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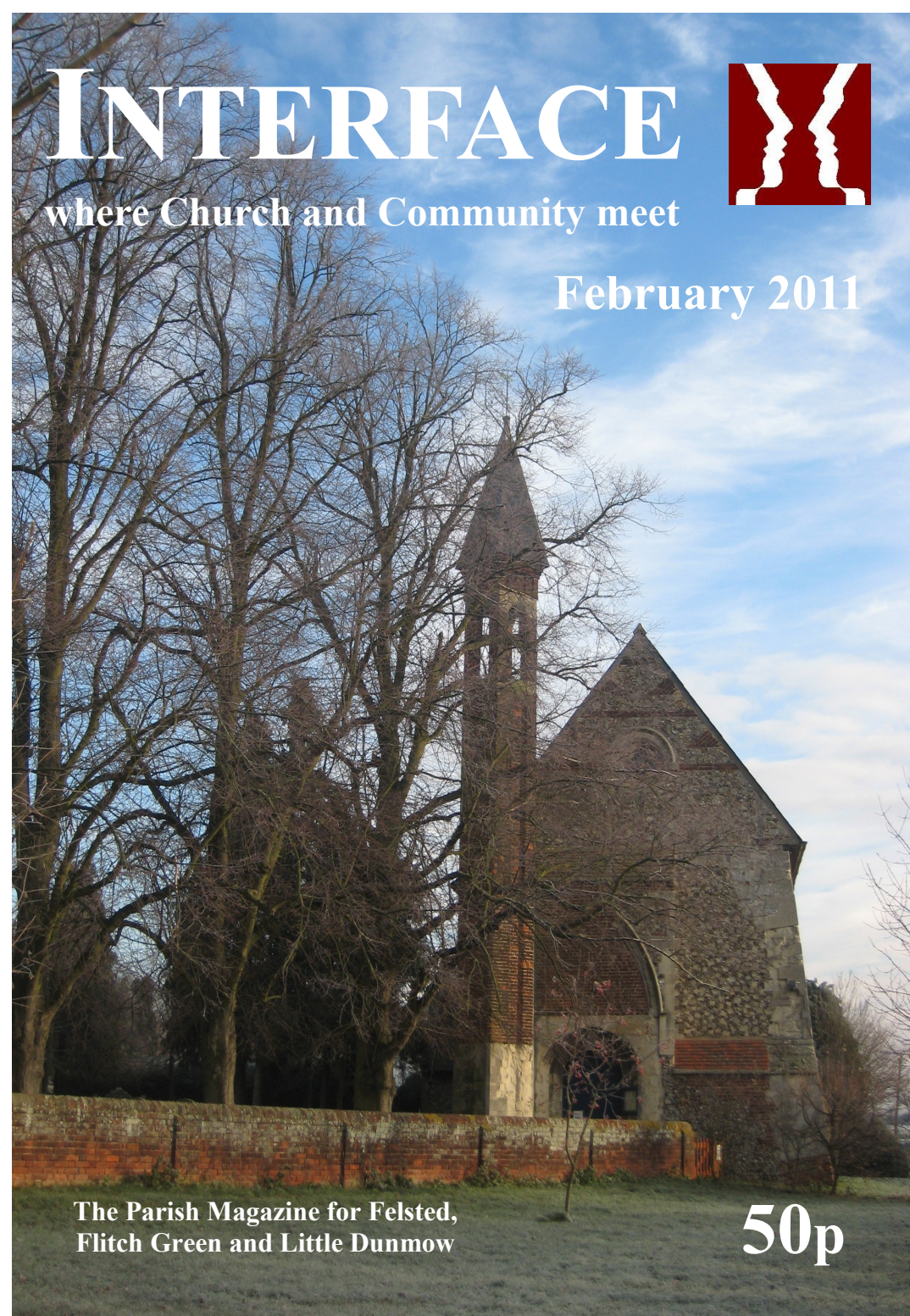
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where Church and Community meet



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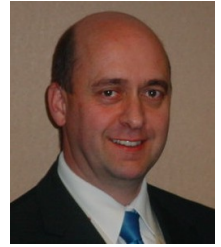
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The Editor Introduces



Happy Valentines Everyone. I can't promise you a romance filled edition of Interface but I can promise you a good read. I hope you enjoy my article about Felsted's very own Mr Bigg, and of course we have some wonderful features by our regular correspondents.

There are also some items about events and groups that don't usually feature, which is a good excuse to appeal to other groups and potential contributors to send something in.

Robert Stone
Editor



WEB EDITION

See last month's edition of **Interface** in full colour at www.felstedchurch.org.uk

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Felsted		Little Dunmow
Holy Cross Church		The Priory Church
11:00 am Holy Communion 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	Sun 6th 5th before Lent	9:00 am Holy Communion BCP
9:00 am Morning Prayer BCP 11:00 am Morning Prayer	Sun 13th 4th before Lent	10:30 am Holy Communion CW
9:00 am Holy Communion BCP 11:00 am Morning Prayer	Sun 20th 3rd before Lent	10:30 am Morning Prayer BCP
9:00 am Holy Communion CW 11:00 am All Age Service	Sun 27th 2nd before Lent	4:00 pm Priory Prayers

SUNDAY FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE:

“**Little Doves**” Crèche for children 0-5 years available from 10:45 am.

