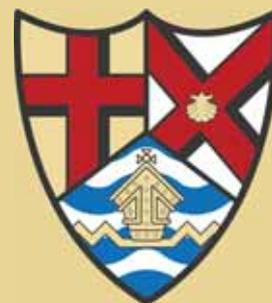


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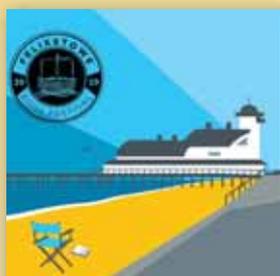
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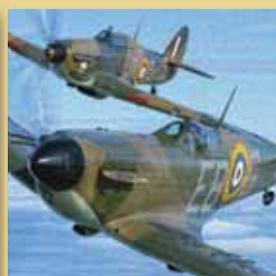
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# Welcome to the Spring edition 2020



I hope you will all enjoy reading our latest magazine, Spring 2020, which is also my last edition as Mayor of Felixstowe before handing over to my successor in May. Since the previous edition your Town Council has been hard at work preparing its Business Plan for the next four years to May 2024. Thank you to everyone that took part in our consultations and provided feedback to help shape local priorities. The first round of our 2020/21 community grants fund is open so if a group you know needs funding please consider applying before the deadline at the end of May! In my capacity as Mayor, I have been regularly out and about supporting local organisations and continuing to raise money for my chosen charities with a very successful quiz night followed by the curry night a few weeks later at Bombay Nite in Walton.

On 31st January we took time to remember those that perished in the 1953 floods with a special service at the Langer Road Flood Memorial where children from Langer School laid candles for each person lost to the town. In February, we made a special visit to Wesel where, together with my Deputy Mayor Cllr Mark Jepson and Francis Cotterell, Chairman of the Wesel Association, we joined in their 75th anniversary commemoration of the destruction of the town at the end of WW2. A highly poignant event which really brought home the strategic significance of Wesel and the Rhineland in the Allies' eventual victory. Storm Dennis greeted us on our arrival home and the weather hasn't been much fun for anyone. Thank goodness spring has finally sprung!

Despite the weather I did manage to visit Felixstowe & Walton FC in February. The Club, now in the 3rd tier of football, are finding it tough but are just about holding their own. Local support is strong, but I know they would welcome great attendance. It's a great community club offering good entertainment so it's worth popping along sometime. I also attended the Lions Club 'pig' race at the Labour Club in February, another fantastic voluntary organisation and a great fun evening.

In early March I was involved in a Fashion Show at the Orwell in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. You wouldn't usually expect to see me strutting along the catwalk but sometimes you must do these things!

With Easter just around the corner our thoughts turn towards all the exciting events happening this year, including annual favourites such as the Felixstowe Book Festival in June, Felixstowe Carnival in July and Art on the Prom in September as well as VE75 celebrations commencing on Friday 8th May and the Women's Tour final and FelixFest over the weekend of 13th June which will be massive events for the town. A great year to look forward to and I am sure you will echo my best wishes to my successor when they take over in May.

As the end of my Mayoral approaches can I say how proud I have been to be able to serve the town again and, knowing the work that being Mayor entails, I have nothing but respect for those that wear the chain of this office. Trying to balance the role alongside a full-time business and family life has certainly been challenging, but also great fun and a real privilege. I will, of course, continue to support Felixstowe every way I can - my rule is to never be negative about Felixstowe - things may not be perfect, but it is heaven to most of us. You need only take note of new businesses opening, people working hard to bring success to the town and the strength of our community groups to understand why Felixstowe is so fantastic. Just bring on the sunshine!

Councillor Nick Barber  
Mayor of Felixstowe 2019/20

## 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 (Summer, covering June 2020-September 2020) send it over via email to: [enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk) by Friday 14th May. 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](mailto:enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk) for prices and to book your ad.**

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## Getting in Touch

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## 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** 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 join us at one or more of the fundraising events below...

**16th March 2020**

**Ryan Gooding Medium Night**

**1st May 2020**

**Mayors Charity Ball**

**7th May 2020**

**VE Day Tea Dance**

For further info and tickets please contact the Mayor's Secretary, Lorna Mosen on 01394 288193, Email Lorna.Mosen@felixstowe.gov.uk

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

## Fairtrade Fortnight in Felixstowe



Fairtrade Fortnight was launched at Christ Church, Felixstowe by the Mayor of Felixstowe, Nick Barber on 24th February. Town Council support has been critical in ensuring that Felixstowe has retained its Fairtrade Town status for the last 10 yrs. In the run up to Fairtrade Fortnight all primary schools in Felixstowe were presented with a Fairtrade football, thanks to sponsorship from the East of England Co-op. It was part of a drive by the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum to encourage an interest in Fairtrade in the town's young people. The footballs were presented at assemblies centred on how the footballs are made and how Fairtrade ensures that those that make them receive a fair wage. Alan

Muchal is the chairman of the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum. He said: "We are grateful to the Co-op for supporting us in this initiative which highlights the importance of football manufacturing to less well-off communities in parts of Pakistan. The advantage in buying Fairtrade footballs is that fair wages and decent working conditions are guaranteed and, in addition, communities receive a 'Fairtrade premium' which they can use to finance development projects such as providing clean water." Fairtrade footballs are available to buy at the Ipswich Fair Trade shop in Upper Brook Street. During Fairtrade Fortnight a number of events were held, including a Family Fun Day on Saturday 29th February at the library. Children and families enjoyed games, competitions and activities all related to Fairtrade. Fairtrade Fortnight concluded with a coffee morning at St John's Church on 7th March. The Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum is a voluntary group promoting Fairtrade in Felixstowe.

Membership is free and new members are always welcome. For more information visit [www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk)



Felixstowe Radio has just celebrated its 10th birthday. A community radio station completely run by volunteers, they broadcast to an area covering Felixstowe, Shotley, Harwich, Dovercourt and all the surrounding villages. In the 10 years they have certainly established themselves in the centre of the community.

Locally, listeners can tune in on 107.5fm, but increasingly a wider audience are listening in online, via the Tuneln app and via Smart Speakers. The studio complex of Felixstowe Radio is sited within the grounds of Felixstowe Academy.

The variety of programmes is wide and varied. From pop to rock, vintage to cutting edge, sport and current affairs, all with one thing in common - they are local, in fact extremely local!

Steve Foley, Bob Strong, David Hunt, Tony Horton are trailblazers at the weekend. Stuart Acker with Ry and Daz Baalham present their own programmes and also make up the technical team.

Weekdays you can listen to presenters including Pete Seven and Pat Haseman.

The weekday lunchtime programme "Felixstowe Today" is presented by former BBC presenter Rob Dunger who, in just over two years has interviewed over 600 guests. These guests all coming from local groups, businesses, associations and charities in the local area, Felixstowe Radio is proud to represent the whole community.

Felixstowe Radio is always looking for volunteers. Whether on-air, or behind the scenes, why not contact them if you fancy a new challenge. On-air advertising is effective and economical.

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## Felixstowe Book Festival



Preparations are well underway for this year's Felixstowe Book Festival. Held at the end of June, the organising volunteers work throughout the year with a regular festival blog, and fundraising events such as quizzes. Supporters have joined as Friends of the festival and a monthly book club, at the Cuppa Café, also meets to discuss the books and authors who are coming to town.



George Alagiah  
(Credit Jeff Overs)

The idea of local resident Meg Reid, at the annual Felixstowe Book Festival readers meet authors and hear where their inspiration comes from. Meg chooses and invites the authors with some staying overnight, also leading writer's workshops or appearing on panels, while others arrive by car or train for the day.

Authors for 2020 include Sally Vickers, George Alagiah and JoJo Moyes and a full list of authors and workshops will be announced on the festival website in early

April, and ticket sales will open shortly afterwards. As always, there will be something for everyone, from spies to murder, history to travel and biographies to knitting!

"We have another great team of authors this year," said Meg. "and a wonderful start to this year's event. On 17th May we have a three-and-a-half-hour journey on the Orwell Lady with wonderful views of a beautiful Suffolk river and a fascinating speaker to listen to, Terry Waite OBE." Terry Waite is one of the Patrons of Felixstowe Book Festival.

A children's book festival runs alongside the main event and is held at the Felixstowe Library.

