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NEWS UPDATE

The
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Town Council

TOWN TALK

Healthcare in Felixstowe – Have Your Say

These are changing times for local government. The Localism Act introduces a raft of new initiatives, the practical consequences of which are still to be defined by subsequent regulations. The Health and Social Care Bill has gained much press coverage in recent weeks, and at the time of writing, the full details are as yet unknown.

Against this wider backdrop, members of the Town Council's Community Services Group (Health Councillors) held a Drop In Event recently at the Town Hall to hear what local residents had to say on the subject of healthcare in Felixstowe. The event was well attended and a number of themes emerged about which members of the Group were interested to hear. In broad terms, the points to emerge were concerns regarding the current planning applications emanating from NHS Suffolk regarding both the former Bartlet hospital and the proposed new site for the redevelopment of the Central Surgery. Both of these planning applications have been considered by the Town Council's Plans Committee, and recommendations forwarded to Suffolk Coastal District Council accordingly.

Some concerns were expressed regarding the move towards GP consortia buying in healthcare services, and how these proposed consortia are intended to work in practice. The Community Services Group wishes to examine this important issue more closely, as well as further consideration of services delivered at Ipswich Hospital, including specifically accident and emergency services and their interrelation with healthcare provision at the Felixstowe Community Hospital, both during and out of hours. The Community Services Group also heard concerns regarding local sheltered housing provision and further questions are to be asked as regards the former Conford House site.



On a positive note, praise was given by several attendees to the services of the Walton Parish Nurse, a role part funded by several churches in Walton. The nurse provides much needed advice and support both via GP referrals and via self referrals, and is clearly greatly valued and appreciated by those patients. Perhaps this model could be followed in other areas.

Mayor's Ball

The Town Mayor of Felixstowe, Councillor Doreen Savage and her Escort, Mrs Peggy Osborne, are hosting a Mayor's Ball on Friday, 20th April at 7pm. The evening will raise vital funds for the Mayoral charities which are the Felixstowe Citizens Advice Bureau, the Felixstowe Seafarers' Centre and TS Landguard (Sea Cadets). Some tickets are still available. For further information, please contact Lorna Monsen on (01394) 282086 or email lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Town Council has been meeting with a number of organisations interested in making plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Celebrations will be taking place both nationally and locally over the extended Bank Holiday weekend from Saturday, 2nd to Tuesday, 5th June.

From Friday, 1st June

The annual Spring fun fair will be in town from Friday, 1st June.

From Saturday, 2nd June

Various activities are planned on Landguard Point, including a Jubilee trail and other events.

Sunday, 3rd June

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen will be taking place at 3pm at St John's Church.

Monday, 4th June

A special Beacon Lighting event will take place at the Clifflands car park. The Lions Club/Rotary Club are co-ordinating this evening of celebration and Felixstowe will be one of 2,012 locations nationally taking part in a special Beacon Lighting Ceremony, culminating in the Queen herself lighting a Diamond Jubilee beacon at around 10.30pm on Monday, 4th June. Come along and join in the evening's festivities.

Tuesday, 5th June

The Felixstowe and Walton Football Club are planning a fireworks extravaganza, rounding off a packed weekend of celebrations.

Other organisations are also planning community events and further details will appear in the local press nearer the time.

Olympic Torch Update

Felixstowe is honoured to have been chosen as a Community On Route to host the Olympic Torch as the Torch Relay travels the country prior to the official start of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

On Thursday, 5th July, the Olympic Torch Relay, carried by torch bearers nominated by communities and each having made their own contribution to sport and their local communities, will make its way from Norwich to Ipswich travelling through Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Wrentham, Reydon, Southwold, Kelsale, Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Wickham Market, Ufford, Melton and Woodbridge, passing through Felixstowe later in the day before resting overnight in Ipswich during the night of Thursday, 5th July. Further details of the actual torch route through Felixstowe will be made public on March 19th, making the practicalities of planning how to mark the event considerably easier. Further details will be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

If you or your community organisation are making plans to welcome the Olympic Torch, do feel free to let the Town Council know so events could potentially be co-ordinated. It looks certain to be an unforgettable day in the town's history.



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Weddings and Civil Partnerships at the Town Hall

Felixstowe Town Hall offers you the chance to enjoy your Civil Ceremony or Civil Partnership on the seafront. As well as its beautiful Victorian features and architecture, the Town Hall boasts sea views from both ceremony rooms, unique photography opportunities on the beach and in the Seafront Gardens, ample parking outside the building and in nearby car parks, an adaptable layout for your ceremony, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.



Contact the Town Council on 01394 282086 or email celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk to find out more about this unique venue. You can also visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk to find out more.

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WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

Forthcoming meetings:

4th April, 9th May (Annual General Meeting) and 13th June 2012 at Felixstowe Town Hall

WHAT WE DO....

Some services the Town Council provides:

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

Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications
- Highways matters/transport issues
- Town Centre Management/Libraries
 - Safer neighbourhoods
 - Felixstowe Futures
- Twinning, Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

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Remember ...

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.