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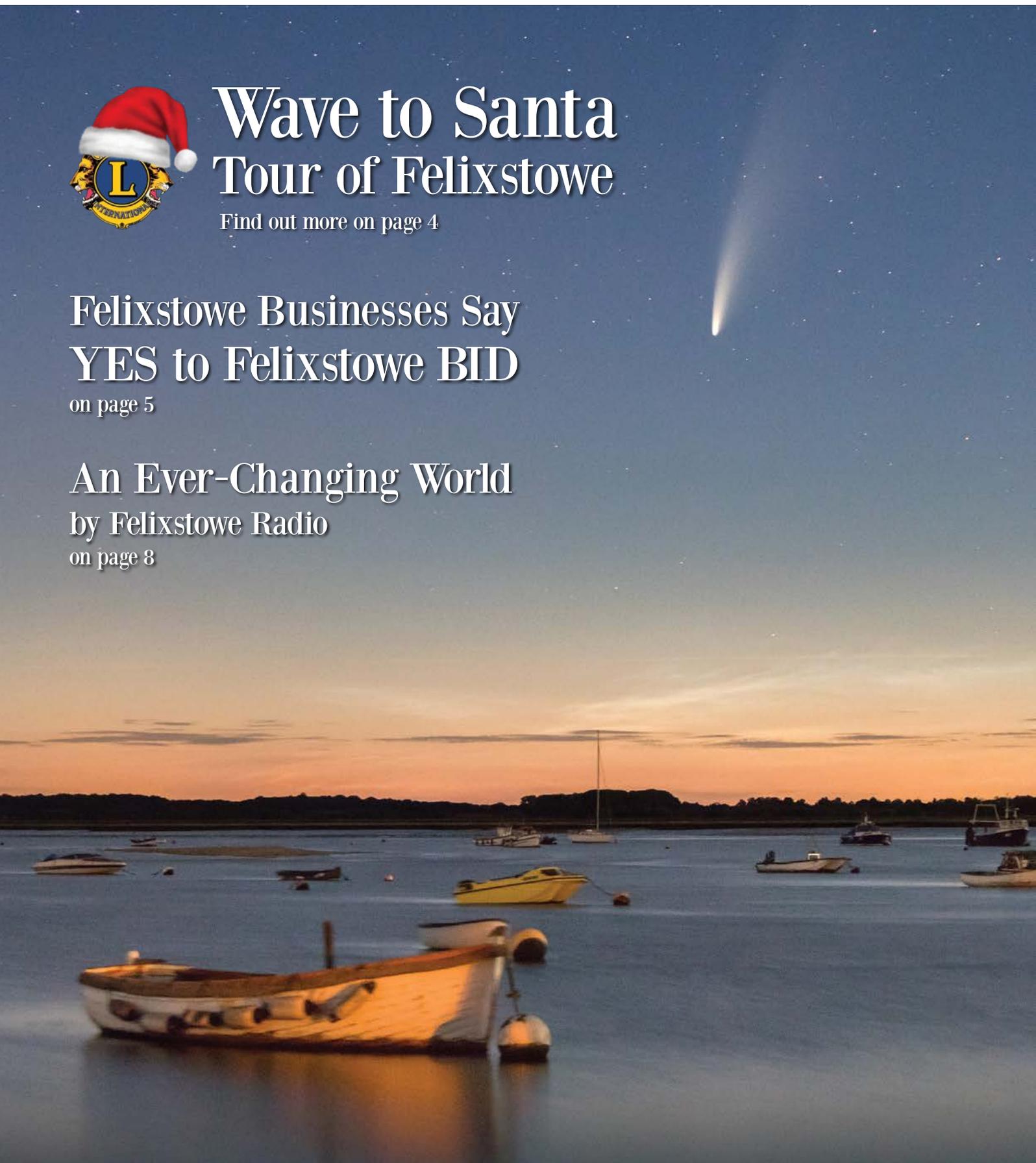
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Welcome

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I can't end this gruelling year without expressing how proud I am to live in this little corner of the planet where I've witnessed such remarkable generosity and reported on extraordinary achievements. I'm not ashamed to admit I have been reduced to tears on several occasions. The speed at which people responded was astonishing. Groups formed almost overnight to provide practical assistance and emotional support, not knowing how long they would be needed or the extent of the need. We've done our best to assist all the support groups, by sharing information through print and online articles and promoting fundraising and food collection schemes, but it's the people on the ground, making it happen every day, taking calls into the night, checking in on people who would otherwise be totally isolated who we must thank. While I hope we never have to deal with another crisis such as this, we've clearly proven we can and will step up to protect, care for and wrap a (social distanced) loving arm around those in most need.

Yes, it has been a truly annus horribilis, but it is important to focus on what we have learned about society and about ourselves. I hope you feel more secure now because now you know there are amazing people in your local community who will respond when you ask for help. You simply have to ask! Isn't it wonderfully reassuring to know that the true essence of community, a concept which many no longer believed in, is stronger than ever. *Place* has meaning because it makes us part of something which is bigger and stronger than we are alone and now we must ensure we not only retain the new connections we have formed but also work to strengthen them.

We can do this by engaging more, by supporting and caring about where we live and doing our bit to support and care for others. We also do this by supporting our local businesses, the very backbone of local community. If we want access to the products and services our local businesses provide, we must support them now. They deserve our love as without them our towns and villages lose that which make them a viable, interesting and unique place to live and raise our families.

Let's show our love by resolving to shop local, and not just for Christmas, though wouldn't it be wonderful to present local gifts to friends and family this year, acknowledging in a very real way why our community is so very, very important to us all.

I wish you good health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year but also send my regards to those who have suffered ill health or the loss a loved one in the last year. Merry Christmas from everyone at Mansion House Publishing.

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Local News



The BASIC Life Charity

The BASIC Life Charity has been meeting the needs of Felixstowe, Walton, Trimley and Kirton residents for over 20 years.

In addition to the two traditional charity shops in Walton and Felixstowe town centre, the charity has emerged as one of the most dependable in times of crisis.

We have assisted innumerable local individuals and groups over the years and continue to do so through these difficult times.



During the pandemic lockdown, BASIC was the only charity to keep its shops open (as emergency resource centres) and they were the focal point for those in need of food and support. Requests for assistance were received 24 hours a day and the average response time throughout was less than 30 minutes.



Among many innovative and new initiatives, the charity were the inventors of the much-acclaimed BASIC Community Pop-up Shops. These break the traditional food bank rules and allow food collected from supermarkets and others to be redistributed without any kind of means test or referral.

The idea has caught the imagination of many senior figures including Bishops, MPs and others. The charity has been involved in round table talks in Westminster to explain how the idea can be expanded further.

We now run four BASIC Community Pop-up shops per week in Felixstowe with an additional evening one once a fortnight.

In more recent times, we have moved into supporting the people of Ipswich with the same model. For a small, independent charity this is quite a project but by the end of November, we shall be operating from six different locations in the town covering most of the places of extreme need.

This project has not affected the food supply to Felixstowe, where a combination of the pop-ups and the shops provide unprecedented support for a community.

The prices of items in the shops have remained the same for over 20 years and we know that those suffering from hardships can purchase extremely good products regularly at minimal cost.

We aim to continue to support the people of Felixstowe and the surrounding areas with new ideas and initiatives in the coming years. At the same time, we shall develop into other towns and areas in a considered way while maintaining our roots as The Felixstowe Charity.

Founder, Graham Denny



The Wave to Santa Tour of Felixstowe

The Lions Club of Felixstowe in conjunction with *Spotlight* announce our 'Wave to Santa' tour of Felixstowe.

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For detailed routes and to follow Santa's progress live each day go to the *Spotlight on Felixstowe* Facebook page and you'll know the exact moment to run outdoors. His progress will also be posted on the *Spotlight* website (www.spotlightmagazine.co.uk) and Felixstowe Radio will be helping to spread the word too. You can also use the *Sleigh Tracker* app; for details visit the *Spotlight* website.

Santa is super excited to see you all and we're thrilled he has been able to add Felixstowe to his very busy schedule.



