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# LEISURE NEWS

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## Project given council go-ahead

Suffolk Coastal planners and Cabinet Members give sign off

## Works set to start September 2017!

## Working with the community

Find out how Deben is branching out into the community!

## Member profile

We focus on a current member each issue



## SPORT ENGLAND

### This issue we have lots of good news to shout about!

Not only has the Deben Leisure Centre project been signed off by planning officials and our Cabinet, but we've also been awarded a fantastic £500,000 from Sport England National Lottery Funding.

The investment comes from their Improvement Fund and helps us fulfill our wider commitment to improve our leisure centre offer and to encourage more people to become fit and active.

Sport England Property Director, Charles Johnston, said: "Sports facilities are a vital to encouraging people to be more active and we know people have a better experience of sport when they can play in good quality facilities.

"The investment being made into Deben Leisure Centre

through our Improvement Fund will make a big difference to community sport in Suffolk and will ensure everyone has a place to get active and enjoy sport."

We're delighted to have received this funding and backing from Sport England as it importantly means that the improvement works can be completed at no cost to the tax payer.

Their valued support confirms that our proposals for Deben Leisure Centre are in line with the latest sports recommendations – ensuring that our residents have the best facilities that meet today's and future standards.

**Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf cabinet member for Customers, Communities and Leisure at Suffolk Coastal.**



# Plans given go-ahead

**Suffolk Coastal planners approved plans to refurbish Deben Leisure Centre in February, subject to the agreement of the final design between the project team and planning management.**



What the new leisure centre will look like

Changes were made to the original plans following comments from the public and planning colleagues regarding the issue of the colour scheme of the frontage to the leisure centre.

Officials were led to favour the original proposals which are in keeping with the colour scheme for buildings surrounding the site.

Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, said: "We feel that the design of the building needs to be contemporary and colourful to attract users to

the leisure centre and to stand out in the community.

"The building has been designed to be modern as well as being practical and deliverable within our restrictions for funding and practical requirements for the leisure centre.

"Ultimately, we want our leisure centres to be refurbished to today's and future standards that the whole community can enjoy, that come at no additional cost to the tax payer and these designs appropriately reflect this."



Andrew Jarvis, Strategic Director for SCDC

To see the full plans for the leisure centre and to see read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), visit: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure/sportandleisuredevelopment/suffolk-coastals-leisure-centre-redevelopment-programme](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure/sportandleisuredevelopment/suffolk-coastals-leisure-centre-redevelopment-programme)

Our Strategic Director, Andy Jarvis, recently met with our Leisure Development Partners Pulse Fitness at their Headquarters near Manchester.

Andy was shown around both the factory and offices to see how the equipment is made.

Pulse will be in charge of redeveloping the leisure centre and installing the equipment.

# Cabinet signs off Business Case

The business case for the redevelopment of Deben Leisure Centre has now been approved by Suffolk Coastal.

At its Cabinet meeting this month, the business case setting out the need for the development project was accepted, meaning work can begin this September.

The work to refurbish the leisure centre will continue for a period of approximately 10 months and during this time, a full closure is required, due to the nature of the site and the work being undertaken.

The development is set to cost £3M, with

Suffolk Coastal providing £2.5M and Sport England providing £500,000 in funding.

It's hoped that works will be completed by summer 2018.

All Members of Deben Leisure Centre will be contacted in the coming months to discuss membership options available to them until the new centre opens.

Members and visitors are advised to continue visiting the website for regular updates at:

[www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/deben-pool](http://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/deben-pool)

## New trees given to the community

The tree which has been removed at the side of Deben Leisure Centre, due to planning permission, will provide community benefit as it's replaced with more new trees in the local area.

Suffolk Coastal have approached the community-led group Transition Woodbridge, who for the last four years have been busy creating a Scattered Community Orchard and other sustainable schemes around Woodbridge and Melton, to find new planting sites as a replacement for the one lost in the leisure centre redevelopment.

