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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.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Hello Members,

Welcome to the second digital edition of our Newsletter. Maybe it will be the last and the May edition will be back to normal, but who knows! I don't think that we thought that we would be in the position of sending another digital edition for January when we sent the last one out! I do hope that you enjoyed the last edition. We didn't get a great deal of feedback but nobody seemed to hate it and several people emailed to say how much they enjoyed it. Very unfortunately our Newsletter Editor, Honor Dines, fell ill during the compilation of the last Newsletter and our very grateful thanks must go to her son and our wonderful Keith Horn for getting the publication produced and sent out. Very fortunately we have found a volunteer to take over as the Editor in the person of Gill Manning who has produced this edition. We are extremely grateful to her, so thank you so much, Gill.

Eight months of strangeness and not a little fear. The worst thing I find is the way we avoid people in the streets, as though they have the plague! Still, at least we have hope on the horizon with the imminent arrival of a vaccine. I hope that, by this time next year, this horrible year will be a distant memory. As you all know, all our speakers have been cancelled until next year and we will put information on the website when we are able to start again. Meanwhile, we are discussing how we can say thank you to all who have stuck with us over the past year. We have already removed the £1 fee for each meeting until May 2022, but will see what else we can manage.

My personal thanks go to the Committee Members who have all been working behind the scenes in their various jobs. My especial thanks must go to Keith Horn who has had to change the holiday to Winchester twice, rearranging the hotel booking, coach or coaches and the various visits. Now booked for May 14th 2021, let's HOPE that he won't have to alter it again. We could end up with a hairless Keith.

Now to Christmas. I just hope that people will weigh up the overwhelming want and need to see all their family and friends over Christmas, against the need to keep this dreadful, invisible enemy under control. I know that Jon and I are lucky insofar as we have each other and our eldest son, daughter-in-law and two of our grandchildren are in Waldringfield, but we know that we shan't be able to see our two eldest grandchildren in Kesgrave, as they are university students. Also, no hope of seeing our youngest son and his family who live in Huddersfield. We must all be sensible. On the other hand, please use your bubbles and don't get lonely.

Well, folks, I think that I have rambled on quite enough, so will end with Christmas Greetings to you all and a wish that 2021 will be entirely different from 2020.

Best wishes and love to you all,

Jan Garfield, Chairman

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We would like to know how many of our members have opened up the January 2021 Newsletter. PLEASE can you send me an email confirming that you have opened the email. My email address is kjandehorn@btinternet.com

Also, if you would like to write an article for one of our future Newsletters, please email our editor Gill Manning at the new email address: felixsocnewsletter@outlook.com

Thank you

KEITH HORN

Speakers For 2021

The following speakers have been booked for 2021. These are all subject to Covid-19 restrictions being lifted. Any changes or cancellations will be advised as soon as is possible.

January 19th	Geoff Kay	Citizens Advice Bureau
February 26th		Where Have All the Houses Gone?
March 16 th	Jane Bradburn	Capture and Escape of Men in 67th Medium Regiment
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May 18th	A G M Barbara McElroy	The Bevin Boys
September 21st	B. Van Loon	Street Names
October 19 th	Geoff Kay	The Great Exhibition
November 23rd	Ray Semper	The River Deben

CANCELLED

N.B. Since preparing this list, we have had to cancel, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the speakers for January, February and March.

Membership renewal is due in January in order to continue to receive newsletters electronically or otherwise, and also to receive details of any ongoing meetings, outings and other information regarding The Society, once we are able to get back to normal. As with all other organisations we can only wait and hope for normality to return.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP YOU WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM FREE ADMISSION TO OUR SPEAKERS' EVENINGS UP TO MAY 2022 (AS MENTIONED BY OUR CHAIRMAN JAN GARFIELD IN HER CHAIRMAN'S NOTES IN OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER).

The Membership/Renewal form is at the end of this Newsletter

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Please let us have your contributions for the May Newsletter by **Monday 22nd March**, in Microsoft Word format if possible, to the new email address:

felixsocnewsletter@outlook.com or, by post to:

6 Harvest House, Cobbold Road, IP11 7SP Thank you.

Grateful thanks to all our contributors and to Susanne Barsby for proofreading.
Special thanks to Keith Horn for all of his help.

