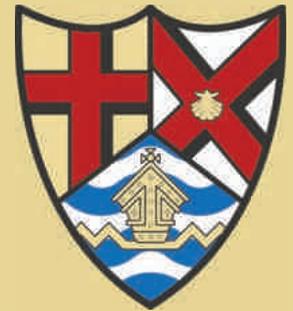


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Welcome to the winter edition...



It has been a busy time for everyone at the Town Council and throughout the community – as evidenced by the number of Mayoral duties I have been involved with recently! I was proud to lay a wreath on behalf of the town on Remembrance Sunday during our well supported commemorations in November.

“We will Remember Them” clearly means more to Felixstowe than the annual two-minutes and the Town Council works closely with the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion to ensure the loss to our community is never forgotten. I’m sure you will have seen the very poignant signs we produced listing the residents we lost from those streets around the town. A big thanks to Cllr Darren Aitchison, the volunteers, sponsors and town hall staff who made this happen.

During this countdown to Christmas a full programme of festive events is well underway. It was great to ‘Shine a Light on Walton’ for the first time this year and be part of the switch on event there - a superb example of a community working together to achieve something special. The town centre Christmas Light Switch On the following weekend was as popular as ever too and our thanks to the Lions Club for once again putting on this excellent event on behalf of the Town Council.

I am very much looking forward to opening the

Ice Rink on Great Eastern Square on Friday 20th December at 11.00am, please do come along and join us. Thanks to East of England Co-op for sponsoring the rink and to East Suffolk Council for permitting free parking in the town centre car parks from 10am-2pm that day.

For many of us Christmas involves relaxing with family and sharing gifts (and perhaps falling asleep on the sofa after a big dinner). In recent years I have been privileged to see just some of the many other things Christmas means to this town. In the run up to Christmas Day I will visit all our care homes and cram in as much as I can. Christmas Day itself will begin with my taking part in St. Elizabeth’s Hospice’s Dip, followed by a visit to our local hospital (hopefully unrelated to my dip in the sea!), serving lunch with the Salvation Army and then visiting another care home.

The care and love shown by our community is on display throughout all these events and it is wonderful to see. Christmas is very much a time to put a smile on people’s faces and we must always remember those that are less fortunate than us – giving someone your time and kindness can be the most generous gift of all.

We then all look forward to 2020 – but never forget the past. At the Flood Memorial on Langer Road on 31st January we will mark 67 years since the 1953 flood which claimed so many local lives. In February I will be in Wesel to commemorate the 75th anniversary of their town’s devastation in the second world war.

It is a privilege to serve this wonderful place as your Mayor, please continue to support Felixstowe however you can.

Finally, whatever you are doing over the festive period, please enjoy it, be safe and a prosperous 2020 to you all.

Councillor Nick Barber
Mayor of Felixstowe 2019/20

Mayor’s Charities

The Mayor is supporting two local charities this year:



Felixstowe Area Community Transport Service - FACTS

Established in 1990, FACTS are a Community Transport Operator serving the local community of Felixstowe and the surrounding area. They cater for more than 1500 regular users each month.



Felixstowe Carnival Association is a local charity, who with a small dedicated committee arrange and put on an annual Carnival for the benefit of the inhabitants of Felixstowe and visitors to the area. Each year we organise a procession through the town and then entertainment free to all at the current location on the seafront, ranging from live music on our main stage, craft fair, family entertainment area and fireworks to complete the weekend.

Show your support for the Mayor’s charities and attend one or more of the fundraising events below...

18th January 2020	Quiz night	For further info and tickets please contact the Mayor’s Secretary, Lorna Monsen on 01394 288193 or email Lorna.Monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk
10th February 2020	Curry Night	
16th March 2020	Ryan Gooding Medium Night	
1st May 2020	Mayors Charity Ball	
7th May 2020	VE Day Tea Dance	

Your Magazine

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Felixstowe area. If your group would like to submit an article for consideration in the next quarterly edition (Spring, covering March 2020-June 2020) send it via email to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by Friday 14th February. If possible, include hi-res images/photos and your group’s logo. You don’t have to send a fully-written article – bullet points or a few notes are fine to help point us in the right direction – but it must be no longer than 250 words.

We will aim to cover many different articles from issue to issue and will seek to offer a fair and equal representation for community groups throughout the town. Sometimes articles may have to be edited, shortened or dropped altogether.

Advertising

Limited advertising space will be available in future editions to support the cost of publication, with priority given to local, reputable businesses.

Call 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk for prices and to book your ad.

Cover photo by Stephen Rampley

Getting in Touch

Christmas Opening Hours

Please note that the Town Hall will be closed to the public from Monday 23rd December 2019 and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Drop in to the Town Hall or call us during office hours (9am-4pm, Mon-Fri) – or email us at any time. We’d love to hear from you.

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Who do I talk to about.....?

With three tiers of local government in Suffolk it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about local matters or a particular service.

This brief list outlines some of the key areas covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.



Felixstowe Town Council is the council closest to its residents and is responsible for:

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Awarding grants to support local community group and charities
- Remembrance events in conjunction with the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion
- The upkeep of Felixstowe's War and Flood memorials
- Felixstowe's Community Emergency Plan
- Felixstowe in Flower floral basket scheme and competitions
- Floral bedding at the Triangle and seafront
- The locally funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Supporting the provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators
- Felixstowe Town Hall – the administrative home of the Town Council, a local base for partner community services such as the Suffolk County Council Registrar, Felixstowe Forward and the Timebank, open to the public for meetings and a popular wedding venue
- Broadway House – the home of Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (FOPWA)
- Walton Community Hall – available for private and community hire
- Allotment sites at Cowpasture, Ferry Road, Railway Hill and Taunton Road
- Felixstowe Cemetery and its Gardens of Rest
- The Felixstowe Civic Awards scheme to recognise our local community heroes
- Supporting the town's twinning and

partnership arrangements with the German towns of Wesel and Salzwedel

- Felixstowe Youth Forum
- Funding the Christmas Lights (supported by the Lions Club of Felixstowe)
- Providing the Christmas Ice Rink (sponsored by the East of England Coop)
- Annual funding contribution to key local service providers including Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service, Level Two Youth Project, Felixstowe Forward, Citizens' Advice and the Landguard Partnership
- Making representations on local planning applications, strategic plans and consultations
- Representing the community at around 20 outside bodies, organisations and partnerships affecting many aspects of life in Felixstowe

Call 01394 282086 or visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk



East Suffolk Council provide a range of regulatory and community services across the whole of the East Suffolk district and is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Local planning and building regulations
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Benefits
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning

- Housing needs
- Maintaining the resort of Felixstowe and the provision of beach huts
- Maintenance of Felixstowe's public parks, open spaces and play areas (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Public car parks (note: currently the police are the only on-street parking enforcement authority)
- Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
- Leisure services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)

Call 0333 016 2000 or visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk County Council is the top tier of local government,

providing services on a county-wide basis and is responsible for:

- Highways (except motorways and major A roads which are the responsibility of Highways England)
- Education and Libraries
- Social services
- Trading standards
- Public transport
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registry of births, deaths and marriages
- Most street lighting, pavements, rights of way, footpaths and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering
- Fire and rescue services
- Waste and Recycling centres

Call 0345 606 6067 or visit www.suffolk.gov.uk

Get your skates on...Ice Rink opens Friday 20th December at 11am!

