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- DECORATION DAY
- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP



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Note from the Editor

Dear Neighbours,

On the day we send our parish magazine to print the death, at the age of 96, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been announced.

With the joy of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations fresh in our minds, it's hard to reconcile the deep sense loss we are now experiencing. Her Majesty's presence has been strongly felt and much loved in our small community throughout her magnificent reign.

There is little our parish publication can meaningfully say other than to add our thanks to Her Majesty for her life of duty and to say with all heart, God Save the King!

As I write, some small changes have been made to this edition to mark Her Majesty's passing. But I am sure that Her Majesty, whose Christmas message has always been at the centre of our family celebrations, would want our children to enjoy this coming Christmas as the first in the reign of His Majesty King Charles III.

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Bring the children along to the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 12th November between 1 pm and 5pm for 'Decoration Day'. Craft decorations made by the children on this day will be used to decorate the Felsted Parish Christmas tree.

So, the tree. It's going to be huge! The Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 6 pm, Saturday 3rd December in Woodley's Car park, next to Linsell's. News from the North Pole is encouraging, but as Santa is very busy, he will only come along if he can be sure of a crowd of happy children to welcome him! Let's not disappoint the old fella, bring the youngsters along and have a fun evening.

(Janice has taken a break from this edition.)

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Felsted Friendship Club

We usually meet on the third Friday of every month in the Memorial Hall, 2.15 to 4.15pm. If you are interested in attending, do please contact Alison Moore, our chairman, on 01371 821632.

At our July meeting, Lindsay Whitehouse gave an interesting talk on the history of Chelmsford Prison, where he had been a former Governor. The prison was built in the 1820s as a county jail, on a radiating plan with the governor's house in the middle, before it was converted into a young person's, and local prison. He described the treadmill that inmates were on all day, whether they were being punished or not. Hangings drew large crowds.

Future Meetings:

- 16 September – Threes Company Music and an all-day outing later in the month to Hyde Hall.
- 21 October – Wiltshire Foods
- 5 November – Christmas Coffee Morning (10.30am at the Memorial Hall)
- 18 November – Sharon Gould 'Who is H?'

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

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Sunday 15 January.

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Felsted WI

As usual, it's been a busy few months and impossible to fit it all in a paragraph so here is just a flavour! At our July meeting, after the arranged speaker cancelled at short notice, two of our members kindly stepped in to give short talks on subjects close to their heart. Jean Grimshaw spoke about Bletchley Park and the wartime codebreakers whose efforts helped shorten the war and Christine Middleton spoke about the remarkable charity Send-A-Cow (or, as it is now to be known, "Ripple Effect") with which she has been involved for over 20 years as fund raiser, speaker and ambassador. We were very grateful to both ladies for their interesting and enlightening talks.



In August we took our usual summer break but enjoyed an outing to Tiptree and a tour of the fruit fields - there were strawberries literally as far as the

eye could see ... We enjoyed the view from a tractor-pulled trailer (which was just as well as it was a VERY hot day) followed by a delicious cream tea and some retail therapy in their lovely shop.

It was a wonderful day out and a definite highlight of this 2022 long hot summer. There are more great talks planned for the Autumn including Silver Spirit Distillery, SWF Handbells, a Christmas Wreath demonstration andBut please come and find out for yourself!

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

Felsted Royal British Legion Club



The Royal British Legion club offers a warm welcome to all.

Felsted Branch

The Felsted Branch is responsible for the military side of the British Legion such as the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance.

Our Facebook page is currently being updated. Our important dates for this year are:

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal begins on 27 October when collecting boxes will be distributed throughout Felsted and Fritch Green.

Remembrance Sunday - 13 November

This year we will gather at the War memorial outside the Felsted Memorial Hall in Braintree Road at 10.15am (slightly earlier than in the past). Following an act of Remembrance, we will parade to Holy Cross Church for a service.



Annual meeting of the Branch

This will take place on Thursday 6 October at 14.30pm at the club. All members are welcome.



Royal British Legion at Christmas

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| 3 December | Children's party (visit from Santa) and in-house music |
| 17 December | Christmas raffle and in-house music |
| 23 December | Redwood Band |
| 31 December | Bring your Party to Our Party |

Felsted Memorial Hall

Hello everyone!

It's such a long time since I chatted to you all. Because of a mix up with deadlines, I didn't manage to get into the Jubilee edition. What a colourful magazine that was. Celebrations everywhere. I was at a wedding in Gloucestershire so missed out on all the fun in Felsted, I'm told it was a wonderful weekend.