The Lions Club of Felixstowe and the team at *Spotlight* wish you a very Happy Christmas

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Felixstowe Businesses Say 'YES' to a Business Improvement District (BID)

Businesses and organisations in Felixstowe have made their voices heard and have voted in favour of taking more control over their future by setting up a Business Improvement District (BID).

Ballot results released by the independent scrutineer, Civica Election Services, revealed that 57% of all those who voted are in favour of the BID progressing. For the BID to be successful, a second trigger 'majority by rateable value' was also required and this was achieved with 61% of those who voted.

It is anticipated that the BID will commence from April 2021 for a five-year term and will be financed through a BID levy, the proceeds of which will be invested into the town centre and seafront on the additional projects that businesses have identified and set out in the business plan. Over the five years, the BID will generate over £600,000 to be spent in the BID area.

The BID Task Group, a consortium of local businesses which have been leading its development commented:

"This is a fantastic result for Felixstowe and we would like to say thank you to those involved in bringing it about. Businesses have taken the bold decision to invest, particularly in these challenging and uncertain time. The real work begins now and we are determined to make sure that we are at the forefront of the recovery and growth."

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Hanging Coffees

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There are now 14 cafes in the scheme, and they are:

- Beach Bites**, 12 Beach Station Road, Felixstowe IP11 2DR
- Blue & Berry**, 103-105 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7BL
- Cafe On The Corner**, 16 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7AU
- Crafty Coffee**, 1B Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7AX
- Crescent Café**, Unit 4, 23 Crescent Road, Felixstowe IP11 7PD
- Costa**, 74-76 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7AF
- Cuppa**, 81 High Road West, Felixstowe IP11 9AA
- Rainbow Tea Rooms**, 7 Beach Station Road, Felixstowe IP11 2D
- Ruby's Kitchen**, 1 Bent Hill, Felixstowe IP11 7DG
- Stennetts Community Café**, Trimley St Martin, Felixstowe IP11 0TZ
- The Greenhouse Café**, 5 Orwell Road, Felixstowe IP11 7HE
- The Laydens Community Café**, 12 Langley Ave, Felixstowe IP11 2NA
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Local School to Link with Kenya During Fairtrade Fortnight

Proposals are being put together for an online link between schools in Suffolk and a Fairtrade tea farm in Kenya during Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 (22 Feb to 7 March). The project is being organised by the Suffolk Association of Fairtrade Towns (SAFT).

The project aims to link schools in Suffolk with Patrick Kaberia, a Fairtrade tea farmer who visited Suffolk in 2016 and who is the Patron of SAFT. Three schools, so far, have signed up for the project including Trimley St Mary Primary School. They will form the core of the project and will select pupils and questions to be put to Patrick in a question and answer session via Zoom. Other schools will be invited to view the session live and the hope is that as many Suffolk schools as possible will do so.

Kate Bennett, who teaches at Trimley, said: "Trimley St Mary Primary School is incredibly pleased to have been chosen as one of the three key schools who will select pupils and questions to be put to Patrick in the live link. The school is a strong supporter of Fairtrade and has taken part in several local initiatives in recent years to help spread the word. We are working with SAFT and the other key schools to ensure the success of this venture which will include access to preparatory work on Kenya and Fairtrade in the lead up to the live link."

SAFT was formed in 2016 following Patrick's visit to the county. All eight active Fairtrade Towns in Suffolk are members – Felixstowe, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Framlingham, Leiston, Beccles,

Lowestoft and Sudbury – and all are supporting this initiative as a way of keeping the Fairtrade message alive and relevant during this difficult period. To register an interest contact: secretary@suffolkfairtrade.org.uk

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Looking back just a year, who could have imagined how our world would be today?

We were already preparing for Christmas, parties were being planned and we were worried about winter storms and the dreaded Orwell Bridge being closed. Anybody who had an inkling of what lay just a few months ahead of us could have earned a fortune.

I thought, 'Oh, it's nothing, it's something to do with cruise ships on the other side of the world.' Looking back, I don't quite remember it happening. Boris was on our television one evening and the next day we were thrown into limbo, unable to move forward and told to stay at home. Luckily, it was summer so all those gardening jobs could be done. Even the leaky tap got repaired. I was lucky, with a generous dollop of technical wizardry, I was able to work from home. Here, in a safe improvised radio studio in a spare room, shielded some 20 miles from Felixstowe, I was able to link up with all the volunteering and charity groups in our area.



As a community radio station, Felixstowe Radio is based in the heart of our community. We spoke to people who lived in our neighbourhood, who knew the same people and who faced the same challenges. Within days, a tsunami of goodwill was covering our area. People were coming forward to offer assistance, to donate and to give support. Some of these people had previously never spoken to their next-door neighbours; now they were there for them.

All of us at Felixstowe Radio are volunteers; we really do get joy out of our work. However, like everyone else, we had to change. Others, like me, were fortunate to be able to work from home. Others had to make the tough decision to stay at home for their own and their families' health. The few who could get into our studios faced mind-numbing restrictions on how they could broadcast. We are all now really acquainted with the smell of sanitiser and bleach, but we did it and we can do it again!

We became the first port-of-call for appeals and cries for help. Those organisations who were offering help came on air and we helped spread that word. Every single day we connected people. From our point of view, kindness and the ability to share services and emotions really made our town stand out. We are proud at Felixstowe Radio to be here for you.

On a personal note, in between the two lockdowns I was able to travel to Amsterdam for my Civil Partnership ceremony. After seven years together, my partner Mark and I had visualised a rather more glamorous occasion, nevertheless, the two of us (plus two witnesses and a registrar) made for a much more intimate occasion.

Dare we look forward to this time next year? Will we be able to party again? Will we hug like we never have done before? I think the spirit of our town will do make sure we do our darndest!

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Felixstowe Town Council Community Award Winner 2020

Open Call for Artworks on 'My Window' Theme

The Gallery Box in Felixstowe has launched a brand-new competition to inspire people to pick up their paintbrushes and canvases. The competition and exhibition, running from the 7-31 January, is themed 'My Window' and is just £10 per submission with prizes to be won. Whether you're an artist, a photographer or 'maker and shaker', all are welcome to submit their art, but be quick as there are only limited spaces available. The Gallery Box explained that they started this competition as a way to help people in East Anglia acclimatise to this 'new normal' and that, for some, gazing out of the window during this time has become a form of escapism. They hope this exhibition will make the people of East Anglia remember the happy times and reflect on what we have.

To enter the exhibition you simply have to create an image of a view from your window, or create an image of what you would like to see through the window, and entitle it 'My Window'. The artwork submitted must fit within an A4 space and it can be landscape or portrait. Submissions can be anything artistic, including paintings, prints, drawings, textiles, ceramics and sculptures to give a few ideas. There are plenty of prizes to win, such as having an exhibit at The Gallery Box for one month free of charge and a £50 cash prize which would be incredible for those just beginning to dip their brush in the world of art. The Gallery Box was a space curated by local artist Victoria Petchey, who created the gallery out of renovated shipping containers. Victoria told Felixstowe Radio: "It's important for artists to have an outlet and somewhere to go to showcase their amazing work."

Applications cannot be pre-booked as The Gallery Box is operating on a first-come first-serve basis for the delivery of artwork. The exhibition will be announced via social media channels and The Gallery Box website. When you submit your artwork, you must also attach to the back of the submitted work your name, telephone number, hometown, title of work, medium and price if it is for sale. The best of luck to all of our local artists!

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Special Feature

Work on a new iconic café in the heart of Felixstowe's South Seafront is continuing thanks to exemptions to the new Covid-19 restrictions which allow construction work to continue.

Work on Iconic New Seafront Café Continues

Work started on the new landmark building in August and is estimated to be completed in summer 2021, offering indoor and outdoor dining with unspoiled views of the seafront.

The ambitious project is being delivered by East Suffolk Council, Barnes Construction, the Dedham Boathouse Group, Plaice Design and Superstructures.

The steel frame for the new café was erected using a mobile crane. Once this is completed and the scaffolding is erected, construction will progress to the next stage which is to start installing the roof.