Junior Church welcomes all children aged 5-11, and meets each week, except on the fourth Sunday of each month. Junior Church takes place during the 11:00 am Service at Felsted. For details contact Paula Hatcher 01371 821450.

Rock Solid is a group for young people aged 11-14, meets weekly from 10:30 am at the Vicarage. Contact Sylvia Taylor for further details 01371 820242.

Mettle is a group for teenagers aged 14 - 18. Contact Mark Windsor for details 821996.



Mondays at 9:00 am in the Priory Church, Little Dunmow. Prayers for the community.

Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Riche Chapel, Felsted.
A service of Holy Communion (BCP normally).

Saturdays at 9:00 am in the Holy Cross Church, Felsted, Prayers for the Parishes.

Home Groups. There are home groups meeting throughout the week.
Details are available from Rev. Mark Windsor.

Holy Communion at Home. Please contact Rev Colin Taylor if you know anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion.

From the desk of the Vicar



Dear Friends

New Beginnings

As we begin a new year the only certainty is the uncertainty that 2011 holds, at least that is what it seems if you listen to popular commentators, politicians or economists.

Transitioning is never easy, particularly when it is caused by events and decisions outside our control.

We would love all that is good to last...

And yet the author of the book of Ecclesiastes in the bible expressed practical wisdom saying that everything has a season, that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. This includes a time to uproot and a time to lose.

The author of this book not only sketches a seasonal perspective, but also paints the bigger picture that overarches every season. “God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men. Yet, they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

And that’s it. We don’t always understand. We cannot always see the end. At times we can’t even see the new beginning. But like winter is followed by spring, a new season will come. The rhythm of life will continue. In the bleaker winter of life, we remember that the seeds are already lying dormant, waiting to sprout in spring.

In the moment of crisis, directions may become unclear and may even be contradictory. It is quite an art to live wisely and recognise new beginnings. For what is new won’t usually be announced by the appearance of angels and bright stars in the sky. Life is more subtle than that.

May we be sensitive in the year ahead to the new shoots and heaven’s whispers. As Martin Luther King said, we may not know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. May our God who has made everything beautiful in its time and who set eternity in our hearts, give us courage and godly wisdom and perspective for the new year.

With Best Wishes

Colin



Our Charity for this month

Ten percent of the church income is given to a range of charities. One is featured each month in Interface and on a board in the church. This month it is the turn of :-

Mission Aviation Fellowship



Every 3 minutes, a MAF aircraft takes off or lands, reaching isolated places where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline, bringing vital help to people in need. MAF operates over 120 light aircraft in more than 30 countries of the developing world, flying to thousands more destinations than any other airline.

Without the support that they give to other Mission Agencies through their aircraft, medical aid would often be unavailable, bandit-threatened roads would prevent journeys, and those living on the edge would not receive essential support.

Churches would also miss the impetus and new hope provided by visiting teachers and evangelists.

The board in the parish church has further information about MAF, or you can visit their web-site at www.maf.org.

Seizing opportunities to serve the living God in a fast-changing world.



Women's World Day of Prayer



On Friday March 4th 2011 women from around the world will celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service has been written by the women of Chile. Bread is an appropriate theme as it is eaten at every meal and is very much part of every day life. The women of Chile offer what it means to them as they share this service with us.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement, said:

'This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.'

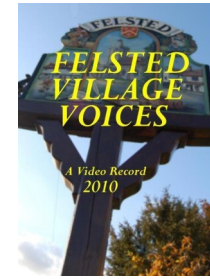
The Republic of Chile occupies a long, narrow strip of land 2,640 miles long and 110 miles wide. It is a land of incredible contrasts. It also has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America and most women suffer from discrimination in some form or other.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody as we demonstrate our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome.

So do come to the Priory Church, Little Dunmow at 10 am on Friday 4th March and demonstrate your solidarity with the people of this nation.

Recording The Past For The Future

Dicky Howett makes a video



A scheme to 'capture' Felsted on video matured recently when copies of *Felsted Village Voices* hit the local outlets. Easy really. I persuaded several (and mostly at random) citizens of the village to speak their minds, but only for a couple of minutes each. Well, not exactly 'their minds'. I was more interested in what they were doing at the precise moment that I interviewed them. So the postman was on his round, the local handy man was being, er, handy with an axe and the W.I. were sewing a tapestry (Felsted In Stitches) in the church.



Previously, during 2010 I had filmed the opening of the village's new multi use games area (referred to, unfortunately, by the acronym MUGA). This filming was a special service to the Parish Council who wanted to 'prove' to the MUGA's sponsors how felicitously the money had been spent.

