

Felixstowe friendly visiting service 2019

Felixstowe friendly visiting service continues to provide social activities for elderly people within the Felixstowe district, including those who may be socially isolated. Between 30 and 40 people take part in each activity. This year we welcomed some new members

Trips in 2019 were:

- April, we went to Dunwich for fish and chips, a lovely drive along the Suffolk coast, ending with fish and chips at the flora tea rooms Dunwich.,
- May we went to Monks Eleigh, we had a lovely afternoon tea, and a look around the shops
- June saw us at the lovely Thorpeness meare, always a favourite trip, we enjoyed afternoon tea and a warm welcome from Elizabeth's daughter
- July, we went to Stonham Barns, although the shops were interesting the café messed up our booking, but it all worked out ok in the end!!
- August again we stayed local and enjoyed a day at the hut, we started with coffee and cake followed by fish and chips in the afternoon we were entertained by local Ukulele group What no cake once again!!!
- September, we went to Dedham, a nice drive through the Essex countryside ended in afternoon tea at the Essex Rose, again another warm welcome and delicious scones
- October saw us back at Thorpeness but this time for a delicious lunch.
- November, we once again had lunch at Hearts delight, not everyone enjoyed the lunch and so we are changing this trip to Dobies (Wyevale's) for 2020
- In December we had our Christmas lunch with entertainment by Wot No Cake at the Sands, we had to change from the British Legion as that closed unexpectedly!! Although there were a few issues at the Sands it was the first time and overall the meal was good so we will go there again this year

We held a fundraising event, on Carnival day, which worked well and we will repeat this year. We also hold a raffle on each coach trip, thank you to everyone for the prizes.

We have had some new members join this year

We continue to hold regular committee meetings and are grateful to our committee for their continued work and support. Thank you to Jim Meadows who has spent many years on the committee helping Diane to run FFVS. We welcomed a new secretary, Caroline who we are very grateful for. If anyone is interested in coming onto the committee then we do have space.

I would like to Thank Linda for continuing as treasurer and the committee.

Thank You to Felixstowe Town council for their grant in 2019

Thank you to Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association for your continued support both in donation, use of Broadway House and the Hut and Christmas chocolates, it is greatly appreciated.

2019 was very enjoyable and we look forward to the 2020 trips starting again in April.

We do not know what will happen this year with Coronavirus but for now Our trips will continue to run, unless the government makes additional recommendations.

In line with government advice, if you are feeling poorly, high temperature/fever, and or a new cough, please self-isolate and stay at home for 7 days.

Lisa Williams
Chairman