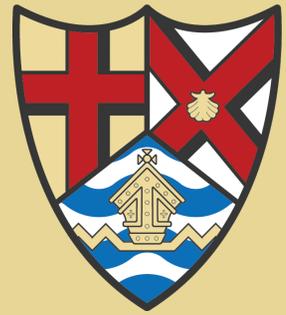


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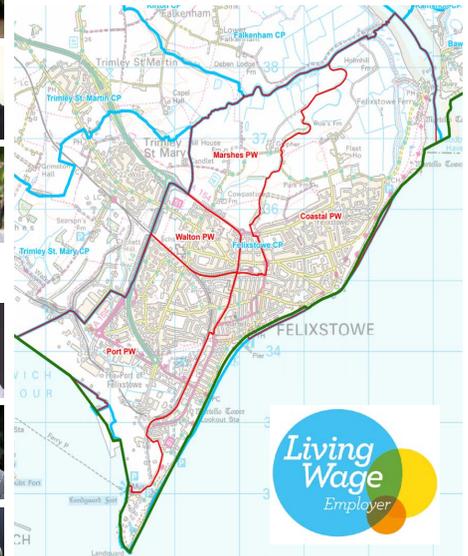
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Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

Mayor of Felixstowe: Cllr Mark Jepson

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15 December	Planning & Environment	9.15am
15 December	Civic & Community	7.30pm
12 January	Planning & Environment	9.15am
12 January	Full Council	7.30pm
19 January	Finance & Governance	7.30pm
26 January	Planning & Environment	9.15am
9 February	Planning & Environment	9.15am
16 February	Civic & Community	7.30pm
23 February	Planning & Environment	9.15am
23 February	Assets & Services	7.30pm
9 March	Planning & Environment	9.15am
9 March	Full Council	7.30pm

Note: all meetings listed are open to the press and public, who are also welcome to attend online via Zoom. The link for each meeting can be found on our website, facebook page and twitter. For further information please telephone 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk.

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Merry Christmas all and welcome to this Winter edition



Welcome to the Winter edition of our town magazine which includes information on Christmas and other seasonal events, showcases a sample of the many activities being delivered by some of our great local organisations, and details the work of the Town Council.

It was fantastic to be joined by so many of you as I switched on the Christmas lights this year, well done to the Lions for all their brilliant work (and the tree looks great!) There are Christmas events scheduled all through December as Felixstowe Lions join together with the Rotary Club of Felixstowe and Save the Children to help Santa and his helpers bring some Christmas cheer to as many streets as they can. Plus there will be a free synthetic ice rink provided by the Felixstowe BID, with the support of the Town Council and East of England Co-op. Read more inside or see the Visit Felixstowe website for all the details!

I am hoping to visit as many of our local nursing homes as possible this year so I can wish our residents a Merry Christmas on behalf of the town. On Christmas Day itself I will be launching (maybe even participating in) the St. Elizabeth Hospice Dip before helping the Salvation Army serve a hearty Christmas lunch to over 70 people.

The Mayor's office has thankfully been far busier this year than last, with more civic engagements

and the welcome opportunity to host a full programme of fundraising events in support of my two charities; the Felixstowe Carnival Association and Felixstowe Citizens' Advice. The hard work invested - organising events, securing raffle prizes, selling tickets etc. - is really appreciated and by the end of my term in office I'm sure that will have been reflected in the funds raised and the fun had at each of the events.

The aim has been to put on a range of different events for everyone to enjoy, after such a difficult period. On that basis we kick off the Mayor's charity events in 2022 with a welcome return to the Bombay Nite in Walton, for our Curry Night in January. The owner, Shammi, is delighted to help local charities and has always been a big supporter of the Mayor's fundraising efforts. In February we are hosting a Murder Mystery evening at the Alba Chiara restaurant and in March we have an evening with The Ladybirds at The Orwell Hotel. Leon and his team deliver an outstanding show so I'm really looking forward to it - why not come along and see something slightly different!

Before the conclusion of my Mayoral year, we return to The Orwell Hotel for the Mayor's Ball. We are going with a James Bond theme so if you would like to come to our 'Casino Mayoral' please book early as tickets are likely to sell out quickly.

As we sign off on 2021, I must reflect on a year that has made me incredibly honoured to be your Mayor. The opportunity to meet so many inspiring individuals and support many excellent community projects has been a real eye-opener. We should all look forward to 2022, proud to live in a town with such strength of community.

In the meantime, enjoy this edition and I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year,

Mayor of Felixstowe 2021/22

Mayor's Charities

The Mayor's chosen local charities this year are:



Felixstowe Citizen's Advice

Felixstowe Citizen's Advice provides free, confidential and impartial advice and campaigns on big issues affecting people's lives. The Citizen's Advice can be contacted at advice@felixstowecab.org.uk or by telephone on 0300 330 9016 during opening hours.



Felixstowe Carnival Association

Felixstowe Carnival Association is a local charity, whose small dedicated committee arranges the annual Carnival which includes a procession through the town and entertainment free to all. www.felixstowecarnival.org

Please show your support for the Mayor's charities by attending some of the future fundraising events:

- Monday 17 January, 6:30 pm - Curry Night at Bombay Nite
- Thursday 24 February, 7 pm - Murder Mystery Evening at Alba Chiara
- Saturday 12 March - The Ladybirds, Drag Spectacular at The Orwell Hotel
- Friday 6 May, 6.30 pm - *Casino Mayoral* The Mayor's Ball at The Orwell Hotel

For tickets and further info please contact 01394 288191, or email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

Your Magazine

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Felixstowe area.

If your group would like to submit an article for consideration in the next quarterly edition (Spring, covering March 2022 - June 2022) send it via email to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by Monday 14th February.

If possible, please 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.

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Getting in Touch

Christmas Opening Hours

Please note that the Town Hall will be closed to the public from Friday 24th December 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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

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

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

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



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

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Awarding grants to support local community group and charities
- Remembrance events in conjunction with the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion
- The upkeep of Felixstowe's War and Flood memorials
- Felixstowe's Community Emergency Plan
- Felixstowe in Flower floral basket scheme and competitions
- Floral bedding at the Triangle and seafront
- 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 and Felixstowe Forward, 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,
- 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

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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, on-street parking patrolling (Police are responsible for obstruction or illegal on street parking)
- Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
- Leisure services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)

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



Suffolk County Council is the top tier of local government,

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

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

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

Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum

This month we feature another member of our committee, Marianne Sherborne. Marianne joined the committee two years ago after moving back to the area to live in Felixstowe. A former teacher, Marianne has a close interest in encouraging young people to support Fairtrade. She said: "I hope we can build on the recent success in linking local schools to Patrick Kaberia, a Fairtrade farmer in Kenya, to encourage more young people to become involved with Fairtrade. As well as providing fair wages and conditions for farmers, the Fairtrade movement supports the development of sustainable farming and measures to mitigate the effects of climate change. These are key concerns for young people."



A video of the link to Patrick can be seen at www.suffolkefairtrade.org.uk where you will also find links to a range of further information on Fairtrade aimed particularly at young people. (The photo is a screenshot from the video of Patrick speaking from the middle of the Michimikuru tea plantation).

Photo of Patrick Kaberia, Fairtrade Farmer, Kenya



FelixFest/Women's Tour

FelixFest, the weekend of family fun, to celebrate the finish of the AJ Bell Women's Tour - Britain's biggest professional women's race, on Felixstowe Seafront was certainly memorable!

The fun began on Friday night with the film 'Yesterday' displayed on a big screen at the Beachside Events Area. Movie-goers were able to enjoy ale from Mr Bee's Brewery and the Boardwalk provided a special takeaway menu for those watching the film.

