



## TOWN TALK

### REPORT BY THE MAYOR OF FELIXSTOWE COUNCILLOR JON GARFIELD MAY 2010 - MAY 2011

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NEWS UPDATE

The  
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of Felixstowe  
Town Council

It has indeed been a great honour and privilege to be invited to serve as Mayor of Felixstowe for the past year, and I would like to thank all the Councillors who voted me into this office. I would also like to thank the Town Council's staff for their support throughout the year.

The Town Council continues to work harmoniously with the various organisations with which we have forged partnerships especially those with our twin towns of Wesel and Salzwedel, which continue to thrive. We regularly exchange Civic Visits with both towns, as well as supporting and encouraging the informal exchanges organised by the respective committees of the two Associations. I have visited both towns during my year, and enjoyed the experience very much. This year also saw the first school exchange visit between Felixstowe and Wesel for 8 years, when 30 14 – 15 year olds came in May, at the invitation of Orwell School, and a party from Orwell reciprocated some time later. We hope to foster these visits on a regular basis, if the schools can organise them.

During the year, the Central Area Shared Space Scheme has been completed, and many favourable comments have been received from members of the public. Also the unsightly old toilet block has been removed from the Triangle, and replaced with new "state of the art" units in the Crescent car park. The new canopy and seating has been completed, and the area now looks very attractive. The CCTV coverage of the central areas has been extended on an on-going basis, and has proved an efficient tool in keeping down crime and anti-social behaviour in the town.

We received a nasty shock on Christmas Eve, when we were advised that the money promised for the completion of the seafront regeneration had been withdrawn, but due to the hard work and dedication of one particular Councillor, and our M P this was reinstated, and work is due to start shortly. Additionally, all the 6 children's play areas in the town have now had their refurbishment completed, and are a great asset, particularly during the school holidays.

Amongst the memorable Civic occasions during the year, we were honoured with a visit by the Princess Royal, when she opened a new garden area at the Seafarers Centre. This area is an area of tranquillity amongst a sea of concrete, and we must thank all who organised its construction, including Councillor Doreen Savage, who played a big part. Other memorable occasions were a March Past and Salute by the Royal Air Force Regiment, exercising their right as Freemen of the Town, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the local branch of the RAFF Association, following which they presented a plaque to the Town Council, the St Georges Day Parade, and the Remembrance Service.

The Civic Service was held at my family church, St Mary the Virgin in Walton, as was the Civic Carol Service at Christmas. These services, together with the Civic Reception were attended by Mayors and Chairmen from around the County, as well as many representatives of local organisations. We must thank Angel Goodwin, last year's Mayor for introducing the Carol Service, which I hope will become an established custom for future Mayors.

Another first for Felixstowe was the inauguration of the "White Plaque" initiative by George Buckland, of the Felixstowe Society. George has researched over 30 worthy or well known people who have either lived in, or had close connections with Felixstowe, and is seeking support for placing plaques on appropriate buildings in their honour. I have been personally involved in placing 4 of these in the town, 2 in the Port of Felixstowe, to Sir Frank Whittle, and Lawrence of Arabia, both of whom were attached to the RAF where the port is now situated, and 2 in Hamilton Gardens, for the Empress of Germany and her sons who stayed there in 1895.

We represented you all at the licensing of 2 new clergymen to local churches. Rev Elizabeth Corker as an assistant priest at St John's, and Rev Mark Kichenside as Team Vicar at Christ Church Felixstowe (formerly known as Cavendish Community Church). We also opened a major extension to Brierfield Nursing Home in Trimley St Mary, and the magnificent new Residential home at Cotman House, on the site of The Mount, in Garfield Road.

Despite gale force winds on judging day, when all the hanging baskets were doing a rumba, we were awarded a Silver Gilt award in the Anglia in Bloom competition, only being narrowly beaten to Gold by Hunstanton. Several local organisations and individuals also received commendation awards, which were presented at a ceremony in Sudbury. Well done Felixstowe.

The Town Council continues to provide activities and facilities for all age groups. Broadway House, operated by Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association, runs a drop-in centre 6 days a week, Walton Community Hall is available at very reasonable rates for community activities, and the Town Council continues to provide facilities for the Youth Forum, which is very successful. The Town Hall, now licensed for Weddings and Civil Partnerships, is proving very popular.

Jan and myself were delighted to help in raising money for our charities. The chosen charities this year were Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association, and the 7th Felixstowe Scout Group. By means of a Charity Evening at Alex Brasserie and the celebrated Mayor's Ball, plus many donations from generous individuals and organisations, the magnificent sum of £6400 was raised, which was split equally between the 2 organisations, each receiving £3200 to further their work. Thank you everyone involved for your efforts.

I would also like to express our appreciation at the welcome Jan and I received from the individuals and organisations that we met at formal and informal occasions throughout the year in carrying out well over 200 engagements. Our grateful thanks also go to the Deputy Mayor, who was frequently willing and able to assist when engagements clashed.

Finally, I would like to thank all Town Councillors for your help and assistance during the year and last, but certainly not least, to my dear wife Jan, for all her love and support throughout the year.



# FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2011

2009 -10	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	2010 – 11
1,726.25	Debtors – VAT Recoverable	807.79
7,976.00	Cemetery fees	4,467.00
750.00	Agency Work	0.00
1,180.00	Rent	3,446.26
386,509.49	Cash in hand and at Bank	410,365.11
<b>398,141.74</b>		<b>419,086.16</b>

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
19,589.81	Creditors	19,332.22
0.00	Payment in advance	350.00
<b>19,589.81</b>		<b>19,682.22</b>
<b>378,551.93</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>399,403.94</b>

## Represented by:

231,240.90	General Fund	232,811.63
147,311.03	Earmarked Reserves	166,592.31
<b>378,551.93</b>		<b>399,403.94</b>

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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### WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

### Forthcoming meetings:

3rd Aug and 5th Oct 2011 at Felixstowe Town Hall

### WHAT WE DO....

#### Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments • Felixstowe in Flower
- Cemetery • Broadway House and Walton Community Hall
- Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings • Youth Forum
- Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
- Grant Support to Local Organisations

#### Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications
- Highways matters/transport issues
- Town Centre Management/Libraries
  - Safer neighbourhoods
  - Felixstowe Futures
- Twinning, Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

## A LIST OF YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

### EAST WARD

#### Mr Graham Newman

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## Felixstowe Carnival Weekend - Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August

### Remember ...

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.