



FOR FELIXSTOWE

The newsletter of Felixstowe Town Council

TOWN TALK

- Friends of the Spa Gardens** – The meeting to launch the Friends of the Spa Gardens will be held at Felixstowe Town Hall at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 15th January. There will be a presentation by the Landscape Partnership who are drawing up plans to restore and refurbish the seafront gardens in Felixstowe. You are very welcome to attend the meeting as we know how important the Spa Gardens are to so many people in Felixstowe. This is a great opportunity to help with the future of the gardens in a very practical way. We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.
- Green Bags in Felixstowe** – On Saturday, 29th November Felixstowe Town Council launched its “Green Bags” scheme for Felixstowe as part of the celebrations when the Felixstowe Christmas lights were switched on by the Mayor. As an alternative to plastic bags the Town Council is providing cotton shopping bags free of charge and selling quality jute bags for £1 each. This scheme is being financed by the recycling credits which the Town Council receives for recycled materials collected from the deposit points in Felixstowe. The project is being supported by Suffolk Coastal District Council with notices in its Felixstowe car parks reminding people to take their reusable bags to the shops. If you were not able to pick up a bag on 29th November they are available at the Town Hall while stocks last!
- Town Hall Opening** – On 15th/16th November a very successful Open Weekend was held at the Town Hall. This was part of events celebrating Felixstowe’s heritage and looking to its future. The guided tours round the Town Hall were popular. If you were not able to take part in one of these tours please contact us and we would be very pleased to show you the refurbished building. Several areas of the Town Hall are now available for hire for meetings and events. For details please contact Celia Page on 01394 282086 or email celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk
- Town Hall Opening continued** - On the 28th November the new commemoration stone at the Town Hall was unveiled by the Mayor, Mike Deacon. This was an opportunity to thank the many companies, organisations and individuals who have contributed to the restoration and refurbishment of the Town Hall. These included especially the architect Peter Jaggard, Drake and Plant and their foreman Barry Earthy and the great team of craftsmen.
- Walton Community Hall** – Now the Town Hall restoration has been completed Town Council meetings that were being held at other venues, including Walton Community Hall, have returned to the Town Hall. This means that Walton Community Hall is now available for hire on most days of the week. For details please contact Celia Page on 01394 282086 or email celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk
- Suffolk Local Involvement Network (LINK)** – Suffolk
- East Suffolk Community Rail Partnership** – Felixstowe is now part of the East Suffolk Community Rail Partnership. Both the Town Council and the Felixstowe branch of the East Suffolk Travellers Association are active partnership members. Two meetings of the Partnership were recently held in Felixstowe. A guide to walks from Felixstowe and Trimley stations has just been published and was launched by the Mayor in November at a ceremony at Felixstowe Station. The National Express Line Guide now includes sections on Felixstowe and Trimley for the first time. Both these publication are available at the Tourist Information Centre. The Partnership is an active lobbying group for improvements to the Felixstowe line and to Felixstowe Station.
- Twinning Anniversaries** – In 2009 Felixstowe will be celebrating 35 years of twinning with Wesel and 15 years of partnership with Salzwedel. There will be celebrations of these anniversaries in Felixstowe on 17th/18th/19th April. If you would like to join the Felixstowe Wesel Association or would like more details about the twinning please contact Mary Cotterell on 01394 212913 or email francis.cotterell@ntlworld.com. For details of the Salzwedel Partnership Association please contact Susan Robinson on 01394 282086 or email susan.robinson@felixstowe.gov.uk.
- Mayor’s Charities Events** - On Wednesday, 11th February 2009 the Mayor is holding an evening in aid of his charities. The Mayor’s charities are Level2 and Home-Start Suffolk Coastal. This will be a curry night at the Bombay Nite restaurant in Walton. Tickets are £20 per head. Please contact Lorna Monsen on 01394 282086 or email lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk for details and tickets. This year’s Mayor’s Charity Ball will be held on Friday, 17th April at the Hotel Elizabeth Orwell. If you would like to attend the Ball please contact Lorna Monsen (see details above) for details and tickets.
- Local Government Review** – The final report by the Boundary Committee concerning the review of local government in Suffolk should now be available with details on the Boundary Committee website: www.boundarycommittee.org.uk. The report contains proposals which will affect the future of local government in Suffolk for many years and will have an impact on everyone who lives locally. There is still time to comment on the proposals by contacting the Secretary of State, Hazel Blears and you are urged to take part in this important consultation.
- If your community would like to benefit, Screen East is

LINK is a new organisation to involve the public in health care and social care services. Meetings in Felixstowe have been very well attended and Felixstowe has a large number of activists. However, the Town Council has been very disappointed to learn that it is not planned to hold any more meetings in Felixstowe and that these will be concentrated in Ipswich, Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds. The Town Council is campaigning hard to try to ensure that there will be future meetings which local people in Felixstowe can easily attend. We will keep you up to date with any developments. In the meantime if you would like more information about Suffolk Link please contact Michelle Carr on 01473 260781 or email michelle.carr@acs.suffolkcc.gov.uk.

