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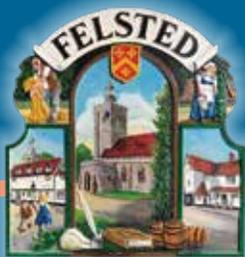
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We write this in sadness as members of the editorial team of the *Felsted Focus*.

As many of our readers know, we published the first Community Magazine just a year ago at the start of the pandemic. We don't think it is an exaggeration to claim that it has been a source of assistance to many during this unprecedented time and that it has become a relatively well-established feature of community life.

Janice as editor has done a fantastic job in getting the editorial team together, agreeing our focus (no pun intended), getting articles written, advertisers attracted and publishing organised. It is worthy of note that the first edition profiled one of our very old residents. This edition has an article from a 21-year-old, relatively new to Felsted. The *Felsted Focus*, with the right support, can encourage connection between different parts of the community and activities that meet parishioners' needs.

The Parish Council values its magazine and will continue to support it, but the Council cannot provide all the funds needed to deliver a free copy to every home. We would need 10 full pages of paid advertising to continue and, even if we could get that much advertising, we don't believe that's the sort of publication our community deserves.

We have tried to raise the funds we need through direct donations and the 'Just Giving' site. Out of over 1100 homes and 3000 residents, just 24 people have donated through Just Giving!

We now have funds for just two more issues and are discussing how often we should print it.

Felsted is a large and diverse village with an important history. With leadership, the active support of the Parish Council and contributions from you, the magazine can play an important role in community life. Without this there will be no magazine.

We need your money. We need your help and above all we need input from the community.

Will you be part of the Editorial team? Will you contribute?  
Will you help to fund raise?

## Note from the Editor

Hello everyone!

Firstly, I would like to say big congratulations to Lauren, aged 5, who has won our photography competition. What a lovely front cover she has given us.

Secondly, I would like to say thanks for all the kind words that have been sent in with cheques and to those who have donated. Sadly, however, it is not enough for us to keep going monthly but we are in discussions of how frequently we will be able to publish in the future.

Lastly, the daisies are coming up in the lawn, I have had my vaccination, and the cat has returned to catching mice - yuk! Let's look ahead, keep doing what we are doing, and I, for one, can't wait to see friends even if it is just coffee in the garden.

*Janice*

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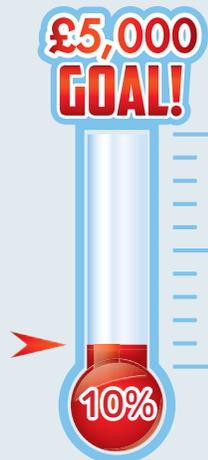
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# Felsted Friendship Club

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Club members have met at Felsted Memorial Hall every month for 66 years until the pandemic. We managed four meetings in 2020 but none to date in 2021. However we plan to meet again as soon as the current lockdown restrictions are lifted. Every March we are delighted to accept a kind invitation from the Headmaster of Felsted School to an afternoon of musical entertainment and cream tea. Sadly, both the 2020 and 2021 invitations were cancelled; we are all looking forward to 2022.

Most of our members have now received a COVID vaccination, and indeed many have received two doses, so we are really looking forward to meeting again as soon as possible. The Club received several generous donations in the last year and we will be planning several outings and special teas when regulations allow.

Friendship Club details available from: Alison Moore 01371 821632 or Sue King 01371 821411



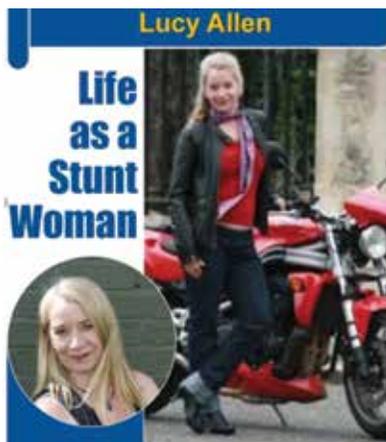
Photos of visits to Felsted School in 2016, 2017 and 2018

## Felsted WI

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How wonderful to see so many of our members at our zoom meetings! Thank you for supporting us and we hope you are still enjoying the great variety of speakers that our Programme Secretary, Sandra Blyth, has managed to book for us.

