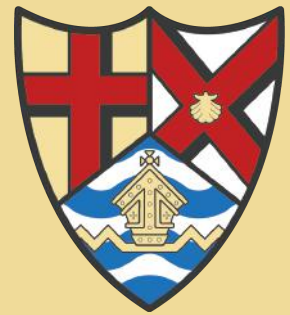


The Seasonal Magazine for Felixstowe Residents

Summer 2019

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Felixstowe in flower

Felixstowe Town Council first introduced the Felixstowe in Flower scheme in 1985 to support the whole community in transforming the town with flowers each summer.

In the first year 60 hanging baskets were sponsored by local firms and organisations and from these small beginnings a comprehensive community scheme has developed.

Felixstowe in Flower is a partnership which involves the whole community, supported by sponsorship. Our partners include local businesses, community groups, schools and individuals who are each able to participate in different ways. Whether by entering one of the floral competitions or by sponsoring floral baskets or prizes, Felixstowe in Flower encourages people of all ages to care for their environment

Don't miss our launch event at the Felixstowe Triangle Canopy on Saturday 22nd June (10am-12pm). Judge our floral displays and pick up some freebies. There will also be stands from local community groups.

All supporters will be acknowledged on our 'wall of fame'.

Sponsor today!

From only £50, sponsorship covers the purchase, installation, maintenance, and watering of your display, plus a branded name plaque indicating your support. Our thanks to our mains sponsors, the East of England Coop, for their support this year.

Felixstowe in Flower Competitions

Entry is free and easy to do, and there will be the opportunity to win prizes too

Tallest Sunflower Competition

Open to all under-16-year-olds, enter the Tallest Sunflower Competition (judged in late August)

For full details on how to enter, please visit our website at www.felixstowe.gov.uk

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Hello from the Mayor



Bolstered by our new Members, the Town Council has an aspirational and capable team of Councillors and Officers at the Town Hall, all working together for Felixstowe – and for my part I will do my best to represent our town at every opportunity!

I've picked two very worthwhile charities again this year in the Felixstowe Carnival and Felixstowe Area Community Transport Service (FACTS) and hope, with your support, to raise lots of money to help them continue doing what they do.

Nick Barber
Mayor of Felixstowe 2019/20

Hi everyone and, firstly, welcome to this first 'Summer' edition of our town magazine (covering June-August 2019)! We hope to keep you informed about the activities of your Town Council, our many community partners, local schools and all the amazing events that are happening across Felixstowe.

Well, I hadn't expected to be in the hotseat quite so soon, but I was honoured to accept the nomination of Mayor from my council colleagues following local elections in May.

Mayor's Charity Events

The Mayor hosts several charity fundraising events throughout the year, to find out more, to book tickets or to invite the Mayor to a community event you are holding please contact the Mayor's Secretary, Lorna Mosen, on 01394 282086 or lorna.mosen@felixstowe.gov.uk

New Councillors take Office



Following local council elections on 2nd May, 16 Town Councillors were elected to Felixstowe Town Council. Eleven Members were re-elected, joined by four first-timers and one prior-serving Councillor. They were all sworn in to office, taking their seats at the Annual Council Meeting held on 15th May at the Town Hall, to serve for a four-year term until elections in May 2023.

Councillors nominated and elected Cllr Nick Barber to the Office of Mayor of Felixstowe for the 2019/20 Municipal Year and a Civic Service will be held at 3pm on Sunday 16th June at St. John's Church, Orwell Road. Please join us if you can.

Details of all your Town Councillors and how to contact them can be found on the inside back page. You'll also be able to find out which are also East Suffolk Council and/or Suffolk County Council Members too.

For an overview of the responsibilities of each council, see page 4.

Your Magazine

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Felixstowe area. If your group would like to submit an article for consideration in the next quarterly edition (Autumn, covering September - November 2019) send it via email to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by Friday 16th August. If possible, include hi-res images/photos and your group's logo. You don't have to send a fully-written article – bullet points or a few notes are fine to help point us in the right direction – but it must be no longer than 250 words.

We will aim to cover many different articles from issue to issue and will seek to offer a fair and equal representation for community groups throughout the town. Sometimes articles may have to be edited, shortened or dropped altogether.

Advertising

Limited advertising space will be available in future editions to support the cost of publication, with priority given to local, reputable businesses.

Call 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk for prices and to book your ad.

Getting in Touch

Drop in to the Town Hall or call us during office hours (9am-4pm, Mon-Fri) – or email us at any time. We'd love to hear from you.

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Who do I talk to about.....?

With three tiers of local government in Suffolk it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about local matters or a particular service.

This brief list outlines some of the key areas covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.



Felixstowe Town Council is the council closest to its residents and is responsible for:

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Awarding grants to support local community group and charities
- Remembrance events in conjunction with the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion
- The upkeep of Felixstowe's War and Flood memorials
- Felixstowe's Community Emergency Plan
- Felixstowe in Flower floral basket scheme and competitions
- Floral bedding at the Triangle and seafront
- The locally funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Supporting the provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators
- Felixstowe Town Hall – the administrative home of the Town Council, a local base for partner community services such as the Suffolk County Council Registrar, Felixstowe Forward and the Timebank, open to the public for meetings and a popular wedding venue
- Broadway House – the home of Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (FOPWA)
- Walton Community Hall – available for private and community hire
- Allotment sites at Cowpasture, Ferry Road, Railway Hill and Taunton Road
- Felixstowe Cemetery and its Gardens of Rest
- The Felixstowe Civic Awards scheme to recognise our local community heroes
- Supporting the town's twinning and partnership arrangements with the German towns of Wesel and Salzwedel
- Felixstowe Youth Forum
- Funding the Christmas Lights (supported by the Lions Club of Felixstowe)
- Providing the Christmas Ice Rink (sponsored by the East of England Coop)
- Annual funding contribution to key local service providers including Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service, Level Two Youth Project, Felixstowe Forward, Citizens' Advice and the Landguard Partnership
- Making representations on local planning applications, strategic plans and consultations
- Representing the community at around 20 outside bodies, organisations and partnerships affecting many aspects of life in Felixstowe Call **01394 282086** or visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk



East Suffolk Council provide a range of regulatory and community services across the whole of the East Suffolk district and is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Local planning and building regulations
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Benefits
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning

- Housing needs
 - Maintaining the resort of Felixstowe and the provision of beach huts
 - Maintenance of Felixstowe's public parks, open spaces and play areas (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
 - Public car parks (note: currently the police are the only on-street parking enforcement authority)
 - Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
 - Leisure services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)
- Call **0333 016 2000** or visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk County Council is the top tier of local government,

providing services on a county-wide basis and is responsible for:

- Highways (except motorways and major A roads which are the responsibility of Highways England)
 - Education and Libraries
 - Social services
 - Trading standards
 - Public transport
 - Bus passes and disabled parking permits
 - Registry of births, deaths and marriages
 - Most street lighting, pavements, rights of way, footpaths and cycle ways
 - Adoption and fostering
 - Fire and rescue services
 - Waste and Recycling centres
- Call **0345 606 6067** or visit www.suffolk.gov.uk

Get Real



The Town Council is calling on local employers to go beyond the government minimum and pay a wage their staff can really live on, wherever they can afford to do so.

The real Living Wage is an independently-calculated hourly rate based on what people need to get by and research for the Living Wage Foundation found that if local authorities, universities and sports facilities in towns and cities across the country signed up to the Living Wage, an additional 480,000 low paid workers could benefit.

More than 1,200 employers have signed up to go beyond the government minimum to pay the real Living Wage in the last year joining over 4,700 employers across the UK. They include over a third of the FTSE 100 - household names like IKEA, Aviva,

Nationwide and Google - as well as thousands of small businesses and organisations like the Town Council, who are choosing to pay the real Living Wage to ensure all staff, including sub-contracted workers, earn a wage that meets the real cost of living. For more about the real Living Wage visit www.livingwage.org.uk



Chamber membership on the rise



After an exciting period of growth which saw the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce's membership increase by some 30%, and the opening of its business advice Hub above Crafty Coffee in Hamilton Road, the Chamber is looking to build on its success over the summer.

This will include hosting workshops for established businesses and start-ups on subjects such as using social media to boost business, finance, marketing and team building at the Hub. Special networking coffee mornings, with business advisers on hand to answer questions to help start-ups, as well as established business owners to boost profits are also planned.

"Since the Hub was opened by Felixstowe Mayor Cllr Graham Newman in March, we have seen a number of people with exciting ideas for new businesses who are looking for advice on training, or simply how to turn their ideas into a business," said Chamber chairman, Roger Abbott.

"We also aim to help the older businessmen and women who want to get back to work by providing them with guidance and support for retraining."