How have you been enjoying the lovely summer? I know it has been too hot for some, even I was flagging in 40 degrees, and I'm a hot house flower! We are desperate for rain though aren't we? Perhaps when you read this we might have had some.

Now for Memorial Hall news. Did you know that the hall is one hundred years old next year? It has had many functions through the years, including a library, school, polling station and many more. I shall dig out the archives for next time.

We have had the kitchen refurbished with new cupboard doors and worktops. It looks very smart and clean. All ready for you to use when you have a party. As I write, work will begin on the roof as we have discovered a couple of leaks through the ceiling. The old building has done well over the last hundred years, so we must look after it.

Thanks to Shirley, the flower tubs in the front have been kept fresh and bright through the dry weather. Becky, our lovely caretaker/cleaner does a wonderful job and she and her son cleared the weeds front and back leaving it tidy and well kept.

Events coming up in the hall are the Christmas Fayre on 4 December. It's always a lovely afternoon and really gets into the spirit of Christmas. Of course, the panto! The writing group have been busy all summer and rehearsals begin in September. It's called "Once upon a Dream" and performances will be on the 27 and 28 January 2023 and the 3 and 4 February 2023. Watch out for posters and make sure you book tickets.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the care and upkeep of our hall, why not join our committee? Contact me on 01371 820108 or, foxyjp@btinternet.com. We will be looking particularly for a treasurer as Margaret is moving next year, but more about that next time.

Well, enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll chat in the winter.

Take care of yourselves.

Hazel Fox, Chairman.



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful year this has been so far. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration in the village, being the highlight. We were so pleased that so many people came to this very special event, and we would like to congratulate the Events Committee for organising such a great celebration.


The URC has held a couple of events which have also been very successful.

On 7 October at 2.00pm we will be holding a Social Afternoon. We will be having games, a quiz and an auction of any unwanted items. The proceeds from this event will be donated to our chosen charity for this year, The J's Hospice. All are welcome.

On the 6 December at 2-00pm Crix Comes to Felsted. The Crix Green Mission presents an afternoon of carols and readings.

The Women's Guild will continue to meet every Monday until the end of October when we will close for the Winter months, re-opening in March 2023.

All enquiries please contact Diane 01376 583994.



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Bury Farm Development and new Doctors Surgery (Health Centre)

We are extremely pleased to report that on 31 August 2022 Uttlesford District Council's (UDC's) Planning Committee granted, by a unanimous vote, full planning permission for the Bury Farm Development in Station Road which is supported by the Felsted Neighbourhood Plan and will deliver a new Health Centre (Doctor's Surgery) for the Parish. This was the final step in the planning process which will provide a new Health Centre for Felsted and follows the grant of "Outline Approval" by UDC in March 2021.

The full approval includes what is known as a "Section 106" agreement detailing the various legal obligations for the developer (Mulberry Homes), contractually confirming that the Health Centre (Surgery) will be built and delivered for our community.

The new Health Centre will be owned by the Felsted Community Trust (FCT). This is a new charity set up by Felsted Parish Council, whose "Objects" are "to promote community cohesion, preserve our heritage and to advance health, amateur sport, the arts and education for the public benefit of the people of Felsted Parish". The West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (WECCG) has already agreed that it will lease the new Health Centre, securing future health provision within the Parish.

The revenue from the WECCG will go to the FCT.

We are hopeful that very soon it will be possible to indicate a potential start date for the development.



Front Elevation

The architect's drawing of the new Felsted surgery.

Jubilee Photographs



Recipe: Reindeer cereal bars

REINDEER RICE CEREAL BARS

These easy child friendly rice cereal bars can be made, with supervision, by your children and are a fun challenge for younger children to decorate.

They can be made gluten and dairy free so nobody misses out on a treat.

To avoid squabbles I would advise you to use red noses for all the bars or for none, even the adults want the 'Rudolf' bar. You can push a lolly stick into these to serve.

Instructions:

Grease and line two 7-8in/20-22cm sandwich cake tins with greaseproof paper

- 1) In a large pot over medium heat melt the margarine, add the marshmallows and allow to melt completely stirring regularly. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the rice cereal until combined.
- 2) Pour the mixture into your prepared tins and press down, run a smooth bottomed glass across the surface to ensure surface is level, allow to cool completely.
- 3) Carefully run a knife around the edge of your s to release the mixture and carefully turn it out onto a board.
- 4) Cut each circle into 6 triangles.
- 5) Carefully push a lolly stick into each triangle if required.
- 6) Decorate using thick glaze icing as your glue.

