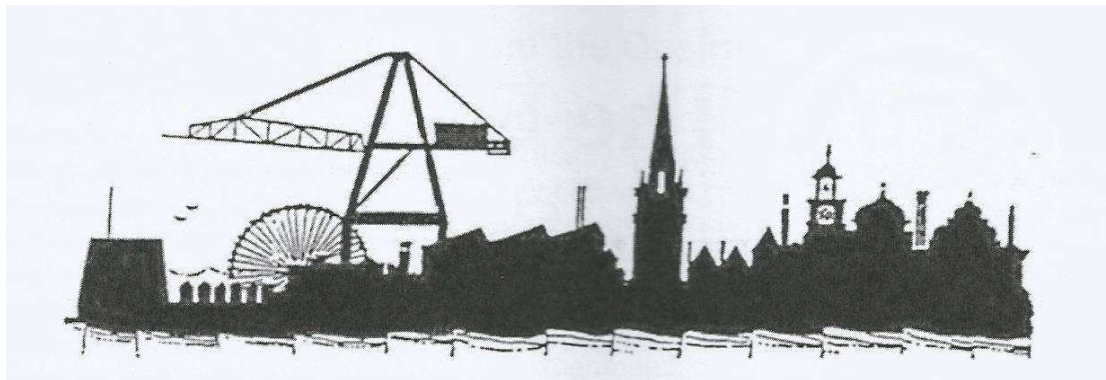


# The Felixstowe Society

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**The Felixstowe Society** is established for the public benefit of people who live or work in Felixstowe and Walton. Members are also welcome from The Trimleys and surrounding villages. The Society endeavours to :

- Stimulate public interest in these areas
- Promote high standards of planning and architecture and
- Secure the improvement, protection, development and preservation of the local environment.

***The photographs of the winners of the Enhancement of the Environment Award on the front cover and on pages 18 and 19 were kindly taken by Laurence Gilbert.***

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## Chairman's Notes

As I write this it is late afternoon, pitch black outside and the wind is whistling through the trees! Summer is a distant memory and Winter well entrenched. Only four weeks to Christmas although that, too, will be well and truly over by the time that you read this Newsletter.

We are now well into our Speaker Evening season which, thanks to Roy Gray, is proving as interesting as ever. Not easy to find different Speakers all the time, so we are very grateful to him. The trips and visits are now over but Keith and Elizabeth are well into planning next year's outings. You will all have already heard about the 3 night holiday to Bedfordshire. Our grateful thanks to you both for all your hard work.

If you have been down to Gulpher Pond lately you will have noticed how much better it is looking. Our thanks for this also go to Keith and his small band of volunteers.

We celebrated a very successful Heritage Open Day Weekend in September. The weather wasn't as kind as it might have been but the whole event went off without a hitch. We are so grateful to all the owners and managers of the various destinations, to the volunteers who stewarded for us all weekend and to Bev Boyce who arranged the wonderful exhibitions at the Hut and the Town Hall. Also the RAF Cadets who ferried people to and from Bawdsey Manor. A lot of work but well worth it. Next one in two years' time.

We held a very successful New Members' Coffee Morning at the Conservative Club. It was lovely to be able to meet over 50 new members and introduce them to each other. We are delighted to say that we have over 90 new members this year.

We have no more concrete news re Bala Cottage other than the fact that the decision is in the hands of the Ombudsman's Department. We have our own nominated investigator and she has agreed that the whole business warrants an investigation. No real chance of getting the building pulled down but SCDC's Planning Dept Processes are under scrutiny.

The Society has been approached to ask if we will become involved in a plan to bury a Time Capsule in the Town Hall Gardens in the Spring. They will require paper evidence of occurrences in Felixstowe in the last few years which will be of interest to people reading them in 100 years time. I have submitted a report on the Pierhead Building which won a Special Mention in the SCDC Quality of Place Awards, Design section. If anyone has anything to donate please contact me.

The Centenary of the end of the Great War was commemorated all over FELIXSTOWE but The Society was very much involved with the Exhibition and Poppy Trail at SS Peter and Paul. This was mainly the work of Bev Boyce and was amazing, as was her last lecture on the First World War. Thank you so much, Bev.

We are still in the Consultation period on the Local Plan. If anyone wants to comment on it, please contact SCDC's Planning Department individually. It will have a lot more impact if they receive a lot of single replies. We have responded as a Society but, although we have 600 members, we still only count as one response.

Well, dear members, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

**Jan Garfield**  
Chairman

## Calendar January 2019 - September 2019

All Speaker Evenings are at 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army Church, Cobbold Road.  
Members £1, Non-members £2

### January 2019

#### Thursday 10 January

Felixstowe Walkers - **Woodbridge** - Enjoy a New Year walk on the banks of the river Deben.

Meet at 11.00 outside Woodbridge Leisure Centre.

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 3

#### Wednesday 23 January

Felixstowe Walkers - **Landguard** - A walk across the nature reserve.

Meet at 11.00 at the car park opposite the Fort entrance.

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 3

#### Tuesday 29 January

**Speaker Evening** - Plastics - Tim Luckhurst

*A look at waste plastics.*

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### **February**

#### Tuesday 5 February

Felixstowe Walkers - **South Promenade** - A walk through Martello Park and along the promenade.

Meet at 10.30 on the prom opposite Beach Station Road.

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 1

#### Friday 15 February

**The Felixstowe Society Annual Quiz**

Details and application form at the back of this newsletter - pink edge.

#### Monday 18 February

Felixstowe Walkers - **Christchurch Park** - A walk around one of Ipswich's parks.  
Meet at 11.00 outside Christchurch Mansion.

Distance 2 miles Grade 2

#### Monday 25 February

Felixstowe Walkers - **Fair Trade Walk** - A walk around the town followed by Fair Trade refreshments in St John's Church.

Meet at 10.30 at St John's Church, Orwell Road.

Distance 1 ½ miles Grade 3

#### Tuesday 26 February

**Speaker Evening** - Windfarms - E Rees, Scottish Power

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## March

Thursday 7 March

### BEACH CLEAN

**Meet at the shelter on the promenade near to the Bartlet. 9.30am start**

Friday 8 March

Felixstowe Walkers - **Waldringfield** - A walk along the river bank and surrounding area.

Meet at 11.00 in the Maybush Inn car park.

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 3

Thursday 21 March

Felixstowe Walkers - **Trimley St Martin** - A walk through the countryside, park on the grass near the road at Goslings Farm Shop and meet at 10.30 outside the Garden Café.

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 3

Sunday 24 March

Phil's Sunday Walks - **Graveyard Tour 1**

Meet at St Peter & St Paul lych gate.

Stout shoes or wellies recommended

*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours*

Tuesday 26 March

**Speaker Evening** - Stories of Ipswich - J Field

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## April

Wednesday 3 April

Felixstowe Walkers - **Daisy's Walk** - A walk through Rendlesham Forest. Meet at 11.00 at Butley Corner Car Park (Off the B1084 Orford Road)

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 3

Monday 15 April

Felixstowe Walkers - **The Grove** - A walk through an area of natural woodland. Meet at 10.30 in the Grove car park.

Distance 2 ½ miles Grade 3

Monday 15 April

**Annual Dinner at the Brook Hotel.**

See application form at the back of the newsletter - green edge.

Friday 26 April

Felixstowe Walkers - **Martlesham Heath** - A walk across Martlesham Heath. Meet at 11.00 in M&S Simply Food Car Park.

2 ¾ miles Grade 3

Sunday 28 April

Phil's Sunday Walks - **Victorian and Edwardian Felixstowe**

Meet outside the main entrance to the Town Station. The Walk ends outside Harvest House.

*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours*

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**May**

Thursday 9 May

Felixstowe Walkers - **The Promenade** - A Spring Walk along the Promenade and through the seafront gardens.

Meet at 10.30 on the prom opposite the Fludyers.

