its main summer event triathlon that started with swimming at Felsted Primary School followed by selected distances ranging from 100 yards to one mile along Fritch Way covering 5-10km between Felsted & Rayne. For the cycling there was a choice of 12-24 miles along Felsted lanes.

17th August:

- Annual Ridley League meeting was held at the 'Chequers'.

8th September:

- Lukas Wallis from Felsted played for Rayne Cricket Club Braintree RFC received an award for 'Coaches Player of the Year Award' best-improved player for U10s age group.

7. FELSTED CRIME REPORT:

GENERAL:

- *Essex Police:* Open forums held at the Holy Cross Church from 11:30am-12:30pm on 9th March, 4th May & 6th July 2010. Neighbourhood Action Panel meetings was held at Swan Public House from 12:30-13:30pm on 9th March, 4th May & 6th July 2010.
- Vandals decided that the tubs & troughs of flowers in the village would look better upside-down & left many volunteers to re-pot them.

February:

- *17th February:* Jewellery worth £300 was taken from a property in Ravens Crescent between 12:30 & 16:15pm. Between 7am & 16:20pm £50 damage was caused to the front door of a house in Bannister Green after thieves tried to force entry into a property. Nothing was stolen.
- *25th February:* A man at Ravens Crescent attacked his wife claiming that she had put too many Brussels sprouts on his dinner plate & carried the abuse over the weekend. He was jailed for 16 weeks for actual bodily harm, two weeks for assault & another 16 weeks, consecutive, for the knife offence. He was also imposed an indefinite restraining order not to go within 100m of his wife's place of work, Felsted School, or to contact her directly or indirectly except via a solicitor. He threw the plate across the room, bit his wife on the tip of her nose, causing a 1cm cut, left her with a cut to her mouth, bleeding from her eye, swollen left eye, a cut under her eye & a cut to her knuckles.

March:

- *17th February:* A piece of brick was thrown from a bridge at Station Road in Felsted that hit the windscreen of a truck on the A120.

May:

- *23rd May:* A caravan was completely burnt out in a blaze.

August:

- *27th August:* Fire crews were called after locals reported seeing a haystack burning. Fire fighters tackled the blaze at 11pm to a stack at Leez Lane, Hartford End, where 200 tonnes of straw was 100% alight on a concrete hard standing. The Fire fighters dealt with the incident by Sunday midday. It was believed deliberate, as there was no electrical supply or anything in the area at all.

8. FELSTED OTHER REPORTING MATTERS:

January:

- Malcolm Slack who recently retired as a General Practitioner expressed his thanks to all patients of Felsted Surgery who contributed to an engraved bench & footstool.
- Felsted Holy Cross Medieval Church did not get the modern makeover after plans to bring the church into the 21st century were vetoed.

February:

- *1st February @ 15:33pm* a vehicle crashed at Pyes Bridge Farm where a woman was trapped following a collision which involved an HGV horsebox and a van. The woman was pulled cleared at 16:56pm.

March:

- *12th & 13th March:* The district council set up The Big Clean Up in Uttlesford & offered free litter-picking equipment over the weekend to spruce-up villages. Felsted Community volunteers took part around the village.

April:

- *29th April:* Over 220 tickets were sold from Paula Hatcher, Royal British Legion, Linsells & Bakers Deli for £1. Between 3pm-5pm FELSTED village celebrated the marriage of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton at the Royal British Legion and Holy Cross Church. The British Legion Hall & car park was opened to the public with lots of tables serving sandwiches, cakes & drinks between 3-3:30pm. The atmosphere was vibrant displaying colourful banners that flapped in the mild breeze & lots happy laughter amongst the families & friends on the warm day. The Holy Cross Church displayed 12 Wedding dresses accompanied with a

photograph of the bride with her groom wearing the dress displayed. Organized by Paula Hatcher, her aim was to have a dress for each decade where she managed to get dresses from 1930's to 2010.

May:

- *21st May Free:* Felsted Playing Field Opening celebrated with Magician Michael J Fitch, BBQ, Beer Tent, Face Painting, Steel Band, Ice Cream & Bouncy Castle.