Come along to Great Eastern Square to enjoy a skate on our Christmas Ice Rink. Thanks to the Town Council, and sponsorship from the East of England Cooperative, members of the public will be able to use the synthetic ice rink for free, with skates provided between 11am-7pm Friday 20th – Monday 23rd December (except Sunday 22nd between 10am-6pm).



A day in the life of a Memory Lane volunteer

by Tony Lazell

Memory Lane, the dementia support group opened at Salvation Army, Cobbold Road two years ago. I was delighted to be approached and asked if I might be interested in volunteering and it didn't take long for other volunteers to join.

So what is dementia all about? The Dementia Friends programme run by Alzheimer's Society promotes 5 key messages:

Dementia is not a natural part of ageing

Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain

Dementia is not just about losing your memory

It is possible to live well with dementia

There's more to the person than the dementia

Back to Memory Lane, and my role as the Facilitator. With the help of volunteers, we run the Friday group, to provide a good working relationship with all who attend and to ensure a warm welcome to professionals, visitors and the staff and volunteers at the Salvation Army.

My role when I think about, is possibly the easiest but equally, the most important.

On arriving at Memory Lane, my first job is to speak to the ladies in the reception and then go on into the main hall to welcome the volunteers. Brian is nearly always the first to arrive followed by Sue. Together we prepare for our members to arrive. Brian sorts out the tea trolley and Sue prepares for our guests to arrive while I record all the names of the attendees as they arrive.

Memory Lane focuses on activities and amongst our stock we have books, jigsaw puzzles, board games and knitted articles, items that members can use if they feel that it will help them, while being with us. A regular and favourite visitor is Victoria Chappel, from the Natural Help Clinic who offers hand and wrist massage.



Our guest slot, which usually lasts an hour can be anything from a talk, a demonstration to interactive music, games and crafts. Memory Lane has become a part of my life that is so rewarding and I can honestly say that we have yet to have a disappointing session. I have met and made new friends, had so many different experiences and loved our organised event days out. Thank you to all the volunteers who support Memory Lane: Sally Gallant, Sue Simmonds, Judith Mayhew, Brian Clarke, Sheila Harris, Pauline Lincoln, Sue (Gloria) Carton and the confectioner and cake maker Sarah Mace.

If you would like more information on Memory Lane or wish to volunteer please contact fxttaa@gmail.com

Felixstowe Fairtrade



Felixstowe has been a Fairtrade Town since 2009. *What is Fairtrade?* Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. Buying Fairtrade products ensures that they receive a fair price for their goods - and there is also a 'social premium' which goes towards providing community facilities, such as clean drinking water. Producers decide on projects democratically. Paying sustainable prices addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which can discriminate against the poorest, weakest producers.

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Lions Club of Felixstowe



Lisa with the Golden Spurtle -
Photo by James Ross

Lisa Williams of the Lions Club of Felixstowe fought off contestants from 11 countries to win the Golden Spurtle at the World Porridge Making Championship. This was the 26th year of the championship which is held in Carrbridge in the Scottish Highlands and the fourth time that Lisa had entered. The golden spurtle is named after the traditional implement used to stir the porridge

whilst it cooks. In the competition the porridge must be made using only the traditional ingredients of oatmeal, water and salt.

"I absolutely love the competition. From the moment you step into the village hall you are welcomed like family. It's hard to describe but from the flags and the tartan, to the people from the village who organise everything, the ladies who serve the porridge, the volunteers who wash up our equipment, the porridge parade, the bagpipes – it's just magical!"

Lisa runs Stennetts Community Café for adults with learning difficulties in Trimley St. Mary. By the time this comes through letter boxes, Light-Up Day will be over and the Christmas lights will be on. Although our labour is free, we still need to raise money towards the lights. If you would like to make a £5 donation, please text LIGHTS 5 to 70085. You can donate any amount up to a maximum of £20 by replacing the 5 in LIGHTS 5 by the amount you wish to donate in whole £'s. On the 18th September we held our annual golf competition at Alnesbourne Priory Golf Club. For the second year running the winners were The Ferry Boys. This year the chosen beneficiary was the East Anglian Air Ambulance. At our meeting on 4th November competition organiser Lion Peter Cooke presented a cheque for £500 to Kevin Sullivan representing the East Anglian Air Ambulance. On 13th October we once again presented our Model Exhibition at the Leisure Centre. The exhibition featured the hand-built steam engines of the Gauge One Model Railway Association, together with numerous other exhibits. We would like to thank all those who displayed their models and helped make it such a successful event.



Felixstowe Men's Shed

In September ten wooden locomotive and coach sets were given to the Ipswich Children's Hospice. These were designed by one of our members, he made a successful prototype and then a set of templates from which a total of over 400 pieces were crafted. Using his ingenuity he used a section of rolling pin for the boiler and slices from a garden fork handle for the wheels! Once assembled and painted our sign-writer added a unique smiley face to each loco.

We're currently making some Swift Boxes for Felixstowe Town Council to their supplied plans using wood sourced from a local business with any residue destined to be made into nesting boxes for other bird species.

Numerous other projects are underway, some for the community, others for Christmas sales to boost our funds and some personal projects.

Felixstowe Men's Shed welcomes new members, you must be over 18 years of age. We meet Tuesday and Thursday in the workshop at Felixstowe Museum from 10am to lunchtime.

Find us on Facebook.com/felixstowemensshed

We also welcome donations of good quality wood.

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Suffolk Choir Felixstowe Harmonies



Suffolk choir Felixstowe Harmonies has been celebrating success of its recent performance at the Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts in October.

Achieving distinction in the Choral Classes Felixstowe Harmonies has been invited back to perform at a special Gala Concert at Ipswich School on Sunday 26th April 2020. The ladies will also be presented with the Festival Adult Choir Champion Wightman Challenge Cup.

The Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts is for people of all ages and a wide range of abilities. Amateur musicians, singers, dancers and actors have the chance to perform in a friendly and supportive environment, with the constructive advice of a professional adjudicator.

The adjudicator commented on Felixstowe Harmonies' performance "You are a choir where balance and blending are important, there was considerable intensity and good dynamics, an enjoyable and polished performance".

If you love singing in 3 and 4 part harmony come along for a taster session, there are no auditions and everyone is welcome. Contact details and more about the choir and forthcoming concerts is listed on the choir website. www.felixstoweharmonies.co.uk



Protecting Golf in Felixstowe for Future Generations

Here at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club we have a fantastic project being planned for a new Clubhouse to ensure that Golf in the town continues for many years to come. Golf has been an integral part of the Felixstowe recreation scene since 1880 and today it forms a key leisure facility for local residents and visitors to our town.

Despite our best efforts, our current Clubhouse is not a welcoming environment for the local community and is under threat because of the spiralling costs to maintain this very old building which is now no longer fit for purpose. We need a new Clubhouse in order to safeguard the future of golf in Felixstowe into the 21st century and at the same time we would like to forge much closer links with the local community in order to make golf more accessible to everyone.

The new Clubhouse is a landscape led design that will feature a green roof and will be set into the natural slope of the area to ensure it has a low aspect that will blend in with the environment. It will be able to take full advantage of the outstanding views of the sea, River Deben and the countryside around us.