2 ½ miles

Grade 1

Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 May

**The Felixstowe Society Holiday to Bedford.**

See application form at the back of the newsletter - blue edge.

Sunday 19 May

Phil's Sunday Walks - **The Cobbold Walk**

Meet at Brackenbury Leisure Centre.

*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours*

Tuesday 21 May

**The Felixstowe Society Annual General Meeting**

7.30 pm at the Salvation Army, Cobbold Road.

**Speaker Evening** - Speaker to be announced..

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**June**

Thursday 6 June

**BEACH CLEAN**

**Meet at the shelter on the promenade near to the Bartlet. 9.30am start.**

Sunday 23 June

Phil's Sunday Walks - **Seafront Gardens Perimeter Walk**

Meet outside the Town Hall. The walk finishes at the Town Hall Shelter.

*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours*

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## July

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary, our usual **Mid Summer Event** will be held at Harvest House on Saturday 6 July 2019. Full details will be published in our May Newsletter.

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## September

Sunday 22 September

Phil's Sunday Walks - **Walton 1**

The Walk begins and ends at St Mary's Church, Walton.  
*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours*

Tuesday 24 September

**Speaker Evening** - Lost Airfield of Elmswell - P.McGee, G Mack

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## October

Sunday 20 October

Phil's Sunday Walk - **Walton 2**

Meet outside the Half Moon Pub. The Walk ends at 90 Grange Road.  
*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours.*

Tuesday 22 October

**Speaker Evening** - Ruth Dugdall - Author

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## November

Sunday 17 November

Phil's Sunday Walks - **Graveyard Tour 2.**

Meet at St Peter & St Paul lych gate  
Stout shoes or wellies are recommended.  
*Walks start at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1¾ hours*

Tuesday 26 November

**Speaker Evening** - Bus travel in Suffolk - Pip Wright

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## Trip to Port of Felixstowe

We have had many requests from members asking to arrange another trip around the Port and Roy Gray has been able to persuade the Port to agree to let us have another tour. This will be in September. Details for booking, date etc will be in the next Newsletter.

**FELIXSTOWE WALKERS - please note that the distances quoted are the maximum and we can accommodate shorter walks where required.**

### Walking Grading System :

**Grade 1** - easy flat good surfaces

**Grade 2** - mostly on the level but can be muddy in places

**Grade 3** - generally good surfaces but some moderate slopes and mud in wet weather

**Grade 4** - more challenging - may include steeper slopes, rough ground and mud in wet weather.

The Felixstowe Walkers are part of The Felixstowe Society and regular walkers will be expected to become members of The Society. Annual membership is £7, or £10 for two adults at the same address. For further details of membership send a SAE to Hilary Eaton, Treasurer, 102C Queens Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7PG.

Copies of the programme can be obtained from the library or email [felixstowewalkers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:felixstowewalkers@hotmail.co.uk).



**'Moody Felixstowe'** Photo kindly donated by Jane Reeve

# Planning Applications 10 July to 7 November 2018

## SCDC has granted permission for the following:

### **1 Landsdowne Road**

*Proposed study, garage extension and internal alterations to two storey detached residence*

The Felixstowe Society notes that the proposal title above appears to relate to works permitted in application DC/17/0650 and already completed on site. The drawings attached to the new application appear to propose a new addition to the existing kitchen

### **Proposed Cafe/Restaurant, Coastguard Walk**

*Create a new beach cafe along with a meeting events space with associated landscaping etc*

The Felixstowe Society supports this attractive proposal for the South Seafront.

## **The Felixstowe Society believes the following proposals will have little effect on the Conservation Area**

### **Top Flat, 20 Victoria Street**

*Replace existing aluminium framed window Install white PVC-u*

### **Cotman Lodge, Garfield Road**

*New raised decking and balustrade to replace existing, introduction of French doors and replacement Juliet Balcony with 1.8m glass screens*

### **111 Undercliff Road**

*Single storey rear extension*

### **Langer Ridge, South Hill**

*Proposed balcony*

### **32 Quilter Road**

*Fell Trees etc*

### **The Play Pit, 9 Brownlow Road**

*Prune Trees*

### **50 Brook Lane**

*Reduce Bay tree*

## **Applications awaiting a decision**

### **Flat 1, 52 Princes Road**

*New Conservatory*

The Felixstowe Society considers this alteration will have little effect on the Conservation Area.

### **10 Brook Lane**

*Alterations to form new kitchen with detached garage*

The Felixstowe Society has no objection to alterations to the main building. However, we object to the positioning of the double garage which, we feel, is detrimental to the street scene. We note that the garage is only a metre away from a bedroom window.

### **The Dip, Cliff Road**

*Provide 17 new beach huts on boat park area and construct water sports parking area*

The Felixstowe Society has no objection to the area near the toilets being used as parking for water sports.

The construction of 17 beach huts would be detrimental to the Dip area and to amenities enjoyed by local residents in that no provision is included for additional car-parking in this location which is already under stress from cars parking on grass verges.

In view of the number of existing huts that seem to be unused, The Society doubts the viability of this project. It is also likely, because of the future, that difficulties with access for those enjoying waterborne activities could be a deterrent.

### **South Beach Mansion, Bent Hill**

*Convert to 6 self contained apartments*

The Felixstowe Society welcomes this proposal as a sensitive conversion of this historic building which will keep it in good condition for the future.

### **20 Buregate Road**

*Reduce beech tree*

This proposal will have little effect on the Conservation Area.

### **76 Quilter Road**

*Bay window extension with pitched roof*

The Felixstowe Society believes that this alteration will have no effect on the Conservation Area.

### **Ridley House, Maybush Lane**

*Double garage, revised entrance detail and new entrance wall and gate*

The Felixstowe Society believes that this alteration will have no adverse effect on the Conservation Area.

## **Refused**

Nil



## **COMMENTING ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

We thought it might be useful to give a short guide on how to comment on planning applications. This may only be of value under the current planning regulations, but who knows whether the individual or local organisations will be able to make much comment under the proposed new regime? HOWEVER, the more comments there are, particularly if there is objection to a planning proposal, the better. Although The Society represents over 600 people we are basically one voice.

### **Points to bear in mind :**

All comments on planning applications are in the 'Public Domain' and will be seen by others including the applicant and agent.

The following are NOT planning issues:

- Loss of view or views
- Financial impact on surrounding properties
- Personal circumstances (unless the planning arguments are finely balanced)
- You are a long standing resident.
- Safety of construction (We have found it is sometimes worth mentioning local ground conditions which may not be known at the local council level)

The following ARE planning issues

- Past history including appeal decisions
- National and Local Regional Planning Policies
- Loss of light
- Highway and traffic implications
- Light and noise pollution
- Local amenities
- Impact on flora and fauna (endangered species)
- Visual impact on built or country environment (including impact on near properties or the street scene)

### **SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

Submit your comments in time. There is a date given on the application, usually 21 working days, to meet a statutory requirement. The application will also give you the address for your reply and the name of the Officer dealing with the application.

If you are objecting, be aware that your comments will mean the application will have to be decided by committee. You can request that your objections be presented to the committee.

If your comments are going to arrive after the Case Officer has prepared his report, consider sending them to all members of the appropriate committee with a suitable covering letter.

## **YOUR COMMENTS**

- Quote the application number and address to the Head of Division.
- Have you examined the site?
- List any factual errors.
- Quote any relevant policies (if known) and any relevant history.
- Clearly identify your planning concerns.
- Clearly identify any concerns on design, materials and specify any changes you would like to see. (Remember to keep your comments or objections factual and not emotional.)

Not all your comments should be negative. If you like only some parts of the proposal it is acceptable to only object to those parts you find unacceptable. It is always useful if you can suggest alternatives to either the whole application or part that you have objected to.

The Plans Committee follows the above criteria on The Society's behalf and usually our comments are accepted as useful. Contrary to a wide spread belief, we don't object to every planning application!

