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Note from the Editor

The good folk of Felsted marked the Coronation with parties aplenty. Red, white and blue decorations adorned homes and hedges across the parish. Hats off though to the Felsted elephant!

The pachyderm outdid itself with a glittering gold XXXL crown, orb and a sceptre. The elephant got the ultimate in recognition: a miniature knitted, crocheted (I dunno) version of itself mysteriously appeared Banksy-like on the post box outside Linsells. A lot of thought and super handicraft, large and small, made us all smile.

The Parish Council and the Events Committee produced a lovely commemorative mug to ensure our children at the primary school and our elderly residents have a lasting memento of the special day.

With warm recollections of the Coronation weekend behind us and warmer weather ahead, summer in Felsted is full of promise.

God save the King.

Janice

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Felsted Friendship Club

We have had some new members join the Club in the 2023 and we hope they will enjoy their time with us.

In January, our speaker was Gary Kerr who spoke on the History of the London Taxis. He was very interesting and full of information.

The Perennial Mr Potter, Bryan Thurlow, came to our February meeting, dressed as an Edwardian gardener. Mr Potter told us how he had left school when he was very young and of his life, eventually as Head Gardener of a big house in Suffolk. It had a walled garden with topiary and, when he married, he lived in the Bothy within that garden. His descriptions of the herbaceous borders, the vegetable garden etc. were wonderful, and it was a very entertaining talk.

The Club received an invitation for mid-March, from the Headmaster of Felsted School, to an afternoon of tea and music. The Members always enjoy their annual visit to the school and the delicious tea served. The young talented musicians, a twelve-strong Swing Jazz Band with their enthusiastic teacher Mr Ross in their midst, gave us a varied programme, including Little Brown Jug, Watermelon Man, Sweet Georgia Brown and Green Onions.

Future Meetings in 2023

- 21 April – AGM with lunch and speaker.
- 19 May – Afternoon tea celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.
- 16 June – The Silk Road from China to Essex.
- 21 July – Tony Britton from Hope House in Braintree (charity).

If you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings, please do contact either Alison Moore on 01371 821632 or Sue King on 01371 821411.

Coronation Gems!



Felsted WI

2023 is well and truly flying by, but it's been a full and rewarding WI year so far. Speakers this year were Amanda Sutherland talking about her fascinating life in fashion and film, which was so much fun that we have invited her back to tell us more in 2024. This was followed by "An Enlightening Talk About Hearing" in February, and the history of the National Garden Scheme in March.

At our Annual Meeting in April, members kindly donated further items to Felsted Aid for Deprived Children/UK-AID. Treasurer Jean Grimshaw even made some delightful blue and yellow iced cupcakes, complete with Ukraine flags, to enjoy with coffee. Some of us enjoyed a day trip to Burghley House in Lincolnshire for a

talk by their textile conservation team (such talented, knowledgeable and dedicated people!) plus a fascinating look round the beautiful house and the workshops. An artistic group of members tried their hand at painting under the tutelage of Phillippa Gunn, with brilliant results.



Felsted WI

We flew the flag in May for the Coronation of King Charles III and will be celebrating later in the year with a special boat trip from Paper Mill Lock.

There is a great programme of speakers in place for the next 12 months, so please come and visit us. We would love to see you and you will receive a warm welcome. Second Wednesday at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

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



Coronation Gems!



Felsted Memorial Hall

As I write this, it is a beautiful sunny day; let's hope it stays that way. The gardens are looking ready to burst into bloom. The troughs outside the Memorial Hall are looking very colourful, thanks to Shirley and Becky.

In the last issue I promised to tell you the amount we raised with the panto. Well, it was a sellout and raised £2,800! The proceeds will go towards repairs to the main hall floor which has some damage. The raffle raised £350 each for Parkinsons UK and Felsted Abbeyfields. Great fun was had by all, and now it's time to get writing again ready for next year.

Bookings are steady and many people have enjoyed parties and celebrations in our lovely hall. Behind the scenes, work goes on to ensure the smooth running of the hall and keep it up to required health and safety standards. A new smoke alarm has been installed in the Fern room and new batteries in the Heather room. The annual fire checks are pending.

