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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST IN 2007:

➔ January 2007

Green Lanes, New Headmaster at FELSTED Primary School & WW2 Day

➔ February 2007

Snow Results to Businesses & School Close

➔ April 2007

New Butchers

➔ 22nd June 2007

Heli~Wise comes to FELSTED

➔ July 2007

Charity Campaign, Race, Former Cricketer & Hockey

➔ August 2007

Gypsy Site & School Results

➔ September 2007

Football, New Nursery Shelter & World's Biggest Coffee Morning

➔ October 2007

Harvest Festival Celebrations, Lights Out, Horse Show & Charity Golf

➔ November 2007

Spectacular Fireworks Display, Fire Breakout & Threaten Bridge Jump

➔ December 2007

John Drury Resigns & Thanks

➔ Other Information 2007

Clubs & Services, Local Produce, Parish Council & FELSTEDIAN Tribute

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JANUARY 2007: GREEN LANES

Essex County Council introduced a new scheme of 'Quiet Lanes' in FELSTED and Ugley. Since 2003, there were several consultations with FELSTED locals before the new network of Quiet Lanes went ahead. They were designated to rural roads that are suitable for walkers, cyclists and horse riders to share with motorised vehicles.

4th JANUARY 2007: NEW HEAD AT FELSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL

The pupils at FELSTED Primary School gave Mr Lawrence Garside the new headmaster a warm welcome on his first day. Claire Jackman, former pupil at FELSTED primary school during 1984-1988, took the role as acting head during September to December school term 2006.

Mrs Ruck was FELSTED Primary School's head for 14 years before leaving in July 2006.

31st JANUARY 2007: WW2 DAY AT FELSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year four pupils from FELSTED Primary School dressed up and experienced school life as WW2 evacuee students from Leyton School and Noel Park School in Wood Green. They waited outside their class room in two lines, a separate line of boys and girls until the hand held bell rang by their class teacher. They had arithmetic class, shown food rations, wore a small personal box, a name tag and a gas mask.

8th FEBRUARY 2007: SNOW IN FELSTED



FELSTEDIAN brothers, Claude and Lukas Wallis, made not one but three snowmen on the day. FELSTED primary was one of many schools in Essex which closed for the day due to the overwhelming snow.

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9th APRIL 2007: NEW BUTCHERS



Photographer. Mrs. Hilary White

FELSTED'S local friendly family butcher, John Baker, retires after almost 20 years.

Kelly Morrison who renamed 'JOHN BAKER' to 'BAKERS DELI' has extended the tradition by offering not only Meat, Delicatessen counter, selection of Cakes, Bread, cold and hot Drinks.

22nd JUNE 2007: HELI ~ WISE COMES TO FELSTED



An Aerial Photograph of the pupils from FELSTED Primary School stood outside while they watched the Helicopter hover above taking a photo shot. Mr. Sylvester, class teacher and artist arranged the ACORN design.

JULY 2007: CAMPAIGN

A FELSTED mother Joe Baker of three children born prematurely backs a new campaign 'Fairy and BLISS Support 1-in-8' to help parents bond with children born early. BABY Ellie was oxygen-dependent at seven months old as she needed air 24 hours a day for almost the first year of her growing life.

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8th JULY 2007: 429 RUNNING 10K FROM FELSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL
FELSTED 10K race, a popular annual event which takes off at FELSTED Primary School, took road runner Carolyn Bownes, to a great personal best in the hot heat where many runners walked or retired. Carolyn Bownes, ran 55:30 took almost a minute off her previous best and more than seven minutes off her time on the same course last year.

JULY 2007: FORMER CRICKETER

A former FELSTED School Pupil and cricket Sky Sports commentator who played for Essex and England, Nick Knight, honoured and saluted stalwart Reynolds as he gave 30 years' service to Bishop's Stortford cricket club.

JULY 2007: FELSTED SCHOOL'S HOCKEY SUCCESS

Two hockey girl teams from FELSTED School became the first school to win two titles at the National Championships. They celebrated after being crowned National Champions in Nottingham. Under-13's, represented the East of England at the National finals for the second successive year and Under -11's, won by a hatful of goals - more than any other team.

FELSTED School's sporting achievements have recently excelled in 2007 with cricket, athletics, tennis and rugby.

AUGUST 2007: £50 K FOR GIPSY SITE

Little Dunmow has authorised a gipsy and travellers' site, neighbouring to FELSTED off Station Road. The Government had approved a £50,936 grant to refurbish the site to improve living conditions to more than 20 families and provide additional pitches to reduce unauthorised camping.

