



Felixstowe Beach Hut & Chalet Association

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ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT

Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Our annual Quiz Night will be held at the Trades and Labour Club in Walton. Members who have attended previously have suggested that we make a small charge to attend and that the proceeds go to our nominated charity. We have taken this on board and will ask for £1 a head when you arrive. Proceeds will be divided between Felixstowe Coastwatch and the Felixstowe Volunteer Coastal Patrol and Rescue Service. There will be light refreshments by way of cheese and French bread at half time and there will be a raffle. Gill Mason will be asking the questions.

Teams of up to six people - but we can match up those with less than six if necessary. **Please let us know if you are coming, so we can cater appropriately, by contacting our Treasurer, Trevor, on the Association email or telephoning the number above.**

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HUTS DISPLACED FROM THE BEACH AT THE SPA PAVILION

As members will know, huts between the Spa Pavilion and the Pier have stayed on the promenade this year due to erosion of the beach. We have learned from Suffolk Coastal that they will be allowed to remain on the promenade again for the 2019 season while alternative proposals are discussed further. We should know their intentions by the end of the year and we have been assured that a meeting of affected hut owners will be called before any action is taken, in order to set out the proposed solutions.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE LOOS AT 'THE DIP'

Hooray !!! The toilets at The Dip have finally been refurbished. It took an awfully long time and the portaloos provided whilst it was being done were not a great success – they might have been more successful had they been kept clean and properly stocked! The smell at times was not at all pleasant. However, they have been done and are a great improvement. We are told that the only things left to be done is to replace the doors and wooden cladding.

FUND-RAISING FOR MACMILLAN

Well done, and thank you, to all the members who supported Di and Peter Chilver's Macmillan Coffee Morning at their hut. They raised a fantastic sum of £804.60.

Our Committee member, Barbara Grace, held a fundraising day at her hut to support Felixstowe Coastwatch when she provided drinks and refreshments and sold books, raising £245 which has been presented to them. She will also have Hut 830 open on New Year's Day from 11am for mulled wine, coffee and mince pies with more books for sale to raise some more money for Coastwatch.



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In May we held a beach clean from the Pier towards Manning's Amusements. As a result, we were rewarded by Suffolk Coastal with a cheque for £25 which has been sent to Coastwatch.

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We were happy to endorse a letter from Suffolk Coastal to all chalet tenants reminding them of their responsibility not to cause annoyance to others by spreading out in front of other chalets, playing loud music and generally behaving in an unacceptable way.

The same applies to beach hut owners, of course. There have been several reports of large groups of noisy people at huts who block pathways and impinge on the enjoyment of others nearby. Some have smoky barbeques which are a nuisance and some even put a barbeque between huts which poses the danger of setting fire to a hut! We believe this is particularly relevant to some people that hire a hut for a day and don't appreciate the effect their actions have on others. They are 'here today – gone tomorrow'.

Please bear this in mind. If you rent out your hut please inform hirers of their responsibilities towards others.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

In August we received an email from Rick Galliene, who is Vice-President of the Mornington Peninsula Beach Box Association in Melbourne, Australia. Rick and his wife, Anne, were visiting the UK and wanted to meet up with Beach Hut Associations while they were here. They were staying for a few days in Harwich, so we arranged for them to be picked up from the foot ferry and took them to Joy Reeve's hut, Grandma's Little House at Manor End, which you will remember was 'Beach Hut of the Year' in 2017. Joy and her friend Karen organised a fish and chip lunch on the beach, which was also shared by Karen's relatives who were visiting from the USA! We gave Rick and Anne a quick drive along the sea front to see all the huts in Felixstowe before they hopped back on the ferry. They had visits to Associations in Harwich, Walton-on-Naze and Bournemouth planned. Rick has been made our first 'Honorary Member' and he, very generously, gave us one of their Association's baseball caps. It was a pleasure to entertain them and show them Felixstowe. Joy will be visiting Australia next year and will be visiting Rick and Anne while she is there.



Rick and Anne at Grandma's Little House

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JOY'S OCCASIONAL CAFÉ WILL BE OPEN AGAIN

Again this winter Joy and Karen will be opening their 'Occasional Café' at Grandma's Little House on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from November offering hot drinks, biscuits and home-made cakes in exchange for a donation to their chosen charity, Alzheimer's Research UK. They are well worth a visit on a chilly morning and you will be supporting a worthy cause.

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We will be entering a tree into the Salvation Army Christmas Tree festival again this year. You will be able to see it, and many others, between 4th and 8th December at the Citadel in Cobbold Road.

AGM – a date for your diary

We will be holding our AGM on Monday 17th June 2019 at the Trades and Labour Club in Walton.