Members' Holiday to Winchester Friday 14th May to Monday 17th May 2021

Would all members who have booked to come on this holiday please note that at the time of this Newsletter about to go print we are still hoping to go on our long awaited holiday to Winchester.

I am in regular touch with our coach company Klarners Coaches Ltd and will keep you posted of developments as and when they arise.

Keith Horn

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM 14TH JULY TO 6TH NOVEMBER 2020

APPLICATIONS LISTED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER AS AWAITING DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISION

REF	ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	SOCIETY COMMENTS	ESC DECISION
DC/20/1867	55 Hamilton Road	Part conversion of existing retail premises to provide a refurbished retail unit at ground floor & 14 new flats	Little impact on the Conservation Area and welcomes the diversification and reuse of a vacant building.	Approved
DC/20/1794	1 College Green	Single Storey Extensions with New Wall & Replacement Cladding	The scale and form of the proposal are inappropriate in this open Conservation Area setting and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the streetscene. The removal of the half-timbered cladding and replacing it with boarding would be inconsistent with the harmonised architecture of the College Green development.	Approved
DC/20/2448	201 Hamilton Road	Erection of public house		Approved

APPLICATIONS COMMENTED ON BY THE SOCIETY 14 JULY TO 6 NOVEMBER 2020

REF	ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	SOCIETY COMMENTS	ESC DECISION
DC/20/2448	201 Hamilton Road	Erection of two-storey public house	The Society welcomes the proposal and considers that it is the best scheme submitted on site to date and hopes for a speedy implementation to regenerate this important site.	Approved
DC/20/2559	21 Westmorland Road	Erection of chalet bungalow	The Society considers that the development would be cramped and out of character.	Refused
DC/20/3816	22 Hamilton Road	Change of use of 14 offices to 5 flats	The Society considers that the proposal will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Awaiting decision
DC/20/3782	Flat 1, Former South Beach Mansion, Bent Hill	Fell 3 x Sycamores.	The Society considers that the proposed 3 x Holm Oak replacements provide a better long-term landscape solution.	Approved
DC/20/3662	79 Hamilton Road	Single residential apartment	The Society considers that the proposal will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Approved
DC/20/3634	8 College Green	New garden room	The Society has no objections in principle but raises concerns in respect of the flue for the woodburning stove.	Awaiting decision

DC/20/3625	Tehidy House, 65 Orwell Road	Conversion of house to 5 apartments and erect one new build dwelling	This is a prominent and substantial site which has been derelict for some years. The Society considers that this is a sensitive proposal in character with existing development in the area and which will conserve and enhance the conservation area.	Refused
DC/20/3592	Ranelagh Road Car Park	Reduce crown of Oak by up to 30%	The Society considers that the proposal will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Approved
DC/20/3519	1 College Green	Reduce height of Liquidamber tree by 33%	The Society considers that the work will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Approved
DC/20/3451	101 Undercliff Road	Building of new dormer in rear aspect of roof	The Society considers that the dormer window would be out of scale with the existing building and would harm the conservation area. Two smaller dormers would be a preferable design solution.	Awaiting decision
DC/20/3303	64 Constable Road	Single-Storey rear extension	The Society considers that the proposed extension represents overdevelopment of the site and would be out of keeping with the character and appearance of the area.	Awaiting decision

DC/20/3118	Day Nursery, Convent of Jesus & Mary, 61- 63 Orwell Road	Erection of single-storey extension.	The Society considers that the proposal will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Approved
DC/20/3066	12 Manning Road	Change of use from retail (A1) to dwelling (C3)	The Society considers that the proposal will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Approved
DC/20/4288	8 Gainsborough Road	Works to trees	The Society considers that the proposal does not appear to have any tree surgeon's documentation to support the work.	Awaiting decision
DC/20/4188	12 College Green	Removal of conservatory and addition of ground floor and first floor extension.	The Society considers that the extension is a well designed and integrated addition which will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Awaiting decision
DC/20/4140	47 Ranelagh Road	Non material amendment to planning permission DC/20/1472	The Society considers that the amendments will cause no harm to the significance of the conservation area.	Approved
DC/20/4054	87 Ranelagh Road	Fell Cherry Tree in rear garden	The Society would prefer the tree to be pollarded, rather than felled. If this is not possible then a suitable replacement should be planted.	Awaiting decision