Of course, cash is still required for the project and so I proposed a fund-raising Village Video, incorporating the footage

shot of the opening of the MUGA (by Atlantic lone rower Charlie Pitcher, who lives in the village). Adding too, pre-recorded bits of the village panto as well as many sylvan scenes of the surrounding countryside and twenty or so of the pre-mentioned garrulous residents. All-in-all a 55-minute package of exactly the right length, (or so I've been told).

The broadcast-quality video is now selling at £6 each in a presentation case. Copies are still available so call 01371 820155 or visit the village Post Office or Bakers Deli.

Dicky Howett

Christmas Scene Repaired

Regular visitors to Felsted Church each Christmas will be familiar with the wonderful Christmas Scene which was built for the Church by a previous member, Bryan Rogers, many years ago. A cave in a hillside around which the shepherds and wise men travelled on a turntable.

But this year just a few days before Christmas the turntable stopped working. There was so much happening in church at the time it was agreed to have a static crib scene. At the end of January I did an initial investigation and rewire, then sorted out the motor connections. When I refitted the motor it all worked!

Having successfully renovated the electrics for the turntable let's hope it works next December.

Those interested in technical details may like to know the motor is about 50 years old. It was made by Garrard who went out of business in 1982!

John Middleton

Church Mission Society Partners

Gautam and Sabrina Money



Apparently only in India do vehicles have an 'invisible autopilot' as people bring their hands together and close their eyes, which can be seen when they drive past temples or shrines, even on motorbikes!

Less alarmingly at the Bible Bhavan Christian Fellowship (BBCF), the pastoral team is taking us through a very interesting series on David. The Friday evening care group has increased in size with a few university students have joining us while we are studying 'Don't waste your life' by John Piper.

'EXALT', the youth group for our local church (BBCF), was inaugurated and the first session on 'Social Networking' was well attended.

Gautam's work and preparation as part of the Exalt Leadership Team was much appreciated by the church leadership and the youth themselves. Please pray for the Exalt leadership team members – Andrew, Gautam, Namgyal and Mathiudin. We have received some really helpful feedback but it is going to be difficult to

Church Mission Society 2011 Box Collection

Could those of you who have Church Mission Society collecting boxes please return them to Trish Conder, either in church, or ring 820927.

get the whole team to focus again on Exalt as BBCF hosted the Word Conference for 500 pastors and leaders from North India which has been exhausting. The Speaker for the Word Conference was Rev Alistair Begg. We were encouraged to hear him preach at the Sunday service on the Romans 8:31-39 passage. Verse 31 has really blessed us: "... If God is for us who can be against us?"

Please continue to pray for Gautam as he gets better at reading, understanding and conversing in Hindi. The Hindi classes started in September and they are held three times a week in South Delhi (1½ hours away from home).

Gautam took a session on Time Management for staff training on October 30. The training was for staff across four DBS projects in the Dilshad Area and was attended by about twenty staff and, only in India would a time management course start late!

Sabrina has set up a new schedule and is working with the counsellors on the new curriculum material sent by Compassion as well as the individual sessions to help the children with the studies.

Sabrina has to travel quite a long distance to attend the Bible Study group as they are now meeting in South Delhi near a Bible College. We have started the next module on 'Worship and the Psalms'. There have been a few dropouts and four additions to the group. We have a new tutor (second change in tutors in a year) and we are now eight students in total. Please pray for the group to focus and study well and especially for the parishes of these pastors to be encouraging and supportive of their studies.

Felsted's Mr Bigg

And his brush with the Constable
by Robert Stone

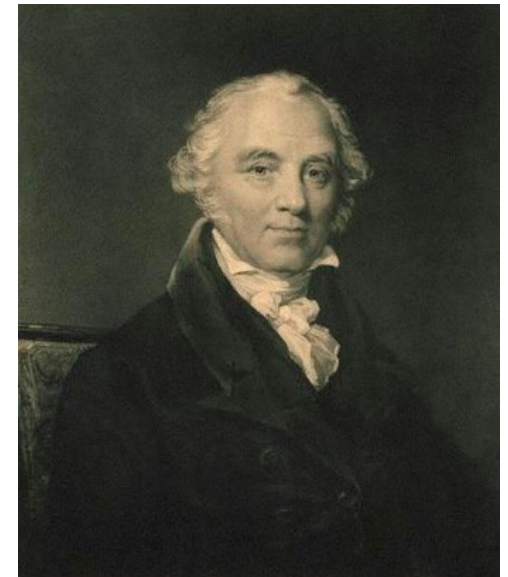
In 1749 newlyweds William Bigg and Grace Redmore settled in Felsted, where the groom's family had been established for over a century. In 1755 they took their first son William Redmore Bigg to be christened at Holy Cross Church. He was their third child, after daughters Elizabeth and Susanna. They had another five children Mary, Dorcas, Charlotte, Edward and Hannah.

But William Redmore Bigg was destined for greatness and fortune smiled on the young man who in 1778 was enrolled as a student at the Royal Academy of Art, then a relatively new establishment. Within two years William was exhibiting works at the Royal Academy Exhibitions. Many of his works were portrayals of rural life and of Essex scenes for example in 1786 he exhibited his picture of the Lodge and Gateway at Audley End, which also included the gatekeeper and his family.

