



return until at least the Spring.

Under the UK Government's Homes4Ukraine scheme, hosts were asked to offer accommodation for a minimum period of 6 months and up to one year. It has been a rewarding, but often challenging, period for those involved as both hosts and guests navigated the demands of living with complete strangers from a different culture.

Most of our Ukrainian guests have now settled into our lovely town, obtained school places for their children and secured employment. Over recent weeks, Ukraine2Felixstowe has been supporting Suffolk County Council in its recruitment drive for more hosts and enabling Ukrainians to move into local private rental properties. This has proved challenging in a highly competitive environment, but it is pleasing to see many Ukrainians now living independently. No one knows how long the war will continue and finding safety and security in our town has been so important.

Felixstowe's response to the Ukrainian crisis has been magnificent and particular thanks are owed to the sponsors / hosts who have selflessly offered their homes over many months. Their support has been invaluable, and it has created strong bonds with the Ukrainian families who will be forever grateful for the kindness shown to them. More rental properties and/or new hosts will be required in the New Year, particularly for single mothers and their children whose husbands will still be based in Ukraine for the foreseeable future. Please contact ukraine2felixstowe@gmail.com if you can assist.

Felixstowe Coast Patrol & Rescue



Our patrols may have stopped now, but it's still full steam ahead for our volunteers.

During October we helped the Orwell Lady with some man over-board drills while in the river, whilst also practising towing (or pushing?) the Sailing Barge Victor, no mean feat moving more than 70ton of barge, but our lifeboat, Last



Order's, and our crew were more than up to the job! RNLI Harwich also joined in with the training session with their all-weather lifeboat, all in all a very productive and worthwhile day of training. Our volunteers also continue to train hard in the classroom as well as on the boat over winter, honing their skills and



improving their knowledge to ensure that we're up to the task, whatever comes our way!

During November some of our crew got the chance to visit the RNLI station in Harwich, it was a great opportunity to strengthen our bond, plan joint training exercises and learn from each other. We look forward to further cooperation with them.

We've also been busy promoting our charity, recently attending the fireworks display at Trinity Park, and our boat proved to be a big hit with children and adults alike and helping us raise the awareness of water safety and what we do for the public. We continue to promote school/club visits so we can teach children about various dangers, so please get in touch should you like to talk about a visit.

Finally, we really do rely on donations from the kind public, we're not blessed with loads of money, and everything we do is for our local community, so please consider us if you are able to help a charity. felixstowecoastpatrol.co.uk/donate

News from Lions Club of Felixstowe



Your local Lions Club are very proud of our Lion, Lisa Williams, who won the World Porridge Making Championship Golden Spurtle for the second time. Well done Lisa!

In September Felixstowe Lions held their annual charity Golf Day event. Great fun was had by all and a total of £1000 was raised for the RNLI. Several Lions took a (slightly choppy) trip on the Harbour Ferry to present the cheque at the Harwich Lifeboat Station. The photo shows the cheque being presented to Di, the Coxwain.



On the very next day, several Lions were also pleased to be shown round the Ipswich East Fire Station.



We must say a massive thankyou to White Watch for your hospitality this evening, an absolute pleasure and honour everything you do as firefighters keeping us all safe as possible.

Felixstowe Lions Club are donating to several charities to help this Christmas, including the Salvation Army, Basic Life, The Parish Pantry and The Pushchair Pitstop as well as helping local families in need. We are also supporting the local Citizens Advice Bureau who will ensure that extra help goes to those who need it most.

2023 date - Our very popular Pig Race event will again be taking place on the 18th February at the Trades and Labour Club. More details will follow but be sure to book your tickets early!

If you are thinking about joining your local Lions Club please do get in touch through our Facebook page or email felixstowelions@gmail.com. We are a very friendly bunch and work hard to support the local community and those in need.

If you, or someone you know in the community needs help or if you'd like to join us please contact us through our Facebook page or email.

Felixstowe Master Mariners



The Felixstowe Master Mariners Club is up and running with their monthly meetings at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, held on the last Tuesday of each month, with

excellent lunches provided by KB Catering (kbcatering31@gmail.com). Talks over the last month have included interesting presentations by Members Bob Page, about his experiences building a port from scratch in Sweden and Chris Ridgeon and his first-hand knowledge of Railway Signalling as well as a talk by Mr. Phil Roberts about the "Mary Rose". Sadly The Clubs friend and long standing Committee Member, Commander Leonard Fenner passed away in October. Leonard



had a distinguished career, commencing his nautical life in 1938 at the Nautical Training Academy on board.

HMS "Worcester" under the supervision of Captain Steele VC. In 1948 his first trip to sea was as a Cadet with Royal Mail Lines and voyages worldwide, including trips eastward with "ten pounders" to Australia and New Zealand - single young men and women on one way tickets. Leonard had a parallel career with the Royal Navy Submarine Service and eventually left Royal Mail Lines in 1965 to become a Trinity House Pilot, piloting 3,912 vessels, until his retirement in 1995. Leonard joined The Honourable Company of Master Mariners, headquartered on HQS "Wellington" moored on The Victoria Embankment in London and Felixstowe Master Mariners Club in 1995. Leonard will be greatly missed by all.

The Club is open to all Master Mariners and those with a close nautical affiliation and for a modest yearly subscription. Members are under no obligation to attend our lunches but of course are most welcome to do so. You can find out all about our Club, how you could join and the details of speakers that have kindly agreed to give us their learned presentations after our lunches, by visiting www.mastermariners.uk