There will be a function room for members' events and for the public to hire. We will have a café with sea views and a sun terrace alongside a traditional public putting green. There will be a viewing platform giving information about the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and local points of interest. We also plan to have evening and weekend dining facilities open to everyone.

We will also be able to employ approximately 10 more staff and secure the 32 jobs currently held at the Club. After a very positive public consultation we are now at the stage of preparing a planning application. We hope you will support this important recreational facility so it can serve our residents for another 100 years and bring the healthy sport of golf to many more people, both young and old.

Rudolph and Santa Visit Again!



For well over forty years, Felixstowe, Walton, the Trimley villages and Kirton have enjoyed visits by Rudolph, Santa and his helpers, raising vital funds for Rotary charities and Save the Children. During December, teams of collectors accompany the sleigh through the streets on weekday evenings and in the town centre and selected local supermarkets during weekends. The sight and sound of the sleigh is a familiar and much-loved sign of the countdown to Christmas!

This year, local residents have been able to check the routes on the Felixstowe Rotary website (www.felixstowerotaryclub.org) where they can see there are four new 'Meet Santa and Rudolph' opportunities for children, to get those precious selfies and put in present requests! In addition, it's even possible to follow the progress of Santa, Rudolph and their sleigh live through the Glympse app via the Rotary website.

The two organisations share the tasks and the donations, which amount to over £7,000 annually. This is used by these excellent charities to support the health, education and well-being of those in need in the local community, the UK and abroad. We would like to express our sincere thanks for the generosity of local people and our great band of helpers this year and in the past.




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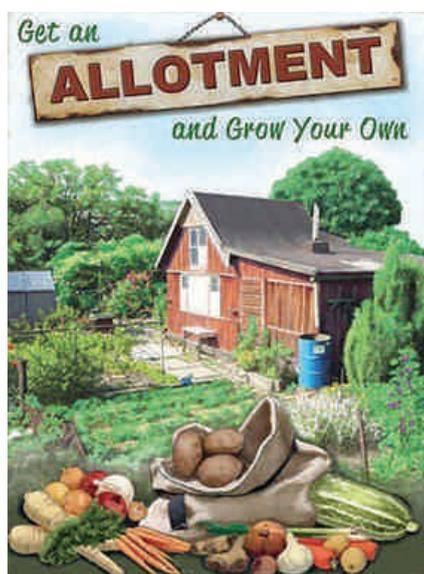


Felixstowe & District Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Having an allotment is not always about growing delicious vegetables, although they still dominate the vast majority of plots. There are one or two notable exceptions however! From May onwards, if you visit Cowpasture allotments, as soon as you enter the main gate you are confronted a magnificent display of beautiful roses and dahlias spread over about three double plots with not a vegetable to be seen (aside from perhaps a few enormous pumpkins).

Towards the centre of the site though, you will find something very different - a double plot devoted entirely to grape vines! Bob (seen in the photo) grows both red and white grapes and in a good year hopes to make about three hundred bottles of wine from his plot. This is only his second year of harvesting and, despite the weather not being particularly good this year especially early on when it was so wet, you can see from the picture his white wine crop has been very encouraging. Bob comes from Australia, and when he first started planting his vineyard we all fell about laughing telling him that Felixstowe weather wasn't quite the same as 'Down Under'. We are now feeling a bit embarrassed since he clearly knew a lot more than we do! Who knows, with global warming we may see more and more vineyards in Felixstowe in the future.

For more information on allotments and the Association, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Jeremy Pratt, via email to jemanpratt@btinternet.com or call 01394 286649.



Felixstowe Town Council has four allotment sites, located at:

- Cowpasture, Candlet Road, 306 plots
- Ferry Road, 94 plots
- Railway Hill, Coronation Drive, 37 plots
- Taunton Road, 19 plots

Benefits of having an Allotment?

- An affordable source of fresh fruit and vegetables
- Reduces your exposure to pesticides
- Gives you fresh air and healthy exercise
- Helps reduce stress and can give you a sense of achievement
- Good for the environment, providing green spaces and wildlife habitats

- Plots which are cultivated to a high standard could even win one of the allotment prizes at the Felixstowe in Flower Awards.

Council offers a 40% discount on the basic allotment rent for Senior citizens (on evidence of being in receipt of state pension) or Long-Term Unemployed (on evidence of associated unemployment benefits) whether the allotment be let as a single or joint tenancy, provided that at least one tenant qualifies.

See our website for more details.

If you are interested, please contact our Allotment Officer Sue Faversham who will contact you with available plots.

Email: sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk or call on 01394 288191



Photos by Alan Boyle

Climate Emergency Declaration

Thank you to everybody who responded to our survey and got in touch since the Climate Emergency declaration. The Town Council has been hard at work reviewing its energy use and suppliers, alongside other ways to reduce its carbon footprint through climate actions and nature restoration projects. Immediate actions include a programme of conversion to LED lighting throughout our buildings, raising awareness of idling car outside of our schools, the introduction of a cycle-to-work scheme and working with Happy Globe CIC to bring beehives and wildflowers to council-owned land. Next steps will include a formal action plan in the new year, further public engagement and working with East Suffolk Council and other partners on local initiatives which will support our aspiration to become carbon neutral by 2030. You can read more about our Climate Emergency Declaration and the action we are taking on our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk

East Suffolk Planning Goes Digital

East Suffolk Council is phasing out all paper planning application documents. This means that planning documentation will soon only be available online via the planning portal webpage <https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk>. The Town Council welcomes this move and understands that support is available at the Library for any members of the public who have difficulty accessing or otherwise viewing planning documents online. Additionally, public are welcome to attend the Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee (the Town Council reviews local planning applications and makes comment to East Suffolk Council which ultimately determines the outcome) so if there is a particular planning application that interests you, please contact sarah.morrison@felixstowe.gov.uk to find out the date it will be considered.

Environmental information

This magazine has been printed and produced locally using responsibly sourced stock.
The paper meets the ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ECF, FSC certifications.
Please recycle this magazine when you have finished with it.

DID you know

As with most agricultural crops, trees are planted in rotation. Once mature – after 7 to 11 years – they are harvested. But only 9% of the total plantation area is felled annually. New saplings are planted in the same year, at an average rate of 260,000 new trees a day. This is what makes the paper we use renewable, and good for the environment in capturing carbon.

Plastic Free Felixstowe & Litter Free Felixstowe



In November, Litter-Free Felixstowe celebrated their first anniversary with a special event and litter-pick at Brackenbury Green in Old Felixstowe. Over 80 people came along and quickly set to work on the beach and surrounding area. After the pick, members of the group enjoyed refreshments together with 'live' entertainment from talented local singer, Adam Thomas. The Mayor of Felixstowe presented certificates to all the children who took part with such enthusiasm. It was a truly lovely day and the sun shone!

Over the past year, Litter-Free Felixstowe members have collected significant volumes of plastic waste from beaches and across public spaces. The October litter-pick at the Grove was particularly successful, with old rubbish cleared from hedgerows and streams. The beautiful Grove is such a popular area for families and dog-walkers – litter-picking here was a very satisfying activity on a wet and windy Sunday morning.