At the other end of the business scale, the Chamber is working with the Careers and Enterprise Company and the Seckford Foundation to provide a business mentoring scheme for senior pupils at the Felixstowe Academy. In what promises to be a busy season, the Chamber is planning a summer programme, which will include a wine-tasting event for members, a special lunch or dinner to raise funds for a local charity and more "open house" networking evenings in members' shops and office. This is all in addition to its regular monthly Breakfasts for members and guests. For details, see www.felixstowechamber.co.uk

Photo
Delegates at a recent training course in the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce's new Business Hub above Crafty Coffee in Hamilton Road

Walton Community Hall



Looking for a venue for a children's party, business event or regular class? Walton Community Hall is available for hire daytimes, evenings and weekends throughout the year. The main hall measures 9.6m x 9.6m. Competitive rates apply, contact sarah.morrison@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 282086 for further information.

Walton Community Hall is at 274 High Street, Walton, Felixstowe, IP11 9DS



PCSO Report



My name is Ben Sagi and I am the partnership funded PCSO for Felixstowe and I'll be highlighting my work and some of the key aspects of my role. In December 2018 I took on the new partnership funded PCSO having been a PCSO in Felixstowe beforehand but covering a much larger area. I am now funded by Felixstowe

Town Council and I work closely with the council to help address matters primarily in the town. Each month we get together and discuss issues to focus on in the following month which are set as priorities. Some of the priorities that I have been addressing in the past few months include;

- **Parking**
- **Schools**
- **Anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces**
- **Engagement with vulnerable communities**

As part of my role I hold a surgery at Felixstowe Town Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. Between 10am – 1pm anyone is free to pop in and have a chat with me about local policing issues, advice or information. If you have any problems in the area you live or in Felixstowe that you would like to be considered as a priority please contact your local councillor for consideration at our next meeting.

Weddings at Felixstowe Town Hall

- Seafront location with excellent views
- Three ceremony rooms for civil ceremonies and civil partnerships
- Services of a town hall wedding coordinator
- Rooms available for reception drinks and refreshments
- Beautiful victorian building with period features
- Formal gardens adjoining the building

For more info please contact
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Felixstowe IP11 2AG
Tel: 01394 288191
www.felixstowe.gov.uk

Email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk



Felixstowe Community Hospital League of Friends

The League's main aim is to raise money to enable us to purchase items that can benefit patients whilst in the Hospital. We recently paid for the Patient's room to be refurbished, new carpets, curtains furniture etc plus we purchased a wall mounted TV, erected in the room for benefit of patients. In recent past we bought TVs for each ward/room, we also pay for newspapers to be delivered each day.

We raise funds by holding coffee mornings, a strawberry tea party and our annual summer bazaar. Membership is just £1 per year. For further information please contact our Membership Secretary Mrs B Woollan, Telephone 01394 210271



Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association

Felixstowe's Senior Citizens Centre, at Broadway House, Orwell Road is a place to, enjoy the company of others, good conversations and more. Bring in your own food, read a book or sit with some locals and make some new friends. All "over 60's" welcome - residents and visitors - stay for 5 minutes or five hours. It's not a Club, so just wander in, there is no entry fee. Open Monday - Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday mornings 9.30am to 12.30.

There are no organised activities - think of it as going into a hotel lounge for a drink. Teas, Coffees and other hot and cold drinks are available at low prices. Any questions phone Richard or Jenny Holland on 01394 278061 or if you would like to join the team as a volunteer. Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association, Registered Charity no. 1, 160,222 www.FOPWA.onesuffolk.net



New Art programme

in unexpected places this Summer



'Pier Projects', an art organisation working in Felixstowe, will produce a new contemporary art programme in unexpected places this Summer.

They will be working with two artists, Anna Brownsted and Caroline Wright, to produce events in the town that are free and open to all.

Caroline Wright will be working with young creatives at Level Two Youth Project to explore what it means to encounter and make art whilst Anna Brownsted will create a piece of temporary public art inspired by the town's geography and history.

Pier Projects are also looking for people interested in art and culture in Felixstowe to get in touch. They want to get a group of people together two or three times a year to talk about what arts and cultural events people are planning or would like to see. If you would like to get involved, get in touch with them through their website www.pierprojects.org.

They are grateful for the support of Arts Council England, Felixstowe Forward, Councillor Stuart Bird and Level Two Youth Project in making the programme happen

Credit of the image is 'Caroline Wright, Breath Control', 2018. Photo by Tony Millings



WellSpring Singing

Singing to lift the spirits

Enjoy singing? Interested in meeting some older people living locally?

Do you sometimes feel a bit isolated and could do with feeling part of a new community? Come and join us, we need you!

WellSpring is a fortnightly Thursday afternoon singing session at Margery Girling House. It's all about bringing people together in song, regardless of age or musical experience. We learn new songs by ear, in harmony and also share songs from the past (as well as all memories the songs bring up!)

You don't need to be a confident singer, you just need to love music and be happy to have a go! Taster sessions are free so you have nothing to lose.

To find out more and to book a place with us, phone Tracy Sharp on 07757809297 leaving a message with a good time to catch you in and your number or email tracy.sharp43@ntlworld.com

If you would like to learn more about WellSpring and the charity 'Music In Our Bones' that runs the group, try our facebook page www.facebook.com/musicinourbones or website www.musicinourbones.btck.co.uk



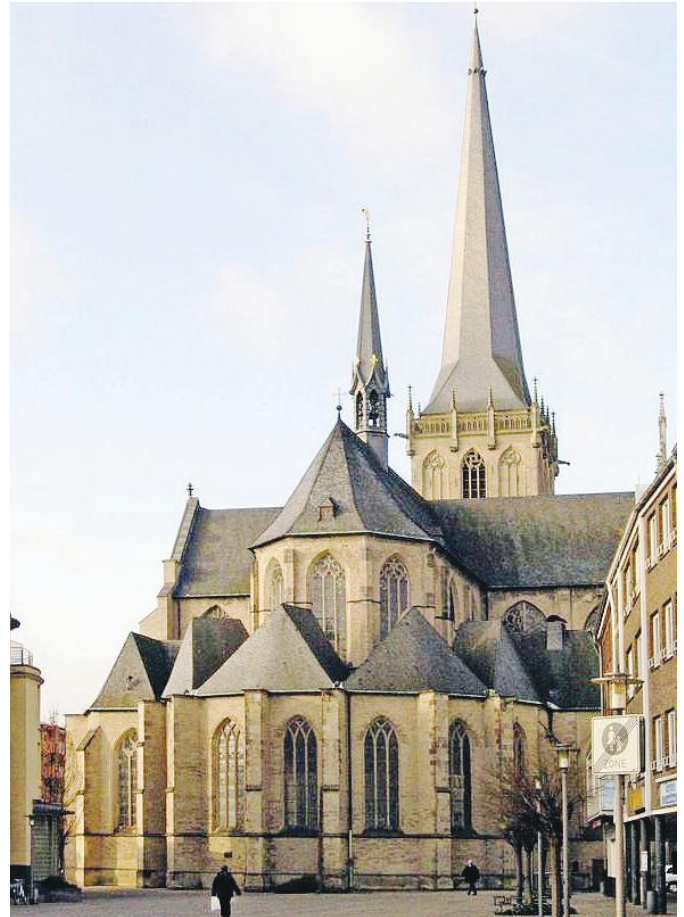
Felixstowe Wesel Association celebrates 45 years of Town Twinning



The Felixstowe Wesel Association was formed to encourage closer ties between organisations and individuals from each town. This year, the Association is celebrating its 45th Year!

The idea started when the Suffolk and Ipswich Fire Service invited the Wesel Fire Service to Felixstowe. There continues to be strong links between the Fire Service as well as the Rifle Club, Sailing Club and Level Two Youth Project. We are supported by over 100 members and hold social events such as Quiz Nights, Mystery Dinner Tours, St Niklaus Fest and other social events. We enjoy welcoming friends from Wesel during the year and regularly have visits the Wesel Youth Club, Fire Cadets, Rifle Club, Churches, Choirs and Carnival groups. Each year the Association organises a visit to Wesel to either the Summer Festival on the Rhine in August, the Hansefest in October or the Christmas Markets in December. This gives you the chance to meet the people and find out more about their way of life, the things that are similar and those differences which make a trip overseas so interesting and to see at first hand all that Wesel has to offer. Wesel is a port on the river Rhine in Nordrhein, Westfalia and has a population of over 70,000. It is the administrative centre for a wide area around Wesel. The town was destroyed during WW2 but has been attractively rebuilt retaining most of its former layout and the magnificent Willibrord Cathedral has been reconstructed as before. Membership of the Association is open to individuals. Annual subscription is £5 per head. There is an AGM every January and four newsletters are sent out each year about all the social events.

Please contact the Association's Secretary, Sophie Cotterell, for further information – 07787 545173.



Felixstowe Men's Shed

Standing Shoulder to Shoulder

Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds, a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge and of course a lot of laughter.

Over 600 UK Men's Sheds are registered with the National Men's Shed Association. Felixstowe Men's Shed (FMS) start up-was in January 2018.

FMS have a workshop at Felixstowe Museum, and have set about utilising the space and turning it into a practical and well equipped workshop. This has been possible with donations and grants from various bodies including Felixstowe Town Council who provided a grant of £799 for a DeWalt Flip Saw. Currently there are 23 members bringing a wide range of skills to share. FMS has provided wide spread community based services that include litter picking, gardening tidying, and provision of marshals. FMS redesigned and decorated the day room at The Firs residential home to an Art Deco finish and has produced seven wooden planters for the museum front, repairs to displays and exhibits. FMS has also produced ten wooden toy trains for Ipswich Children's Hospice. Future projects include the making of two raised beds that can be tendered by wheelchair patients for Felixstowe General and a cabinet for the day room that will have household products on display from yesterday to help dementia patients remember 'the good old days'. Shedders meet twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday morning and lady members are welcome. If you are over 18, have skills to offer or wish to learn new ones, get in touch.

Email: felixstowemensshed@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook. Tony Allen, Chairman, Felixstowe Men's Shed

Have you ever thought about growing your own produce?



Felixstowe & District Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners (FSALG)



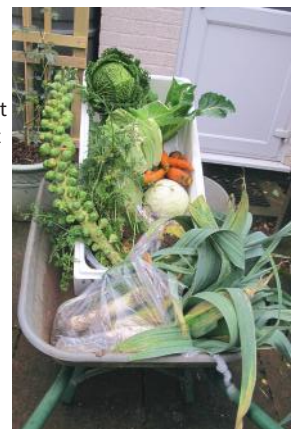
Aren't we lucky to be living in Felixstowe! We have a generally mild climate, with cooling sea breezes in the height of Summer. We do sometimes get a cold Easterly wind that sometimes seems like it's come from Siberia and lasts for weeks on end, however, our Winters are always just that little bit warmer than even a couple of miles inland. This means that our allotments often have crops significantly earlier than elsewhere.

We are also very fortunate to have four allotment sites spread over a wide area of the Town that are owned and maintained by Felixstowe Town Council, with some 460 plots available at very reasonable rent. In these days of high density housing with only pocket handkerchief gardens having an allotment is a very effective way of providing fresh fruit and vegetables that will almost certainly be much more flavourful, and certainly fresher than you could buy off Supermarket shelves.

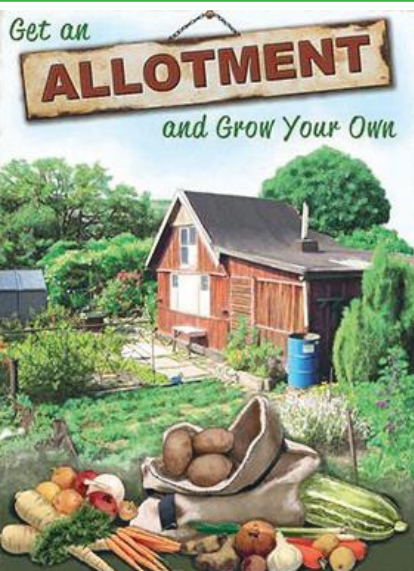
Healthy exercise in the fresh air is another benefit, without spending a

fortune on membership fees at the Gym!

The Town Council is assisted in the running of the allotments by the Felixstowe & District Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners, (Yes I know it's a bit of a mouthful FSALG for short). We run a series of meetings during the Winter months, some social events during the Summer, and a very popular Pumpkin competition. We also have a shop on our society's plot no 39 on Cowpasture allotments from which we sell compost, canes, and allotment sundries at very competitive rates to our members, and generally look after allotment holders interests.



Contact details are as follows: Hon. Secretary jemanpratt@btinternet.com or call 01394286649



Felixstowe Town Council has four allotment sites, located at:

Cowpasture, Candlet Road, 306 plots

Ferry Road, 94 plots

Railway Hill, Coronation Drive, 37 plots

Taunton Road, 19 plots

Benefits of having an Allotment?

- An affordable source of fresh fruit and vegetables
- Reduces your exposure to pesticides
- Gives you fresh air and healthy exercise
- Helps reduce stress and can give you a sense of achievement
- Good for the environment, providing green spaces and wildlife habitats

- Plots which are cultivated to a high standard could even win one of the allotment prizes at the Felixstowe in Flower Awards.

Council offers a 40% discount on the basic allotment rent for Senior citizens (on evidence of being in receipt of state pension) or Long-Term Unemployed (on evidence of associated unemployment benefits) whether the allotment be let as a single or joint tenancy, provided that at least one tenant qualifies.

See our website for more details.

If you are interested, please contact our Allotment Officer Sue Faversham who will contact you with available plots.

Email: sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk or call on 01394 288191



Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society (FDHS)

FDHS meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Old Felixstowe Community Association (OFCA) in Ferry/Church Road, at 7.30pm.

We have some inspirational speakers who share their passion for plants and gardens.

This year we celebrate our Society's formation 40 years ago - the first meeting was held in November 1979 at Felixstowe Library; membership fee and annual subs cost £1 each!

Saturday 20th July will be our Annual Flower and Produce Show at OFCA, and is freely open to view from midday until 4.30pm. There will be some lovely exhibits to see, especially as this year the Fuchsia Society are joining us, as well as plants and produce for sale and delicious refreshments. Some of the show classes are open to non-members, for example the great Felixstowe bake off, an open class for a decorated cake.

In late July we are going on a trip to Hyde Hall in Essex. We also venture further afield and this year we are going to Malvern Autumn show in September. Further details about the Society can be found on our website www.felixstowedistricts.onesuffolk.net or contact Carol Wallace 01394 272695.

Environmental information

This magazine has been printed and produced locally using responsibly sourced stock.

The paper meets the ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ECF, FSC certifications.

Please recycle this magazine when you have finished with it.

DID you know

As with most agricultural crops, trees are planted in rotation.

Once mature - after 7 to 11 years - they are harvested. But only 9% of the total plantation area is felled annually.

New saplings are planted in the same year, at an average rate of 260,000 new trees a day. This is what makes the paper we use renewable, and good for the environment in capturing carbon.



Plastic Free Felixstowe & Litter Free Felixstowe



Plastic-Free Felixstowe was formed in early 2018 in response to David Attenborough's Blue Planet programme. As a seaside town with the UK's leading port on our doorstep, it was felt important that Felixstowe took action locally to support the work across the globe to reduce single-use plastics and ensure that litter does not end up in the oceans. Plastic-Free Felixstowe has raised awareness with residents and businesses and the response has been fantastic.

There have been talks to local schools and the hugely popular event last summer which saw children entertained by 'Summer Santa' who had arrived in the Pier on his holidays to talk about environmental issues.

Litter-Free Felixstowe was launched in the Autumn after the seasonal storms were depositing a huge amount of marine waste

on our beaches. The group was set up to encourage people to take action across the town in any public places.

The group's launch in November attracted over 80 people and numbers continue to grow as the community litter-pick on the first Sunday of every month has tackled litter in areas from Old Felixstowe to Trimley shores. There are also 'mini' litter picks in between where smaller groups go to areas such as the woods at the Grove and clear very old rubbish.

It is important to act together as local residents, helping and supporting other litter-picking groups and having fun meeting new people whilst protecting the environment.

Litter-Free Felixstowe jointly organised 'Everything Easter' in April together with Everything Felixstowe - the aim was to bring people into the town centre to support local shops, teach children about the environment and take part in a litter-pick with the Mayor and councillors in Hamilton Road.

Hundreds of people took part in the event at the Triangle with many more joining Litter-Free Felixstowe as a result.



Kingsfleet School



It is always difficult to capture all the exciting events and activities that contribute to school life, but a couple of things that stand out are our recent visit from Ofsted and Kingsley the elephant.

Firstly, Kingsley the elephant. Earlier this year we welcomed a very plain looking Elmer and our task was to create a design that would help him stand out from the herd. We had many creative ideas from the children and combined three of these to create a striking design which reflects Kingsfleet and our community.

The design captures views of the school and Felixstowe as well as cleverly including the fingerprints of all the children and staff.

'Kingsley' will join 99 other young elephants in the 'Learning Herd' for the Elmer's Big Parade Suffolk. This is part of a fundraising project to support St Elizabeth Hospice and raise awareness of the valuable work they do.

Ofsted visited Kingsfleet in February and judged the school 'good' in all areas, describing the school as a 'supportive, vibrant and purposeful school community'.

We are of course very proud of our school and delighted that the Inspectors recognised the strong values and dedication of the staff, children, governors and parents that continue to make Kingsfleet a 'Good School'.

Regards, Team Kingsfleet

Federation of Fairfield Infant and Colneis Junior schools.



The summer term is always a busy one at the We look to make as much use of the outdoors as possible, ensuring that we provide a positive learning opportunity.

We have gardening clubs, sports days and science lessons to name just a few things that all see children working and experiencing learning outside. We also have a number of school trips, both locally and further afield.

Some of our younger children have recently visited Jimmy's Farm and our Year 6's are soon off for a 5-day residential trip in Mersea where they will take part in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities.

We hope that these experiences will really help to make learning real for our children, to experience it in as practical way as is possible and create memories that will stay with them.

It is also the time of year where children and schools begin to think of their 'next step' - this



may be just moving year group but can also be welcoming newcomers to our Federation in Reception year for their first day at school, or moving from Fairfield to Colneis or indeed moving on to High school.

We work incredibly hard to make sure that any transition is as supportive as possible so that the children feel as prepared as possible for that next step.

New School Garden Project Underway at Felixstowe Academy



The Garden Project was formed earlier this year following a 'Plastic and Pollution' theme day at the Academy, and creating a garden was one way in which students responded to the need to protect our environment.

So far the garden features numerous new trees, large raised beds of fruit, vegetables and herbs, a poly tunnel, a tool shed, and a wildlife pond. Students have so far committed to the project, going out in all weathers to build, plant, and nurture the garden.

In time, the garden is planned to feature areas reserved for wildflowers, space for reflection, and additional vegetable beds. The Garden Club are working towards Level 3 of the RHS School Gardening Awards in recognition of the hard work of students and staff.

Thanks go to Felixstowe Town Council, Friends of Felixstowe Academy and Boost, who provided the necessary funding and support to start this project, and to all those who have helped and supported during the week, after school, and at weekends during the 'Open Garden Days'.



Summer Fun in Felixstowe

Sandcastles, ice creams and beach huts...
get set for a fabulous Summer by the sea.

Beaches

A beach for everyone



Felixstowe has a beach for everyone. What's your favourite? From Felixstowe Ferry to Landguard Point, four miles of sand and shingle to discover, with some of the best bathing water quality around Suffolk too.

Gardens

Bees and butterflies



Bees and butterflies love the award-winning Seafront Gardens... and you will too by exploring the 'Heritage Trail'. A great summer spot to sit and relax is the Rose Garden, surrounded by the sweet-smelling scent of the Queen of Blooms.

Seaside Fun

All the fun of the fair...



All the fun of the fair, with gentle thrills and spills for little ones at Ocean Boulevard. Try your luck with the latest games and slot machines at Manning's Amusements, The Forum and Felixstowe Pier. Or challenge your family to a round of Adventure Golf amongst the lost world statues.

Summer Essentials

Don't forget all the bits...



Don't forget all the bits for your 'beach day' by shopping locally in our town centre. Shorts, sunglasses, buckets and spades and delicious food and drink goodies for a picnic on the sands.

Visit Felixstowe

Tourist Information Centre beach hut

Make sure you check out the recently refurbished Visit Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre beach hut, on the prom opposite the Town Hall - which is manned by helpful volunteers providing useful advice, alongside leaflets, maps and latest events information. Next door, our second newly relocated hut will be holding special displays and exhibitions from local groups and organisations.



www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk



www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe



www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe



Flip and Flop's... 10 Summer Treats

Keep them amused during the long summer school holidays with the help of Flip and Flop, our Felixstowe cheeky monkeys!

- 1** Play 'hide and seek' at the magnificent Grade I listed Landguard Fort. A Summer holiday quiz trail runs from the 25 July to 1 September (daily 1000-1700). www.landguard.com
- 2** Go beachcombing with Beach Bonkers. Find natural treasures with Kate on the 3 August from 1030-1200 starting from the Visit Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre beach hut. www.beachbonkers.org.uk
- 3** Let them loose in Martello Park. Loads of green space to run around or have some fun on the swings, slides and roundabouts.

- 4** Game on... with the Real Madrid Soccer Clinic for 7 to 16 year old's at the Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club between the 29 July and 2 August. www.felixstowefootball.co.uk
- 5** Roar! Travel back in time at Felixstowe Museum... with their 'Dino Trail' running 31 July to 1 September (runs Sun, Wed and Thurs) 1200-1700. www.felixstowemuseum.org
- 6** Felixstowe Leisure Centre and Brackenbury Sports Centre will have a host of fun Summer holiday classes and activities to enjoy. Full timetable and info at www.placesleisure.org
- 7** Create, glue and paint! For kids who love to be creative, head to Crafty Coffee in Hamilton Road for ceramic painting and decopatching.

- 8** Bugs and beasts. Go on a Wildlife Safari at the Landguard Nature Reserve on Wednesdays 31 July and 14 August, 1400-1600. Join the Ranger for games, crafts and more. www.discoverlandguard.org.uk
- 9** Enjoy a host of Summer holiday courses with Premier Sport at the Felixstowe Academy, including football, PA Musical Theatre and gymnastics. www.premier-education.com/holidaycamps
- 10** Check out the latest kid's movies at the Palace Cinema in town. Don't forget the popcorn!





The Big Three...

Felixstowe Book Festival

27th to 30th June

Talks, readings, book signings and workshops to entertain adults and children. A wonderful array of over sixty invited authors, including James Runcie, Liz Trenow and Jonathan Coe at a host of different venues around the town, from The Orwell Hotel and Felixstowe Library to Landguard Fort, a shipping container and beach huts.

Full details and book tickets online at www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk



Felixstowe Carnival

26th to 28th July

A fab weekend of fun for everyone. Wave those Union Jacks with the Carnival Proms featuring the Essential Sounds Big Band on Friday evening at 1900. On Saturday from 1300, line the streets for the spectacular procession through the town with floats and bands - this year's theme is Decades of the 20th Century. Then on Sunday, a spectacular firework display from Felixstowe Pier at 2200. There will be live music, a craft fair, fun fair and children's activities on both Saturday and Sunday. www.felixstowecarnival.org



Art on the Prom

1st September

This hugely popular contemporary art fair is held along Felixstowe's beautiful seafront - from the Pier to the Spa Pavilion theatre.

Over 100 artists from East Anglia and beyond will be displaying and selling original artwork in a wide variety of media. Also, free have-a-go art activity tents for both children and adults, artwork displays, live music and entertainment.

www.artontheprom.org





More Summer events not to be missed...

Full details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk



'Made in Felixstowe'. Four of our talented artists are opening their studios as part of this year's **Art Trail** (15 and 16, 22 and 23 June). 1100-1700. Ceramics, glass and pine needle weaving.

The **Ipswich Gilbert and Sullivan Society Singers** are back at St. John's Church on the 15 June (1930), with their annual concert organised by the Rotary Club of Felixstowe.

Immerse yourself in the big hits from musicals to charts - '**Songs and Dances Through the Decades**' is the new production from Felixstowe Musical Theatre. Running 28 to 30 June at Trimley Memorial Hall.

Quiver Paddleboard Centre have four fab days of great live music coming up at Manning's Amusements - 29 June, 27 July, 24 August and 28 September. Eleven different acts... with acoustic in the morning, then indie, blues and rock. 1030-2300.



Celebrate the Marines' first land battle of 1667 at Landguard Fort on **Darell's Day**. A weekend (6 and 7 July, 1000-1700) featuring a fun children's trail and some displays and re-enactments.

Put your best foot forward with the **Colchester and Ipswich Hospitals Charity - Walk for Wards** on the 7 July (1000 start). Walk, run or jog along the prom in aid of your favourite ward.

Get nosy... with the **St. Elizabeth Hospice - Felixstowe Open Gardens** on the 7 July (1100-1700). Ten pretty suburban plots, large and small, open to view.

Picture perfect. The Felixstowe Art Group are holding their **Annual Exhibition and Sale of Paintings** at Trinity Methodist Church from the 6 to 10 August, 1000-1800.



Take a deckchair, sit back, relax and enjoy a day of great live music in the Seafront Gardens with the Music in Felixstowe - **Proms on the Prom** on the 10 August (from 1330).

Admire the wonderful display of classic cars from the **Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts Club** at Felixstowe Museum on the 11 August, 1100-1530.

Spa-tastic! A host of shows and events to enjoy at the fab Spa Pavilion throughout the summer, from The Neil Diamond Experience (6 July) and Rhythm of the Dance (20 July) to The Great British Seaside Special (8 August) and The Stars from The Commitments (5 September). Check out the full upcoming programme at www.felixstowespa.co.uk



The Great Outdoors

Get out in the fresh seaside air this summer

Tee off at the wonderful Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club - founded in 1880 and the only Links golf course in Suffolk. Test your skills on the Martello Championship Course or 'pay and play' on the idyllic 9-hole Kingsfleet course. www.felixstowegolf.co.uk

Discover wildflowers and Ringed Plovers at the Landguard Nature Reserve. Take time to explore this rare vegetated shingle habitat or why not join the Ranger for his free summer guided walk on the 7 July starting at 1000. www.discoverlandguard.org.uk

Cool down on the water, with a great range of activities and courses afloat at the Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club www.ffsc.co.uk and Quiver Paddleboard Centre (Manning's Amusements) www.quiverpaddleboarding.co.uk

Pedal Power! Enjoy a cycle ride along the prom and beyond. Pick up the free Felixstowe Cycle Map from the Visit Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre beach hut.