On Saturday, Felixstowe basked in the October sunshine. The day was packed full of activities, starting with Parkrun. This was followed by

family activities including the pump track, high ropes, laser tag and a football cage, which were all well used. In the Tour Village, the police provided information on cycle security, the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service were present with a fire engine and people were challenged to cycle on a watt bike. One Life Suffolk provided health checks, there was lots of information available from Active Suffolk's This Girl Can, Felixstowe Parkrun, I Can Run club, Visit Felixstowe and Felixstowe Town Council. On the podium, representatives from Felixstowe Leisure Centre provided exercise sessions, Jamie Knight - a football freestyler - displayed his skills and Captain Jack Sparrow was causing mischief...but luckily, the police were on hand! There were also opportunities for people to take part in a 10km cycle ride led by Breeze Events. Recently qualified instructors and local school children took part in a cycle competition on the finish line and the Suffolk & Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Services cycled from Haverhill to Felixstowe ahead of the Women's Tour. This was no mean feat as they had only finished cycling from Lands' End to John O'Groats the previous week raising more than £50,000 for the Firefighters Charity as part of 'The Longest Ride' challenge. Demi Vollering (SD Worx) clinched overall victory and Elisa Balsamo (Valcar-Travel & Service) got her first victory as World Champion.

The fun didn't stop there, as on Sunday, Felixstowe played host to its first sell out triathlon. Well done to all who took part! A provisional date has been set for 27 and 28 August 2022 for next year's triathlon, with entries opening on the 1 December 2021, visit www.felixstowetriathlon.uk to secure your place.

In conversation with Felixstowe Town Council...

In each edition we provide clear information about the services and responsibilities of each of our three tiers of local government - see page left! We have also started a conversation with you to better comprehend public understanding of the services offered by us at Felixstowe Town Council. We met hundreds of you at the Women's Tour Weekend and, in exchange for a pencil (made from recycled denim!), many completed a questionnaire on the services that we offer.

On learning that only 57% of respondents were aware that the Town Council offered community grants, we increased our promotion of the scheme across our social media channels, local radio and in the press. Feedback also suggested we could do more to let you know about the opportunity to hire Walton Community Hall - please see page 21 for more info!

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Double Carnival Celebration for Felixstowe in 2022.

After a two-year hiatus, the Felixstowe Carnival Association is back in a big way in 2022. Not only will Felixstowe Carnival (22-24 July) be the best Carnival yet, but the Carnival Association are coordinating a fantastic Jubilee Carnival Weekend over the bank holiday from 2 - 5 June to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. More details about all the exciting plans will be released soon but - for now - put those dates in your diary. Felixstowe will be the place to be.

Festival of Suffolk

The Festival of Suffolk is spearheaded by the Suffolk Lieutenancy, and will shine a spotlight on all aspects of Suffolk life to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Festival of Suffolk is a whole series of fantastic events and activities happening between May and October 2022. For further information go to www.festivalofsuffolk.org/

The Jubilee Carnival event is organised by the Felixstowe Carnival Association, supported by Felixstowe Town Council

If you are interested in helping out over either weekend please email contact@felixstowecarnival.org or for further information go to the Felixstowe Carnival Facebook page or website www.felixstowecarnival.org/



Is your organisation or Street planning an event for the Jubilee?

Please let us know if you have plans for an event as we will be publicising a programme of activities for the Jubilee weekend. Email: enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk. If you would like information on organising a Street Party please go to www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/guide-to-organising-a-street-party/



Update from the Lions



Following the fun Golf Day held in September, Felixstowe Lions were very pleased to present a cheque for £500 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The Air Ambulance covers Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and relies on support and donations. The photo shows Kevin Sullivan from the Air Ambulance receiving the cheque from Felixstowe Lions President, Richard Woolnough and Lion Peter Cooke, who organised the Golf event.

We were pleased to help the Trimley Red Devils Boys Football Club with the gift of 6 tables from a local hotel which had closed down. This enables the Club to allow small groups of people to meet inside their club in a socially distanced way.

In Felixstowe, several local organisations, including the Salvation Army, provide meals, food hampers and companionship for those in need over the Christmas period and Lions are pleased to donate funds towards these organisations to help those less fortunate in our community.

It's all go for the Lions in the midst of organising the Christmas Lights Switch-On day which happened on Saturday November 27th. During the afternoon of the Switch-On there was entertainment from various choirs and the Salvation Army. There were also stalls on the Triangle. This is always a great event, much missed last year, and many attended despite the wind and rain, some were lucky enough to meet Santa himself!

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Take the plunge for St Elizabeth Hospice this Christmas

St Elizabeth Hospice is encouraging the local community to take the plunge for the independent Suffolk charity this Christmas, with the return of its popular Christmas Day Dip for 2021.

After restrictions surrounding Covid-19 saw the cancellation of the annual hospice Christmas Day Dip in 2020, the charity has announced the event will be returning to the seafront at Felixstowe once again this Christmas.

Returning for the 17th time, the event will see hundreds of 'dippers' don festive outfits before plunging into the icy cold North Sea at Felixstowe beach to raise vital funds, through sponsorship, for St Elizabeth Hospice which every year delivers free care to over 3,000 patients and their families throughout East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

Becky Jedrzejewski, Events and Challenges Fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "We are thrilled to announce the return of our Christmas Day Dip for 2021. After not being able to host The Dip in 2020, we can't wait to welcome back our supporters as they the plunge for the hospice this Christmas."

"The Christmas Day Dip is always such a popular event full of festive fun and atmosphere and it is the perfect way to start your Christmas morning, all while supporting the hospice. With early bird tickets now available there is no better time to register and start encouraging friends and family to sponsor you. Every pound raised really will make a difference to our staff as they care for patients and their families throughout the local community during very difficult times in their lives."

The St Elizabeth Hospice Christmas Day Dip 2021 will take place on Christmas Day at 10am, opposite Mannings Amusement on Felixstowe seafront. There will be no on the day registration this year so supporters will need to pre-register for the challenge. Standard registration is £13.00 starting from 1st December through to midday on 23rd December. Each ticket price includes a medal. To register for tickets visit register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChristmasDayDip

Funds raised through the Christmas Day Dip will go towards the hospice's Christmas fundraising campaign, 'Be a Star', which helps the hospice support hundreds of patients and their families over the Christmas period. More information can be found by visiting www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/event/christmas-day-dip-2021/ and highlights from the Christmas Day Dip 2019, can be viewed at the hospice's YouTube channel.



Santa's Ride Around Town

Felixstowe Lions, the Rotary Club of Felixstowe and Save the Children are joining together to bring Christmas cheer and raise funds for worthy causes. From 29 November Santa will be visiting homes including:



Saturday 11 December - Hamilton Road (0930-1630).

Sunday 12 December - Lidl, Langer Road (1000-1630).

Monday 13 December - Town Centre - Valley Walk, Garrison Lane, Newry Avenue, Surrey Road, Goyfield Avenue, Chaucer Road, Princes Gardens, Princes and Queens Roads from St. Andrew's Road to Wolsey Gardens, plus Orwell Road and roads off.

Tuesday 14 December - Maybush Lane, Priory Road, Marcus Road, St. Georges, Church Road and roads off, Looe Road and roads off, Sunningdale/Wentworth Drives, Quinton's Lane.

Wednesday 15 December - Walton - Maidstone Road and roads off Cornwall Road, Seaton Road and High Street.

Thursday 16 December - Trimley St. Mary

Friday 17 December - Town Centre roads bounded by and including Tomline Road, Hamilton Gardens, Chevalier Road, Felix Road, Gainsborough Road and St. Andrew's (West).

Saturday 18 December - Morrisons (0930-1630).

Sunday 19 December - Morrisons (1000-1630).

Monday 20 December - Western Avenue and Westmorland Road area and roads off.

Tuesday 21 December - Fairfield and Glenfield Avenue, Beatrice Avenue, Dellwood, Fleetwood and Lynwood Avenue, Landsdowne Road, Rosemary Avenue, Colneis Road, Links Avenue, Upperfield Drive.