February's meeting was an absolute cracker. We were delighted to welcome Lucy Allen, who started her career as a high-wire performer in the circus, then became a professional stuntwoman. She has now notched up more than 20 years' experience in TV, and on films such as Harry Potter, James Bond and Titanic. Lucy shared so many enthralling stunt experiences and seems to have an incomprehensible penchant for jumping off buildings or over the edge of cliffs...(rather her than me!) Next month we will perhaps be grateful for a more relaxed approach with a talk on mindfulness. Do join us! For more information please contact Penny Lewis on 07825 312829 / penny717@btinternet.com or Margaret Smith on 01371 822092.



## Wool and Waffle

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We are still in lockdown but the ladies of Wool and Waffle continue to knit and crochet for the Broomfield Hospital Baby Unit. Here are some of the crocheted jellyfish that they have produced.

They are classed as medical aids and, therefore, have to be very strictly tested before passing on to the units.

If anyone wants ideas, I have a long list of items that the units would be delighted to receive. I also have wool.

Please contact me if you would like to be involved. Men and women are all welcome.

Kitty Drury 01371 820444



# Felsted Memorial Hall

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Hello everyone,

How did you all cope with the 'Beast from the East'? At the time of writing, there was frozen snow on the ground and it was very cold!

We had to turn on the heating in the hall during the cold weather to prevent pipes freezing. To avoid a big bill, it has been switched on and off intermittently, keeping the temperature above freezing.

Some time ago, Margaret and I were sorting through the archive cupboard and came across some trophies for clay pigeon shooting from the late '50s /early '60s. Look closely at the names - are any of them your relatives? If so, and you would like to claim the trophies, just get in touch with me.

Stay warm and safe,  
'til next month.

Hazel Fox 01371 820108



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Felsted Clay Pigeon Shoot  
presented by E Huntley Esq.

**Winners**

1958 H. Lepper  
1959 N.W. Trembath  
1960 A. Bonnett  
1962 G.A. Humphries  
1963 G.A. Humphries  
1964 C. Hasler  
1965 R. Crowe

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**Winners**

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1961 G.H. Humphries  
1962 P.F. Humphries  
1963 F.G. Smith  
1964 P. Humphries  
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1966 S. Basham  
1967 N.Q. McBeath  
1968 G.J. Holden  
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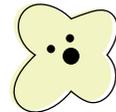
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Spring is coming and so are Services in Church

We hope to be back for Easter

see website for updated info



# United Reform Church

We, at the URC, are still keeping in touch with each other via post, telephone or email. Rev. Ray continues to send us weekly service and prayer sheets. It's very difficult times we are all facing at the moment and we do hope that everyone is keeping safe and well.

All the improvements we were carrying out at the church are now complete and we look forward to opening again when the current COVID restrictions are lifted. Diane 01376 583994.

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## Chairman's Chat

Following my last Chairman's Chat in the Focus I received a letter complaining that I used the term 'Village' instead of 'Parish' several times. My intention was that the term be taken to mean the village of Felsted and its many hamlets. I never intended anyone should feel excluded.

It has now been a year since we met in person for a Parish Council meeting. I was asked just a few days ago when did I think we would start meeting again in person? We discuss this issue on a regular ongoing basis. We are keen to get together again but, we can only meet when government guidelines permit and when, as a council, we all feel it's safe to do so for Councillors, our Clerk and for members of the public attending our meetings. In the meantime, the business of the council is continuing remotely and safely.

All Parish Councils have a duty to hold an 'Annual Parish Assembly'. This is a meeting that consists of a Chairman's Report, Financial Report and reports from all the separate Parish Council committees. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

This year the Annual Felsted Parish Assembly will be held on 22 April 2021 at 7pm and will also be conducted remotely using Zoom. If you'd like an invitation to the zoom meeting, please email the clerk for the joining instructions and we'll be very pleased to see you.

[clerk@felsted-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@felsted-pc.gov.uk)

*Graham*

Graham Harvey - Chairman, Felsted Parish Council



# Felsted Parish Council

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## **Village and Churchyard Maintenance Contracts**

Following a recent invitation to tender, the current contractor JCM Services were offered and have accepted a three-year contract to cut and maintain the grassed areas of both the parish and the village churchyard. The PC look forward to JCM Services continuing to maintain the parish and churchyard to their usual high standard.