Explore the Deben and Orwell estuaries with a series of walks starting at Felixstowe and Trimley rail stations from the East Suffolk Lines Community Rail Partnership. Ranging from 6 to 14 miles in length. Full details and maps at www.eastsuffolklines.co.uk/walks

Jump aboard the Harwich Harbour Foot and Cycle Ferry for a circular adventure via Harwich and Shotley. There are spectacular views over the estuary and the giant ships at the Port of Felixstowe. The ferry departs beside the Landguard Visitor Centre and View Point Cafe. www.harwichharbourferry.com



Discover Landguard



www.discoverlandguard.org.uk

More to See at Landguard This Year

Over the winter when Landguard Fort and Felixstowe Museum are closed the volunteers don't stop, they use the time to carry out maintenance, clean and refresh their displays.

Come down and go back to the swinging sixties at the Museum... for those that can remember them, and explain to your young ones what pirate radio, mini-skirts and The Beatles meant back then! At the Fort things have been changing too. We were privileged to have the Mayor open the latest display, so now when you come down pop in the guard room and a couple of old soldiers will give you a ring to tell you how things were at Landguard back in their day. The volunteers are also busy planning events and getting a float ready for the Carnival... keep an eye out for Winston!

On the Nature Reserve the Landguard Bird Observatory has become involved with an exciting international project to track birds and bats fitted with tiny nano-tags. Our Ranger Chris and the volunteers have been busy repairing steps, paths and putting up cordons to protect vulnerable ground nesting birds through the spring and summer. For the kids a new monthly outdoor learning group has started. Landguard Sandhoppers is aimed at children 3-13 years old who want to discover some of nature's wonders. Keep an eye out on the Discover Landguard website for future dates at www.discoverlandguard.org.uk

Swimscapes

Felixstowe's Open Water Swimmers



Felixstowe has great water quality and is an ideal place to get open water swimming experience. One way to do this is to join in with the Felixstowe Swimscales Open Water Swimming group which meets on an informal and free basis all year-round on Saturdays at 10:30 and, during the summer, on Mondays 18:00 at Undercliff Road East, IP11 7LS. The group welcomes swimmers of all ages and can be found on Facebook - but you can just turn up - wetsuits optional!

The photo, from Monday 27 May 2019, is of the Swimscales 8th Season Opener, with well over 60 swimmers, aged 10-72.

Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award 2019

Every year we celebrate our fantastic tourism industry in Felixstowe - by presenting the Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award. The Tourism Working Group shortlists five to six nominees who are then put to the public vote to choose the winner. Nominees can be attractions, accommodation establishments, shops, places to eat and other tourism-related organisations. This year's winner (2019) is the Felixstowe parkrun which has just celebrated its first anniversary and is run entirely by volunteers.

Held every Saturday morning on the prom, this 5k walk/jog/run is open to all ages and abilities. Friendly and fun, the parkrun not only attracts local runners, but many others from much further afield too. Further details at www.parkrun.org.uk/felixstowe





Felixstowe Photo Competition 2019

Huge congratulations to Sue Reynolds, the overall “Judge’s Choice” Winner of the first ever Felixstowe Photo Competition

Sue’s lovely photo above, taken at Felixstowe Ferry, was entered in the ‘Undiscovered Felixstowe’ theme.

Thank you to everyone who entered their photos. You can view the twelve top photos which were voted through to the judging panel by the online public vote at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/felixstowe-photo-competition-the-winners-gallery.

There are four photos for each of the three themes - Fun Felixstowe, Iconic Felixstowe and Undiscovered Felixstowe.

This annual competition is organised and supported by Felixstowe Town Council, Visit Felixstowe and the Landguard Partnership.

We will be announcing full details on the next Felixstowe Photo Competition over the Suffolk Day weekend (21 to 23 June 2019)

...watch this space!



Seaplanes - Felixstowe

Did you know the chain worn by the Mayor of Felixstowe is the only one in the country to feature the RAF insignia? The land where the Port of Felixstowe now stands was commissioned as a seaplane base in 1913, later becoming the Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment in 1924. Various types of flying boat and seaplane were tested here. Back in 2013 we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Sea Planes in Felixstowe with a special event which included a flying display over the seafront from the Catalina Flying Boat.

The Felixstowe Society have recently unveiled a new plaque at the Landguard Visitor Centre and View Point Cafe. The plaque ‘Seaplanes Felixstowe’ commemorates the former RNAS/RAF Air Station (1913-1962).





Felixstowe Forward

Felixstowe Horizons Annual Engagement Event - The Orwell Hotel, 18 June 0900-1300

This year's event is all about partnership and collaboration and the people that make Felixstowe such a great place to live, work and visit. Don't miss this opportunity to:

- Hear about the latest developments in the town and resort.
- Find out about what shoppers and businesses have to say about the Town Centre.
- Contribute to discussions about the future - what will help shape the Felixstowe of 2030?
- Hear more about the feasibility of a Business Improvement District.

Can't make the date? Don't worry - there will be follow up opportunities to be involved in the ongoing discussions with morning, lunchtime and evening drop ins.

East Suffolk Means Business



Businesses across East Suffolk can now easily find advice and information to help their business thrive. Visit

www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk or pop into the new Felixstowe Business Hub run by the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

Felixstowe Dementia Friendly Community



<http://fxtdda.onesuffolk.net/>

- 70+ organisations have rolled out the Dementia Friends programme to staff making their business more dementia friendly.

- Over 1,200 individuals have become Dementia Friends.

- More than 12 wonderful volunteers help provide support at the local dementia groups.

Get in touch if you would like to be a more dementia friendly organisation or dementia friend.

Felixstowe TimeBank



Everyone has a talent, skills, time, knowledge or abilities to offer that could benefit someone in the community. Join the Felixstowe TimeBank which is built on

'reciprocity' meaning that time is shared equally between participants to build a more resilient community.

Are You Planning an Event?



Are you thinking about organising an event in Felixstowe? For example, on The Triangle, Promenade, Beach, Beachside Events Area or in

one of our many Parks? Please email us for an early conversation about your plans events@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

It is worth noting that an organised event on East Suffolk Council land goes through a 28 day consultee process before approval. The earlier we know about a planned event the sooner we can help and support.

For questions on any of the articles on this page please email: felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

MEET YOUR COMMUNITIES OFFICER

Chloe Winlow

What does a communities officer do?



Supports community and voluntary groups which will complement and help sustain their local community.

Strengthens relationships and brings people together for the benefit of the wider community.

Works in collaboration with partners such as the Police, Health, Suffolk County Council, voluntary and community organisations and local people to make this a place where people want to live and work.



Contact: chloe.winlow@eastsuffolk.gov.uk
01394 444656



Basic Life

celebrates 20 years in Felixstowe in 2020



In January 2020 the BASIC Life Charity will celebrate 20 years as a registered charity. We have been operational in Felixstowe throughout and our model has been to offer items for sale at very affordable prices and then to pass on any revenue to those in need locally.

BASIC started food banks at each of our shops in early 2013 and it was BASIC who had the idea, to manage and finance the Pop-Up shops which are held at four locations in Felixstowe alone each week.

This year we have taken on two Community Allotments in the Felixstowe area and are pleased to see considerable interest from local residents who might like to join and use them as a social resource. Our aim is to encourage young people to come along to realise the wonder of natural growth. The idea is that anybody can come along and help as much or as little as they like. If you don't have a garden but love gardening or you like the idea of an allotment but don't fancy a whole one to yourself this could be the answer.

Anybody interested in joining MUST register at the BASIC Walton shop first, for further information please email basiclife@live.co.uk

Graham Denny, Founder/Administrator, The BASIC Life Charity

Cycle Felixstowe

celebrates 45th Anniversary of twinning by cycling from Felixstowe to Wesel



Cycle Felixstowe is in their 3rd year as the organisation trying to promote the safe pursuit of cycling in and around Felixstowe. It is a non-competitive group set up by local residents to encourage cyclists of all abilities.

Local rides are organised with a view to safety, being a good neighbour to pedestrians and motorists alike, and riding to the ability of those joining the ride.

Cycle Felixstowe has been supported by Felixstowe Town Council which has assisted financially in setting the group up and supported the Town Council in helping to allow the promenade to be a safe place for cyclists to use.

Cycle Felixstowe is affiliated to Cycling UK and which provides insurance cover for all its events. The committee of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are supporting the Towns twinning with Wesel for the 45th Anniversary by cycling from Felixstowe Town Hall to Wesel Civic Centre at the beginning of August 2019 and would welcome any support for this venture. With a combined age of 210 years this will match the distance of the continental leg of this trip. Family membership of Cycle Felixstowe costs £12 per annum while individual membership costs £8.

Production of membership cards will entitle the holder of discounts in nominated local business' (T&C apply).

For further information please visit our Facebook page or contact cycle.felixstowe@gmail.com



FACTS

Felixstowe Area Community Transport

FACTS is a registered charity that offers transport to the elderly, infirm and people with special needs in the Felixstowe and surrounding area. We were delighted to be one of the Mayor's chosen charities this year.