- **Putting Suffolk Coastal on Screen ! - With over 3,000 enquiries a year filming thrives in the East of England so how can Suffolk Coastal's residents and businesses benefit?** With *Quantum of Solace* flying onto the big screen on 31 October, the East of England once again landed a piece of the Bond action with Daniel Craig undergoing months of training at Body flight in Bedfordshire, learning how to body fly for a special effects sequence. Bedfordshire also had a starring role in the recent BBC's Dickens adaptation of *Little Dorrit*. So how can Suffolk Coastal's residents and businesses get involved?

The Suffolk Coastal district has recently welcomed filming for BBC's *Top Gear* and *Dog Borstal* to Bentwaters Park and has also provided a backdrop for commercials and television serials such as *Britain from Above*, *A Picture of Britain*, *Coastal Kitchen*, *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries* and *The Secret of Eel Island*. The county of Suffolk has starred in a number of feature films such as Golden Globe nominees *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997) and *Eyes Wide Shut* (1999) and the Oscar winning *Iris* (2001). Interestingly the director of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe* (2005), also an Oscar winner, digitally surveyed Kentwell Hall to recreate it as the Professor's house!

- Screen East, the government funded regional screen agency, receives over 3,000 enquiries a year from productions looking for locations, crew and services. During 2007/08 an estimated £22.9 million was spent in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. However, only £825,500 was actually spent in Suffolk. Suffolk Coastal, the County Council and Ipswich Borough Council have therefore formed partnerships with Screen East through service level agreements. By working collectively, the aim is to support Screen East in sourcing new locations and service providers to attract more productions to film on location in Suffolk. Whilst productions are often based at a studio, many seek locations ranging from houses or flats, to barns, warehouses, shops, churches, schools, farms, retail parks, hotels and B&Bs – the lists go on!

Location filming can provide a valuable boost to the local economy through location fees and the purchase of local services, but if a film or television drama proves popular, it can encourage tourism. More and more viewers are visiting locations open to the public which appear on screen. For example, Stephen Fry's *Kingdom* which is shot almost entirely on location in Norfolk and supported by Screen East and Norfolk County Council, is actively bringing visitors to the county.

seeking new locations of all types and conditions. They are particularly interested in large, period or ultra contemporary houses, vacant or derelict industrial buildings and replicas of London or northern streets, but if you think you have, or know of, a location that might be worthy of the big or small screen contact Screen East. They'd also like to hear from companies that can supply services to a film crew such as dry cleaners, florists, wood suppliers and cleaning companies. To register FREE call 01923 495051, e-mail locations@screeneast.co.uk or visit www.screeneast.co.uk

- **Happy New Year** – The Mayor and Mayoress, Mike and Anne Deacon and all the members of Felixstowe Town Council send you their best wishes for a happy 2009.
- **Puccinos and Café Nero** – Felixstowe Town Council recommended approval for the planning application for Puccinos when it was located in Hamilton Road. The Town Council supported Puccinos throughout the planning process including the planning appeal which was subsequently turned down by the Government Planning Inspector. The Town Council is also supporting the application for planning permission by Café Nero. The Town Council believes that both applications contributed to the viability and vitality of Felixstowe's town centre.

FACTS ABOUT FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

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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

Forthcoming meetings:-

1st April at Felixstowe Town Hall

3rd June at Felixstowe Town Hall

What We Do....

Some services the Town Council provides

Allotments, Felixstowe in Flower, Cemetery
Senior Citizens/Community Centres
(Broadway House and Walton)
Felixstowe Town Hall
Grants to local organisations
Youth forum
Civic occasions
Flood Memorial

Some of what we do in partnership

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

LIST OF FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCILLORS

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A by election for this seat - 26th February, 2009.

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What do YOU think?

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone, fax or email..and why not come along to our Council meetings to see what's going on.