Dicky has replaced two 1000kw lights on the stage for 500kw ones. Cheaper to run and just as bright! We are always looking at ways to save energy, so Richard and Neil have met with our boiler maintenance firm to look at the possibility of "zoning" the heating in the building. We are also looking into having solar panels installed in the near future.

All these jobs are carried out by our loyal committee. Good news - we have a new member! Andy has joined us and was able to lock and unlock the barriers over the Easter break. Thank you Andy, and welcome. There is still room for you if you would like to join us in the running of the hall. Call me on 01371 820108.

Enjoy your summer everyone and we'll chat in the Autumn. Take care. Hazel Fox

Coronation Gems!





HOLY CROSS SERVICES

SUMMER 2023



9 AM

9AM: 2ND, 4TH & 5TH SUNDAYS

11AM

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Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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United Reformed Church

After the recent cold and dreary days with lots of rain, let's hope we can look forward to the Summer sunshine, which seems to make everyone feel that much better.

We have already held our Spring Social (with homemade pancakes and a quiz,) where we made a profit in excess of £160 which was added to the church funds. Any profits made from future events, socials, etc. will be donated to our chosen charity for this year which is the Little Haven's Hospice.

With the help of donations from our friends and congregation, we have been able to purchase 14 new chairs, with arms, to help those with mobility issues and make them more comfortable. Thank you all for your generosity.

We continue to hold our Home Group meetings every other Wednesday at 10.30am. These take the form of Bible studies, with informal chats about the significance of the readings chosen.

Felsted Connections still meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon. We invite anyone to come along for a chat, bring your own lunch and we will provide the hot drinks.

We celebrated King Charles III Coronation on 14 May 2023, with a buffet lunch (£5.00 per person) following the service. We invite everyone to come along and celebrate with us, and would love to see you. The service will be held at the usual time of 10.30am.

On 11 June we will be holding our Anniversary Lunch after the service – cost is £10.00 per person. For this and the Coronation buffet lunch, please let Diane know if you would like to join us.

The Women's Guild continues to meet on Mondays at 2.00pm except on Bank Holidays.

We at the URC continue to pray for our friends who are ill or mourning the loss of a loved one, and for all parts of the world where there is war and devastation.

May King Charles III have a long and happy reign, following his special day in May.

"Time goes by so fast, people in and out of our lives. You must never miss the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to you."

Any queries please contact Diane 01376 583994.

Felsted Almshouse Charity



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- Be able to live independently
- Should have some connection with Felsted village itself and have limited financial means.
- No pets are allowed.

Contact: Tracy Eastop
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Commemorative Coronation Mugs

To celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles the III on 6 May this year, Felsted Parish Council and the Felsted Events Committee commissioned a special celebration mug.

One side the mug carries the official coronation logo, with the reverse depicting a word cloud design featuring the name of every one of the 14 greens and hamlets that comprise the parish.

Every child at Felsted Primary School received a mug as a gift to help them remember this extraordinary occasion. The mugs will also be on sale in the village at a cost of just £5.

Don't miss the chance to own this unique memento of a national occasion and a local celebration.



Front View



Reverse View

Recipe: Lemon Meringue Pie

This was my Mum's signature recipe from the 1970s. It's a very budget friendly dessert. The recipe is easily adapted to suit gluten and dairy free requirements by replacing the shortcrust pastry with one that suits.

If you use a bigger flan dish, increase the quantity of filling.