## **Dogs on Leads**

Felsted School would politely ask any villagers using the public rights of way through the school to keep their dogs on a lead and refrain from letting their dogs exercise on any of the school grounds in line with the existing signage. This is due to the unfortunate increase in the amount of dog excrement on the sports pitches which poses a significant health hazard to the pupils and staff.

## **Defibrillator at Willows Green**

At their February meeting the Parish Council unanimously agreed to purchase a defibrillator for Willows Green. A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation. It is an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who's in cardiac arrest. More details will follow once it has arrived.

## **Vacancy for a local person to lock and unlock the car park**

The PC are looking for someone, ideally living in the centre of the village, to open and close the playing field car park every morning (8am) and evening (5-8pm depending on the time of year). The facilities are open 7 days a week but occasional cover can be provided for holidays etc. If you are interested in this role please contact the Clerk for further details, including remuneration.

Heather Read Clerk to Felsted Parish Council  
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# George Boote

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The Focus editorial team were recently discussing possible future articles and it was suggested that we might do something on 'Famous Felsted People'. One such person, although it might be fairer to say a well-known 'name' in Felsted rather than a famous person is George Boote which was exactly the point. What do we actually know about the man, George Boote?

The name of George Boote is synonymous with Felsted as there will be very few people who know Felsted Parish and the village who have not heard of The Boote House, the magnificent Grade 2\* building that dominates the centre of our lovely village and which has carved into a bressummer on the façade, 'George Boote made this house in 1596'.

The question is who was George Boote? Was he a builder who built the house for someone else or did he build the house for himself. If not a builder what did he do?

He was understandably proud of the houses he built. His other handsome house is 'Millbanks' which stands, at certain times of the year partially obscured from view by a large willow tree, as the first house you encounter on entering the hamlet of Causeway End from the south. In a similar manner to the Boote House, it has carved into a beam on the façade, 'George Boote made this house in 1598'.

Returning to the Boote House, readers might remember that in the July 2020 edition of the Focus magazine there was a feature on what historians often refer to as the 'Hag of Felsted'. This is a crouching female figure with cloven hoofs supporting the angle of the building. This style of support is seen on a number of buildings of the period and in particular in areas of East Anglia where there had been immigration from the Low Countries. The figure represents the figurehead of a ship and it is thought possible that houses were built with this type of figure incorporated to ward off evil spirits and avoid disasters. There is even a suggestion in 'The Haunting History of Felsted' that she represents George Boote's wife who was supposedly cursed into ugliness by a witch, and whom he wed out of pity.

Reliable evidence from the 16th century about George Boote himself is not easy to find. But with help from Felsted resident John Drury, who wrote the excellent book 'A History of Felsted' and the Felsted History Recorder we can answer some questions, although most information relates more to the history of The Boote House rather

# George Boote

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than the man himself, or should I say 'the men' as it seems there were actually two George Bootes.

Records show that George Boote was born around 1536 and died 1568. He married Anne Alberd/Albert on 24th September 1559 and there are two children recorded that we know of, William Boote born 1566 and George Boote (the younger) born 1568, the year of his father's death. George Boote (the younger) married Margaret Hedley in 1593 and she died 1600. They had two children that we know of, Rafe Boote 1597 (son) and Francis Boote 1599 (daughter). The Boote family were christened and married at Holy Cross Church. So it would appear that it was the younger George who left his mark on Felsted.

According to Felsted School Account Books, in 1606 he was employed to make desks and seats for the school so he was certainly a capable carpenter of some merit or a cabinet maker. Records also show that after building "The Boote House" he boarded out scholars including one named Richard How who apparently left his permanent mark on a beam inside the Boote House. So it seems that George Boote did build the dwelling for himself.

It is understood that with the property having been built in 1596 that there was nothing on the site previously as a survey of 1576 shows the whole site as a meadow and it is likely that it belonged to the vicarage that was adjacent.

Following the property's use as a boarding house it was converted into shops in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The uses were tearooms, and later a restaurant, with other shops having uses as hairdressers, haberdashers, confectioners and a bank sub branch. On the Braintree Road side of the building was a shoe shop and repairers of the 1920s period.