In 1787 he became an associate of the Royal Academy, and whilst he would have resided in London he undoubtedly



An example of WR Bigg's art.



maintained his association with North Essex, and many of his paintings include descriptions such as "near Colchester." It was not until 1814 that William was elected to full membership of the Royal Academy. These events are recorded in the diary of fellow academician Joseph Farrington who also records that William was a friend of John Constable. Constable was twenty years younger than Bigg, only becoming a student at the Royal Academy in 1800, but with his interest in depicting rural scenes in North Essex may well have admired the work of Bigg and sought out his advice.

C.R. Leslie RA another of Bigg's younger contemporaries who painted his portrait said of him "I thought him an admirable specimen both in look and manner of an old-fashioned gentleman – a more amiable man never existed.

Source material:

"An artist from Felsted" by Eileen Brock. Essex Countryside Magazine, April 1981. National Portrait Gallery Website.

School Report

Music at Felsted Primary

by Lawrence Garside, Head Teacher



Music plays a big part in the curriculum at Felsted Primary. Each class has a music lesson taught by a specialist music

teacher once a week. There are also lots of extra-curricular opportunities in which the children have the opportunity to take part. These range from recorder classes, guitar and keyboard tuition to orchestra and choir.

Andrew Beaton delivers keyboard lessons at the school and also teaches the orchestra who play in Friday assemblies and often entertain at parents' evenings and other after school events.

Linda Richards, who has been our specialist music teacher for many years at the school, has unfortunately had to stop teaching the pupils because of her ill health. Linda will be a big miss as her infectious enthusiasm for music



encouraged many children in the school to participate and reach high standards. Close contacts were maintained with ex-pupils who often came to share their developing skills with the primary pupils. Linda also enabled our children to participate in community events such as Christmas Cracker which our children enjoy immensely.

Linda organised our Christmas events; the choir took part in the aforementioned Christmas Cracker Concert and the whole of Key Stage 2 thrilled their parents and friends of the school during our Victorian Carol Concert. Linda was given a very special send off by the whole school with a lovely farewell concert, with many of our former pupils returning to join in the singing and playing pieces on a variety of instruments. It is a testament to the esteem with which the school community regards Mrs Richards that a great deal of free time was given by the pupils and staff to prepare the concert.

Mr Chapman is taking over the role of music teacher for the time being and we are determined to continue the high standards set by Mrs Richards.



Felsted
Preparatory School

Police and School Partnership to Ease Congestion

A recent Neighbourhood Action Panel discussed the traffic issues along Braintree Road during school arrival and departure times. This was discussed at length and Chris Townsend, the Deputy Headmaster at Felsted School, is keen to work with the Police and community to ease parking and traffic issues and has highlighted the following actions being taken by the school to ease congestion:

- Additional staff parking is being provided to free up additional parking space on the school site to keep some parents from stopping on the road.
- The new pre-prep unit opening in September will have a car park designed to prevent parents having to stop in the road before taking children into school.
- Car park attendants will continue to work in the prep school, and will try to enforce the a no right turn policy from the car park that can lead to jams

- Parents have been contacted by e-mail to remind them of the issues that can be caused when not taking proper consideration for other road users.

However, particular dates, normally at the beginning and end of school breaks, will still be very busy:

- Friday 18th February - 4pm
- Monday 28th February - 8am
- Friday 1st April - midday onwards
- Wednesday 27th April - 8am
- Friday 27th may - 4pm
- Monday 6th June - 8am
- Friday 1st July - all day (speech day and end of term)

This should be help give an indication of dates to avoid the village centre, or at least allow extra time.

If there are any queries or if we can assist with any other police community issues please contact me on 07779 085 616 or the Essex Police Non-Emergency Number 0300 333 4444 or at angela.greneski@essex.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Angi Greneski
Felsted and Stebbing Neighbourhood Policing Team

The mouths of babes



Felsted Garden Club

Our monthly meeting at the United Reformed Church Hall on Thursday 17th February starts at 8 pm. Bill Bossom has kindly agreed to speak to us about....

“My World of Roses in Colour”

Bill is a Royal National Roses Society accredited judge and he is also an area representative.

A character-full man who some of you may remember from a few years back – who you might say ‘knows his stuff’, so if you have issues or specific questions about roses, this is a great opportunity to do so!

The Garden in February...



By February, as the cold winter days begin to lengthen, we should be getting seed potatoes in trays and throwing away tubers or seed that are diseased. In a dry spell we may get some onion sets into prepared ground, and consider sowing leek seed if a mild spell coincides with a dry-ish weekend. I’ve a suspicion these kitchen garden tasks may slip into March.



An old garden diary reminds me that pruning clematis jackmani, buddleia and some of the grandiflora hydrangeas should be considered in this early spring period.