Pastry

6oz/170g plain flour
4oz/113g butter/margarine
1 egg yolk
1 tbsp sugar
2 tsp water

Lemon Filling

3 tbsp cornflour
½ pint/275ml water
2 egg yolks
2 large lemons
2oz/50g caster sugar

Meringue Topping

3 egg whites
5oz/140g caster sugar

Method:

1. Make the pastry in usual way. Roll out the pastry and use to line a greased 20cm/ 8" flan ring placed on a baking sheet. Prick the base with a fork and rest the pastry for 20 minutes.
2. Place a circle of greaseproof paper and baking beans onto the pastry and bake blind at 200°C/ Fan 180°C/ 400°F/ Gas mark 6 for 15 minutes. Remove the paper and beans and allow to cool.
3. Reduce the oven temperature to 180°C/Fan 160°C / 350°F/Gas Mark 4.
4. Finely grate the rinds of both lemons, cut in half and squeeze the juice. Put the rind and juice in a bowl with the cornflour, add 2 tablespoons of the water into the cornflour mixture and mix well.
5. Boil the remaining water in a small saucepan and pour it onto cornflour mixture, stirring well. Return the lemon cornflour mixture to pan, bring to the boil and simmer for 3 minutes until thick, stirring regularly.
6. Remove from the heat and add egg yolks and sugar.
7. Cool slightly and spoon the lemon mixture into the flan case.
8. Whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Add the sugar a teaspoon at a time, whisking well after each addition. Pipe or spoon meringue over the lemon filling, then bake for 30 minutes until the meringue is pale beige and crispy on the outside.

Can be served warm or cold





Return of the Green Waste Collection

The Green Waste collection returned in March. It takes place 9-10am every Sunday at Bannister Green and is set to run until Sunday 23 December 2023.

Business Scam – Beware!

Felsted Parish Council has been made aware that scam emails from service-support@parish.uk have been sent to some businesses, service providers and organisations that are listed in the 'Directory' of some parish council websites in the UK, including some in Felsted.

These emails should be ignored and deleted. Felsted Parish Council does not charge to list businesses, service providers and organisations on its website.

West Essex virtual hospital service

The new West Essex virtual hospital service is delivered by several partner organisations and is part of the West Essex Out of Hospital Care Model. Launched in December 2022, it allows patients with specific conditions to be cared for at their usual place of residence, including care homes.

They receive the same treatment they would otherwise receive in hospital and it gives more choice about where they receive care. More information is available here: <https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/posts/new-west-essex-virtual-hospital-service/>

Welcome New Youth Representative

The Parish Council welcomes a new Youth Council representative, Molly Bennett. The Youth Council representative will help young people in Felsted to have a voice, to discuss relevant issues, and to contribute to improving the lives of other young people within the community. We welcome Molly and we look forward to working with her.

Looking after Felsted's roads and footpaths

Felsted has a dedicated Community Speed Watch group who monitor traffic in Felsted and liaise with the police to keep local roads safe. We also have an active Parish Paths Partnership (P3) group which is made up of volunteers working hard to maintain and improve footpaths around Felsted.



The Parish Council is very grateful for all the hard work undertaken by both groups.

Please contact the Assistant Clerk (asstclerk@felsted-pc.gov.uk) if you would like to find out more information about volunteering with either group.

Heather Read, Clerk to the Council

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Hickory, Dickory, Who?

Have you ever wondered about the origins of the unusual nursery rhyme Hickory, Dickory, Dock?

Well, they may lay closer to home than you might think!

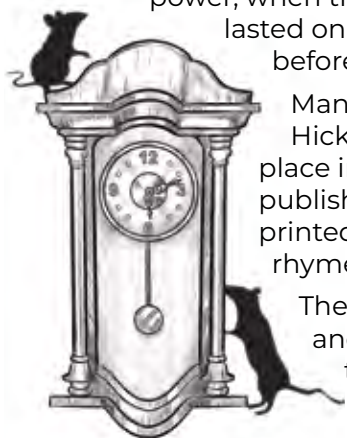
The popular nursery rhyme has delighted millions over bygone centuries, and the exact words of the poem vary - but, whichever words you remember, there is a great deal to the story behind it. The history of this simple children's tune is far from simple - but surprisingly relevant to Felsted.

The sounds of the poem are intended to mimic the ticking and chiming of a clock; so much so, across the world parents and teachers often use it to introduce children to the telling of time. There are at least two different tunes for the song, originating in the 19th century, when sheep farmers in Northwest England would count their herd using "Hevera (8), Devera (9), and Dick (10) from the ancient Cumbric language. Some say this counting method may, in fact, be part of the rhyme's origin.

