



December
2017

NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Christmas Wishes from the Town Mayor



Well things have moved at such a pace this year! In little over a month I have held my first three Charity fundraising events - the Pig Race, Bombay Bash and Soul Nite. We raised an excellent amount of money for the charities and it has been a great start. Nearly 600 people attended the three events and I am very appreciative of their support. There was a record attendance at this year's Fireworks Spectacular at the Football Ground - 4,600 people - what a crowd! It was a great display and a fantastic event on a cold but dry November evening. During October I had the pleasure of being present at the opening of the new Pierhead building. Again it was a superb day and what a great new venue it is for the town - well done to all those involved.

It was also a sad time as we said farewell to the Town Crier, Jim Wearne, who passed away recently. He was a lovely guy who lead the Carnival for many years. Jim, you will be missed.

Remembrance Day came round quickly and again was extremely well attended on a very poignant day.

In my first, and potentially only, Mayoral year I want to make sure that we do as much as we can on and around Christmas Day. So, we have 14 homes to visit between 21st and 25th December, various Carol Services, the Ice Rink between 20th - 23rd December, then on Christmas Day itself I am actually participating in the St. Elizabeth Hospice 'Christmas Day Dip'. We will be out and about all day on Christmas Day at various venues and to be honest I am really looking forward to it.

I am sure you will agree that Felixstowe has had a great 2017. Thank you all for doing 'your bit' in supporting our fantastic Town. Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

Cllr Nick Barber
Mayor of Felixstowe 2017 - 18

If you would like the Mayor to attend a function in Felixstowe, or to simply ask him a question, please contact mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk

Mayor's Charity Events for 2018

Thursday 25th January - Mayor's Charity Quiz Night at St John's Hall.

Monday 5th February - Mayor's Charity Curry Night at Bombay Nite Indian Restaurant.

Tuesday 13th March - Medium Night with Ryan Gooding at 7.30pm at The Orwell Hotel.

Friday 27th April - Mayor's Charity Ball at The Orwell Hotel.

For further information/tickets contact Lorna Monsen on 01394 288193 or email: lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk

NEW Armed Forces Weekend Grant

In conjunction with Suffolk Coastal District Council and others who supported the 2017 Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend event, the Town Council has set up a new fund for Armed Forces related projects.

The opportunity has arisen as a legacy of the event whereby remaining funds, totalling over £10,000, have been set aside to support military-related charities and not-for-profit organisations with projects that seek to benefit Armed Forces personnel, their families, veterans and cadet organisations that live, are stationed or operate in the Felixstowe and the Suffolk Coastal District area. Help is also available for WWI centenary events in 2018.

If you have a project or know an organisation that could benefit, please telephone 01394 282086 or visit our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk/council-services/grants

Felixstowe Town Council is GOLD!



The Town Council was proud to become the first of 424 local councils in Suffolk to receive the highest level award - Quality Gold - in the Local Councils Award Scheme, demonstrating that the council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development.

The council was presented with the certificate on 8th November, joining a select group of fewer than 40 out of more than 9,000 town and parish councils in England.

Local Plan

The Town Council recently responded to Suffolk Council District Council's Local Plan Review Issues & Options Consultation and a copy of this is available on our website. We welcomed the opportunity to help the District Council plan for the future of Felixstowe as a successful, vibrant, attractive town and a place where people want to live, work, study and visit. At its core the Town Council's response seeks to ensure that any development of the town also brings the necessary infrastructure to support its growing community.

Cycling on the Prom

Now the year-long trial has ended, the Town Council has recommended that Suffolk Coastal District Council should allow cycling on the prom to continue on a permanent shared space basis. All users are expected to use the prom with consideration for others. Thank you to everybody who responded during the consultation.



EVENTS

This Christmas we have a series of great events including:

The Official Christmas Lights Switch-On and Craft Market
Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 5pm. This fantastic event is organised by Felixstowe Lions Club and supported by Felixstowe Town Council. The Lights will be switched on by the Mayor of Felixstowe from the event stage at the Triangle, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe. Santa's Grotto, carol singing and live entertainment takes place throughout the afternoon. The Children's Candlelight Parade (starting at 4.40pm) leads up to the Christmas lights switch-on. Admission is free.

Christmas on Ice

Wednesday 20th - 23rd December from 11am to 7pm. The Town Council is bringing back the synthetic ice rink outside the East of England Co-op at Great Eastern Square again this year. Come along to the opening by the Mayor at 11am on Wednesday 20th December. Low cost rides for smaller children and refreshments will also be available. Thanks to sponsorship from the East of England Co-op, residents and visitors will be able to skate for FREE! Skates are provided too so you only need to turn up to have a go. Being here for 4 days means everybody will get a chance to skate, but your time on the rink may be limited if it gets particularly busy.

Events in Felixstowe

A full list of events for December and January can be found via www.visitfelixstowe.co.uk or www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe

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WHEN WE MEET

Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees are held at Felixstowe Town Hall and are open to the public - feel free to come along. There is a public session at the start of each meeting so that you can ask questions on Felixstowe related matters.

Forthcoming meetings:

Planning & Environment: 13th December 2017, 9.15am
Civic & Community: 13th December 2017, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 10th January 2018, 9.15am
Full Council: 10th January 2018, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 24th January 2018, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 24th January 2018, 7.30pm
Assets & Services: 31st January 2018, 7.30pm

WHAT WE DO...

Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments • Felixstowe in Flower • Cemetery • Broadway House and Walton Community Hall • Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings
- Youth Forum • Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
- Grant Support to Local Organisations

Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications • Libraries
- Highways matters/transport issues • Safer neighbourhoods
- Felixstowe Forward • Twinning • Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

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We want to hear your views...

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