

# FELIXSTOWE WESEL ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration edition



Not long now to the events arranged in Felixstowe to mark this wonderful milestone in the story of our connection with Wesel. All members should have received an invitation to the Reception in Harvest House on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. If you haven't please let me know and I'll make sure yours is sent (emailed or posted).

The Reception has been designed firstly to celebrate the anniversary by renewing the Bond of Friendship signed in 1974 and secondly to make public our incredible 50 year history by the launch of Karl Hoemberg's "History from before 1974 to 2024".

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

8am - Weselers coming off the overnight Stena ferry to Harwich arriving too early in Felixstowe to book into their accommodation have been invited to assemble in Broadway House for coffee and rolls. Then free time until -

Harvest House Reception 3pm doors open  
3.30pm - 5.30pm Reception

7pm Wesel Guests, hosts, and others -  
A "Welcome to Felixstowe" fish and chips meal at the Fish Dish, Undercliff Road West.

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm

Exhibition on the Town Centre triangle for the public to see what we do and encouraged to get involved themselves. Our event coincides with the Love Green Felixstowe display taking place. We shall be located under and around the tented area with Love Green Felixstowe doing things in the north and south garden areas.

Meanwhile on Saturday morning and afternoon, Karl Hoemberg will be in Broadway House, Orwell Road, to promote the printed version of the History and demonstrate a digital version.

In a change of plans, the Saturday evening event will now be held at "SeaYou" located near Martello Park at the end of the prom (*not the Orwell Hotel as shown in our December 2023 Newsletter*)

7pm to 11pm, buffet at 8pm, and music and dancing and a Tombola

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> is a free day with an option to use "the Hut" on the prom.

In another change of plans, at 6.30 pm we will hold our farewell evening meal together in the Alex Brassier (upstairs) to say goodbye to Weselers who are staying on until Monday morning. A traditional "Roast and Crumble" meal.

*Evening events - all with a cash bar  
For ticket availability , prices and more information contact Francis Cotterell  
tel. 01394 246215 or  
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Other events this year - include  
July - Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club to welcome a Wesel yacht flotilla  
July - Felixstowe's Carnival with one of the themes "50 years Felixstowe Wesel friendship" with special guests from Carnevals-Ausschuss Wesel e.v. and the Wesel Fire Service cadets summer camp at Peewit Caravan Park.

Level 2 group going to Wesel in the summer  
Football matches - home and away matches

More details in the next Newsletter and see over for details of our trip to Wesel

*Richard Holland*

**QUIZ NIGHT - SAT. 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024**

**BROADWAY HOUSE**

**7pm for 7.30pm start**

**£10 per person - Teams of six**

**PLOUGHMAN'S**

**Contact Francis Cotterell (see above) to**

**reserve a table**

## VISIT WESEL IN 2024 FOR THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Wesel's celebrations will coincide with their annual Culture Weekend. The proposal is -

### Travel Timetable - outward

20.00 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - depart by coach from Felixstowe train station car park to Harwich International ferry terminal to depart on the Stena 23.00 sailing (overnight cabin)

08.00 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September arrive Hook of Holland to board our private coach service.

Arrive Wesel Kaiserhof Hotel by lunchtime and book into hotel (or the Welcome Hotel) or be met by hosts.

### Travel Time table - return

09.00 (estimated) Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Depart from Wesel train/bus station opposite Kaiserhof hotel, to arrive Hook of Holland ferry terminal then onto depart by Stena 14.15 daytime sailing (without a cabin) due to arrive Harwich International ferry terminal 19.45 20.15 board our coach for return to Felixstowe train station car park at about 21.30

We recommend a Stena Group booking to take advantage of any special offers.

**Accommodation in Wesel** - either a private host or a hotel? Kaiserhof Hotel is popular being in the town centre or Welcome Hotel by the Rhine promenade - a short walk away. Our Wesel Association friends can make booking reservations on our behalf.

**Travel costs ?** The figures for our October 2023 visit were -

1. UK coach (both ways including driver tip) £25 each (£50.50 double)
2. Single Foot passenger both ways and single cabin outward - £103 or Double foot passengers both ways and double cabin outwards £207
3. Coach Hook to Wesel and return. At the time of writing this newsletter - this is not known. Whatever the cost, it will be divided equally between those travelling, so the more who come the cheaper it will be, but it is bound to be at least the same as the UK coach fee.

**Hotel prices** - Kaiserhof - Jenny and I paid 125 Euros per night - double room and breakfast.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** (*without commitment*)

**RETURN BY THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024** so that we can collate and discuss with the Wesel Association.

### VISIT WESEL 2024

Names(s) .....Number of people.....

Host\* or Kaiserhof\* or Welcome\*I or "I will make my /our own accommodation arrangements\*  
(\*delete as applicable)

Yes we are interested and request detailed itinerary and prices.

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