

# FOR FELIXSTOWE

The newsletter of Felixstowe Town Council



## TOWN TALK

**Appointment of Town Clerk –** Mrs Caroline Barrett has been appointed as Town Clerk to Felixstowe Town Council. She has taken over the role vacated by the current Clerk, Mrs Susan Robinson, upon her retirement. Mrs Robinson has been Town Clerk at Felixstowe for twenty nine years, and has contributed a great deal both to Felixstowe's Council and to the local community during her time at the Town Hall. Mrs Barrett has many years experience of working in the public sector, and joins Felixstowe Town Council from Mid Suffolk District Council, where she was Head of Contracts and Property. Mrs Barrett has particular expertise in partnership working. She is also a qualified solicitor. Mrs Barrett says "I am very pleased to have joined Felixstowe Town Council, and to be serving the community of Felixstowe. Felixstowe is a unique town and has much to offer in terms of community spirit, history and the natural beauty of the coastline. The Council provides an important role in the community, often in partnership with other local organisations and representatives. I look forward to carrying on the good work of my predecessor and to serving the Council and community of Felixstowe in the years to come".

- **CCTV –** Thanks to funding from local businesses, the Community Safety Partnership and Suffolk Coastal District Council the CCTV system in Felixstowe will soon be expanded again. Cameras will be provided at Convalescent Hill, in the vicinity of the Ordnance Roundabout, in the Crescent Road car park and at Bent Hill. This will provide a total of nine cameras which have been provided in less than two years as part of this remarkable community partnership. The system will continue to be monitored by the highly trained volunteers who worked at Felixstowe police station. The system will be working in partnership with the Town Pastors Initiative who will be in radio communication.

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- **Felixstowe in Flower 2010 –** Felixstowe in Flower is competing in Anglia in Bloom 2010. We would welcome your support for the 2010 campaign, the aim of which is to make Felixstowe an even more attractive place in which to live or to visit. We would welcome sponsorship for Felixstowe in Flower.

Sponsors are invited for hanging baskets in Hamilton Road, High Street, Walton, High Road West, Undercliff Road West, Sea Road, Beach Station Road and Seaton Road at a cost of £50 each (£30 each if more than one is sponsored) including VAT. Tubs and troughs can be sponsored in Hamilton Road at a cost of £65 (including VAT). Each basket and trough has the sponsor's name clearly displayed. All sponsors will receive a support sticker for display. If you would like to help Felixstowe in Flower by sponsorship please contact Rosemary Brown on 01394 282086 or email:

[rosemary.brown@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:rosemary.brown@felixstowe.gov.uk)

An important part of Felixstowe's entry are the Felixstowe in Flower competition gardens. We would welcome you as a competitor. Entry to all competitions is free but we always welcome donations to Felixstowe in Flower. To enter the competitions please return the form on the back of the newsletter to:

Mrs C Barrett, Town Clerk, Town Hall,  
Felixstowe, IP11 2AG.

- **Forthcoming Events** – The historic vehicle rally will take place on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May and May 3<sup>rd</sup> is set to be a major landmark in Felixstowe in 2010. In the morning the Rotary Club Fun Run will take place and then this will be followed by the launch of the Martello Coastal Path. There will be walks to suit everybody including a children's walk, a music themed walk, a walk to see the architecture and Martello Tower in the South Seafront area and Ranger led walks at Landguard. There will be exhibitions at the Hut, the Spa Pavilion and the Town Hall and activities for children and all the family including a Treasure Hunt. FACTS will provide a shuttle bus service so that everyone can enjoy as much as possible on the day. Lizzie-Jane Grose who has produced the art work for the pictorial discs along the walk will be in Felixstowe and will be signing copies of her artists' book which celebrates the Sea and Felixstowe. From 28<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May the Spring Funfair will come to Felixstowe. The Annual Drama Festival will take place at the Spa Pavilion on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June.

- **Royal Air Force Memorial Day** – On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July Felixstowe will be celebrating its connections with the Royal Air Force. A Royal Air Force Memorial Day is being planned by the Suffolk Branch of the Royal Air Force Regiment Association. There will be a Community Service at St John's Church at 11.00 a.m. followed by a Muster and Parade of Standards with the following route: Orwell Road, Garrison Lane to the Ordnance Roundabout, Undercliff Road, past the Town Hall into the Spa Gardens for dismissal and dispersal. The day will finish with an air display at 3.00 p.m. on the seafront by two aircraft, a Royal Air Force Hawk display aircraft and an aerobatic YAK 52 flown by a local display pilot.

- **Civic Awards 2010** – As usual there have been some outstanding nominations for this years Mayor's Awards and the Committee will be meeting soon to make some difficult choices. In addition to the Mayor's Awards to individuals and the HMS Ganges Youth Trophy which celebrates the outstanding community work of young people, the Town Council has introduced a new award this year to recognise the contribution made by so many voluntary organisations to the town. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in May and the names of the winners will be included in the next newsletter. At the ceremony the Mayor will also present the proceeds from the Charity Ball to her two charities, The Felixstowe Alzheimer's Carers' Support Group and the Felixstowe Support Group, St Elizabeth Hospice.

- **Stop Press – Quality Status -** Felixstowe Town Council has just received the award of Quality Status. This prestigious award recognises the outstanding work of the Town Council and particularly its involvement with the community.

- **Felixstowe Futures Team is Operational-** The Felixstowe Futures team now has a permanent office established within Felixstowe Town Hall. This special project team has been established by Suffolk Coastal to help co-ordinate the regeneration of the Felixstowe and Trimleys peninsula and attract the necessary multi-million pound investments to take exciting proposals towards reality and breathe new life into the peninsula. The team works with a number of partnership organisations, including the Haven Gateway Partnership, Suffolk County Council, Felixstowe Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Port of Felixstowe, as well as local residents and interest groups on all proposals. To that end the team is keen to engage with organisations and listen to local views so as to ensure that the proposals taken forward result in real benefits.

Current initiatives being worked on include the Shared Space Scheme in Hamilton Road and Bent Hill which commenced in February 2010. The renovation of the Seafront Gardens has received Lottery Funding to prepare more detailed plans to develop proposals for a multi-million pound restoration project. The consultant team has just been appointed and detailed design and public consultations will be undertaken during 2010.

Future regeneration proposals range from public realm improvements such as the conversion of beach shelters into promenade cafés / retail outlets and the development of the coastal path, to long term projects including the revitalisation of the town's central public space 'The Triangle and establishing a network of town maps

The team also has an input into several other major schemes affecting Felixstowe such as the Building Schools for the Future Programme and the proposed new single secondary school to serve the area at the Orwell School site, development of sports and leisure facilities across the town, the final vision of the Local Development Framework for the area, the Central Felixstowe sea defence scheme and strategic flood planning and the residential led development at South Seafront.

For further information on Felixstowe Futures in general or for more information on any specific projects please contact either Joseph James, Programme Manager, on 01394 444577, Liz Beighton, Principal Planner, on 01394 444576 or Heidi Grant on 01394 444576. The e-mail address for the team is

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