



December
2015

NEWS
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The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Season's Greetings from the Town Mayor



It is hard to believe that Christmas and all its joys will soon be with us. 2015 has flown by and there has been much to celebrate during the past year. Great events, new facilities – Spa Gardens and Martello Park to name just two and the long awaited opening of the Spa theatre. We still have much more to come and 2016 should be another great year for Felixstowe and its residents. I shall be busy during December visiting the residential and nursing homes in the town and on Christmas Day watching the Christmas Dip, visiting the Hospital and having lunch with the Salvation Army and guests. The lead up to Christmas this year will feature the wonderful Christmas lights display which the Lions Club in Felixstowe work so hard to maintain and install each year. A full day of festivities on the 28th November is planned from 11.30am and I hope the event will be well supported. A major addition to Christmas this year will be the ice rink in Great Eastern Square courtesy of the East of England Co-op, Felixstowe Town Council and local members of the District Council. This facility will be free to everyone who wishes to use it. If it proves to be successful perhaps it can become an annual event. It opens on the 19th December at 12noon. Come along and have some fun! On behalf of everyone at Felixstowe Town Council, members and staff the wish for a joyous, peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year comes to you all.

Cllr Doreen Savage
Town Mayor

Mayor's Charity Events

Money raised by the Mayor's charity fund this year will go to the Felixstowe Sea Cadets and Felixstowe Citizens' Advice Bureau. You can support the Mayor's fundraising efforts (and have a great time too!) by attending these forthcoming events:

Curry Night

Monday 15th February 2016: 7pm at The Bombay Nite, 285 High Street, Walton. £20 per head for an evening full of food and fun!

Quiz Night

Thursday 17th March 2016: 7pm at the Half Moon Pub, 303 High Street, Walton. £5 per person. (Teams limited to a maximum of 6 people.) Nibbles included!

Mayor's Charity Ball (featuring live music from Tyler Kemp)

Friday 8th April 2016: 7pm at Felixstowe Academy, High Street, Walton. Tickets £35 per person (£350 for a table of ten).

Further information on any of the events listed here, or to buy tickets, please contact Lorna Monsen, (01394) 288193 or email Lorna.Monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk

Events in Felixstowe

For a full list of events for Christmas and the New Year visit www.visitfelixstowe.co.uk or www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe

Christmas on Ice



The Town Council is bringing extra festive fun to the town this year by arranging for a synthetic ice rink to be installed outside the East of England Coop at Great Eastern Square. The Mayor will open the ice rink at Midday on Saturday 19th December and it will be available to use from Midday to 8pm each day until Wednesday 23rd December (except Sunday 20th December when it will open from 10am - 6pm). Low-cost rides for smaller children and refreshments will also be available.

Funded by the Town Council, several Suffolk Coastal District Councillors and sponsored by the East of England Cooperative, residents and visitors will be able to skate for FREE! Skates are provided too so you only need to turn up to have a go. Being here for 5 days means everybody will get a chance to skate but your time on the rink may be limited if it gets particularly busy.

Last call for Council Grants...

By the time you read this there will only be a few days left to apply for a grant from the Town Council this year. The deadline is 30 November so get your bid in now if you want your organisation to be considered! It's a simple process and full details of how to apply can be found on our website at www.felixstowe.gov.uk/council-services/grants or by calling (01394) 282086.

Get Plotting for 2016

If you are seeking fresh air and exercise in the New Year why not join our thriving community of green-fingered gardeners and reap the benefits from growing your own organic fruit and veg? For more details on how you can rent an allotment plot (available from as little as £18.88 for a whole year) contact Sue Faversham (01394) 288191 or email Sue.Faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan

The Preferred Options consultation stage for the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan closes on 30 November, following which Suffolk Coastal District Council will be evaluating all the comments received before the analysis is published in the New Year. If you haven't taken the opportunity to submit your comments to this important document, which will shape Felixstowe over the next 12 years and beyond, make sure you visit www.suffolkcoastal.jdi-consult.net/localplan/

Felixstowe Forward

The newsletter for Felixstowe Forward will be circulated mid-December to update everyone on the work of our local team – if you would like to receive a copy please contact Felixstowe.forward@eastsex.gov.uk. The team would also very much welcome your feedback on the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens. The construction project will come to an end in December and we are looking to complete a comprehensive project evaluation in the next few months.

Felixstowe in Flower



Congratulations to Mr Markham and Mr Mallet who were presented with the 'Best of the Best' trophy at the 30th Anniversary Felixstowe in Flower awards held at the Felixstowe Academy this year.

To read more about this year's displays and find out how to take part in Felixstowe in Flower 2016 visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk

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WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm. Feel free to come along. 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:

Finance & General Purposes: 25th November 2015, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 2nd December 2015, 9.15am
Assets & Services: 2nd December 2015, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 16th December 2015, 9.15am
Civic & Community: 16th December 2015, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 13th January 2016, 9.15am
Full Council: 13th January 2016, 7.30pm
(Meetings take place 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 • Libraries
- Highways matters/transport issues • Safer neighbourhoods
- Felixstowe Forward • Twinning • Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

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We want to hear your views

Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.