It is vital to tackle litter wherever it occurs in the Town and involving children is a particular aim. Led by Litter-free Felixstowe, the Samaritans' young Explorers were recently led on a litter-pick in the Town Centre. Litter-free Felixstowe always enjoys working with other groups and businesses having assisted local companies, for example, MSC, Gotelee Solicitors and Fred Olsen in their corporate litter picks.

The Group has also recently worked with Jason Alexander on his fantastic 'Blitz the Butt' campaign in Ipswich & Felixstowe and Groundworks on their successful 'Yellow Fish – only rain down the drain' project.

One of our local councillors recently commented 'What a great difference all the volunteers have made to our town. One of the first things people mention when I speak to them about Felixstowe is just how clean and well-kept it looks'.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time over the past year, please continue to join in the litter-picks and beach cleans – we always need more people and you can be sure of a very warm and friendly welcome.

Cycle Felixstowe



Winter does not mean you have to put your bike away until spring. With care, you can enjoy cycling right through but “see and be seen” is especially important when daylight hours are limited. According to Cycle UK, reflective accessories, especially ankle straps, which move when you pedal and reflective gloves are probably worth the investment, and remember that a flat palm extended all the way out will make your signalling intentions as clear as possible.

Allow a bit longer preparing, make sure you have enough warm layers with you, always take spare lights, for the changing conditions. Watch out for falling branches and gusts of wind that can blow you off course, frosty and icy roads, should be only undertaken with extreme caution and if there is no alternative.

Road positioning is very important, be extra-sure drivers have seen you when they are trying to emerge from a junction or entering a roundabout. The same applies for parked cars when passengers or drivers might open their car doors without looking, leave at least a car door’s width as you pass them.

Watch out for pedestrians, they are more difficult to spot in the dark and can sometimes fail to see or hear you, especially when talking on their mobiles, Ride according to the time of day especially around schools at drop-off and pick-up times and always be risk assessing the road, and adjusting your riding accordingly.

Keep your bike maintained, use appropriate clothing and equipment for the conditions, and you should be able to keep enjoying riding right through the winter: Cycle Felixstowe does, so why not join us and keep pedalling on, whatever the weather!

For further information please visit our Facebook page or email: cycle.felixstowe@gmail.com



Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club

Celebrating 150 years of cricket in Felixstowe

2020 sees the 150th anniversary of a cricket club in Felixstowe making it one of the oldest, if not the oldest, clubs in the town. Founded in 1870 and playing friendly fixtures against other local clubs such as Ipswich & East Suffolk, and Stowmarket, the club has grown to a level where we have 5 men’s teams, 2 ladies’ teams and a full range of age groups from U9s to U16s for both girls and boys. Based at Dellwood Avenue the club is planning to celebrate this significant milestone with a full range of special events during the summer of 2020 alongside our usual Two Counties Cricket League fixtures.

The highlight of the calendar will be a 10 day Festival of Cricket to be held in late July including a fixture against a side from the MCC. As well as 10 days of cricket in the sunshine we will be hosting social events in the evenings, including a Comedy evening, open to the local community.

In addition we are planning a Golf Day in June, an Anniversary Ball in September and are operating a Grand Anniversary Draw with a £3,000 MSC Cruise as the first prize.

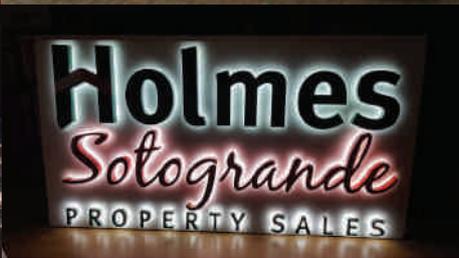
More details will become available early next year...in the meantime feel free to:

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Winter in Felixstowe

Festive family fun, Christmas shopping, New Year walks, Valentine treats and more...

Wrap up warm and enjoy Winter by the sea.

Winter Warmers

Take a **seasonal walk in and around Felixstowe** - across rare coastal habitats, beside the crashing winter surf or under the branches of frosty trees. Then relax and warm yourself up with a delicious meal of local produce.

Go in search of **'Big Ships and Surf'** at the Landguard Nature Reserve, with a hearty breakfast at the View Point. Take **'An Edwardian Escape'** featuring fine seaside architecture, the Seafront Gardens and a meal overlooking the sea. Combine the Winter sales in the town centre with lunch beside a warming fire with **'Bargains and Bites'**. From 'U' to 'T', following the footsteps of history along the **Martello Coast Path**, with freshly cooked fish and chips in idyllic Felixstowe Ferry.



Winter days out and more...

The Visit Felixstowe **Tourist Information Centre beach hut** on the seafront (opposite the Town Hall), can provide you with tons of local information on things to see and do in Winter. Open daily (**weather permitting**) **from 10.30am to 2.30pm**.

Check out the official tourism website for the town at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk, and make sure you follow us on social media for the latest news and pictures.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe. Twitter: www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe.

Christmas shopping by the sea



Presents Galore!

This Christmas go shopping by the sea in our wonderful town centre. Whether you're looking for a bargain, designer goods, locally produced foodie treats or that extra-special gift... our fabulous array of independents offer a friendly welcome and knowledgeable service. Plus, with cheap parking options, ice-skating, glittering lights, festive shop windows and places to rest your feet with delicious seasonal refreshments, Felixstowe has it all this Christmas.

www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/shopping

Love is in the Air

Celebrate Valentine's in Felixstowe

Cuddle up with your loved one on a **soppy stroll** in the fresh seaside air. Take a hand-in-hand walk amongst the rich wildlife at Trimley Marshes Nature Reserve; wander with your sweetheart beside the River Deben; get cosy in one of the Seafront Gardens secret shelters; or take a beach stroll to Suffolk's most southerly point to watch the sunset.



Book up a **romantic dinner** at one of our hotels or restaurants - look out for chef's specials, Cupid's cocktails and live music to dine too. Alternatively, why not create your own Valentine's meal at home using food and drink sourced from the town. Those with a sweet tooth, can share a chocolate sundae (two spoons required) or indulge in a traditional cream tea overlooking the sea. Not into all the fancy stuff? - then grab a bag of chips and enjoy them on the prom together.

Our indies in town offer **fab pressie ideas** to show just how much you care... so make sure you shop local for sparkling gems and sweet-smelling roses, luxury beauty treatments and bottles of bubbly.





More Winter events not to be missed... Full details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on

Watch out for **Santa's Ride around town with Rudolph** from the Rotary Club of Felixstowe throughout December... touring the town's streets and homes from 1800-2030. You can also visit him at Morrison's on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 December from 0930-1630. Download full timetable at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on

Santa will also be visiting historic **Landguard Fort** on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December. A fun trail with festive themed rooms, then walk through the wardrobe to find Father Christmas in his secret grotto. Open 1000-1600, with last entry at 1500. Entry by timed ticket.

Go **ice skating** in Felixstowe, with the return of the hugely popular synthetic rink at Great Eastern Square, from Friday 20 to Monday 23 December. Free skating for everyone, plus rides for smaller children and stalls serving festive food and drink. Open Friday, Saturday and Monday 1100-1900; Sunday 1000-1800.

The Two Sisters Arts Centre (St. Mary's Church) in Trimley St. Mary has an evening of festive cheer on Friday 20 December (1900). The **'Christmas Cracker'** event includes music, poetry and humour.

