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WYMONDHAM LEMON DAY IS BACK

Welcome to November's issue of *Wymondham Magazine*. There's lots going on in the town this month, kicking off with the annual Rugby Club fireworks display on 5th November, and then Wymondham Lemon Day the following day. Then we start the road to Christmas with various fairs - and we have the welcome news that Wynterfest will be back for 2021, this year on a Sunday, so save the date!

December's issue will be another printed edition as well as digital, delivered to all houses in town, so get in touch if you have news or event dates to share.

Kate, Editor

Wymondham is making preparations for all things Lemon as the town once again will celebrate Lemon Day on Saturday 6th November. The aim of the day is bring the community together under the common theme of lemon (colour, flavour or fruit).

The official opening will be hosted at 10am by the Mayor of Wymondham, Councillor Kevin Hurn, at Central Hall, Back Lane, which will be the focal point for this year's activities, concluding at 2pm.

These will include food and festive stalls in the Tiffey Room, Wymondham Country Market produce, crafts and plants in the foyer and a table top sale in the main hall.

The familiar yellow Citroen 2 CV Topsy Lilly will be joined on the Market Place by two other distinctive vehicles, and Hughes Electrical are offering a prize in a free draw, which is open to anyone who visits their shop on the day. No purchase is necessary.

This coincides with the Norfolk Makers' Craft Show at Wymondham Arts Centre (11am to 3pm) and a Textiles Display in the Abbey (11am to 1pm).

Look out for themed window displays and be sure to sample the lemon cake available from the participating cafes.

New for this year is Lemon Online Theatre, where a selection of short plays by international writers will be performed, free of charge, via Zoom, at 7.30pm. Email tony@valemail.uk for the access code.

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NEW HEIGHTS REACHED IN SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

This year Wymondham's gardeners were invited to take part in the first sunflower growing competition organised by Wymondham In Bloom's committee member Councillor Annette James. "We were delighted to see so many sunflowers bring a splash of colour to the town and hope that next year even more people will take part" she said. "We are also very grateful to Fran Young at Waitrose Wymondham for organising the winners' fantastic hamper prizes."

The competition attracted nearly 30 entries vying to win six different categories. The winners were:



Tallest sunflower: Jim Hartley, 396cm (pictured left)

Shortest sunflower: Jack Harrison, 14cm (pictured top right)

Biggest seed head (diameter): Di and John Gibbins, 31cm

Heaviest seed head: Pat Snowsill, 760g



Most interesting/creative: Ray Valentine (Chosen for its striking colours, shape and prettiness - pictured middle)



Best team/group effort: Oak Class, Chapel Green School, Old Buckenham (some of the pupils are from Wymondham). They and their teacher Sarah Williamson have grown a variety of plants and veg together (pictured bottom).



Winners were invited to collect their prizes from Waitrose. The competition will be back for 2022 so keep some seeds from this year's blooms or put a packet of seeds on your shopping list next spring.

The Wymondham In Bloom team are always happy to hear from anyone with time to volunteer or wanting to learn more about their work. They have big things planned for 2022! Find out more by emailing wymbloom@gmail.com

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TOTALLY LOCALLY CELEBRATES LOCAL BUSINESS

By Tracy Kenny:

When we introduced Totally Locally to Wymondham in March 2020, we had no idea what was about to happen. We had built up so much excitement about it that even the Totally Locally founder Chris and his business partner Simon came to celebrate and join our launch. But then we all locked up our shops and went home.

Our independent businesses have been working so hard to keep going and to recover from all this, and we keep bringing in the Fiver Fest again, to try to give the shops a boost, even though we're fitting it in between lockdowns. But we've waved the flag again, quite literally this time, and the enthusiasm that we've seen with the October Fiver Fest has been contagious.

The festival is all about all the independent shops creating a terrific offer for £5, to entice people into town, to grab a bargain and find new favourite shops. Doug and Keith took the lead in the spirit of helping out, going up on ladders to get banners up on the masts around the market place, and they look terrific.

Katherine in Mad Hatters says her customers have been drinking their tea and eating lots of her ginger scones, watching the banners fly and saying how much they appreciate the message: they say INDEPENDENT SHOPS ARE THE LIFE-BLOOD OF OUR TOWN. LOOK AFTER THEM AND THEY'LL LOOK



AFTER YOU. We've been really grateful for the support of Mayor Hurn and the council letting us hang the banners on the market for the month.

The story has been spreading, and whilst a few of our regulars haven't been able to join in because of problems getting stock, we were really pleased that Jarrolds, Hughes, Howard Cycles, Wymondham Garden Centre, and even Clements joined us for this year's festival. This feels like we've got some of our 'flagship' shops involved, and they hem in the town nicely with offers on all sides.

I will admit: I went out one Saturday afternoon feeling pretty heavy with worries. I sat in a sunny corner of the Green Dragon and had lunch, and thought I'd just go home. But my daughter told me to go get the big Fiver Fest frame and find some nice people to talk to, and take some pictures in peoples' shops. I took her advice, and it turned my day around completely: Fiver Fest gave me another reason to go see my fellow shopkeepers, and we had great conversations, and everybody was happy.