As I write we’ve had a couple of days of heavy rain, which means things are, well, quite boggy in places. Some weather notes from Writtle just through have indicated the mean daily temperature in December at 0C, which is 5C below the thirty year average. Some might say we were fortunate to have snow cover for the worst of those frosts.

Later this month you start to feel spring may not be too far around the corner.

The crocus is the first to bloom
While winter’s icy frosts hold sway
Fooling you that spring comes soon
Even though it’s ages away.....

Hey ho, do enjoy your gardens in late winter!

Judy & Jamie Mackay (820483)
Coral Sach – Secretary (820574)

EVENTS PAGES



Coffee Mornings

in Holy Cross Church

Held on the first Saturday of every month between 10 a.m. and 12 noon

The next date is 5th February

Everyone very welcome

at Bings Hall

On the second Thursday of each month at 10.30am-11.30am.

The next date is 10th February

All welcome for a chat, beverages and homemade cake.

Any queries, then call Maggie on: 01371 820544

at Abbeyfield House

On the last Wednesday of each month

The next date is 23rd February

at 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Everyone Welcome

FELSTED IN STITCHES

We are meeting in The Riche Chapel
Between 10 am and 1 pm on:

Saturday 5th February
Thursday 10th February
Thursday 24th February
Tuesday 1st March
Monday 7th March

All are welcome.



Felsted Toddler Group



Opening Times:

Thursday and Friday,
from 9:30am until 11:00am

Location: URC Hall,
Stebbing Road, Felsted

Cost: £1.70 per family

Come along for a chat with other grown ups while your little ones have a play. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits provided.

We also organise events from time to time throughout the year. More details can be found on our website www.felstedtoddlergroup.co.uk.

Abbeyfield Bridge Tea Wednesday, 16th February 2011

I am sure all you bridge players will have the date for our annual bridge tea in your diaries. It is now time to book your place.

Our bridge afternoon starts at 1.30 pm for 1.45 pm in the Royal British Legion Hall, Felsted and costs £8 per player, to be paid at the door. (Right money is appreciated!)

Please contact me by Monday,
7th February if you would like to join us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Barbara Payne
01371 821077

Abbeyfield
Where older people find care in housing

Watch & Wonder

Disney • PIXAR
TOY STORY 3

Date (in March) and Venue to be announced!
More information at www.felstedchurch.org.uk

Come along to enjoy the film and think about the messages within the story

For more information contact
Mark Windsor tel: 01371 821996
e-mail: markwindsor923@btinternet.com



FELSTED DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

A MEMBER SOCIETY OF



Wednesday February 23rd

**‘LAURA ASHLEY: THE WOMAN WHO CHANGED
THE WAY WE THOUGHT ABOUT HOUSES
AND CLOTHES IN THE 1970’s’**

Anna Sebba

Tea/coffee will be served from 2:00pm, followed by the lecture at 2:30pm.

Venue: GREAT SALING MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL

Please Contact Sheila Hasler Publicity Officer, 01245 440124 , for details.
Further information Mrs Jeannette Avery, Membership Secretary, 01787 377587

WIZZ KIDS IN WINTER

Wizz Kids is a holiday club for Primary School children in Reception to Year 6. It has been run by Felsted church for more than 15 years.

We will be running a typical Wizz Kids' session for Primary School children in Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday 23rd February 2011 at Felsted Primary School from 1pm until 4pm followed by tea & cakes for all

STORIES,

SONGS,

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ACTIVITIES,

FUN &

GAMES



For further details contact:
Sue Kelly, Tel: 01371 823100
E-mail: sue.kelly@davies-group.com
Or see our website:
www.wizz4kids.com

ST CLARE HOSPICE

What do you want for your Birthday?

Many people are now choosing to support a charity when celebrating a special occasion; a birthday, Christmas, an anniversary, wedding, or retirement.

Over the past 3 years, St Clare Hospice has been lucky enough to receive over £12,000 as a result of "in celebration giving" where guests have chosen to donate to St Clare instead of giving gifts.

Celebration Giving



The idea behind In Celebration Giving is a simple one - get your friends, relatives and colleagues together, have a good time, and raise lots of money for a charity of your choice.

If it's your special occasion and you'd like to support a charity, you could set up your own personal Just Giving web page and allow friends and family to donate online. Here at St Clare Hospice we keep a tally of how much is raised in your honour and will send you a final total a few weeks after your special day.

If you are interested in finding out more about In Celebration Giving please call us at St Clare Hospice on 01279 773 750 or email: fund@stclarehospice.org.uk.

 Help us help others

Fifty Years of Support Celebrated at the United Reformed Church

On 12th December the church celebrated 50 years of donating Christmas presents to Braintree Mencap. It was also the church's annual Gift Sunday and, as this year's nominated charity, a cheque for £435 was also given. As a token of thanks for 50 years of support, a handmade pottery cottage was given to the church in appreciation.

Mr Peter Brown of Mencap told of the beginnings of the Braintree branch and the trials of bringing up children with learning difficulties at that time. They were looking for knowledge and understanding and they found it at this church. They

remember the children of the Sunday School and Girl's Brigade lining up to bring gifts for them at Christmastime. So much has changed since then but the United Reformed Church are still providing gifts.

In his Address, Rev. David Vincent reminded us of the ordinariness of Mary, the mother of Jesus and that the Angel had said the Child shall be called Immanuel - God with us. The birth was announced first to shepherds, not highly regarded in that society. Jesus spent most of His life among ordinary people and outcasts. Rev. Vincent said that Christmas is God with us - the ordinary folk.

left to right: Peter Brown of Mencap, Alan Hale & Rev. David Vincent - URC, Carol Fenton of Mencap.



2010 at the Unofficial Felsted Recycling Centre

We would like to thank everybody who has supported us in 2010 by donating their unwanted items. Everything received has either been passed on directly to a charity or sold to raise funds for a charity.

As in previous years, the main beneficiary has been Felsted Aid for Deprived Children. Many items donated have been taken to the Revival Centre in Ukraine. However, during 2010, as in 2009, we have also raised over £200 for them, to help them with costs such as fuel for their vans.

The Essex charity, St Clare Hospice, has also raised over £50 by selling items we passed on to their Dunmow shop.

We continue to pass on hand-tools and other items such as sewing machines to the charity, Workaid, who refurbish them and send them to developing countries to help people become self-sufficient.

Several more collections of candles have been passed on to the charity Faith in Action, to be sent to villages in equatorial Africa where there is no electricity. However, we have recently learnt that they are discontinuing this activity, so no more candles, thank you!

Nevertheless, we can usually "find another home" for anything you no longer want, so please let us assist you when you are having a clear-out. As well as recovering storage space for yourselves, you will be helping us to support a charity.

John & Christine Middleton
01371 821056

Felsted Book Sales for Charity and Community

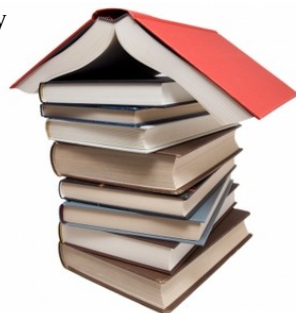
The detailed planning for our Book Sale on Saturday 9th April is progressing smoothly! Three large donations of books have already arrived! We do desperately want 3 or 4 wooden pallets on which to store the books. If you have one lying around your garden or in your garage that you no longer need please let me know!

The Sale will be in the Felsted Memorial Hall and the proceeds will be shared between Felsted Aid for Deprived Children, the RBL Poppy Appeal, the development project at Holy Cross and Braintree Mencap.

Stock for the sales is now being accepted so if you need to de-clutter your book shelves, or if you are having the sad task of clearing out a family home or if you are moving yourself then we will gladly take unwanted books and sell them for our range of very good causes. Books can be brought to 2 The Manse, Braintree Road (our door is at the back of the house facing into the URC Car Park) at reasonable hours or they can be collected if you ring me on 820452.

If you would like to help with the sales either with setting up on the evening before or at the sale let me know and I will add you to my mailing list!

David Gregory



The Felsted Census

By John Drury

In April 2011 we will all be completing our national census forms which is a ten year survey of everyone in the country listing addresses, ages, place of birth and much more. When the information is available later on in the year the only data that can be accessed is total population for a community and little else.

The last time that detailed data was available was in 2001 when the complete census information for Felsted in 1901 was published. Detailed census data is not available for 100 years. The 1911 census data was however made available a little early. Some years ago I extracted all the 1901 data for Felsted which listed every house in the parish, their occupants, ages and place of birth.

Our population in 1901 was 1453 which has more than doubled in the last 100 years. The total number of properties was 352 with half of them having less than five rooms. The majority of the parish, including all the Greens, was mainly cottages of the two up two down variety. Of the 326 inhabited properties the top of the league tables looks like this.

Village centre and Stebbing Road	116
Bannister Green	39
Hartford End	24
Causeway End	23
At the bottom:	
Watch House Green	5
Milch Hill	4

It is surprising that Hartford End beat many of the established other Greens that we have today. At the other end Watch House Green only had five properties in 1901. The average household size in 1901 was 4.2 persons with many families

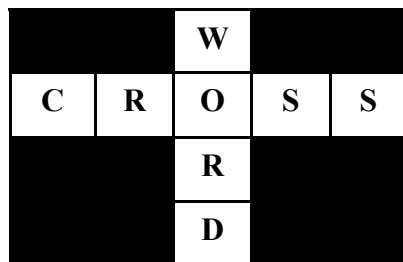
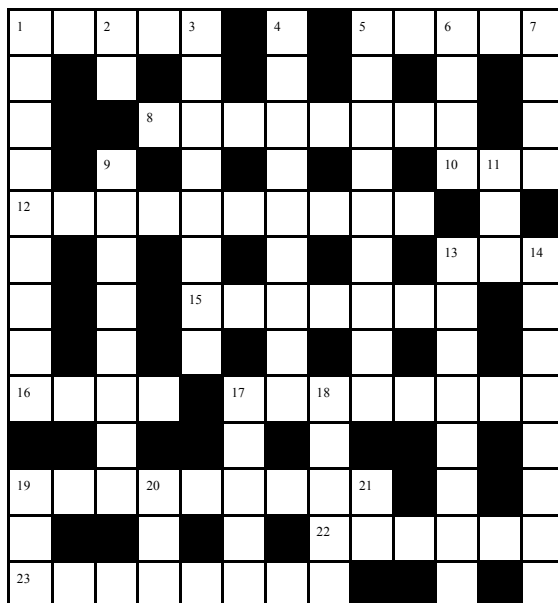
having six or seven children. The maximum was nine children who lived where Linsells is today and was a grocers and draper shop where the Brewer family lived. Sydney was the eldest child aged 20 going down to Norman aged six. Over fourteen years therefore Elizabeth Brewer had nine children.

