

## Felixstowe/Salzwedel Partnership Association

2024 saw the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Partnership Association.

Celebrations started in April of last year when the then Mayor, Seamus Bennett, the Deputy Mayor, Mike Deacon and a member of the town hall staff made an official visit to Salzwedel. They were made very welcome. The visit included a special ceremony to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the signing of an illuminated scroll re-affirming the continuation of the Partnership. They visited the Jahn Gymnasium (High School) and met and had an interesting conversation with students and staff. The students' English was immaculate and they were keen to hear about Felixstowe, the town and the Port. They also expressed a wish to have contact with the Felixstowe School which hopefully can be arranged. Further visits included one to an English-speaking Kindergarten - we could learn a lot!

In July we played host for a long weekend to 13 friends from Salzwedel which included their Burgermeister Olaf Meining. During their stay there was a Civic Reception to mark their visit and celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We arranged a visit to Adnam's Brewery and Distillery in Southwold, we held a buffet supper at the Hut on the seafront and a farewell dinner at the Dooley pub. Our visitors really enjoyed their stay with us and hopefully took back happy memories of Felixstowe.

Our association has again had a good year with our membership continuing to grow.

We have been able to run successful fund-raising social events which included a Summer Tea Party held in brilliant sunshine, a well attended

social evening in January featuring the Brawlers, a very interesting folk band, who kept us entertained with their distinctive brand of music, followed by supper, comprising of a delicious variety of homemade soups and a selection of homemade cakes all made by committee members or partners.

We appreciate the Town Council's annual grant which helps the Association with its day-to-day expenses.

### Salzwedel Town Centre



The River Jeeze which meanders through the town