Felixstowe Book Festival 26-28 June 2020. Book early, as some authors are very popular. Full details are on [www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk](http://www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk)

## Line Dancing at Walton Community Hall

### The 'New Girls' Viewpoint:



I joined the Line Dancing group in May 2019, having never danced before. The ladies have welcomed me in, guiding me through the steps with encouragement when I get it right and patience when I don't. I often wonder whether my feet will ever be able to do what the other ladies' feet appear to do with such ease, but gradually I am mastering the steps and can now do several of the easier dances confidently. Perhaps most importantly I look forward to the sessions and really enjoy it when I'm there. So why not give it a

try? If I can do it, I'm sure you could too. We look forward to seeing you!

I saw the advert and went along to the first session. We only attempted 2 dances and I quickly realised that my feet had no idea what was going on.

Initially I felt this was not an experience to repeat but everyone was so supportive and encouraging.

One person even approached me in the town the day before the second session was due and, talking to her, I made up my mind to give it one more try. I have been dancing now for over 11 years.

For me the main factor is that I can do it my way, which usually involves me singing along with the brilliant music. Some of the harder hearing members of the group are prepared to dance near me.

I absolutely love going dancing. Who cares that it is a good exercise, stimulating for the brain, keeps you young – it is just such great fun.

Line Dancing takes place from 10.30-12.30 on Wednesday and Friday mornings at Walton Community Hall. For further details, please contact Val Clark on 01394 448119



## Felixstowe Men's Shed

In December 2019 Felixstowe Men's Shed completed an order for 600 small wooden Christmas Trees for Languard Fort for use in a Christmas event. The trees were produced on a member's CNC machine; that is best described as an inverted router fitted to a rigid frame and linked to a computer that allows precision cutting to the designated design. A future project of the Shed would be the construction of a larger machine from scratch by shed members.

Once cut the trees were individually examined for quality control, then packed ready for delivery. The 600 trees were delivered within the tight time line.

We were also pleased to be asked to construct some Swift boxes by the Town Council which have since been installed on a couple of their buildings. There are many more projects within the shed and they continue to keep members busy. Recently Jaywick Men's Shed appeared on local BBC news. The following day three new members turned up. This is good news but indicates a strong demand for the concept and a larger workshop. Currently we are in discussion with East Suffolk District Council to find a more suitable and larger workshop.

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 10.00am to lunchtime. Find us on Facebook.com/felixstowemensshed. We also welcome donations of good quality wood.

## Felixstowe Community Choir



'We sing, we laugh, we make friends and along the way we help charities.'

In February, Felixstowe Community Choir gave £1,000 donations to three charities, St Elizabeth Hospice, Alzheimer's Research and Brain Tumour Research. That brought the total they have given to 25 charities, to £30,000! They have also appeared in other organisations' fundraising concerts. Singing pop and show tunes, the choir began in October 2012. It has no auditions, no sheet music, no 'uniform' to buy and no termly fees. "Our brilliant conductor, accompanist and music coach, Emily Bennett, is a professional musician and actor," explained Rachel Sloane, who started the choir. "We are non-profitmaking and all the members, now over 120, have the opportunity to vote on any decision, and we keep proper audited financial records. The only decision we don't make is what we sing, as that is left to Emily. She is the expert! It's a real night out. We meet at the Orwell Hotel, a perfect venue with its ballroom, lounges and bars. Around 70-80 men and women (many who have never been in a choir before) attend each week." Set up as a 'non-performing' choir, members soon found they liked to share the harmonies they had learnt, and the joy they get from singing together. A highlight of the year is when they sing with the Festival Orchestra as part of Music in Felixstowe. The choir starts promptly at 7.30, costs £4, and, if you join, you get a folder of songs for a £5 deposit. Check the choir's website or social media for any special announcements. [www.felixstowecommunitychoir.co.uk](http://www.felixstowecommunitychoir.co.uk)

# SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

## Discovereads

try something new with Suffolk Libraries

Suffolk Libraries are launching a new reading promotion which aims to get people to read something a bit different.

'Discovereads' is an exciting new project featuring six books chosen by Suffolk Libraries with the help of reading groups across the county.

People will be encouraged to borrow, read and discuss the books. They will be available from Suffolk Libraries with the full collections available from Stowmarket, Sudbury, Brandon, Felixstowe and Bungay libraries.

Discovereads will launch on Wednesday 11 March at Stowmarket library with a special event featuring Stella Tillyard, author of *The Great Level*, one of the chosen books.

The six Discovereads books are:

- **The Great Level** by Stella Tillyard
- **I Am, I Am, I Am**, by Maggie O'Farrell
- **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell
- **Persepolis** by Marjane Satrapi
- **The Shepherd's Hut** by Tim Winton
- **The Sisters Brothers** by Patrick DeWitt.



Lisa Brennan, Content and Reader Development Librarian at Suffolk Libraries, said:

"We're delighted to be launching a promotion of these six amazing books chosen with help from our book groups across Suffolk. We'd love people to take part and discover something new. You don't have to be a regular reader or library customer – we'd love to engage with as many people as possible."

The programme will run until the end of May with other events and discussions also taking place. Anyone feeding back their views on the Discovereads titles by Tuesday 30 June will also be entered into a prize draw to win a copy of all six books.

For full details about the books, launch event and competition visit [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/discovereads](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/discovereads)

## Lions club of Felixstowe



Our annual Pig Race was held at the Felixstowe Labour and Trades Club on Saturday 8th February. It was run in conjunction with the Lions Club of Stowmarket. Battery powered toy pigs raced each other down a wooden track, with bets being placed on the outcome. It was a great evening and lots of fun, raising over £1,900 for Lions charities. Many thanks to all our sponsors.



Our Car Boot sales will be starting again on Saturday 11th April, at the Pier Plaza on Undercliff Road West (in front the Pier). The final sale will be on 26th September, and there will be no sales on 13th June or 25th July. This year the site will be open to sellers to set-up from 9.30am and to buyers from 10am to 2pm. Sellers £6, charities £3, maximum 2 tables. Once again we are holding our Easter Egg Raffle at various locations in Felixstowe. We hope to have the eggs in 11 locations. Look out for the huge eggs and have a go, it could be you with a winning number. On Sunday 12th April we will be repeating our Easter Egg Hunt in which children hunt around the seafront gardens to find clues to answer a question. Those getting the correct answer (all) will be presented with an Easter egg. Following on from successful events at the Triangle last year, we will be holding further sales of antiques at the Triangle on Saturday 16th May, 18th July and 12th September.

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## Intergenerational Project

A new intergenerational project has been launched in Felixstowe called the Felixstowe Friendships Project. East Suffolk Council, with the help of the Dementia Action Alliance, have produced a programme of events between Kingsfleet and Colneis Primary schools, paired with various care homes in the area. The initial launch, held at Kingsfleet Primary School, consisted of the year 5 students designing the project, having a chance to meet the care home staff and ending with an adapted Dementia Friends session.

From March 2020, the children will be writing a pen pal letter to their 'buddy'. Following this, every other month will see a visit to their buddy care home in between letter exchanges. Activities will include board games, reading, arts and crafts, etc. However to celebrate the Women's Tour in June, the groups will be doing specific activities designed around bicycles. This project is meant to create a lasting legacy between the two ages groups, every academic year, the new year 5's will take on the project. The project promises to tackle social isolation and promote community spirit, especially for those without grandchildren/parents. Intergenerational work has also been shown to have beneficial impact on those living with dementia. Other schools are encouraged to contact Chloe from the East Suffolk Communities Team at [chloe.winlow@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:chloe.winlow@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) to be part of the project.

## Have you tried golf in Felixstowe?

Golf Spring will either have arrived or be on its way by the time you read this and you may well be thinking of trying something new, something sociable and fun, something to keep you active and out in the fresh air, something you thought you didn't have time for and now you do! Look no further and come to us to have golf lessons to be able to achieve all the above and more!

We are lucky enough to have two young amazing professionals here at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club who thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to teach anyone, young or old, male or female, so please come along and give golf a try. You do not need to bring any equipment as that can be supplied so all we need is your enthusiasm.

As you may know we now have a state-of-the-art driving range for our members use as well as a chipping and putting area. In the pro shop there

## Community Partnerships

Community Partnerships (CPs) are an innovative new way for the Council, partners and communities to work together to 'bring ideas to life' by taking a solution focussed approach to local priorities.

