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Note from the Editor

I hope you will enjoy our summer/Queen's Jubilee edition of the Focus. We have put together a centre pull-out that explains what is happening, where it's happening and at what time. There is a lot going on and a lot of hard work has gone into organising the Jubilee Celebrations for the parish. I am sure we would all like to give big thank you to all those involved, too many to name, who have given up their spare time so that we can enjoy what will be a two very special to remember. As a way of showing them our appreciation please volunteer some of your time to help out – see below for information.

On a separate point, Essex County Council have started a new on-demand bus service. Our area includes Broomfield Hospital. I tested a booking and was told a bus would arrive in about 16 minutes to take me to the hospital. See more information inside.

One last thing. Remember that there will be road closures on Braintree Road and Chelmsford Road on 29 May from 06:00 to 15:30 for the Ride London public event to go through. There may be a few short closures for the professionals on the previous two days. It is normally televised and offers a great way to show the beautiful place we live in.

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HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

The locally organised Jubilee Celebration event is going to be amazing and it's free to attend and enjoy, but we do desperately need your help and support.

We're not asking for money just your engagement. We need help with directing parking, especially for the disabled, help with bar in the beer tent and a dozen other jobs, including clearing up on Saturday.

We're excited to give you a great afternoon: in return, if you could just give your community a few hours of your time it would be enormously appreciated. You don't have to commit for a whole day. Anything you can offer helps. Come on. It's not too late to help and you'll enjoy it!

Please contact us at: francesmm100@outlook.com or rr.felstedpc@gmail.com

On-demand electric minibus service

New on-demand electric minibus service for residents in the Braintree and Chelmsford area.



Residents in south Braintree and north-west Chelmsford areas can now access an exciting on-demand, fully electric minibus service called DigiGo. One of the first of its kind in the country, the service responds to demand rather

than having set routes, with minibuses able to divert on and off journeys for passenger collection and drop off.

DigiGo connects rural communities in north Chelmsford, including Felsted, Little Dunmow, Barnston, Leaden Roding, Good Easter, Pleshey, Great Waltham, Little Waltham and Great Leighs to popular locations such as Chelmer Valley Park and Ride, Broomfield Hospital, and Writtle University College.

Meanwhile, the service in south Braintree connects villages, including Great Notley, Black Notley and Rayne, to Braintree Bus Interchange, Braintree Railway Station, Braintree Community Hospital, Springwood Industrial Estate, Great Notley Country Park and many other locations.

The new service operates seven days a week, from 7am to 10pm and caters for everyone; students, families, the elderly, and people travelling to work, with accessible minibuses available for people with disabilities, providing a flexible and environmentally friendly service for people who do not live close to public transport routes. To book an on-demand journey, residents can download the TravelEssex planning app via their phone's app store or visit www.digigo.uk. After ordering, passengers can pay for their journey via the app and track the location of their minibus in real time. Tickets for the service can also be pre-booked up to seven days in advance.

Concessions travel for free after 9am on weekdays and at all times at weekends. Before 9am on weekdays the standard fares apply.




On-demand electric minibus service

Alternatively, there is a telephone booking option for those unable to use the app 03330 137 138. This is available Monday to Friday, 10am until 12pm (excluding bank holidays).

Councillor Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport at Essex County Council, said: "The DigiGo service is the first of its kind in the area, offering a new type of responsive shared public transport which enables people to simply book a journey to when and where they need to go.

"The aim through this trial is to create a service which really becomes embedded in local communities, attracting users of all ages and creating a platform to be rolled out in other parts of the county."

You can also follow DigiGo on:

 Twitter,  Facebook and  Instagram.



The fully electric DigiGo service, one of the first of its kind in the country, responds to demand rather than having set routes.

Credit: Essex County Council

The fleet of six minibuses will cater for students, families, the elderly and people travelling to work, with accessible minibuses available for people with disabilities.

Credit: Essex County Council



Felsted WI



The WI year started with a bang with our Annual Meeting in April. Margaret Smith stepped down as Secretary after three years (and was presented with a bouquet and bottle of bubbly as a thank you), Penny Lewis was re-elected President for another year, and Treasurer Jean Grimshaw was auctioneer of “unwanted items” that members had brought along. Jean had us in fits of laughter and we raised over £150 which will be donated to Felsted Aid. In this Jubilee Year we are reminded that back in 2014 (the year of the

Royal Visit to Felsted School) member Kitty Drury sent The Queen a tea towel and booklet about the embroidery and tapestries in the Memorial Hall, and we received a lovely letter back from Buckingham Palace.