Dear Editor,

### **SCDC Local Plan**

*I am a long standing resident of Felixstowe and a member of the Felixstowe Society for well over 30 years. Like many others I am concerned about the potential impact of the proposed local plan being put forward by Suffolk Coastal. Among other proposals are building 2000 new homes in North Felixstowe alongside Gulpher Rd and replacing the existing sports centres at Brackenbury and the sea front with a new centre on a greenfield site on the edge of town. There is also a controversial proposal to construct a 'logistics facility' for the docks alongside the A14 at Innocents farm. Local residents I have spoken to about the plan share many of my concerns. However relatively few seem to have responded formally to the initial consultation on the draft plan, which ended in September. The next stage of consultation on the revised plan is due to take place soon and it is important that as many people as possible respond. You can view the draft plan at [suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk) To respond on-line you will need to register to establish that you are a bona fide resident. This is a fairly simple process and if you do it now it should ensure that you are notified when the revised plan is published. The plan, when approved, will provide the framework for deciding all planning applications in Felixstowe for the next 20 years. I would urge all Felixstowe Society members to make their views known.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Alan Muchal*

## **SPEAKER'S CORNER**

**Tuesday 23 October 2018**

***At The  
Overseer's Door*  
by  
Ray Whitehand**



Ray Whitehand, who has published a book on the Workhouses of Suffolk, gave us a tantalising glimpse of the history of Parish Workhouses and their successors.

For 250 years the parish workhouse was the place where the workshy and those who could not find work received board and lodging in return for work.

During the Elizabethan era there was mass unemployment, due to the decline of weaving in

East Anglia, a succession of poor harvests and an increase in population.

The Poor Law Acts of 1594-1601 separated the deserving poor, who received housing and food in the workhouse, and the undeserving poor who were sent to houses of correction.

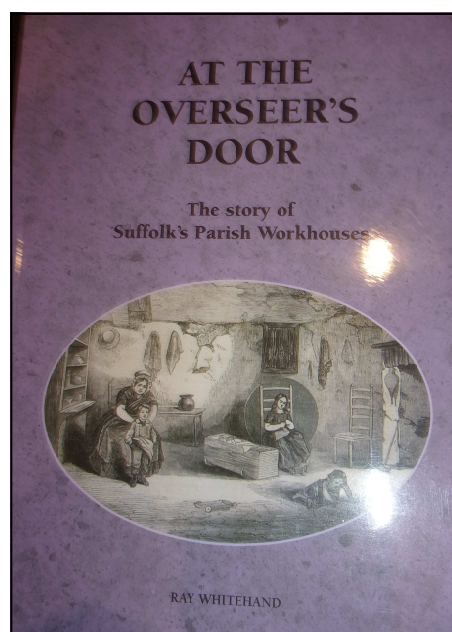
Each Parish was responsible for its own workhouse, and had to raise a Poor Rate to finance them. Ray Whitehand showed us photographs of many of the survivors which have since been repurposed. For example, the Lavenham Guildhall and the Hadleigh Guildhall both became workhouses for a time, and many are now private houses. There were more than 200 of them in Suffolk, and each had a different capacity depending on demand - Long Melford had space for 150, whilst Somerleyton had only 3. The rule of thumb was that space was calculated on the basis of 4 inmates per bed!

The Parish overseer was responsible for the finances and the levying of the Poor Rate, whilst the Governor looked after the inmates. Typical employment could be in textiles, agriculture, or, in coastal regions, net repairing or oakum production.

The 18th century saw wholesale amalgamations across Suffolk, so that Amberfield near Nacton, for example, housed 500 inmates.

By the 1830s the Parish workhouses had ceased to exist, and provision was in much larger centres with bigger populations. Of course there was a transitory population in all of them, as people moved in and out depending on their situations.

Ray Whitehand completed his talk by illustrating the life of Jack Dedham, who had been in the workhouse at St Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, left to work aboard ship and become a spy for Lord Cornwallis, later became destitute and returning to Ipswich as a vagabond, was in the end given a living as a very accomplished sketch artist by a Mr Bacon.



## A Community Spirit Lives On



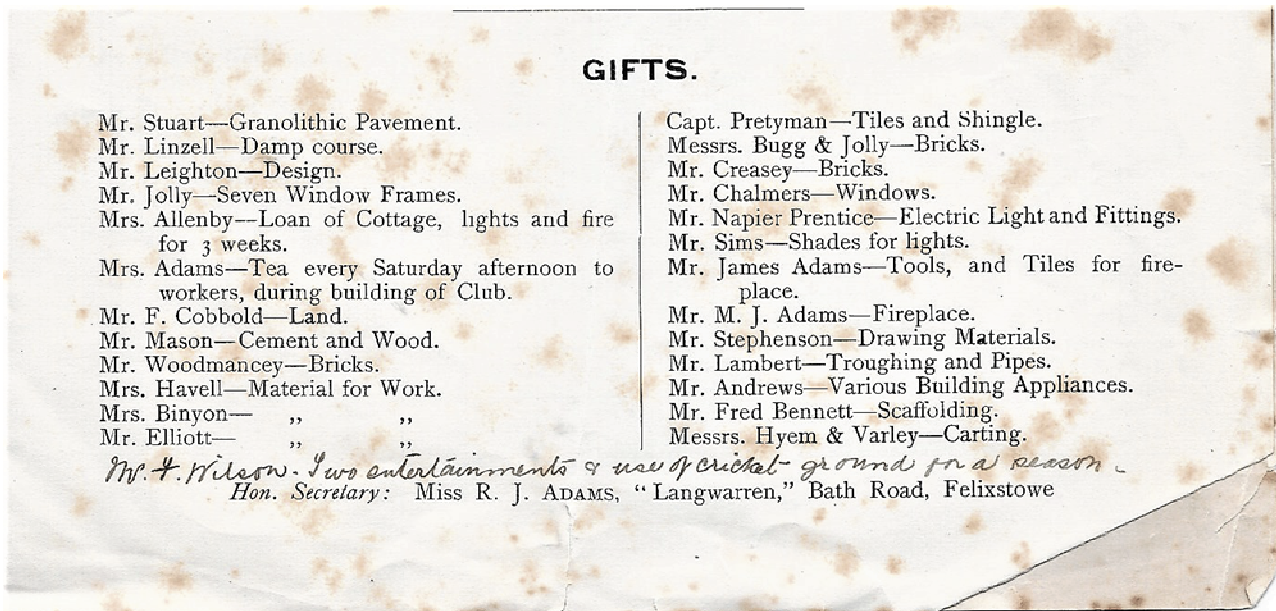
This rather unprepossessing building in Bath Road is known locally as "the scout hut", but until very recently its formal title was 'The Bath Road Boys' Club'- Charity No. 304748.

Originally it stood alone but is now sandwiched between the rear entrance to the tennis clubhouse and the Mews – the old Bath Hotel stables converted into apartments.

The Bath Road Boys' Club is the result of a community spirit and endeavour from Edwardian times and continued for over 100 years to the present day.

It all started around 1900 when worthy Felixstowe citizens, encouraged by a Miss R J Adams, set up a club to provide recreation and 'social salvation' for boys and young men from Felixstowe and Walton. An unattributed early press article describes how it came about.

Amongst the early reports was a list of gifts :



The club offered so many activities: wood carving, lantern slides, entertainments, including recitations, along with dumbbell and trapeze instruction. A penny savings bank flourished and Col. Elliston's ambulance classes went from strength to strength with a number of boys gaining St. John's Ambulance certificates. Sales of work were always popular and generated significant funds.



In 1912 the land was gifted to club trustees by Phillip Cobbold who continued to support the club following his brother Felix's death two years earlier. A reading room with donated newspapers and periodicals was added in 1914 and shortly afterwards a Soldiers' Club was set up with similar facilities for troops in the area. Over the years there were many further instances of help to the community, including extra premises during tennis tournaments as well as recreation for troops during WW II and emergency accommodation and services following the 1953 floods.

