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Making waves in leisure

Happy New Year! We'd like to wish all our subscribers a belated happy and healthy 2018!

The new year is a time when many of us make new years resolutions, with most deciding to make their health and fitness a priority for the year ahead.

Our commitment to improving our leisure offer to encourage more people to become fit and active in Suffolk Coastal hasn't changed, and 2018 marks an exciting year for us as we work fast to develop our leisure facilities.

I'm pleased to say that work to reinvent Deben Leisure Centre is going well and the new facility is

on track to be reopened this summer.

While we spend the next few months fitting out the new centre, we're shifting our focus onto Leiston and we're giving you a chance to have your final say on the plans before work starts in autumn.

This month, we're also embarking on our vision for leisure in Felixstowe as part of our wider consultation to find out how leisure can be transformed in the town.

So it's a busy time for us! Don't miss out on having your say and join our mailing list by emailing leisure@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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Work on track at Deben Leisure Centre

It's been a busy few months at Deben Leisure Centre in Woodbridge and we'd like to thank local people and businesses for their support so far through the development.

Work to reinvent the leisure facility is on schedule to be completed this summer, creating a modern and vibrant space for the whole community to enjoy.

Our Leisure Development Partners, Pulse Fitness who are carrying out the works, removed the old frontage to the building in just a week in September and the steel structure for the new reception area and fitness suite was quickly built in its place.

The focus was then on creating the new area to the back of the pool which will house the facility's new thermal suite featuring a steam, sauna and ice room.

Work to make the building watertight is expected to be completed at the end of this month and the focus will then be on the interior decoration and fitting out the new facility, ready for reopening in the summer.



The front to the new leisure facility is almost complete!



The front of the building was demolished in just a week

Trees planted in community



Transition Woodbridge hope to plant new trees in the community

Five new trees are being planted in the community to replace the Canadian Maple lost at the new Deben Leisure Centre development, due to planning permission.

The community-led group, Transition Woodbridge have chosen to plant three apple varieties and two pear trees at Peterhouse Crescent on Saturday 27 January at 2pm (or Sunday 28 at 2pm if weather is poor).

The group are meeting at the Bullard's Lane end and children are welcome to attend.

For more info, contact Charlie Zakks on: 07834589543 or email Jane at: charlie2zakss@gmail.com

Plans published for Leiston

Plans to improve Leiston Leisure Centre have now been published and we're asking for your feedback on the design and functionality of the building.

The enhanced facility will be given a new, first floor area, featuring a large gym with modern equipment, including cardiovascular, strength, resistance and functional zones.

Improvements will be made to the changing areas, providing high quality village wet changing facilities with family friendly parent and child cubicles, separate changing for schools and individual wet-side changing cubicles and showers.

A new health suite featuring a sauna, steam and ice room, a feature shower and relaxation area is being created, accessible from poolside.

The facility will also benefit from a new entrance space, with a coffee shop and an enhanced pool viewing area, including a soft play area for children.

The community will be able to access more fitness classes with two new dance studios and a

group cycling studio, which will also serve as multi-use bookable rooms.

Through listening to initial feedback and advice from Sport England, the two squash courts are being retained.

Improvements will also be made to the lighting in the pool area and the front car park will be resurfaced.

Work is planned to start in autumn, with an initial closure needed to undertake structural work for a short period.

The leisure centre will then partially open to give access to parts of the facility during the work.

The Leisure Team will be contacting a range of groups, leisure centre users and other key stakeholders in the next two months.

If you are a community group, local club or team and would like to have a chat with the Leisure Team, email: leisure@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

To see the plans in detail, visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leiston-leisure-centre



Giving you the opportunity to have your say

The Leisure Team have been busy meeting with local people on the plans for Leiston Leisure Centre!



Thanks to everyone who came to see us at the Co-op!

The team spoke to shoppers at the town's East of England Co-op on 16th January to talk through the plans.

We were overwhelmed by the positive messages on the redevelopment and the ideas that people had to improve the leisure offer at the facility.

Over 40 people signed up to the newsletter – so we'd like to welcome to our new readers!

All of these ideas and comments are being fed into the plans and service delivery.

The team will also be holding drop-in sessions at the Leisure Centre in the next month, giving you plenty of time to have your say.

Follow us on social media to stay posted.

The future of leisure in Felixstowe

Local people are being invited to take part in a survey to have their say on how they want leisure to look like in Felixstowe!

In November we published our Felixstowe Leisure Vision document which showcases the potential for a multi-million pound sports and leisure development and highlights the opportunity we have to re-vitalise our leisure facilities.

We want to bring state-of-the-art leisure facilities to Felixstowe and we're just about to launch a consultation to seek your feedback and ideas on how these facilities could look.

So far, no decisions have been made on the current leisure facilities in Felixstowe, so at this initial stage, we'll be asking the public to have their say on what leisure facilities they would like to see and how they would like to use a new leisure facility.



We're looking towards the future of leisure in Felixstowe

The survey is due to be launched next month and will be featured in the next edition of the leisure newsletter.

Further details will be available online at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure