

We are putting the finishing touches to the programmes for our summer visitors from Wesel's Carnival Group here for Felixstowe's Carnival week-end and the Fire Service Cadets for their eight day summer camp.

You will probably recognise the names of the Carnival group -

Prinz Andre I and Prinzessin Susanne II who came here last year, Ludger Becker President im Carneval-Ausschuss Wesel and his wife Elke, Luc Eben Prinzenfuhrer CAW and his wife Tilly, Hanne Eckhardt (Chairman) and Ulli Jacobi from the Wesel Association Committee.

There is one special chance for all members to meet our Carnival guests and Fire Service cadets on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July with more details in **bold** on the right hand side of this page.

We shall have our own Carnival float advertising the link between the towns - always a great attraction to the thousands of spectators lining the carnival parade route.

Our carnival team will prepare the float at 14, Princes Gardens at 9am (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>) and if you'd like to give a hand please phone Jenny or Richard (01394 278061).

### **Felixstowe Carnival and Cadets programme**

Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> July - Fire-fighters and cadets leave Wesel for the overnight ferry from the Hook of Holland

Thur. 20<sup>th</sup> July - On arrival, a Breakfast hosted by Level 2 Youth Centre. Volunteers to Peewit Camp site to lend a hand putting the tents up and setting out their camping ground.

In the meantime most of the Carnival group will be flying into Stansted to be met by Shez in the Level 2 mini-bus. Most are staying in the Orwell Hotel others with hosts.

Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> July Prinz Andre and Prinzessin Susanne arrive Stansted, and met by Level 2 Carnival group daytime programme to include an evening visit to the Carnival arena.  
Fire Cadets - trip to Colchester Zoo

Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Morning - Carnival preparations

1pm Carnival procession with Fire Cadets

Evening programme to be arranged

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Morning and Afternoon - choice of -

Free time to visit beach, sea-front and pier, the town centre, Carnival entertainment areas, Landguard Fort and the Museum and/or a trip on the Harwich Harbour ferry to view the Port

**Evening - 6pm - 9pm B-B-Q hosted by Fire Cadets at Peewit campsite - all Felixstowe Association members invited**, time then to watch the Fireworks on the sea front

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> July

Carnival group depart from the Orwell Hotel at 3.45pm and taken to Stansted by Level 2.

Fire Cadets - trip to Duxford I.W.M. with an invitation for Association members to fill any vacant seats (Pay Y. O. entrance).

Tue. 25<sup>th</sup> July Fire Cadets trip to Aldeburgh and view the lifeboat

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> July Fire Cadets sightseeing day trip to London

Thur. 27<sup>th</sup> July Fire Cadets visit Ipswich Fire Service

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Cadets last day in Felixstowe, camp dismantled and packed, farewell meal from the Association in "the Hut" and then leave to catch the overnight Stena ferry from Harwich.

## **2023 activities**

Just a reminder of our other events this year -

Hansefest trip to Wesel Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October (now booked).

### Quiz Night

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November in Broadway House, Orwell Road.

### St Niklaus Fest Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

A "German Themed" evening meal together

## **Reports on events so far this year -**

### Quiz night Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Another very successful evening with thanks to quizmaster Jonathan Fison and Trevor Hearn for organising the raffle and of course to all members who donated prizes. A close result and congratulations to the winners.

Also thanks to Jenny Holland and her helpers for the excellent refreshments.

### Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> April

We welcomed Karl Hoemberg accompanied by his son-in-law for a short visit. Karl was here mostly to discuss his work with the history "Chronical". Karl attended and spoke at our 17<sup>th</sup> April Committee meeting augmented by some other members who have taken a particular interest in this subject. Some necessary decisions were made and we are very pleased that Karl went home invigorated by our support for his mammoth task. We can't wait to see the finished result next year.

## **Mayor Sharon Harkin's Charity Ball weekend 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April**

We were pleased to see Burgermeisterin Ulrike Westkamp and husband Helmut, Hanne Eckhart (Wesel Association Chairman), Herr Goeke, Christoph Buchman and Norbet Schultz-Wernhoff all from Wesel and Burgermeister Olaf Meining from Salzwedel.

The main events were a welcome evening meal at the Steak and Lobster restaurant as guests of the Town Council, attending the Ball at the Orwell hotel and ending with the Weselers as guests of the Association for a meal in Anatolia Turkish restaurant (Olaf having previously left on his return journey). In between times there was lots of time to explore the town and sea-front and visit old friends.

And before anyone asks - yes of course all our members who accompanied our visitors at some or all the events, did pay for themselves.

## **Felixstowe Town Council**

Following the 4<sup>th</sup> May local elections, we welcome Cllr Amanda Folley as one of the new Council's representatives on our Committee alongside Cllr Mike Deacon who has been with us for many years. Thanks to Mark Jepson for all his support when Mayor and Council representative.

We also send our thanks to former Mayor Cllr Sharon Harkin as our President for her civic year 2022/23.

***Richard Holland***  
(Vice-Chairman)

**President** - The Mayor of Felixstowe Cllr Seamus Bennett **Chairman** Francis Cotterell, **Vice-Chairman** Richard Holland, **Treasurer** Jonathan Fison, **Secretary** Sophie Cotterell, and (alphabetically) - Nick Barber, Helga Franks, Gill Haseman, Trevor Hearn, Jenny Holland, John Humphries and Ann Layton. Council - Mike Deacon and Amanda Folley