But the club's main role has always been in support of young people and for many years as an HQ for the Felixstowe Sea Scouts who celebrated their centenary in 2017. Now the Sea Scouts have been joined by the 6<sup>th</sup> Old Felixstowe Scout group (mostly Beavers and Cubs).

We hear a great deal now about recreative clubs as a means of social salvation for boys and young men, and many worthy people are exercised over the problem of starting such institutions. It may interest some of them to hear how a club of this class at Felixstowe is being provided with the requisite premises. My informant has picked up his account during a recent visit to that place:—

The institution was only started last November, in a room kindly lent by a resident, the principal feature being recreative classes undertaken by ladies and gentlemen in the neighbourhood. In a few weeks' time the membership increased so that the committee had to seek larger accommodation in the Board School. This was unsatisfactory for various reasons, and a foreman builder, who was himself teaching building construction and practical carpentering one night a week, volunteered to build a club with the aid of the members if a site could be obtained. A site was given, and the committee next set to work to obtain donations in kind of brick, cement, timber, and so forth. Sufficient materials for a start were quickly forthcoming, and in addition voluntary offers of help from bricklayers, carpenters, and others came on. On this voluntary basis the work proceeded, and gentlemen, and even occasionally ladies, have been seen lending a hand on Saturday afternoons, the foreman finding work for all. The building has now advanced as far as the roof, but its completion is impeded for want of sufficient materials to finish it. I think some of your readers might like to assist such a remarkable effort, and I venture, therefore, to give the following names to which either money or materials may be sent:—Miss Adams (hon. secretary), Corra Lyn, Felixstowe; or Mr. Leggatt, Lulworth, Felixstowe.

If there is any power that helps those who help themselves, I should think that the Felixstowe lads will soon have their club finished; and their example ought to inspire a good many other clubs in want of premises to try the same experiment.




**1<sup>st</sup> FELIXSTOWE SEA SCOUTS**  
 Bath Road, Felixstowe  
 Celebrating 100 years of Scouting  
 in Felixstowe: 1917 - 2017

Join us for TEA, COFFEE and CAKE at our  
 OPEN AFTERNOON at the SCOUT HUT in BATH ROAD

**SATURDAY 17th JUNE,**  
 3pm till 5pm.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Including previous Scouts & Scout Leaders, friends, family,  
 anyone interested, potential new recruits & any who like cakes!  
 Photo displays. Some souvenirs available. Donations invited.

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/137657873442033/?likes>  
 Contact e-mail: [08411212@gmail.com](mailto:08411212@gmail.com) or [stevespocock1956@whfss.co.uk](mailto:stevespocock1956@whfss.co.uk)  
 Facebook or Google: 1<sup>st</sup> Felixstowe Sea Scouts

With the death of the long serving senior trustee, retired solicitor Tony Coles, in 2016, Hugh Moatt and myself, as remaining trustees, felt the priority was to get long term security for this uniquely valuable asset.

This has been achieved by transferring ownership to the Scout Association Trust Corporation, an independent body with its own board of directors and created to be a custodian trustee on behalf of scout units.

Matthew Boast, a partner in Gotelee solicitors, gave a lot of his time (pro bono) to what proved quite a lengthy process and we are indebted to him for helping us conclude the transfer. His generosity mirrors that of Messrs Temple and Geoghegan who gave services free of charge for the 1912 land conveyance.

The original reports and accounts 1900 – 1919 have been donated, via Bev Boyce, for The Felixstowe Society archives and make fascinating reading if you wish to know more.

Michael Thomas

## TRIP TO GANGES MUSEUM AND ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

On a sunny day in June some 50 Society members visited the Museum and the School at Shotley and Holbrook.

The first part was a visit to the Ganges Museum which is on the quay at Shotley. Our visit was midweek when the museum is normally closed as it is run by volunteers, but they had agreed to open for us. We were met by Roger Jones, the chairman of the Museum Trust, and his colleagues who gave us a brief introduction to the history of HMS Ganges: it was a Royal Naval vessel, then transferred to become a hospital ship. Following this it became a shore-based training centre for junior seaman in 1905.

During its time as a training establishment over 150,000 cadets passed through HMS Ganges until it closed in 1976.

The museum is full of artefacts linking to Ganges history and some wonderful photographs. Due to redevelopment of the Ganges site, the museum only has a further two year lease but it is hoping to be re-housed in different premises in the local area.

Leaving the museum we went for an enjoyable lunch at the nearby Shipwreck Pub/ restaurant close by. Going outside the restaurant you appear to be closer to vessels working at Felixstowe then when you are at Felixstowe Viewing point!!!

We then proceeded to the Royal School at Holbrook, where we were met by two lady members of the school staff, Lucy and Becky. We were split into two groups, each group taken round by our guides who both had great knowledge of the history of the school and its daily functions. The school was founded in 1721 in Greenwich as concern was raised over the health and well being of injured Royal Naval sailors and the education of their sons. In the 1920s a very rich merchant, Mr Reade, offered the Greenwich Trust a donation of 300 acres of land at Holbrook which he owned plus £1,000,000 to cover the cost of a new building; this was Mr Reade's way of thanking the Royal Navy for protecting his ships during the war.





The school transferred to Holbrook in 1933. A recent addition to the building is a Heritage Centre which contains some lovely artefacts of the school's history and some of its famous ex pupils. It was a normal school day, so we could not visit the school rooms, however we did visit St Nicholas Chapel which has the largest organ in Europe (the chapel also houses a smaller organ). The chapel can seat over 200 people. The walls of the chapel are covered in mosaics.

The school has 750 pupils boys and girls (the first girls being admitted in 1980). The school has about 450 day pupils and 300 boarders and is open now to non seafarers' children. We were taken to the school dining room named the 'picture room' because on the walls are portraits of the 11 Admirals after whom all the school houses are named. The kitchen serves 2000 meals a day to pupils; breakfast/lunch/evening meals! Fees at the school range from £16000 per year for day pupils to £30,000 a year for boarders.

School hours are 0800 to 1630 Monday to Friday and 0800 to 1400 hrs on Saturdays. There are compulsory sports sessions on Saturdays after school; the sport you take part in is your choice! In the grounds there are football, rugby, cricket and hockey pitches plus a golf course, swimming pool and they have their own sailing/rowing club!!

### ***Gifford Sherman Reade***

*Benefactor who gave his 850 acre estate at Holbrook and the whole of his fortune to Greenwich Hospital 'for the benefit of the Navy and our sailors' in recognition of the protection provided to his trading ships during World War I, 1914-1918.*

*The Reades were a well established landowning family in Suffolk. Gifford was born in 1845 in South Africa, although whilst still an infant, his family moved to India where his father worked for the Bengal civil service. Gifford Sherman Reade returned to Holbrook in 1852 where he lived until the age of 19 when he returned to India to help his Uncle to build up a 3700 acre tea plantation in the Assam jungle.*

*In later years, now a wealthy man from his production of tea, jute and coal and his fleet of merchant ships, he lived in Auckland, New Zealand. The school magazine reports Reade as saying that he gained his affluence from his own endeavours. "I had to struggle to get on my feet in the first place, I lost money from the start. I had to buy my experience. Then I concentrated. I relied on my own business instincts and began to prosper."*

*He died in Auckland in December 1929 aged 85.*



## ENHANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Executive Committee of The Felixstowe Society will be considering suggestions for the next Award during April 2019. Suggestions should be for developments completed during 2018. Details of how to nominate may be found on the Felixstowe Society website.