We provide transport for hospital visits, doctors' appointments, shopping or social activities. We operate 5 minibuses specially adapted to carry wheelchairs and mobility scooters. We also have a nucleus of private cars which are especially useful for hospital visits. Our minibuses can also be hired by organisations such as a nursing home to take their residents on day trip or to events.

All of our drivers are unpaid volunteers who are looking to give something back to the community. They receive full training in driving our minibuses and are criminal record checked. To operate our services we are very reliant and grateful for the support of individuals, organisations and businesses who contribute generously.

We are always looking for reliable volunteers who are willing to drive our minibuses or serve as passenger assistants. If you would like to get involved with FACTS in any capacity, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact David Ablitt or Jane Buckingham on 01394 282857.

Music In Felixstowe

Music In Felixstowe is celebrating its 11th year becoming a charity 3 years ago. We aim to bring top class professional music to the town at a price everyone can afford including free performances from time to time. Following the success of last year's Free Proms on the Prom we are putting on a day on August 10th from 1.30 till 10 pm in the Spa Gardens. There will be live performances with members of the Festival Orchestra, solo artistes, African drumming workshop, try an instrument session, Champagne Quartet, a young rock band, Felixstowe Community Choir and Evening prom concert. Our community work includes putting on a series of young musicians' showcases at St Andrew's Church every Wednesday at midday from July 3rd to August 21st FREE. Our outreach work also includes playing for dementia groups, schools and homes including personal home visits. Get in touch if that would interest you. As a charity we receive funding for this. Other concerts for the summer are; -

June 15th Classic String Orchestra play Mozart and Dvorak at St Andrew's Church 7.00pm

June 19th Edward and Andrew Leach tenor and piano sing Schubert Lieder at the Orwell Hotel 11.30am.

July 8th Schools production "Tuishi Pamoja" an African musical Felixstowe Academy 7.00pm

July 10th Alchemy Ensemble - exciting East/West fusion band St Andrew's Church midday FREE

August 25th Quartetto Familia at St Nicholas Church the Ferry at 3pm, Mozart and Dvorak

August 28th violin and viola international artistes St Andrew's Church 12 noon FREE

September 8th St Andrew's Church 3.00pm Harrison Cole, Cliff Wybrow, Hattie Bennett playing Brahms and Beethoven

September 11th VIP jazz band The Orwell Hotel 11.30

September 21st at 7.30 St John's Church Last Night of the Proms. The Festival Orchestra.

All tickets from Stillwater Books and 01394 670633. See website for details www.felixstowemusic.com



Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club

Based at Dellwood Avenue in Felixstowe we run 5 men's teams, 2 ladies' teams and a wide range of teams at various age groups for both girls and boys, offering cricket to over 200 club members between April and September. Following a very successful 2018 season on the field of play we decided to enhance our playing facilities during the close season, and this included the purchase of an Electronic Cricket Scoreboard. The cost of an electronic scoreboard is over £5,000 and we are very pleased to have been supported by Felixstowe Town Council along with other grants and donations. 2019 represents the 149th year of cricket in Felixstowe and with the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup being held in England this summer we are looking forward to a wonderful summer of cricket. 2018 proved to be our most successful season for many years with some the highlights of the season being:

- The Men's 1st eleven winning Division 4 of the Two Counties League
- The Ladies 2nd eleven winning the T20 Division B league
- The Men's T20 eleven reaching the Suffolk T20 Finals Day finishing 3rd
- Ladies Softball team winning the ECB East of England Cricket Festival.
- 10 club members representing Suffolk across all age ranges

Anyone interested in playing cricket, being an off-field volunteer or supporting us financially in anyway, can contact us by: visiting our club website at www.felixstowecorinthianscricketclub.com or popping into Dellwood Avenue during the summer. Matches are played at weekends and there is usually something happening most evenings during the week.

Looking for time out to learn a new craft?



Crafting and upskilling are well known as activities that have a positive effect on mental health and wellbeing. Learning a new craft or expanding on existing skills in an environment with other people can also help combat feelings of isolation which is

all too often felt in modern communities. We at BSEVC have been able to facilitate various activities for Felixstowe residents with this in mind.

We have run sewing machine classes, art Classes (in conjunction with artist Juliet Lockhart) and craft activities.

We have linked up with Kirsty from Creative N Craft, and with support from the Town Council, to facilitate a monthly craft activity session for Felixstowe residents. Suitable for all, from Family Carers to those living with dementia (and their carers), to those who just wish to do some crafting as a wellbeing activity, people can come together over a cup of coffee whilst creating an item they can then take home. Crafts undertaken to date have included decoupage, deco patch, plaque-making, Christmas baubles, ceramic painting and picture frames. There are many more we have yet to try. This is a very informal activity for which there is a small charge of £2.50 per person which covers material costs. (Donations for coffee and tea welcome). Feel free to join us at Felixstowe Opportunity Group from 1030 – 1230. Upcoming sessions are 12 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September and 23 October. More details on all the activities we are running can be obtained by contacting fiona.palmer@bsevc.co.uk or joanne.thomas@bsevc.co.uk. You can also call us on 01284 766126 or find more information by searching for BSEVCs Facebook page.



Felixstowe Opportunity Group

prepares for 30-year anniversary in 2020

Felixstowe Opportunity Group currently provides two weekly play sessions for children from 0-5 years during term time, who have a range of additional needs. These needs can be diagnosed, undiagnosed and or parental concerns. We also provide support for the whole family. We also run a weekly session for families with twins, and Mencap use the building as a base for their Saturday group. We are based in the grounds of Felixstowe Academy, via the Maidstone Road entrance. Our setting provides –



- Soft Play Area
- Outside Playroom
- Fully Enclosed Garden with Outdoor Play Equipment
- Sensory Room
- Free Flow Play
- Adult Led Activities
- Parent respite for part of the session in our onsite parent lounge

As a registered charity, we rely on fundraising and support from the local community. The Felixstowe Rotary Club and Felixstowe Lions have been a tremendous support to us over the last year, providing us with an outdoor playroom and assisting us with enhancements to our enclosed garden area. In the Autumn we were overwhelmed with support from Volkar-Fitzpatrick, the company working on the local railway, who kindly renovated our front garden and provided us with a very generous donation to enable us to purchase new resources for the outdoor playroom. In October 2018, a number of key committee members retired, and the new committee have been working hard to relaunch the group ahead of its 30-year anniversary in 2020. Each session is just £2 per child which includes a snack. First taster session is free. If you would like more information, or would like to have look around, please email: oppgroup@btinternet.com, phone: 01394 286399 or find us on Facebook

ESAB

East Suffolk Association for the Blind



East Suffolk Association for the Blind (ESAB) is a local charity for blind and partially sighted people; founded in 1914. ESAB's primary goal is to help any visually impaired person maintain their quality of life and independence as far as it is possible. The Felixstowe Branch of East Suffolk Association for the Blind hold monthly socials

for the visually impaired of Felixstowe and surrounding villages at the Felixstowe Trades and Labour Club. These are run by volunteers providing refreshments, entertainment and occasional outings. They would be pleased to welcome anyone with sight problems to join them in an enjoyable afternoon of entertainment, tea and cakes, companionship and a raffle. There is also an opportunity to examine and purchase aids to help with daily living. Felixstowe also has a Sound Shooters group. This is a chance to have a go at a purpose-built rifle range for those with sight problems. Held once a month, this provides a morning of sporting activity and time to meet up with friends. We are very keen to provide social activities for our members as sight impairment can be isolating. It is hoped that by joining us, new friendships can be made and it's good to meet others with similar problems. For further information on the social club or shooting activities or any other enquires please call Head office on 01473 611011.



German Tennis exchange

On 29th July Filby Tennis Academy are taking part in a German Tennis exchange.

Twelve juniors ranging from 12-17 years from Felixstowe and Trimley are travelling to Bremen to stay with families of Wardenburger Tennis Club.

The club has six natural clay courts and two indoor carpet courts.

The Felixstowe juniors haven't played on clay before so it will be a great experience.

We are hoping to build a strong relationship with the club - the juniors are all similar in age and share the passion of tennis. If the trip is successful we are aiming to have the juniors stay in Felixstowe in 2020 and show them our great town.

As well as hosting us we will be playing at their club. Our juniors have been playing tennis for many years and this is a great opportunity for them to play in a different country and meet some new players.

We are also hoping to take part in activities like paddle boarding, canoeing on the river Hunte, cycling and a visit to Hamburg

Some of the Juniors are taking German for their GCSE's so this is also a great chance for them to immerse themselves in the language.

We really hope the players of Filby Tennis Academy will come back with some brilliant memories, some new friends and hopefully win some matches!!!

Felixstowe Volunteer Centre

Felixstowe Volunteer Centre is a charity formed in 1984 by a group of likeminded Felixstowe residents who wanted to give something back to the community, to assist the needs of the local residents.

