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NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Happy New Year from the Town Mayor



By the time you read this edition of the Town Council Newsletter we will be well on our way with 2016. I sincerely hope that this year will be a good one for all the residents of our lovely Town and that the investment that was made in so many ways in 2015 will continue into 2016.

I would like to thank all the lovely people that Peggy and I met in the run up to Christmas whilst visiting the many Nursing/Residential Homes in Felixstowe. One thing I can confirm is that the standard of care in all the places we visited was first class. Thanks too, to the Salvation Army for providing a fabulous Civic Carol Service which was, as I had requested, joyous and uplifting. It was also great to spend time with the Army and its guests on Christmas Day where 45 people who were on their own enjoyed a wonderful concert by the Family Poffley and then a gorgeous Christmas lunch prepared, cooked and served by the 20 volunteers who gave up their time so willingly to provide for other people. There are lots of exciting things planned for 2016, one of which will be the opening of Premier Inn. I am really looking forward to that happening as a new hotel is an important thing for Felixstowe and it is another sign that the Town and its economy is in a very healthy state. The Yacht pond scheme and the Pier look set to happen sometime in 2016 too! Enjoy!

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.

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

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 via email from Lorna.monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk Forms should be returned to the Town Hall by 30th March.

Council Grants Programme Extended

The Town Council is delighted to have been able to support 25 local projects through its Occasional Grants programme in 2015 - awarding a total of £15,000. Council recently voted to renew the provision again for 2016 and there will be two opportunities in the year to apply. The deadline for the first round is 31 May (second round deadline is 30 November). If your organisation is considering a project over the next 12 months, you could be eligible for funding. It's a simple process and full details of how to apply, and a list of all the grants awarded last year, can be found on our website at www.felixstowe.gov.uk/council-services/grants or by calling 01394 282086.

Fairtrade in Felixstowe



Felixstowe is a Fairtrade town – and Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from 23rd February to 8th March. It begins with a Coffee Morning – 10.30am at St John's Church, Orwell Road – which will be opened by our Mayor, Councillor Doreen Savage. The Town Council's Youth Forum is made up of representatives from all the Felixstowe schools. They are working with Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum to organise a Fairtrade Youth Day. This will be at the Library from 1pm – 4pm on Tuesday 17th February (half term week). It will include a story time as well as competitions. Café Libra (the Coffee Shop in the library) are also involved. The Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum is a voluntary organisation set up in 2007 to promote Fairtrade in the town. Visit www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk

Flying the Flag for the Commonwealth

The Town Council is proud to be joining hundreds of others across the United Kingdom and beyond when the flag of the Commonwealth will be flown in unison across the member states on Commonwealth Day this year. The Mayor will be raising the Commonwealth flag at 10am on Monday 14th March 2016 at the flag pole on Arwela Road. Everyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful occasion.

Felixstowe Forward

Following a review of the Triangle booking procedures we are inviting bookings for 2016. We have made the new forms more user friendly and we expect demand to be high in 2016 so do book early. The Triangle was designed for community use and is free to local community groups and organisations to use. It is an ideal venue to support fundraising, awareness and to showcase local talent as well as contributing to a vibrant town centre. (Please note, some activities may require a special permit and charges will apply for commercial hire). Apology: The newsletter for Felixstowe Forward was delayed in December and will be circulated as soon as possible to update everyone on the work of our local team – if you would like to receive a copy please contact Felixstowe.forward@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Community Public Access Defibrillator

Felixstowe Town Council recently approved funding for the provision and installation of a defibrillator within a secure cabinet outside Felixstowe Library. This potentially life-saving equipment is easy to operate and fully automatic. Once installed, the device will be registered with the ambulance service, so emergency callers can be told the code and directed to the library.

Events in Felixstowe

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

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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:

Assets & Services: 3rd February 2016, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 10th February 2016, 9.15am
Civic & Community: 17th February 2016, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 24th February 2016, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 24th February 2016, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 9th March 2016, 9.15am
Full Council: 9th March 2016, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 23rd March 2016, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 23rd March 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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