### Joint Winners



### Goldstar Ground Clubhouse

*Presented to Felixstowe and Walton United F.C.*

*The clubhouse has been imaginatively planned and provides much needed facilities for the whole community as well as the football club*

Proposed by Michael Sharman



### Bartlet - Cautley House

*Presented to Gipping Homes.*

*A sensitive restoration of an iconic building, Cautley House and surrounding new development are extremely sympathetic to the Grade 2 Listed building.*

Proposed by Roger Baker



## **Highly Commended**



### **The Pierhead**

*Presented to Pier Amusements Ltd.*

*The Pierhead building creates an amazing impact on the seafront and attracts much needed visitors to the area around the Leisure Centre.*

Proposed by Roy Gray



### **Penny Cottage**

*Presented to Bloomfields*

*An imaginative property with the clever inclusion of the public toilet doors, creating much needed affordable accommodation and blending well with its neighbours.*

*Proposed by Jon Garfield*

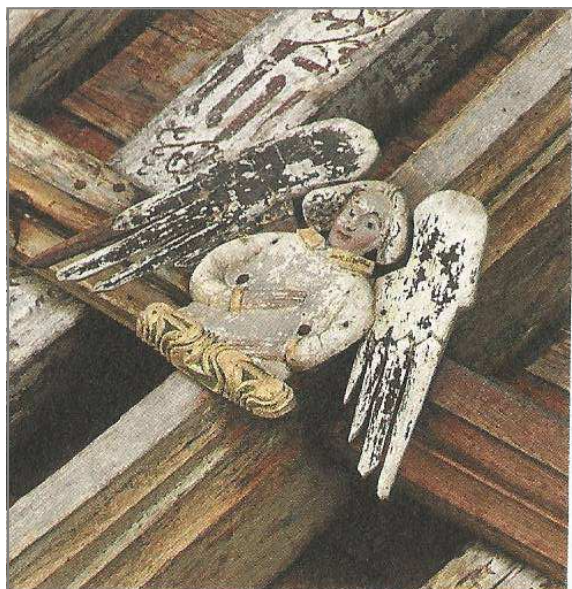
## SPEAKER'S CORNER

Tuesday 25 September 2018

### **THE ANGEL ROOFS OF EAST ANGLIA** by **MICHAEL RIMMER**



Michael Rimmer set himself the daunting task of photographing every East Anglian Church which had carvings of angels in the roofs still existing.



Aided by some wonderful photographs, he explained that in mediaeval times English churches were a riot of colour, imagery and artwork. This came to an abrupt halt during the reign of Edward VI, an avowed protestant, when in the period 1540-1550 he banned all religious imagery in churches, which was later compounded by the Puritans in the 1650s, as a result of which some 90% of figurative art was destroyed.

However, despite the talibanesque nature of this destruction, there were far lower destruction rates of mediaeval roofs, many of which survived due to their relative inaccessibility. 65% of hammer beam roofs and 83% of angel roofs which do survive are in East Anglia, which represents the largest single collection of mediaeval sculpture in the country.

This was of course, due in large part to the relative wealth of East Anglia at the time they were erected in the 14th and 15th centuries, when wool, grain, salt and fish were traded across many international boundaries.

Michael told us about the construction of the hammer beam roof of Westminster Hall, which was put up in the reign of Richard II between 1395-98, as a sign of Royal power and divine anointing. It is still the widest wooden span in Europe in which over 660 tons of oak were used. Sections were prefabricated in Sussex and Hampshire, largely at Farnham, carted to Ham, and then put on barges to Westminster .

The builder was Hugh Herland, who was also involved in fortifying Great Yarmouth, and by their styles of work, Michael felt he could identify several builders whose work appeared quite frequently, and across a wide area of the country. He spoke too of the consortium of traders who arranged for the church of St Nicholas of Kings Lynn to be erected in 1400-1410, and the very wealthy John Baret, a cloth merchant, who paid for St Mary's Bury St Edmunds to be built.



Suffolk and Norfolk suffered disproportionately at the hands of the iconoclasts, particularly one William Dowsing, a fanatical protestant Commissioner, backed up by the Earl of Manchester, who was very powerful at the time, which is why so many angels are seen decapitated or otherwise defaced in Suffolk and Norfolk churches.

This was a most interesting talk, and it opened our eyes to the wanton destruction of the Reformation years, but also to the remaining delights of our Suffolk and Norfolk Churches, particularly when we look upwards!



## MEMORIES OF A WORLD WAR TWO NURSE

*I was interested to see the article in this month's magazine about the RAF presence in Felixstowe.*

*In 1957 I was a newly qualified Staff Nurse at Heath Road Hospital working on a men's surgical ward. When I arrived for duty one morning I was told a male patient had been admitted during the night and was still in the operating theatre.*

*He was soon returned to the ward still under anaesthetic. Shortly afterwards we received the news that nothing could be done for him.*

*However, some time later a message came that a surgeon at Guy's Hospital was developing a method for treating this condition and he was to be transferred there.*

*I was detailed by the Ward Sister to accompany him together with a doctor from the surgical team. We were all ready when plans were changed, an Air Sea Rescue Helicopter from Felixstowe was going to take us to London instead. There were, of course, no Air Ambulances at that time. I felt quite excited as I had never flown before.*

*This news attracted great attention from the press both locally and in London. We were seen off and met in London by several reporters. The hospital had laid out bedsheets on a bomb site nearby to show the pilot where to land.*

*I think this had probably not happened before. I was summoned to Matron's office to be told not to speak to the press (as if I would).*

*I was actually having great difficulty hearing because, I presume to lighten the aircraft, the lining had been removed so the noise was horrendous.*

*If you would like any more details please get in touch. t/p 277876.*

*Jean Bloomfield*



## WORK PARTY AT GULPHER POND

What a wonderful autumn day to arrange a work party to carry out a cleanup at Gulpher Pond. We met at 9.00am on Saturday 21 October 2018 to begin the cleanup and worked through until 11.00am and the photographs taken before and after show what progress was made by the 9 volunteers.

Thanks go out to Barbara Mathews, Guy Pearse, Mike Atkinson, Mick Elmes, Alan Muchal, Bob Stoner, John Cousins and John Newman for giving their time and working as a team in order to get the much needed work completed.

*Keith Horn.*



## The Felixstowe Society Website

For the last few years, Peter Norman has routinely and competently done the job of Webmaster for The Felixstowe Society but this year he decided to retire and pass the job on to someone else.

We thank Peter for his sterling service over the years, and wish him well for the future.

A small notice appeared in the last newsletter asking for volunteers to take over from Peter and, thankfully, Ian Clarke volunteered. Following a meeting with several committee members, Ian was invited to take on the job, and began immediately to assess all the good features already in place and re-vamp a few things to make them more relevant and informative.

We are extremely fortunate to have Ian on board and we hope many people, members and non-members, will take a look at the new-look website. All comments will be gratefully received.

[www.Felixstowesociety.org.uk](http://www.Felixstowesociety.org.uk)



## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

This year has seen a very pleasing rise in the number of Felixstowe Society members. and, to show its appreciation, the committee decided to hold a Coffee Morning at the Conservative Club to welcome them and to allow them to get to know each other and members of the committee.

Over 50 people came and enjoyed the wonderful food provided, met and mingled. Everyone seemed very interested in the future of The Society and also, very gratifyingly, had lovely things to say about The Newsletter!



It was a delightful occasion and a great pleasure to meet people who have only joined The Society recently.

We hope they will continue to enjoy what The Society has to offer and to join in whatever facet of The Society interests them most.