Cllr Craig Rivett, East Suffolk's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Development, said:

"Despite the continuing challenges we are all facing due to Covid-19, we are grateful that the government permitted construction to continue.

"We have a huge growth programme across the district with numerous big projects we are committed to moving forward, one of which is the café.

"This project is hugely important to Felixstowe and the local economy as not only will it provide a new eatery next to the beautiful seafront, attracting both local people and visitors, it will also support economic growth and provide new employment opportunities as we hopefully begin to emerge from the impact of Covid-19.

"The South Seafront has undergone significant redevelopment in recent years and East Suffolk Council has invested a lot in revitalising the area. We believe it is vital that we continue to build on this investment and create developments that benefit local businesses and people as well as visitors to the area."

Chris Bruce, Pre-contracts Director at Barnes Construction said:

"With the substructures now complete, we have reached a significant milestone in our construction programme and we look forward to seeing the building taking shape over the next few weeks with the erection of the steel frame and formation of the roof structure."



The development is part of a bigger project of ongoing investments in the South Seafront area, where the Martello Park has already delivered new homes, a play area and new car parking facilities.

Nick Loomes, Director of Plaice, the architects for the scheme, said:

"The council's vision was to create a vibrant new cafe facility which would act as a positive beacon to support and aid regeneration of this fantastic and unique location. We wanted to capture the 'spirit' of the place, so, the final concept takes its roof shape from a clamshell, its undulations creating a canopy, linked to the ground by a ribbon of glass.

"The building's plan form arcs around the site, opening up and framing panoramic views of the bay, from the pier to the mouth of the Orwell estuary, and importantly the Napoleonic Martello Tower."

Craig Carr from Superstructures, the structural engineer for the scheme, said:

"The building is located on the seafront and therefore, in effect, it's built on a beach. Above the ground, we have to contend with high winds due to the proximity of the sea. This, together with a large open plan seating area facing the beach, means we have had to design rigid steel frames with a timber infill roof which aids the overall structural stability. All of this combined ensures the building is robust and can withstand the inclement weather that is a feature of the Suffolk coast."



The council has also invested in refurbishing the two public shelters on the South Seafront and the long-term maintenance of its historic Martello, which forms the centrepiece of the park.

The £1.5 million project is funded by East Suffolk Council and the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) which was launched in 2012 to promote sustainable economic growth and jobs in coastal areas.

CCF awarded the council £950,000 grant funding which enabled the project to go ahead. Additional funding of £30,000 was also awarded from the Coastal Revival Fund.



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2020 – the Year That Put Local Businesses Back into the Heart of the Community

What a year 2020 has been! At Beatons we have been working remotely since March 2020 and have been supporting local businesses with their queries and the support schemes available. We are proud to have been able to make a difference to keep businesses working and retaining employees in their jobs. If you need help and guidance please do get in touch. As we move into December and the festive period, we will continue to support local businesses and look forward to Small Business Saturday on 5 December 2020. Please check our website for our Christmas opening hours.



2020 has certainly been a challenging and difficult year for everyone.

We hope you and your loved ones are well and have a good Christmas and healthy a prosperous 2021.

Our December Number Challenges

At Beatons we love numbers and will offer some mental stimulation and exercises to keep you alert. Check our Facebook and Twitter accounts for more number challenges everyday through December until Christmas Eve.

Here are a few to give you a flavour...

- If you go to the movies and you're paying is it cheaper to take one friend to the movies twice or two friends to the movies at the same time?
- An apple is 40p, a banana 60p and a grapefruit 80p. How much is a pear?
- What number do you get when you multiply all the numbers on a telephone keypad?
- Once upon a time there were seven dwarfs who were brothers and born two years apart. The youngest is seven. How old is the oldest brother?

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On Saturday 10 October we set up a table outside the Co-op entrance in Eastern Square to sell our Christmas cards and calendars, as we have done every year. It was our second outing to Felixstowe town centre within the month. We are very grateful to the people of Felixstowe for their support and to the Co-op for the use of their foyer. The card and calendar sale raised a grand total of £309.80. We also received kind donations of £121.55 in cash, made to our collection bucket on the day. We hope that everyone managed to get the cards they wanted as our stocks were sold out quickly. If not, cards and other gifts are still available on the RNLI website <https://shop.rnli.org>

Like most charities, the RNLI has had to make changes to their fundraising this year due to the restrictions posed by Covid-19. As we are in the midst of Lockdown 2, we have had to postpone our planned events due for the rest of this year. Your support for our branch is greatly appreciated and while it is possible to donate to the RNLI nationally, we have been asked to provide a local online donation facility for our supporters that have been missing walks into town and have been unable to donate to our collection boxes, as they usually do.

We are very pleased to announce that we have set up a local JustGiving page to enable you to make your donations directly to your local Felixstowe Fundraising Branch. The link can be found on our Facebook page and at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnli-felixstowe

For more information on our current and future news and events please take a look at our Facebook page: RNLI Felixstowe Fundraising Branch. Thank you for your continued support.

VW Cruise for Young People's Charity

Andrew and Rosie Wilcox have been running Suffolk Burgs, a friendly Volkswagen owners club which aims to get v-dubbers in Suffolk and surrounding areas together to have fun, make friends and gain valuable contacts in the VW scene, since 2005. Members meet throughout the year and Andrew and Rosie arrange club camps, including camping at VW shows throughout the year. www.suffolkbugs.co.uk



Now they have turned their attention to helping a local charity and have organised a Christmas Lights Cruise to raise money for 4YP (Suffolk Young People's Health Project), an Ipswich-based charity which provides and co-ordinates services that improve the social, emotional and physical health and wellbeing of young people in Suffolk aged 12-25. 4YP offers an amazing service for young people from one-to-one support, counselling, groups and activities, shower and food supplies. They also go into schools to support young people in need.

The Christmas Lights Cruise will take place on Friday 11 December (or Saturday 2 January if lockdown is extended), meeting from 7pm at Anglia Retail Park, Bury Road, Ipswich IP1 5QP to depart at 7.15pm. The plan is to cruise through Ipswich and several other villages, ending on Felixstowe Seafront.

Participants (and anyone keen to support 4YP) are asked to donate £10 to take part and can donate via: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/suffolkbugs>

So put the date in your diary now and remember to keep a lookout for what's sure to be a wonderful sight.



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Local News

Digital Support for Small Businesses

Small businesses in East Suffolk are to be offered advice and support on digital adaptations and interventions to help during the challenges of Covid-19.

East Suffolk Council has launched a free-to-use Digital Advice Service which will offer small businesses, especially those in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors, with an opportunity to get digital advice and diagnostics. The service will offer extensive digital business support, a personalised session with a business growth coach, access to digital growth workshops and group coaching sessions, as well as signposting to other forms of support including a small grant scheme. East Suffolk businesses are urged to sign up for the service by emailing: smarttowns@eastssuffolk.gov.uk. The service has been developed by the council in response to the business hardship created by Covid-19 and to support town centre businesses who are struggling with local economic challenges.

Cllr Craig Rivett, East Suffolk's Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Economic Development said: "The Digital Advice Service is being provided by East Suffolk Council to assist businesses with the challenges they currently face. We want the service to support our work to revitalise our high streets and support our businesses in adapting to the challenges of Covid-19. It will be a real opportunity to both assess your business's current digital profile and customer reach and learn of new digital skills or products to support your business's survival and growth."

The council is working with a team of experts from the Business Growth Coaches Network (BGCN) who will deliver the advice service on the Council's behalf. BGCN brings together highly experienced coaches and mentors from around the country to support SMEs and their businesses.

