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NEWS UPDATE

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Town Council

## TOWN TALK

### Mayor and Mayoress's Visits

Following longstanding tradition, the Mayor and Mayoress visited many residential and nursing homes in Felixstowe over the Christmas and New Year period. This year many visits took place in the snow adding to the festive nature.

The Mayor and Mayoress greatly enjoyed spending time with some of the oldest residents in the town (two ladies in their 105th years) and learning more about these homes and the vital services they provide in the community. A candlelit Civic Carol Service was also held at St Mary's Church in Walton attended by around 200 people.

### Weddings and Celebrations at Felixstowe Town Hall



The Town Hall is available for weddings or other celebratory events and is proving extremely popular.

With a spectacular seafront location, and recently refurbished rooms including, a large Council Chamber, it

is a unique venue for a special occasion. Different options are available depending on numbers.

Please contact Celia Page on (01394) 282086 or email [celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk) for further information or to arrange a viewing.

### Census 2011

Every ten years, there is a national count of the population to assist in deciding how to plan, fund, and deliver everyday services, such as housing, education, healthcare and transport. This year the census will take place on 27th March 2011 and it is run by the Office of National Statistics. Every household will be required to fill in a questionnaire on or around this date, in order to take a snapshot of the population across the whole country.

The Office of National Statistics will send these questionnaires by post to every household in early March 2011, asking for information about each household and the people living or staying there on census day. Questionnaires can be completed either online, or on paper.



Most questions can be answered by ticking a box. The Office for National Statistics is planning to run a number of "completion events" locally to offer help in completing the forms. A census helpline is planned from 4th March 2011 and further information is available at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).

### Challenging Times

There have been many reports of local services which are under review due to the budgetary constraints on all public services. Announcements have been made over recent weeks by Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk Police, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service and Suffolk PCT.

The Town Council continues to recognise the importance of these services to the town, and their value to the community. The consultation phase is ongoing.

### Digital Switchover



Television is changing, and in 2011 the traditional TV signal will be switched off in the Anglian region, and replaced with a digital TV signal. Switchover starts in the Anglia region in March 2011 and is due to end in November 2011. For Suffolk, the relevant dates are scheduled for between July and November 2011.

A Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make switchover to digital easier for certain eligible groups of older or disabled people by converting televisions in the run up to digital switchover.



Local events are planned to publicise the Help Scheme. For more information on the digital switchover visit [www.digital.co.uk](http://www.digital.co.uk). For more information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk).

### Civic Awards for Individuals and Organisations

Felixstowe Town Council has a community awards scheme which has been run every year since 2002. These Mayor's Awards aim to celebrate the voluntary contribution made by individuals or organisations which enhance the community of Felixstowe.

The Mayor's Awards are open to anyone who either lives in Felixstowe, or whose voluntary work is in Felixstowe, and who demonstrates commendable voluntary work. Up to five such awards are given.

Each year, the Mayor also presents the HMS Ganges Youth trophy which is open to any young person under 21 years, or any organisation involving young people. The Civic Awards Ceremony will take place on the evening of 12th April 2011.

Nominations are now invited for the Mayor's Awards and the Youth Trophy. Further details can be obtained from Celia Page at the Town Council on (01394) 282086 or via [celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk). Completed forms should be submitted by Friday, 11th March 2011. Felixstowe is fortunate in having an active and thriving voluntary sector, and all nominations are encouraged to celebrate this good work.

### Mayor's Charity Ball 2011

The Mayor and Mayoress of Felixstowe Councillors Jon and Jan Garfield, will be holding their 2011 Charity Ball on Friday 11th March at the Orwell Hotel.

This year, the Mayor's chosen charities are the Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association, who run the popular Senior Citizens Centre at Broadway House and "The Hut" on the seafront promenade, and the 7th Felixstowe Scout Group, which does marvellous work with young people and whose Scout Hut facilities are well used and in need of some upgrading.

For further information regarding tickets or should you wish to make a donation to these worthwhile causes, please contact Lorna Monsen at the Town Hall on (01394) 282086 or email [lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk).

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## Felixstowe Minor Injuries Unit

The Town Council's Community Services Group (Health Councillors) meets regularly to discuss healthcare matters affecting Felixstowe's residents and visitors alike.

It recently came to this Group's attention that conflicting information may be in circulation regarding the opening hours of Felixstowe's Minor Injuries Unit. These opening hours are 7am – 10pm, 7 days a week.

The Group requested that details be clarified as follows:

**Felixstowe Community Hospital  
(Minor Injuries Unit)  
Constable Road  
Felixstowe  
IP11 7HT  
Telephone (01394) 458820**

Did you realise that many clinics operated by Ipswich Hospital are also available at Felixstowe Community Hospital?

Help safeguard the future of these services by always asking if a clinic you require is available in Felixstowe, and insisting on the service when it exists.

Just asking could mean you save yourself a lot of time and either bus fares or hospital parking charges.

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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:**  
2nd February 2011 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

## A LIST OF YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

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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.