Eight Community Partnerships have been set up, with meetings being attended by County, District and Town councillors, Suffolk Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups and representatives from voluntary and community groups, youth and business and others as appropriate to the area. CPs are informal bodies with a solution-focussed workshop style and are initially focussed on a set of priorities identified at an annual workshop and based on data (facts and figures) and local insight. CPs will evolve organically – and differently in each area – to reflect local distinctiveness. Each Community Partnership has a budget of £10,000 for the 2019/20 financial year – this needs to be allocated by the end of March (not spent) – and then £25,000 per year for the next three years. The eight East Suffolk CPs were launched with a programme of workshops in October/November 2019, based around a tailored data pack. Attendance ranged from 30 to 80 participants per workshop, with the Felixstowe one being one of the biggest, and 3 priorities were agreed by those present at each workshop (derived both from the data presented on the evening and from feedback from those who attended about local needs): The Felixstowe Peninsular identified the following three priorities.

1. Community spaces and physical enhancements
2. Social isolation and loneliness
3. Education – aspirations, ambitions and standards

(Social isolation and Loneliness came at as a top priority across the district.)

The first CP meeting for the Felixstowe Peninsula has only recently taken place and outcomes were not available for the print deadline for this edition but it will. For more information about Community Partnerships, please visit [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnerships](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnerships)

is an excellent swing room which can be hired or may be where the Pro will give you a lesson. Either way we have a lot of facilities that come into their own when Andrew and Sam teach.

Our adult lessons are on the poster below which you will see are very good value and start in April either on a Wednesday evening (mixed group) or a Saturday morning (mixed and ladies' groups). Junior lessons will start on Tuesday evenings on the 5th May, just £40 for a 10-week course and a 3 month membership on the Kingsfleet course for all juniors that complete! Fantastic value!

You will be made to feel very welcome by our pro's and all of our members, so we hope 2020 is the year you take up this amazing sport. We look forward to seeing you.

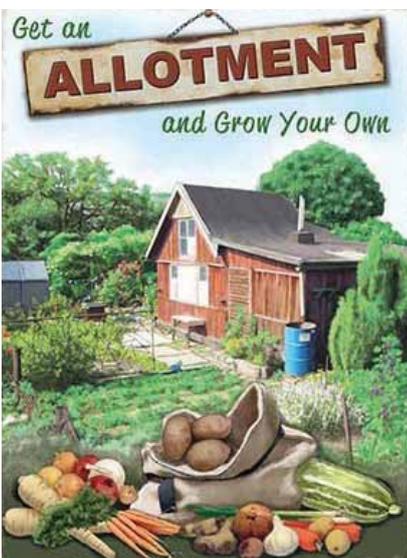
# Felixstowe & District Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Spring is about to Spring, although as I write this in early February, it doesn't feel much like it, nevertheless, us allotment-eers are busy getting ready for the year ahead. Our Winter digging should now be complete ready to accept the seedlings that we have already started to sow, in propagators and nice warm greenhouses of course. Tomato seedlings, cabbages and onions have already germinated under glass, and we will soon be sowing the rest of the brassicas, beetroot, leeks, lettuces etc. It is said that there is no point sowing any seeds outside until you can sit on the ground comfortably with a bare backside! NOT that I have witnessed that test, I'm pleased to say.

The next important job will be planting potatoes and some optimists have already planted early varieties under thick layers of fleece or in greenhouses for a catch crop before tomatoes are ready for planting. The Allotment Association this year has negotiated with a local wholesaler of seed potatoes to provide our members with a selection of varieties at greatly reduced rates than from retailers. These are now all chitting ready to be planted in March and April.

As the weather warms up, one of the first crops to be sown outside will be parsnips they are always tricky to get good germination. and they take forever to appear as seedlings, again the old wives tale is that they first have to go down to shake hands with the devil! Then it gets really busy, with peas, and beans and courgettes and all the rest of the delicious crops that we will be harvesting through the Summer.

The only thing we have to hope for is a nice warm Spring followed by hot Summer days with occasional gentle rain during the night—if you are a gardener, you have to be optimistic don't you?



## 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](mailto:sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk) or call on 01394 288191

## The Great British Spring Clean



The Great British Spring Clean from 20 March – 13 April is about demonstrating that you love where you live – whether that's by pledging to pick while you're walking the dog or taking the kids to school, hosting a clean-up or by joining Litter-Free Felixstowe's litter-pick on Sunday 5th April at 11:30am on Brackenbury Green. Find out more on the Litter-Free Felixstowe Facebook page. Your Town Council will be taking part and supporting too!

## Earth Day 2020



April 22, 2020 will mark 50 years of Earth Day. How will you mark the occasion? Let us know your plans, whether you are taking part in a local clean-up, or holding an event on climate action we would like to hear about it!

## 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.

## Engine idling - Why it's so harmful and what we can do to help

Idling (leaving a vehicle's engine running while its stationary) increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

**For every 1 litre of fuel used by a diesel engine, 2.64 kg of CO2 is released into the atmosphere.**

The issue of engines not being switched off when vehicles are parked is, unbeknownst to many, already an offence. Rule 123 of The Highway states that drivers must not leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road. Local authorities have the power to issue £20 fixed penalties for emission offences and stationary idling under The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002. However, it is important to note that this is imposed only if a motorist refuses to switch off their engine off when asked to do

so by an authorised person. At the February meeting of the Council's Youth Forum, the young members agreed to use some of their budget to purchase banners to place at local schools to discourage idling.



### What the RAC recommends that we can do:

- Try to consider how long you are going to be stationary in traffic. The RAC recommends that motorists turn off their engines if they think they are not going to move for around two minutes.
- Many modern vehicles have 'stop-start' systems fitted that automatically switch off the engine when the vehicle is stationary and restart it as soon as the accelerator is pressed. Manufacturers allow this feature to be manually switched off, however we urge motorists not to do this. There is no risk to your vehicle in allowing this feature to be left on.
- For vehicles without 'stop-start' it's fine to turn off your engine, but you should try to avoid doing this repeatedly in a short space of time. In addition, older vehicles (around eight years old) and vehicles with older batteries (around five years old) may struggle if they are started too often in a short space of time

## East Suffolk Greenprint Forum

Are you a person who loves your community and are keen to do your bit for it and the environment? Looking for a way to share your knowledge or experiences with others and learn from theirs? Seeking an input to the thinking of organisations in your area?

The Greenprint Forum is one of the ways you can do this locally. It is facilitated by East Suffolk Council to enable our communities to be more resilient, supportive, engaged, valued and empowered to protect, enhance and make sustainable use of our environment.

### Since our foundation in 1996 some of our key achievements have been:

- A key member led the Suffolk Hedgerow survey which saw 2000 volunteers surveying 44,984 field boundaries across Suffolk
- Supporting the East Coast Carbon Efficiency project: 200 small businesses were visited by Groundwork Suffolk and provided with reports prioritising energy efficiency measures. 59 Businesses received grants
- Instigating the Sky Lantern and Mass Balloon Ban through event hire on East Suffolk Council land
- Embarking on a Plastic Action Campaign running since 2018, establishing a network of Plastic Action Champion volunteers to act as ambassadors for the movement helping others in their networks to reduce their consumption of single use stuff and commissioning a Yellow Fish project to address the issue of pollution entering the natural watercourses via surface water drains.

You can find out more, or join online at [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum) or contact me via [greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) #GreenprintForum 01394 444747 Daniel Wareing Secretary of Greenprint Forum & Environmental Sustainability Officer East Suffolk Council.

## Tour of Suffolk's Energy-From-Waste Facility



Felixstowe Town Councillors and staff recently attended a tour of the Suffolk Energy from Waste Facility at Great Blakenham to learn about what happens to our non-recyclable waste. The plant is operated and constructed by a partnership between Suffolk County Council and SUEZ recycling and recovery UK. It was encouraging to learn that less than 3% of Suffolk's household waste goes to landfill. The plant generates enough energy for 38,000 homes (2019 figures) and the greenhouse gas reduction is

estimated as 75,000 tonnes per year (using the WRATE tool developed for the Environment Agency). Over 25 years, this will save £350 million compared to the rubbish going to landfill.

The plant is designed for a maximum of 269,000 tonnes of waste a year, and takes all of Suffolk's non-recycled waste (200,000 tpa), some of Norfolk's (45,000 tpa) and 23,000 from other third parties. It is a 2 line facility processing 15-19 tonnes per hour per line and gives a maximum turbine output of 25 megawatts.

The rubbish is incinerated at approximately 1,000°C. Lime, activated carbon and urea are used to help neutralise the pollutants – with dust emissions prevented by a revolutionary filter system. Any rubbish which cannot be burnt into gas is then either reused to help build roads or recycled if metal. The only emission is mainly steam coming out of the plant's two 81.5 metre chimneys. Gases, which are also emitted, are closely monitored for their levels of harmful pollutants and are reported to the Environmental Agency and recorded on SUEZ's website.