Peter Basford, founder of the Business Growth Coaches Network, said: "I'm really excited to be working with East Suffolk Council to help understand the digital challenges that retail and leisure businesses face and then to help them succeed in these unusual times with our practical digital advice and guidance through workshops and one-to-ones. Business groups have welcomed the news of the Digital Advice Service. Diddy Ward, jewellery maker and chair of Bungay Events and Business Association said: "This is welcome news for many small local businesses. So many of us are having to adapt to lockdowns and social distancing, and we need clear advice and support especially around digital adaptations so we can improve web presence and marketing. We are keen for as many of our businesses as possible to sign up"

The service is also working as a business support pilot for the East Suffolk 'Smart Towns' project. The project has a core theme of 'digital place-making' and aims to support town centres across East Suffolk with the installation of free-to-use public Wi-Fi and anonymised visitor monitoring technology with accompanying analytics. In addition, the project aims to deliver an ambitious business and town support 'springboard' programme which will offer further digital diagnostics, workshops and funding for businesses and town councils across East Suffolk. This ambitious programme has been funded by the New Anglia LEP's Innovative Projects Fund, the Getting Building Fund and East Suffolk Council internal funding.

Cllr Stephen Burroughes, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Customer Services, Operational Partnerships and Digital Transformation, said: "We are doing all we can to support our high streets and town centres which have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Once the current restrictions have eased and businesses can reopen safely, our Smart Towns project will bring a new vibrancy to our town centres by providing an intelligent and innovative approach to supporting communities and businesses."



Felixstowe Chamber News



Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce continued to provide virtual support for all its members and other businesses during the surprise November lockdown, with regular newsletters and Zoom networking events to keep members up to date with the changing regulations, funding and grant opportunities during these tough times. With members across the commercial sector, including retail, hospitality, health, transport and professional services, the Chamber's committee kept in touch with local councils and other authorities across the different sectors to ensure members had information on all the assistance available to help them remain afloat and in business where possible during and after the Covid-19 crisis.

Unfortunately, due to the unknown implications of the second lockdown, as well as the financial pressures and uncertainty being faced by big and small local businesses, the Chamber's virtual wine-tasting event has been postponed until early in the new year.

Chairman Roger Abbott said: "In these uncertain times, we do not want to add any costs on to members. Hopefully, they will have more reason to celebrate in 2021."

www.felixstowechamber.co.uk



Rotary Dictionaries for Life

Once again, The Rotary Club of Felixstowe Landguard and The Rotary Club of Felixstowe have combined to give every Year 4 primary school student in Felixstowe, Trimley and Walton a Dictionary for Life to help them throughout their school life. The dictionary is easy to use, has illustrations on every page and the student's name inside.

Because of the coronavirus, we have not been able to present the dictionaries to the students in person so Felixstowe Landguard Rotary Club President Jim Peek and Felixstowe Rotary Club President Dougie Pipe made a video to be shown to the students when they were presented with their dictionaries. The students enjoyed the video and some of the schools sent back photos of the children holding their dictionaries. Rotarian Philip Young organised getting the dictionaries to the schools and has also been busy on another project involving working with Causton and Colneis Primary School to plant purple crocus corms in the school grounds. When they flower in the spring the children will learn about Polio and how we are working to eradicate it worldwide. The Felixstowe school has also been given some corms to plant themselves.

Landguard Rotary Club President Jim Peek says 'it has been a challenging and difficult year for the club, but we won't be beaten.' Rotarian Helen Greengrass organised several Zoom meetings involving speakers from all over the country who have spoken on interesting and varied subjects. Rotarian Tim Pearse has organised several walks in and around Felixstowe which have been enjoyed by all. Social distancing has been observed of course. Good weather has allowed for a well-earned cup of coffee in the garden to be enjoyed by all. But now, with further restrictions in place, things will be even more difficult but the club will work hard to stay active and provide help for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Jim Peek



Christmas in a Box & Gifts of Joy

If you would like to support Felixstowe Salvation Army's efforts to provide **Christmas in a Box** (including Christmas dinner, a present and a pack-up for tea) to anyone who will be alone this Christmas, or the **Gifts of Joy** project which aims to give a much-needed food parcel or hamper to families in need, please go to www.felixsa.org.uk to find out how.



Rotary Rambles

Since our last walks, new government restrictions have been introduced but we were fortunate to be able to squeeze in October's third Thursday walk for Rotary members, this time along the promenade. We had a beautiful sunny day to boot which always makes walking so much more enjoyable.



However, we were unable to offer our monthly Saturday walk on November 7. But undeterred, we (the dog and I – adhering to all regulations) decided to take an extra-long walk as it was such a beautiful autumn day. We started as usual from the Mariners pub in Trimley, down Thurman's Lane and followed the pathway across to Egypt Wood. We then continued alongside King's Fleet to the Deben and then back via old Felixstowe House, Gulpher Road, Candler Farm Trail and back to the Mariners. We ended up walking just over eight miles and it felt great. The dog had a fabulous time finding every single muddy puddle and was rather indignant when she had to be showered down when we arrived home. This is certainly a walk you should try, but you need to be fairly fit, allow plenty of time and make sure you take a drink and a snack with you (and one for the dog if you take yours).

We hope to share each walk we do with you so you can try it for yourself. In the meantime, we thought we would share just a little information as well as some tips and benefits of walking. For many, walking can be as good a workout as running. It is a really good form of exercise and can help you reach your fitness and weight-loss goals. In fact, walking is recommended over running for many people, for example, those with knee, ankle and back problems and for those feeling a little overweight. Walking is a lower impact exercise and can be done for longer periods. There is no shortage of scientific research to back up the effectiveness of adding walking to your fitness routine.

Our takeaway tips:

- Walking can fulfil daily recommended exercise for people of all ages and fitness levels.
- Consider getting a pedometer or other fitness tracker to keep track of your daily steps.
- Choose a walking route and daily step goal that's appropriate for your age and fitness level.
- Warm up and cool down before walking to avoid injury.
- Vary your walks and distances as this will keep your interest and it's amazing what differences you see and hear as we go from week to week through the seasons.

For more details, visit the Rotary Club of Felixstowe online or on Facebook which will show the routes and tips on what you should take with you on your own adventures. Happy walking!

Due to current restrictions, Rotary walks are for members only, but we hope to widen the invitation to the public when circumstances allow. It is always a good idea to speak to your GP before starting a new fitness routine.

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Community Partnership Small Grant Scheme

East Suffolk Community Partnership's funding schemes help community groups and organisations within the local area.

The Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership has launched a Small Grant Scheme which is available to voluntary and community groups within the local area.

Grants can be allocated to tackle any of the following priorities:

1. Isolation and Loneliness
2. Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
3. Physical Health
4. Financial Hardship
5. Educational Attainment

The anticipated type of projects will deliver activities to help groups of individuals and families that will benefit the wider community.

Examples include:

- Activities to help groups of individuals/families that will benefit the wider community
- Purchase of equipment to directly support individuals/families
- Targeted projects delivered from a third-party intervention based around an individual need
- Interactive online sessions

Who can apply?

- Any constituted not for profit community or voluntary group
- Registered charities (registered with the Charity Commission)
- Voluntary organisations or social enterprises
- A local branch of a national community / voluntary sector organisation
- Statutory Organisations that work across East Suffolk, or in a number of community partnership areas, can apply, but only for projects or activities which support an area's priorities and are delivered in that community partnership area specifically
- Town and Parish Councils
- Village Hall/Recreation Ground Committees

The scheme offers grants between £250 and £2,000 and applications must be submitted by 4 December 2020. The online form and full details about eligibility criteria can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/y4mvrwym>



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Local News



Much to Celebrate at The Felixstowe Spa

Despite the new lockdown arrangements and following the recent Arts Council award from the government's Covid Recovery Fund, The Felixstowe Spa Pavilion announced

further good news on October 29. The theatre has now also been successful in obtaining a loan on commercial terms to further boost its response to the virus crisis and plans a range of developments. It is also pressing ahead with the annual pantomime, this year is *Cinderella*, despite the latest lockdown.

For the panto, The Spa is doing everything it can to reassure theatregoers that it is safe to support them by buying tickets in advance and it has announced a triple-lock guarantee. All *Cinderella* ticketholders will be able to exchange their tickets for alternative shows, gift vouchers or a refund without quibble, whether or not the panto goes ahead on the planned dates, to help those who might be isolating to keep others safe. Furthermore, if any or all performances have to be rescheduled the same refund and exchange rights as above will apply. Thirdly, if any performances are affected by the virus, all ticketholders for each affected performance will be able to opt to keep their tickets and see the panto on an alternative date and receive an exclusive link to see a live stream of the show, currently planned for New Year's Day, which can alternatively be downloaded for later viewing. A souvenir DVD is also planned, for those unable to use streaming or download services.



