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NEWS UPDATE

The  
Newsletter  
of Felixstowe  
Town Council

## TOWN TALK



### New Mayor

The start of the civic year in May brings a change in Mayor, and this year the Town Council elected Councillor Mike Deacon as the Town Mayor of Felixstowe, accompanied by the Mayoress, Mrs Anne Deacon.

The Mayor and Mayoress will be representing the town at the many civic events

taking place in 2012 in Suffolk as well as at many events within the town. They hope to meet as many people as possible over their 12 months in office in what is to be a busy and exciting year.

### Additional On-Street Car Parking Spaces

The Town Council is pleased to see that following the completion of the Shared Space Scheme, the additional on-street car parking spaces in the town centre which were promised have now materialised, as can be witnessed by the prominent white lining on the roadway. Additional parking spaces for those with disabilities have also been provided.

### Felixstowe in Flower

Once again the Felixstowe in Flower scheme is running this year. The scheme is co-ordinated by the Town Council who provide floral displays around the town including hanging baskets along the main streets, and along the Seafront. Many local residents and businesses sponsor these hanging baskets and the tubs and troughs in the Town Centre, and the Town Council is grateful for their continuing support.

A wide variety of competitions have been running over recent weeks including floral displays in private gardens, commercial premises, allotments and a number of school competitions including paintings and gro-bags. The judging of these competitions is taking place over the summer, culminating in a special Felixstowe in Flower Awards Ceremony evening on Tuesday 9th October. We hope that this year's atypical weather has not been too onerous a horticultural challenge. Well done to all those who are participating in Felixstowe in Flower in whatsoever capacity.

### Major Planning Applications in Felixstowe

With a backdrop of continuing economic pressures both nationally and internationally, the Town Council has been consulted on a number of major planning applications in the town which applicants wish to see granted and, in some cases, objectors do not.

The Town Council's role is as a statutory consultee and as such the Town Council's Plans Committee makes recommendations to Suffolk Coastal District Council, which is the Statutory Planning Authority. Although the Town Council is not the decision making body, Suffolk Coastal District Council is obliged to take into account the Town Council's recommendation during its consideration of the application and is at liberty to make its own determination of the application on the facts before it at the time.

In many cases, the Town Council and the District Council are of a similar view. Where there is a divergence of view, the District Council provides reasoning to the Town Council as to how the application was determined. Major applications considered by the Town Council in recent weeks, or of which the Town Council is aware, include the Bartlet Hospital site, South Seafront land, the Haven Exchange Retail Park and most recently proposals to redevelop the Felixstowe Pier and adjacent area.

There has been much discussion about the desirability of bringing the pier back into use. The prospect of reinvigorating such a prominent landmark has been welcomed by many who regret seeing the pier in its current state of neglect partly due to structural and safety reasons. The timing of the implementation of such proposals, were they to be approved, would be dependent upon the pier's owners, the pier being in private ownership.

### Walton Green

A very prominent proposal in the pipeline at the present time is that relating to the Walton Green Partnership's aspirations to develop the land adjacent to Treetops and to the Felixstowe Academy on the other side of the road. The proposals are causing a great deal of concern amongst some residents and businesses in the town and a number of public consultation events have taken place. An official planning application has not yet been received by the Town Council, and it is understood that an application will be forthcoming in the autumn.

### Stan Cox

The Town Council was sad to learn of the death of Stan Cox, a Felixstowe resident, who participated in the London Olympics in 1948, competing in the 10,000 metres race. At that time, Stan Cox was the British Champion over this distance with a time of around 29 minutes. He also set a World Record in 1952 at the original London Marathon. It is particularly poignant timing as it had been hoped that Stan Cox would be able to be part of the town's celebration of the Olympic Torch Relay, and to fulfil his wish to see the Olympic flame and hold an Olympic Torch. He lived in Felixstowe for many years and will be sadly missed.

### Felixstowe Carnival

Felixstowe Carnival is coming to town on the 18th and 19th August. The theme this year is "Imagination". As usual the event will take place on Langer Park with the procession through the town this year commencing at 1pm. There will be a Carnival Queen and her three attendants followed by a long procession. On Langer Park there will be fairground stalls, music from local bands, the only change being this year a price reduction on the Saturday. The Carnival Committee hopes to see you all there to make this a Jubilee year for the Felixstowe Carnival.

On Saturday 18th August, Langer Park opens from 3pm – 10pm. On Sunday 19th August, Langer Park opens 12 noon for music and fairground attractions. Fireworks start 9pm. This year the prices on Saturday have been reduced from £5.00 per head per adult to £2.00 and from £2.00 per head per child to £1.00 for children over 12. Children under 12 are free for the whole weekend. On Sunday, which includes music, fairground attractions, stalls and fireworks, the price will remain at £5.00 per head per adult and £2.00 per child over 12. Come along and support the town's Carnival.

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## Forthcoming Events

More diary dates of events coming up to support and enjoy:

### Tuesday 7th August (7pm - 9pm) - Summer Open Air Theatre at Landguard Fort.

Come and spend a summer's evening watching a fantastic outside theatre production of 'The Railway Children' at Landguard Fort. A play for all the family. Refreshments available or bring a picnic, then sit back and enjoy. Performed by Heartbreak Productions. Cost: Adults £10.00, Concessions £8.00, Children (under 16) £6.00, Family (2 adults and 2 children) £26.00.

### Sunday 12th August (12 noon - 5pm) - Classic Car show.

Come and admire the displays of vintage and classic cars in the Museum grounds. Run by the Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts Club. Adults £1.00. Children (5 to 16 years) 50p. Children (under 5 years) free. Felixstowe Museum Tel: 01394 674355. Email felmuseum@btopenworld.com.

### Saturday 25th August - Hot Rod and Custom Car Rally, Felixstowe Seafont.

### Sunday 2nd September - Art on the Prom 10am to 4pm.

### Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September - Heritage Open Days.

Many local places will be open including the Town Hall on Sunday starting at 12 noon.

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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:

8th August and 3rd October 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.