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NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Happy New Year from the Town Mayor



I would like to take this opportunity (albeit slightly belatedly) to wish all our residents a healthy and successful 2015.

May I also thank all our community organisations, churches, traders and businesses for making Christmas 2014 in Felixstowe such a special year. It started with "Lights On" on 29th November (big thanks to the Lions and all those involved in the street market that day); the Salvation Army's Christmas Tree competition, the Mayor's Charity Christmas Concert, numerous Carol Services we attended, the Friendly Visiting Service Christmas lunch, and the 18 residential homes we visited. It all culminated in St. Elizabeth Hospice's Christmas Day Dip (even I managed to get in up to my shoulders!), a visit to our Community Hospital, and partaking in the Salvation Army's Christmas Lunch.

In all these settings there was a common theme of people doing that little bit extra to make Christmas special for those around them. Our town is indeed well blessed by such commitment from volunteers and paid employees alike. Janet and I found it both humbling and a privilege to witness this first hand, and we will never forget the Christmas in our Mayoral year.

Graham Newman

Cllr Graham Newman – Town Mayor

Mayor's Charity Events

Money raised by the Mayor's charity fund this year will go to the Level 2 Youth Project and Felixstowe Citizens' Advice Bureau. You can support the Mayor's fundraising efforts (and have a great time too!) by attending one (or indeed both) of the following events:

Curry Night

Monday 16th February 2015, 7pm at The Bombay Nite, High Street, Walton. £20 per head for an evening full of food and fun!

Mayor's Charity Ball

(featuring live music from Solid Gold)
Saturday 14th March 2015, 7pm at The Orwell Hotel, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe. Tickets £37.50 per person (or £350 for a table of 10)

Further information on the event, or to buy tickets please contact Lorna Monsen, (01394) 288193 or email Lorna.Monsen@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 Town Mayor to individuals who have given their time to voluntary or community service in Felixstowe over the past year.

The HMS Ganges Youth Trophy is awarded annually to a young person or group of young people under the age of 21 who have carried out valuable work for the community over the past year. If you know someone who you think deserves an award – let us know! Nomination forms are available from the Town Hall or email Lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk Forms should be returned to the Town Hall by 31st March.

Celebrate Fairtrade in Felixstowe with a series of events and activities

Felixstowe is a Fairtrade town – and Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from 23rd February to 8th March. It begins with a Coffee Morning at St John's Church, Orwell Road on 23rd February at 10.30am which will be opened by the Town Mayor, Councillor Graham Newman.

The Town Council's Youth Forum, consisting of young representatives from Felixstowe schools, have been working with Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum to organise an additional event in the February half term when a Fairtrade Fun Fiesta will be held at Felixstowe Library on Tuesday 17th February from 1pm – 4pm. It will be a fun event packed with games and activities – everyone is welcome to attend! Events are being co-ordinated by the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum - a voluntary organisation set up in 2007 to promote Fairtrade in the town. Visit www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk

Another Year of Change at the Town Council

2015 Elections

New warding arrangements come in to effect from May which will see the number of District Councillors representing Felixstowe reduced from ten to eight. This means that there will be a higher proportion of 'Town only' Councillors out of the 16 elected to serve on the Town Council in May than there is at present.

New Committee Structure

Following a recent review, from May the overall number of Council's committees will reduce but each will be given increased responsibility for managing key areas of Council business. The four main bodies responsible for decision making, aside from full Council will be:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - Looking after the financial administration of the Council and reviewing Council policies.

Assets & Services Committee - Managing services provided by the Town Council.

Civic & Community Committee - Considering grants, Council events and communications.

Planning & Environment Committee - Considering Planning applications and consultations relating to the local environment.

Money Available for Local Organisations

More organisations in Felixstowe may be eligible to apply for one-off grants from the Town Council as additional funding becomes available from 1st April this year.

Visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk or contact the Town Hall for more information.



www.visitfelixstowe.co.uk

Events in Felixstowe

A full list of events for February and beyond is available at www.visitfelixstowe.co.uk or www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe

Car Parking 'Rover' Tickets

Requested by the Town Council since 2013, the Felixstowe Rover ticket arrangement is now in place. This means your normal parking ticket is now transferable between all the Felixstowe long-stay car parks (Arwela Road, Brackenbury Fort, Clifflands, Convalescent Hill, Golf Road, Leisure Centre, Martello Park North, Martello Park South, Ranelagh and Sea Road).

HOW TO CONTACT US

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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:

4th February and 1st April 2015
(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



• Weddings and Civil Partnerships

Enjoy your Civil Ceremony or Civil Partnership at Felixstowe Town Hall.

For further information,
please contact

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Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications • Libraries
- Highways matters/transport issues • Safer neighbourhoods
- Felixstowe Futures • Twinning • Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

Remember...

We want to hear your views

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

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