The new loan will be used to install air conditioning and heating to enable the theatre to offer greater comfort to theatregoers, as well as for visitors to its café and restaurants which are (normally) open seven days a week. The theatre is also going to apply for

planning permission to build a balcony on the front of the building and create a larger ground floor 'Terrace' café capable of being used as a function room and smaller performance space.

Director Ray Anderson said: "These are challenging but exciting times for us. The certainty which the Covid Recovery funding has brought us has also enabled us to obtain further loans that we can use to improve the strength of the underlying business and we're also working hard to ensure that our audience feels safe to return. Importantly, the works that we plan will both improve our ability to trade during the crisis as well as reduce our overheads, providing a rare win-win outcome that we desperately needed."

Expressing obvious relief, Mr Anderson added that: "At this time, we would also like to put on record our gratitude to the vast majority of our customers who have accepted tickets for new show dates, sometimes more than once, vouchers or alternative shows, as well as those who have joined our Friend of The Spa scheme. This has enabled us to plan to re-open and put shows on during the crisis. Without a good level of sales for each show, the performers would not come to Felixstowe, so we're grateful to all of our customers for helping us to bring the theatre back to life in these most unusual times.

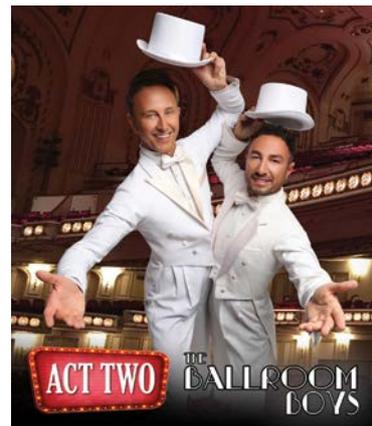
"We have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to put ourselves in this position of strength to survive the crisis and ensure that we can honour all of our obligations to both ticketholders and performers. The new lockdown delays our plans slightly but we are still full steam ahead to re-open in December with a brilliant season of covid-compliant shows."

With *Strictly* fever rising now the 2020 series has started, there are three dates in the Spa's spring programme you may be particularly keen to book:

An Evening with Kevin and Joanne Clifton was scheduled to play the Spa in November but will now take place on Friday 19 February. The Clifton siblings have numerous competitive ballroom and Latin dance accolades between them, including World Champion, British Champion, European Champion, and International Open titles. They have both also won the highly sought-after glitterball trophy on the hit BBC show *Strictly Come Dancing*, Kevin in 2018 with journalist Stacey Dooley, and Joanne in 2016 with TV presenter Ore Oduba.



Giovanni Pernice is set to make a spectacular return to the stage in 2021 with his incredible show *This Is Me*, after the tour was cut short in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Giovanni will appear at The Felixstowe Spa on Thursday 25 March at 7.30pm. With the Italian's natural charm, combined with beautiful choreography perfectly complemented by a fabulous soundtrack, *This Is Me* pays homage to the music and dances that have inspired Giovanni's career, from a competition dancer to one of the biggest names on the hit BBC show.



But that's not all from the *Strictly* boys. *Strictly Come Dancing's* old-school professionals **Ian Waite and Vincent Simone** left fans intrigued when they announced their unlikely partnership last year, but after the roaring success of their first tour together in 2019, the five-star rated *The Ballroom Boys*, they are back with *Act Two*. If you enjoyed *The Ballroom Boys*, then make sure you don't miss the hilarious dancing duo when they bring *Act Two* to The Felixstowe Spa on Friday 23 April at 8pm.

Images supplied by Strictly Theatre Co.

Tickets for all three shows are available online:
www.fxspa.co.uk

To see what else you can look forward to this spring go to:
www.spapavilion.uk

Local News

Tree Planted at Allenby Park In Honour of Joan Rich

Felixstowe Town Council has planted a cherry tree in Allenby Park to mark the achievements of local resident, Joan Rich, following her challenge of walking 102 laps of the park by her 102nd birthday and raising almost £35,000 for the NHS.



Joan and her family were invited to join the Mayor of Felixstowe, Cllr Mark Jepson and the Chairman of East Suffolk Council, Cllr Keith Robinson, for the ceremonial planting on Monday 2 November.

Joan, who celebrated her birthday in September, set herself the challenge having been inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore and seeing 'NHS' mowed into the lawn of the park during the coronavirus lockdown.

Accompanied by her daughter Diane, Joan covered around 35 miles during her walks of the park, completing the final lap on her 102nd birthday, cheered on by local residents, children and a guard of honour by members of the Royal Military Police.

The money she has raised is being donated to NHS Charities Together, which will be used to pay for vital projects and medical equipment to support healthcare staff, volunteers and patients.

A former NHS worker and Second World War veteran, Joan worked at Felixstowe General Hospital as an auxiliary nurse in the outpatient department from 1964 to 1978.

The tree was supplied by the town council and will be maintained by East Suffolk Norse. Beneath the tree a plaque was placed, reading:

"Planted by Felixstowe Town Council in honour of retired nurse Joan Rich. On her 102nd birthday, Joan completed her mission of walking 102 laps of this park to raise funds for the NHS during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic."

Joan and her daughter are pictured with the Mayor & Mayoress of Felixstowe, Cllr Mark Jepson and Mrs Julie Jepson, the Chairman of East Suffolk Council, Cllr Keith Robinson and Cllr Darren Aitchison.

For more information, visit:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Diane-Rich1

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A Word From the Mayor of Felixstowe



Hello everyone,

Although cases of coronavirus here in Felixstowe are significantly lower than the UK average, it was perhaps inevitable that we find ourselves back in a national lockdown given the increase in cases across the country. As well-prepared as we are this time, it is still a real blow to our high street shops, our cafes, restaurants and pubs as they all face another

period of uncertainty, with mixed messages about how long the lockdown will last.

The Christmas season is traditionally a good time for businesses and helps them get through the first few months of the following year. So, wherever possible, please continue to try and support them by shopping local during this difficult time. From conversations with our independent shops and cafes, I know that many will try to remain open as they did during the first lockdown. They provide a fantastic service to this community and they deserve our support.

In a previous article, I alluded to the challenges faced by people living alone at this time. People who may be isolated or struggling with mental health are often unseen so please look out for your friends, family and neighbours. Though we cannot visit people in the usual way, you may be able to offer practical support. Often something simple like a quick chat in the street, or phone call, can make such a difference.

The Felixstowe Peninsular Community Partnership, which covers Felixstowe and the surrounding villages, is focused on supporting community health and wellbeing. At a recent meeting, we agreed to establish a new grant fund to support families and communities directly impacted from the virus. Grants up to £2,000 are now available so if you want more information please contact myself or Chloe Lee, our Communities Officer: 01394 444656 / chloe.lee@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

The town council also established a coronavirus grant fund for local groups that have been impacted by the pandemic. For more details please visit: www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants

During the previous lockdown we saw many established community organisations such as the BASIC Life Charity, FACTS and the Salvation Army working hard to reach out to those in need, supported by new groups such as Felixstowe Helping Hands. They all offer a valuable service for those who could not leave their homes. We have all recently met to review the situation and I am confident the support offered last time is in place to help again.

Undoubtedly this Christmas will be vastly different to any other. Shopping for our families and friends will be limited, events and functions are almost certain to be cancelled, businesses may struggle, and people's work and income may be affected.

But there is help on hand for those that need it. The freephone **0800 876 6926 Home, But Not Alone** service is available to anyone in Suffolk who needs urgent help. This is complemented by the Suffolk Advice and Support Service phonenumber (0800 068 3131) which helps those with debt, benefits, employment or housing worries.

We wish you a healthy and Happy Christmas.

