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Note from the Editor

Following heatwaves and named storms the autumn has been a real mix of weather. Luckily, it stayed dry for the Felsted Primary School fireworks. It was a great night - I was there! - the fireworks were dazzling and all the food and drinks stalls made for a great atmosphere. Thanks to all those who were involved in the planning and on the night!

Many are hoping we get a more traditional winter, perhaps with just the right amount of the 'deep and crisp and even.' I am off to Sweden to see the real white stuff.

This issue has a lot of important information which we all need to know about. It tells of how the new UDC Local Plan will impact us and what we need to do to protect ourselves from more unwanted development. Make sure you get involved and have your say.

Christmas is days away now and there is so much going on in the parish to celebrate. The tree lighting in the village takes place on 2 December in Woodley's car park, next to Linsell's.

Please give our parish events your support and from the FOCUS editorial team and all our wonderful delivery team, we wish you a truly splendid Christmas.

Our next edition will be the Spring one - please send me any pictures and articles to use at the start of February.

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Felsted Memorial Hall

Hello everyone!

Goodness! Here we are in the winter edition already! As I write this, I'm looking at leaves fluttering down. I expect you are sweeping them up every day, too.

The summer has been busy at the Memorial Hall. In July, the floor was resurfaced and is looking lovely. Foakes Hall in Dunmow donated 80 chairs to us. They are much more comfortable than the old ones - I know some of you will be pleased to hear that! A team of us sorted them out; some needed repairing and others re-covering. So there we were, darning needles at the ready, repairing those that needed attention. We are waiting for the others to come back from the upholsterers. It has worked out cheaper than buying new chairs. The repaired ones have been steam cleaned, so all ready for your celebrations and parties.

A health and safety issue arose in the hall, so we asked Simon Wooley from Felsted School to come and give us advice. He was very helpful and his advice was sound and backed up with Health and Safety law. Thank you for your time Simon. Felsted School is always there to help and we are grateful for that.

We are finally saying goodbye to Margaret and Dicky Howett who have been so loyal to the Memorial Hall committee for over twenty years. What can we say but a huge thank you to them and wish them all the best of luck in their new life. We will miss you so much.

Nikki Mead has kindly offered to take over as Treasurer, which leaves a vacancy for a secretary to take minutes. If you are interested, please get in touch with me.

Finally, it's that time of year, Panto time! (Oh yes it is!) Rehearsals are well underway and performances are planned for 26 and 27 January, 2 and 3 February. Keep an eye out for the posters and booking details. This year we are doing 'Peter and the Pirates', full of fun and skullduggery! The ticket proceeds go toward the upkeep of the hall and the raffle proceeds go towards a local and national charity. So do come and support us, details will be out soon.

As the festive season is just around the corner, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Memorial Hall committee.

Take care and we'll chat next year!

Hazel Fox

Felsted Friendship Club

At our August meeting, Janet Frost gave us a talk of her life in poetry. From funny to sad poems, Janet entertained us well and members were able to buy some poetry books that she had written. Dave Johns entertained us with musical fun from the 1960s and 1970s at our September meeting.

Late September, members enjoyed lovely sunny day out in St. Ives, Cambs, an ancient town which sits on the river Great Ouse. There is a famous six-arched bridge, which has an unusual two storey Chapel of St. Leger in its middle. Oliver Cromwell lived in St. Ives in the 1630s and his bronze statue is on Market Hill. It was originally made for Huntingdon, but they wouldn't accept it when it was finished!

In October Gordon Bailey gave an interesting talk on 'Treasure beneath our feet', specifically on several items he brought with him. Also at this meeting, we watched a film from Dickie Howett called 'Voices of Felsted' in which we saw a few faces and places we knew.

Alison our Chairman then thanked Margaret, who has been a Committee Member and Dickie, for all they had done for the Friendship Club over the last 10 years. She presented them with a card, signed by the members and gifts. They will be greatly missed and we wish them well in their new home.

Future Meetings in 2023

Our Christmas party is on Friday 1 December and we have been kindly invited for lunch to Leez Priory on 6 December.

- 19 January – Keep Fit in your Chair – Karen Wheatley
- 16 February – Lasting Power of Attorney – J Lucas
History of Abbeyfield – Cass Murray
- 14 March – Tea at Felsted School with music
- 19 April – AGM with lunch and speaker

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



Felsted WI

Once again Autumn is upon us, bringing the dark evenings and of course, winter, to our door.