AUGUST 2007: STAR PUPIL RESULTS

FELSTED resident, Oliver Monro, achieved an incredible 13 A*~ one for every subject he studied at King Edward Grammar School in Chelmsford. Stats for 5 A*-C including English and maths. FELSTED School: 97 per cent

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SEPTEMBER 2007: NEW FELSTED FOOTBALL TEAM

The new season of a new FELSTED under-16s football team kicked off with a friendly fundraiser match between FELSTED Rovers and Tottenham Hotspur Veterans. Though the Veterans won at the event on Sunday with a score of 4-1, FELSTED team celebrated as the moneys raised went towards the new under-16s kit and the Rovers squad. Families and their children enjoyed the bouncy castle, ice-cream van and barbecue in the fields behind Memorial Hall, off Braintree Road, FELSTED.

11TH SEPTEMBER 2007: NURSERY OPENS OUTDOOR SHELTER



FELSTEDIAN Joiner, J D Wallis Joinery

Little Acorns Nursery at FELSTED Primary School opened an outdoor shelter made in Oak and Cedar to blend with the natural surroundings. The shelter is also shared by the pupils from FELSTED Primary School.

28TH SEPTEMBER 2007: WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFE MORNING

Jackie Butler a local resident at FELSTED once again organised her third coffee morning in aid of McMillan Fund. This took place in the Holy Cross Church @ 10-12 noon for all the residents at FELSTED. On the day Jackie Butler raised £160.00.

11th OCTOBER 2007: HARVEST FESTIVAL DAY

FELSTED Primary School distributed over 40 boxes with non-perishable food items to the elderly who lived in FELSTED, which included the Alms Houses. Many of the elderly sent letters to thank the pupils at FELSTED Primary School.

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OCTOBER 2007: LIGHTS OUT

Across FELSTED, businesses, schools and thousands of residents were left without power for almost 2 hours, while four days before EDF Energy explained how the electricity supply to Dunmow was improving.

17th OCTOBER 2007: FELSTED HORSE SHOW

At the annual 2007 FELSTED Horse Show, Billericay School came in second and third. 16 Schools from Essex took part in the event with 30 teams competing.

OCTOBER 2007: CHARITY GOLF

At the World Famous Fabulous Hogwarts Golf Day, FELSTED Aid for Deprived Children, benefited as Justin Bassett scored a hole-in-one on the 13th, which won him a Peugeot 207 car, worth £12,000 donated his prize. FELSTED Aid for Deprived Children charity raised £14,000 in total on the day.

FELSTED Primary School, various sponsorships and other local raisers supported FELSTED Aid for Deprived Children charity during 2007.

2nd NOVEMBER 2007: SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

For the second year running FELSTED Primary School had a magnificent and exploding Fireworks display by "Stelstar". The school gates were opened at 6pm ready for the 7pm launch. Hot dogs, coffee, teas and glow necklaces were on sale too.

NOVEMBER 2007: FIRE AT FELSTED SCHOOL

Staff at FELSTED School used fire extinguishers to put out a small fire in a milk dispensing machine found in the dining hall. A small amount of damage was caused to the machine and wood panelling on the wall near it. Dunmow firefighters were called as a precaution.

29th NOVEMBER 2007: MAN THREATENS TO JUMP OFF BRIDGE

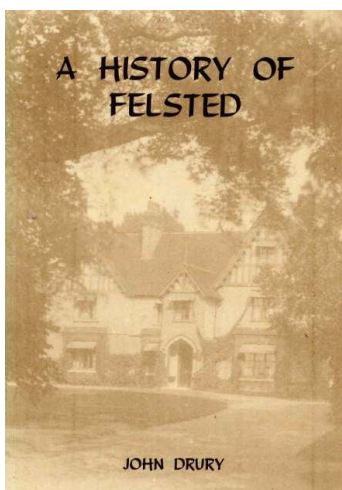
A footbridge near FELSTED over the A120, a 34 year old man from Braintree threatened to throw himself off. Officers were called to the scene, just after 11:15am, after receiving reports from the public. The area was immediately closed as a precaution and the man eventually came down before 1pm. He was later arrested on suspicion of causing a public nuisance.

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DECEMBER 2007: JOHN DRURY RESIGNS

Mr. John Drury a history author of two local books 'A History of FELSTED' and 'Essex Workhouses', who has given so much knowledge for FELSTEDIANS from his book and lectures. He resigned as FELSTED'S History Recorder for Uttlesford and once Parish clerk and Chairman Councillor of FELSTED Parish.

We would like to thank John for his contribution, knowledge and fabulous record keeping over the years and most of all his generosity to permit quotes and facts from his books as well as the use of his photographs supplied.



"A History of Felsted" by John Drury.