## **POPPIES IN OLD FELIXSTOWE**

**St Peter and St Paul Church Felixstowe held a Poppy Trail and exhibition from 5 November to 17 November to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War 1.**

**Mayor Graham Newman officially opened the Trail and Exhibition at St Peter and St Paul Church on 5 November at 2pm.**

**The Memorial quilt made by the Parish Ladies was a highlight of the Exhibition. Also there were 40 names commemorated in the church and churchyard on the War memorial or on graves - both those actually buried and those commemorated on parents' or relatives' headstones.**

**There are in excess of 25 others who are relatives of the Old Felixstowe Parish family being remembered (serving in a variety of places and not all Felixstowe People). The Exhibition brought alive those stories with pictures and family stories which have been extensively researched. The Poppy Trail in the graveyard followed the World War 1 graves. There were guided tours but also DIY tours using an explanatory pack.**

**This exciting event has been fully supported by our new vicar, Rev Chris Hood. It was another facet of Felixstowe life in the commemoration period.**

**Refreshments of tea and cake were provided too!**

**Jean Macpherson  
Churchwarden  
Old Felixstowe Parish**







## KIRTON & FALKENHAM BOWLS CLUB

The Club was formed in 1921 (which makes it the oldest or one of the oldest in Felixstowe) and It stands on land owned by the Village Hall. The earliest written record comes from the Village Hall A.G.M. minutes of 1923: -

*'The report from the Bowls Club was read and considered very satisfactory as from a membership of nineteen we had paid to keep green in a pretty decent state, bought two pairs of bowls and had a balance in hand of nineteen shillings and two pence, £19/2. We have also done extremely well as regards matches played. The club having engaged the neighbouring clubs in thirteen matches and had been fortunate to win ten, losing three, which was a good record for a club in its second year.'*

As far as is known the green was constructed by its Founder members and there is a story that the original grass turf was dug out of the neighbouring marshland. Subscription was 2/6 (12½p) for members of the village hall and 3/6 (15½p) for non-members.

Founder members included Jack Amos, Les Kemp and Fred Runnacles whereby they, and their families, were involved with the club for many years i.e. In 1968 the club welcomed 87-year-old Mrs. Runnacles, wife of Fred, to present prizes and a silver singles trophy in memory of her husband, which is still played for today. Their daughter, Mrs J Cone, presented a seat in memory of her father.

In 1995 The Amos family, Jack and sons Peter and Mick were still playing, Jack after 77 years, Peter after 50 years and Mick 40 years, a combined total of 167 years. During the 1980s they all played in the same Suffolk team in Trophy competitions, Peter captained the Suffolk team which twice won the Adams Trophy and he won national titles as well, with and without his brother. All family members won several County competitions and all of them served as officers of the club for many years.

Jack's wife Liz was a founder member of the Ladies' section in 1962 and she also played in many County Competitions. The Ladies' section was amalgamated in the same year. As reported in the Evening Star at the time *'this family have become a Suffolk legend in bowls circles'*.

In addition, during the 1970's nine club members played at County Level and the club has at some time in its history, won all the County trophies, except the Senior Cup.

*The club has had two clubhouses during its 85 year history. The first being immediately inside the gate as seen below*



*The second as it is today.*



Currently the Club plays in Ipswich and District Federation Bowls League with teams in Samford Monday Evening and Wednesday afternoon leagues; Ipswich Triples Wednesday evening and Two Wood Thursday evening leagues, with varying levels of success.

The club is open each day for a 'roll up' and on a Friday it is combined with a Social Event. It also plays a variety of in-house competitions each year i.e. 2 wood singles, 4 wood singles; pairs and triples.

The club also holds two open days each year in memory of Jack Amos and Geoff Eade, where members from other clubs are welcome.

The Club has had two club houses since inauguration – first just inside the gate and the latest at rear of green. (see photos). There is ample parking adjacent to the green.

At present there are 45 members (38 play in League matches) and subscription is £42 per year.

New members are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining should contact the Secretary On 01394 215587.

*Tony Horrocks*

### ***THE HOLD TIME CAPSULE PROJECT***

*This capsule is to be buried in the Town Hall Gardens in the Spring. We need some paper memories of Felixstowe which would be of interest to anyone reading them again in many years to come. For example, the new Pierhead Building has won a Special Mention in the Quality of Place Awards by SCDC.*

*If anyone has anything they would like to add along these lines, please contact Jan Garfield, The Felixstowe Society Chairman.*

*Thank you.*

### **INSERTS**

You will notice that there are no separate sheets included with this issue of The Felixstowe Society Newsletter. Because of the large amount of time it takes to collate over 400 copies each time, a decision has been taken to include the relevant documents in the body of the Newsletter, so you will find all these at the back which you can cut out and use as normal. Each document will be identified by a coloured stripe down the outside edge, and the colour of each document is indicated in the calendar.

**If you have anything which you think might interest the readers of The Felixstowe Society Newsletter or the wider population of Felixstowe, please send to the Editor by Monday 25 March 2019. Don't worry about spelling or formatting - we can do all that when we convert your contribution to house style. Thank you.**  
**fxsocnewsletter@gmail.com**

Hello Everyone,

Just had to email to you all to thank you for all that you did over the Weekend and the months leading up to it. It was the first time that I have been involved and I really enjoyed myself. Everyone that I have spoken to has said how great that they thought the Weekend was and asked when the next one is going to be!!

Regards

Jan Garfield

Dear Mrs Garfield,

Good afternoon and thank you for your kind letter regarding the Heritage Weekend. It was a pleasure to support this bi-annual event and we look forward to giving continued support in the future.

Not only does it make people aware of the Martello tower and its history, but also informs the public of Felixstowe Coastwatch and our operation contributing to safety on the beaches and local pleasure users of our coastline.

We managed to have a minimum of 7 watchkeepers on duty on all three days of the Tower opening times; they assisted visitors in any way possible during their visits and all enjoyed the time spent. Also as before when we were open to the public we managed to acquire another three volunteers to join us after visiting our lookout.

A big thank you also to Chris Smithers who was on hand to show the visitors round the tower and explain the history behind it.

With my kindest regards

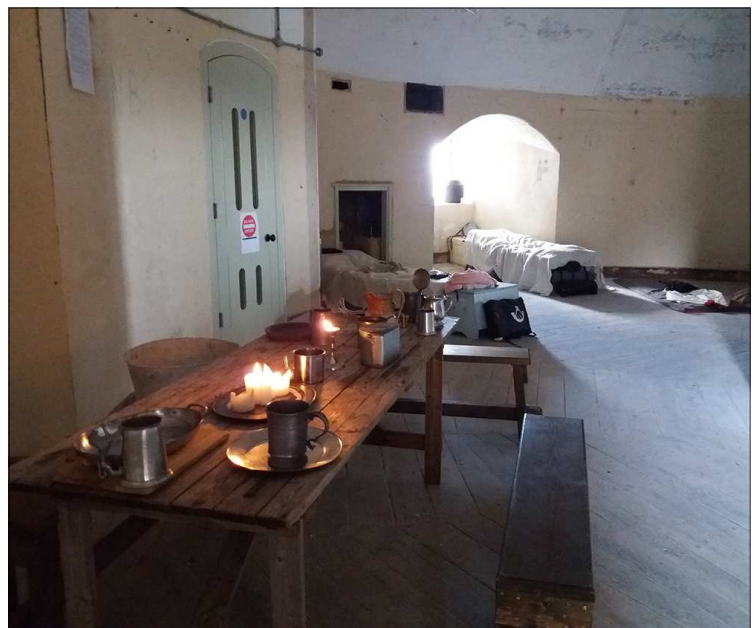
**Julian.**

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Heritage Weekend photos kindly provided by Dave Foy of Felixstowe Coastwatch.





## HERITAGE WEEKEND 8 -9 SEPTEMBER 2018 VISIT TO BAWDSEY MANOR



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Due to the courtesy of the new owners PDL, providers of adventure holidays for young adults and school groups, eight parties of about 25 people were shown around the grounds and three dayrooms of this fascinating house by Paul Grant of the Landguard Partnership.

It has been described as a cross between an Elizabethan Manor House and a Maharajah's Palace and was built by Victorian entrepreneur Sir (William) Cuthbert Quilter (21/01/1841 - 18/11/1911), who, as his father's namesake, was always known by his middle name. His grandfather Samuel Sacker Quilter, had farmed in Trimley and Walton but, like his accountant

father, Cuthbert made his money in London as a stockbroker and investor in new technology. He was Liberal MP for South Suffolk 1885 - 1906 and was created a Baronet in 1897. In addition to his Mayfair house he rented Broke Hall, Nacton and then Hintlesham Hall (1883 - 93). In 1883 he bought the manorial rights at Bawdsey and gradually bought up much of the river Deben's north bank, some 10,000 acres stretching almost to Melton, as well as Laurel farm in Marsh Lane, Felixstowe.