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Felixstowe Town Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan

Following COP 26 (the 26th UN Climate Change Conference) recently held in Glasgow, climate issues are high on the agenda and it's an ideal time to let you know what the Town Council has achieved so far. The Town Council's Climate Emergency Working Group meets regularly to review our practices and consider what actions we can take to reduce our environmental impact. The Council will be migrating toward electric tools and vehicles – with an electric van on order to reduce reliance on our diesel truck. At its most recent meeting, the Group discussed how it might evaluate the impact of the 'no idling vehicles' campaign the Council supported at our local schools to reduce air pollution. Through the Youth Forum and our ongoing dialogue with schools we will be supporting more climate positive measures across Felixstowe. Our recent promotion of our grants scheme encouraged applicants looking to deliver projects with a demonstrably positive environmental impact. *Note: The deadline for the next round of applications is 30 May 2022.*



In line with our single-use plastic policy, we have reduced and, wherever possible, eradicated the use of single-use plastic across our operations. Plastic items such as plates, water bottles and cutlery are no longer used at Town Hall events, only biodegradable confetti is permitted at weddings or civil partnerships; and the forthcoming Jubilee Carnival Weekend will prioritise sustainability.



Other improvements made by Felixstowe Town Council include adding insulation to our buildings where it was lacking, reducing water consumption for Felixstowe in Flower by using self-watering baskets and using grey water/rain capture – with grateful thanks to Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club. The Council also introduced a Cycle to Work Scheme and is erecting a bike shelter at the Cemetery for staff and visitor use. Car share is encouraged and all our public meetings can now be accessed online to save journeys.

In 2022, the Council will be supporting the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and planting more trees across our sites. We would love to support community tree planting too, so if you would like to plant a tree (and have landowner's permission) please get in touch! You can find out more about the steps we are taking to tackle the Climate Emergency on our webpage www.felixstowe.gov.uk/climate-emergency

Felixstowe in Flower

Felixstowe in Flower is an important and well-loved element of our town. For 36 years, the floral baskets and displays have brought colour and joy to the local area. In response to the Town Council's Climate Emergency declaration, we have been reviewing the operation of Felixstowe in Flower to keep Felixstowe blooming with a central focus on sustainable planting.

To reflect this aim in our planting practices and the upkeep of the flowers throughout the town, we are making changes to the bedding plants throughout Felixstowe. As part of our ongoing plan to increase sustainable planting, we will be planting perennial bedding plants in replacement of annual bedding plants. These bedding plants have a longer lifespan, and will flower over a number of years, therefore meaning that they require replacement less regularly.

We have also adapted our watering practices to promote increased sustainability. Previously, the floral planters throughout the town were watered on a daily basis. We have reduced the number of times that we water these flowers, now watering them only 3 times a week. In replacement of the freshwater previously used, we source greywater from the Felixstowe Golf Club. These steps ensure that we are not only using less freshwater but that greywater, otherwise discarded, can be utilised to reduce our overall water output.

Another aspect of our ongoing process of adaptation is the trial of a peat-free compost mix. During Summer 2021, selected tubs within the town centre were planted with a peat-free compost mix. The growth of the plants within these tubs was then compared alongside the use of our regular compost mix. These results [pictured right] indicated that the peat-free compost mix yielded less growth than the regular compost mix. Our investigation into peat-free compost alternatives is, therefore, still ongoing!

Pictured below are examples of the perennial bedding plants that we will be trialling.



Look out for these changes across the town. Our mission to ensure sustainability at the epicentre of our Felixstowe in Flower planting processes is ongoing. Your feedback is a welcome part of this process – so let us know what you think. Felixstowe in Flower isn't just here for a good time, but for a long time!



The late Summer on the allotments across town has seen plenty of activity with the gathering of fresh food much destined, in my case, for the freezer. The weather of course always influences the activities and sometimes frustrates those days when you had decided to tackle a task or two. As usual at this time of year we see some plots being handed back to the Council but with a waiting list in place they can be turned around quickly and we see new families eager to start their growing adventure. The Allotment Association welcomes these new tenants who then can use our small but important shop and also buy seeds and the like at keen prices from local suppliers.

Thank you to Felixstowe Town Council for their generous grant of £10,000, which means that work can now begin on replacing the Allotment Association community hut, it is hoped that work will be completed by Spring 2022.

The association also seeks to hold regular meetings in the Winter months often with a guest speaker providing further insights to all that's "allotment". These meetings are held at the Old Felixstowe Community Association in Ferry Road on the 4th Thursday in each month (except December).

Working with the Town Council the Allotment committee this year have trialled a portable toilet at one site, with a servicing arrangement with the provider. The trial, now complete, has identified the fact that a more permanent arrangement would greatly assist all tenants and discussion will continue to seek that result.

The building work underway in Candlet road ahead of the Trelawny Place development has caused some disturbance at the Cowpasture site, the machinery and heavy plant are currently a constant during most days. That said, with the loss of a large lay-by in Candlet Road the association is in discussion with the developer and the Town Council to see what alternatives can be found.

See our website for further details www.felixstoweallotments.co.uk/



Felixstowe Town Council has four available allotment sites, located at:

Cowpasture, Candlet Road, 314 plots

Ferry Road, 97 plots

Railway Hill, Coronation Drive, 44 plots

Taunton Road, 20 plots

See our website for more information.

If the idea of a whole allotment sounds too much, why not try one of our new smaller 'Allotments'. If you are interested in taking on a plot, please contact our Administration Assistant, Janine Smith via email janine.smith@felixstowe.gov.uk

A waiting list is in operation with plots expected to become available soon.

Why have 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.



We would like to thank the many visitors who attended our Flower Show in September. It was a great way to restart Felixstowe Garden Club after such a long break. In October and November we were treated to excellent talks by knowledgeable speakers. We were really pleased to welcome some new members to enjoy learning about how Tropical plants were introduced into the UK, from Zsuaza Serer.

Riverside Bulbs, based at Monks Eleigh, inspired us all to buy some of their interesting Spring flowering bulbs from their vast selection on display.

We are excited to announce that, in January 2022, we have managed to book Michael Perry. Recognised internationally for his contribution to horticulture, he has worked at Thompson and Morgan for 18 years developing and introducing new plants to the industry. Four years ago he decided to go it alone and has taken the world by storm as Mr. Plant Geek. He currently enjoys a following of 30,000 plant enthusiasts worldwide on social media.

Visitors are warmly invited to join us at Old Felixstowe Community Centre, Ferry Road, Felixstowe IP11 9NB on Tuesday 11th January. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Cost £5 per person on the door. Members attend free.

For further information about Felixstowe Garden Club and how to join us, why not look at our Facebook page or our website felixstowedistricts.onesuffolk.net/ or contact Jayne Steele: Email JSE17@hotmail.co.uk or call Caroll Wallace 01394 272695.

Felixstowe's First Environmental Awards Nominations are now open to celebrate the town's eco-conscious children



No one working within the community ever sets out to win awards – the motivation is simply to try and make a positive difference. However, it is always a proud moment to be recognised and the recent Civic Award presented by the Mayor meant a great deal to all the volunteers at Litter-Free Felixstowe. The group has been in existence for three years now and has over 1,100 members who clear litter across the town and surrounding areas. It is equally important for us to educate and raise awareness of the impact of littering on nature and wildlife.

The award was collected on stage by founder, Debbie Bartlett and some of the inspirational children who are so important to the group. The young people have recently featured on BBC Look East for their part in singing the 'Litter-Free song' at Brackenbury Green. Talented film maker, Jon Swallow re-created the iconic 1970s advert featuring the song 'I'd like to teach the world to sing'. With new lyrics reflecting the litter-free message, the aim is now to get the song into local schools and spread the message.

Litter-Free Felixstowe also picked up a further award in November when Debbie was presented with the 'Green Hero' award at the prestigious Suffolk Greenest County Awards. The trophy was decided by public vote, but Debbie was quick to point out that everyone who volunteers should feel part of the award for keeping the town as litter-free as possible. Litter Free Felixstowe are organising their own environmental awards on 24 November.

