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NEWS UPDATE

The
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of Felixstowe
Town Council

Felixstowe Pier Proposals

Plans to significantly restore and enhance the Felixstowe Pier have been approved by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The scheme was unanimously supported and the proposed investment to regenerate this part of the seafront, which is particularly popular with visitors, has been broadly welcomed. The current arcade and entertainment area would be demolished along with the existing pier which has been classified as structurally unsound in any event. The new facility would include a range of entertainment and leisure opportunities, along with refreshments and viewing areas. It is hoped that the project can commence work as soon as possible with a target completion date of summer 2014.



Potential Major Planning Applications

Readers may be aware that different developers have held public consultation events in recent weeks to seek public views on not just one but two major schemes in the town, both of which involve the potential provision of a large supermarket. One scheme proposed by the Walton Green Partnership relates to a large development in Walton and the other by Albourne Property plc relates to land adjacent to Felixstowe railway station. Felixstowe Town Council is a statutory consultee to any planning application submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council. At the time of writing, no planning application of which the Town Council is aware has yet been submitted.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

Public Consultation

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service are asking for residents' views on a proposed merger between Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. This follows a decision by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet to continue to consider the proposal to merge the two fire services if this option looks like it will generate significant financial savings and other organisational benefits. The County Council's stated priority is to protect people by safeguarding front line services as far as possible. By merging with another fire and rescue service, further savings in management and support areas could potentially be made without having to cut the front line. No decision has yet been taken by Suffolk County Council which is why residents' comments are asked for to inform a final decision in the new year. Cambridgeshire residents are being invited to take part in a similar consultation over the same time period. Residents can find out more and make their views known either via the website www.suffolk.gov.uk, or via (01473) 260533 or via fireconsultation@suffolk.gov.uk. The consultation closes on 14th January 2013.

Moving on from The Crow's Nest, Landguard

Fond farewells have been said to Sam Dorling, the owner of a popular food van "The Crow's Nest" at the Viewing Point at Landguard. Sam has been a major contributor to the joy of visiting the Viewing Point for the past 13 years and will be missed by her many customers.

Floods Anniversary – 60 Years On

The night of Thursday 31st January will mark the 60th anniversary of the night floods surged through Felixstowe causing havoc and chaos to low lying properties and tragically resulting in the loss of life to 40 Felixstowe residents. Events have been arranged to mark the 60th anniversary with a Church Service and a memorial event at the Flood Memorial located on Langer Road.

Felixstowe in Flower 2012

The annual Felixstowe in Flower scheme ran successfully again this year, despite it being one of the most challenging years, horticulturally speaking, due to the adverse weather conditions. Undaunted, the competitors rose to these challenges, and the "Keep Calm And Carry On" spirit prevailed. The Town Council offers its thanks and congratulations to all those who supported Felixstowe in Flower in 2012.

Events At Felixstowe

Lots of exciting events are taking place over the coming weeks in Felixstowe in the run up to the Christmas and New Year period. For further information, please drop in to the Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre on the seafront or pick up a leaflet in the Town Hall or go to www.visitfelixstowe.co.uk to see what is happening and how to join in.

Lofty Heights – Loft Emptying Services

Lofty Heights is a local social enterprise which provides a loft emptying service, in particular to older people with disabilities and their carers, although anyone is welcome to use the service. Once the loft is emptied, individuals are then able to access the free loft insulation which is currently available to home owners. Those who cannot empty their lofts without help, up to now have been missing out on the opportunity to make their homes warmer and reduce their fuel bills, even though older residents and those with disabilities are often those most in need. In addition to helping people to empty their lofts, Lofty Heights has created employment opportunities for 5 young people who have not previously had the chance of paid work before. All have been trained in areas of health and safety, customer service and equality and diversity. All are CRB checked and are supported on site by an experienced team leader. The charge for the service depends upon how much is in the loft and how long it will take to remove. In some circumstances, a grant may be available to help towards this, and for others the initial cost can be covered by the potential longer term savings in a warmer cosier home, reduced heating costs and indeed a better quality of life. For further information, please contact Lofty Heights on (07745) 215114, email olive@lofty-heights.org, or visit www.lofty-heights.org.

Mayoral Activity

The Mayor's annual Christmas visits to residential and nursing homes in Felixstowe start in December, including visits to the St Elizabeth Hospice Christmas Day Dip, Fire Station, Hospital and Salvation Army. Around 300 Christmas dippers are expected to take the plunge in the sea opposite Mannings Amusements on Sea Road. Registration opens at 8.30 am with the dip at 10 am. There is a small fee and participants are asked to raise sponsorship which last year raised over £35,000 for St Elizabeth Hospice. For further information contact 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk. The Mayor's Charity Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30 pm at St John's Church – Tickets: adult £10, concession (child/senior citizen) £7.50, family (2 adults, 2 children) £35.



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The Mayor's Charity Curry Evening is on Monday 11th February at Bombay Nite. The Mayor's Charity Ball will take place on Friday 19th April at the Orwell Hotel. For further information and for tickets, please contact Lorna Monsen on (01394) 282086 or email lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk.

Christmas Greetings

The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Mike Deacon and Mrs Anne Deacon, all the members of Felixstowe Town Council and its staff send you their very best wishes for a Happy Christmas, and a successful and peaceful 2013.



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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:

5th December 2012 and 6th February 2013
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
- Weddings and Civil Partnerships

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.