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NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Hello from the Town Mayor



Happy New Year, everyone.

By the time you are reading this we shall be near the end of January and I shall be one year older! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. Mine was very busy and very enjoyable. It was a privilege to start the Christmas Day

Dip in aid of St. Elizabeth Hospice, this year preceded by a Zumba session, with more people than ever taking part. It was also a privilege to visit the folk who were spending their Christmas in Felixstowe Hospital and their relatives. Jon and I then went to say Happy Christmas to those people who were having a lovely Christmas dinner provided by the Salvation Army and their crew of volunteers. In the run up to Christmas my husband and I visited many of the care and nursing homes in Felixstowe. The warm feeling of love and compassion was really palpable in all of them.

The skating rink proved very popular once again and we hope to repeat its success this year. The Lights Switch-On was amazing as usual and it was such a thrill to stand on that stage and look out across that sea of expectant faces.

On to 2017. We look forward to the completion of the Pierhead Development in August and the start of the Wetherspoons building in the spring. Also, as spring approaches, look out for the bank of purple crocuses on the bank by the Spa, planted to support the Rotary Club International campaign to rid the world of polio. Look out for all the events that we have all year round in our beautiful, happy town of Felixstowe. (Felix means Happy in Latin as pointed out by a correspondent in this month's Flyer).

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

Mayor's Charity Events

Saturday 28th January 2017 – Charity Soul Night at Trimley Memorial Hall (£7.50)

Monday 13th February 2017 – Charity Curry Night at Bombay Nite, Walton (£20)

Friday 7th April 2017 – Mayor's Charity Ball (£40 each or £38 each person for a table of 10)

Saturday 15th April 2017 – 1940s Charity Afternoon Tea, Salvation Army Hall (£5)

For further information and to buy tickets please contact Lorna Monsen on 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 31st March.

£25,000 in Council grants made available for local projects

Town Councillors were delighted to have been able to support 19 local projects through our Occasional Grants programme in 2016 - awarding a total of £15,000. The Town Council is now seeking to support even more local projects and for 2017 has increased the total grants funding to £25,000. There are two opportunities in the year to apply with the deadline for the first round being 31st May (the second round deadline is 30th 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.

Get Plotting for 2017



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

Walton Community Hall

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

Flying the Flag for the Commonwealth

The Town Council is proud to again 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 13th March 2017 at the flag pole beside the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful occasion.

EVENTS

A multi-cultural event is being planned to take place in Felixstowe on 12th August this year. If you would like to get involved we would love to hear from you. Please email Clare Baker via Felixstowe.forward@eastsoffolk.gov.uk or call 01394 444884 to find out more!



Fairtrade in Felixstowe

Felixstowe is a Fairtrade town – and Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from 27th February to 12th March. The Fortnight will be launched by the Mayor of Felixstowe Jan Garfield at St. Mary's Church in Walton on Monday 27th February at 10.30am. This will be followed by a Coffee Morning with Fairtrade refreshments, including homemade cakes.

The Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum is a voluntary organisation set up in 2007 to promote Fairtrade in the town. Visit www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk to find out more.

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

Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees 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: 25th January 2017, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 25th January 2017, 7.30pm
Assets & Services: 1st February 2017, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 8th February 2017, 9.15am
Civic & Community: 15th February 2017, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 22th February 2017, 9.15am
Planning & Environment: 8th March 2017, 9.15am
Full Council: 8th March 2017, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 22nd March 2017, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 22nd March 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.