For further information on Litter Free Felixstowe email litterfreefelixstowe@gmail.com



Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club Environmental News

The hugely important subject that is on everybody's mind right now is Climate Change and here at the golf club we are trying hard to do our bit. Although it might be great to walk around in shorts and tee shirts in the Winter we all know that it is not supposed to be like that. Winters here should be cold and Summers warm, but our ever changing weather patterns make it difficult to predict how things will be from month to month.

We have installed a pumping system which enables the Club to source it's water requirements from the Kingsfleet and when the new Club House is built, we know the design has been landscape led and will provide a net biodiversity gain. 'Environmentally friendly' is how every business must be going forward to ensure our children and grandchildren have a world that they can work and live in safely and healthily.

We are lucky that playing golf keeps our minds and bodies active and keeps us out in the fresh air. Obviously with the pandemic and Covid still active it has made people think about what they can do and still remain safe. All golf clubs have had increases in their membership over the past year which is good news for us but it is also great to see people really thinking about their health. In the future keeping well is going to be even more important than it is now and playing a sport that has little impact on climate change can only be a good thing.

So for now, we must all do whatever we can to keep the world and ourselves functioning well and keep our planet going for future generations.

David Spencer, General Manager

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Dessert
A selection of 2 desserts or ice cream or cheese and biscuits
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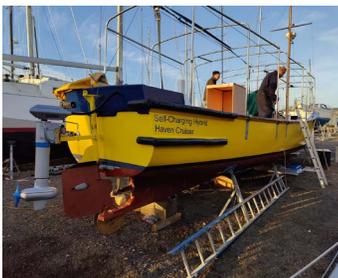


Plant a tree for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". With a focus on planting sustainably, Felixstowe Town Council has ordered a large number of trees to plant both on its own land and also to distribute around the town. If you or your organisation would like to plant a tree with us, please email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk.

Hybrid boat for Seal Watching

With the ever growing popularity of the seal watching trips, the Seal Watching boat Gloria, that links up with the ferry from Felixstowe to Harwich has been outgrown. Coming in 2022, Gloria will be replaced by Haven cruiser a 1947 admiralty launch. The vessel is being overhauled from top to bottom and will be the only self charging electric hybrid seal watching boat in East Anglia, and maybe even the UK. Both boats will offer a total capacity of 90 passengers.



The Electric 10hp e-propulsion motor will surely be appreciated by the seals. For further information, please go to the Seal Watching Harwich Facebook page, www.sealwatching.co.uk/. or telephone 01728 666329

A New Talk about RSPB Minsmere



We are offering this NEW presentation to any club or society that is in the Felixstowe and surrounding areas. This talk is available from January 2022 and lasts approximately one hour.

It includes all new changes and new items of interest for anyone

who wishes to visit for the first time or who has visited in the past. We have included photographs of birds, historical items, the very popular café & shop, and interviews with volunteers, staff and visitors to the reserve.

We have all the equipment needed to produce this presentation. There is no charge but a donation to the RSPB Minsmere Reserve would be appreciated.

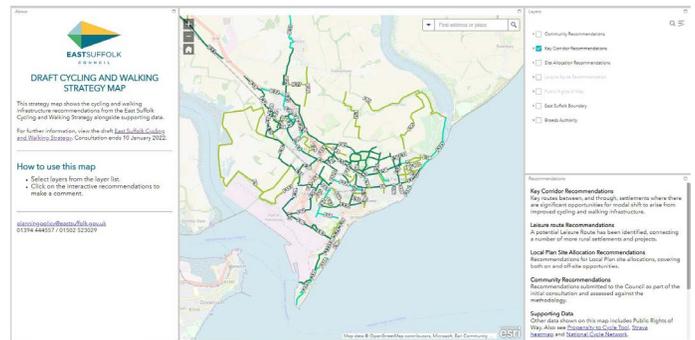
If you are interested please contact Alan or Val Bourne on 07956 064409



Cycling and Walking strategy

This year Felixstowe Town Council have been working in partnership with Trimley St Mary Parish Council and Trimley St Martin Parish Council to discuss footpaths and cycle ways in the region. As part of these meetings the group met with East Suffolk Council who are working on a Cycling and Walking Strategy to identify opportunities to improve cycling and walking in East Suffolk.

Whilst the primary purpose of the Strategy is to identify cycling and walking infrastructure opportunities, it also provides a useful function as an evidence base for future planning and developments in the town.



The draft Cycling and Walking Strategy Map can be found at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/draft-east-suffolk-cycling-and-walking-strategy/ by clicking on the Strategy link. Once the map is selected, zoom in to see the routes and select the various layers from the layers list on the top-right hand side of the window. Comments can be made from the pop up box when clicking on a route recommendation. Deadline is 10th January 2022.

Recycle your Poppies



Finished with your poppy? Poppies purchased from the Royal British Legion can be recycled at your local Sainsbury's store, ready for next year's Poppy Appeal. If you can't access the nearest Sainsbury's store, post your poppy through the letterbox of the Town Hall, and we'll ensure they find their way to the nearest recycling point.

The Mayor and Chairman of the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion have been in contact with the Poppy Appeal to address the plastic currently in the wreaths that are laid at Remembrance. Felixstowe alone sees over 40 wreaths laid at its War Memorial!

To help reduce paper use this year, the Town Council published digital service sheets on our website.

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www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk

Winter in Felixstowe

Festive events, New Year walks, Valentine treats and more...
Wrap up warm and enjoy Winter by the sea.

Winter Warmers

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

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



Visit Felixstowe and the **Landguard Partnership** would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year... Helen, Stephen, Clare, Paul, Leonie - plus all our fabulous Ambassadors at the VF beach hut.

Don't forget to check out the **official tourism website** for the town at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk and our social media pages: www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe and www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe

What's On - upcoming events not to be missed...

Full details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on

Naughty or Nice? You better watch out as **Santa and Rudolph** are making their annual tour around the town until Wednesday 22 December, thanks to the local Lions and Rotary Clubs. Every weekday evening from 1800-2030, plus some weekend locations too. Full details and route at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/santas-ride-around-town-with-rudolph

Beach Street Felixstowe are holding their Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto on Saturday 11 December (1000-1600). A family fun day with craft producers, yummy food and drink treats, kid's entertainment and of course a chance to meet Father Christmas. www.beachstreetfelixstowe.co.uk

Celebrate The Glory of Christmas with **The Dorian Singers** on Saturday 11 December. 1930 at the United Reformed Church. Enjoy carols for choir and audience. In aid of The BASIC Life Charity. Tickets from The Card Centre in Hamilton Road or on 01394 283170. www.thedoriansingers.org.uk

For some festive family fun... **Christmas at Landguard Fort** is back on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December (1100-1700). Discover the special Christmas trail with themed rooms and displays, music, Felixstowe Museum, snow machines and twinkling lights... then visit Santa in his secret grotto. Book tickets at www.landguard.com/features-and-stories/santa-is-coming-to-landguard-fort

Get down to Great Eastern Square for the return of the **Felixstowe Ice Rink** this Christmas. Open from Saturday 18 to Tuesday 21 December. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday 1100-1900; Sunday 1000-1800. Free skating for everyone. No need to book, just turn up.

A great way to start Christmas Day (Saturday 25 December)... cheer on the 500 or so brave souls racing into the sea for the **17th St. Elizabeth Hospice Christmas Day Dip**. 1000 start on the Seafront, nr. Manning's Amusements. www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/event/christmas-day-dip-2021

Join Music in Felixstowe for their **New Year's Day Strauss Gala** on Saturday 1 January. 1500 at St. John's Church. The Festival Orchestra perform the famous Viennese waltzes of Johann Strauss II. Tickets from Stillwater Books in Hamilton Road or on 01394 670633. www.felixstowemusic.com

The Spa Pavilion have lots of festive and New Year entertainment: Oh no it isn't, oh yes, it is! Panto is back with *Cinderella* from the Dennis Lowe Theatre Company (17 December to 3 January); then get set for *The Ultimate Motown Party* (8 January); *Marshall King Legends Show* (15 January); and *The Bootleg Shadows* (22 January). Full details and book tickets at www.felixstowespa.co.uk



Love is in the Air - Celebrate Valentine's in Felixstowe

- ♥ Cuddle up with your loved one on a soppy stroll in the fresh seaside air. Get cosy in one of the Seafront Garden's secret shelters; walk hand-in-hand along the banks of the River Deben; or watch the sunset at Suffolk's most southerly point.
- ♥ Book up a romantic dinner at one of our hotels or restaurants - look out for chef's specials, cocktails and live music. Those with sweet teeth can share an ice cream sundae and seaside cream teas or grab a bag of chips and enjoy on the prom with the sound of the waves.
- ♥ Our indies in town offer fab pressie ideas to show just how much you care... from sparkling gems and sweet-smelling flowers to luxury beauty treatments.