Since opening, more than 8,000 visitors have visited the site. The visitor centre provides education on all aspects of waste through interactive sessions and activities to get you thinking about consumption, recycling and energy management, whilst enabling views across the plant at key stages. Adults, schools groups and clubs are all welcome. Children must be aged 7+. To book a free tour please email [suffolkfkw.uk@suez.com](mailto:suffolkfkw.uk@suez.com)

## Happy Globe



With the increase in urban environments being one of the main causes of species decline, it is now more important than ever that we work to not only preserve the natural areas we have left but also develop more in order to

turn the tide on climate change and species decline. With this in mind, thanks to Felixstowe Town Council, we are delighted to announce that in the spring we will be taking on a local piece of land to develop into the HappyGlobe CIC Conservation Meadow!

The first step to local conservation is bee support. Without bees, it is said that humans would last no longer than 4 years! Our conservation meadow will be home to our beehives and a variety of wildflowers to help preserve and encourage our dwindling bee numbers.

Alongside bees, many other insects have dropped in numbers over the last few decades. Although we cannot do much about the field fertiliser or the lack of private garden biodiversity, we can provide a safe habitat for a variety of insects with our insect homes, trees and wild flowers.

Education will remain the forefront of our plans with the meadow, so we look forward to teaching conservation with our meadow and ensuring we can all do our bit for the planet.

We will be looking for volunteers for this project; please send us a message on Facebook or on [volunteering@happyglobe.org](mailto:volunteering@happyglobe.org) to get involved!

HappyGlobe CIC: The goal is a cleaner world for all species, the dream is when our kids won't need that goal.

## February in Abbey Grove



Abbey Grove, Felixstowe's Community Woodland, is thriving. It is maturing into a superb wildlife haven and a place for the community to have fun and enjoy the beauty of nature.

At the moment we are between Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis but as you can see Abbey Grove is looking splendid. As you crunch, crunch through the leaf litter look out for the early daffodils and snowdrops a sure sign that Spring is not that far away

Look out for the fungi and lichen which form the essential base level of all our habitats.

I love looking out for my first sighting of the delicate female flower on the Hazel as it waits to receive some pollen from a nearby male catkin.

Abbey Grove is maintained by a group of volunteers led by the Woodland Trust Volunteer Warden, Bob Stoner. Great fun is had by one and all, every Tuesday morning from October to March.

We are now looking ahead and are keen to protect and expand Felixstowe's woodland and open spaces to connect with the area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB).

### We have formed a FELIXSTOWE COUNTRY PARK GROUP (FCPG)

We have already had a useful meeting with local officials and with Persimmon, the developers of the Candlet Road Development. We are feeling positive that a Country Park concept could be included as part of a potential Garden Neighbourhood Development.

If you are interested in Abbey Grove and its environs please contact Bob Stoner [rhstoner@msn.com](mailto:rhstoner@msn.com).

If you are interested in a Country Park idea please contact myself, [judithhedges@btopenworld.com](mailto:judithhedges@btopenworld.com)

## Clearing the Air



The impact of air pollution on our health, our environment and our climate and the urgent need to cut emissions are high on the agenda for both Government and business.

The Port of Felixstowe is playing its part and will produce its first Air Quality Strategy by July 2020. The strategy will include targets for the future management and reduction of emissions.

Although this will be its first formal strategy that does not mean the port has not already been working hard to improve air quality. Actions taken by the port have made significant improvements in local air quality over recent years.

An Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) near Dock Gate 2 was revoked after actions taken to cut emissions from operations within the port and also from vehicles heading to and from the port.

Converting rubber-tyred gantry cranes from diesel to electric power, switching to smaller, more efficient terminal equipment, adopting smarter technology such as automatic stop-start functions on internal movement vehicles and the use of electric vehicles and traffic management measures have all contributed to reductions of 92% in Sulphur Dioxide levels and 36% in Nitrogen Dioxide levels on the port since 2007 despite the port handling greater volumes of traffic.

The growth in the use of rail for distribution and carbon economies of scale from mega vessels also reduce emissions beyond the port. The development of an Air Quality Strategy is the next step in maintaining a healthy environment for those who live and work near the UK's largest container port. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch via: [airquality@hpuk.co.uk](mailto:airquality@hpuk.co.uk)

## Felixstowe Gardening Club (formerly Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society)

Despite unseasonable blustery weather it's time to set to and prepare for some garden tasks.

The first thing to do is come along and join Felixstowe Garden Club. We meet every second TUESDAY of the month at 7.30pm at the Old Felixstowe Community Centre in Church Road, Old Felixstowe. This is the place to come to learn about all things gardening and meet up with like-minded amateur gardeners.

On 10th March our speaker will be Mike Able who will be telling us about Chemical Free Control of Pests and Diseases. Meetings are free to members and we welcome visitors at £5 each (it's much better value to sign up as a member at just £15 for the whole 12 months).

The society runs coach trips to shows and gardens and in July we have our Summer Show at which our members proudly show off their produce.

Amongst our membership we have experts in many areas of horticulture from roses and fuchsias to alpines and vegetables and they're always welcome to share and to help our members grow better crops.

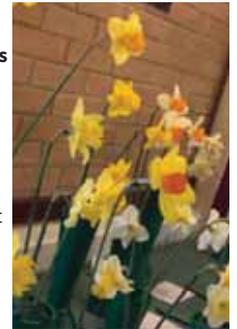
### Some garden jobs for March:

- Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- Lift and divide large established perennials
- Prune and feed bush and climbing roses
- Mow the lawn on dry days (if we get any)

Our website is: [felixstowedistrictths.onesuffolk.net](http://felixstowedistrictths.onesuffolk.net) and we're also on Facebook.

Feel free to just come along and say hello.

- Ray Martin, Chairman



## Friends of the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens



With Spring in the air and summer on its way the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens are getting ready to burst into life. The Gardens are owned by East Suffolk Council and managed by Suffolk Norse assisted by wonderful volunteers.

The Wednesday volunteer group meet all year round.

The volunteers can be found pruning, sweeping, tidying, de-heading and assisting the lead gardeners in maintaining the Gardens. They do a fantastic job and are only ever deterred by very inclement weather.

The Friends love what they do but they do ask that visitors and residents help them keep the Gardens looking their best. This includes the perennial problem of dogs running loose. Polite notices ask that dogs be kept on a lead in the Gardens. This is to protect the shrubs and flowering plants from damage, especially in the spring when young growth is prevalent. Dog fouling remains a problem particularly in the summer when Felixstowe welcomes more visitors. As volunteers assisting, there is nothing more unpleasant than discovering the obvious in the undergrowth.

Next time you see a merry band of hard-working volunteers do stop and say hello.

If you would like to volunteer and want to find out more please email [sfgvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sfgvolunteers@gmail.com)

The Felixstowe Seafront Gardens hold the prestigious Green Flag and Green Heritage Award, the benchmark national standard for publicly accessible parks and green spaces in the United Kingdom. An application has been made for the 2020 award.



## 'Just One Child' - Inspiring Children to care for the Planet

The massive media interest in environmental issues has grown in recent years. Debbie Bartlett who runs Litter-Free Felixstowe has recently written a book for children to encourage them to take positive action, however small. First published in January this year, "Just One Child" is the tale of a young boy who talks to ships about the plastic waste found in our seas and rivers and recently featured in the EADT. The inspiration for the book came the port. Debbie explains "It seemed to me to make sense that the ships would have seen all the marine rubbish in the oceans and streams. I felt children would be able to connect with the message, if it came from inanimate objects – I didn't want to preach or to show pictures of wildlife entangled in plastic. 'Just One Child' has some wonderful images by young illustrator Rachel Wallis, who has included some clear Felixstowe landmarks in her pictures. The result is a positive book which appeals to young children and encourages them all to take some action. Collectively, we can make a difference." Demand for the book has been overwhelming with copies being sent all over the country and beyond (USA, Australia and India). Copies (at £6.99 each including postage) can be obtained by contacting Debbie Bartlett via the Facebook page 'Just One Child'.

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## Litter-Free Felixstowe



In December, Litter-Free Felixstowe wanted to encourage even more children to get involved and were delighted to be joined by Father Christmas for a beach clean at the Pier. Santa arrived in a fantastic vintage car and many elves were on hand to help. The amount of litter cleared from the beach, prom, gardens and surrounding area was astounding, thanks to the sheer

number of people volunteering their time. Special 'good list' certificates were presented to all the children taking part. As a result, the next litter-pick at Martello Park attracted many more families as excited children took part in the free scavenger hunt on a very dreary winter's day. Recently young 'Explorers' from the Salvation Army also took part in an evening Litter-Free Felixstowe litter-pick in the town centre.