The Boote House has had a colourful commercial history as a building. In the 17th century we know that it was used to board scholars from Felsted School. There is little recorded history of its use in the 18th century but during the 19th century it housed C Wrights General Stores. By the 20th century the building included multiple businesses including C J Gill, selling Cadbury's and Rowntree's confectionaries and offering a teahouse as well as, in a sign of the times, hiring TVs. It also housed Harry Fuller's shoe shop selling shoes and offering shoe repairs and at back of shop was a barber.

# George Boote

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Circa 1899 - Linsells

Circa 1920's  
Harry Fuller's shoe shop



Around 1899, Linsells & Sons first appeared in Felsted, selling a wide range of goods including grocery provisions, frozen foods, burning oils, tobacco and cigars, linen and fancy drapery, millinery, carpets and mattings, photographic and camera supplies. Elizabeth Clark was recorded as the shopkeeper and Edward Gladwin was a tailor and clothier.

Also around 1901, F T Norris and his family ran their photographic shop, situated at the left hand corner of the Boote House. Frederick Norris was also a baker and confectionary tradesmen and Morris Bakery was located between Boote House and '5 Corners House' where Lewis Wright was the bread maker and James Hill was baker's foreman.

The most recent memory most parishioners are likely to have will be of the Boote House being an excellent and popular Chinese restaurant. Older parishioners may remember it prior to this as being a well-respected fine dining restaurant where the maître d' would go down on one knee and describe the day's menu in great detail, explaining with much theatricality from which local farm specific ingredients had been sourced, exactly how the chef had prepared each dish and how long it had been in the aga.

Felsted owes a great deal to George Boote 'the younger' and his legacy of two magnificent listed buildings is certainly something of which he can be proud.

*We wish to record our thanks to John Drury and the Felsted History Recorder for their significant contributions to the content of this article.*

*Richard Freeman*

# Janet's Recipes

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## Almond Macaroons

This is a very easy recipe for Macaroons, producing lovely chewy biscuits in an all-in-one mix, ideal for gluten-free diets. Use edible rice paper, or a non-stick baking paper as an alternative.

Makes 16

### INGREDIENTS

- 110g/4oz ground almonds
- 2 egg whites
- 225g/8oz caster sugar
- 1 dessert spoon ground rice (or plain flour if gluten tolerant)
- 2-3 drops almond essence

### TO BAKE

16 split almonds

Rice paper or baking paper

1. Line a shallow baking tray with rice paper or baking paper.
2. Use an electric mixer to whisk all the ingredients together for two minutes. Place spoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared tray, then top each with split almond.
3. Bake for 20 minutes at 180°C/350°F/Gas 4.
4. Allow to cool slightly on the tray, then transfer to a cooling rack.



# DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' CORNER:

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## MARCH 2021

The Council's website contains lots of useful information for residents and businesses but we feel that it is especially useful just now. Help, guidance, or advice is available, whether it's for you or your business. One that maybe of interest is the fourth grant of the Self-Employment Income Support scheme which was announced on Wednesday 3 March.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

### The New Local Plan

We are still at the first consultation also known as the 'Issues & Options' stage which takes place before any proposals have been developed and we encourage you to let UDC hear your thoughts and ideas on the future of this village and the district.

All the themes of Community Stakeholder Forum consultation and the responses that are received from residents - both younger and older, businesses, farmers, etc, will help guide proposals for the 'Draft' Local Plan. Please consider adding your comments. Wednesday 10 March will see the theme of 'Homes' will be discussed by the Forum. Each theme is livestreamed or can be watched on YouTube to help stimulate discussion We encourage you to add your comments to any of the themes up to 21 April 2021 and we do hope you will join in this important consultation phase.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/Consultation-and-the-Community-Stakeholder-Forum>

### Keeping in Touch

While we are still unable to hold councillor surgeries, we would be very happy to hear from any of you by email or phone should there be anything you think we can help with or answer any questions you may have from this report.



John Evans



Sandi Merifield

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Our very best wishes *Sandi Merifield and John Evans*

# Chelmsford Chronicle

Friday 24 November 1893

## DISASTROUS GALE. IMMENSE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

An immense loss of life was caused by the great gale which raged round our coasts and land from Friday to Monday. On the Goodwins a large sailing ship is supposed to have been lost with all hands. The steamer Hampshire went down off the Cornish coast with 21 men, only the chief mate escaping, and the Cintra steamship went ashore at St. Ives with the loss of twelve of her sailors.