Since our opening, the centre has assisted many local residents in their time of need, and particularly helping with transport to hospital appointments, even as far as Papworth, Addenbrookes, Colchester, Stowmarket and Norwich hospitals. Some people due to ill health cannot get to hospital for appointments without the need of a wheelchair, as there are restrictions placed on the ambulance and hospital car service, we at the Felixstowe Volunteer Centre try and arrange one of our volunteers to take them, and most importantly, wait and then bring them back home.

We also befriend people who are lonely, have ill health and can't get out, have no family etc. these volunteers often become invaluable companions by visiting regularly and provide comfort and friendship whenever its needed. Also, we do shopping and the odd small job (change light bulbs etc.)

If as a local resident you need help - perhaps with shopping, hospital transport or maybe just companionship to brighten up your day, please contact us - we are here, and we are happy to help.

We are looking for a volunteer Treasurer, and always looking for additional volunteers (especially drivers to take local residents to doctor or hospital visits), if you have a little spare time even if it's only an hour every now and then and would like to be involved in any of our activities please contact us for more information on how you can be part of the team.

Sandra, our organiser would be pleased to hear from you, and she can be contacted on 01394 284770.

Felixstowe Area Social Club For Retired Persons

The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The venue is the Old Felixstowe Community Centre, Church Road Old Felixstowe IP11 9NB at 2.15pm. Each meeting starts with a talk from a visiting speaker for approximately one hour, followed by tea or coffee in the centres lounge. The club also organises Sunday lunches several times through the year held at local venues, paid for separately. Annual membership is £2 plus £1 per meeting also a raffle is held at each meeting. New Members always welcome, for further information please telephone Stephen and Carol Cox 01394 809794

Citizens Advice



Your local Citizens Advice office is in Orwell Road in Felixstowe and we are your first port of call if you want some help, advice or you just need to know what to do next! We may not be able to solve your issue in every case – but if we're not

the best person to help you we probably know someone who can and we can certainly point you in the right direction. Last year more than 2000 people came to us with nearly 7000 different issues that were bothering them and over 97% of those people we helped would recommend us to others. We can help you with problems with benefits, debt, housing, relationships and just about anything else that concerns you. A new service started at the beginning of April to give specific help to those claiming Universal Credit. The free Help to Claim service is available to help people make their first digital claim to this relatively new benefit and you can seek help on a face-2-face basis, on the telephone or via webchat. If you're not able to make an online claim we can help you to claim in another way.

As an independent charity, Citizens Advice – Felixstowe is responsible for its own fundraising and you may have seen earlier in the year that we were going through some challenging times as far as our funding was concerned. These funding pressures continue but we believe it is vital that good quality advice is available locally to everyone, free of charge and we will endeavor to provide that local help for as long as we can.

Flying the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day



On Tuesday 3 September, Felixstowe Town Council will fly the Red Ensign at the Town Hall to mark Merchant Navy Day and raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers. Since 2000, Merchant Navy Day on 3 September has honoured the brave men and women

who kept our island nation afloat during both World Wars, and celebrated our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK's imports, including half the food we eat. The charity's president, HRH The Earl of Wessex, has endorsed the campaign, saying: "On this Merchant Navy Day, I very much hope you will support this campaign by Seafarers UK to remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the future of the often unsung personnel of our Merchant Navy." For more information about Merchant Navy Day and Seafarers UK, please visit www.merchantnavyfund.org/merchant-navy-day



Civic Awards 2019

Congratulations to all our Civic Award winners who were honoured at the Annual Town Meeting in May

Mayor's Awards

Bev Boyce

For her work with the Felixstowe Society which included helping to produce last year's Poppy Trail and Exhibition at Old Felixstowe Parish Church. Bev is a talented archivist and helps to produce many local books on various historical events in the town.

John Brinkley

For his work as a volunteer to the Felixstowe CCTV team since 2009, co-ordinating between the Town Pastors, the police control room and officers on patrol.

Caroline Hazell

For her dedicated work with Felixstowe Area Community Transport (FACTS) as a driver, in the office and as a Trustee.

Barry Twomey

For his outstanding contribution to the Felixstowe Coastal Rescue Team, attending more than 430 emergency call outs over his many years of service.

David Webb

As a founder member of Felixstowe Lions Club who continues to raise significant sums of money for local organisations in the community.

Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award 2019

Congratulations to parkrun Felixstowe, winner of the Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award 2019 by public vote.

Felixstowe Community Award 2019

Felixstowe Community Hospital League of Friends

For their fundraising work in support of the local community hospital which has enabled the purchase of an X-Ray machine and televisions for each patient room. They recently supported the hospital to become a dementia friendly site and continue to support patient comfort.

HMS Ganges Youth Trophy

Sam Wash

Sam was recognised for his hard work as a Felixstowe Academy Peer Mentor, supporting younger students who may be going through some challenges and need a listening ear. He has also just learnt that he has been selected for the England under 16 Hockey Team.

A special award was presented to Nathan Upson who at just 6 years old showed incredible courage and determination to seek help when his mother fell suddenly ill at home.

NHS Award 2019

Felixstowe Community Nursing Team

A group of dedicated community nurses who provide nursing care to patients in and around Felixstowe whatever the weather!

Public Access Defibrillators In Felixstowe



There are now 12 public access defibrillators in the town at the following locations:

When someone in the area calls 999 and describes Cardiac Arrest type symptoms, the operator will automatically give the caller directions to the nearest Defibrillator and give them the code to unlock the cabinet. Operators are trained in talking a caller through the process of using CPR and a Defibrillator.

These Defibrillators are considered most suitable for lay users. Operation involves just two steps : 1) Turn ON. 2) Stick the Pads on patient's chest as per diagram. It then does the rest – automatically deciding IF to shock, WHEN to shock and at WHAT POWER to shock for best results. It also 'talks' the user through the whole process.

Location	Maintained by:
Felixstowe Leisure Centre, Sea Road, IP11 2AE	Felixstowe Town Council
Sea Road-Beach Road, Toilet Block, IP11 2AE	Felixstowe Town Council
View Point Café, John Bradford Viewing Point, IP11 3TW	Landguard Trust
The Library, Crescent Road, IP11 7BY	Felixstowe Town Council
Felixstowe & Walton Utd Community Social Club, Dellwood Avenue, IP11 9HT	Felixstowe & Walton Utd Football Club
The Community Centre, Ferry Road, IP11 9NB	Old Felixstowe Community Association
Felixstowe Ferry Harbour Master's Office, Felixstowe Ferry, IP11 9RZ	Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club
East of England Co-op Foodstore, 279/281 High Street, Walton IP11 9DZ	East of England Co-op
Senior Citizens Centre, Broadway House, Orwell Road, IP11 7DD	Felixstowe Town Council
East of England Co-op Foodstore, 189 Hamilton Rd, IP11 7DT	Felixstowe Town Council
The Dip Public Toilets, Cliff Road. IP11 9SU	Felixstowe Beach Huts and Chalets Association
The Spar shop, 105 High Rd East. IP11 9PT	Heartbeat

Annual Report 2018 / 2019



Mayor's Summary

Summing up his year in office at the Annual Town Meeting on Wed 8 May 2019, the Mayor of Felixstowe for the 2018/19 Municipal Year, Cllr Graham Newman, said: "It has been a huge privilege to serve our town and a wonderful opportunity to discover the vast array of community groups which provide a huge range of activities for residents. As this Annual Report shows, the Town Council is committed to supporting this community in many ways. Thank you to all my colleagues for their years of service to the town, our council staff and the volunteers who make a such a difference."

The full version of the Mayor's report and the Council's Annual Report for 2018/19 can be found on our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk

Community Grants

Council awarded £38,412 via its Occasional and Annual Grants scheme and its community partnerships, supporting 28 local organisations and projects during 2018/19.

Council is looking forward to receiving applications in 2019/20 from community organisations seeking to deliver projects and activities for the benefit residents of Felixstowe. There are two rounds for applications and details can be found on the website www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants. The deadlines for applications are 31 May and 30 November each year.



Summer 2019

Suffolk Day

To celebrate Suffolk Day in 2018 Councillors served tea and home-made cake outside the Town Hall. We are delighted that Felixstowe has been chosen to launch of Suffolk Day 2019 – see the back page to find out just some of the events that are going to be happening!

Felixstowe in Flower

Thanks to the support of our many local sponsors, Felixstowe in Flower was cost-neutral for the first time in 2018, aided by a generous contribution from the East of England Co-op of £2,000.

Centenary of Remembrance



November 2018 saw Council support commemorative events across the town to mark 100 years since the end of WWI, including the poignant Remembrance Day services on Sunday 11th November culminating in 163 volunteers representing the fallen from Felixstowe.