How fortunate the Felsted WI has been to have a great year to recall: a summer evening boat trip from Paper Mill Lock, with refreshments and friendly conversation, leisurely drifting along the river; the friendly annual Rayne WI Challenge, held this year at their village hall; many quizzes and games followed by refreshments; but the icing on the cake came when Felsted WI was declared the winner of the coveted 'Frying Pan'!

We had many interesting speakers through the year, especially the enchanting 'Turkish Shirley Valentine' story of a lady whose holiday to Turkey stole her heart with its culture so much that she made it her home for the next thirty years. Let us not forget our own green fingered members with piggy back plant and tomato plant challenges.

Upcoming talks for 2024 are from Wildlife Photographer Tom Way, the Fisherman's Mission and the intriguingly titled 'My Tutu Went AWOL'. So why not come and join us - you are assured of a warm and friendly welcome - and see for yourself?

For more information please contact Penny on 07825 312829 or Margaret on 01371 513657



Felsted WI



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6 MONDAYS from February 19th at 19.45
A hybrid course: classroom based with tutor on- line
The Origins of World War 2 with Roger Cooke
British Legion Hall
6 THURSDAYS from February 22nd at 10.00am
Classroom- based, tutor present
Prices to be confirmed nearer the start dates.
Enrolment: 0300 303 3464
More info. at: felsted.branch@wea.ac.uk
The WEA is a charity registered in England & Wales; number 1112775



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S E R V I C E S 2 0 2 3

Christmas

SAT 16 Dec @ 6pm
6:00PM Lessons & Carols
with Felsted School Choir

Christmas Eve
4:30PM Join-in-Nativity
6:00PM Join-in-Carols
Come early for a seat

See the Church Website for full Christmas Service Information

But when the time was right, God sent his Son, and a woman gave birth to him. His Son obeyed the Law, so he could set us free from the Law, and we could become God's children. *Galatians 4:4-5*

Community Hampers

Following the great success of last year's Christmas hamper deliveries to our elderly neighbours we shall be doing the same again this year.

- Toiletries
- Tinned goods
- Biscuits
- Cakes
- Packet soups

Obviously, all must be within date.

Cash may also be donated which we will use for a 'big shop' from the supermarket to add to the donated goods.

If anyone knows of an elderly neighbour living alone who they think would benefit from one of our hampers then they can contact me with their details.

All donations can be dropped directly to myself, Lee Heron, at 57 Station Road, Felsted CM6 3HD or I can be reached on 07838 728088 to arrange collection.

Items will be boxed up and distributed throughout the community with the help of Prime Nursing around the 18 December. This was done last year and the heartfelt thanks we received really showed we were making a difference.

A small gesture to show as a community we care for each other.



Brew for a Cause

Brew for a Cause: Safi Coffee Fundraiser at Linsell's Shop in Felsted

Dear Felsted Community,
Get ready for a delightful morning filled with community spirit, aromatic coffee, and a heartwarming cause!

Safi Coffee: A Cup of Hope

Safi Coffee isn't just your regular cup of coffee; it's a symbol of dedication and hope. Aided by some dedicated students from Felsted School, this coffee has funded the education of 21 deserving students, providing them with a brighter future. Remarkably, it only costs £180 a year to educate a child, and every purchase of Safi Coffee brings this dream closer to reality.

Join Us for a Sip of Change

Date: January 2024 (exact details TBC, check Felsted Safi twitter/
Facebook @FelstedSafi for updates)

Location: Outside Linsell's Shop, Felsted

We invite you to join us for an afternoon of Safi Coffee tastings, engaging conversations, and an opportunity to support this noble cause. Your presence at the Safi Coffee Fundraiser is not just an invitation for coffee; it's an invitation to transform lives. By attending, you contribute to the education of these students, ensuring they have the tools they need for a better future. So, join us for a cup of coffee with a cause! Let's celebrate the spirit of community and the power of education, one sip at a time.

*The Safi Coffee
Team*



Writers of Felsted!

Do you love, or would you like, to write?
Are you interested in connecting with other local writers, for feedback on your ideas or to improve your writing skills?

Felsted Writers' Group would love to welcome you - we will be starting informal monthly meetings from January 2024, at Rumblebees Bookshop. Please join us for coffee and a chat about all things writing - whatever your skill level and genre.