Felixstowe Mayor Mark Jepson



Donation Celebrates Former Heritage of School Site

The heritage of a former school site in Felixstowe will be remembered in the town archive after East Suffolk Council donates key items. East Suffolk Council has been working with Felixstowe Society to identify key items to donate from the former Deben High School site to the town's archives.



The site was transferred to East Suffolk Council from Suffolk County Council earlier this year with completion on 15 November and will facilitate the ongoing development of Felixstowe Sports Hub and a new home for Felixstowe Indoor Bowls Club and Cricket Club.

Proposals for the redevelopment of the main school building also include a range of housing, in particular affordable units for the town. To enable the development, a large portion of the former school buildings will be demolished so that the site can be repurposed to accommodate the new development. However, the original Lower School Assembly Hall will be retained as a community asset.

The council has been working closely with Felixstowe Society to ensure that key pieces that hold many special memories for the local community are saved for the Felixstowe Secondary School's Archive before the demolition.



The items identified are mainly from the original grammar school building and include the wooden front doors, which will match the special commemorative key held by the society, corridor signage and masonry. The council is also working with the society to create a final photographic library before the work starts.

Councillor Steve Gallant, Leader of East Suffolk Council, said: "This is a hugely exciting scheme for the council and for Felixstowe. We are committed to increasing leisure opportunities in the town and also to improving the housing mix and this will help us to fulfil our ambitions on two important fronts.

"We know that a lot of local people hold very special memories of the former Deben High School and it has been great to be able to work with Felixstowe Society to save key items that will help ensure these memories are not lost and can be shared with future generations."

Jean Macpherson from Felixstowe Society said: "We are pleased that East Suffolk Council has donated these items to the town's archive, so we can preserve these special memories for many years to come.

"We have had many requests for final tours of the site before work starts, but unfortunately this is not possible due to health and safety restrictions. We hope that the photographic library we are currently working on with the council will be a positive way for those interested to have a final 'virtual tour' of the site."

For more information about the scheme, including drone footage of the site, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yxgtltst>

Local News

School's Socially Distant Community Work with Local Charity

Students from Felixstowe International College have had to adapt how they approach their timetabled sessions on Community Work this term. Acting Co-Principal Katherine Murphy explained: "When our usual avenues of sending students into workplaces with the public, such as charity shops and churches, were inaccessible due to Covid-19 restrictions, we sought a different type of project which would benefit members of the local community. Having previously established links in 2019 with Home for Good: Suffolk, we contacted them to offer our remote services."

Home for Good: Suffolk is the regional branch of a national charity which facilitates peer support for families who are caring for vulnerable children through fostering, adoption, special guardianship and kinship care.

County Coordinator Melissa Naish was also re-thinking practical ideas to continue to support families in socially distanced ways. She needed a replacement for the next regular family networking event, in which families are usually invited to meet for social activities in the school holidays. "It is extremely important to support vulnerable people during Covid-19 so that they don't become isolated," she said. "We needed to find a solution to allow families to do something together, yet apart in order to follow the local rule of six. We couldn't meet as a large group of 30 families anymore to go bowling or play laser tag, so we thought of ideas that would be active, outdoors, fun for all ages and could be completed by families at different times. I experimented with the idea of a trail over the summer and am really pleased that Felixstowe International College students have been able to take this on."

Together with Mrs Naish, the school launched a project for their students to create a navigation trail using the popular location app, what3words.

Key Stage 3 day students Amelia and Grace devised a route through Chantry Park in Ipswich, central to one of three Suffolk catchments of Home for Good. They located key points of interest along a course to take families from the car park, through the playground, along pathways, past the duck pond and to finish at the locally significant statue of Sri Chimnoy. The clues, which included what3words references, were written by the students and sent via Home for Good to the families they support to provide an activity for them to compete together, yet separately, on any day during the October half-term holiday. From this, they could use a closed social media group to share the experience through comments and photos.



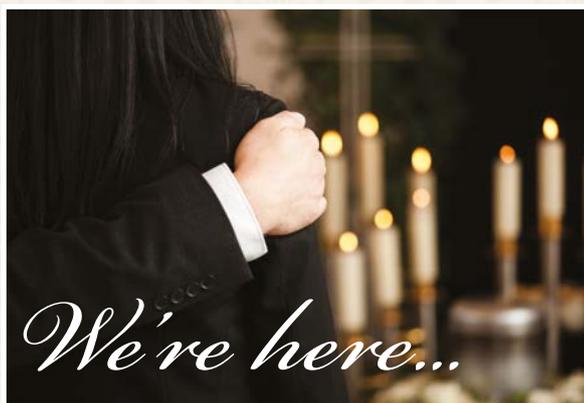
Amelia (pictured right) reported: "I enjoyed the project because we knew it would be giving others a fun time outside. Using what3words for the key locations was a clever idea and I'd just seen an advert about it on TV. It was also

great that we didn't have a plan for the trail when we first entered the park, so we were in charge of how it turned out." Grace (left) agreed: "It was a fun and enjoyable experience. It was quite nice to know that you were helping people in different circumstances. We're looking forward to the feedback we'll receive from Home for Good families to find out what they thought of our clues!"

Felixstowe International College is a small independent Christian secondary school based in Maybush Lane, Old Felixstowe. Placing first in Suffolk for A Level performance in 2018, it offers top quality bespoke education to boarding students from abroad and more recently to local day students, to whom scholarships are available. It also offers support to home schooled students wishing to get back to the education system on a full-time or part-time basis.

Mrs Murphy added: "In this time of restrictions, we are encouraged that our students can still think beyond themselves and find successes in very important community work. We look forward to further projects to suit the changing guidance of social distance."

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We are continuing to work during lockdown and aim to provide the same high-quality service to all our clients. Where necessary we can arrange face-to-face client consultations. In these difficult times, however, meetings do have to be strictly by appointment and all visitors are asked to observe our strict social distancing and hygiene rules, in line with the government guidelines. However, if you are self-isolating, we will be happy to give you advice over the phone or online.

Best wishes,

Tim Owers, Family Partner

And now news from Felixstowe Book Festival

After the challenges – and successes – of 2020, the FBF is steaming ahead with plans for 2021, so note 25-27 June 2021 in your diary!

This year the festival had to be completely reviewed when it became apparent that the coronavirus pandemic would mean the usual events at The Orwell Hotel, and across the town, would not be able to go ahead.

With just four weeks to go, the festival was completely re-vamped; with Hot Gossip Media widening their previous social media brief to facilitate a weekend 'virtual' online version of the festival. A JustGiving appeal in support of the festival raised over £1,000.

Twelve authors produced *A Day in the Life* videos of themselves which were shown on the festival website and there were two further films especially for children to view.

Over the festival weekend, supportive businesses enabled six live interviews to be broadcast on Facebook and the FBF website. The chosen authors found themselves being watched by people world-wide, all sending in their questions via Facebook. The final figures were in the thousands with authors such as Nicola Upson, George Alagiah, Liz Trenow and Carol Drinkwater each reaching audiences of between 1,000 and 5,500!

Festival Director, Meg Reid, said: "After the great response this year to the broadcast interviews, we are looking to film the authors, so people who cannot come to Felixstowe can watch for a reduced fee online. We have really seen the possibilities after what initially seemed a disaster, turned into a great success."

Meg has already had expressions of interest for next year from authors including Carol Drinkwater, Esther Freud, Jojo Moyes and Elly Griffiths, and publishers are already contacting her with their author suggestions.

Meg concluded: "We would really like to pass on our thanks to Jackamans and our other corporate sponsors for their continued support, and we are very excited about the future possibilities for the Felixstowe Book Festival."

Keep up-to-date with the plans by visiting www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk

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News from Old Felixstowe Parish



Christmas in Old Felixstowe Parish this year will be a little different – but it will happen! We may not be able to gather in the way we have always done; a packed church with carols being sung and the crib scene being recreated seems an unlikely option, but we are planning creative and different ways to acknowledge the amazing news that Christmas recollects and celebrates.

Exact details of what they will look like will depend upon the restrictions we are living under at the time. The best place to discover up-to-date news of what is going on will be our website or social media.