Christmas at Landguard Fort

18 - 19 December
11.00 - 17.00
Last entry 15.30



BOOK ONLINE IN ADVANCE
AND SAVE MONEY

Explore the festive themed rooms and displays, then visit Father Christmas in his magical grotto, with a present for every child.

Seasonal refreshments, craft activity, snow machines and twinkling lights.

In advance (online): Children £6.50, Adults £2.50, Family (two adults and two children) £16.00.

On the gate: Children £7.50, Adults £3.00, Family (two adults and two children) £18.00.

Children aged one and under free.

Book tickets at www.landguard.com

LANDGUARD FORT Felixstowe

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Get your skates on!

Ice-skating and live entertainment in Felixstowe this Christmas



Felixstowe BID is pleased to announce the return of an Ice-Skating rink to the town this Christmas as part of a wider programme of activities to boost footfall and support local businesses at this crucial time of the retail calendar.

The synthetic rink will be open from Saturday, December 18 until Tuesday, December 21 at Great Eastern Square in Hamilton Road and is free for everybody. The Ipswich Over 50's Brass Band will be performing on Saturday to add some traditional Christmas tunes to the event.

Felixstowe BID Manager Sheline Gledhill said she hoped both locals and visitors will come along to enjoy this favourite seasonal pastime and support the town's shops and businesses this Christmas.

"We are very pleased to bring Ice Skating back to Felixstowe this Christmas as a fun and festive activity for all the family. It has always been a popular feature of the Christmas calendar and will be open for the start of the school holidays and run for four days."

"We are able to do this thanks to the support of Felixstowe Town Council and the East of England Co-op."

"As well as the Ice Rink at Great Eastern Square, there will also be entertainment at The Triangle on Saturday and Sunday, December 18-19th hosted by Fresh Gold Radio and other festivities throughout the town to help create a lively atmosphere whilst Christmas shoppers discover our unique blend of independent shops and High Street names."

The Ice Rink will be open daily from Saturday 18 to Tuesday 21 December at Great Eastern Square from 11am -7pm Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and 10am – 6pm on Sunday. Skating is free including skate hire.

Entertainment at The Triangle starts at 11am on Saturday, December 18 with Fresh Gold Radio entertaining shoppers with a mix of festive tunes before welcoming the Haiden Grigor Band to the stage. On Sunday, local 60s band Bits 'n' Pieces will perform along with solo artist Ben Selleck.

"We are really thrilled to bring live music to the centre of Felixstowe this Christmas," said Sheline, "and we thank Barry and the crew at Fresh Gold Radio for their help and support in creating and hosting this two-day event."

In addition, children are invited to take part in a unique Bonkers Christmas Gonk Trail being created by the Wool Baa in Hamilton Road and which runs throughout December. Felixstowe's shops are also being urged to dress their windows for the festive period and add some welcome sparkle at this special time of year.



Get ready... the Christmas Gonks are coming to Felixstowe

An all-new FREE festive trail for all the family in the Town Centre - running from Saturday 27 November to Christmas Eve (Friday 24 December).

Help Santa find his missing Gonks and Presents - then match those with the same ribbon colour together.

Full details, including downloadable trail sheets at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on/events-diary/the-bonkers-christmas-gonk-trail/

You will also be able to pick up a trail sheet from: The Wool Baa, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe.

This event is presented by the Felixstowe BID (Business Improvement District).



Free Car Parking will be available in Felixstowe from noon to 6pm on Saturday 18 December 2021 with thanks to East Suffolk Council

THE HAIDEN GRIGOR BAND

Christmas Entertainment at The Triangle, Felixstowe



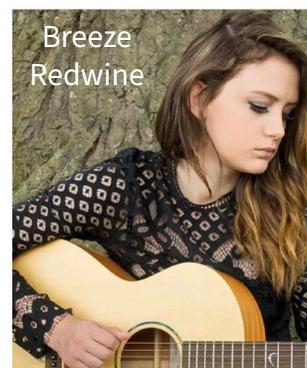
Saturday, December 18

11 - 12 noon Entertainment starts with Fresh Gold Radio
 12 - 12.45pm Singer/songwriter Breeze Redwine
 12.45 - 2.15pm Fresh Gold Radio with DJ JK on decks
 2.15 - 3pm Haiden Grigor Band play live
 3 - 4pm Fresh Gold Radio

Sunday, December 19

12 noon Entertainment starts with Fresh Gold Radio
 12.30 - 1.15pm Bits 'n' Pieces 60s band play live
 1.15 - 1.30pm Fresh Gold Radio
 1.30 - 2.15pm solo artist Ben Selleck
 2.15 - 3.15pm Bits 'n' Pieces
 3.15 - 4pm Fresh Gold Radio closes the show

Acts are subject to change and weather permitting



A Christmas Message from Felixstowe Volunteers Centre



Felixstowe Volunteer Centre would like to wish all the residents of Felixstowe and the surrounding villages a prosperous, safe, well and happy 2022.

It has been a very trying time for many of us from young to old, but we sincerely hope that 2022 is kinder to all of us. With the recent pandemic appearing to ease somewhat we are hopeful that all things will shortly return to normal.

Whilst Felixstowe Volunteer Centre has had to scale back some of its operations during the pandemic we have continued to offer vital support to many residents in the area.

We now believe that we should be able to increase the assistance we give local residents and will continue with our vital services including arranging hospital transport for those in need, befriending, shopping and various other activities that people may need assistance with.

We are now actively looking for additional volunteers to help swell our ranks to provide even more assistance during 2022.

If you have any spare time and would like to join our army of volunteers, contact Sandra our organiser, who would be happy to discuss this with you further. Sandra can be contacted on 01394 284770 and she would be happy to hear from you.

If you are lonely and would like to be befriended, have trouble shopping, or need help arranging transport for hospital or doctor visits contact Sandra and she will do all she can to assist you.

Home, But Not Alone

Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

The Home, But Not Alone free phonenumber is for people who need **urgent** help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is only for people who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.

Coronavirus Emergency Phonenumber

0800 876 6926

9am-5pm every day

For all other enquiries please visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/homebutnotalone



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- ★ Covid safe
- ★ Christmas Dinner
- ★ Carol singing
- ★ Gifts for all
- ★ Book your place now



To book please call Jackie on 07726 278637 or email jackie.fincham@salvationarmy.org.uk or pick a form up from The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road, Felixstowe.

The Salvation Army is a Registered Charity Number: 214779

A New Home for Felixstowe Men's Shed

I have just read our Spring newsletter and am amazed at just how much has changed in the past few months.

Today we find ourselves in a spacious barn that is undergoing a transformation with the internal building of a meeting room measuring 16 feet square, ample room for a kitchenette area, office requirements and table and chairs.

The change from planned containers to the barn has come courtesy of Robin Hill at Bidwell's who has allowed use of a vacant barn at Great Street Farm, High Road, Trimley St. Mary. Opposite the barn, a plot of land has been made available to develop a wellness garden and land clearance is underway. All augurs well for Shed and projects continue to be carried out while all this internal work is underway. Grants have been forthcoming to allow the barn to be fitted to a good but basic layout. As I write, we are waiting for mains electrics to be connected but we have a very efficient generator in the meantime.