We were thrilled and what a fantastic entry for our archives!

In coronation year 1952, Felsted WI had 96 members and the subs cost 3 shillings and sixpence. Our membership is now about a third of that and the subs are £44 per year but still excellent value! So do come along and join us – second Wednesday at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please contact or Penny Lewis on 07825 312829 or Margaret Smith on 01371 822092.



Felsted Friendship Club



We meet on the third Friday of every month in the Memorial Hall, usually at 2.15 to 4.15pm.

At our February meeting, Dave Johns sang us a variety of songs, making our toes tap and giving us a chance to sing along. We were also given musical instruments to use and we all felt lighter in spirit by the end of the afternoon.

In March, Alice McClaren gave us a cookery demonstration. She cooked a raspberry, almond and rose cake, an all-in-one cheesy gnocchi vegetable dish and delicious sausage rolls. Alice is always great fun and we thoroughly enjoyed her time with us.

Meetings planned for the next few months:

20 May – Friendship Dogs

17 June – Bernadette Merry – Banking scams

15 July – Lindsay Whitehouse – History of Chelmsford Prison

All-day outings are planned for July and September.

New members are very welcome. Details are available from Alison Moore (Chairman) 01371 821632 or Sue King (Vice-Chair) 01371 821411.

Felsted Royal British Legion Club



The next Branch meeting is planned for Thursday 28 July at 8.00pm. This will take place in the British Legion Club. All are welcome to attend and learn about the work that is carried out by the Branch including the Poppy Appeal, Remembrance and the assistance given to ex-service persons in and around the village of Felsted. The meetings are always relaxed and no pressure is ever put on anyone to join the committee although this would be very welcome so please put this date in your diaries and call in on the night. You will be made to feel very welcome (and the bar will be open).

■ OPENING HOURS:

Sunday: 12pm-8pm

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 7.15pm - 11pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 7.15pm - 11pm

Friday: 4pm - 11pm

Saturday: 2pm - 11pm

■ Entertainment most weekends ■ Sky sports

■ New members always welcome!



PLATINUM JUBILEE
Celebration of Faith & Service

On 6 Feb 1952 Elizabeth Windsor became our queen.
By 1 May 1953, the countdown to her coronation had begun, and she used a leather bound collection of prayers in preparation. This is one of those prayers...

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life: keep me from wandering from your way. Help me to trust you, the truth, and to be filled with your life. May your Holy Spirit teach me to live the right way, to be truthful, and to be filled with your life, living to please you. Amen

www.felstedchurch.org.uk



Dear friends

We at The United Reformed church have a big celebration this year, apart from celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in June when a number of our congregation will be helping at the village event. We ourselves will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the URC. We are hoping to meet up with our friends from Thaxted later in the year for a joint celebration.

Our church continues to thrive and I would like to thank everyone for their support. Felsted connections has started again and the next time we meet will be on 19 May at 12 noon when you are invited to join us. It is a chance to meet up with your friends for lunch and a chat, please bring your own lunch and we will supply the hot drinks. The annual church anniversary service is on Sunday 12 June, this will be followed by lunch. The cost will be £10. Anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome, just let us know.

The Women's Guild meets on Monday afternoons at 2pm. At a recent guild meeting our speaker was Mrs June Milne who gave us an update on Felsted Aid. Mrs Milne told us how much aid had already been collected for the people of Ukraine. During the afternoon we managed to collect over £100 to help fund the fuel for the lorries and also a large number of items which are urgently needed.

We are pleased to announce that the repair of the church roof and other small jobs have now been finished and the council office has been refurbished and is now back in use.

Good luck to everyone helping with the jubilee event, let's hope for good weather.