Oh yes, it is, oh no it isn't... Christmas wouldn't be the same without a fun-packed family panto at The Spa Pavilion. This year's treat is **Dick Whittington** from the Dennis Lowe Theatre Company, running selected dates from Saturday 21 December to Sunday 5 January.

Join in the fun on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December), with the **annual Dip** from the St. Elizabeth Hospice. Brave the waters to help fundraise or do your bit by cheering on the hundreds heading into the water at 1000 near Manning's Amusements.

Elementary my dear Watson... the Common Ground Theatre Company are back at St. Mary's Church Hall in Walton with their new classic Christmas comedy thriller - **'Sherlock Holmes and The Warlock of Whitechapel'** from Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 December.

Welcome in 2020 in style - with the annual **Music in Felixstowe: New Year's Day Viennese Concert**. The Festival Orchestra with the music of Strauss at The Orwell Hotel on Wednesday 1 January at 1500.

Walk off the festive excesses with the first event of the year from the **Felixstowe Walkers** group on Monday 6 January. A stroll across the Landguard Nature Reserve, starting at 1100 from near the Fort.

Landguard Fort will be opening its doors for the **February half-term**: Saturday 15 to Sunday 23 February. 1000-1700, with last entry at 1600. As well as exploring this magnificent building, children can take part in a fun quiz trail.

Did you know, Felixstowe is a Fairtrade town? Celebrate in 2020 with the annual **Fairtrade Fortnight** running from Monday 24 February to Sunday 8 March. Alongside the official launch, there will be a special Fairtrade walk and Family Fun Day at the Library. Learn more at www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk

Spa-tastic! A host of shows and events to enjoy at the fab Spa Pavilion in the first part of 2020. All shook up with Marshall King as 'Elvis' on Saturday 11 January; The D- Darlings on Sunday 26 January; Mercury - The Ultimate Queen Tribute on Sunday 2 February; half-term treat The Jungle Book on Monday 17 February; and The Chicago Blues Brothers' A Night at the Movies on Saturday 14 March. Check out the full upcoming programme at www.felixstowespa.co.uk





Felixstowe Ferry
Sue Reynolds - Photo Competition Winner 2019

Major Events 2020

Mark your diaries for our Major Events in 2020. From historic vehicles and talented artists on the prom, to our fun-packed Carnival, books galore and a spectacular VE Day seafront celebration. Keep up to date with these events at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk

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| Sunday 3 May | 50th Ipswich to Felixstowe Classic Vehicle Rally |
| Friday 8 May | Rotary Club of Felixstowe Charity Fun Run |
| Friday 8 May | Felixstowe Remembers: VE Day Celebration |
| Sat 13 & Sun 14 June | Windsurfing Festival |
| Fri 26 to Sun 28 June | Felixstowe Book Festival |
| Saturday 11 July | Trimley Carnival |
| Fri 24 to Sun 26 July | Felixstowe Carnival |
| Sunday 6 September | Art on the Prom |
| Sunday 13 September | Felixstowe Coastal 10 |
| Saturday 3 October | Festival of Fabric |
| Sunday 1 November | Felixstowe Fireworks Spectacular |

Took a great picture of Felixstowe in 2019?

Then why not enter it into the Felixstowe Photo Competition. You could WIN a prize of £100 to put towards photography equipment. The competition is jointly organised and supported by Visit Felixstowe, Felixstowe Town Council and the Landguard Partnership. Open to all ages and abilities, you can choose between three themes: Historic, Seasons and Active.

To enter, submit your photograph by emailing visitfelixstowe@eastsoffolk.gov.uk Please include your full name, age, a telephone number and the theme you would like to enter. Closing date for entry is 12pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020... so get snapping!

Full details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/felixstowe-photo-competition





Felixstowe Forward

South Seafront Project Update:

We are delighted to introduce Jenny Edgerley, the new Development Officer for Felixstowe. Jenny will be starting her new role on 11th December and will primarily be working on the South Seafront area but will also be involved in many other projects in the town. Prior to this role, for the past 17 years Jenny has worked in the HR team of East Suffolk Council.



'I am a Felixstowe girl, born and bred, attending Kingsfleet Primary School then Deben High School. I now live in Martlesham with my husband and 2 children but have strong links to the town regularly visiting members of my family who live there, particularly enjoying walks along the prom with an ice cream, spending time enjoying Martello park and of course, the 2p machines in the pier! I cannot wait to get stuck into my new role at such an exciting time for Felixstowe.'

People and Places

Work was commissioned by East Suffolk Council to engage People and Places to research East Suffolk Town centres to identify strategic priorities and initiatives. If you would like to know more about the outcomes of this piece of work please get in touch.

In the meantime take a look at this video 'Talk of the Towns in East Suffolk' to get a better idea of how People and Places go about capturing good ideas for shaping places and sharing inspiring work in delivering change locally.

The video opens with two of our local businesses – The Greenhouse Café and COES – making a starring appearance. www.people-places.net/talk-of-the-towns-in-east-suffolk-video/

Events and activities on East Suffolk Council Land

East Suffolk Council has agreed the 2020-2021 charges for use of council land for events and activities. Local charities and community groups will be pleased to hear that the only charges they will incur is an application fee of £25.00. An online system has been introduced to help streamline the process www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/events-on-council-land/ and make it easier. Please note: it takes a minimum of 4 weeks to process an application to use council land and we recommend all event organisers have an early conversation with Clare Baker on 01394 444884 (email clare.baker@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) before starting an online application.

Traders' Guide

To support future events and activities in Felixstowe we will begin working on a Traders' Guide of contacts. If you can provide services such as PA systems, security, fencing, entertainment or food and drink concessions and would like to be included please contact felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk. Thank you.

#LoveIndependent - Welcome New Businesses

Please help support our local independents in Hamilton and Orwell Road by spending your pound locally.



We are delighted to take this opportunity to welcome new businesses opening and/or relocating to Felixstowe.

- The Lighthouse
- The Tanning Salon
- Kings the Barber

Business Development: Whatever stage in your business journey, take a look at www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk where you can find valuable support and advice.

Calling for Volunteers

Look out for a campaign in January to encourage more event volunteers in Felixstowe. Felixstowe community groups and charities do an amazing job of putting on great events – The Carnival, The Book Festival, Art on the Prom to name but three. It takes a huge amount of effort by volunteers and most could do with extra help on the event day in the form of marshals and stewards.

If you would like to volunteer please do not hesitate to get in touch via

felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

East Suffolk Volunteering Passport Scheme

This is a FREE accredited (Level 1) short course aimed at people of all ages interested in volunteering.

The course will:

- Demonstrate basic skills needed to volunteer
- Build on volunteering experience and support access to further training or employment opportunities

Volunteer Suffolk aim to set up a network of local community groups who are willing to send their current volunteers on the scheme and who are also open to recruiting volunteers who have completed the course.

How to get involved: visit www.volunteersuffolk.org.uk, Tel 01473 345413 or Email faye.smith@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Care Homes Intergenerational Projects

Chloe Winlow, Felixstowe Communities Officer will be building on the success of this year's intergenerational event and working with Kingsfleet Primary School and Colneis Junior School again in January.

It will be the start of an ongoing series of events where the students visit residents in local care homes and enjoy a joint activity and becoming a pen friend, by writing and receiving cards or letters.