Where does Felsted come in?

As many local people will know, between 1649-1658, Oliver Cromwell ruled over Britain as the Lord Protector of the republic. Before he died, his son Richard - who was a Felsted school alumni, along with his three brothers - was appointed to his father's post.

It could be said that Richard was not quite suited for the job. He was mouse-like and timid, earning nicknames such as Tumbledown Dick - a reputation not helped by his abrupt fall from power, when the monarchy was restored in 1660. He lasted only nine months in his position before he resigned and left the country.



Many accounts attribute the words of Hickory, Dickory, Dock to our local alumni's place in history. The poem was formally published in Tommy Thumb's Pretty Song Book printed in 1744 - an anthology of forty nursery rhymes.

Then, it was spelled 'Hickere, Dickere Dock' and over the years, variations of the title and the words have surfaced around the world.

The Hundred Parishes

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Hundred Parishes area has been home to many creative people. The People section of www.hundredparishes.org.uk includes introductions to a number of artists, composers - and also authors.

Probably our best-known author was HG Wells (1866-1946) who lived for 18 years in Little Easton at 18th-century Easton Glebe. He was a prolific writer, best remembered for his science-fiction novel "War of the Worlds" which was written before he came to Little Easton. A later novel, "Mr Britling Sees it Through" was set in Little Easton.

"The Hundred and One Dalmatians" was written by Dodie Smith (1896-1990). From 1934, she lived in Finchingfield at The Barretts, a 16th-century thatched house in the tiny hamlet of Howe Street. Her children's novel, written in 1956, was made into a highly successful Disney animated film. An earlier novel "I captured the Castle", written in 1948, was adapted into a film in 2003. Smith's former home is marked by a blue plaque.

Another blue plaque, on 17th-century Rose Cottage in Stebbing, identifies the former home of Henry de Vere Stacpoole (1863 -1951) who was also a prolific author. He lived there for about 10 years in the early 1900s and during that time completed his best-known novel, "The Blue Lagoon". It has been made into a feature film several times.

Horham Hall in the parish of Thaxted was the home of novelist Evelyn Anthony (1926 - 2018) from 1968 to 1976 and then from 1982 until her death. Sixteenth-century Horham Hall is Grade I-listed and the cost of upkeep forced Evelyn and her husband to sell it, but they were able to re-purchase it when her royalties increased. Of her many novels, "The Tamarind Seed" was the best known. It was published in 1971 and made into a film in 1974, starring Julie Andrews and Omar Sharif.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.

Citizen Advice

Are you missing out?

It is estimated that UK households are missing out on £15 billion a year of means-tested benefits. Even if you feel you can manage, you have a right to claim your benefit entitlements - sometimes claiming can also help you access other support. You can check 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 need a little extra help, call our friendly advisers on 01799 618840 and they will carry out a benefit check for you.

Are you off-grid? Homes not connected to the gas grid may be eligible for a £200 Alternative Fuels Payment. If you have an electricity supplier, check your bank or energy account to see if you received the payment in February. If you're on a prepayment meter, vouchers should have been sent by text, email or post. If you don't have an electricity supplier or have not received the payment, you can apply now. But don't delay! Applications close 31st May. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-alternative-fuel-bill-support-if-not-automatic>

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Healthy start vouchers - Half of the eligible families in Uttlesford are missing out on 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 4.. Speak to your midwife or health visitor or go to <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

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Nature Area News



As much has been going on in recent months on the nature area, we thought we would provide an update. For those not familiar with this spot, it is located off Station Road and covers 33 acres owned by the Parish Council. It includes the officially designated Wildlife Site of "Felsted Fen" (Ufd276), situated on the floodplain of the River Chelmer.

The nature area was created on land transferred to Felsted Parish Council following the development of Flitch Green. Similarly, on completion of the development underway on Station Road - where the new health centre is being built - several additional acres opposite the nature area will be transferred to the Parish as "public open space". This additional area will complement the nature area and safeguard the parish from further development on that land.