There will be no pressure to share your work, just come and enjoy good company and conversation with those who share your interest in creative writing.

If you would like to join us and are keen to be kept up-to-date with the first meeting details, please email felstedwriters@gmail.com



Recipe: Scottish Snowballs

These snowballs bear no resemblance to the coconut/marshmallow cakes we find in the supermarket. They are scone-like in texture and were traditionally sold in Scottish bakeries.

Ingredients

225g/8oz self-raising flour
¼ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
80g/3oz caster sugar
80g/3oz butter or margarine
1 egg (whole)
1 egg yolk
1 tbsp milk

To decorate

Strawberry or raspberry jam
225g/8oz icing sugar
2-3 tbsp boiling water
60g/2oz desiccated coconut

Instructions

1. Pre-heat oven to 200°C/180°C fan /Gas Mark 6 and lightly grease two baking sheets.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a large bowl. Add the butter/margarine and rub-in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add sugar, stir thoroughly.
3. In a small bowl beat the eggs & milk together. Add to the dry ingredients, mix until combined to create a soft dough (you may need to use your hands).
4. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and gently knead until it is smooth. Divide it into 20 even-sized balls, placing them onto your prepared baking sheets, with space between.
5. Bake for 12-15 minutes, until the snowballs are risen and a light golden colour. Remove from the oven and leave to cool a little.
6. While still warm, spread about half a teaspoon of jam onto the flat side of half the snowball buns. Sandwich the other halves to them. Place into an empty muffin tin until cool and the jam has set.

To decorate

7. In a bowl, mix the icing sugar with 2-3 tablespoons of water, to create thin consistency. Decant the coconut into a second bowl.
8. Roll buns in the icing until completely coated. Allow the excess to drip off before transferring straight into the coconut. Roll each iced bun in coconut until completely coated. Transfer to the muffin tin.
9. Leave to set for an hour before serving.





Felsted Parish Council

Public Meeting with Affinity Water

This was held in the middle of October and was attended by Kemi Badenoch MP and approximately 40 residents who raised their issues and concerns. Affinity Water agreed to investigate in detail the areas of Felsted that experience severe water supply issues. They also agreed to attend a council meeting in 12 months' time to provide an update on remedial actions taken.

CCTV

Following continued vandalism at both the main play area and to the public toilets the Parish Council arranged for the installation of a new CCTV system in that location. This was installed in November and it is hoped that this will deter anti-social behaviour.

Essex Highways

Now that winter has arrived Essex Highways has published some useful information which can be found online using the addresses below:

Clearing snow and Ice

www.essexhighways.org/roads-and-pavements/winter-travel/clearing-snow-and-ice

Gritting

www.essexhighways.org/roads-and-pavements/winter-travel/salting-routes

Ride London

The Parish Council has been advised that Essex County Council has decided to extend the contract to host Ford Ride London-Essex for another three years. The 2024 ride will take place on Sunday 26 May. Councillors have requested that a representative from Ride London attend a council meeting to hear feedback regarding the event that took place earlier this year and to take residents' questions. A date for this is to be confirmed.

Office Opening Hours

The Parish Council office is open on Mondays between 10am – 12.30pm. Please do feel free to call in, no appointment is necessary.

Heather Read Clerk to the Parish Council clerk@felsted-pc.gov.uk
07719 552174

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.



Felsted Parish Council

Local Plan

There is huge pressure from central government on communities across the country for more and more homes. We now anticipate that Felsted will receive a further housing allocation under the Uttlesford District Council (UDC) emerging Local Plan.

We have no option but to accept whatever housing number Felsted is allocated by UDC.

Over the last 3 years The Felsted Neighbourhood Plan (FNP) has been tremendously successful in challenging unwanted development within the parish. (Much of the current development around us is outside the parish boundary or had already received approval before the FNP was formally 'Made'). However, to maintain its maximum planning 'weight' in line with policies within the National Planning Policy Framework we now need to refresh the Felsted plan. Several parishioners have made contact and a new steering group has been formed.

Felsted Parish Council has been diligent and proactive and has submitted strong representations to UDC which has reduced our vulnerability to housing numbers. For example, Felsted and Flitch Green were initially identified as potentially being merged to become one settlement, jointly being classified as a 'Key Rural Settlement'. Being classified as a 'Key Rural Settlement' could have put us in line to receive a proportion of 5,076 additional homes. Felsted Parish Council submitted a strong objection and Felsted was subsequently reclassified as a 'large village' independent from Flitch Green.