The aim is to create a lasting legacy of intergenerational work rather than a one off project initiative.

Meet and Make Friends in Old Felixstowe



Old Felixstowe Community Centre is home to a variety of local groups and organisations who meet regularly at their premises in Ferry Road, Old Felixstowe run by the Old Felixstowe Community Association (OFCA)+

Sports Clubs such as OFCA+ Tennis Club, the OFCA Craft Group, the OFCA Bowls Club and the OFCA Table-tennis Club meet several times a week,

Line-Dancers, Brownies, Stroke Support, Hope Trust, Keep-Fit, and Yoga groups meet weekly and other groups such as the Colneis Flower Club, WI groups, Retired Persons groups, Clay-making classes and Lace-Makers meet monthly. One of the most popular events held monthly at the Centre is the Community Market (free entry!) on the second Saturday of the month except for June which is the Annual Summer Fair and there is no fair during August. There is a wide selection of goods on sale each month, local home-bake stalls, fresh produce, preserves and free-range eggs, a good selection of craft stalls including craft supplies and pre-loved stalls selling a variety of pre-loved including dvds, cds, jigsaws and books.

The Old Felixstowe Community Association which maintain and run the Centre are currently undergoing a programme of refurbishment and renovation to encourage wider use of the Centre especially on Saturdays, in the three Halls which are available for hire at very competitive rates. Chairman Gina Cooper, said ' Recently we have had a complete refurbishment of our Wyn Brackley Hall, and our exterior has also been renovated. Our two tennis courts were relaid a couple of years ago and we have a very enthusiastic group of players meeting regularly 3 mornings a week. Two of our rooms now have screens for presentations and we are delighted that we have had several birthday, wedding and christening parties at the Centre and families find it very convenient to hold a funeral wake so close to the Church and Churchyard. The Centre is becoming a very popular venue for such events.

Situated as it is next to the recently upgraded Playpark at Gosfield Park, and opposite St. Peter and Paul Church in Ferry Road, the Centre is becoming the hub of the local community.

Further information is available from our website, www.olderfelixstoweca.org.uk

Majestic Voices



Changing Lives Through Song Community Group of Singers in Felixstowe

In just two concerts we have donated a total of £4,350.00 split between St. Elizabeth Hospice, Cancer Research and Motor Neuron Disease Association (MND) Suffolk. Majestic Voices was founded by Jane and Martin Warden who live in Felixstowe. We started off as just people getting together in the community for a one-off concert, this has now grown to 35 singers and we are now planning our third concert. Our concerts appeal to all ages with some of the best hit songs, from Films, Musicals and Pop such as South Pacific, Miss Saigon, Les Miserables, Dream Girls, Ghost, Chicago, We will Rock you, Hairspray and from pop music, The Beatles, Glee and Simon & Garfunkel, Queen and Mamas and Papas. The art of a good show is in the planning; choosing varied content of a continuous stream of brilliant songs. Some of our members are new to singing and some have played leading roles in musicals in the local area. We have an excellent pianist who also takes the rehearsals and arranges some of the music, David Christie who is invaluable to the group.

For our next concert in the summer of 2020 we will be making donations to a local Felixstowe charity so look out for details of our summer concert. We meet on a Monday evening in Old Felixstowe Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Membership cost is £2.00 per week, paid in terms. Please connect us on facebook on the Majestic Voices page or Jane Warden's page facebook page or telephone 07713256139.

Felixstowe Musical Theatre



Felixstowe Musical Theatre, affectionately known as FMT, is pleased to announce that they are to return to perform at the Spa Pavilion Theatre after a break of almost six years.

The award winning group will present two performances of 'Bless 'Em All-FMT's Anniversary Celebration of the End of WWII in Europe' on Saturday 9th May 2020. They will take you on a journey through the unforgettable highs and lows experienced by the whole country during the Second World War. A story filled with songs and laughter, FMT's spellbinding show will catapult you back to those emotional times. Wartime favourite tunes such as 'Pack Up Your Troubles', 'Tipperary' and 'Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner' will have you tapping your feet and singing along as they are brought to life with the fully live FMT band. Tickets can be booked via the Spa Pavilion Box Office or their website.

Auditions for this show will be held on Thursday 16th January 2020 at the Welcome Hall in Trimley St Mary. For more information and to register your interest please visit their website www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk

Originally formed over 50 years ago as an Evening Class at Orwell High School Felixstowe Musical Theatre were regular performers at the seaford theatre until it closed in 2013. They are very pleased to have this opportunity to return and gratefully acknowledge the help and support given to them by the Spa management team and Felixstowe Town Council.

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Felixstowe NCI in 2020



Felixstowe NCI is part of a larger organisation called the 'National Coastwatch Institution' (NCI) with the objective of assisting in the protection and preservation of life at sea and along the UK coastline, and we work from a lookout on top of Martello Tower 'P' just a few yards from the promenade on the south beach. Over the past year we have made several improvements to our station, including the purchase of much-needed high-quality zoom binoculars, additional functionality for our CCTV cameras and refurbishment of the interior of the lookout. None of this would have been possible without the support and generosity of the public and local organisations. Our 70-strong band of dedicated volunteers have kept watch every day over the last year including, for the first time, extended hours during the summer holidays. Fundraising events in 2019 included the annual 'Live at the Ferry' music night in April and the annual Quiz Night in November both of which were very successful and enjoyable. A special event was also organised on both of the Open Days in September to celebrate the National Coastwatch Institution's 25th anniversary, and featured our information tent and live music. Don't forget to make a note in your diary for 25th April 2020 for 'Live at the Ferry 6' – the latest of our popular annual music nights.

For more information about our work, please see our website at www.coastwatch-felixstowe.co.uk
Remember, if our flag is flying we are on duty!



Fairtrade in Felixstowe



The Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum recently held its AGM, attended by the Mayor, town councillors and other Fairtrade supporters. Secretary Stephen Wyatt gave an overview of activities in 2019 which marked 10 years since Felixstowe achieved Fairtrade status.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 runs from 24 February to 8 March. The highlight will be the third annual Family Fun Day at the library on Saturday 29 February.

There will be games, competitions, a Fairtrade stall and a chocolate fountain. The attached photos were taken at the 2019 event and show children enjoying the various activities.

Fairtrade Fortnight will be launched at Christ Church Felixstowe on 24 March by the Mayor, Cllr Nick Barber. For more information visit www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk

FACTS



Although the primary function of FACTS tends to be taking our regular passengers to and from appointments and social trips around Felixstowe, we also carry groups to other social events further afield. In the Summer we took some residents from a local nursing home some of whom were disabled to Wolverstone Marina where they were taken on a river trip on a specially adapted boat.

To take them, we used our newly acquired bus which thanks to a very generous grant from Felixstowe Town Council, we were able to have it fully adapted to carry wheelchairs.

Gordon Good our volunteer driver, said that group had a thoroughly good day and a great time was had by all!

If anybody is interested in utilising our services and qualify to be registered or anyone is interested in volunteering as a driver or passenger assistant, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Please call David Ablitt or Jane Buckingham on 01394 282857.



The Surviving Winter Appeal Saves Lives in the Felixstowe area.