INGREDIENTS - Makes 12

2oz/50g Block (not tub) Dairy Free Margarine
10oz/180g marshmallows (mine were pink and white)
6 cups/6 oz/170g rice cereal, (Nestle 'Go Free' are Gluten Free)

DECORATIONS

Glacé Icing (1 tablespoon icing sugar mixed with 1-2 teaspoons water to make a thick icing)
24 chocolate covered pretzels (use Schar gluten free pretzels or a GF/dairy-free brown icing pen to draw on antlers)
24 sugar eyes
12 M&M chocolates (or Skittles if Dairy Free)
Sprinkles
Lolly sticks (optional)





Pavilion Makeover

The parish council is pleased to share that the pavilion has undergone a much-needed transformation recently. Towards the end of 2021 the pavilion was inspected, and it was found to be in dire need of some TLC, with a leaky roof, dampness and old, damaged toilets. It has taken months of work, but the pavilion is now fixed with a new roof, new toilets and the walls re-plastered and painted.

The parish council received grant funding from the Football Foundation and the District Councillor Initiative Fund which helped pay for much of the work and it is great to see this community asset looking shipshape again.

Walk on the Wild Side

The parish council is planning to leave sections of the greens around Felsted unmown to encourage the growth of wild grasses and flowers. These mini meadows are likely to be in the centre of the greens, so they won't obstruct drivers'/cyclists' vision. It is hoped that they bring some colour to the parish and support Felsted's butterflies, moths and bees.

Finding Sanctuary in Nature

There is a section of the churchyard where many of the much older graves are located that has been designated as a wildlife area. It is cut back annually, but isn't mowed regularly, to encourage wildlife to this area. This way of managing churchyards is becoming increasingly common as it offers a unique habitat for plants and wildlife to thrive in both residential and urban environments. We hope that this peaceful resting place can help wildlife conservation in Felsted.

Keep Felsted Tidy

The litter bins around the parish are emptied several times a week by the village attendant or Uttlesford District Council's bin collection service. There will be times, however, when the litter bins are too full to use between collections – on these occasions we would ask you to take your litter home with you and dispose of it responsibly.

Keep up to date with all the council news – Visit the PC website and enter your email address to receive automatic notification by email of all news articles as they are posted on the website.



Emergency Defibrillators

In a recent edition of the Felsted Focus the parish council wrote about Felsted's 3 defibrillators which are in the following locations:

- Braintree Road - outside the Doctors' Surgery
- Station Road - inside Linsell's Shop/Post Office
- Watch House Green - outside Felsted Primary School
- Willows Green - inside the old telephone box on Evelyn Road

The defibrillators have all been registered with The Circuit, which is the National Defibrillator Network, so that the emergency services can easily locate the nearest one and use it to treat someone in cardiac arrest.

Advertising in the



The Felsted Focus is delivered to approximately 1100 properties in the parish of Felsted and available on the parish council's website.

It is published by Felsted Parish Council every quarter and they are pleased to support local businesses by offering advertising space in this magazine.

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THE TURKEY - A CHRISTMAS POEM

The turkey shot out of the oven
and rocketed into the air,
it knocked every plate off the table
and partly demolished a chair.

It ricocheted into a corner
and burst with a deafening boom,
then splattered all over the kitchen,
completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows,
it totally coated the floor,
there was turkey attached to the ceiling,
where there'd never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance,
It smeared every saucer and bowl,
there wasn't a way I could stop it,
that turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,
and thought with chagrin as I mopped,
that I'd never again stuff a turkey
with popcorn that hadn't been popped.

- D. JACK PRELUTSKY

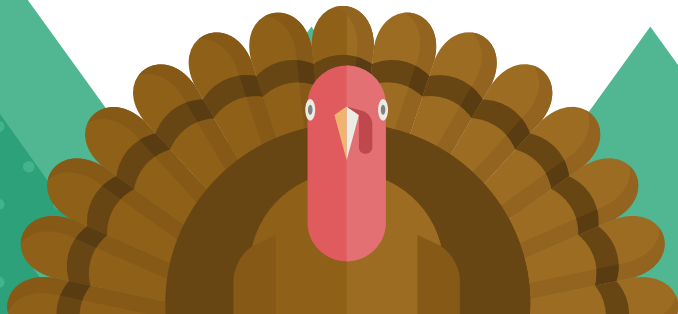
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In the 19th century the skilled horticulturalists at the Rivers Nursery at Sawbridgeworth bred and propagated many varieties of fruit trees, including the prolific Czar plum and Conference pear, both of which are still available today. The Conference pear features in Great Chesterford's 21st-century community orchard.

