## Level Two Youth project in conjunction with Arts Award



Proudly presents

For the first time Level Two Youth Project, in conjunction with Arts Award, is running a six week summer project for young people between the ages of 8 and 17. Activities will include dance, singing and acting rehearsals, prop and scenery making and a trip out to a local theatre to see a show (transport provided).

Level Two provides mentoring, counselling and youth club services to young people in Felixstowe's and surrounding villages.

Arts Award is an organisation that provides young people with the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification. This project offers young people the chance to gain either an 'Explore' or 'Bronze' level qualification.

Alongside the formal qualification, we hope the young people taking part will make new friends, gain confidence and be able to try something new. This six week project will run from the end of July until the beginning of September, fully supported by Level Two staff and will culminate in a fantastic stage production at Trimley Memorial Hall.

We are holding an open evening in June which will give families and young people a chance to ask questions, meet staff, try out roles and begin to build the excitement for this amazing summer production.

We are really looking forward to meeting lots of enthusiastic young people.

Contact Level Two via email at fydgleveltwo@gmail.com to register your interest and for more information, including dates and cost.

## Felixstowe Men's Shed (FMS)





After four years since inception our membership stands at 35 and the workshop is busy start to finish. At the April AGM there has been a change of chairman, Tony Allen has stood down and our new chairman is Steve Harding. With an engineering background Steve is well placed to lead Felixstowe Mens Shed forward.

A new Engineering section has been formed with a dedicated area as demand has seen more and more need from converting cycles to battery power and vintage motorcycle repairs and maintenance.

A large new assembly bench has allowed a variety of work to be carried out with more ease, raised garden beds, repairs to furniture and our long-term project of Bat Boxes continues.

Why not come along and see just what is on offer?

We are located at 158 High Road, Trimley St. Mary, IP11 0TN and are open 10.00am – lunchtime, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturday mornings 9.00am to 12.00noon.

Further information and details showing past projects can be found on Facebook and www.felixstowemensshed.org.uk

Article provided by Tony Allen/Steve Harding

## Calling All Mariners and those interested in Nautical Matters



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 KB Catering (kbcatering31@gmail.com) followed by a talk by an invited speaker.

The talks are not necessarily marine related and have recently included an interesting presentation by Club Member, old railwayman and ex-shipping executive, Chris Ridgeon, about the development of railway signalling. This was followed by an absorbing explanation of the work conducted by The Seafarers Centre based in Felixstowe and at the April Lunch a presentation by Mr. Glyn Evans, making his annual visit to our Club and an explanation of the failed attempt to sink the German pocket battleship, "Tirpitz", sheltering in the Norwegian fjords during WW2.

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. This year The Club were able to support - Care Ashore, RNLI Harwich, Ocean Youth Trust South, The Marine Society and Sea Cadets, ECST, The Shipwrecked Mariners Society and Felixstowe based TS Landguard Sea Cadet Corps, The Seafarers Charity, Felixstowe & Haven Ports Seafarers Centre, 1st Felixstowe Sea Scouts and The National Coastwatch Institution.

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

Picture show Members captivated by a recent talk at one of the monthly luncheons, with the River Deben flowing by in the background.

## Old Felixstowe Community Association



The Community Centre remains a hive of activity with over thirty groups meeting regularly and private bookings remaining buoyant. With the summer approaching we are looking forward to the Summer Fair which is being held at the Centre on Saturday 10th June between 10am and midday. It is a chance for our regular groups to say "thank you" to the Association for the facilities we provide as all takings are in aid of the Association. There will be a variety of

stalls, games and a giant raffle so please do join us for a fun morning and raise valuable funds. The theme this year is the musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber so there are prizes for the best decorated stall, best dressed adult and best dressed child. Earlier on in the year the tree plaques that were situated next to the silver birch and apple tree went "missing." Brackenbury WI planted the silver birch, and the apple tree was funded by the Garden Club to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June of last year. The plaques have not been found so it was decided to have a wall mounted plaque instead which would record the very generous gifts by Brackenbury WI and the Felixstowe Garden Club. Marketing Force who had produced the original plaques have made the new wall mounted plaque and very generously provided this free of charge. We have seen both sides of human nature here so a big thank you to Marketing Force.

Volunteer required: At OFCA we rely on volunteers to keep the Community Centre up and running and are looking for someone to assist with small jobs around the Centre. If you are interested in joining our friendly team, please give me a call on 07572119834.

If you wish to book the Community Centre for a private function, please contact the Administrator on 07494599265 or email ofcabookings@gmail.com.

Best wishes, Celia Page, Chairman