



# Felixstowe Beach Hut & Chalet Association

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Summer has officially gone so huts have been taken off the beach and many are being closed up for the winter. The late burst of autumn sunshine at the end of September came too late for many!

We are pleased to report that our membership has swelled to 344 during the year. That is more than a third of possible members. Although we lost several members, most of whom had sold their hut or given up their chalet, the number of new members more than made up for it. **We extend a very warm welcome to our new members** and hope you find that being a member of the Association is a positive aspect of owning a hut or renting a chalet. Please encourage your neighbours to join, if they are not already members.

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### OUR ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

is on

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 7.30pm**  
at the Trades and Labour Club in Walton

**This time it is a MUSIC QUIZ**  
with Barbara Grace asking the questions.  
No charge to attend.  
Light refreshments will be provided.

Please let our Treasurer, Trevor, know if you are coming  
either by e-mail or on 01394 274331

Teams of up to 6 players  
(if you don't have a team we will match you up with fellow members)

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By far the most complaints from members this year is about the lack of maintenance at beach hut sites – particularly Brackenbury Fort, Brackenbury Cliffs and Clifflands. Grass has gone uncut for weeks, weeds have been left to grow to an unacceptable height and brambles overhang steps and walls. We will be taking this up with Councillors next time we meet. We know that money is tight in the public sector, but for the huge amount of money that we pay over to Suffolk Coastal in rents every year we have every right to expect a better service.

We will also be pressing for the smallest increase possible on our rents next year – preferably none at all. Inflation is very low at the moment and to inflict an increase higher than inflation would not go down at all well.



Inspired by our member who told us about the Christmas Tree Festival in Stowmarket, we will be entering a decorated Christmas tree in the **Felixstowe Christmas Tree Festival**. The tree will have a beach hut theme (of course). It is held in the **Salvation Army Church** in Cobbold Road between **1st and 5th December**. Any money we raise will go towards the Felixstowe Volunteer Patrol and Rescue Service, which almost became extinct this year through lack of funds. It was only thanks to public donations that kept them afloat (pun intended!). Please pay visit if you can.

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This summer we entered a float in Felixstowe Carnival for the first time. We are greatly indebted to **Goldstar Transport** for giving us the use of one of their lorries and a driver (the son of one of our members!) for no charge, and also to **Marketing Force Services** for providing the banners and **Craig Norman** for the tee shirts with our logo. The theme for the floats was 'The Movies' and we thought it appropriate to have a seaside connected entry, so we went for 'Jaws'.

Several of our members assisted the Committee, both in the planning of the float and the preparation. Everyone worked tirelessly to get it ready in pouring rain on the Friday evening. Thankfully the weather on Saturday was much improved. Below are a few photos which will bring back memories.

