

Pirate Radio Exhibition in Felixstowe 2022

PIRATE RADIO EXHIBITION

- *Displays*
- *Book Signings*
- *Merchandise etc.*

Friday 5th
Saturday 6th
Sunday 7th
August
Noon-5pm
Daily



at Martello 'P' Tower, Felixstowe
FREE TO ENTER - Access by Stairs Only

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Between Friday 5th and Sunday 7th August 2022, a Pirate Radio Exhibition was held in a 200 year old Napoleonic Martello Tower in Felixstowe, overlooking the North Sea. The Tower is owned by East Suffolk Council and occupied by the volunteers of National Coastwatch Institution, and used for the Exhibition with both their permissions.

Spread over two floors, Chris Dannatt displayed his Flashback 67/Pirate Memories material, Ray Anderson showed much of his Pirate Radio Museum display from Clacton, while Chris Brisland (Wireless of the Week on Facebook) and Felixstowe and Offshore Radio combined for a display of vintage radios. On the Saturday, Dave and Rob Cragie from Southwold brought their Morris 1000 van, with a display of vintage radios inside! There was also merchandise available for sale, and a display about Martello Towers.

The Exhibition was opened by current Radio Caroline presenter, Stephen Foster, and featured book signings by Ray Clark (Radio Caroline and BBC Eastern Counties Radio) and Ray Anderson. By the end of the weekend, more than a thousand people had visited!

We were delighted to be joined by a number of people with pirate connections from the past. These included Alan 'Neddy' Turner, who was on board the MV Caroline when anchored off Felixstowe in 1964, before sailing with the ship and becoming a DJ on Caroline North off the Isle of Man. Caroline South engineer, Carl Thomson, one of those rescued when the Mi Amigo ran aground in 1966, came, as did fellow engineer John Lait from the opposition Radio London! Bill Rollins from Tower Radio in the 1960's, and Viewpoint 963 from the Ross Revenge in the 1980's was another visitor.

From Radio Caroline on the Mi Amigo in the 1970's, and the Ross Revenge in the 1980's were Martin Fisher, and Michael Barrington, who is still working on The Principality of Sealand.

From 1980's Radio Caroline were Paul Graham and Barry James, while other visitors included press photographer David Kindred, journalist Rob Hadgraft, and Offshore Echos Magazine editor, Chris Edwards.

There was also support from current staff on Radio Caroline, including transmitter and Ross Revenge engineers, Alan Beech and Peter Clayton. The weather was fantastic, the feedback likewise, and we hope for further opportunities to use the venue again in future.

Brian Nichols (Felixstowe & Offshore Radio Facebook site)

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