On the existing nature area, a variety of habitats are being developed throughout the site and these will be managed to encourage wildlife. This is a very long-term project which is being overseen by a Working Group including both members of the Parish Council and local resident volunteers.

To protect and encourage wildlife, residents are allowed to access many areas (including Footpath 59 and numerous permissive mown paths) but are discouraged from visiting certain areas. To facilitate dog walking, two dog waste bins are provided together with general rubbish bins. One is by Station Road and one by Footpath 59. Please do use the bins and ensure that dog waste is picked up as this helps to keep the Nature Area a lovely environment for all!



Nature area news

Management Plan - The services of an Environmental Consultant have been engaged who is due to visit the Nature Area in late spring. They will record habitats / ecological features present and a subsequent report will set out management options and suggested priorities.

Tree Planting - Heritage Fruit Trees - To help preserve the treasure of our fruit heritage, different varieties of fruit trees have been planted. Apple, cherry, pear, and plum have been selected, all chosen for their regional significance and genetic diversity. They all come from local counties: Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Queen's Green Canopy - This was an initiative to honour the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Two oak trees were planted within the Nature Area at the start of 2022 and are marked with special commemorative plaques.



Uttlesford District Council Tree Planting Initiative 22/23

During the last few months 138 trees have been planted comprising alders, mountain ash and oak. The Working Group is extremely grateful to Uttlesford District Council who supplied the trees free of charge together with bare root plants consisting of hawthorn, field maple and Rosa Rugosa. These are now growing in various locations on the nature area.



Nature area news



Barn Owl Boxes

The barn owl population declined throughout the 20th century. To encourage nesting, the Nature Area Working Group has installed two barn owl boxes which have been placed in quieter areas since barn owls are sensitive to disturbance.

Bat Boxes

Several bat boxes have been sited and it is hoped that they will provide roosting and breeding places for these amazing mammals.



Log Perches

Sadly, a copper beech tree in the Churchyard of Holy Cross Church had to be felled in 2021 for safety reasons. In a "Waste Not, Want Not" approach, two large pieces of the trunk have been sited within the Nature Area to be used as natural 'perches' for walkers.

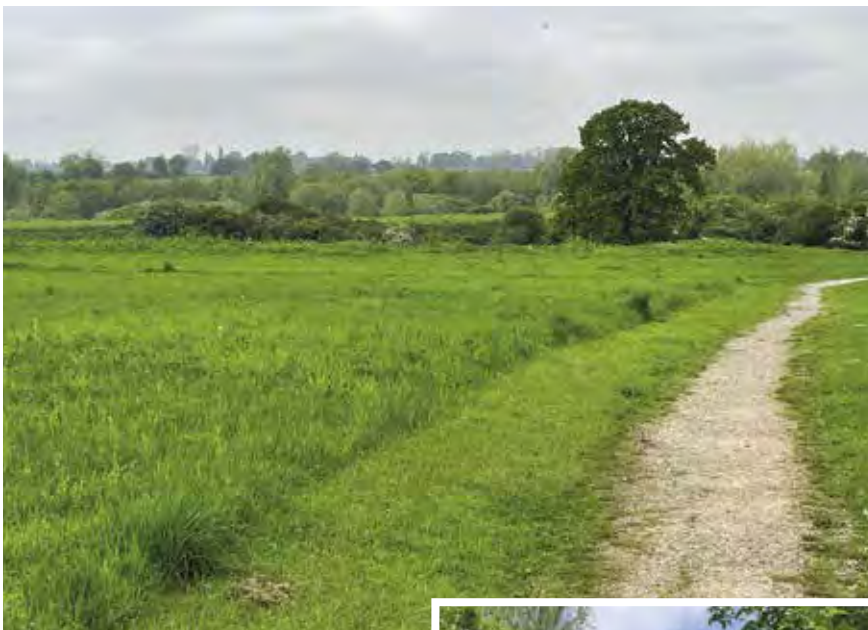
Future Works

Plastic tree guards will be removed this spring from those plants that have thrived and now need more space to grow. All removed plastic guards are recycled.