This 220 page paperback publication contains 54 photographs and illustrations.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank FELSTED Primary School, Hilary White (local photographer, 07960 183998 / info@technologyforgirls.com), Mr. Jonathan Wallis of J D Wallis Joinery (FELSTEDIAN JOINER, 07725 654121 / jdwallisjoinery@btinternet.com), Mr. John Drury, (see above for details) , Mr. Douglas Moore, Mr. Peter Watson FELSTED Parish Clerk (peter@watsonic.co.uk) & Herts & Essex Observer

"I hope you have enjoyed FELSTED'S Annual Report for 2007.

Remember, if you have a local story to tell or you would like to contribute in any way, email me today:

jwallis609@btinternet.com "

Jules Wallis

Felsted Clubs in 2007:

VENUE: *FELSTED BRITISH LEGION IN 2007*

➔ **FELSTED BRIDGE CLUB**

They would meet every Tuesday at the FELSTED British Legion @ 7:30pm. Partners were arranged if given sufficient notice.

➔ **FELSTED WEA EDUCATION Adults Learning for Life** (United Reformed Church on Mondays)

There was a 10 week course during Spring Term 2007 was held on Thursdays @ 10-12am began on 4th January with lecturer Dr Rosemary Williams who talked about 'History of the English Language (part 2)'

VENUE: *FELSTED MEMORIAL HALL*

➔ **FELSTED RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES**

Rainbows for girls aged 5–7 met on Tuesdays, @ 4:00 – 5:15pm (Closed in July 2007.)

➔ **Brownies** for girls aged 7-10 met on Tuesdays @ 5:30-7:00pm (Both groups term time only & had lots of fun and adventure, made new friends, played games and created wonderful things.)

➔ **FELSTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

In 2007, the 89 years of FELSTED'S WI met every second Wednesday of each month (except August) @ 7.45pm for £1.50 that included refreshments and occasionally a speaker. As a member you were able to bring a friend.

➔ **FELSTED DANCE CLUB WITH 'WHITE COURT DANCE UNLIMITED'**

Girls, Boys and Adults Dance Club met every Thursdays from pre-school to Senior ballet levels with Margaret Cave who taught to dance a fun form of exercise.

➔ **FELSTED YOUTH CLUB** Committee members: C & M Woodhouse, C Mabb, C Perrins Girls and Boys aged 11-17 years met once a month generally on the first Friday at the FELSTED Memorial Hall @ 7:30-9:30pm for £1.00 which included free food.

The Youth club started the year strongly with 22 members attending regularly, however, as the year continued from May 2007 onwards the membership dwindled drastically. Highlight of the year was the ever popular Archery. Other events, table tennis, snooker and a sponsored car wash which raised £150.00 donated to the playing field committee (F.A.C.E.) for improvements to the playing field. In November 2007 FELSTED Youth Club saw the return of Mr. Keir Johnston as the youth coordinator as well as a Governor at Felsted Primary School. The committee members thanked FELSTED Memorial Hall committee for their continued support with hire of the hall.

Felsted Clubs in 2007:

➔ FELSTED GARDEN CLUB

They met in two venues, FELSTED Memorial Hall and FELSTED United Reformed Church Hall. Either venue's doors were opened @ 8pm with a variety of talks, topics and speakers. Days varied throughout the year and gardens opened to the public.

VENUE: UNITED REFORM CHURCH IN 2007

➔ FELSTED TODDLERS GROUP

Mums with toddlers age 0-5 met on Thursdays and Fridays @ 9:30-11:00am for £1.50 which included refreshments. During 2007 many events took place, e.g. Spring/Autumn Nearly New Sale, Children's photographer and hairdresser, outings and Children's Christmas party.

OTHER VENUES IN 2007:

➔ FELSTED DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

FELSTED Decorative and Fine Arts Society is a member of society of NADFAS, met on the last Wednesdays of each month @ 7:30-8:00pm to attend a decorative or fine art lecture. There were 11 lectures in total during 2007 and also arranged visits to art galleries, the Globe Theatre, country houses and gardens plus a summer supper in June 3.

➔ FELSTED CHORAL SOCIETY

FELSTED choral society continued to be opened to all who loved to sing whatever their experience. Due to new building under construction, rehearsals were at two venues, United Reformed Church and Toad Hall on Thursdays from 8:00-10pm with a break @ 9:00pm with refreshments provided.

➔ FELSTED HORSE SOCIETY 52nd ANNIVERSARY

It was free to join and in 2007 and the year was filled with events which were published in the "Equestrian Monthly", "Essex Rider" and "Horse & Hound" magazines as well as their website: www.felstedhorsesociety.co.uk.