Meeting Room nears completion Shepherd and Manger take shape

As you read this the latest project will have been completed namely the five stations leading to the arrival of Christ in full size silhouette cut out erected in Trimley St. Mary Churchyard and lit for all to see. Cutting out and painting well underway. Ladies from the church have formed a cake rota to keep Sheddies well fed during the project. Just another example of working within the community. Felixstowe Men's Shed is located at Great Street Farm. 158 Trimley High Road, Trimley St. Mary IP11 0TN, is open 10.00 until lunchtime on Tuesday and Thursdays. All welcome over 18yrs and that includes ladies. Follow us on Facebook & www.felixstowemensshed.org.uk Tony Allen chairman.

Feeling Lonely?....

Meet up Mondays

'Meet Up Mondays' was developed as a concept by the Rural Coffee Caravan and the Suffolk Good Neighbour Network. If you are on your own and want to make some friends, please visit the Boardwalk Cafe on Felixstowe Pier every Monday between 9am - 11am. All will be made welcome. For further information see

ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk/meetupmondays-home/



Don't Be On Your Own www.MeetUpMondays.org.uk

You are invited to come along and enjoy a FREE cuppa and some friendly chat.

St Phillips Community Hub

St. Philips Community Hub, Wadgate Road is open every Thursday 10am - 1.30pm, is now offering a hot lunch with the help of an ECB grant from Councillor Deacon. Everything at the Hub is provided free of charge. You would be welcome to provide a donation, if you wish, to support the work that we do, but it will not be expected in any way. People are invited to come in and sit down with others to enjoy this meal in a relaxed social environment throughout the darker months where many feel at their most vulnerable and lonely.



Walton Parish Nursing Felixstowe

Serving the community of Walton

Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Seaton Road Methodist Church

St Mary's Parish Church (C of E)

No Labels....

An opportunity to relax and be ourselves in a non-judgemental and safe environment. It is for adults who experience issues with mental or emotional health and would like to meet with others in a supportive environment. Board games, newspapers, table-tennis, crafts, tea and biscuits.

Where? Seaton Road Methodist Church Hall, Walton, IP11 9BT

When? 1.30pm - 3.30pm, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

You are free to come for as long or short a time as you like.

For further information contact
John Gillett, Walton Parish Nursing on 07909 888703
 Email: contactus@waltonpn.org.uk
 Website: www.waltonpn.org.uk

Charity Number: 1151953

Felixstowe and Villages Carers Group



As a group of family carers we know how lonely and isolating caring for a loved one can be. That is why we meet monthly to have a break from caring and to talk to others who understand our problems. We also have craft sessions, guest speakers, social activities such as a quiz or Bingo. Occasionally we go out for tea and cake.

This is a small, friendly and supportive group who welcome new members so why not come and join us?

We meet on the second Monday each month from 1:00pm until 3:00pm at the Community Hub, Maidstone Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9EF. Cost £3 including Tea/ Coffee and biscuits and a free raffle.

Meeting dates this year are: - November 8th and December 13th.

Just turn up or contact Dennis Weston on 07712672289 / 01473 832591 or dennisweston.49@btinternet.com



SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

New Stay & Play Group for Parents



Suffolk Libraries are pleased to announce that we are running a new Stay and Play group at Felixstowe Library.

Our Stay and Play groups are a chance for parents to socialise and give their babies a fun, interactive play session that engages their senses and helps their development. Bring your little ones to our Stay and Play baby group for a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences and chat.

Stay and Play happens every Friday 11am - 12 noon at Felixstowe Library. The session follows our two Tot Rock and Baby Bounce sessions that happen earlier in the morning. We're inviting parents to drop in and meet other parents, bring a blanket to sit on, play with baby and have a hot or cold drink.

This session is supported by our 'Me, Myself and Baby' perinatal support service. The project is available to pregnant women and parents of children under 5 across Suffolk. The aim of the project is to help reduce isolation and improve emotional wellbeing for new parents.

Walton Parish Nursing Felixstowe

Serving the community of Walton

Fizzability

is recommending
 Thursday 9th December
 1-3pm and every second
 Thursday of each month
 at Seaton Road
 Methodist Church.

This group is open to all of working age who experience challenges to their physical abilities.

We have guest speakers, a variety of activities and encourage healthy living as we support each other.

For more information please speak to or phone Lorna, Parish Nurse on 07969 901001

Maidstone Road Baptist Church
 Seaton Road Methodist Church
 St Mary's Parish Church (CofE)

w: www.waltonpn.org.uk
 e: contactus@waltonpn.org.uk

The Rotary Club of Felixstowe - Fundraising now back in full Swing!



We are now back in full swing fundraising. We started with our inaugural Charity Golf Day at Felixstowe Ferry Golf club, for which we had fine weather for, on the 17th September. Fourteen teams drawn from industry and commerce made the day a great success, raising over £2,300 for our work in the Felixstowe area.



Congratulations to Rotarian Andy Miller Individual 1st, Nigel Fosker nearest the pin, Maze Logistics Team 1st. Also in the mix Aquabridge Law, COSCO, Elite Universal, Fargo Systems, Freightliner, GMA Warehousing, Magnificent 7, Magnum Group, Norfolk Logistics, OOCL, Port of Felixstowe, Schallenberg. T



Above is a picture of our Rotary Club of Felixstowe team which includes Bryan Boreham, our president.

It was great to be back to meeting together in the Orwell Hotel for the induction of Nick Barber into The Rotary Club of Felixstowe on 7 October. Nick, sponsored by Rotarian Graham Boast, is well known around the town as a Purveyor of Collectables and Auctioneer, Town Councillor and twice Mayor of Felixstowe. His earlier professional life was in logistics and haulage. Here we see Nick (on the left) officially welcomed into the club by our President Bryan Boreham.



On 14 October we met together for the induction of Ian Gray into The Rotary Club of Felixstowe. Ian, sponsored by Rotarian Andy Miller, is a newcomer to Felixstowe but is already putting down his roots. Ian's professional background is IT having worked for Fijitsu and HMRC where he was involved in the implementation of the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF), a system which will be well know to our freight forwarder members and indeed the wider community.

The photo to the right depicts Ian being welcomed to the club by president Bryan Boreham



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Good	Caring	Good
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Local Recorder Volunteers

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Local Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'. A Local Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk, click on Recorders, then click on Recorders Pack in the text on the left hand side to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk





Grange Community Primary School

Mr Covid really is trying its best to make life complicated but nothing can dampen the spirits at Grange; children don't allow it. Even though the sports events, in which we planned to participate this half term, have been postponed, our extra-curricular clubs have continued. We are particularly pleased with the way the Tag Rugby players we coach are coming together. We have coached Tag Rugby for years – not that we all know much about the game of rugby having played football – but we love the discipline and respect the game of rugby teaches our children alongside the fun of a fast and furious running game. Tag Rugby always appeals to a mixture of children, some who have always enjoyed sport and some who are curious about an unfamiliar game. We love seeing all the children develop.

After Christmas, we hope to extend our extra-curricular offer further by offering a universally free Breakfast Club to all our pupils. To date, we have charged for breakfast club so that working families can send their children in to school a little earlier. However, we are aware that there are wider benefits to learners when offering a breakfast club to children, not only by providing a good meal (which we do thanks to the charity Magic Breakfast) at the start of the day but also academically and socially through the activities we can offer. So – next term, we will re-launch our breakfast club as EARLY BIRDS CLUB. All children will be invited to attend for free, to enjoy a breakfast together, and to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer. These activities will range from physical activity to arts and crafts, reading groups to use of computers. We will be sure to share some photographs of our new club in a future article.

If you would like to find out more about our Early Birds offer, please do check out our school website: www.grange.omat.org.uk where we will share the plans we have over the next couple of months.



Port of Felixstowe Users Association supports reading at Langer Primary Academy



Langer Primary Academy were delighted to find out that the Port of Felixstowe Users Association (PFUA) had kindly donated £1,000. The money was raised as part of their Annual Golf day in October.