For commercial reasons, the range available from modern plant nurseries is limited to a few easy-to-grow varieties. However, hidden away in forgotten corners of long-established gardens within the Hundred Parishes there will be specimens of heritage varieties of orchard trees. If you have a flavoursome, but unidentified, variety, then the team at the East of England Apples and Orchards Project would be delighted to hear from you.

Further information on <https://www.applesandorchards.org.uk> (telephone 01328 838403 or email: info@applesandorchards.org.uk)

There is something special about growing a unique or local variety, so if you wish to plant heritage fruit trees specific to your own county, this organisation's catalogue lists a surprising number of varieties for Essex, Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire apples and pears, as well as local plums, cherries and gages. This wide selection provides an opportunity to continue a long tradition of choosing something rather special to enjoy eating in future years.

The Whats On page at www.hundredparishes.org.uk often displays local apple events, for example at Rivers Orchard in Sawbridgeworth on September 4 and October 8 and at The Gardens of Easton Lodge on September 25.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.



If you are out of work, self-employed, in work on a low income, having a baby, bringing up children, disabled or with a long-term health condition, a carer or an older person you may be entitled to some extra financial help. You have a right to claim your benefit entitlements, and sometimes claiming can also help you access other support, so don't miss out!

You can check what benefits you might be entitled to quickly and easily, using an online benefit calculator such as the one on the UDC website: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/5078/Online-Benefit-Calculators>

If you don't have internet access, or just need a little extra help, call our friendly advisers on 01799 618840 and they will carry out a benefit check for you.

Pension Credit

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Benefits for families

Child Benefit can give a big boost to your family budget. You can claim Child Benefit for each child you're responsible for, even if you're working or have savings. You don't have to be their parent to claim. Payments are tax-free as long as neither parent or carer earns more than £50,000 a year. People who have an income between £50,000 and £60,000 will be taxed but will be better off claiming Child Benefit and paying the tax than not claiming benefit at all (bear in mind that pension contributions are an allowable deduction).

If you are off work looking after your child and not paying National Insurance contributions, then claiming Child Benefit will make sure you get credits towards your State Pension. If you've just had a baby, make sure you claim before they are 3 months old. <https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit/how-to-claim> mes@uttlesfordca.org.uk

Half of the eligible families in Uttlesford are missing out on healthy start vouchers for milk, vitamins and healthy food. These may be

available to you if you are on a low income and are pregnant or have a child under the age of four. You can find out if you are eligible and how you can claim here <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> or speak to your midwife or health visitor.

Help with household bills & other essential costs

If you're on a low income you might qualify for some help with energy costs or grants to reduce the amount of energy you use. Contact our warm homes team for more information 01799 618858 www.warmhomes@uttlesfordca.org.uk

To help you stay digitally connected, some providers offer low-cost broadband plans if you're getting income-related benefits. <https://www.uswitch.com/broadband/guides/broadband-deals-for-low-income-families/>

If you've been claiming some income-related benefits for three months, you may be entitled to a Jobcentre Plus Travel Discount Card, which can cut the cost of rail and bus fares by up to 50%. Ask at your local Jobcentre Plus.

If you have a disability or care needs

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) helps with the extra costs of disability or long-term health conditions for people aged 16 and over. It's a non means-tested benefit, so you can get it regardless of how much you earn, or whether you have savings or capital.

If you're caring for someone who's ill or disabled, it can affect your financial situation too. Help is available – you don't have to be related to or live with the person you care for. <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/help-for-carers>

Help with NHS Costs

You might be able to get free NHS prescriptions, dental treatment, eye tests and help with other NHS costs. The help available depends on your age, income, whether you get certain benefits, if you're pregnant or have a medical condition. To see if you are eligible go to <https://www.gov.uk/help-nhs-costs>

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What you'll need:

- Figurine or centrepiece
- Glass jar with lid
- PVA/paper glue
- Glitter
- Bottled water
- Glycerin (Optional)

TIPS: BEFORE YOU START...