Who doesn't like receiving a Christmas card? I wonder if you have already received your first card this year. Did it seem too early or were you delighted to get the season going? Christmas cards come in a host of varieties, from the cartoon animals, Father Christmas, scenes of snow-covered houses to depictions of the nativity.

I like the whole variety of cards but I especially like the cards that reflect something of the timeless events of Christmas: those that include angels, shepherds, wise men and a manger – the amazing news that transforms everything.

The news was that God chose to send His Son in the form of a baby, to enter into our world and reveal His perfect love for us. It is a love that continued to be revealed through the life and death of Jesus. The manger is not the end of the story!

I wonder how you will see the cards that get delivered to you this year? Perhaps this Christmas you could spend time exploring the images on the cards you receive.

Rev Chris Hood

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Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association

Broadway House: Our plans to reopen our senior citizens centre in Orwell Road continue to be disrupted by the Covid-19 virus and its ever-changing impact on all our lives. A safe and secure environment for both visitors and volunteers remains our absolute priority. Several ideas are being looked at and all will depend on how the Covid-19 situation develops and an effective vaccine and, of course, the needs and wishes of our volunteers and visitors. In the meantime, while we are closed, the kitchen is being completely refurbished and other improvements made to the inside of the building. For more information go to our website or email: richolland1@btinternet.com

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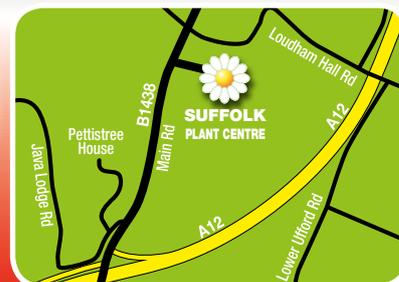
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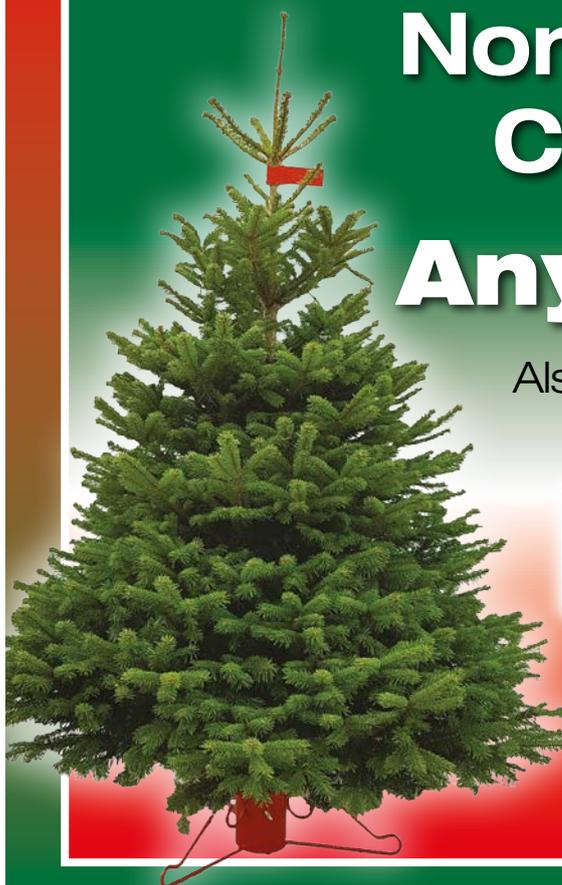
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Have You Been Down to the Woods?

We are incredibly lucky in Felixstowe. We have the beach, the prom, the seafront gardens, Landguard Reserve, Langer Park and we have the Abbey Grove and Grove Woodlands.

The woodlands are to the north of the town. There is easy parking in a large carpark by Eastward Ho Recreation Ground, opposite the Grove Medical Centre entrance on the Colnies Road/Beatrice Avenue roundabout. The Abbey Grove entrance is along the track behind the medical centre. There is an entrance to The Grove from the carpark.



You are missing out on a real treat if you have not recently visited the woods. The leaves are in their full glory of reds, yellows and oranges. The berries are bright red. The fungi are looking magical; some are tucked away and hard to find some are out in the open and easy to spot. It is a 'mast year' so the chestnuts and acorns are falling in great abundance. There are wide, open pathways and narrow secretive pathways. There is a wildflower meadow, there are bird boxes and an owl box.



Abbey Grove pathways lead through The Grove and out into the countryside towards the Area of Natural Outstanding Beauty that surrounds Felixstowe's northern edge.

Abbey Grove is a Woodland Trust Millennium Woodland, planted by the community in 1998 and cared for by the community.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/abbey-grove

The Grove is a long-established attraction in Felixstowe, an established secondary woodland owned and cared for by East Suffolk Council and a team of volunteers.

Looking Forwards...



The Felixstowe Country Park Group is working with local councillors and council officers to gain greater protection for the woods, a sizeable extension to the woods and to hopefully develop the concept of a country park extending into the surrounding area.



Each month the FCPG will produce a piece in *Spotlight* highlighting the seasonal changes, suggesting different circular walks, giving some history of the area and suggesting some woodland activities for children. We will also be explaining the country park concept. Rest assured a country park is not a sterile manicured park; biodiversity is the central pillar but with a good footpath network around the local grazing and arable fields. The photo showing the children talking to the ponies will soon be part of history as the land has planning permission for a housing development. Hopefully, the ponies will move nearby so children can still meet them.

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Felixstowe Lions Club

Felixstowe Lions Club helped to supply an insulin pump for a young boy in Ukraine and we're pleased to share this report from his supporter.

Yes, Alexey does have his pump. It has been an awfully long, frustrating process but I have an incredibly determined boss and he would not give up. He even had someone stand outside the company that sold the pumps until they opened. So much stress and worry that we wouldn't get it, but we did. Natalia and Alexey have had so many worrying times, with cancelled appointments, runs to hospital in the night and delays in finding a pump, but it's done.

Alexey now has six months of trips to the hospital to make sure he can use the machine and learn to stabilise his sugar levels. He is so happy and excited but also totally exhausted. He can't believe that he is going to be ok and can lead a relatively normal life. Natalia must pay for the insulin right now but after six months the government will take over. Don't ask me why they don't do that now – this is Ukraine! I know that Alexey is writing a note to everyone who helped and will get that to you as soon as I get it.

We can't thank the Felixstowe Lions enough for this life-saving help. I don't know where Alexey would be without it. Please do thank all the members for me.

We are in total lockdown right now so not easy, but it is what it is!

Take care and stay safe, huge thanks, Gerrie

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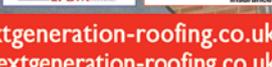
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Felixstowe Master Mariners Club

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The Felixstowe Master Mariners Club was formed in 1975 as a social gathering for serving or retired Royal and Merchant Naval Officers and to funds for maritime causes.

With the decline of the British Merchant Fleet and declining number of officers, it was decided to invite those associated with the shipping industry in general and those in the yachting fraternity as associate members. The membership today stands at 100 including many who were involved in the early growth of the Port of Felixstowe.

Before all of us were affected by this global virus, The Master Mariners Club met on the third Tuesday of each month, at a venue that everyone agrees is a very welcoming place, The Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club.

Superbly looked after by The FFSC Chief Stewardess Mary (now the landlady at The Half Moon Pub) and more recently Chief Seward Colin (well-known landlord of The Grosvenor Pub), the members gathered for liquid refreshments in the bar, before moving to the galley for a tasty and wholesome lunch, provided by excellent caterers. Following lunch, the members were entertained by an interesting presentation by either one of the members or a guest speaker. Talk subjects vary from *Pirate Radio Ships*, *Walking The Camino de Santiago*, *Sailing The southwest Pacific Islands* (Captain Peter King tried to convince members it was for work) and an interesting talk by Charlie Haylock about *The Suffolk Accent and Dialect*.

The core value of the club remains as it always has, to raise funds to support local maritime organisations. Even though it will be very difficult to continue the tradition of annual donations, the club is making every effort to do so at the end of this horrible year.