On a virgin site in 1886 he began building a half-timbered holiday home at Bawdsey for his wife Mary (1848 - 1927), whom he married in 1867, their five sons and two daughters. It proceeded to grow with his fortune when he decided to make it his main residence. There does not seem to have been a master plan. Numerous architects were employed, including William Eade (1840-1927), Detmar Blow (1867-1939) and Thomas Cotman (1847-1925). In the end it was Sir Cuthbert who finally determined the details with the help of his friend Percy MacQuoid (1852-1925), the theatrical designer and furniture historian.

Firstly, the Billiard room was added in 1890 to the north, then the original building was extended clockwise. From 1892 the half-timbered façade towards the south was rebuilt in pseudo - Elizabethan style, culminating in the Red Tower completed in 1895. The two storey mock Gothic entrance, with its motto 'Plutot Mourir Que Changer' (better to die than change), was rebuilt in white stone from 1899 to link in with the Indian style White Tower which was constructed of Ashlar and completed in 1904. In the meantime, a detached stable block with water tower, clock and cottages was built about 1900 to the north east. This resembles the stable block built in Maybush lane for Felix Thornley Cobbold's home.

Through the front door and staircase hall is the two storey Great Hall with its massive Italianate chimney piece and organ gallery. The Dining Room (later the RAF officers'



mess) is hung with old photographs of the house and gardens. Both these rooms

have sumptuous oak panelling and leaded windows. The Garden Room has large glass windows and doors leading to the series of four terraces, dropping in stages and giving stunning views of Felixstowe and beyond. At the end of the top terrace is a brick octagonal Jacobean tea house with a copper domed roof, lined with Italian tiles and having three open arches at the front.

Lady Quilter, with the help of the landscape gardeners Alfred Parsons (1847-1920) and James Pulham (1820-1898), laid out the remarkable quarter mile walk of cliff terraces built of materials from demolished Martello Tower V with caves and grottoes, having seats and windows overlooking the sea, created from the patented artificial stone, Pulhamite. Various gardens survive in outline only. The Sunken Garden has a lily pond and a Pulhamite pergola leading to the cliff walk. The Martello Tower site produced the Round Garden which was planted with roses, from which the sea could always be heard but never seen. Finally there was a walled Kitchen Garden with elaborate gateways and glass houses on both sides, now gone, and what was a beautiful Lemonry.

Taking an interest in every aspect of life, Quilter was typical of the benevolent autocrats of his time. The estate provided employment for local families. He planted many thousands of trees, built workers' cottages and improved farm buildings. In 1889 he funded the ladies' wing of the Suffolk Convalescent Home in Felixstowe and operated two large steam chain ferries (1894-1931) because Felixstowe with its railway station provided the best route to London. As part of his on-going feud with Bawdsey's vicar, Allot Tighe-Gregory, Quilter required his workers to attend the chapel he built in the Manor grounds and the school he built in the village, thus boycotting the parish church and church school.

Tighe-Gregory had objected to Quilter re-routing the road from Bawdsey Quay around the north of the manor in order not to have a public road by his front door, and would pointedly drive his horse and trap along the old road to sit and eat his picnic lunch on the manor lawns. Quilter, as Vice Commodore of the Royal Harwich yacht club, organised the 1908 Bremerhaven to Felixstowe race and related this to Kaiser Wilhelm II, who supposedly said that in his country he would have had Tighe-Gregory shot.

Finally, in an age when food in general, and alcohol in particular, was frequently adulterated with cheap and dangerous substances, Sir Cuthbert became an apostle of real ale and in 1902 bought the Coach and Horses brewery in Melton, which dated back to 1844. It was renamed the Melton Brewery and advertised its ales with the slogan 'Pure Beer', but it closed in 1912 with his death.

Quilter died at his home, having visited London the day before. He is buried in Bawdsey churchyard, as is the reverend Tighe-Gregory who died in harness the previous year, aged over 90, having been vicar of Bawdsey since 1855. The Quilter family memorial in the churchyard is well worth a visit, as is Bawdsey Radar museum which has been refurbished recently with a lottery grant, and was open for free all weekend.

Again, many thanks to PDL. It is to be hoped that this might be repeated in future Heritage Weekends. Thanks must also go to the Air Cadets from Felixstowe and Woodbridge who helped shepherd the strays and whose cheerfulness was much appreciated.

Excellent articles by Leslie Ramsey on the steam ferries and Sir Cuthbert Quilter appeared in The Society Newsletters of September 2010 and May 2012 which can be read online.

*Andrew Halliday*

## **FINAL WORLD WAR ONE TALK by BEV BOYCE**

Bev Boyce gave the last in the World War One series of talks at St Peter and St Paul Church on 12 November 2018. This was the final one in the series to commemorate the centenary that had been planned by Phil Hadwen. He had completed the first two: the sinking of the Lusitania and Nurse Edith Cavell but on his death, Bev took over the talks to honour his memory. She spoke on the Battle of the Somme, Passchendaele and the life of double VC soldier Noel Chavasse, and this last one on the last 100 days.

In the talk Bev highlighted the cost of peace including many moving personal accounts of those fighting from all the different countries. The Royal Flying Corps alone lost 200 men a month who may have had as little as 11 days flying training. This hit home when compared to Von Richthofen and the German's skill, but even he suffered a brain trauma which may have impaired his judgement which led to his being shot down. The lack of parachutes in British planes but essential equipment in German planes is one factor so many pilots lost their lives. Two VCs were awarded to pilots during this new battle warfare. The role of the Navy was also explored briefly.

The death of many through Spanish flu was also mentioned, being a not so obvious consequence of the close comradeship experienced in the trenches. The last days of the war were highlighted through many individual accounts and the little-known role of the chaplains, 179 of whom lost their lives, and included several VCs awarded as well as military crosses, due to acts of heroism which some would say were part of their service in caring for the wounded and dying, but does not explain their heroism at that moment beyond the call of duty. The war was also considered through the life of famous Spurs black footballer Walter Tull and his perspective fighting in the Footballers' Battalion.

The last battles and the generals were considered with the everyday views of their actions from the frontline men which varied greatly as history has shown. The talk finished with Private Welch's perspective on 11 November 1918: "I think it is quite hopeless to describe what today means to us all. We, who will return to tell the people what war really is, surely hope that 11am this day will be of great significance to generations to come. Surely this is the last war that will ever be between civilised nations".



It was a cracking, well-researched, interesting talk, bringing to light the real stories of people not just historical facts. It was a pity more did not make the effort to attend as attendance was poor compared to previous years for such a finale of talks and centenary acknowledgement.

*Jean Macpherson*

## VISIT TO THE SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY MUSEUM, MARTLESHAM

Over the summer, two groups of people enjoyed a very interesting and informative visit to Martlesham to look round the Suffolk Constabulary Museum. The tours were led by retired policemen who had some great stories of their own!

Policing in Suffolk started in the 1830s, initially at Sudbury and Beccles. Slowly other towns started their own police services and these merged into East and West Suffolk along with Ipswich Borough. These amalgamated into the Suffolk Constabulary in 1967.

The museum deals only with Suffolk artefacts and photographs dating back to the very start of policing in the county. At present it occupies an area around the Assembly Hall, with wheelchair access to the museum along with disabled toilets, all of which are on one level.

The museum is not open to the general public, but is available by appointment for group tours Monday to Thursday. As it is a working building, tours cannot start until 6 pm but in special circumstances weekend tours can be arranged. On some days there are constabulary commitments where visits cannot place. Occasionally visits have to be cancelled at short notice but every effort would be made to inform the organisers as soon as possible.