The full housing number allocated to Felsted in the new draft Local Plan from the start of the plan period (April 2021) is 309. However, we get credit for the 214 houses that have already been approved over the past few years and they count against the 309, leaving a balance of 95. 95 may seem a lot but don't forget that this will be over the eighteen years of UDC's Local Plan period up until 2041.

Our first FNP secured a new health centre, currently being built in Station Road, which will be wholly owned by the newly formed Felsted Community Trust (FCT) and will generate an income payable to the FCT. The FNP also facilitated the provision of a new car park for Felsted Primary School (also to be owned by the FCT) relieving congestion at drop off and collection times. Construction is anticipated to commence shortly.



Felsted Parish Council

The new Steering Group will focus on identifying opportunities to gain community benefit from the 95 dwellings that we anticipate will be allocated to Felsted. We will hold public forums early in 2024 to allow parishioners to participate in the process.

If we choose not to say where we want the 95 dwellings (and use them to generate community benefit), we will have lost any influence on what or where development might take place and we will have lost the opportunity to gain any community benefit. Developers will have free reign to do what they want: not what we want!

Neighbourhood Plans depend on community engagement. We will be encouraging everyone who lives in the parish to participate and to share your views at our forthcoming public forums.

The UDC Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) Consultation is now also open for public comments (until December 18). If you wish to respond please go to:

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/2023-Draft-Plan-Consultation?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Largely through a generous contribution from the parish council and by selling advertising space we have just about been able to deliver our magazine to over 1100 homes in the parish four times a year free of charge. We've asked before for a small contribution but only a handful - a baby-sized handful - make regular donations. So far this year, we've received just £35!

You often tell us how much you enjoy the FOCUS and we have some wonderful volunteers who give their time to write, photograph, layout, proof and even deliver for us but, unless we can generate more income, we may not be able to continue.

So, please help us to continue your magazine and contribute what you can, even just £5 per year per household would help to keep us going. Every penny will be spent on printing and delivery.

Please send your contribution to the Parish Clerk, URC Hall, Stebbing Road, Felsted, CM6 3JD or you can make a direct contribution to the Parish's bank account at the address below.

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The Gardens of Easton Lodge

It is difficult to judge our biggest achievements this year. The gardens have looked wonderful throughout, from the snowdrops in February, through daffodils, bluebells and tulips to wonderful perennial borders, including the prize winning dahlias. Our volunteers have produced and sold fantastic quantities of fruit, veg and jams and jellies. One volunteer has presented the history of the gardens to a record number of local history and gardening groups.

In December we will be quietly getting on with winter jobs, when the weather permits. Leaf clearance and bulb and small shrub planting should be finished; but we are likely still to be planting one or two young trees. Excitingly the trees will include two new ones to the gardens: a Ginkgo, which becomes a stunning tree, with distinctive leaves and lovely autumnal colour; and a Cercidiphyllum, also known as a katsura, which has heart shaped leaves and apparently has a slight smell of caramel when its leaves fall in the autumn!

We will be looking at what vegetable seeds to grow, working to arrange completion of the path so that it runs right from the car park and sorting out plans for re-paving the Italian Garden.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and happy plan-making for your gardens in 2024! To arrange a talk about the history of the gardens and the work of the Trust, please contact us via enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or 01371 870979.

For more information go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on
Jill Goldsmith

THE GARDENS OF
EASTON LODGE



Felsted Primary School



Another busy time at Felsted Primary School! We have launched our No Outsiders scheme and the children have been focusing on 'everyone different, everyone welcome.' We had a day of workshops with Andrew Moffat MBE who wrote the scheme. His MBE is for services to equality in education and he inspired the children and staff on his visit. It has been wonderful to hear the rich discussions around this learning and see how respectful the children are towards each other.

We have had an OFSTED inspection this term and were very pleased to be able to showcase our school and all the amazing things on offer. By the time this is published the inspection report should be out so please do take a look if you are interested.

The firework display made a welcome comeback this year. We hope lots of our readers were able to attend. This was such a lovely community evening and we were very pleased at how smoothly it went. Thanks to our hard working PTFA for organising this and for raising much needed funds for our school.

We have a shiny new school website which is much easier to navigate. Please take a look to find out more about us and what we are about.