Nature area news



Get involved - If you are interested and wish to become involved, please be aware that you do not have to be a Felsted resident to join the small, enthusiastic and friendly working group. No special skills are required, just a love of nature! Please do contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Heather Read Clerk to Felsted Parish Council
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Felsted Parish Council

Parliamentary Boundary Changes

Did you know that if the proposed parliamentary boundary changes come into effect Felsted will move from the Saffron Walden constituency to the Braintree constituency?

This boundary realignment will not affect District or Parish Council boundaries, Felsted will remain a parish under Uttlesford District Council who will continue to be responsible for emptying our bins and deciding planning issues in Felsted. However, it will mean very different representation in Westminster.

Saffron Walden's current MP is the Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch, Secretary of State for Business and Trade. Braintree's MP is the Rt Hon James Cleverly, the Foreign Secretary.



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Felsted Primary School



We have had another very busy term at Felsted Primary School ranging from school trips, whole school focus weeks and doing our bit for charity.

The Spring Term saw us take part in Science Week with the focus on 'Connections'. The children started the week with a visiting Space Scientist who showed them a variety of experiments using sound, electricity and rockets. We also attempted to send a message from Reception all the way to Year 6 using different methods such as making boats to send a message across water, thinking about suitable materials to pass a message, sending messages from a height, using light to communicate using morse code, seeing how far a message can travel at distance through vibrations, using forces such as catapults and finally using buzzers. This was a great whole school activity to show that Science is Fun!

We have changed the way that we approach Art in school and continue to raise its profile across the school. We also took part in an Art Week where each class had a different artist focus and worked to create a final piece in that style. This culminated in an Art Exhibition where we invited parents in to come and see the final products as well as the processes used to create them. This was a resounding success.

We have had lots of different school trips and experiences this term!

Reception had a number of visitors from members of our school community as part of their People Who Help Us topic such as Doctors, Police and even Police Sniffer Puppies. Year 1 took a trip to Colchester Zoo to continue their learning about Rainforest Animals, Year 2 took an inspiring trip to Gainsborough House Museum and Gallery to further their Art learning and Year 3 went to Colchester Castle to learn about the Romans and the impact that they had on the town.



Felsted Primary School



Year 4 went on a new trip to the Museum of Power to consolidate their science learning on power and Year 5 visited Braintree Museum as part of their learning about Victorian England.

We also took part in the Readathon as part of our World Book Week Celebrations where we raised over £900 by children being sponsored to read whatever they would like to! This money will go towards providing children in major children's hospitals with carefully chosen books and professional story-tellers, giving them a precious distraction and comfort at a time when it is most needed.

We finished the term with a very wet but successful Easter Egg hunt run by our PTFA where we raised £1000 which will be spent on sending the whole school on another trip to Frinton in June.

Bryony Collins - Headmistress



No Laughing Matter

Walk around some parts of parish - notably around the rear of the Memorial Hall, in public car parks or even along parts of the Fritch Way - and there's a good chance you'll see a scattering of small, silver metal cannisters.

These cannisters contained compressed nitrous oxide gas, better known as NOS or laughing gas, that has been used almost certainly by young people between the age of 16 and 24 to get a high.

When inhaled, usually through a balloon, nitrous oxide can make people feel happy, relaxed, dizzy and lead to hallucinations. Several doses can produce a longer dizzy feeling increasing the risk of people injuring themselves, especially in a rural area where users may also be young drivers. This is a major risk of taking the drug.

The government plans to make the recreational use of nitrous oxide illegal. If you see discarded containers, please let the parish council know about it, so we can collate the information and inform our neighbourhood policing team.



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Election News

District Council Election day has come and gone and sadly, Cllr Sandi Merifield will no longer be one of our District Councillors.

John Evans (Residents for Uttlesford – R4U) remains a District Councillor for the Ward of Felsted and Stebbing and is now joined as District Councillor by Richard Silcock (Liberal Democrat). The Election was keenly fought out among the three leading candidates and John, Sandi and Richard each secured some 25% of the votes cast – three quarters of the total between them, with John receiving 498 votes, Richard 487 and Sandi 470.

