



# Newsletter



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## Your Committee

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Vacancy.....recruiting, are you interested?

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*New Website coming soon....*

*Free opportunity to promote your business*

*Watch this space!*

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## Sub-Committee News

### Resort Regeneration

Aim: To develop Felixstowe as a resort – particular the sea front areas.

#### Current topics:

- o Coastal Protection Plans
- o French Market
- o South Seafront designs

For further information please contact the Secretary.

### Shoplink Radio

Aim: To prevent and assist in criminal activities within the town centre i.e. theft, aggressive behaviour etc.

*Scheme: Every subscriber has a radio and can receive details of any problems from neighbouring shops. Felixstowe Constabulary are connected to the radio link scheme and are at hand if any problems arise.*

To be part of the scheme you must be a member of the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade & Commerce. There is a quarterly charge of £45.00 which includes replacement of batteries and maintenance of the radio.

For further information please contact the Secretary.

### Town Centre Management

Aim: to enhance the town for all users.

*Issues Covered: roads, footways, street furniture, shop front design, conservation, parking, residential areas, taxis, public transport, promotion and new development.*

#### Current topics:

**Crescent Road / Cobbold** – County Council currently considering changes from the three phase system to a two phase system

**Bent Hill** – discussions underway for traffic calming or prioritisation changes / pedestrianising or walkways introduced. No decision has been made.

**Enhancement** – fingerposts will be repainted, consideration of painting railings around the triangle.

**The Triangle** – considerations currently underway on ways to improve the appearance of this area.



*"We hope you enjoyed the over 50's brass band which played every Friday afternoon on the Triangle during the summer"*

## New Networking Meetings

### First networking event for Felixstowe Chamber 'A huge success'

Around 75 people attended the launch of the new Felixstowe Chamber of Trade & Commerce's networking group on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at The Brook Hotel, Felixstowe.

The evening was a huge success and provided a chance for local business people to network, enjoy a two course meal and come away with new information about law enforcement and crime prevention in the area.

Felixstowe's sector commander, Inspector Neal Atwell was the speaker for the evening. The Inspector provided some very interesting information about crime prevention and policing in the town and seafront areas. He explained the roles of Community Support Officers and the 'Suffolk First For You' Scheme. Inspector Atwell and Sergeant Mick Richardson were also on hand to answer any questions and concerns of the attending local organisations.

Harvey Smith, Chairman, said: *"It was wonderful to have such a good turn out and a great opportunity to meet other businesses in the town. Inspector Atwell provided an informative and at times 'humorous' presentation regarding issues which affect both businesses and residents within the Felixstowe area. The feedback that we have received from those attending has given us a valuable insight into what our members would like to gain from the Chamber and will assist us to evolve the Chamber and future networking events."*

Felixstowe Chamber which has been established since the early 1900's is making some major changes in the way that it is operating. The association represents the local business community on a number of issues including: *town centre and sea front issues, shop watch and radio link, liaisons with local authorities, town centre entertainment and much more.*

However, over the years business and technology has changed enormously and the Felixstowe Chamber realises that it is required to adapt its approach to satisfy the needs of its current and future members. With these reasons in mind and with the assistance and guidance of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, Felixstowe Chamber's Executive Committee has been working towards the development of a website – to provide free advertising for businesses, to advertise events and provide information regarding local issues. The recent introduction of regular networking opportunities will help to open up new opportunities for local businesses and provide a source of useful information and assistance.

Harvey Smith, Chairman said:

*'The Felixstowe Chamber does a lot of good work for the business community and has perhaps not acquired the reputation that it deserves. The continuing work and the changes that we are making to improve communication between our members and other businesses is a positive move and should create many new opportunities for organisations within the town. Our recent affiliation with Suffolk Chamber of Commerce provides many more benefits for our members including access to an employment helpline, access to credit checking facilities, reduced rates for Chamber luncheon meetings and admission to British Chambers of Commerce facilities.'*

Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce is a voluntary run organisation and are grateful for any support that local organisations can offer ; becoming part of the committee (2 – 3 hours a month), promotional support or sponsorship of networking events.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

#### 'SWITCH ON'

THE TRIANGLE, FELIXSTOWE

4.40PM

### 2<sup>ND</sup> NETWORKING MEETING

THE ELIZABETH ORWELL HOTEL

7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006

6.30PM

£10 MEMBERS £12.50 NON MEMBERS

*Legal Contracts for Small Businesses*