FELIXSTOWE FERRY GOLF CLUB

East Suffolk Council recently granted planning permission for the erection of five dwellings and a new clubhouse at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club. The application site is outside of the defined settlement boundary for the town and within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The residential element of the development was proposed as 'enabling development', stating that the funds accrued from the sale of the five plots was to be used to part fund the construction of the new clubhouse. There is no legal definition of 'enabling development' within the planning acts. It is a term which has evolved from case law and is only referred to in national planning policy in respect of works which will support the conservation of a heritage asset.

The Felixstowe Society objected on the basis that proposed housing development would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the AONB and because the scheme was contrary to the policies of the Felixstowe Area Action Plan which state "The openness of the Golf Course is to be protected as this area provides uninterrupted views of the AONB and the sea. Proposals which increase commercial activity within this area will be resisted." Views of the AONB and the sea enjoyed by many local residents will now be lost.

Philip Cobbold

As previously seen in the Suffolk Preservation Society magazine

EASTWARD HO! GOLF CLUB - A PROJECT

For over 20 years, between the wars, there was a thriving golf club at Eastward Ho! to the north of the town. Its 18 holes were designed by one of the greatest course architects James Braid. The club formerly started in 1920 but golf had been played in the area prior to WW I.

Michael Thomas (one of our members) has accumulated a lot of information, material and artefacts and is anxious to gather everything into booklet form. There is a website dealing with lost courses (golfsmissinglinks) to which he has contributed, but there is still scope for further research and some interesting leads to be followed up.

If any member has any information about this Golf Club or an interest in such a project, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Michael Thomas on 01394 283973. The Club is an important part of Felixstowe's history and the project is something that The Society enthusiastically supports.



Felixstowe Beach Hut & Chalet Association

Summer has gone and beach huts and chalets are being closed up for the winter. It must have been the strangest year we have ever had. We've had to stick to social distancing when using our huts and chalets and have been restricted to the number of people who have been allowed to be present. As least we had some lovely weather during the summer which allowed us to enjoy being by the sea.

Our membership remains strong with just short of 600 members, and 37 new members have joined this year. Some have bought a hut from a member who has recommended that the new owner joins. It is always encouraging to know that people feel that it is well worth being a member of the Association.

It is disappointing for hut and chalet owners that, as a result of a review of car parking charges throughout the district, East Suffolk Council no longer allows us to purchase an annual parking permit at a reduced cost. We made strong representations during the consultation period for the permits to remain, but to no avail.

The Council have not made any more progress in finding a solution to putting the huts at the Spa Pavilion site back on the beach. Obviously, dealing with the virus has been somewhat of a priority this year so the huts will remain on the prom, sideways on, next summer. Some owners have chosen to move their huts to other sites, with Manor End being popular. Speaking of Manor End, every year temporary wooden steps are put in place in the summer to help people get down to the beach from the prom. In September there was one day of particularly strong winds and a very high tide which resulted in the steps being torn away from their fixings and carried out to sea. They were last seen heading for Clacton! One of our Committee members managed to get a last photograph of them as they sailed away.



Trevor Mason

FELIXSTOWE CARNIVAL – OUR HISTORY AND FUTURE

Our earliest mention we can find is from 1924, which we believe maybe the first Carnival. The aims remain the same, working together as a community for the community.

We have a photo of Mrs Audrey Leckenby as 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary' in 1928, where she remembered the sun always seemed to shine and her fancy dress competition took place on the grass, behind the Pier Pavilion, in front of crowds of people.



Coming full circle, the base of the Carnival is back on the seafront again!

1974 was the first year we were joined by our friends from Wesel, after they were twinned with Felixstowe. Our Carnival Queen that year was Sally Clarke and she in return went to the February Carnival in Germany. Carnival Queens since then have sometimes been able to join our carnival friends at their celebrations. Our relationship with Wesel continues to this date and we enjoy their involvement when they visit.



Royalty 2019

Over the years there have been many changes, but the fun remains! In the past there was a Carnival King as well as a Queen and Princesses! The Royal Court had in the past been crowned at an inaugural ball.

In April this year, we made the very difficult but correct decision, to cancel the 2020 event, once the full extent of the Coronavirus was known. On the original Carnival Day we provided a virtual Carnival with memories and videos produced by our wonderful procession entrants and entertainers. We now look forward to 2021!

We know that the date of the carnival has moved across several months of the year, but we are now settled at the first weekend of the school Summer holidays and the current carnival is set for the weekend of **23-25 July 2021** with a theme of Heroes and Villains.

The committee of Felixstowe Carnival Association are the guardians of the Carnival. Over the years they have overseen many changes to fit with the needs, desires, demands and



Pipe Band

financial availability at the time. The committee is made up entirely of volunteers and this year includes seven new members from across our community. We are excited to make plans again, subject to the lifting of restrictions, for a fabulous weekend of fun, laughter, dancing and entertainment.

Having a fun time!



Samba Band

We are now looking for any businesses in Felixstowe who would like to advertise in our programme or offer sponsorship. Heading towards the weekend, we are always keen to invite volunteers to join our friendly group of organisers to help over the weekend.

We are very proud of our Carnival, the economic boost it brings to the area and the enjoyment of the thousands who join us over the weekend.

*Julie Bellamy
Chairman
Felixstowe Carnival Association*



AGEING YOUTHFULLY - A WAY OF LIFE

Bill Tancred (Professor of Sports & Exercise Science)



Bill Tancred lives in Felixstowe, is a member of The Felixstowe Society and has spoken to our members on one or two occasions at our Speaker Evenings. Bill has just written another book and has very kindly agreed to let our members have an insight into it. (KH)

Public awareness and interest in physical fitness and health is much more obvious today than say ten years ago. With today`s sedentary and automated lifestyles, nobody can take good health and physical fitness for granted. The way to ensure a lifetime of physical and mental well-being is regular participation in exercise together with a proper diet, adequate rest and sleep, relaxation and good health practices.

We all want to live a long and healthy life and if exercise and diet was a pill, we would all be taking it. Years of research show that we do not have to submit to deterioration from age 50, our arteries and joints gradually stiffening, and huffing and puffing towards chronic disease. We can combat to stay relatively youthful right up to age 90, and even reduce our risk of dementia, by eating better and becoming decidedly, more active. Numerous studies around the globe have, in fact, ascertained that exercise is the most powerful predictor of whether we will age well (Bingham, 2015).

A report (2016) from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (`Miracle Cure`), noted that the big four direct causes of preventable ill health are smoking, poor nutrition, lack of physical activity and alcohol excess. In regards to these four, the report states, `the importance of regular exercise is the least well known. But relatively low levels of increased activity can make a huge difference`. In summary, the report concluded that 30 minutes of moderately intense exercise, five times a week, can reduce the risk of developing heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, some cancers and even dementia.

Hence in my new book I cover the Secret to a long, happy and healthy life; Physical activity and exercise; Older adults and functional status; Stress and relaxation; Diet, weight management and obesity; and Tips to age better and LONGER. However, being sedentary goes against evolution because humans are designed to be physically active. You do not need to be an Olympian to reap the benefits but anything which gets you moving with some `puffing` will help.



This small book will help you make the necessary lifestyle choices if you want to age well and wisely. The book can be obtained by emailing Bill at: billtancred@gmail.com or by phoning 01394 549975. Cost £10.00 not including P & P.

Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club

Celebrating 150 years of cricket in Felixstowe

2020 saw the 150th anniversary of a cricket club in Felixstowe, making it one of the oldest, if not the oldest, club in the town. To help us celebrate this major milestone local resident, historian and editor of the Cricket Statistician, Simon Sweetman, has researched the origins of cricket in Felixstowe and has kindly provided the following brief club history.

Felixstowe, stuck out on the edge of the world, has never been a leading centre for cricket, with the first reference in the press to a match in 1784 where the Gentlemen of Colneis Hundred entertained the Gentlemen of the Society Club of Harwich.....but that was a one-off event. 1868 marked the first appearance of a team called "Felixstowe", but by 1870 it was clear that things were being organised and a club was formed.