There may have been two enumerators but one of them was Ernest Hicks who ran the cycle shop where the estate agent is today. In 1901 Mr Ernest Hick was 23 and lived with his parents in the "Old Post Office" in the Chelmsford Road. Mr Hicks then moved to the Bell Inn in 1910 when the pub closed and established Hicks Brothers Garage which eventually became Woodley's Garage.

One of the problems I had was identifying the properties from the census information. In those days people did not receive much, if any, post and consequently houses were not numbered. Fortunately Mr Hicks was quite methodical in his walk round the village with the returns and it is fairly easy to locate properties which are only described as being "Village" or "Bannister Green" for example.

Felsted Place in the Chelmsford Road was occupied by Alfred Scrivener aged 35 with his wife Lillian, their child Hilda aged five and a domestic servant Ethel Savill aged 17.

Now that the 1911 census data has been released I will have to see how Felsted changed over the ten year period.



ACROSS

- 1 Russian currency (5)
- 5 Vehicles (5)
- 8 Love stories (8)
- 10 Droop (3)
- 12 Best guess (10)
- 13 Frozen water (3)
- 15 Ointment (7)
- 16 Female pigs (4)
- 17 Sewage pit (8)
- 19 Girl's love (9)
- 22 Small beard (6)
- 23 Kind and giving (8)

DOWN

- 1 Makes again (9)
- 2 Exist (2)
- 3 Huge (8)
- 4 Love's sorrow (9)
- 5 Small fishes (9)
- 6 Throw (4)
- 7 Male deer (4)
- 9 Hide on ship (8)
- 11 Curve (3)
- 13 Employ new idea (8)
- 14 Worker (8)
- 17 Material for khaki uniform (5)
- 18 Uses voice for music (5)
- 19 Not small (3)
- 20 Enemy (3)
- 21 Event (2)

By popular demand answers have been provided on page 24.

Parish Registers for December



Baptisms & Thanksgiving - Felsted

12th December	Millie Anne Espie
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Weddings and Blessings - Felsted

10th December	Lee Jamie Summers & Colette Eve Erlam
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Funerals - Felsted

15th December	Salena Naomi German
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Felsted 'Big Clean Up'

Uttlesford District Council is coordinating a Big Clean Up on the weekend 4th, 5th and 6th March.

Felsted Parish Council will be part of this and we have asked for additional picker sticks to add to our stock. Felsted is a large village to cover and we are looking for 5 Team Leaders to each take responsibility for an area and then to approach volunteers to join their team.

The suggested areas are:

Felsted Village: Station Road, Mill Road, Car Park, Church Yard, Stebbing Road, Garnett's Lane, Braintree Road (as far as Chaffix Farm), Jollyboys Lane North, Playing Field, Memorial Hall Car Park, Chelmsford Road (as far as Jollyboys Lane South) and Jolly Boys Lane South.

Watch House Green: Braintree Road (from Chaffix Farm to the bridge over the A120), Watch House Green, Oxney Villas, Ravens Crescent, Ravens Crescent Play Area and Rayne Road (as far as Westbrook).

Bannister Green Area: Rayne Road (from Westbrook to Pyes Bridge), Cressages, Stevens Lane, The Copse, Bannister Green, the road from Bannister Green as far as Cock Green).

Crix, Bartholomew and Willow Greens: Rayne Road (from Pyes Bridge to Crix Green), the Bartholomew and Crix Green triangle, School Road to Parish Boundary, Milch Hill, Main Road to Parish



Boundary, Evelyn Road, Molehill Green Road and Hollow Road.

The Rest! Causeway End and Chelmsford Road (from Jolly Boys Lane South as far as the old Brewery at Hartford End), Causeway End Road, Cobblers Green, Cock Green (and on as far as Leighs Lodge), the lane from Leighs Lodge to Leez Priory, Leez Lane.

If you are willing to be a Team Leader, or just willing to help please let tell Peter Watson (our Parish Clerk) or Parish Councillor David Gregory (820452)

Thank You!

Village Flowers

Once again somebody has decided that the tubs and troughs of flowers in our village would look better upside-down.