Many other ships were lost and the total loss of life at sea will not fall far short of 200.

In Essex, the gale was particularly violent, especially on Saturday night and Sunday. It was accompanied by storms of snow, which in some places drifted the depth of three or four feet. No casualty is reported on the Essex coast, although

the sea ran mountains high. The Harwich ketch Garson stranded near Palling, on the Norfolk coast, and her crew of three hands were saved by the coastguard.

Inland the storm was severe, and considerable damage to property is reported. The Felsted post carriage was stranded for many hours in Great Waltham by a drift and when he tried to back his horse the animal fell down. He telegraphed to Chelmsford, and the post master (Mr. E. W. J. Arman) and chief clerk (Mr. C. Taylor) obtained a horse and trap and drove over to see what could be done. They found they could not get the trap through, so each took a bag of letters and parcels from the stranded carriage and made his way across fields and ditches to Hartford-end, where conveyanc-

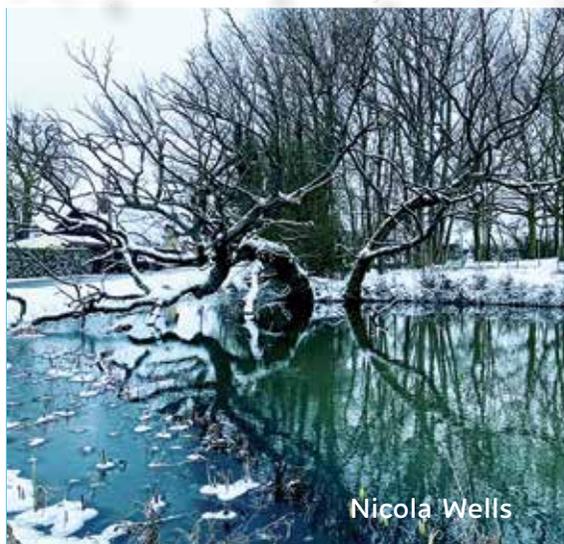
es were obtained to take the letters to the various districts.

On Monday morning a wagon laden with flour and three horses, started from Messrs. T. D. Ridley and Sons' mills to Hartford-end. When near the Apple Tree Inn at Great Waltham, a deep snow drift was encountered and the wagon became firmly embedded in it. Half-a-dozen men from Hartford-end Brewery proceeded to the spot with shovels and the wagon and horses were dug out.

Fortunately no serious injuries were reported and the horses and carriage and wagon were recovered without further incident.



# A COLD SNAP



Nicola Wells



Lauren Bishop, aged 5

**W**ow! Didn't you all have a magic touch with the smartphones and cameras last chilly month!

We received so many great shots of Felsted in the snow that we decided to print as many as we could squeeze in.

Daniel of Fritch and Chips, our great local chippy and Focus supporter, has very kindly offered to donate two portions of his delicious fish and chips to the snapper of the best photo.



Jake Bishop, aged 9

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# Snow PHOTO CONTEST



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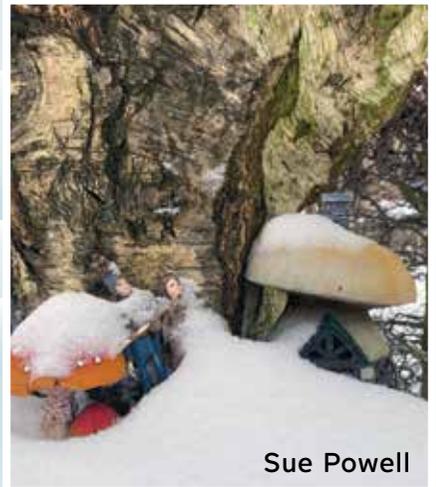
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Are you short of money and struggling to pay for food or other essentials? Has your 'rainy day fund' been used up?

There are lots of reasons why people find themselves in financial difficulty and need help with money. It may be through losing a job or a reduction in income. If your outgoings have risen suddenly, it can become harder to cope with making all the usual payments.

Coronavirus has made many of these problems worse for a great number of people. Many have seen their income fall. If this has happened to you, we can offer information, support and guidance. Our advice is confidential and costs nothing.