In 1870 there were five games and for two of them the team might have been called "Walton & Felixstowe", and in the other three just "Felixstowe", but the same players appeared for both and one was very definitely the star – Fred Downing took eleven wickets in a two-innings match against Ipswich & East Suffolk, six in the one innings return, five against Woodbridge, seven against I&ES (again), and nine in the two innings game against Helmingham. Fred was Assistant Manager at the Bath Hotel (his father Henry was the Manager). We don't know if he bowled in the newly legal overarm style (since 1864) or where he had learned to play, but he certainly could.

Unfortunately, we don't know where they played in 1870: earlier games had been played at "Walton", some of them on "Mr Bobby's land" which would have been at Walton Hall, and there may have been a ground near the Ordnance Hotel (as was). A newspaper reference suggests that by 1870 there may have been a ground near the clifftop, probably somewhere near the Golf Road car park, being then within sight of the parish church. But the Bath Hotel provided the refreshments, and the cricket club was at least partly an advertisement for the Bath Hotel.

1878 was an important year. The new purpose-built ground at the Bath Hotel (where "The Courts" now stands) was opened in this year and in October the Bath Hotel visitors' book records that the Felixstowe Cricket Club had met there. For the Bath Hotel, cricket was important because it brought Summer visitors, some of whom would spend the whole Summer at the hotel. The most significant of these was Delamark Roffey. Roffey, a man of private means, had been spending his Summers in the Bath Hotel since at least 1873 and had played cricket around the area, or for his own visiting team, the Herons, which would regularly visit Felixstowe in cricket week. In 1875 he made 107 not out against Stowmarket, the first century for the Felixstowe club (the next was not until 1904).

But by 1884 lawn tennis seems to have been all the rage (the first Wimbledon was in 1877, and ladies could play as well), and the club became a cricket and tennis club. Cricket declined, and the last game on the Bath Hotel ground was in 1897, the club then dropping the word "cricket" from its name. There was no cricket week in 1893, and from 1893 to 1900 there are only fourteen games recorded. There was at least one game played on Mr Pridden's meadow at the back of Walton vicarage, but interest seemed to be fading.

Then in 1901 Captain EG Pretzman, the MP and the major landowner on the east side of town, gave the town a field near the new Town Station and the Orwell Hotel, and this was the Town Ground, in Dellwood Avenue, which was intended to be used for cricket and has been the long term home of cricket in the town ever since.

From 1904 there was another user of the Town Ground. The Suffolk county club had been founded in 1880, but in 1904 they entered the Minor County Championship and



Gentlemen' XI 1935

proceeded to play most of their home games at Felixstowe until 1966. From then on Dellwood Avenue hosted at least one Minor Counties match per year until 1983 when the last County game was played in Felixstowe against Hertfordshire.

Between the wars there were changes. Immediately after the Great war there was a semi-merger with Ipswich, whose ground was unusable. Then in 1927 the club was shaken up by Dr John Johnston, with a completely new committee. Under Dr Johnston the club joined the Club Cricket Conference and moved in higher circles, with regular games against the like of the Gentlemen of Suffolk and MCC. By 1938 Felixstowe regularly had three or four players in the Suffolk team.

Play resumed after WWII, and then in the summer of 1952, Felixstowe Corinthians Cricket Club was born. A few cricket fanatics, with a preponderance of service and ex-service personnel, got together and decided that there was a need for another cricket club in Felixstowe, which would concentrate on welcoming people of all abilities, from the weekend plodder to the experienced amateur. Corinthians played their home games at the Coronation Park in Mill Road.

The 1970s saw Felixstowe join two new leagues. In 1970 they joined a new 40 over league, The Suffolk League, and had immediate success being the inaugural winners of the league...which was a nice way to celebrate the club's centenary year!! The following year Felixstowe entered the Two Counties League, covering Suffolk and Essex, and it is within this league that the club still plays today. In 2007 the two clubs, Felixstowe and Felixstowe Corinthians, came together to form a new youth club, Felixstowe & Corinthians Youth Cricket Club, aimed at inspiring both boys and girls into the sport.