In Suffolk 310 vulnerable people died from causes attributed to cold and poor living conditions, and it is estimated that 43,330 households in Suffolk live in fuel poverty. The Surviving Winter Campaign, led by the Suffolk Community Foundation with the East Anglian Daily Times, CAB and other partner charities and businesses, and last year, the Suffolk Surviving Winter Campaign heated over 700 homes of older vulnerable people.

This year's campaign launched in November. Together we will achieve even greater success if we encourage people in Felixstowe and the surrounding area, who need help, to contact the Citizens Advice Bureau for help with their fuel bills or, for those who can afford it, make a donation of all or part of their Winter Fuel Payment to help another. To donate to the campaign visit www.suffolkcf.org.uk or call 01473 602602. Anyone can make a donation too.



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Two Sisters Arts Centre

Two Sisters is a brand new Arts Centre for the Felixstowe peninsula that was opened in the now redundant church of St Marys, Trimley at the end of April 2019.

Administered by Felixstowe Creative Arts Trust (F-CAT) – a volunteer group Chaired by Suzanne Hawkes – the aim is to provide both space for local community groups to perform or display art work and to provide a venue for touring drama companies and music talent to bring their unique brand of entertainment to the area.

We have already had a full programme of events on offer including regular once a month jazz nights, folk groups and community bands, poet Luke Wright and local historian Charlie Haylock, plus drama such as Hound of the Baskervilles and Pearls from the Grit.

In the Spring season 2020 we have lots of exciting things lined up including A Maritime Festival over the weekend of April 24th -26th featuring shanty bands, a ceilidh with Harbour Lights, drama from acclaimed storyteller Justine de Mierre and Martin Newell &

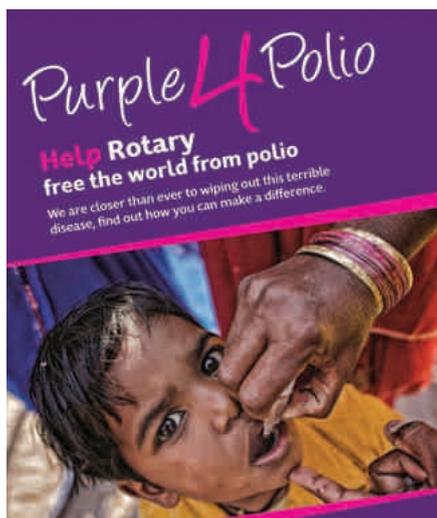


The Hosepipe Band. Then to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain we will be holding a 1940's Dance Night on Friday 8th May and the following week there will be a new Harrys Bar from Black & White Productions on a WW2/ Battle of Britain theme.

We have a licensed bar for all events and a car park over the road at Great Street Farm.

The building is also available for hire - phone Suzanne on 01394 279613 for details or to book.

Purple 4 Polio



On Wednesday, 30th October 2019, The Rotary Club of Felixstowe Landguard, ably assisted by pupils from Langer Primary Academy

in Felixstowe, planted Crocus corms for "Purple4Polio".

The "Purple4Polio" initiative was launched by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland to raise funds and awareness to eradicate polio across the world and promote the work of Rotary's global campaign, End Polio Now.

Polio is a highly contagious viral infection which can lead to paralysis or even death, and mainly affects children under the age of five.

As a founding partner, of the Global Polio

Eradication Initiative, Rotary has helped to reduce polio cases in the world by more than 99.9%.

Wild Poliovirus Type 2 (WPV2) was confirmed eradicated in 2015.

On World Polio Day 24th October, 2019, it was announced that Wild Poliovirus Type 3, WPV3 was the second of three strains of wild poliovirus to have been certified eradicated.

Wild Poliovirus Type 1 (WPV1) still remains in circulation in areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan with 96 children reported as having been paralysed by polio. Nigeria has gone three years without a case of polio.

For over 30 years, Rotary and its members have been committed to fighting to eradicate polio across the world.

When a child receives their life saving polio drops, on mass polio immunisation days, in

many countries their little finger is painted with a purple dye, so it is clear that they have received their life saving vaccine.

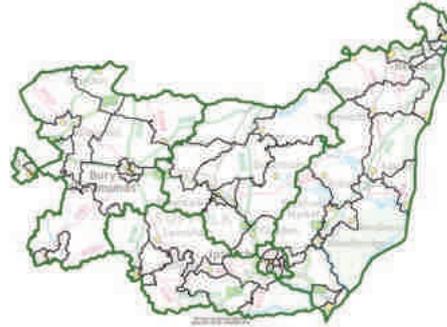
To finish the job over 2 billion doses of oral polio vaccine have to be administered each and every year in over 60 countries until the world is finally certified polio free.

Through "Polio Plus", 18 million People are walking today, who would have otherwise been paralysed by Polio.

Failure, to eliminate polio completely, could result in as many as 200,000 new cases every year, within 10 years.

#Purple4Polio #LangerPrimaryAcademy #Felixstowe #Rotary #RIBI #RotaryClubofFelixstoweLandguard

Electoral review of Suffolk County Council



The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Suffolk County Council.

The aim of the review is to recommend division boundaries that mean each councillor represents

approximately the same number of voters. They also aim to ensure that the division boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government. To achieve these aims, they need to re-draw division boundaries across Suffolk. You can find out more about the review on the LGBCE website www.lgbce.org.uk

The LGBCE are accepting opinions and comments from the public on where you believe division boundaries should be in Suffolk County Council. The Commission is minded to recommend that Suffolk County Council should have 70 councillors in the future. This is 5 fewer than the current number of councillors. The timetable for the review is shown below:

	Date From:	Date To:
Consultation on warding arrangements	24 September 2019	13 January 2020
Consultation on draft recommendations	5 May 2020	13 July 2020
Final recommendations	5 May 2020	13 July 2020

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FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS



Inspired by the last year's torch roll call event to mark the Centenary of the end of WWI, Felixstowe Remembers embarked on a new project this year to highlight the impact of war on local communities. Signs were erected in 66 roads across the town to recognise the 212 residents that were killed as a result of war. The project was made possible by funding from Felixstowe Town Council and local companies Labelcraft Signs, Wainwrights, C&H Forwarding and UK Customs Solutions Ltd.



If anyone is interested in learning more about any of the individuals names on the signs, or has a story to share, please contact felixstoweremembers@gmail.com

Felixstowe commemorated Remembrance weekend with a schools' service at the War Memorial on the Friday morning, the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance on the Saturday evening at St Johns Church, the Civic Remembrance on Sunday morning and on Armistice Day Monday 11th November at 11am outside the War Memorial. Thank you to everyone that attended. The large poppies on many lampposts throughout the town centre were displayed by the Royal British Legion.



Local veteran takes part in Royal Albert Hall ceremony

Driven by coach from the hotel to the Royal Albert Hall at 8am on Saturday 9th Nov, Tony Pittaccio and his carer stayed the whole day backstage in a room with 40 Veterans, their carers, the BBC and other staff. The veterans went on a practice run in the morning and then went on stage for the afternoon and evening performances. Both performances were very moving, and Royalty attended in the evening. Tony says "I don't think any of the veterans were there for themselves. Despite the standing ovation we were given by the audience, we were there to represent our colleagues who could not have been there, and we expressed our own silent thanks to them. We remembered them."

At the age of 90, Tony was quite a youngster. Veteran ages went from 95 to 105. The 105-year-old, Ron Davies, fought in Burma. He walked unaided and his speech was clear and fluid. Ron was quite a guy. All in all, it was a memorable day.