Armed Forces Weekend Legacy Fund Grant

Grants totalling £7,116 were made from the Armed Forces Weekend Legacy Fund for armed forces related projects and charities including the Royal British Legion, the Royal Marines Association and SSAFA. The fund has £3,680 left and applications are welcome at any time. Further information can be found on our website at: www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

In December 2018 the Town Council approved funding for a Felixstowe-based PCSO to prioritise on community priorities – such as parking enforcement until Civil Parking Enforcement can be approved by the Secretary of State. The cost is being met via Council reserves, rather than a tax-rise, on a two-year fixed-term basis.

Christmas Ice Rink

December also saw the Council organise the synthetic ice rink and other attractions at Great Eastern Square in the run up to Christmas, sponsored by the East of England Cooperative and supported by Fresh Gold Radio broadcasting live from the event.

Community Emergency Plan

Council ran an exercise to test the Felixstowe Community Emergency Plan (CEP). The CEP helps prepare for and provide a measured approach to supporting the community in the event of an emergency.

Community public access defibrillators

The Felixstowe Society donated a further two defibrillators which the Town Council agreed to install and maintain. There are now 12 public access defibrillators in the town registered with the East of England Ambulance Service – see page 23.

Planning & Environment

During 2018/19 Council's Planning & Environment Committee reviewed 198 local planning applications, noting that in 80% of cases (140 of 174 reported decisions) East Suffolk District Council agreed with the recommendations of our Committee.

The Town Council received Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments from East Suffolk Council totalling £4,057. In March 2019, £27,807.79 of CIL funding received over the previous two years was put towards the Felixstowe Play Project.

Children and Young People

The Town Council's Youth Forum met on six occasions in the year as a multi-representative group of young people from local schools and youth groups. In addition to sharing school news and initiatives, the Forum was actively involved in the project to improve three play and sport areas in Felixstowe.

Play Area Improvements



The Town Council worked with East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Norse on a £265,000 project to upgrade three play areas in Felixstowe in time for the summer holidays. Work commenced in May and will result in Gosford Way and Allenby Park play areas fully refurbished with a range of items suitable for toddlers, juniors and teenagers whilst Cavendish Park gains a Multi-Use Games Area aimed at teenagers.

Allotments

We welcomed many new tenants across our four main allotment sites, though some vacancies remain. Work continues in conjunction with the Felixstowe Society of Allotment Leisure Gardeners (FSALG) to ensure the sites are maintained to a high standard. This year our staff gained additional qualifications to support site management.

Town Hall

The Town Hall continues to be a popular and competitively priced wedding venue with general room hire fees kept the same as the previous year.

The Town Council continues to licence offices to the County Council Registrar, Felixstowe Forward and East Suffolk's Beach Huts and Chalet Administrator to help ensure that these services can be provided locally.

Walton Community Hall



In addition to regular classes, Walton Community Hall was hired out for private and corporate bookings and remains available for community use throughout the year.

Broadway House



The Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (FOPWA) continued with their highly popular drop-in service, offering a warm welcome for all at Broadway House.

Cemetery



During the year the mature yew hedge running across the cemetery was trimmed to a manageable height. The Memorial Garden is flourishing, offering a range of memorials options such as roses, granite plaques, benches and inscribed leaves on our bespoke metal tree, the centrepiece of the garden. A dilapidated storage unit was replaced, and new dual-use bins were installed to aid separation of recycling, green and general waste.

Audit and Accounts

Council received a clear audit for 2017/18. The 2018/19 audit will be undertaken by PKF Littlejohn LLP in June. The most recent annual accounting returns and audit reports are available to view online at: <https://www.felixstowe.gov.uk/about-felixstowe-tc/financial-information/>

Internal audits were conducted twice in 2018/19 with all procedures found to be in order and helpful recommendations made.

Budget and Precept

Budgeted income outturn for 2018/19 103.3% with expenditure at 96.7%. Council reviewed its level of Earmarked Reserves (ringfenced funds) to ensure adequate provisions are in place for future projects and contingencies. Effective management of budget and reserves enabled the Town Council to keep the precept increase to just 2%. The result of which means for 2019/20 the Town Council costs the 'Band D' equivalent ratepayer just £5.79 per month, or around 4% of the total council tax bill in Felixstowe. The remaining 96% is split between Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk Constabulary.

Financial Summary			
	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Budget (Est.)
General Fund Balance at 1 April	£286,532	£356,823	£385,601
Earmarked Reserves (ringfenced funds)	£625,580	£685,936	£623,466
Total Income	£758,070	£715,604	£717,990
Total Expenditure	£627,423	£749,297	£726,573
General Fund Balance at 31 March	£356,823	£385,601	£284,798
Earmarked Reserves (ringfenced funds)	£685,936	£623,466	£715,686

Annual Town Meeting & Civic Awards 2019

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Felixstowe Academy on Wednesday 8th May and included the presentation of the 2019 Civic Awards (see page 23).

Over 20 community groups attended, displaying information about their organisations.

Council Communications

In addition to this quarterly magazine, delivered to all households in Felixstowe, regular updates about the Town Council, its partners and links to meetings and agendas are made via our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk Twitter @FelixstoweTC and Facebook page FelixstoweTownCouncil

Council meetings and events are displayed on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall. We welcome public participation at all Council and Committee meetings and the press regularly attend.

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Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

10 July	Full Council	7.30pm
17 July	Planning & Environment	9.15am
17 July	Finance & Governance	7.30pm
31 July	Planning & Environment	9.15am
14 August	Planning & Environment	9.15am
28 August	Planning & Environment	9.15am
11 September	Planning & Environment	9.15am
11 September	Full Council	7.30pm
18 September	Civic & Community	7.30pm
25 September	Planning & Environment	9.15am
25 September	Assets & Services	7.30pm

Note: all meetings listed are held in the Council Chamber at Felixstowe Town Hall and are open to the press and public.

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SUFFOLK # DAY

Big Weekender

21 JUNE 2019

Celebrate Suffolk Day weekend in Felixstowe from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 June 2019. The town has been chosen to officially launch the event this year, and we have a host of events and activities to enjoy.



Friday 21 June

7am - 10am Mark Murphy will be broadcasting his BBC Radio Suffolk breakfast show live from outside Felixstowe Town Hall. Mark will be welcomed to the town by the Mayor of Felixstowe.

7.30pm - 8.30pm Join Kate from Beach Bonkers on the beach in front of Felixstowe Town Hall where she'll be beachcombing for Suffolk shingle treasures, plus discussing the finds with Mark Murphy live on BBC Radio Suffolk.

8.30-9.30am Look out for the Felixstowe Swimscares Outdoor Swimmers as they make a 'swim-past' of the Town Hall from their beach hut HQ in Undercliff Road East.

9am-10.30am Plastic Free Felixstowe - Suffolk Day Celebration at the Beachside Events Area. Gathering of community groups to spell out the words Suffolk Day and Felixstowe.

9.30am The Mayor, together with fellow dignitaries from across the county, will read the Suffolk Day Proclamation from the Town Hall before raising the Suffolk flag in the Town Hall Gardens.

11am-2pm Enjoy pizza tastings with the East of England Co-op at the Triangle Canopy.

12pm The Landguard Peninsula celebrates Suffolk Day. Musket firing at Landguard Fort

and the raising of the Suffolk flag at Felixstowe Museum - which will be opening especially for the day.

2pm-4pm Join the Mayor and local Councillors for Tea and Cakes at Felixstowe Town Hall.

9pm Suffolk Remembers - a special remembrance event in The Seafront Gardens, organised by the St. Elizabeth Hospice. Live music and the words 'Suffolk Remembers' will be spelt out using almost 5,000 battery operated tea light candles.

Saturday 22 June

9am A special Suffolk-inspired Felixstowe parkrun along the prom starting from beside the Felixstowe Beachside Events Area.

10am-2pm The official launch of Felixstowe in Flower 2019 at the Triangle Canopy. Various stalls and displays.

10am-2pm Discover Landguard at the Triangle Canopy with objects and information from Landguard Fort, Felixstowe Museum and the Landguard Nature Reserve.

10am-3pm Felixstowe Lawn Tennis Club Open Day. Various free activities for all ages, plus exhibition match featuring Suffolk's top doubles pair and National County Champions, Matt Hough and Jeremy Cowley.

10am - 3pm Community Summer Fayre at The Salvation Army in Cobbold Road. Live music, cream teas, craft stalls and family entertainment.

12 - 4pm Kirton and Falkenham celebrate Suffolk Day. Fun dog show, music, local history displays and children's activities.

7.30pm Felixstowe Harmonies (and Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir) - 'Showstoppers' at St. Andrew's Church. A musical feast of powerful anthems and songs from musical theatre.

7.30pm Orwell Connection Choir performing at St. Mary's Church in Walton, featuring pieces from musicals and other choral arrangements.

Sunday 23 June

10am - 3pm Grandma's Little House (Beach Hut of the Year in 2017) at Manor End open for teas, coffee and homemade cakes. Donations welcome.

Full details of these events on the Felixstowe Town Council and Visit Felixstowe websites. Follow our social media pages for latest news, updates and information.

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