The success of this collaboration led first to the creation of a Ladies XI playing at Dellwood Avenue and then finally to the full merger of both clubs in 2015 to form the current Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club continuing to play its matches at both the Town Ground and Coronation Park.

Ladies XI

The club had plans to celebrate their heritage with a number of events at Dellwood Avenue in 2020. Due to Covid-19 these were postponed, but have been re-arranged as follows for 2021:



Mens XI

A Cricket Festival from Friday 23rd July to Sunday 1st August

A Golf Day in June, plus

A Ball on Saturday 25th September

They are also hoping to have an MCC team come to play in the Cricket Festival week.

The Laydens Community Café

A Better Life for Everyone!

The Laydens Community Cafe at 12 Langley Avenue, Felixstowe, was originally the kitchen for 'Meals on Wheels'. The (Women's) Royal Voluntary Service was the original 'Meals on Wheels' provider. Their home-delivered hot meals service provided friendly social contact for those who were mainly confined to the house, along with a regular check that they were safe and well. All their menus were designed to provide a good, balanced diet. Their visits were very much welcomed, and maybe the recipe on the Royal Volunteer Service website for 'Felixstowe Tart' will have been used!

ABLE Felixstowe is the trading name of the Community Interest Company – A Brighter Life for Everyone – which we all know as The Laydens. The building and land is owned by ABLE (Felixstowe) CIC. The Not-for-Profit Laydens Community Café is situated at 12 Langley Avenue, Felixstowe IP11 2NA, just off Grange Road at the Grange Farm Avenue roundabout. The Management Committee consists of Jan Garfield, Margaret Morris (Chair), Michael Sharman and Wendy Smith.

There is a bright and cheerful café area which in normal times seats 30 people. There is an office for administrative work, a disabled toilet, and of course the well-equipped hygienic kitchen. At the front there are two picnic benches for eating outside on sunny days. It is accessible for people with disabilities.



The Community Café is mainly run by volunteers, along with the Manager Sally Fisher. During its opening hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Fridays (other than Bank Holidays) it offers quality breakfasts and lunches, as well as snacks and non-alcoholic drinks, at very reasonable prices. Service is known for its friendliness and the delicious meals. Free wi-fi is available. Nearly 100 customer visits a week were made before the pandemic crisis.

Our prices are very reasonable. Popular choices are:

£4.00: All-Day Breakfast of bacon, egg, sausage, tomatoes, potato cubes, with a free drink (there are vegetarian options)

£3.75: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, including tuna and sweetcorn

Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, The Laydens also offered free monthly confidential health advice from the Walton Parish Nurses and held popular craft mornings

fortnightly. There have also been Sign Language and Spanish Conversation classes which will be starting up again.

We have been particularly grateful for grants and support from Felixstowe Town Council (including being a Mayor's Charity) and also from East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councillors. In particular, we have appreciated ongoing support and encouragement from Councillors Mike Deacon, Doreen Savage and Tracey Green.

You can find us on Facebook: @thelaydenscommunitycafe

The Laydens can be hired at very reasonable rates for afternoon, evening or weekends. For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Morris: 01394 274345 margaretamorris@hotmail.com

We look forward to welcoming members of The Felixstowe Society. We would be very happy to meet you and show you round - just phone or email us.

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FELIXSTOWE'S INNER WHEEL

The Inner Wheel is the largest women's organisation in the world. It was started in Manchester by Margaret Golding in 1924. Her husband was a Rotarian and she felt that women should also have their own organisation. Initially, it was for the wives of Rotarians, but now it is open to all women. Each country has its own association, ours is Great Britain and Ireland, with twenty-nine districts and four hundred and seventy-four clubs. There is an International Committee which oversees the proceedings. Districts comprise an Executive Committee with a District Chairman plus her officers.



The objects of the organisation are:

- To Promote true friendship
- To Encourage the ideals of personal service
- To Foster International understanding.

Here in Felixstowe we meet (in normal times) twice a month at The Orwell Hotel. On the first Thursday of the month (evening) and on the third Thursday (lunchtime). The Felixstowe Club was formed in 1939, just before the outbreak of war, when the ladies soldiered on, knitting for the troops. We are now knitting for overseas and local projects, the money raised each year is for the Association, District and local charities. Unfortunately, this past six months has made things very difficult. Our main charity raising event, a lunch, has had to be cancelled. We are keeping in touch with each other through groups of six for coffee or tea and also by telephone!