VE Day 75 on Friday 8th May 2020 will mark the Allies' victory in 1945 and serve as an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in the UK Armed Forces and their families. Commemorative

events will take place over the 3-day weekend across the country and a programme of events in the town is being coordinated - including a big public live music event on the Bank Holiday - look out for further details in our Spring Magazine!



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Our memorial tree is the centrepiece of the garden and an inscribed leaf on one of its branches is a unique way to celebrate a loved one

Granite Plaques

Enduring and prestigious, the plaques form a memorial kerb surrounding the rose gardens and feature thoughtful inscriptions



Roses

Dedicate a rose bush, tree or shrub in the garden which will be cared for by our on-site gardening team for 10 years

Benches

Personalised memorial benches are available at various locations and include a plaque of dedication



Langley Avenue, Felixstowe IP11 2ND (vehicle access via Grange Road). For further information and prices please contact Sue on 01394 288191 or email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk



Christmas Day Dip - Make a new tradition this Christmas...

The Mayor of Felixstowe, Nick Barber and sponsors of the St Elizabeth Hospice Christmas Dip, David Button Funeral Directors are looking forward to the 2019 Christmas Day Dip.

This year will be the 16th Christmas Day Dip for St Elizabeth Hospice and with over 500 dippers taking part each year, it's a great way to feel good and do good during the festive season.

The idea is simple; make a dash in to the bracing ocean at Felixstowe Sea Front with your friends and family cheering you on.

Over the years, we've seen all sorts of fancy dress costumes take to the waters and we love seeing how creative you all are with this.

All money raised will support St Elizabeth Hospice patients receiving care.

Registration takes place from 8.30am opposite Mannings Amusements on the sea front (Sea Road, IP11 2DN).

Registration will close at 9.45am. It is recommended to sign up prior to the event as it can get very busy on the morning.

Further info can be found on the link below www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk



Winners – Proud, Period!

Five girls in Year 12 at Felixstowe Academy were recognised at this year's Suffolk Community Awards, winning the Anne Dunford OBE Award youth leadership in decision making for the benefit of young people. Chloe, Jasmine, Kat, Katie, and Megan put together the "Proud, Period!" project outside of their lessons after identifying a need within the school. They got a great reception from the audience on receiving their trophy and certificate.

They put together a plan, created a logo and series of resource boxes, and placed these in key toilets around the school. They led assemblies with every year group, one set of assemblies for girls, one set for boys.

They presented it in a way that explained periods honestly and broke down the stigma and any awkwardness very quickly. They also became aware that some students from poorer families didn't have adequate sanitary items, so they contacted the local community and produced boxes of free sanitary items and were placed in school toilets for the students to use.

The project was an instant success at Felixstowe Academy, with every box being used every day. This is when the project was presented to Councillors at East Suffolk House and attracted funding for a roll out across East Suffolk. It is now in the process of being adopted across the district!



Plans underway for a Felixstowe 'Festival' Weekend 13th-14th June 2020

Felixstowe Town Council are working with East Suffolk Council on plans for a major weekend of activities Sat 13th - Sun 14th June to coincide with the UK Windsurfing National Slalom Championships and Suffolk's hosting of a key stage of the Women's Tour. It's also the culmination of National Cycling week so expect plenty of bike-related and other fun activities, plus music, entertainments and more! Look out for announcements in the new year and full details in our Spring 2020 edition!

Flood Guidance from Suffolk County Council

Householders living in areas that have been flooded in the recent past or may be susceptible to flooding in the future are strongly advised to give some thought to flood protection measures for their property. Responsibility for protecting individual properties against flooding lies with the householder.

Flood alerts and warnings can be found on the Government website. www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk and other useful guidance can be found at www.greensuffolk.org/flooding Any flood, on a road, pavement or property can be reported on Suffolk County Council's website www.suffolk.gov.uk Flood Re is a joint initiative between the Government and insurers. www.floodre.co.uk

Together we *respect*, with *compassion* we care, through *commitment* we achieve



Mill Lane offers specialised nursing care for the elderly and has an enviable reputation in the local community for its high quality care, offering a choice of welcoming reception rooms with attractive patio areas, all available for our residents and their guests to enjoy.

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Foxgrove is widely regarded as one of Felixstowe's finest care homes. The warm friendly atmosphere and the elegant lounge and dining room at this care home in Felixstowe combine to create a charming environment for our residents.

Provides a high standard of residential care.



Based in Old Felixstowe, Maynell House provides a high standard of residential care. The house is a late Victorian listed building, formerly Felixstowe College, lovingly extended and refurbished to retain its original features, creating a superb home.

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Please do pop in or call anytime for further information, to arrange a tour or to meet the team.



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Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

11 December 2019	Finance & Governance 7.30pm
18 December 2019	Planning & Environment 9.15am
19 December 2019	Civic & Community 7.30pm
8 January 2020	Planning & Environment 9.15am
8 January 2020	Full Council 7.30pm
22 January 2020	Planning & Environment 9.15am
22 January 2020	Finance & Governance 7.30pm
05 February 2020	Planning & Environment 9.15am
19 February 2020	Planning & Environment 9.15am
19 February 2020	Civic & Community 7.30pm
26 February 2020	Assets & Services 7.30pm
04 March 2020	Planning & Environment 9.15am
11 March 2020	Full Council 7.30pm
18 March 2020	Planning & Environment 9.15am

Note: all meetings listed are held in the Council Chamber at Felixstowe Town Hall and are open to the press and public.

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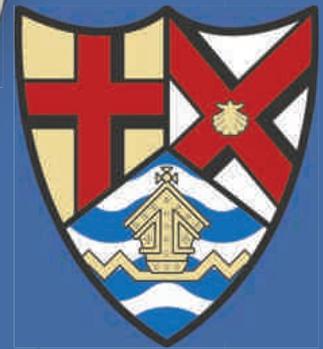
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NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY HEROES!

Tell us who **you** think is so inspiring that they deserve to be recognised with a Civic Award



Town Hall, Undercliff Road West, IP11 2AG



MAYOR OF
FELIXSTOWE
CIVIC AWARDS

felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards

If you would like to honour a local person or organisation that has made a positive difference and special contribution to our community, Felixstowe Town Council would like to hear from you

We have been privileged to honour many individuals and groups through our Civic Awards scheme but we know that there are countless others yet to be recognised. We are delighted by the quantity and quality of the nominations we regularly receive and would love to hear about anyone who you think deserves recognition for their contribution to Felixstowe

Nominations for the awards will be considered by the Awards Panel in April and the winners will be honoured at our Civic Awards presentation ceremony on Wednesday 13th May at the Annual Town Meeting at the Felixstowe Academy at 7pm

Awards in the following categories will be presented:

The Mayor of Felixstowe Award

For up to 5 local individuals for their personal contribution to the community

HMS Ganges Youth Trophy

For a local young person (21 or younger) or organisation supporting young people in Felixstowe

Community Organisation Award

To recognise the contribution to the community by a local organisation

To make a nomination contact Lorna Monsen 01394 288193 or lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk to let us know more about your nominee and why you think they deserve to win. Alternatively you can make your nomination online at www.felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards

Completed nominations should be received by 31 March 2020 to be eligible for consideration