The tour of the museum took about an hour and a half and our guide, the ex-policeman, was on hand to answer any questions we had, as well as talking to us about life in the police service.

This is not a 'black' museum, although there are several weapons on display and is suitable for children five and over. We also saw their collection of uniforms, hats, batons and handcuffs, etc. which we were welcome to try on.

Although the visit was free, donations were gratefully received; the museum is not directly funded. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit and would recommend it as a very informative and interesting experience. Thanks go to the excellent guides who spent so much time answering all our questions.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019.  
FORM WITH YELLOW STRIPE IS AT THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

*Many thanks to Susanne Barsby for checking and proof-reading this issue.*

**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**



# FELIXSTOWE FERRY YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW



This fascinating book all about Felixstowe Ferry by Liz Setchim and Graham Henderson, launched in August, is now selling well. The idea for the book was launched by Phil Hadwen several years ago, and it was great to see his widow Gill and his daughter Sarah at the launch attended by Councillor Graham Newman, Mayor of Felixstowe. The authors were also present, as were a great number of residents of Felixstowe Ferry who featured in the book.



There are many never seen before photos in the book and, at £10, it is a must-have for anyone interested in or connected with the Ferry.



**The book can be purchased from:**

- Stillwater Books**
- Poor Richard's Books**
- The Aldeburgh Bookshop**
- The Ferry Boat Inn**
- Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club**
- Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club**

**and from local museums through the summer.**

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1. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Treasurer.
2. You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount The Society reclaims on your donation in the tax year.
3. If, in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income or capital gains equal to the tax The Society reclaims, you should cancel your declaration. See note 1.
4. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask The Society, or ask your local tax office for leaflet IR65. Please notify The Society if you change your name or address.
5. If you pay by Standing Order we will continue to claim Gift Aid annually until you inform us of a change of circumstances.

**For Office Use Only : Receipt No ..... On Spreadsheet ..... On Dist List .....**



## The Felixstowe Society Data Permission Form

Under EU law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) became UK law on 25 May 2018. It applies to The Felixstowe Society as we are an organisation that keeps both digital and paper records of members' names, postal & email addresses and telephone numbers.

Specifically, the GDPR requires us to obtain the written permission of each of our members and to retain this information. At the moment the Treasurer/Membership Secretary holds copies of the complete membership file on password-protected computers. This is to facilitate the issue of newsletters, the management of its distribution three times a year and to inform members of events and holidays as and when they arise.

The Society undertakes not to make your data available to any outside body or use it for any other purpose other than as described above without your express permission.

We further undertake to destroy in a secure manner all written and data records once they are time-expired. Should you wish to see what we keep about you then we will let you see the information we hold about yourself.

Clearly, The Society will not be able to function without the co-operation of members in this matter. If for any reason you no longer wish to hear from The Society, then do tell us and we will erase our information about you. We hope that you will give us your written permission to contact you by indicating this below. Without your signatures on this form, we cannot make contact with you.

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I/We give you permission to contact me/us and to retain the information I have given you.

**Full name(s)** .....

**Address** .....

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**Post Code** ..... **Telephone** .....

**Email** .....

**Signature(s)** .....

**Date** ...../...../.....

This form (3 pages) can be downloaded from the website

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# The Felixstowe Society Holiday to Bedford

16 -19 May 2019

We are now planning another 3 night 4 day Mini Break and details are as follows :-

We will be staying at Park Inn by Radisson and at this stage the holiday will cost £340.00 and will include the following :-

- Coach Travel by Klarners Coaches and a tip for our driver. Porterage on arrival and departure.
- Accommodation on a Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis. Welcome tea and coffee on arrival.
- 3 course menu with 3 choices per course with vegetarian option plus tea /coffee after dinner.
- A visit to The British Schools Museum at Hitchin with Buffet Lunch included.
- A Walking Guided Tour of Bedford.
- An evening lecture after dinner at the Hotel.
- A day visit to the National Trust property Waddesdon Manor.
- Visit to The Imperial War Museum Duxford

Please note that in order for all of our party to be accommodated at Park Inn by Radisson we have been allocated 8 superior twin/double bedrooms which will cost an extra £10.00 per person per night and these rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All rooms will have views of the river Great Ouse.

At the time of preparing this information we do not have National Trust Day Passes and therefore non National Trust members will have to pay £20.00 per person.

To proceed further we need a minimum of 40 people and if you are interested please complete the application form and forward this together with your deposit of £100 per person.

Please note that you will have to make your own insurance arrangements. In the event of the holiday being cancelled because of lack of support your deposit will be refunded.

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**HOLIDAY TO BEDFORD 16 -19 May 2019**

**I/we would like to go on this holiday and enclose my/our deposit of £100 per person.**

**Please make your cheque payable to The Felixstowe Society and return this part of the form to Keith Horn, 75 Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9LU.**

**Name(s) .....**

**Address .....**

**Telephone No. .... Email address .....**

**Are you a NT member. Yes ( ) or No ( )**

**For couples –Standard Bedroom with twin/double bed Yes ( ) or No ( ) OR**

**Superior Bedroom with twin/double bed Yes ( ) or No ( )**

**Single bedroom Yes ( ) or No ( )**

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## The Felixstowe Society Quiz 2019

Following the success of the Quiz in February 2018, Roy Gray has kindly offered to organise a Quiz Night at the Trades and Labour Club, High Road, Walton on

**Friday 15 February 2019, starting promptly at 7.30 pm**

**The cost is £10 per person which includes a cod and chips supper (sausage and chips as an alternative).**

All profits raised from the raffle will go to local charities.

For the quiz, there will be tables of 4 – 6 and there is a bar at the club where you can purchase hot and cold drinks.

Please phone Roy Gray on 01394 285827 if you are able to donate any prizes for the raffle.

This is always a popular and enjoyable event so you are advised to book early.

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### **BOOKING FORM FOR THE SOCIETY QUIZ – Friday 15 February 2019**

I would like ..... tickets for this event at £10 per ticket

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... payable to The Felixstowe Society

Please indicate numbers for :

Cod and chips ..... Sausage and chips .....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone Number .....

Email address .....

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHEQUE TO  
ROY GRAY, 428 HIGH ROAD, FELIXSTOWE, IP11 9QP**

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## Felixstowe Society Annual Dinner

The Felixstowe Society Dinner will be held once again at The Brook Hotel, Orwell Road, Felixstowe on Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The cost will be £16.00 per person and will include a carvery main course, sweet course and tea/coffee. A tip is included in the ticket price. A vegetarian dish will be available if required. Also please let me know if you have any special dietary requirements.

We hope that you will be able to join us and would ask you to complete the booking form and return this to Mrs Susanne Barsby at the address shown.

**Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope to enable Susanne to send you your ticket(s).**

We will be holding a Raffle and would welcome gifts of prizes if at all possible. Please note that any profit made on the night will be given to a local charity. I will be glad to collect your prize – kindly contact me on 01394 270845 or email me at [kjandehorn@btinternet.com](mailto:kjandehorn@btinternet.com) Alternatively please deliver your prize to me at 75 Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9LU.

**Keith Horn**

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### BOOKING FORM FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER

**Monday 15 April 2019, 7.00 for 7.30pm**

**at THE BROOK HOTEL, ORWELL ROAD, FELIXSTOWE, IP11 7PF**

I would like .....ticket(s) for this event at £16.00 per ticket.

Vegetarian Option Yes or No

Choice of Sweet Course Please tick Box below

Chocolate Fudge Cake with Ice Cream ( ) or Fresh Fruit Salad and Cream ( )

Please provide names of all persons attending who must be fully paid up members of The Felixstowe Society.

I enclose.....Cheque payable to The Felixstowe Society.

Name(s).....

Address.....

Telephone No..... Email address .....

**Please return this form together with your cheque and SAE to  
Mrs Susanne Barsby, 1 Berners Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7LF.**

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