The group has even more planned for this year and is keen to welcome new members and engage with businesses. Goldstar Transport have recently kindly added their support. Litter-picking is a fun, sociable event and the group is keen to hear which other areas around the town which need to be cleared, join our Facebook group to get involved. Our next organised litter-pick is on Sunday 5th April at 11.30am on Brackenbury Green as part of The Great British Spring Clean. Whilst it is important to do regular beach cleans, litter can be carried from any area so it is important to tackle the problem throughout Felixstowe.



[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)

# Spring in Felixstowe

Easter eggs, classic vehicles on the prom, blooming gardens, VE Day celebrations and more...  
Enjoy Spring by the sea.

## Put a spring in your step...

Take a wander in the award-winning **Felixstowe Seafront Gardens** amongst the colourful bluebells, crocuses and daffodils; whilst in the **town centre** enjoy blooming beds of spring flowers as you shop in our indies.

At the **Landguard Nature Reserve**, take your binoculars to spot recent spring bird arrivals, including cute Ringed Plover chicks.

**Sea Road** is full of family fun, and with some fab new additions coming in 2020, including Beach Street Felixstowe at Manning's; Saltwater Fish and Chips at The Forum; and a major new look to Family Amusements.



## Spring 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 Spring. **Open daily** (weather permitting) **from 11.00am to 3.00pm**.

Check out the official tourism website for the town at [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk), and make sure you follow us on social media for the latest news, events and inspirational pictures.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe)  
Twitter: [www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe)

# What's On



## The Big Three...

### 50th Ipswich to Felixstowe Classic Vehicle Rally

Sunday 3 May

The premier road run in East Anglia! Over 500 vehicles, including cars, lorries, motorcycles, buses and military vehicles displayed on the seafront. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020, the vehicles assemble in Christchurch Park in Ipswich, then travel a designated route to Felixstowe arriving from around 1200 onwards.

Full details at

[www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

### Rotary Club of Felixstowe Charity Fun Run

Friday 8 May

Open to everyone, this annual event on the seafront involves running or walking as many laps as possible around a measured mile circuit in one hour. The event starts (1100) and finishes beside The Spa Pavilion. This year's event will have a VE Day theme of 'Dads Army' - and fancy dress is encouraged.

Full details at

[www.felixstowerotaryclub.org](http://www.felixstowerotaryclub.org)

### Felixstowe - VE Day Concert : Picnic by the Sea

Friday 8 May

A free family day out by the sea celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Bring your picnics for live music, entertainment, stalls, displays and children's activities, in and around the Felixstowe Beachside Events Area on the seafront. Runs from 1200-2200. Please read the full article on page 23.

Full details at

[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)





## More Spring events not to be missed... Full details at [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on)

Join **The Dorian Singers** for 'Poulenc Gloria' on Saturday 28 March (1930) at St. Andrew's Church. Musical pieces from Fauré, Haydn and Mozart.

Historic **Landguard Fort** has a fun children's Easter Trail running from Friday 3 to Sunday 19 April. Also, on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April, exciting military re-enactments and displays from The 95th Rifles. Open 1000-1700.

Shanties, sea songs and maritime merriment with **ShantyCafé** down at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club on Saturday 4 April (1300-1900). Seven shanty crews including The Felix Stowaways.

Join the Landguard bunny for **The Great Felixstowe Museum Easter Egg Hunt** on Wednesday 8 April (two sessions at 1230 and 1430). Find the coloured eggs for a yummy reward!

**Churches Together Felixstowe** are holding their annual Open-Air Service at the Triangle in the Town Centre on Good Friday (10 April). 1045 start with songs and readings.

Discover **Art at the Ferry** on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 April (1000-1600) at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club. Around 25-30 local artists in attendance, including willow sculptures, ceramics, paintings and jewellery.

Scout groups from Felixstowe and Ipswich take part in the **St. George's Day Parade** along the prom on Sunday 26 April, from the Felixstowe Leisure Centre to The Spa Pavilion. 1430 start.

The Rotary Club of Felixstowe present their **7th Charity Boxing Dinner** on Friday 15 May (1830). A splendid three course meal and quality amateur boxing at Brackenbury Sports Centre.

Celebrate wonderful wetland wildlife at Trimley Marshes with the **Spring Spectacle** on Sunday 17 May (1000-1600). Demonstrations, expert advice and children's activities.

Be nose! Two pretty private gardens - **41 Westmorland Road and 246 Ferry Road** are open for charity (National Gardens Scheme) on Sunday 31 May (1100-1700).

Fun for all the family at the **Kirton and Falkenham Churches Summer Fete** on Saturday 6 June (1230-1600), including stalls, games and music.

## ONE NOT TO MISS...

On your bike! On Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June, the town centre will play host to fun cycling events and activities for everyone... as the build-up to **FelixFest** on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June - which includes the final stage of The Women's Tour 2020, featuring the world's top cyclists. Please read the full article on page 22 and keep up to date with the latest information on this event at [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)





## Get snapping...

Last chance to enter the **Felixstowe Photo Competition**, with the closing date of Wednesday 25 March 2020 at 12pm. 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. Full details and to enter at

[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/felixstowe-photo-competition](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/felixstowe-photo-competition)



Picture: last year's winner - Sue Reynolds.

## Discover Landguard in 2020

Both **Landguard Fort** and **Felixstowe Museum** are busy preparing for their main opening season. The Fort reopens on Monday 23 March, then daily until Sunday 1 November. The

Museum is open from Sunday 12 April to Sunday 25 October on selected days. Once again there is a full programme of events and activities, including Easter treats, children's quiz trails, exciting re-enactments, Halloween scares and Christmas fun. Visit [www.discoverlandguard.org.uk](http://www.discoverlandguard.org.uk) for full details.



## And the winner is...

English Tourism Week is coming up between the 18 and 25 April - and once again Visit Felixstowe will be celebrating our fantastic tourism industry in the town by presenting the annual **Tourism Award**. Five to six nominees, which could be attractions, events or accommodation establishments, are put forward to an online public vote - with you choosing the overall winner. Previous winners have been the Festival of Fabric and Felixstowe Parkrun. Follow our social media pages for the announcement of this year's vote on Monday 20 April.



## Organising a Tourism Event in Felixstowe?

Then don't forget to let us know... we can include your event on the Visit Felixstowe website, plus give it a push via our social media pages. There is no charge, just email us with your information at [visitfelixstowe@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:visitfelixstowe@eastsoffolk.gov.uk). We also put up posters at the VF beach hut on the seafront and at the noticeboards in the town centre... just drop four A4 posters at the Town Hall to be included.





# Felixstowe Forward

## In Partnership with your local authorities

### The Visitor Season gets underway ...

Every year Visit Felixstowe and Felixstowe Forward hold an annual 'Season Launch'. This year's event is being hosted by the Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club on April 23. The Season Launch is held in English Tourism Week and is an opportunity for Tourist Attractions, Restaurants and Accommodation establishments to come together to hear about plans for the year ahead. Invitations will be sent out in early March. If you are a local business / attraction interested in attending please do get in touch with us at [Felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk).

At this event businesses can find out more about exciting plans in Felixstowe including development of new club house for the Golf Club, The Women's Tour, and Visit Felixstowe will be announcing its shortlist for this year Visit Felixstowe tourism award.

With visitors in mind we are delighted to announce that Felixstowe Town Council with support from East Suffolk Council has applied for the prestigious Blue Flag award (incorporating the Seaside Award) sought for beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators as an indication of their high environmental and quality standards. Felixstowe is the only town on the Suffolk coast that meets the criteria for the Blue Flag. We expect to hear of a successful application in May.



We are delighted to hear that the Felixstowe Museum is one of the finalists in the Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times Norfolk and Suffolk Tourism Awards 2020 in the category of the Berry Savory Small Visitor Attraction of the Year.

### Calling for Volunteers

Felixstowe will be hosting The Women's Tour in June 2020 (see page 22) and we are looking for volunteers to help at the event and over the weekend.

We also have plans to create a Friends of the Martello P Tower Group with a view to opening the historic building on an occasional basis. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [volunteer@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@eastsuffolk.gov.uk).