Preparations have started for Christmas, the younger children are working hard on the nativity and the older children are learning songs for the Carol Concert which will be held in the Holy Cross Church.

As part of our value 'Save our World' we have made an eco pledge this year to cut down on the amount of waste from Christmas cards. Instead of writing out cards for individuals children will be able to write a card to the class and these will be displayed in each classroom.

December is such a busy time for everyone. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas when it comes and some peace and rest over the festive period.

Bryony Collins - Headmistress



Felsted Primary School



Our new website:

www.felsted-pri.essex.sch.uk



DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER

Local Plan

I hope that you will forgive another contribution from me about planning policy (being distinct from its application when considering individual planning applications, known as 'development management'). I am the Uttlesford Cabinet member responsible for Planning and the Local Plan and currently, consideration of the new local plan takes up the majority of my district wide responsibilities as a Councillor, in addition to my representative commitments for the ward of Felsted and Stebbing.

A draft replacement local plan was passed by the Council on 30 October for the purposes of consultation by the community and all other interested parties. The consultation period is already underway and will run until 18 December.

Our current Local Plan is very old (made in 2005). An up to date Local Plan is essential, according to Government Policy. Without one, speculative and opportunistic applications for developments are more likely to be granted. We have seen several examples of this in recent times, including on several fields adjacent to the approaches to/from Felsted. The new local plan will give a blueprint for the 'development shape' in general of the district until 2041. A Local Plan, after it has been 'examined' by the Planning Inspectorate decides and 'allocates' the areas within a district where, as matter of policy, new housing and employment sites are in principle to be permitted. Speculative applications on non-policy compliant locations will afterwards become a thing of the past.

Having a current local plan in place does not do away with the need for individual planning applications on those 'allocated sites' which, when made, will deal with details including for example, access, design, layout and infrastructure. As usual, they will come to Uttlesford Planning Committee for final decision. The local plan will also contain preferred policies on the environment, landscape, heritage and importantly, will also set policies regarding the required provision of 'affordable homes' (to buy and to rent). It will also guide the size of new houses – preferring smaller 2/3 bedroom houses, leading hopefully to a greater number of cheaper priced houses than the present volume of 4/5 bed houses popular with developers. It is hoped that these policies will help both first time buyers and those wishing to downsize.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER

The new local plan will not do away with new development. The Government requires Uttlesford to plan for about 700 additional houses every year. Allowing for the number of houses that have already been permissioned in the past few years, this gives a net requirement of some 6,000 homes across the District until 2041.

To locate these new dwellings in the 'most sustainable' locations (where there are existing facilities and better transport links), the draft plan suggests 10 strategic locations where all but 1,000 be placed, namely in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow, Stansted Mountfitchet, Newport, Takeley and Thaxted. The remaining 1,000 would be spread across larger villages, including Felsted and Stebbing, according to their respective facilities and the number of houses already recently granted permission there.

The gross additional strategic housing requirement figures required of Felsted and Stebbing parishes are 309 and 171, but netted down to 95 and 109 respectively after deduction of the completions and permissions given since 2021. The draft concept is for each Parish Neighbourhood Plan to work with those figures and see where they think they can best provide for that net housing provision up to 2041. That would allow the community through the neighbourhood planning system to participate in the allocation.

Residents are encouraged to comment on this draft plan during the consultation period. Once all the input on the draft is considered and taken into account, in Summer 2024, an updated version will be submitted for the Planning Inspectorate to begin work. It is hoped that a new local plan would be in place in the first quarter of 2026.

Participation in the consultation can be made through www.uttlesford.gov.uk/2023-Draft-Plan-Consultation. Residents can sign up for updates at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/local-plan-news. A set of useful Local Plan FAQs is to be found at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/4923/Local-Plan-FAQs. Updates are also provided on social media.

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The Hundred Parishes

Before the 15th century, people attending a church service would stand or kneel. When benches or pews were introduced, they were sometimes decorated by skilled craftsmen. In particular, the top of the ends of some pews were carved with figures called finials or poppyheads.

The word poppyhead comes from Latin via Old French meaning the poop or figurehead of a ship. Poppyheads can be found in churches across the country and they are particularly prevalent in East Anglia. The Hundred Parishes has some fascinating examples.