Diane 01376 583994



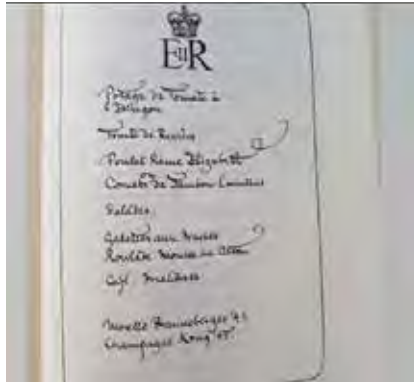


	WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
Monday	14:00	Women's Guild	URC Hall	07484 769360
	14:30	Tone and Stretch	Memorial Hall	
	17:00	Brownies	Memorial Hall	01245 361262
	19:15	Take Note Band	Memorial Hall	07889 851588
Tuesday	16:00	Sirius Young Performers	Memorial Hall	07554 703641
Wednesday	13:39	Messy Splat Play	Memorial Hall	07515 254464
	19:45	WI 2nd Wednesday of the month	Memorial Hall	Penny 07825 312829
Thursday	09:00	Tai Chi	Memorial Hall	07522 586788
	17:00	Junior dance	Memorial Hall	whitecourtdance@hotmail.co.uk
	18:00	Senior dance	Memorial Hall	whitecourtdance@hotmail.co.uk
Friday	10:00	Fun keep fit for all ages	Memorial Hall	Jean Grimshaw 01371 820730
	13:39	Messy Splat Play	Memorial Hall	07515 254464
	14:15	Friendship Club 3rd Friday of the month	Memorial Hall	Alison Moore 01371 821632
Saturday				
Sunday	09:00	Sunday service 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays	Felsted Holy Cross	www.felstedchurch.org.uk
	10:30	Sunday service	URC Hall	Diane 01376 583994
	11:00	Sunday service with children's groups	Felsted Holy Cross	www.felstedchurch.org.uk

Recipe: Constance Spry's Original Coronation Chicken

INGREDIENTS - Serves 8

2.3kg (5lb) chicken
1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 small, finely chopped onion
1 tbsp curry paste
1 tbsp tomato purée
100ml (4 fl oz) red wine
1 bay leaf
Juice of 1/2 a lemon
4 finely chopped apricot halves
300ml (1/2 pint) Mayonnaise
100ml (4 fl oz) whipping cream
Salt and pepper
Watercress to garnish



Original menu for the Queen's coronation celebration 'Poulet Reine Elizabeth'

Instructions:

- 1) Skin the chicken and cut into small pieces and grill it until cooked.
- 2) In a small saucepan, heat the oil, add the onion and cook for about three minutes, until softened.
- 3) Add the curry paste, tomato purée, wine, bay leaf and lemon juice.
- 4) Simmer, uncovered, for about 10 minutes until well reduced.
- 5) Strain and leave to cool.
- 6) Purée the chopped apricot halves in a blender or food processor or through a sieve.
- 7) Beat the cooled sauce into the mayonnaise with the apricot purée.
- 8) Whip the cream to stiff peaks and fold into the mixture.
- 9) Season, adding a little extra lemon juice if necessary.
- 10) Fold in the chicken pieces, garnish with watercress and serve.



Felsted Primary School Jubilee Art Celebration



When we asked Felsted Primary School children if they could help out the FOCUS team and produce some art for our special edition celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we knew they wouldn't let us down! We received a huge folder full of absolutely wonderful pictures.

Honestly, we just loved them all! If we could, we would have produced a super thick FOCUS with every single picture. They were that good! Instead, we decided to pick a single picture for the front cover that had particularly strong colours and which we thought caught the mood of the colourful celebration we have planned and we picked six more, all representative of the excellence of the budding young artists for the inside pages. But just because your picture isn't in the mag, don't be disappointed!

All the pictures were so good we decided we had to put them all on show! So, every picture will be on display at the Memorial Hall on Friday 3 June during our special celebration event.

Thank you Felsted Primary School for making our day.



Felsted Primary School Jubilee Art Celebration



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*Her Majesty the
Queen*



Felsted's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June 2022

Thursday



2 June

A very warm welcome from Felsted Parish Council, the Felsted Events Committee and all the FOCUS team to this special edition of the FOCUS. We hope you will understand that we have had to shorten a few of our regular features for this Special Jubilee Edition but be assured, normal service will resume in the autumn.

■ **The Beacon - 9.45pm**

On Thursday 2 June we shall be joining thousands of communities, charities and groups across the UK and the commonwealth to light Felsted's beacon to pay tribute to The Queen, a tradition started in 1897 for Queen Victoria.



We will be co-ordinating our beacon with more than 1500 others being lit across the UK, including those on top of the four highest peaks - Ben Nevis, Scotland; Scafell Pike, England; Mount Snowdon, Wales, and Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland.

■ **The Bells and a Blessing**

There are over 5000 bell towers across churches in the UK and just 300 elsewhere in the world! So, a Felsted Jubilee celebration wouldn't be complete without the sound of our bells ringing out from Holy Cross church's magnificent Norman tower.