Felsted Clubs in 2007:

➔ FELSTED HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Coffee mornings held on the first Saturday of every month between 10-12am for all ages and during 11am Sunday Service, Little Doves' Crèche was available for the 0-5 year olds. Also, "Rock Solid" a group for young people aged 11-14, met up weekly on Sundays @ 10am at the Vicarage.

➔ FELSTED AMBLERS Public Rights of Way Paths

Around 20-30 members met up once a week @ 7:30pm during the summer of 2007. Each walk was around 3 miles and the amblers followed the Public Rights of Way paths while admiring the beautiful views around FELSTED. Extra walks were arranged for New Year, Easter Monday and Boxing Day.

Felsted Services in 2007:

- ➔ Bus stops continued around FELSTED with regular services to local towns.
- ➔ Book-a-Ride Uttlesford Community Travel transport service, continued to offer a door to door service for the elderly, disabled and rurally isolated for £3.00 annually.
- ➔ Holy Cross Church Services was every Sunday and additional services throughout the year.
- ➔ Richie Chapel Services was every Wednesdays @ 10am for Holy Communion.
- ➔ Garden Green Waste Collections took place on Saturday mornings.

Felsted Produce in 2007:

➔ FELSTED FARM PRODUCE

Continued to offer their locally grown seasonal organic vegetables and salads at the Local Farm and Conservation site, outside the Memorial Hall and outside the New Farm House.

➔ THE FELSTAR BREWERY

Continued to offer local bottled ales, lager and wines at FELSTED Vineyard, Crix Green, FELSTED.

➔ SPARLINGS FARM SHOP

Located off Braintree Road, FELSTED continued to offer their organic Bronze Turkeys for Christmas where you could see during the October turkeys eating freely on the farms fields.

Felsted Parish in 2007:

- The four-yearly election, at which four Councillors retired and two new Councillors joined the Council (leaving two vacancies)
- A revival of interest in the development of facilities at the Playing Field with included the Felsted Action for Children's Equipment group support as well as locals from FELSTED. The National Lottery has granted £45k towards this.
- The death of Margaret Moore, for many years as a well-known FELSTED



Felsted Tribute in 2007:



Margaret & Douglas Moore

Margaret Ellen Willis born on 9th January 1931, once FELSTED'S beauty queen in 1948 at the age of seventeen, married Douglas Charles William Moore born on 13th May 1927, both FELSTEDIANS. They met at a public swimming pool "Sun Lido" (which no longer exists today) where Douglas saw Margaret struggling to swim and as a true gentleman he went over to her and offered his help. This soon led them to court one another, despite the fact both were seeing someone else without the other one knowing. They got married on 21st July 1951 at FELSTED 'Holy Cross Church' and were married for 56 years. They had three sons, Stuart, Andrew and Ian, all born in FELSTED who currently live in Essex today.

Margaret left school and worked as a secretary for 'J S Alderton'; a construction company which no longer exists today and was located what is known today as 'Alderton Close'. Stuart Moore now manages a company which grew out of 'J S Alderton' know as 'Hill Felixstowe Ltd' based in Felixstowe. Margaret was a dedicated wife and mother and only took on jobs which were based around school hours to collect her boys from school.

Douglas was associated and committed with FELSTED Scouts, generally in charge most of the time, for 40 years and unfortunately this no longer exists today. Margaret would join their Annual Summer Camp, during 1970-1980's with her own tent. At the camp, she would take a group of boys and showed them how to cook before sending them off to cook for themselves.

Felsted Tribute in 2007:

Margaret's favourite Scout Camp trip was at 'Downe' in New Orpington, Kent; despite the fact their 7am shower ran cold water for the first few years.



Community Achievement Award

On 15th February 2005 Margaret Moore received a 'Community Achievement Award' from Uttlesford who recognised her passion and dedication as a committed member of the community of FELSTED, as well as, a key holder for FELSTED Memorial Hall, Clerk to the Council, a committee member of FELSTED Gardeners Club and raised money for a Cancer charity (Douglas believes this was probably led by the deaths of her sister Dorothy Ruth known as Ruth and her sister's daughter who both sadly died from cancer).

Margaret was very passionate for puzzles and quizzes and with the help of Douglas they would organise quiz nights, she was also an independent woman who drove a car (passed her test second time round, two days before Douglas passed his second driving test), an excellent cook, adored their rescue cat 'Oliver' and had a love for gardening. In fact, she loved gardening so much so that weeks before she died from her cancer she asked Douglas to dig holes to plant her new plants.

From Douglas Moore:

"Margaret was a lovely person who had a great personality and good sense of humour.

*Most of all she was my soul mate but **not** for long enough.*

The hardest part for me after she died was to see Oliver waiting at the bottom of the stairs for Margaret."

Margaret Moore now rests in peace at FELSTED Holy Cross Cemetery