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NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Hello from the Town Mayor



Christmas may be a distant memory but December was an incredibly busy month. It started with the Christmas Lights Switch-On event, which was packed as usual, and continued at pace, culminating in 26 Mayoral engagements during the Christmas week. We sung plenty of hymns and festive songs at 10 carol concerts. The Ice Rink opened in the lead up to Christmas and was even more popular than ever with people wanting to have a go on the rink throughout. We hope you all enjoyed it as we are proud to put the event on, thanks to the continued support from the East of England Co-op.

We had a very busy week full of hope, love and sadness during our visits to local care homes. Caring is not like many other jobs, it is certainly not well paid, but it is highly valued and I cannot praise all the staff we met enough for the fantastic job they do looking after our elderly and vulnerable residents in sometimes harrowing and upsetting circumstances.

Christmas Day itself seemed to arrive very quickly and depart even quicker. It began with the Felixstowe Rickshaw taking us along the Prom to the St Elizabeth Hospice Christmas Day Dip. An amazing and record breaking 468 people entered, some wearing costumes, and others did not have much on at all! I enjoyed my dip and actually had to go back in the sea so more photos could be taken! We then visited Olive Boar, who at 113 years old is the second oldest person in the country. It was a real pleasure to be in the company of this wonderful woman and learn from her life experiences. After our next visit, which was to Felixstowe Hospital, it was on to the Salvation Army where volunteers cooked Christmas dinner for around 60 people who would otherwise be spending the day alone. Congratulations to all the volunteers for a lovely meal and thank you for giving up your time on Christmas Day to help others in need. By the time we had concluded our visits at two more care homes in the afternoon, we were ready to go home and collapse! I actually don't think that Christmas Day will ever be the same for me again. It was an honour to spend it with those who may not be as fortunate as many of us, and share a smile together. January has been a much quieter month and a gives us chance to reflect, not only on the year just gone, but on Felixstowe's more distant past as well. 2018 brings the 65th Anniversary of the great floods which took 41 lives locally.

Cllr Nick Barber
Mayor of Felixstowe 2017 - 18

If you would like the Mayor to attend a function in Felixstowe, or to simply ask him a question, please contact mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk

Mayor's Charity Events

Monday 5th February - Mayor's Charity Curry Night at Bombay Nite Indian Restaurant.

Tuesday 13th March - Medium Night with Ryan Gooding at 7.30pm at The Orwell Hotel.

Thursday 12th April - Cheese and Wine Evening at Felixstowe Museum.

Friday 27th April - Mayor's Charity Ball at The Orwell Hotel.

For further information/tickets contact Lorna Mosen 01394 288193 or email lorna.mosen@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 Awards will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting, which, this year, is to be held at Felixstowe Academy at 7pm on Wednesday 9th May. 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.mosen@felixstowe.gov.uk. Forms should be returned to the Town Hall by 31st March.

Funding available via the Town Council

Last year the Town Council awarded a total of £25,000 and supported 24 local projects through its Occasional Grants programme. There is now another £25,000 available for new community projects and two opportunities in the year to apply. Deadline for the first round is 31st May (the second round deadline is 30th November). An additional fund of over £10,000, established by Felixstowe Town Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council, as a legacy from the 2017 Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend event, has been set up to support military-related charities and not-for-profit organisations. The fund is available for WWI centenary events and projects that seek to benefit Armed Forces personnel, their families, veterans and cadet organisations in the Felixstowe and the Suffolk Coastal District area. If you are planning a relevant project over the next 12 months, or know of an organisation that could benefit, you could be eligible for funding. It's a simple process full details of how to apply can be found on our website at www.felixstowe.gov.uk/council-services/grants or by calling 01394 282086.

Grow Green for 2018



If you are seeking fresh air and exercise in the New Year 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 £21 for a whole year) contact Sue Faversham on 01394 288191 or email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

EVENTS

When You Pass Through the Waters

All are welcome to a Concert of Memories to mark the 65th Anniversary of the 1953 Felixstowe floods, at 6.30pm on Saturday 27th January at St. John's Church. On the anniversary itself, 31st January, there will be a short service at the Flood Memorial on Langer Road at 3pm, and St. John's Church will be hosting an exhibition on the floods during that week.

Fairtrade in Felixstowe

Felixstowe is a Fairtrade town - and Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from 26th February to 11th March. The Fortnight will be launched by the Mayor of Felixstowe Nick Barber at Trinity Methodist Church on Monday 26th February. A Fairtrade walk organised in conjunction with Felixstowe Walkers precedes the launch, followed by a Coffee Morning with Fairtrade refreshments, including homemade cakes. Visit www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk to find out more.

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 12th March at the flag pole beside the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful occasion.

Events in Felixstowe

A full list of events from 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: 24th January 2018, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 24th January 2018, 7.30pm
Assets & Services: 7th February 2018, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 7th February 2018, 9.15am
Civic & Community: 21st February 2018, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 21st February 2018, 9.15am
Planning & Environment: 7th March 2018, 9.15am
Full Council: 14th March 2018, 7.30pm
Planning & Environment: 21st March 2018, 9.15am
Finance & General Purposes: 28th March 2018, 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.