The carved figures can represent almost anything. Some are of flowers or fruit or animals. Mythical creatures or demons were introduced to remind parishioners that if they led a sinful life they would go to hell. Saints and angels however meant that if you lived a good life you would go to heaven.

You will also find carved creatures depicting saints. In St. Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak, 300-year-old poppyheads symbolise saints, with a lion for Mark, a bull for Luke and an eagle for John, while Matthew is represented by a 'divine man'.

Ickleton's parish church has some fine examples of medieval carved poppyheads. One shows St. Michael weighing souls of the dead and another features a dragon-like creature. In Wendens Ambo parish church you will find a fearsome-looking beast which you may meet if your soul goes to hell!

Linton's church has a wide range of subjects including scribes resting their books, one on the back of an angel and another on a dragon.

When you are out and about, I encourage you to seek out these wonderful examples of ancient craftsmanship. Please let us know of others on either the feedback page on our website,

www.hundredparishes.org.uk or share a photo with the Hundred Parishes Group on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/562396892237665

Ken McDonald,
Secretary



The Hundred Parishes

Poppyheads



Bartlow
- perhaps an elephant



Wendens Ambo
- beast



Ickleton - St Michael



Barley - acorns



Hatfield Broad Oak - Bull representing
St Luke



Hatfield Broad Oak



Much Hadham - lion



Linton - scribe and ange



Widford

Volunteers Needed!

Uttlesford Citizens Advice urgently needs more volunteers to support people through the cost of living crisis. More and more people are coming to us for support to manage their energy costs and help with budgeting and debts. We also help people with housing issues, benefit entitlements, problems at work and family matters.

You don't need to have specific experience or qualifications to join us, (although you do need to be non-judgmental, able to talk to people and familiar with a computer). All our volunteers receive training and hours are flexible.

Volunteering with us gives you the opportunity to help other people and build skills and confidence as part of an inclusive, friendly team and the wider local community. Many of our volunteers go on to paid employment.

So, if you would like to make a real difference to people's lives and have a positive impact on your community by giving information and advice that empowers people to tackle the root cause of their issues, please get in touch today! For more information and an application form, visit our website, www.uttlesfordca.org.uk or call us on 01799 618840.

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PUZZLE PAGE

Word Search - Winter



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BLANKETS
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SNOWING



Essex Libraries

Welcome to this edition of our Partners' Newsletter.

We have articles about some of our family activities and events this month.



Our plucky penguin is back once again! But this year, she's setting off on an even bigger journey...

Join Lyra as she travels around the world, finding out all about endangered animals. There will be 12 challenges for your little ones to choose from. Once they complete six of the challenges they will be rewarded with a certificate and a prize (while stocks last).

Lyra will be leaving on Saturday 25 November and returning on Saturday 3 February. You can find out more about the Winter Reading Challenge here.

(Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge>)



Booktrust Storytime voting is now open!

Essex Libraries are again taking part in the national poll, running from November to the end of March. At the end we will find out, from a shortlist of five, which is the nation's and Essex's favourite storybook.

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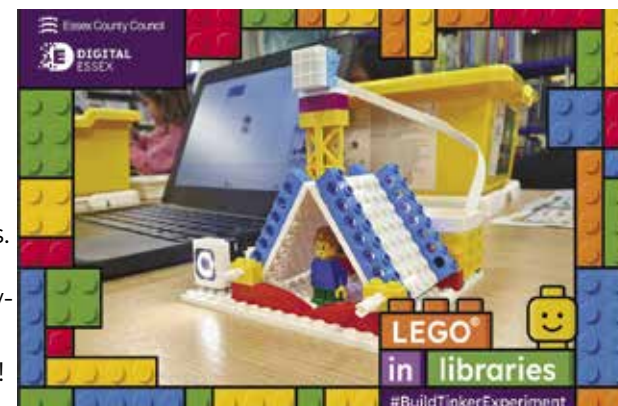
Vote at your local library at the end of the storytime session and make sure your favourite book wins! You can also take part in the Essex vote online. Find out more about voting and the events. (Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/booktrust-storytime-2023>)

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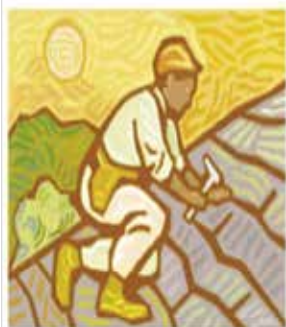
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