If you don't have a Christmas figurine, try a pine cone!
For a personalised snow globe, you could also use a laminated photo.
Make sure whatever you choose fits on the jar lid and inside the jar.
Check it's waterproof: Place it in a bowl of water for a while and see what happens.
Test the jar's seal. Fill it with water, close it and turn it over - then check for leaks!

1 Wash your jar with hot, soapy water. Remove labels and remaining glue, and make sure it's totally dry before the next step.



2 Turn your jar lid upside down, and try placing your figurine in different positions on it. Once you've found an arrangement you like, glue it to the inside of the lid. Allow it to dry somewhere it won't be disturbed - it could take a while!



3 Fill the jar with bottled water. Leave some room at the top for glycerin, glitter and your centrepiece.



4 Add a few drops of glycerin or up to a teaspoon for larger jars. This will make your 'snow' fall more slowly.

5 Pour 1-2 teaspoons of glitter into the water and put the lid on your jar. Some water may spill if it's a bit too full. If there's any extra space, add more water. Make sure the lid is on tightly. You can glue your jar shut permanently with strong glue if you happen to have some!



6 Shake it, and enjoy your new snow globe! Display it proudly on a shelf to show it off!



SNOWMAN CHRISTMAS CARDS



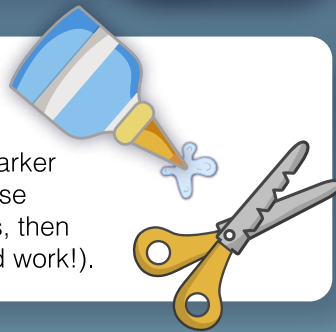
What you'll need:

- White card & envelopes
- Black marker
- Orange paper/card
- Black card (optional)
- Coloured card/paper
- Red Pencil
- Glue

1 Cut a strip of coloured paper 1.5cm wide and glue across the card, leaving sufficient space for a face. Trim to size. Glue another 1.5cm strip (approximately 5-8cm long) to represent the tail of the scarf.



2 Draw some eyes on some black scrap card, cut out and paste.



Or, draw on eyes using a black marker pen, they don't need to be precise circles (If making with toddlers, then black paint fingerprints would work!).



3 Draw on a smile of dots, using a black marker.



4 Draw a conical carrot nose onto a strip of paper (the strip pictured was 4cm wide) - remember to give the carrot a bumpy outline!



5 Using a red pencil draw some contour lines on your carrot nose and glue in place.



6 Finally draw three uneven buttons down the centre of the card, to represent buttons.



YOU COULD ALSO TRY...



PERSONALISED GIFT TAGS



What you'll need:

- Luggage tags or coloured card (cut into rectangles)
- Pritt stick / PVA glue
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Christmas fabric
- Buttons

...and any other craft bits and pieces you can find!

To make these, you can use luggage tags or cut your own shapes (rectangles of 5x9cm work well) of coloured card. Trim two corners diagonally to make the tag shape, then make a hole with your punch and thread it with ribbon (twine, raffia, or string will work). Then comes the fun part...the decorating!

YOU COULD TRY...

Punch circles out of glitter card with a hole punch and glue them into a Christmas shape.

Cut out shapes from old sheet music and glue them on your tags - plus a button on top for the sewing lovers in your life!

Cut a tree shape from some Christmas fabric and glue it on your tag, or cover with fabric and paint it!

No Need for Speed

Road safety, in particular, speeding is a major concern for Felsted residents, both in the centre of the village and throughout the surrounding hamlets.

With these concerns in mind, at the beginning of June, Natalie Smith, Felsted's new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) joined with Clare Schorah, the Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council, in a Community Speed Watch session on Chelmsford Road. Both found the experience extremely interesting and they learned a lot about the important work that the group does. PCSO Natalie Smith is hoping to join more sessions in the future.

The Felsted Community Speed Watch is a group of dedicated and trained volunteers who meet regularly at various sites around the parish to monitor speeds. Using approved equipment, the volunteers record the details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The details are then passed to the Essex Police, who contact the vehicle owner.

Essex Police also use the evidence provided by the volunteers to identify which communities are suffering poor levels of compliance that would benefit from additional police enforcement.

Working with the police, Felsted's Community Speed Watch group do a brilliant job acting as a deterrent to speeding drivers. They would be able to undertake more of this vital work and make our parish a safer place if there were more volunteers.