The money was donated at a perfect time for the children at Langer as we are working really hard at the moment to ensure that all our pupils are able to read fluently. This is partly a response to the lost learning as a result of the pandemic and partly due to the challenging circumstances that many of our pupils live within.

The recent focus on reading has led to fantastically high take-up from pupils which means that we need to purchase more books to meet the needs of our pupils. We are now surveying our pupils to find out what kind of books they would like us to purchase with the money that has been kindly donated by PFUA. All the books purchased will be part of the school's reading system Accelerated Reader. This system allows pupils to choose the book that is right for them, read it, understand it, take an online quiz on it and then move up levels as they gain quiz scores and reading confidence. Between the oldest three classes at Langer Primary Academy, the children read 3.5million words in the first two months of this school year.



We'd like to say a particular well done to Sophie Bonnett who has read 275,000 words, Xin Lin He who has read 264,000 words and Vusa Sibanda who has read 247,000 words already this academic year.



The Federation of Fairfield Infant and Colneis Junior School

At this time of year, Fairfield Infant and Colneis Junior are full of the sounds of preparation as we head towards Christmas. Even during these different times, we still look to give our children a chance to perform to an audience, even if that is virtually! Not only does it help to build a sense of community, but it can also give children a real boost in confidence as they experience learning new songs and acting skills too!

Our younger children at Fairfield will be putting on their annual Christmas productions and our older Colneis children will be working on a more traditional Christmas concert.

Additionally, we look to give our children wider opportunities to perform, both in school and out of school. We have a strong programme of music lessons and it is always such a joy to see children grow and develop with these skills.

A number of our Year 6 children are due to join the 'Young Voices' concert at the O2 arena in London in January. Having attended this before, it is an exceptional event where they will get to sing in a huge arena to a large audience! It is vital that schools continue to provide these wider curriculum opportunities for their children as they have such a positive impact on them all.

Mr Mark Girling, Headteacher



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Renovation of Road Signs



As many residents will be aware, many of the roads in the older (Victorian/Edwardian) parts of residential Felixstowe still host the original road signs from that era. They are an important characteristic of what the Local Plan refers to as the “built environment” of our town.

For a while, I had noticed that many of these signs were becoming a little tired in their appearance. They were rusted and the paintwork was flaked. Where the signs were safely accessible, I quietly began to refurbish them. So far, improvements have been made to the sign on Gainsborough Road, Beach Road East and Constable Road. The sign on Hamilton Road is also complete, but is currently not in use whilst the new Café is being constructed by the junction at Hamilton Gardens.



There are several dozen of the original signs left in the town and I plan to gradually work through them. If anyone spots one that needs rapid attention, do drop a note to Ash, our Town Clerk, who will alert me. If anyone would like to join me in this process, please do volunteer. Let’s all help preserve the better parts of the heritage of our town, as these small details all contribute to what makes Felixstowe a special place to live.

Article by Alan Rose

Felixstowe and District Probus Group



Probus is a local, national and international association of retired or semi-retired people from all walks of life and may include ex-business or professional people. The groups provide regular opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances with similar levels of interest, make new friends and maintain and expand their interests. The groups can be made up of men, women, and sometimes both. Usually, spouses/partners of members and former members to participate in the social activities.

Our Beige:

Our Men’s Club meets at the Golf Club every Monday morning where we deal swiftly with any business before chatting and sharing experiences over a drink. Once a month we meet with our partners and guests for a two course lunch at a local hostelry. Several times a year we have an interesting speaker to entertain us.



We are always looking for new members and if anyone is interested please contact either Ian Bowler Chairman on 07761 165840 or Bob Johnston on 01394 282543.

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The Felixstowe Relief Charity (Charity Number: 1182192) was formed in 2019 and helped the local community through the pandemic working with a team of volunteers from Helping Hands. It was initially formed as a new CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to enable 5 Felixstowe Charities (some dating back to the beginning of the last century) to merge into a new modern charity. It is hoped that this merger will complete in the forthcoming year.

Covid, has brought out the very best from our community and the Felixstowe Relief Charity is looking for a number of volunteer trustees who can continue this work. The role will require energy, commitment, good organisational skills and an enterprising approach. If you currently work with a local organisation and have some skills to bring to the table then please do get in touch. We are currently looking for someone with Treasurer or Secretary skills or anyone who wants to get to know what’s happening in the local community.

If you are interested in getting involved, or you know someone who might, please email debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 288192 for a chat.

Pier PROJECTS

A Gift to You from Artist Alisa Oleva

Port-to-Port is a public art project by artist Alisa Oleva. Earlier this year she was chosen by residents of Felixstowe who were part of a Community Arts Panel to create a new artwork inspired by walking. Across September and October, events took place in Felixstowe and online which included a workshop exploring sounds, walks and a discussion.

To close Port-to-Port and celebrate all the contributions that shaped it, Alisa has created sets of postcards. They are a keepsake for you to take and share with others.

The postcard sets will be available from Felixstowe Library from Monday 22nd November.



Each set of postcards contains images and suggestions for activities to do whilst out for a walk. The photographs are of Felixstowe and other port towns around the world which connected through this project. Over fifty people shared memories and special places within their home towns which formed a web of relationships between people living near and far. 25 exchanges occurred across all corners of the globe, from Trimley to Hong Kong.

Alisa invites you to take these sets of postcards and encourages you to see, hear and think about Felixstowe in new ways. Each postcard contains a prompt for you to interpret it in your own way. You can use them in whichever order you wish.

Port-to-Port has been supported by Arts Council England, Councillors Stuart Bird and Mark Jepson. Special thanks to members of the Community Arts Panel and Councillor Tracey Green for supporting the print of these editions. Design by Uliana Bychenkova. Commissioned by Pier Projects Art Agency.

Walton Community Hall, 274 High Street, Walton, Felixstowe, IP11 9DS

Looking for a venue for a children's party, business event or regular class? Walton Community Hall is available for hire daytimes, evenings and weekends throughout the year. The main hall measures 9.6m x 9.6m. Competitive rates apply, please contact sarah.morrison@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 288194 for further information.



The Felixstowe Art Group has had a summer of achievement following the stay of activity brought about by previous lockdowns. The Group met in the grounds of Harvest House through Spring and Summer with the kind permission of its residents and spent time painting and drawing in those pleasant surroundings.



Bent Hill Gallery by Vanessa Mower

Talented Stonemason Brian Ansell working on a carving during a Felixstowe Art Group meeting at Harvest House

The Annual Exhibition in the first week of August was a great success with town and visitors alike welcoming the display of over two hundred paintings and 3D works by Members in the Trinity Church Hall. A range of Members' work is always on show in the Bent Hill Gallery where exhibitions are changed every six weeks.

The Group is now looking forward to resuming the valuable weekly sessions when Members paint with one another and exchange ideas. Inspiration is also shared in fortnightly talks and art demonstrations which are open to the public. For more information please see the Group's website www.felixstoweartgroup.org.

Amanda Given, Publicity Secretary, Felixstowe Art Group

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Felixstowe Project Development Update

Barnes Construction has now completed the build of the new iconic café on Felixstowe's south seafront, which will house The Kitchen @ Felixstowe, run by the Dedham Boathouse Group.



East Suffolk Council was excited to hand over the key to the café to Cameron Marshall, owner of the Dedham Boathouse Group, who is now doing the fit out of the internal space which will include a confectionary counter, contemporary brasserie type menu and unrivalled sea views. Once

completed, the café will play a key role in helping the town as it continues to recover from the impact of Covid-19, attracting local people and visitors alike by offering indoor and outdoor dining with unspoilt views of the seafront.

In a further boost to the south seafront, a new beach village has been given the go-ahead. Named the *Seashore Village* it will include 5 accessible, purpose-built pods, 27 traditional huts and a new public convenience block with Changing Places facilities.