Our wonderful ringers will be opening events for us on both the 2 and 3 June in a uniquely English style led by bell Captains Vicky Le Fe'vre and Ian Cresshull.

On Thursday 2 the bells of Holy Cross will ring out in the evening from 8 minutes to 8pm until precisely 22 minutes passed the hour. Got it yet? On the 24 hour clock, that means from 1952hrs to 2022hrs, a 30 minute peel that represents the dates of the 70 years of Her Majesty's reign from 1952 to 2022.

Thursday



2 June

Ringling will end just in time to allow the ringers to join the rest of us at 9.35pm on the Parish Playing Fields behind the Memorial Hall to enjoy the Reverend Colin Taylor bless the flame that lights our magnificent beacon, hear Janet Johnson pipe in the flame and watch the beacon being lit.

The bells will ring again on Friday the 3 June to mark the opening of Celebrations at 2pm on the Playing Fields.

■ **The Bagpipes**

Her Majesty has a lifelong affection for the sound of the pipes, so Felsted piper, Janet Johnston has been practising a tune especially written for the event 'Diu Regnare' (Long to Reign in Latin), a stirring march, written by world champion Pipe Major Stuart Liddell.



Janet will join pipers around the globe who will be playing this tune across all time zones prior to the UK beacon lighting.

The Felsted beacon will be lit on the Memorial field, in unity with the rest of the UK at 9.45pm, whereas Commonwealth beacons will be lit at varying local times after sunset.

Please join us in marking this historic occasion, on the Parish Playing Field behind the Memorial Hall, starting promptly at 9.35pm on Thursday 2 June 2022.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Site Plan



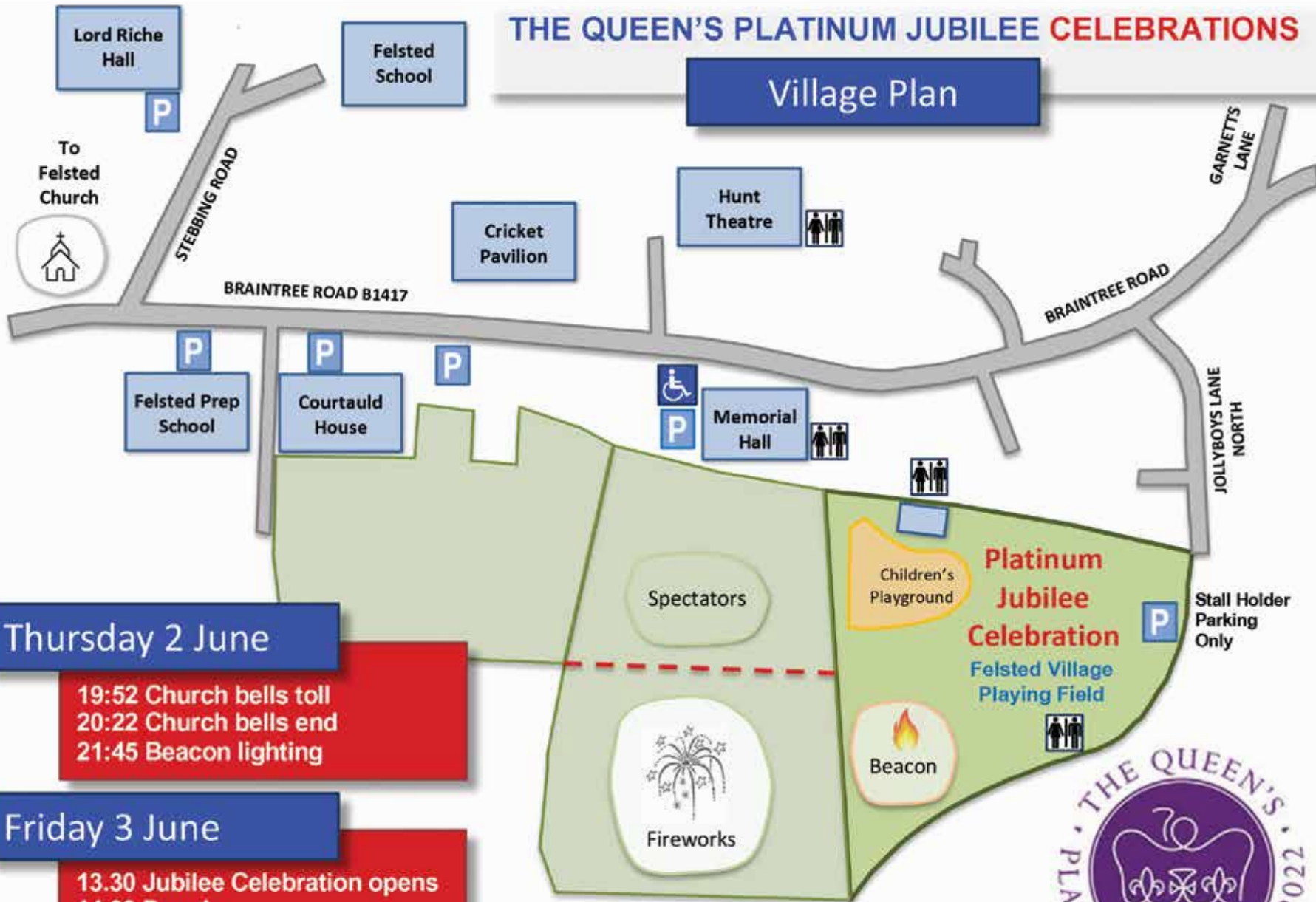
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- Public Toilets also located in Memorial Hall and behind the Games Area