John and Sandi reached out to all areas of the Parish in the weeks leading up to the Election and spoke to a great many residents, whom they would like to thank for their support. Sandi now continues her many years' work as a Parish Councillor in Stebbing, as before. I thank her for her valued contribution and commitment as District Councillor throughout the past four years.

The Election results across the District as a whole may be found on the UDC website: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/8431/Election-of-district-councillors-on-Thursday-4-May-2023>.

Accordingly, R4U remains as before the party having the administration of Uttlesford District Council, being the majority party with 22 elected Councillors returned out of a total of 39. Incidentally, R4U remains unique in the country, being a residents' non-national party, in their administration of a District Council.

Challenges Ahead

Development pressures will continue, given the Government's annual house building target in England of 300,000. The Government's required share of this annual total for Uttlesford is 701 dwellings pa – district wide – every year, until 2040. Uttlesford's population in the past 10 years has increased by about 16% and there is no sign that such demand and growth will decline, given the District's proximity to North and East London, and with good road and rail connectivity.

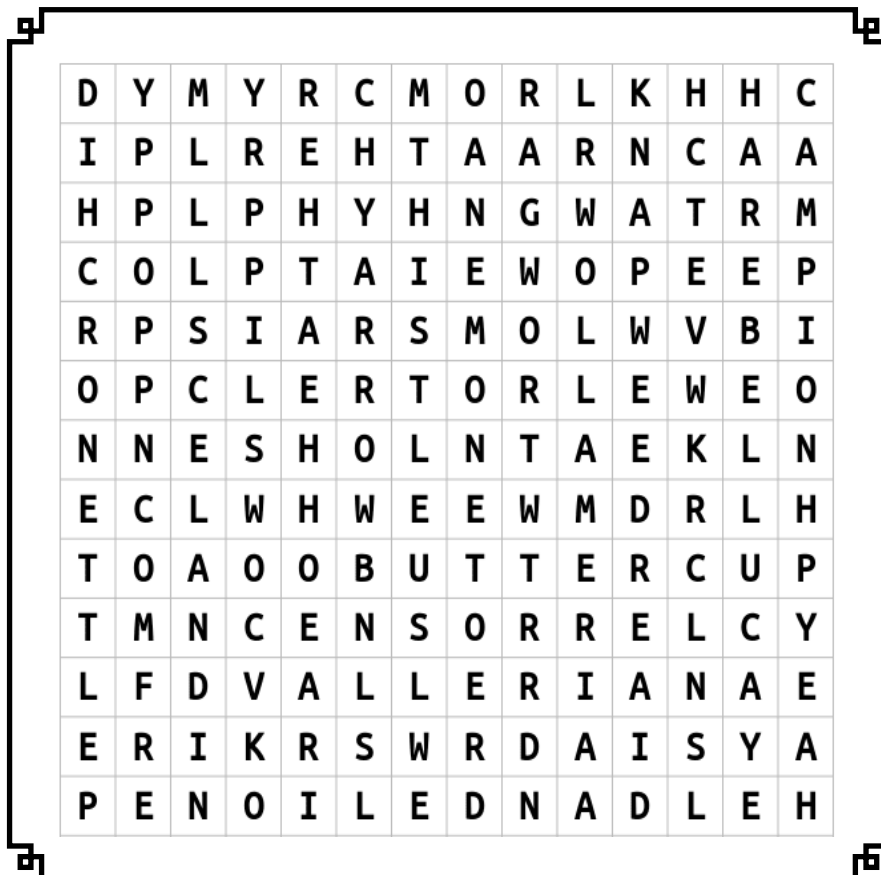
Continuing News

District Councillor surgeries will continue to be held immediately prior to the monthly Parish Council Meetings held in the URC Hall. Residents are very welcome – no appointment necessary. Detailed monthly reports are also submitted to the Parish Council and accessible via the PC Minutes. Feel free at any time to contact us with any questions or issues of concern.

John Evans cllrevans@uttlesford.gov.uk

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