At a recent virtual annual general meeting, Captain Peter King was formally elected and duly took over from Ian Buckle as club captain. As a member of The Hon. Company of Master Mariners, a Fellow of The Nautical Institute and a member of The Council for Nautical Research, Peter brings with him over 62 years continuous service and experience in the merchant shipping industry, beginning as a cadet with BP to the chairman of Felixstowe-based marine surveyors, Seden Clarke Ltd. Peter also recently took on the role of Hon. President of The Felixstowe Sea Cadets so he will have his hands full with this latest appointment.

Our lunchtime meetings will return but obviously we do not know when.

We invite anyone interested to visit www.mastermariners.uk where you will see details of the financial donations we regularly make. You would also be more than welcome to apply to join our friendly, welcoming club and we look forward to hearing from you.

Malcolm Stafford FIFF

Ipswich Scout Christmas Post Cancelled

We are sorry to announce that due to the Covid-19 situation and the restrictions required, it has been decided this year's operation of the Ipswich Scout Christmas Post is cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we look forward to serving you again in 2021. More information about the service can be found at: www.scoutpostipswich.org.uk



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The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis

As always, time continues to fly by in schools, and although circumstances continue to be quite different we are immensely proud of how our children are responding to their learning. Our teachers continue to find exciting and innovative ways of delivering the curriculum. We have even managed to have our very first whole Federation assembly through Zoom!

We were delighted to continue to be involved in the local Remembrance Day events and even though we missed being able to be present in person this year, the artwork that the children created to be displayed at the war memorial shows the importance of this occasion to our school community.

It is also the time of year where our attention turns towards celebrating Christmas. Clearly, this will look and feel different for our children and families this year, but it does not mean that plans aren't in place. Each year group is going to put together a 'mini' performance that will be shared online with our families and help our community to get into the Christmas spirit. We are also continuing with our annual charity collection as well as writing letters to local residents who may be elderly or find themselves isolated during this period. Additionally, we hope to host a virtual visit for each class from Father Christmas, who will always find a way to say hello to children!

It feels early to be saying this, but I hope you are all able to have a happy and safe Christmas and that 2021 provides us all with a little more stability than this year has.

Headteacher Mr Mark Girling

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Forthcoming live concerts planned

December 6, 3pm at St John's Church: Seckford Brass Ensemble

December 16, 11.30am at Two Sisters Arts Centre: Christmas Words and Music with Brian Ralph and Emily Bennett

New Year's Day, 3pm St John's Church: Viennese music with Nicholas Ward and the Festival Orchestra. Tickets £20.

Please book for concerts by calling 01394 670633 or emailing: musicinfelixstowe@gmail.com

All the concerts so far have been advertised only to our mailing list. If you would like to be added to the list, either for hand delivery or email, please let us know.

To pay for all this music, we have launched an appeal at JustGiving Music in Felixstowe. All who donate will receive a copy of my book, *Musical Journeys – Amazing Women in Conversation with Hattie Bennett*.

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Tee Times

As I write this article, we have just entered the country's second lockdown period which we hope will end at the beginning of December, but as we all know, we cannot take anything for granted at present, we can just hope that life will resemble some normality come 2021.

Along with many other sports, golf also had to stop, and our greenkeepers have been using this time to sort out drainage on the course, much easier to do when no-one is playing! The clubhouse has been closed and our staff furloughed but we have continued our meal delivery service which has been remarkably successful.

We deliver meals to Felixstowe residents on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. As it has been such an unusual year, we have decided to deliver on Christmas Day to anyone in Felixstowe who would like a wonderfully prepared, hot Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings.

There may be many people who would normally spend time with family but for whatever reason are unable to this year or are just on their own and would like to have a cooked dinner delivered to them. Please see the menu below and just give us a call during office hours on 01394 286834 (option 5).

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We will also be delivering fish and chips on Christmas Eve between noon and 3pm. To see our full menu please go to our website – www.felixstowegolf.co.uk – or give us a call and we can pop our menu through your door or email it to you.

It just remains for me to wish you a Happy Christmas and let's all cross our fingers and toes for a peaceful and healthy 2021.

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One of the updated classrooms recently completed at SET Maidstone and Causton School



Our school ethos of *enjoy – achieve – thrive* runs throughout everything that we do. We work closely with our children's families to build a community that ensures each and every child does exactly this, preparing them for their educational journey and beyond.

With an interesting and varied curriculum, tailored to each child's needs and ability, we want all our children to be secure and happy to learn. Throughout their time with us, our children are taught to be respectful, ensuring they are ready for high school when they leave us at the end of Year 6 and, most importantly, life ready.



Learning about events around us is important and carries through to the projects we do in class. Last month, the children created some beautifully painted pebbles for the Felixstowe Remembers Memorial Project.

These pebbles can be seen on display in the local community.

It was a privilege to be involved with the project, particularly as remembrance has had to be a little different this year.

It is around this time of year that we would normally be welcoming families in to look around our school before applying for a place for their child. However, due to the current lockdown restrictions and with the safety of our students and the wider community in mind, we do not feel it would be appropriate at this time. Instead, we are pleased to be able to offer parents and carers a one-to-one chat via phone or Zoom.

SET Maidstone Infant School and SET Causton Junior School are part of Seckford Education Trust along with SET Beccles School, SET Ixworth School and SET Saxmundham School.

Sessions are running from Monday 7 to Thursday 10 December from 10am-noon or 3-5pm each day. Please contact the main office on the number below to book. Our prospectus is also on our website or can be emailed to you so you can read about our warm and friendly school in detail.

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School admissions applications are via Suffolk County Council and must be made by 15 January 2021.

Lucy Thompson, Head of School

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News from SET Saxmundham School

The achievements of our students reflect the opportunities and great environment for learning we have here at SET Saxmundham School. We recognise student achievements on many levels on a daily basis, including those of academic success.

Since taking on the SET Saxmundham Head of School position in September, Mrs Girling has been looking at different initiatives to benefit our students. The most recent is the My Tutor Scheme, through which Year 11 students are mentored by undergraduates via Zoom. The students involved have said they are already feeling the benefits from this additional support system.



The school has also set up a Scholars Programme in partnership with The Brilliant Club, providing a link between our Year 7 and Year 8 students and local universities. This enables our students to work with a PhD researcher and understand more about university life, build on their love for learning and ensure they are able to develop the skills needed in the next phase of their education. Students completed an initial assessment online which is followed by small group sessions

in School, using the course booklets provided. They are currently covering diverse topics ranging from the Earth's climate history to post-war politics.

"This is inspiring me to go on to take A levels and eventually go to university, I feel so much more confident in myself and know I can achieve this if I set my mind to it." **Year 8 student**

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Another Exciting Year!



2020 has been an encouraging year for Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve!

In the early part of the year, we learned that our work inspired the creation of Brightlingsea's Nature

Network, as well as other community-based conservation projects in Woodbridge. We also supplied local people with wildflower seeds. We even gave tree saplings to local schools including Grange Road Primary, Causton Junior School and Felixstowe Academy.

In February, one of our team members attended the Woodbridge Climate Summit and gave a presentation about our work in Felixstowe.

In April, we received news that our work inspired a new community nature reserve in Portugal, called Pontos Vida! By that stage, we got the feeling that 2020 was going to be special.

In May, we celebrated our fifth anniversary. To mark the event, Felixstowe's Citizen Science Group completed its most ambitious analysis of the impact we've had in the Felixstowe area. The results were encouraging. However, we clearly have much more work still to do.

Much of our time this year has been spent encouraging young people. Through Twitter, we used the #IWill platform to show young people all over the UK how they can get involved with community-based conservation.

More recently, we worked with David Roberts from the Sustainable Schools Network to supply him with information that he used in presentations in schools all over the UK. David's work aims to inform and inspire the next generation of community-based conservationists. We were excited and honoured that David used our work as one of his case studies.

We have also been advising Wild East about our work – again intending to inspire other communities in the Eastern Counties to adopt and adapt our ways of working.

Our Citizen Science Group continues to provide exceptional work – producing one new project each month. By maintaining social distancing rules, and using all sorts of clever technology, they have added an essential dimension to our work.

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