If you feel you would like to know more, please go to the district website: www.Innerwheeldistrict8.org.uk

Best wishes to you All from us.

Gillian Smith, Club Correspondent

MEMBERS' CAR MEMORIES

VB 6538 (1929 Chummy)

by Michael Thomas

Roger Baker's interesting article in the last newsletter, prompted memories of cars I had owned and in particular a soft spot for an Austin Chummy.

My great aunt Lilly, some 80 years ago, was a district nurse in Shropshire. Family photos included her with her Austin Chummy.



During National Service in the Royal Signals, I was a Systems Control Officer based in Gloucester. I was allocated a Willis Jeep to go backwards and forwards to Cheltenham to what is now GHQ Cheltenham. Back at barracks, along with a fellow officer, I busied myself with building what we always called "The Special".



A saloon Chummy was bought from a local scrap yard for £10 and stripped down to the chassis. We then started to build and finished up with quite a presentable little sporting number. The maiden voyage was to Mullion Cove and photos were taken on the quay outside the lifeboat coxswain's cottage where we stayed.

The Special became much travelled. Following the successful trip to Cornwall, we took it to Silverstone for a circuit, but spent most of the time sliding off onto the grass! It was sold to a good friend of my colleague who toured round several European countries without mishap. I finally lost contact with it, but hopefully The Special lived on as a mutant Chummy and gave pleasure to more owners and kept raising smiles wherever it went.



Postscript

Just on the off chance I recently put in the registration number to the DVLA and to my surprise it came up indicating it was still taxed! I will try and locate the current owner, they may be interested in the history of this quirky little vehicle.

Let the editor know if you own - or have owned - an interesting classic vehicle which you would be willing to write about in the Newsletter.

Application / Renewal of Subscriptions 2021
(delete as appropriate)

Please complete the Application/Renewal Application and the optional Gift Aid Declaration on the reverse of this form and send with your membership subscription for 2021 to :

Hilary Eaton
Treasurer
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Felixstowe IP11 7PG

(Data Protection : The information provided attached to this form is for the use of The Felixstowe Society only and is not passed on to any other organisations.)

Membership Subscriptions (The annual subscription runs from 1 January)

Annual Membership – single	£10
Joint Membership – Two people at the same address	£15
Young people – under the age of 18	Free
Corporate Membership	£30

Gift Aid is tax relief on money donated to UK charities. HM Revenue and Customs treats donations as if the donor had already deducted basic rate tax from them. The charity can then reclaim this tax to increase the value of a donation. The Society is a charity and the membership subscription is a donation. It is optional but please fill in the form and increase your subscription at no cost to you.

If you pay by Standing Order we will continue to claim Gift Aid annually until you inform us of a change of circumstances.

Standing Order : Tick this box if you wish to set up a standing order to pay your membership renewal fees in January of each year. You will need to quote the following details of The Society's account. Note that you can cancel the standing order at any time.

Bank Account Name : **Felixstowe Society**

Sort Code : **77-66-25**

Account Number : **25273660**

Bear in mind that members must pay their first joining fee by cash or cheque (payable to 'Felixstowe Society') but can then set up a standing order with their bank for subsequent years' renewals for a date in January.

BACS - You can also pay by BACs using the above Bank Account details and put your name as reference. A receipt should not be needed when paying by cheque but if one is required, please let the Treasurer know at the time of your application. No receipt will be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Membership Application / Renewal for 2021

Full name(s)

Address

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Post Code **Telephone**

Email

We enclose £ being the subscription for people

Archiving / Exhibitions		Gulpher Pond / Abbey Grove Group	
Leading Walks		Committee Membership	
Newsletter Delivery		Help with ad hoc activities	

I/We could give help with (please tick)

Optional Gift Aid Declaration (for individuals)

Please ensure that the name on the cheque for the membership subscription (donation) is the same as the donor.

Donor details

Title **Forenames(s)**

Surname

Address

Post Code **Telephone**

I would like The Felixstowe Society to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signed **Date**

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**