June:

- *10th-11th June 7pm-early hours:* Braintree Council staff picked litter and cleaned a three-mile stretch of the A120 between London Road & Felsted exit.

July: *Free Summer Events offered to the village at Felsted Playing Fields.*

- *5th July, 11:30:* Outside fun & fitness exercises for over 50s.
- *July:* A couple that came to the aid of paramedics were among members of the public to be given ambulance service awards. Christopher & Anne Good from Felsted were given chief executive officer commendations by The East of England Ambulance Service. The pair offered the use of their 4x4 vehicle to help paramedics reach a patient stranded in a field. Mr Good drove the mile-long journey for them to carry out necessary treatment.
- *30th July 10-3pm:* Wild nature day for kids with a guided walk, craft willow activities, bird box & bird feeder craft activities.
- *July:* 8 Wards at Broomfield hospital have been given new names, after a different village in Essex including Felsted chosen by patients and staff.

Aug/Sept: *Free Summer Events offered to the village at Felsted Playing Fields.*

- *30th August-1st Sept 9:* Quiz night at Holy Cross Church

September:

- *9st Sept:* 3-Day drama workshop & story telling for 6-11 year olds.

October:

- *1st October:* A machine gun belt containing 14 bullets was discovered by an eight-year-old girl, Lilly Howett, while playing at Felsted's playground behind the War Memorial Hall. The police confirmed that it was not live but ornamental ammunition.
- *19th October:* Uttlesford District Council planning committee voted the second application for the extension of the church. The committee voted 11 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention. Funds for the project is in the region of £400,000.
- *21st October:* The Holy Cross Church received faculty from the Diocesan Chancellor to start work on the reordering of the inside of the church contracted with Lodge & Sons.

November:

- *November:* Holy Cross Church was undergoing a series of renovations for the next six months. As health & safety regulations restricts entry to the church nobody was allowed to go to wind the clock.
- *19th November:* A stretch of the A120 remained closed after a HGV overturned at 04:40. This accident caused the road between the A130 at Dunmow & the B1417 at Felsted while the central reservation was being repaired.

9. FELSTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January:

- *1st January:* GILBEY Frances Amelia sadly passed away peacefully in Redbond Lodge. Funeral Service took place at Holy Cross Church, Felsted, on Thursday, 27th January at 2pm, followed by interment in Braintree Cemetery.

May:

- *2nd May:* TYLER John Peacefully at home aged 79 years. A Thanksgiving Service took place on Tuesday 24th May, at Holy Cross Church, Felsted at 10.30am. Flowers or donations went to Macmillan Cancer Support or Epilepsy Research

Billy Cranfield from New Zealand said...

... "Sorry to read about the passing of John Tyler. We used to play cricket for the village after leaving school & often wondered what happened to him. I went to NZ in 1965".

MacPete said...

... "John & I were in the same class at Braintree County High School from 1943 to 1948 & were good friends. I stayed with him for a few days in 2006 (when a school reunion took place) & we had a good time together. We stayed in contact by e-mail & I shall miss him a great deal. He was a good man, in all possible ways".

- *8th May:* GREEN Robert James (Roscoe) Of Felsted, died peacefully at Farleigh Hospice aged 52 years. Funeral Service was held at The Holy Cross Church on Friday 20th May at 2.30pm, followed by interment. Flowers or donations were given to Farleigh Hospice.
- *17th May:* SAVAGE George Henry Thomas (*Insurance Broker*) Of Felsted, died at home aged 82 years. The funeral service took place on Friday 27th May at Three Counties Crematorium, High Garrett at 3pm. Donations were given to Cancer Research.

June:

- *14th June:* WILLIS Phillip Anthony (Phill) Of Felsted died at aged 86 years. Funeral service was held at The Holy Cross Church, Felsted on Thursday 14th July at 2.00pm followed by interment. Donations were given to The Holy Cross Church.

July:

3rd July: FROST Lizzie May Of Felsted peacefully died aged 92 years, widow of the late Walter Frost. Donations went to URC Church, Felsted.

September:

15th September: Winifred Joan LEE Passed away peacefully at Brewster House Nursing Home, Maldon aged 82 years. Funeral Service was held at the United Reformed Church, Felsted, on Monday, 26th September at 2pm.