### Events and activities on East Suffolk Council Land

We encourage events on East Suffolk Council land, these include The Beachside Events area, Pier Plaza, The Triangle, The Promenade, and Spa Approach subject to an application being made and due consultation. An online system has been introduced to help streamline the process [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/events-on-council-land/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/events-on-council-land/). A small administration charge of £25 is made to process applications. 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](mailto:clare.baker@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)) before starting an online application.

### #LoveIndependent - Welcome New Businesses

Please help support our local independents in Hamilton and Orwell Road by spending your pound locally. It really does make a difference. We are delighted to take this opportunity to welcome new businesses opening and/or relocating to Felixstowe.

- Vaping Shop - VP2
- Restaurant - Alba Chiara
- The Crescent Cafe

### Business Development:

Whatever stage in your business journey, take a look at [www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk](http://www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk) where you can find valuable support and advice.

### Felixstowe Business Improvement District

If you are a town centre business or a Seafront business, please do get in touch to find out more about proposals for a Felixstowe Business Improvement District.

A Business Improvement District is an arrangement whereby businesses get together

to decide what improvements they want to make in their town centre, how they will manage these and what it will cost them. This all goes into a business plan which is voted on by all those who would have to contribute. The BID lasts for a maximum of five years and must be able to demonstrate how a BID benefits the businesses that have funded it. BIDs have been successfully established in Suffolk towns - Bury St Edmunds, Lowestoft, Ipswich and Newmarket. There will be drop in events in April and May. If you would like to attend a workshop or to book an appointment please contact Helen Greengrass, BID Project Manager [helen@felixstowebid.co.uk](mailto:helen@felixstowebid.co.uk) Tel 07717 150993. You can also find out more by visiting the following sites -<https://felixstowebid.co.uk/>. -<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/business-improvement-districts>

### Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) starts across Suffolk on 6 April

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) is when a local authority takes on responsibility from the police to enforce against illegal parking. This process means parking violations becoming civil offences. CPE applies to both on-street parking (roads and highways) and off-street parking (public car parks run by the local authority).

CPE allows local councils to better promote safe and sensible parking, while also tackling local parking issues concerning residents. It also allows the police to focus more heavily on tackling safety, threats and harm, and more serious crimes.

CPE has operated successfully in Ipswich since 2005, and the transfer will see the other four districts also take on this responsibility. Through councils employing qualified enforcement officers who can dedicate their time to tackling illegal parking, it means this becomes a higher priority; leading to a significant improvement in parking practices across the county, promoting the benefits of good parking and enforcing where necessary. It will reduce unsafe parking, make sure emergency vehicles can get through, reduce impact on local businesses by improving turnover of parking spaces and reduce environmental impact by tackling congestion and idling engines.

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## Living History at Fairfield & Colneis



As part of our school curriculum, the children across both Fairfield and Colneis experience a wide variety of extended opportunities to help embed their learning. These can take the form of trips out, visitors in and themed days. As I write, our Year 3's are experiencing a 'Roman Day' where they will take on a variety of roles and experiences from this period in History.

Our Year 6's recently enjoyed living life as evacuees, including having lessons typical of the time interrupted by air raid sirens! Our Year 2's have also welcomed a visit from an owl to support them in their learning in this area. All of these wider opportunities allow children to make links between their knowledge, and experience in a real practical sense the wonder of learning new things.

## New Headteacher and a Fresh Start for Grange Primary School



I am very proud to have been appointed Headteacher of Grange CPS in September and have had the opportunity to visit the school regularly before taking-up post in January. Grange is such a lively school and the children are really enjoying the new lunchtime activities we have introduced to make their playtimes more engaging. Whether they are playing games with the playleaders, climbing on the equipment or colouring-in in the chill out zone the children seem so much happier. Our learning time is also very exciting too and I have seen just how hard the adults work to energise the curriculum, especially through trips and visitors. Since joining the school, I have seen Yr5 in a visiting planetarium in the hall; Yr3 go to visit BT for a computing workshop and Yr4 and Yr5 pupils enjoying mathematics workshops courtesy of Felixstowe Academy (with whom we want to work very closely to improve opportunities for Felixstowe children).

Here you can see our Reception children enjoying Chinese New Year on Friday 24th January 2020. The children had great fun making Chinese paper lanterns and being a Chinese dragon. The children finished their celebrations by trying some Chinese food including Vegetable Chow Mein and Prawn Crackers. Their favourite though was the Prawn toast!

Friends of Grange (FOG) – our PTA – are incredibly supportive of the school and they have got ambitious and exciting plans to enrich the children and family's primary school experience. I wish didn't involve discos (the only thing I don't love about being in primary schools!) but that seems to be the first thing on their list.



So - let's see what Spring has to offer as the mornings get brighter and a few more bulbs start to say 'hello'. Please check out the school's website and calendar to keep abreast of the bright future at Grange.

Mr Lee Abbott - Headteacher

## Lunchtime Joy at Langer Primary Academy



Pupils at Langer Primary Academy have become the first in Felixstowe to have their own ScrapStore PlayPod. The PlayPod, which was funded by Unity Schools Partnership, is a large shed filled with items of re-purposed scrap that the pupils can use to make their own slides, hammocks, ships, and anything else they choose. It is available for use every lunchtime. The introduction of the PlayPod has seen an increase in children's enjoyment of lunchtime and has improved their activity levels. It is also challenging them to play in more traditional ways by creating their own games. There have been much fewer accidents at lunchtime since the children became so engaged with their play - the staff and pupils were trained on safe play at the start of the project.

The parents and carers of Langer pupils have not been left out of the fun as they were invited in for a Parent and Child Play session. I think it is safe to say they enjoyed themselves as much as the children did.

Anyone driving along Langer Road at lunchtime will be able to see the children enjoying their swings and much more.

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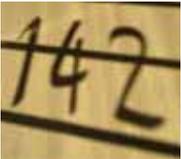
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## 142 Hamilton Road



Early in 2019 three local artists, Lisa Berry, Toby Mayhew and Drew Whitmore took on the challenge of bringing their shared creative energies to the high street in Felixstowe. Their 142 Hamilton Road Gallery provides artists with a place where they can come to show their work to the public and also, importantly, where they can show their processes by working in

the shop window and encouraging the public to come in and get involved in the varying processes of art making.

The group has placed emphasis on allowing imagination to take centre stage. A year later and with the excellent addition of new team member Victoria Petchy, 142 Hamilton Road Gallery has become a popular destination for artists, creative folk and art buyers alike.

Lisa says: 'We believe that we are the most dynamic, energetic and exciting gallery in the area, and want the people of Felixstowe and visitors to experience something out of the ordinary, unexpected or beautiful and to put the town firmly on the map as an art destination.'

The gallery is a place for adventurous art lovers, those who don't want their art handed to them on a plate, where people can come to experience the creative process, and where artists are encouraged to push their limits and to take creative risks. Importantly, potential buyers can connect with the artists directly and see art in the making. Expect the unexpected!

Open daily 10am -4pm.

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonRdArts/](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonRdArts/) and [www.instagram.com/142\\_hamilton\\_road](https://www.instagram.com/142_hamilton_road)

## Suffolk Mind

Expanding services to help more people with mental health issues around Felixstowe



Independent mental health charity, Suffolk Mind, which launched its Suffolk Work Well (SWW) service in Felixstowe last year to complement its Ipswich base has expanded its service to Saxmundham.

Suffolk Work Well is a free service providing back-to-work support, one-to-one sessions with a dedicated Case Worker and better in-work support through a Personal Wellbeing Plan. The programme is tailored to meet the needs and aspirations of the individual.

Tony Wooderson, the SWW Coordinator said "We all have emotional needs that must be met in order to avoid stress and stay mentally well. Going to work is an effective way of meeting needs for achievement, status, community and attention – where that employment is endangered our mental wellbeing can be compromised"

Another Suffolk Mind service also expanded in 2019 to help more people in Suffolk. Our Borderline Personality Disorder service, Waves, had previously been running weekly sessions in Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich but will now be operating two further days in Ipswich as well as opening new groups in Felixstowe and Haverhill. 160 people a year will now be helped, compared to the 60 being seen previously each year.

You can self-refer to both Suffolk Work Well and Waves on our website: [www.suffolkmind.org.uk](http://www.suffolkmind.org.uk)

## Felixstowe TimeBank



Felixstowe Time Bank was delighted to receive a request from Memory Lane Dementia Support Group to put together ten Memory Boxes for distribution to dementia friendly cafes and churches in Felixstowe and Walton.