We can help you to access:

- Local foodbanks and children's clothes banks
- Help to pay utility bills or top up oil tanks
- Emergency funds for prescriptions and other household essentials
- Cold weather payments
- Budgeting and debt support
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## The life of a 21-year-old in Felsted

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The thought of moving to an unfamiliar rural village left my 18-year-old self apprehensive. The distant walks to the local shop, the seemingly endless stretch of bare fields and lack of youthful crowds surrounding the area, leaves any youth not used to these environs unsettled. These 'discomforts' slowly but surely became some of my favourite qualities of a village I now call my home. Although, for someone of my age, a quaintly rural village may be socially challenging and distant at times - especially during the pandemic - the aspects I once viewed as negatives, are now warm associations and a part of my rich gratitude for Felsted.

The large scope of greenery leaves any young photography fanatic with an array of sunsets to capture, and it's not until I mindfully took in my early morning and late-night surroundings that I truly appreciated the beauty Felsted holds. Having a wanderlust, I quite ignorantly held the opinion, as many people of my age do, that the only breathtaking landscapes are found on foreign shores. It wasn't until mother nature quite literally forced us to stay within our local area, that I came to realise that a paradise can be also found on your doorstep.



# The life of a 21-year-old in Felsted

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A walk around Felsted, for me, can be wildly unpredictable. Whether you're met by a family of deer blissfully unaware of the current climate, exploring a road of generously sized Victorian, Tudor or eco properties whilst subtly snooping, or taking in the Hogwarts-like scenery of Felsted school, I can safely say there's never a dull route. I can't forget the pooch community; I often worry my dog has a larger social life than me. Greeting the friendly faces of Felsted never fails to lift my spirits.

As much as I savour a city night, as I grow into the country life I'm thankfully reminded that often a small circle of quality friends within the local pubs in Felsted can be more wholesome than the social magnitude a city has to offer. Felsted isn't painfully far from spots like Chelmsford, and London even, which people of my age often (perhaps too often) crave.

I hope to move my career and life into a city within the near future to broaden my opportunities, but as a 21-year-old, I will look back at living in Felsted with great appreciation and will probably crave the quiet of nature.

Alisha Gent

## Redundancy Help from Uttlesford Frontline

Job loss through redundancy confronts more and more of us in these uncertain times. And even if it comes as no surprise, its impact cannot be underestimated. More often than not, there will be severe financial consequences, an inevitable blow to self esteem and of course the million dollar question of 'What Next?'

Redundancy is an extremely complex issue, and while employers have a legal obligation to follow correct procedures it is always advisable to make sure you fully understand all the in's and out's of what is happening and are satisfied that your employer is fully compliant with the law.

For instance if you decide to accept an offer of 'suitable alternative employment' within your organisation, your employer is obliged to offer you a four week trial period without affecting any of your statutory rights. And if there is a suitable alternative job which is not offered to you, then this could be classed as unfair dismissal by an employment tribunal.

If in doubt or unclear about any aspect of the redundancy procedure, then trusted organisations such as Citizens Advice can help. In addition to employment issues, it can also advise on the inevitable money problems that accompany redundancy and with identifying and applying for available benefits as well as how best to handle debt problems.

Finding new employment is a challenge for anyone facing redundancy. Today's jobs market is highly competitive and you may feel you lack the necessary skills for success. Practical help with job search, CV writing, application letters and interview techniques are offered free of charge by The Transition Project in Saffron Walden and the new Employment Support Scheme from the CVSU (Council for Voluntary Service Uttlesford). Their volunteers are trained in negotiating the complexities of the job-seeking market.

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## Where is it?

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Each month there will be a close-up photograph of somewhere in Felsted. See if you can find it before the next edition, where we will publish the answer!



Last issue – Answer: Bury Chase, Opposite the Royal British Legion.

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## ...FOR MARCH 2021

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- March is a good time to plant bulbs in pots for the patio. Pick a good sized pot and fill with suitable compost, plant 3 bulbs per pot and cover with more compost. Keep the pots in a sheltered place or in a greenhouse until they are established.
- March is the best time to prune Buddleia davidii. Cut back to about 15cms it will look very bare. However, it is a very vigorous shrub and will regrow quickly and, hopefully, be covered in butterflies and bees during the summer.

Judy Mackay



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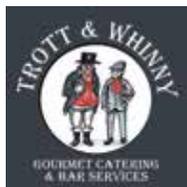
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