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2016

NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Christmas Wishes from the Mayor



By the time you are reading this we will be fast approaching Christmas. I really can't believe where 2016 has gone.

Along with most folk, I love the Christmas Season which starts, for me, with the Switch On of the sparkling Lights. Grateful thanks to the Lions

Club of Felixstowe, the members of which maintain and erect them. This year has seen the start of the alterations to the Pierhead, at last, and the completion of the replanting in the Gardens, plus the usual great events for which our Town is known. As Mayor and Consort, my husband and I will be very busy over the Christmas period, visiting the Care and Nursing Homes in the Town and, on Christmas Day, watching the North Sea Dip, visiting the Hospital and the Salvation Army Lunch. Once more this year, the East of England Co-op, the Town Council and various County Councillors have worked in partnership to provide an Ice Rink in Great Eastern Square. This was extremely popular last year, and again it is free. It will open on Saturday 17th December at midday. Please come along and have a go!



The Great Eastern Lights

On behalf of all at Felixstowe Town Hall, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful, Prosperous New Year.

If anyone would like the Mayor to attend a function or just to answer a question, please email me via mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk

Jan Garfield Town Mayor

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 Co-

op at Great Eastern Square. The Mayor will open the ice rink at midday on Saturday 17th December and it will be available to use from Midday to 8pm each day until Wednesday 21st December (except Sunday 19th December when it will open from 10am - 6pm). Low-cost rides for smaller children and refreshments will also be available. Thanks to donations from County Councillors' Locality Budgets and sponsorship by the East of England Co-op, 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 30th 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.

Start Plotting for 2017

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 £19.50 for a whole year) contact Sue Faversham on 01394 288191 or email Sue.Faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

Civic Awards

The Town Council is seeking nominations for this year's Civic Awards. Up to 5 Mayor's Awards are presented by the Mayor of Felixstowe to local individuals who have given their time in voluntary or community service to the town over the past year. For further information please visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards or contact Lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk

Dementia Friends

Felixstowe Town Council is proud to support the Felixstowe Dementia Action Alliance in their aim to make Felixstowe a Dementia-Friendly town. Staff and Members of the Council recently received a dementia awareness session at the Town Hall and are urging local businesses, organisations and individuals to visit www.dementiaaction.org.uk to find out how they can help too.

Walton Community Hall

Walton Community Hall on the High Street in Walton, on the corner of Falcon Street, is a great venue for local club, groups and special occasions. This well-equipped facility is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To make an enquiry or to book, please contact the Town Hall on 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk

Felixstowe in Flower



Over 20 prizes were awarded at the annual Felixstowe in Flower award ceremony at Felixstowe Academy. Our thanks go to all the schools, children, businesses, organisations and individuals who took part and helped bring Felixstowe to flower this summer and well done to all the winners! To take part in 2017 or to read more about this year's wonderful displays visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk

EVENTS

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

Felixstowe Unwrapped (Late Night Christmas Shopping)

Independent shops will remain open until 7pm on Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December. Lots of goodies and activities plus FREE car parking after 3pm at Crescent, Highfield and Ranelagh Road carparks.

Mayor's Charity Events:

Thursday 1st December 2016 – Christmas Charity Concert at St Johns Church

Saturday 28th January 2017 – Charity Soul Night at Trimley Memorial Hall

Monday 13th February 2017 – Charity Curry Night at Bombay Nite, Walton, Felixstowe

Friday 7th April 2017 – Mayor's Charity Ball at the Orwell Hotel

Saturday 15th April 2017 – 1940s Charity Afternoon Tea at Salvation Army Hall

For further information and to buy tickets please contact Lorna Monsen on 01394 288193 or email Lorna.Monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk

HOW TO CONTACT US

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WHEN WE MEET

Meetings of the Town Council and its Committee are held at Felixstowe Town Hall and are open to the public - feel free to come along. There is a public session at the start of each meeting so that you can ask questions on Felixstowe related matters.

Forthcoming meetings:

Planning & Environment: 30 November 2016, 9.15am
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Civic & Community: 14 December 2016, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 11 January 2017, 9.15am
Full Council: 11 January 2017, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 25 January 2017, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 25 January 2017, 7.30pm

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.