The purpose of a Memory Box is to stimulate conversation and memory in a community setting using familiar objects such as photographs, postcards, buttons, pounds shilling pence, and craft items. Fiddle mitts are included as the textures of wool, fabric and ribbon are proven to reduce anxiety. Memory Boxes are an inclusive way to support people affected by dementia to live well in their community.

This is one example of the success your local Time Bank has had in the community. Felixstowe TimeBank meets regularly at different venues in Felixstowe and is where volunteers come together to tackle problems and issues in the town through social action and problem solving.

If you would like to become involved in TimeBank and can offer an hour of your time, skills and experience please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. Contact Jan McGuire on [felixtimebanking@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:felixtimebanking@eastssuffolk.gov.uk). You can also search for Felixstowe TimeBank on Facebook.



## Memory Lane

Dementia Support Group  
Felixstowe Dementia Action Alliance

Memory Lane opened in October 2017 to support people living with dementia. It can accommodate up to 30 members at any one session. It provides real support locally providing a safe and welcoming environment for people affected by dementia to come together and enjoy stimulating activities. In 2019 Memory Lane has grown from 17 members in 2017 to supporting over 40 in 2019. Welcomed over 52 visitors who provide activities and support. Enjoyed visits to the Orwell Hotel, Felixstowe Library, Landguard Fort, New Wolsey Theatre, Delphine's Diner, Punch Trust and more. Raised over £800 through fundraising in 2019-2020

Thank you to the many organisations who have supported Memory Lane with grants and contributions. We will be holding a thank you event on 17 April 2020 from 11.00-13.00. Please let us know if you would like to attend. Memory Lane meets every Friday from 11.00-14.00 at The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road, Felixstowe.

For the latest events programme visit and other information:

<http://fxtdda.onesuffolk.net>



## Headway Suffolk and Felixstowe Community Hospital Shared space



Headway Suffolk and Felixstowe Community Hospital have been working together to offer shared cognitive rehabilitation for patients on the ward and people living with acquired brain injury or neurological conditions in the local community.

Sessions are run by staff from Headway Suffolk and take place on the ward between 10am and 3pm on some weekdays. They are designed to help learn new skills or recover and retain skills that may have been lost, and planned to help keep mind and body as active as it can be. They also offer the opportunity to spend some time with other

people who have experienced similar problems and are understanding and supportive of each other. Headway staff work with the person attending the session to find an activity that they enjoy and will challenge brain and body to start working more effectively. This helps to get people ready to go home from hospital as soon as possible and for those living in the community to retain good health and wellbeing. There are always plenty of hot and cold drinks and snacks available as well as time for a relax and a chat.

Some examples of what we do in the sessions are:

- **Wake up and stretch.** Gentle seated or standing movement breathing and stretching designed to get our body moving in the morning.
- **Brain training games and puzzles:** Challenge your brain to a work out using numbers, letters and quizzes.
- **Create and design:** Discover your creative talents using colour, texture, sound and smell.
- **Memory lane:** Using photographs, objects and our memories to remember days gone by and how we used to live.

Headway Suffolk is a charitable organisation affiliated to Headway UK, The Brain Injury Association. Headway Suffolk exists to:

- **provide information, support and care services to people who have an acquired brain injury or neurological condition**
- **offer support to their families and carers**
- **promote understanding of all aspects of neurological conditions to those who may be involved in their care**

Headway Suffolk provides a range of support including day services, domiciliary support, clinical therapies and community rehabilitation. The shared space projects in the community hospitals are free to attend. Headway transport is charged for. People who wish to use the service can self-refer or be referred by social care, hospital teams, community clinicians, GPs, families and friends. All information given will be treated as confidential data and treated accordingly.

To make a referral, telephone 01473 712225 or email [helenmfairweather@headwaysuffolk.org.uk](mailto:helenmfairweather@headwaysuffolk.org.uk). To find out more, visit [www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/felixstowe](http://www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/felixstowe).



## The Felixstowe Society

After Harvest House was saved from demolition, following determined representation from local residents including Cynthia Park, the Suffolk Preservation Society felt it vital for Cynthia to develop a local group to speak out for conservation and good planning. Cynthia and her husband organised a public meeting at the Spa Pavilion in early November 1978. 75 people turned out- and everyone thought it was a good idea. So with that, The Society was launched. Membership has now reached nearly 600.

Since those early days The Society has made its mark by conserving Abbey Grove and Gulpher Pond alongside scrutinising and challenging poor planning. The Heritage Weekend, a bi-annual event inaugurated by Phil Hadwen, introduces visitors to the wonderful heritage of the town. We now have thousands of historical photos and documents in our archive which will eventually be made available to all members.

The inauguration of the Enhancement of the Environment Award in 1985 gives positive recognition to architectural or landscaping excellence in the town and, to date, over 40 awards have been given.

Walking groups have been a feature of The Society since 1984. From April 2020 we will have a new programme of walks, details of which can be found in the local press and on The Society's website.

A lively membership enjoys a varied programme of visits and social events. If you would like to join, a membership form can be accessed on our website [www.felixstowesociety.org](http://www.felixstowesociety.org). Why not join us at a future event!

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# The Final Stage of the 2020 Women's Tour is coming to Felixstowe!



12th – 14th June

To celebrate one of the UK's biggest sporting events finishing in Felixstowe this June, Felixstowe Town Council, East Suffolk Council and partners will be hosting the FelixFest - an ultimate weekend of family fun!

The celebrations will be taking place on the weekend of 12 – 14 June and will kick off on the Friday night with an outdoor cinema. The film is yet to be decided, and all suggestions are welcome by email to [leisure@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

The Saturday will see some of the world's best female cyclists racing to be crowned the 2020 Women's Tour champion in the Final Stage. Prior to this, activities will be taking place by the finishing line, including a 10km bike ride, children's races and a bike parade.

East Suffolk has hosted different stages of the Tour since it began in 2014, but this will be the first time the district has hosted the Final Stage. Felixstowe last hosted the race in 2014, when Stage Three began in the town.

In more sporting events, the UKWA Slalom windsurfing competition will be taking place on the Saturday and Sunday, which will be attended by James Dinsmore, seven times British Champion. The competition is open to all and can be entered at [ukwindsurfing.com/events/2020/national-slalom-championships-round-3](http://ukwindsurfing.com/events/2020/national-slalom-championships-round-3)

An open water Triathlon will also be taking place on the Sunday, with a standard and sprint distance on offer. There will also be a sprint relay open to all teams and businesses. Check the Visit Felixstowe web page for details.

To help the weekend run smoothly, the Council is also looking for volunteers to get involved. For more information, please email [volunteer@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

For more details about the Women's Tour, go to [www.womenstour.co.uk](http://www.womenstour.co.uk)



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## Shine a light on Walton

For the first year Walton High Street had its own Christmas display and it was a fantastic success, so the team behind it are working hard this year to provide community events that will assist the costs of making this year bigger and better. The team have their own facebook page, email [waltonchristmaslights@outlook.com](mailto:waltonchristmaslights@outlook.com) and phone number 07852147440

### A list of a few events lined up for all to enjoy

**25th May Children's Fun Day at the Half Moon 12 till 4**

**26th April Traditional Family Fair, St Mary's Church Hall**

**8th May VE Day Street party at the Falcon Public house**

**27th June Bingo night at Felixstowe Trades and Labour Club**

**12th July Yard Sale at the Half Moon 12 till 4**

**All working towards our Switch on Day of 5th December.**

Our Giant Easter Egg Hunt will be launched on the 21st March, Entry is £1 and open to all under 11's.

With the shop local message attached we are hiding 100 Easter eggs in independent shops windows for you to find, to be in with a chance of winning our giant Easter hamper.

As with this year we aim to be as environmentally friendly again, more solar panel lights and our tree grown locally and donated by Trackside Park so its only travelled a mile and after returned for mulching to protect the new sapplings appearing in its place.

## All welcome at VE Day Concert, Picnic by the Sea in Felixstowe



Felixstowe residents are invited to bring their picnics and celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day with a special event in the town.

On Friday 8 May, a free VE Day event will take place at the Beachside Events Area, Sea Road, Felixstowe, organised jointly by Felixstowe Town Council, East Suffolk Council's Communities Team, the Royal British Legion and Felixstowe Remembers.



Running from midday to 10pm, families are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy a free concert with 1940s bands and dance acts, along with contemporary live music, entertainment and children's activities.