So far nearly 30 apple, pear, plum and greengage trees have been planted by the group in Woodbridge and Melton as well as a number of fruiting shrubs and bulbs. At least three more trees will now be planted in replacement of the Canadian Maple tree at the leisure centre.



Transition Woodbridge are busy planting trees

Charlie Zakss from Transition Woodbridge, said: "Creating this wonderful community project has been very satisfying, we have made lots of friends and learnt and passed on valuable skills."

**If you would like to get involved with Transition Woodbridge, call Charlie on: 07834589543 or email Jane at: [twoodbridge@gmail.com](mailto:twoodbridge@gmail.com)**

# Do you have any stories about the history of the pool or any old photos? Get in touch!

We were kindly shown this old regatta poster from 1920, which shows that the River Deben was used for open air swimming!

This year's Woodbridge Regatta takes place on Sunday 16 July!

## Member profile: Jason Rose, 43.

Deben Pool member for 3 years.

### Why did you join?

"I joined the gym because I got to the age of 40 and thought I need to do something and start getting back into my fitness!



"I enjoy the buzz you get from the gym and there's a good mix of people that come here.

"I use the gym twice a week and also bring the kids to the pool at the weekends because they love using the inflatables."

### What I'm excited about the new leisure centre

"As I use the gym during the day I don't struggle to use equipment but I know from other users, that in the evenings when it's busy there's often a queue.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what fitness classes we'll have as it would be good to mix up my routine with that."

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18th, 1920

# WOODBIDGE REGATTA

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

Wednesday, Aug. 18

## EVENTS:

SAILING RACE for HALF-DECK BOATS (open) 2 p.m.  
Prizes Value: 1st £2, 2nd £1

SAILING RACE for OPEN BOATS (open)

Prizes Value: 1st £1 10s., 2nd 15/-, 3rd 5/-

Races to be sailed under arbitrary handicap. No 3rd prize unless 5 entries.  
Course from Hillen's Hard round mark buoy at Ham and finish at Jetty

PAIR-OARED RACE, 18-ft. Skiffs, with cox (open)

Prizes Value: 1st £1, 2nd 12/6

SCULLING RACE (open)

Prizes Value: 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-

FOUR-OARED RACE for Deben Rowing Club

Prize Value: £1 5s.

PAIR-OARED RACE for LADIES

Prizes Value: 1st £1, 2nd 12/6

INVITATION MAIDEN FOURS (open)

Prize Value: £2 10s.

FOUR-OARED RACE for Royal Air Force only

Prize Value: £1 5s.

TUG-OF-WAR IN PUNTS

Prizes Value: 1st £1, 2nd 10s.

TILTING ON RAFT

Prizes Value: 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-

PILLOW FIGHTING ON POLE

Prizes Value: 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-

SWIMMING RACE, 200 yds., open to service and ex-service men

Prizes: 1st £1, 2nd 10/-, 3rd 5/-

SWIMMING RACE, 100 yds., "Hayward's Challenge Cup" for boys under 16, Woodbridge and adjacent parishes, no entrance fee

SWIMMING RACE, 100 yds. handicap (open)

Prizes: 1st £1 10s., 2nd £1

DIVING (open), neatest dive through hoop and Running dive

Prizes: 1st £1, 2nd 10/-

DIVING, boys under 16 years, neatest dive through hoop and running dive, no entrance fee

Prizes: 1st 10/-, 2nd 7/6

LIFE-SAVING EXHIBITION by Ipswich Swimming Club

WATER POLO, Ipswich Reserves

A COLLECTION FOR EAST SUFFOLK & IPSWICH HOSPITAL WILL BE MADE

Entrance Fee 6d. each event. To be made before mid-day Friday, Aug. 13, to Mr. R. Webb, Church St.

THE WOODBIDGE AND DISTRICT

# EXCELSIOR BAND

Will render a Programme of Music

## A PROMENADE CONCERT

WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENING. See Further Bills.

Hon Secs.: E. SEWELL WONTNER & W. J. HARRIS

ARTHUR FAIRWEATHER, PRINTER, WOODBIDGE.