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Village Plan



Thursday 2 June

19:52 Church bells toll
20:22 Church bells end
21:45 Beacon lighting

Friday 3 June

13.30 Jubilee Celebration opens
14.00 Parade
22:30 Fireworks



Friday



3 June

FOCUS on Platinum!

The Jubilee event on Friday 3 June will feature a packed schedule of music and entertainment for the whole family. So that you don't miss your favourite act we'll try to be as punctual as we can, but timings may be adjusted on the day.

2.00pm Our day begins to the sound of the Felsted Steel band and a parade around the parish playing field led by Queen Elizabeth, our very own local royalty, waving and being majestic, together with a whole crowd of Felsted primary school children in Royal themed fancy dress and still more from the White Court Dance group. You may even notice the odd Viking following on!

2.15pm The opening ceremony will begin with HMQ declaring the event open and will conclude with the Felsted Choral Society singing the national anthem and Handel's Zadoc the Priest, the Coronation anthem first sung for the coronation of George II in 1727 and at every Coronation since. It's amazing!

2.30pm The afternoons musical extravaganza begins with the first of two sets by the Felsted Steel Band, performing right next to the main stage. This hugely popular band has an amazing set including music from the Caribbean right up to date with big time rock numbers. Whatever the weather, the band will bring oodles of Caribbean sunshine for the day! (No! the weather going to be lovely; we're determined.)



Friday



3 June

3.00pm Eyes on the main stage and the White Court Dance Unlimited! White Court is a community-based dance club where the emphasis is on having fun as well as taking classes. And the fun is there in the dancing. No matter what your age, the energy and enthusiasm from these young dancers will have you tapping your feet.

Felsted Parish Council – Special Notice

By order of the Council, dancing in all areas is strictly encouraged!

3.40pm It may be tea-time but don't go away! Next up on the main stage it's the Sirius Young Performers. The SIRIUS ethos is 'To be the best you that you can be'. And they are! Learning, through performance, building confidence through gradual exposure to performance, enhancing teamwork through demonstrating the importance of all individuals within a team to make the whole, recognising strengths and building on foundations, remembering that results are produced when people are loving what they do and above all recognising that we are a diverse and wide-ranging group of people and that diversity must be respected at all times. And boy, does it work: enjoy!

4.30pm Felsted Steel Band are back around for their second set, again performing right next to the main stage. Expect even more rock as the evening heats up!

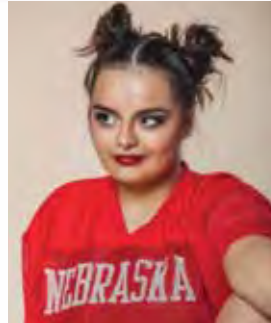
5.15pm Bishops Stortford Ukulele society, An amazing and talented group of enthusiastic and fun loving local musicians, the Bishops Stortford Ukulele Society regularly bring their unique sound to events across the region. Whether you're just a gentle foot-tapper or a full on dancing sing-a-long Uk-lover, the BSUS will make your day! They are terrific!

Friday



3 June

6.00pm It's Taya time. Taya Morgan is a local girl with a passion for singing and an ambition to be a professional entertainer, so we thought we should give Taya a stage and a friendly Felsted crowd.



6.40pm Brings singer and guitar man Barry Ward onto the main stage to warm up the evening. Barry has been entertaining playing popular songs for over forty years in pubs clubs and music venues working solo and with bands.