The town's commemoration of Victory in Europe will continue with a special event in the town centre by Felixstowe Remembers and Felixstowe Royal British Legion on Saturday 9th May. Look out for details!

Other local events to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE day are as follows: Saturday 9th May 2020, Spa Pavilion– Bless em all by Felixstowe Musical Theatre 2.30pm and 7.30pm Tickets £17.50 Adults and £14.50 Concessions/U16. Two Sisters Art Centre, Trimley St Mary

Black & White Productions – 'Harry's Bar Celebrates The Few' from Tues 5 – Fri 8 May (2 performances of Fri 2.30 & 7.30) at Two Sisters Arts Centre - Tickets £12/£10 from 01394 279613 or Abbeygate Lighting or Ticketsource

At Two sisters Arts Centre there will be a 1940's themed Tea Dance on Thurs 7th May @ 2.30pm (£5 entry) and a Film Showing of 'Reach For The Sky' on Saturday 9th @ 2.30pm (£7/£5)

Sunday 10th May 2020 - 10am Civic Church Service of Celebration and Commemoration

If you are planning an event do let us know and we can promote on social media for you.



## Suffolk Highways waives fees for VE and VJ Day Commemoration events

Suffolk Highways waives fees for VE and VJ Day Commemoration events In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan Days, Suffolk Highways has confirmed it will waive road closure application fees, and help support communities with event traffic management.

If you are organising a commemorative event which may require an application to Suffolk Highways for a road closure please visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/eventroadclosure](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/eventroadclosure)

## Felixstowe Musical Theatre News



Following a very successful night of auditions in January a cast of almost 40 performers is busy rehearsing for our next production.

'Bless 'Em All- FMT's Anniversary Celebration of the End of WWII in Europe' will have two performances on Saturday 9th May 2020 at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe. A story filled with songs and laughter, FMT's spellbinding show will catapult you back to the emotional times experienced by everyone who lived through the Second World War. The fully live band will have you tapping your feet and singing along to wartime favourite tunes such as 'Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner', 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'Tipperary' so book your tickets now at the Spa Pavilion Box Office or through their website.

As many people will remember, Felixstowe Musical Theatre were regular performers at our seafront theatre until it closed in 2013, but putting on a show of any size these days is a very expensive undertaking. For this reason we would be very grateful if there are any people or companies who would be willing to sponsor aspects of the production such as programmes or costume hire. Advertising space will also be available in the show programme. If you or your company would be willing to help us please contact our secretary, Natasha, via our website [www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk). We will be very pleased to acknowledge your contribution along with the help and support given to us by the Spa Pavilion management and Felixstowe Town Council.

## Felixstowe Charity Fun Run 2020



The Rotary Club of Felixstowe is organising the Felixstowe Charity Fun Run again this year. The event will take place on Friday 8th May to coincide with VE day celebrations. As in previous years the event is open to everyone and involves running (or walking) as many laps as possible in a one hour period starting at 11.00 am around a measured mile circuit centred on the Felixstowe Spa Pavilion. All runners will receive a certificate at the end and it is an opportunity for runners to seek sponsorship and raise money for the charity of their choice. Entry fees will be £6 for adults and £4 for 16s and under. These monies will go to support a number of local charities designated by the Rotary Club of Felixstowe.



This year we aim to work with many local groups to increase the number of runners to 1,000 if possible. We encourage running groups, clubs and individuals to sign up early for what will be an exciting day and an integral part of the 75th anniversary of VE day. We are encouraging those who are willing to run in Fancy Dress: four cash prizes will be awarded for the most eye-catching teams or individuals.

Sponsorship/registration cards are available from: Diamond Mills in Felixstowe or can be downloaded from the Felixstowe Rotary website using the QR code. Cards can be delivered to individuals or teams: call Bruce on 07538492251 for more information.

The main beneficiary for the fun run this year will be Suffolk Mind.

## Civic Awards –Nominate A Local Hero!

Felixstowe Town Council would like to hear about local people and organisations that have made a positive difference and special contribution to our community.

Since the Civic Awards scheme began in 2002, we have been privileged to honour over 100 local individuals and community groups. But we know that there are hundreds of other unsung heroes out there. We are always delighted by the quantity and quality of the nominations we receive and would love you to let us know who you think should be recognised for their service to our town.

Nominations for the awards will be considered 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 from 7pm.

Awards in the following categories will be presented:

**The Mayor of Felixstowe Award:** Presented to up to 5 local individuals for their personal contribution to the community.

**HMS Ganges Youth Trophy:** Presented to a local young person (aged 21 or younger) or organisation supporting young people in Felixstowe.

**Community Organisation Award:** Presented to recognise the contribution



made to the community by a local organisation.

To make a nomination simply complete and return the downloadable form from: [www.felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards](http://www.felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards).

For more information or assistance, contact Lorna Monsen 01394 288193 or [lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk).

Completed nominations should be returned by 27 March 2020 to be eligible for consideration.

## Nature at Felixstowe Cemetery

At Felixstowe Cemetery we are focusing on things that help nature. We have recently erected 7 nesting boxes, have a bird bath, and are planning to put in feeders with a bird table. The Cemetery has an abundance of hedges for nesting, along with fruit and nut trees. Around the Cemetery, flower beds have been mulched with logs and old stumps that are ideal for bug life. In the Cemetery we see a wide variety of insects and wildlife, not only birds and squirrels.

In the Summer, parts of the old Cemetery Allotments have been turned over to become a wildflower meadow. As we further develop the Cemetery area we are constantly thinking of new ways to improve the environment.



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# Felixstowe Town Council Business Plan 2020-2024

The Town Council's recently adopted Business Plan outlines our priorities over the next four years and will guide us to meet the challenges ahead in pursuit of our overarching vision for Felixstowe as a well-connected, thriving and friendly seaside town where people of all ages and backgrounds aspire to live, work and visit.

The Plan was workshopped and adopted following extensive public consultation asking for your views on the priorities for our beautiful seaside town. We received many thought-provoking suggestions and, though some lay beyond our realm of control, we hope this Plan encapsulates the essence of those ideas. We would like to thank everyone who participated.

Councillors and Council staff are now looking forward to delivering this exciting Business Plan. However, our work is not limited by these objectives and we are always ready to consider new projects, take on new challenges and listen to your ideas. Community engagement and involvement is key to our success and we welcome your comments and suggestions as we move forward.

You can read more about the Town Council's Business Plan on our website and our contact details are on the following page.

The Town Council will prioritise the following strategic objectives over the next four years. →

## Your Annual Town Meeting

This year's Annual Town Meeting takes place at Felixstowe Academy from 7pm on Wednesday 13th May. Please join us! It's a public meeting, during which the Civic Awards will be presented alongside the Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award and the winner of this year's Felixstowe Photo Competition. Following the awards, refreshments will be provided and there will be an opportunity to meet many local groups and organisations in the atrium. The focus for this year is the environment, so if your group would like a free stall to showcase your efforts to reduce your environmental impact, please contact us via the details on the following page.

1

*The Town Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. This Business Plan makes climate change action and improving our environment a key priority.*

### Focus on our environment

2

*The Town Council is embedded in the community and engaging with local stakeholders is core to our function. We will work collaboratively to identify and address community need and continue to offer financial support through our occasional and annual grants scheme.*

### Support our community

3

*The provision and enhancement of our community services, facilities and open spaces are critical to the health and wellbeing of our town. The Town Council will deliver excellent services and work in partnership with other relevant agencies to maximise the opportunities for Felixstowe.*

### Enhance public spaces and services

4

*The Town Council will lead on initiatives to promote a thriving Felixstowe, its town centre, seafront, heritage and culture.*

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## Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

18 March	Planning & Environment 9.15am
25 March	Finance & Governance 7.30pm
1 April	Planning & Environment 9.15am
15 April	Civic & Community 7.30pm
22 April	Planning & Environment 9.15am
22 April	Assets & Services 9.30pm
6 May	Planning & Environment 9.15am
13 May	Annual Town Meeting 7pm at Felixstowe Academy
20 May	Annual Council 7pm
27 May	Planning & Environment 9.15am
27 May	Finance & Governance 7.30pm
10 June	Planning & Environment 9.15am
10 June	Full Council 7.30pm
17 June	Civic & Community 7.30pm

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

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# VE Day Concert

PICNIC BY THE SEA

Friday 8th May 2020

12 Midday - 10pm

Beachside Events Area

FREE

Family day out by the sea celebrating the  
75th anniversary of VE Day

Bring your picnics for live music,  
entertainment and children's activities

Programme of events can be found at  
[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)

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