The existing trim trial has already been moved to Langer Park and the current volleyball site will be re-landscaped and made into an activity park. As part of this, new outdoor gym equipment will be installed, along with additional facilities, including concrete table tennis tables, a climbing wall, petanque pistes, accessible picnic benches, chess tables and outdoor space for workouts. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 with completion scheduled for later in the year.

Civic Awards

The Mayor of Felixstowe Civic Awards are an annual occurrence with the aim to recognise those residents of Felixstowe who go above and beyond for their local community. The Mayor's Award is presented to five individuals for their contribution to Felixstowe, the HMS Ganges Youth Trophy is awarded to a young person aged 21 and under for their community action, and the Community Award is presented to a local community group for their involvement in the town. Against the backdrop of an exciting weekend, the 2021 Mayor's Civic Awards saw the winners formally recognised on the podium for the Women's Tour. The Awards were presented by Cllr Mark Jepson, Mayor of Felixstowe, before the race concluded along Sea Road. Restrictions imposed by the pandemic meant that the 2020 Civic Award winners were unable to be recognised with a formal ceremony. So it was fantastic and a well-deserved opportunity for them to join us on stage to be publicly recognised on the weekend of FelixFest, alongside those winners of the 2021 Awards.



To find out more about our Civic Awards scheme, and all our winners, please visit our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards where you can also find out how to nominate your own Community Hero for a Civic Award in 2022.

Felixstowe Museum: We need your help...



The pandemic had a major impact in 2020, but with the help of new and existing volunteers, we opened in May 2021 for a fabulous season full of fun. During the Summer the 'Bricktastic Olympic Summer Sports Search' kept families busy searching for hidden LEGO sports scenes, 'Captain Cosco's Colossal Container Challenge' allowed kids make model containers to display alongside our Intermodal model railway and for Halloween there was 'Hocus Pocus' a family trail.



It's the 40th Anniversary of the Museum in 2022, so our programme focusses on the 1980s and we want you to be involved. We need your reminiscences of Felixstowe in the '80s, illustrated with objects and mementos to help tell the story. So, although we are closed for the Winter, that doesn't mean we aren't still beaver away. We have recruited some new Trustees and volunteers and are looking forward to the next 40 years. Local museums do not need to be boring and should evolve to reflect the diversity of the community. We aspire to work with volunteers to co-create our displays and we have been fortunate to receive a Felixstowe Town Council Community Grant to help fit out a design studio and workshop. If you are interested in helping, learn new skills or have creative skills you can share with others, we would love to hear from you. There are many other volunteering opportunities, you don't have to be a history buff, just be willing to make some new friends and have some fun. If you want to have an informal chat about volunteering call me on 01394 674 355 or email felmuseum@btopenworld.com.

Andy Calver, Museum Manager and Curator

Felixstowe and District Council for Sports and Recreation

Probably best known for its annual 'Mr. Cobbler' Sports Awards which recognise achievement by local sports players and club officials, this award-winning local sports council is the umbrella body for some 30 affiliated sports clubs with around 5,000 sports players.

Founded in 1964 to develop sports facilities in the town, this aim continues through the Executive Committee of 12 volunteers with two members of grant-aiding Felixstowe Town Council and one each from Trimley St.

Martin and Trimley St. Mary parish councils. This area's sporting, recreational and play needs are reviewed and development encouraged by lobbying East Suffolk



Council, particularly in respect of a replacement for Felixstowe Leisure Centre and Brackenbury Sports Centre due in summer 2025, the sports hubs facilities for cricket, hockey, rugby and soccer and improved play areas. Encouragement is given to greater participation by all sectors of the community – especially to younger and older people. The Inter-Town Sports Challenge between Felixstowe and Woodbridge is organised annually for some 200 participants in indoor and outdoor activities.

Over £100,000 of fundraising has provided the community with basketball courts at Cavendish Park and Walton Recreation Ground, the Eastward Ho Fitness trail, numerous 5-a-side goals on green spaces and other equipment. For an annual subscription of only £5, affiliated clubs can seek advice on fundraising and volunteering and a small annual grant for basic equipment with access to interest free loans.

Further information is available at www.felixstowesport.co.uk and 01394 213071.



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FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS

Felixstowe Town Council was proud to commemorate Remembrance Sunday on November 14th 2021. The event saw thousands of residents and members of the Felixstowe Royal British Legion gather at Felixstowe's War Memorial to reflect upon and remember those lives lost in times of war. A service was delivered by Reverend Andrew Dotchin and "For the Fallen" was read by the British Legion Chairman, Darren Aitchison. This year, Remembrance was observed alongside the 100th Anniversary of the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion, an organisation offering invaluable support to local families and veterans.

Felixstowe's War Memorial has recently been refurbished and is available to anyone who may wish to remember a loved one lost in times of conflict.



Remembering the Floods of 1953

The Flood Memorial is located on Langer Road near the traffic light junction with Beach Road West and Walton Avenue. It marks the location of some of the deepest flood water in the town when 41 local people lost their lives on the night of the great North Sea floods, 31st January 1953. Each year, on the anniversary of the flood, a service is held at the Memorial to reflect on the devastation and a floral wreath is laid in respect to those we lost. If you visit the Memorial you will see the blue line at the top of the wall which shows the depth of the flood water that night and a plaque which records the names of the victims. The Town Council is preparing to carry out some sensitive renovations to the Memorial next year, in time for the 70th anniversary of the floods in January 2023.



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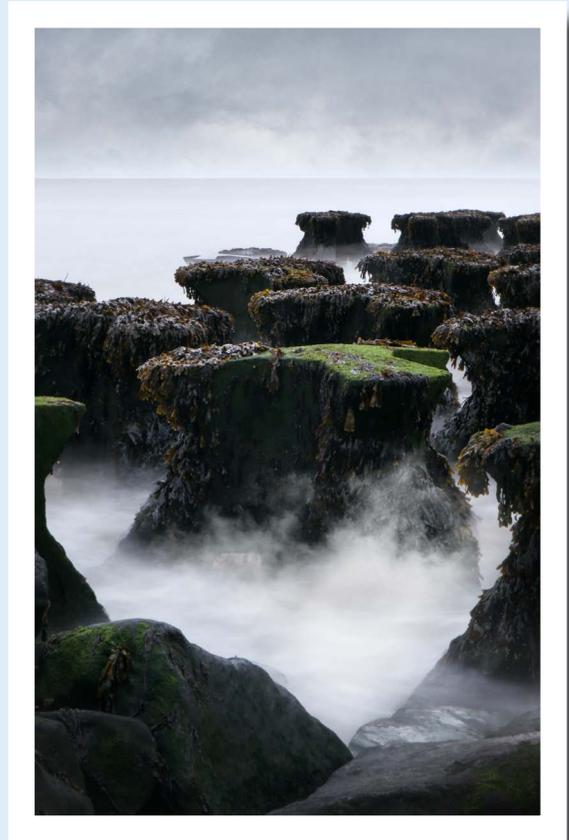
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Felixstowe Photo Competition 2021 - and the winner is...

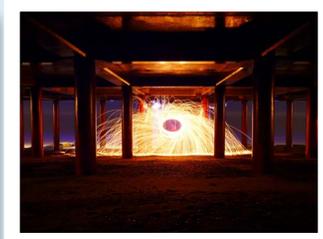
Huge congratulations to Tiago Pereira from Ipswich who is the overall "Judge's Choice" Winner of the Felixstowe Photo Competition 2021. Tiago's dramatic shot of Cobbold's Point (pictured here - top right) was entered into the 'Seashore' theme.

The **Felixstowe Photo Competition**, which is organised and supported by Visit Felixstowe, Felixstowe Town Council and the Landguard Partnership, attracted just under 100 entries from all ages (9 to 81 years) and abilities. Thank you to everyone who submitted their photos. The top eight photos in the Architecture and Seashore themes, plus the seven Young Photographer photos are also shown below and at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/felixstowe-photo-competition-2021-gallery

Seashore theme



Architecture



Young Photographer

