## **Felixstowe Master Mariners**



The Felixstowe Master Mariners Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club

for a lunch provided by local caterer DG Catering - info@dgcaterers.co.uk followed by a talk by an invited speaker.

The talks have recently included presentations by Club Members, Nigel Lingard and Captain Peter King.





Nigel gave a very interesting talk about the evolution of the Cruise Industry in general and his part in the conversion of the ferry "Black Prince "launched in 1966 as a Ferry, to a full time cruise ship 20 years later. Some interesting facts about the cruise industry today were divulged and Members were fascinated by what Nigel had to say.

Peter's presentation was more sombre, as he explained the role his parents had in their evacuation from Burmah and the destruction of oil fiends and infrastructure belonging to the Burmah Oil Company, for whom Peters father worked, to prevent the installations falling into the hands of the advancing invading Japanese army invasion in 1942. This was a moving and very personal talk which had members totally absorbed.

The object of The Club is to foster professional comradeship among Master Mariners and those with Nautical interests and to use any excess funds to support local maritime related charities in an atmosphere of high traditions, good manners, smart dress code, cordiality and friendship.

New Members are always welcome and Membership details and further information can be obtained from the FMMC web page www.mastermariners.uk/index.html

Picture show Captain King giving his talk on Tuesday the 18 July 2023.