A lot of volunteers spend a great deal of their time tending these flowers which receive very favourable comments from visitors and residents. Let us hope this is the last time that this vandalism occurs. David Dempsey

The Natural World

by Graham Geen

As I write this we are just coming to the end of the coldest December for over 100 years, following on from the most significant November snowfall in 45 years. Such an unprecedented start to winter is, of course, a real challenge for wildlife that is active at this time of year. However I doubt whether the cold experienced thus far has caused significant extra mortality, except for birds relying on unfrozen lakes and ponds, those living on soil invertebrates and the few species that are insectivorous throughout the year. For the majority of birds and mammals late autumn and early winter are times of plenty and even after a more than a month of extreme cold there are plenty of uneaten berries in the hedgerows.



Blue Tit on Feeder

Nevertheless snowy weather tests strategies for survival to the full, and adaptable, opportunistic species generally do best in these circumstances. Birds enter gardens to take advantage of foods supplied by man, in cold weather they lose more weight overnight in maintaining their body temperature and hence need to

find additional food during the day. This brings exciting bird-watching opportunities, with species such as Redwings and Fieldfares forced to abandon frozen fields in favour of fruit and berries. Other species seen less often in gardens may appear, particularly those favouring marshes such as Moorhens, Snipe and occasionally Woodcock and Water Rails.

One exotic visitor which is here in large numbers this winter is the Waxwing. This cinnamon coloured crested bird is an irruptive visitor from the forests of Scandinavia, and feeds almost exclusively on berries in winter. Their profile in flight is very similar to that of a Starling, but once perched their striking beauty is evident. I had the great pleasure of eating my Christmas dinner whilst looking through the window at a party of eight in a Felsted garden; what a Christmas present!



Waxwing

District Councillors' Report

Fritch Green

Sir Alan Haselhurst MP has had no response yet from Enodis after the December meeting in the Houses of Parliament. This has made him even more determined to bring up the unfair power of companies like Enodis as a test case in Parliament.

Sir Alan has also spoken to Mr. Michael Gove, the Education Minister, about the fact that the E.C.C. has stopped the building of the Montessori School. Mr. Gove has arranged that the money will be released for the building to continue.

Fritch Green Primary School will become an Academy School on 1st February 2011.

Felsted Church Extension

The application for this came up before the Development Control Committee, with a site visit on the morning of Wednesday 12th January 2011. The Officers recommend refusal, and a close vote of the committee, confirmed this. The Vicar, the District Councillor and the Chairman of the Parish Council were among the speakers who were in favour of the extension.



Elizabeth
Bellingham-Smith



and
Ryan Sherer

Felsted Amblers



We had good walks on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The Boxing Day walk was over snow covered fields but by the New Year we back to grassy footpaths as usual. The picture shows the walkers on New Year's Day as well as two well behaved dogs. Well behaved dogs on a lead are always welcome.

Our next walk will be on Easter Monday and then a number of walks on evenings in the summer.

Look out for details in this magazine.

David Dempsey
Brian Grimshaw



Felsted Youth Club

(For 10 – 17 year olds)

There was a rumour going around that we wouldn't have the Youth Club on 7th January because of the pouring rain. That didn't stop 81 children coming along to socialise with their friends after the Christmas break. We were really pleased that two mums stayed to help out, especially as they then offered to help on a regular basis.

We borrowed a Juke Box for the evening for a trial run. The music, with videos, generated considerable interest (from the young and less young). We are now in negotiations with the manufacturer to settle on a price the Club can afford.

The next Club night is on

Friday 4th February,

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm, Memorial Hall

Entrance is £1, plus optional tuck money

NEXT MONTH

All our regular items.

Was Life Sweeter Then?

A look back at the days of Felsted Sugar Beet Factory from an article in The Essex Countryside Magazine from 1964

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Registration forms to be returned please, if not done so already.

Dates for the rest of 2011 are:-

4th March
1st April
6th May
3rd June
1st July
12th August
2nd September
7th October
4th November
2nd December

Parents are always welcome to stay and help, even on a rota basis.

For more information, please contact:-

Christine Mabb (01371 821389), or
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CrossWord Answers

ACROSS

1 Ruble
5 Autos
8 Romances
10 Sag
12 Estimation
13 Ice
15 Unction
16 Sows
17 Cesspool
19 Boyfriend
22 Goatee
23 Generous

DOWN

1 Recreates
2 Be
3 Enormous
4 Heartache
5 Anchovies
6 Toss
7 Stag
9 Stowaway
11 Arc
13 Innovate
14 Employee
17 Chino
18 Sings
19 Big
20 Foe
21 Do

Sweet-Peas and Sweeping

February	Flower Arranging Rota	Cleaning Rota
6th	Lynette Watkin	Tony & Di Baker
13th	Susan Vernon	Sue King & Ruth Jenkinson
20th	Christine Ball	Edward & Trish Conder
27th	Frances Clarke	Alison Moore & Carol Cheetham
6th March	Frances Clarke	Robin & Gill Smylie

And finally....

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country.

But it, too, seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: if I had only changed myself first, then by example I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world.

Words written on
the tomb of an
Anglican Bishop,
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