If you are passionate about road safety in Felsted and would like to join the Community Speed watch group, please get in touch with the Assistant Clerk at Felsted Parish Council asstclerk@felsted-pc.gov.uk for more information. Volunteers undertake a training session with the Safer Essex Road Partnership before joining the rota.



Felsted Primary School



We had a very successful year at Felsted Primary School in 2021-22. A whole year of the children being in school and no home learning for classes gave us the opportunity to return to some of our 'normal' activities. The children achieved very well in their assessments and our results were above the national average. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children, staff and parents on these results.



Our Year 6 children also entertained us all with their performance of *The Tempest* – an incredible achievement, which was put together over a few weeks and very well received by parents, staff and children.

I also wish our wonderful Year 6 pupils all the very best as they start the next part of their journey into secondary education – I know

they will all do well and continue to 'be the best they can be.' I hope they have happy memories of their time with us and that this has given them a good foundation to build on in the future.

I also look forward to meeting our newest children and can't wait to start putting faces to names. It is always lovely to hear about their first days and I know this will be the start of many happy times for them. They will be learning and making friends while playing and having fun! I know the older children will also be excited to meet them and they will be made to feel very welcome. This is the time of year when prospective parents are thinking about which school they should choose. We will be holding two open mornings for parents. One on the 3 November the other on

Felsted Primary School



15 November, both at 9.15am. Anyone interested in attending these should contact the school office to book a place by email to admin@felsted-pri.essex.sch.uk

This term is sure to be another busy and fulfilling one. We kick off events with a bounce afternoon to welcome our new children in September. There will be lots of other events this term, including the traditional nativity, Christmas Bazaar and Carol concert. My favourite time of the day is always greeting everyone as they come through the gates with lots of happy smiles and chats. I am looking forward to seeing everyone looking smart in their school uniform ready for another wonderful year at Felsted Primary School.

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As we go into the Autumn and the days cool down, like most residents a lot of the conversations we have, are about the cost of living and how the continual rises affect us all. Those residents in Council Tax Bands A – D should have received £150 rebate on their bills, in fact as of May 97% of those eligible had received the rebate.

We will all probably look to our family budgets this winter but should anyone find themselves in need of some extra help or guidance we hope the following maybe of some use. This website should signpost you to where help may be found:

Uttlesford - Worried about Money? (worryingaboutmoney.co.uk)

This website is full of information. Perhaps keep the link or pass it on to friends and family. We know we live in caring communities as was shown during the Covid lock downs and perhaps we are going to have to do the same again watching out for family, friends and neighbours especially our elderly neighbours who may worry about paying their fuel bills and keep their house too cold.

- www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets Uttlesford is one of the local authorities that has collaborated with local stakeholders to produce leaflets that residents may find useful.

This is just some of the help and guidance that's out there for all in our community.

Please do get in touch with us if there is anything we can be of help with or if there any questions you would like to ask of us.

We hold two District Councillor Surgeries a month

- Felsted at 5.30pm in the URC Hall, before the Parish Council meeting at 6.30pm
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Our very best wishes *Sandi Merifield and John Evans*

Felsted Prep School - New Head



Felsted

Felsted Welcomes Miranda Norris

Felsted School is delighted to announce the appointment of Miranda Norris as Head of Felsted Prep from September 2022, following a rigorous process which attracted a number of very high quality candidates.

Miranda will be taking over from Simon James who has served the school community tremendously well since 2016.

Miranda brings with her over 18 years of senior leadership experience across state, independent and international settings. She joins Felsted from Dulwich College Junior school, where she is currently Head of the school's pre-prep department (DUCKS). Previously, Miranda was Deputy Head of Dulwich College Junior Schools in Suzhou, China and more recently Dulwich College Singapore.

Miranda grew up in Swindon and North Wales before completing a four-year bachelor of Education honours degree at Westminster College, Oxford. Miranda began her career as a primary school teacher in Neston where she also led the physical education curriculum before moving to the independent sector in London, as Director of Studies at Wetherby Prep. Miranda's experience to date has enabled her to deepen her knowledge of learning across all sectors and she is a passionate ambassador for building environments where children are inspired and engaged.

Miranda will be joining Felsted with her husband Kieron, who is also a teacher and has been a director of IT across different sectors, along with their two children Joseph & Evie.





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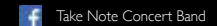
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