**Felsted Events Committee
– Special Notice**

Older people are expected to wear inappropriate 'T' shirts

7.10pm Buckle up and strap in! It's The Tribe, one of the best rock bands in Essex, taking us through to the fireworks. Seven of the UK's super professional session musicians come together as The Tribe to deliver an absolute showstopper of a rock performance that will have you on your feet all evening. Between their sets, they will also provide a great club vibe.



Friday



3 June

10.20pm We're going to interrupt the Tribe and have them play us out and the fireworks are about the only thing that deserves to have you turn your back on the main stage and walk away.

10.30pm In the field to the west (that's towards the centre of the village for those of you without an orienteering badge) you'll see the best firework display in Essex. It's a show stopping, barn storming, sky-rocketing, whizz bang of a display set to music.



HOME TIME!...

Her Majesty the Queen Commands you to take all your litter home. Keep Felsted tidy!

TRAVEL SAFELY

Friday



3 June

Beware of Vikings!

The very observant among will notice there is an entire Viking village in the corner of the playing field set around the beacon. Not your everyday Felstedians, this lot have a tendency to pillage and take people as slaves!

Our visitors are members of the Eastseaxe, a Viking and Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group based in Essex, and are part of Regia Anglorum. They offer an authentic living glimpse of the past in east Anglia. We're delighted they have joined us, but beware! They're also more than willing to 'relieve' people of their gold/silver so keep an eye out: they are Vikings after all.



The Crafty Crocheter

The Crafty Crocheter has struck again! In a cheeky take on Felsted's famous pachyderm, Ellie the elephant has been dressed in full Yeoman Warder costume (Beefeater to most of us).

Look out for Ellie and other right royal characters popping up in the village!



Felsted Primary School



It has been a very busy and productive time at Felsted Primary School. Over the last three months despite the continued covid issues we have achieved so much!

Our extremely generous parents helped us to raise £642 and a huge amount of donated items for Felsted Aid which has helped those in need in the Ukraine. We are very proud of the generosity and kindness of our school community in these difficult times. We were invited to help plant a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. This is planted on the green outside school and the children from the School Parliament and Eco Committee were involved in this special occasion.



We have started work with OPAL (Outdoor play and Learning) to develop play at lunchtime and breaks. We feel strongly that these times are opportunities for children to develop and learn vital skills so are working toward the platinum award. The children and staff are very excited about the changes ahead and we are in a very good position to take this forward.

It has been wonderful to be able to invite parents back into school in recent months. Assemblies are now back in person and parents are able to come and see their children receive awards. As part of Rock Steady we have held a music concert where 70 children performed to an audience of over 100 parents. This was a momentous occasion and a real change to what we have been able to do over the last two years. Music is very important to us and we are also planning a Music Concert to be enjoyed by all during the summer term.

We are looking forward to many more events over the coming months. Things that we have waited a long time to be able to do and now that covid restrictions are not in force we are finally able to do. We will be holding our Grandparents Day – this is a lovely occasion where grandparents come and spend some time in class. Our outdoor swimming pool will be opened and lessons will take place during this term. We are very lucky to have this fantastic resource on site and the children gain so much from these lessons.

Felsted Primary School



As I write this we are preparing for a special OWL (Outdoor Wellbeing and Learning) and Eco week. Lots of activities will take place including a visit from some actual owls!

We are also looking forward to our Jubilee Picnic which will take place just before the jubilee weekend. Parents will be able to join us for this special event – fingers crossed for good weather! All the children took time out to produce a large portfolio of pictures for the Jubilee. I am so pleased to see that one of the many great pictures of the Queen adorns the front cover with more shown inside.

I am confident that much more will be achieved over the coming months and feel very lucky to be part of such a wonderful team of staff, children, parents and governors. When I look back and think about the mountain we have climbed together I feel very proud and thankful for everyone who is a part of Felsted Primary School.

Bryony Collins - Headmistress

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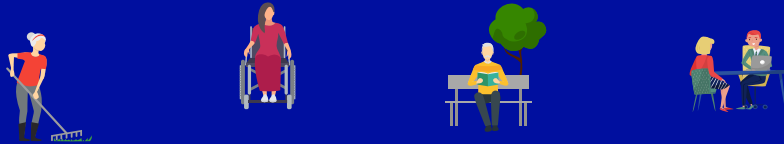
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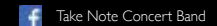
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