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NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

Ask Us

We would hope that most members of the public know that they have a right to attend all meetings of the Council and its Committees. We also hope that you know that you can ask us a question, about the Council's work, or a matter affecting the town, at every meeting of the Full Council.

But rather than making you wait for a meeting to ask us a question, we would welcome your questions at any time. It helps us dispel rumours, and helps keep you informed and up to date.

So, if you want us to clarify something you've heard, or want to ask about our work, simply ask – phone 01394 282086, email townclerk@felixstowe.gov.uk or simply call in at the Town Hall.

Felixstowe in Flower



It's that time of year when the Town Council sends its hanging baskets to be planted up for the summer season. After planting the baskets are given time to harden off before being erected during June.

For local businesses sponsoring a hanging basket can be a good way of both showing your support for the town (after all many visitors return to Felixstowe because of its floral attraction) and advertising (every sponsored basket has a plaque indicating its sponsor). For a very modest outlay your name will be seen by tens of thousands of visitors.

For further information contact Sue Faversham, Allotments and Cemeteries Officer, at the Town Hall – 01394 288191 email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk If there are any budding young gardeners why not enter our sunflower competition – there's a prize awarded to the tallest sunflower grown by a young person under 16 years of age. Again, details from Sue Faversham.

Felixstowe Cemetery

We all know that however much we miss our loved ones, and intend to remember them, time sadly gets in the way and over time we don't get to visit their grave as often as we would wish. So wouldn't it be nice to know that their grave is being cared for professionally, so it always looks its best.



Felixstowe Town Council can now offer a grave maintenance and, for benches of remembrance, a bench maintenance service. For further information contact Sue Faversham, Allotments and Cemeteries Officer, at the Town Hall – 01394 288191 email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

On the Town Council's part we are actively seeking quotations for the renewal of the cemetery roadways and railings – a not inconsiderable expense but a necessary one if we are to keep the cemetery looking smart.

Allotments

We still have a number of vacant allotment plots if anyone has been inspired by the Great Allotment Challenge. As a new tenant we can offer a 50% discount on the annual rental – about £10 in real money.



We have a number of allotment sites, so there's bound to be one near you – just right for that odd hour in the evening, or early morning to suit your shift pattern. As a newcomer you'll find a wealth of experience amongst the other allotmenters, all keen to encourage newcomers.

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Flying the Flag for Felixstowe

If you've been down the seafront recently you can't have failed to spot the array of flags erected to support the Women's Cycle Race which took place on 9th May.



Felixstowe Town Council's flag to support the Woman's Cycle Race

The Woman's Cycle Race was a huge success, with hundreds of cyclists and spectators turning out for the event.



Funded by the Town Council the flags also represent the thirty-two countries involved in this year's football World Cup, plus a further eight European countries with whom the Port of Felixstowe does trade. There are also a further ten Felixstowe Town Council flags along Undercliff Road West.

As part of this promotion we are offering a prize to the first young person (aged 16 or under at the time of entering) who can both name all the countries represented on the flags AND the winner of the football World Cup. So, for an opportunity to win a £25.00 Amazon voucher, start googling!

Entries should be sent or handed in to the Town Hall by 31st May.

All Change at the Town Hall

During this year we've seen a turnover of staff at the Town Hall. Following a period of ill-health our Town Clerk, Caroline Barrett, left by mutual agreement. We would all like to thank her for her loyal service to the Town Council and for her contribution to the town of Felixstowe and wish her well for the future.

Our Acting Town Clerk, Gordon Mussett, has been overseeing arrangements for her replacement, and is relieved that we had a very strong field of applicants from which to shortlist – as he keeps reminding us, he's supposed to be retired and has a garden railway to build!

At the end of March we waved goodbye to Celia Page, the Mayor's Secretary, who had worked for the Town Council since 2007. Celia served under a number of Mayors, some more demanding than others (!), and tried to ensure that they knew where/when they were supposed to attend their more than 200 Mayoral appointments each year. Celia took early retirement to spend more time with her family and we will miss her terribly. Celia's replacement is Lorna Mosen who has looked after the Mayor's Charities for a number of years. Her contact details are 01394 288193 email lorna.mosen@felixstowe.gov.uk

The Laydens Community Centre Opens

The Laydens Community Centre is situated in Langley Avenue. Formerly the former kitchen of the Womens Royal Voluntary Association "Meals on Wheels" service, the building has stood empty since 2007. However following the creation of a vision by A.B.L.E. (A Brighter Life for Everyone) Felixstowe, together with much fundraising and community support, the building has been brought back into life.

The Centre is now fully open, offering a drop-in café, a training facility and a support centre for Felixstowe residents 9 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. seven days a week. Why not pop along and see what they have on offer?

The Centre still needs volunteers, and funds, to keep it open, and will have a bric-a-brac stall at the Firs Summer Fete on the 24th Aug. starting at 12 noon.

Love Felixstowe

Yes, we all love Felixstowe, but wouldn't we love it even more if somebody fixed those minor things which irritate us about the town; the broken paving slabs, the litter, the cars parked on the footpath, the festive lights which aren't working.

From today there is a new email hotline to which to refer those things (and more). lovefelixstowe@felixstowe.gov.uk has been set up by the Town Council for residents to report the matters which annoy them. Most of them will be outside of our direct control, but what we can offer is a service that lodges your complaint with the right organisation (no more wondering which Council to

contact), chases that Council to resolve the problem, and keeps you updated with progress. Even if we can't get the matter fixed, we can campaign on your behalf – as we are at the moment supporting the campaign to improve reliability on the Felixstowe branch line for example.

So, get emailing...

Congratulations to the New Town Mayor

The Town Councillor has elected Councillor Graham Newman to be its Town Mayor for 2014/2015. Councillor Newman has been a Member of the Town Council since 2009.



Councillor Newman has announced that he will be fundraising for two charities during his mayoral year; Felixstowe Citizens Advice Bureau and Level 2, and that as part of his fundraising activities he will be undertaking a 100-mile sponsored walk from Cattawade to Lowestoft from 13th to 19th August.

He will be passing through Felixstowe on Friday 15th August and will be looking for supporters to both sponsor and support him on his walk.

One of his first mayoral duties was to attend at the start of the Womens Cycle Race, and then participate in the timed challenge to cycle up Constitution Hill.

If you would like the Mayor to attend a Felixstowe function, or speak at a meeting, or simply ask him a question, there is a new direct email mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk

Level 2 Dinner Dance



Level 2 who provide after-school facilities and support for young people in Felixstowe are holding their fund-raising dance on 6th June at 7.00 p.m. at Brook Hotel Orwell Road. Contact Wendy O'Connor at Level 2 01394 272521 email fydlevel2@btconnect.com for tickets which are priced at £15.00.

The Rotary Club Fun Run 2014

The Rotary Club Fun Run took place on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, where hundreds of runners and spectators filled the Promenade and streets.



The Fancy Dress Competition encouraged runners to compete in colourful, imaginative costumes while they ran to raise money for their chosen charities. The main beneficiary this year was Help for Heroes. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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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:

4th June and 6th August 2014

(both meetings will 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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