Without the Fiver Fest I'd not have gone out, but it brought us together, and it brightened everyone's day. And that's just the shopkeepers! So I think we'll keep it going in Wymondham.

The next Fiver Fest will be in February, and we'd be really interested to hear from anyone who can help out with the campaign, starting now. Drop us an email at totallylocallywym@kettbooks.co.uk

LOOKING OUT FOR HEDGEHOGS

October's Farmers Market saw a second visit from the Wymondham: a Hedgehog Haven team.

The group, led by Town Councillor Annette James and Greening Wymondham's Nicola Maunders, hosted a busy stall that even saw the arrival of two live baby hoglets in need of rescue! "We were still setting up when the first baby arrived" says Annette. "The anxious finder could not drive so she brought the youngster direct to us. My husband and Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon headed off to PACT immediately. Sadly the little one did not survive but the finder did the right thing and we were happy to try to help".

"Late in the morning a man arrived with a second juvenile hog and we directed him to PACT as well - that one seemed quite strong so we are hopeful he or she lived," added Nicola.

A constant stream of people stopped to look and chat all morning. Visitors were encouraged to put a pin on the Wymondham map if they had seen a hedgehog in their gardens or give the name of their village if they lived nearby and had seen spiky visitors. "We were surprised and delighted to see over 40 hog sightings recorded in Wymondham and nearby," said Nicola.

Handouts were given out offering advice on all things hedgehog including how to help them hibernate safely and what to do if you find an underweight young hog out at this time of year. A donations box raised £46.60 for Norfolk hedgehog charity Hodmedods.

You can join the group on their Facebook page @ [wymondhamhedgehoghaven](https://www.facebook.com/wymondhamhedgehoghaven) and find out more on the project at www.greeningwymondham.org





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LOCAL MP DISCUSSES TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT SCHOOL

"The worst I've seen," is how Mid Norfolk MP George Freeman described the traffic chaos and lack of highway safety outside a Wymondham primary school.

A growing catalogue of near misses and scrapes on the school run has left parents of pupils at Robert Kett Primary School fearful of a serious accident waiting to happen.

Twice a day the narrow road outside their school is a congested mix of parked cars, some up on pavements and others blocking driveways or on yellow lines, parents weaving in and out as they hunt for spaces, cyclists and children crossing. Add in the bus route and general traffic cutting through to get into the town centre and it has led to the situation becoming so perilous that some parents started campaigning for measures to ease the daily nightmare.

Mr Freeman was invited to see the situation first hand by County and District Councillor Robert Savage and Town Councillor Kathryn Cross, and admitted he was shocked at what he saw.

"It is absolutely unsatisfactory," he said. "We need to get county highways and education here to see how it is and find a solution because there has to be one. Doing nothing is not an option. I know there are issues in many more schools in my constituency but this is the worst I've seen."



Parent Lexi Zellely said that they were looking at ways to fund a minibus to collect children who live further out, but they would also like to see a pedestrian crossing on Hewitts Lane and a 20mph zone.

She showed Mr Freeman a survey taken by the school that found almost half its families lived between two and five miles away and were therefore more likely to drive.

Miss Zellely said: "My daughter and I nearly got hit by a car reversing back up the road towards us. The catchment of the school is now huge, but money from the new housing developments has not been invested in any infrastructure around it. Local residents are fed up as well with cars parked everywhere."

FREE TREES FOR WYMONDHAM PUPILS

"We love trees, we love trees!" A heart-warming chant broke out after Year 6 pupils at Robert Kett Primary School received a free tree each from Greening Wymondham.

Nearly 200 saplings were handed out to students from Robert Kett, Browick Road and Ashleigh schools. The project was the brainchild of Greening Wymondham's Mary Howard. "It's a tangible way of helping children understand and care for the environment," she says. "As the plants grow,

they help fight climate change, reduce flooding, encourage wildlife. And give pleasure."

Mary chose the plants bought from The Woodland Trust so they were suitable for small gardens, including hazel, juniper, and native roses. Some were suitable for pots and each pupil had a guide to planting and keeping them.

"It's a wonderful way of reinforcing what they learn at school," says Robert Kett's headteacher, Carla Fahy. "They're still talking about their trees!"

And for those students who have nowhere to put the saplings, Greening Wymondham are working with all three primary schools to plan areas for those trees to go.



NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCILLOR TO BRING 'BLOOM SPIRIT'

Wymondham in Bloom organiser Kim Carsok has been elected to Wymondham Town Council for the Central Ward, in a by-election triggered by the sad death of the much-missed Pete Green (Travis).

The mum of two, who also led the Wymondham Eyesore Action Group's recent clean up of the Old Sale Yard, now wants to bring the same community spirit to more council-led initiatives.

"The best thing about Wymondham in Bloom is seeing our excellent local businesses working hand-in-hand with volunteers and the council to make our town centre an even more attractive place to spend time," Kim said. "As a councillor, I now want to look at how we can foster more of that same 'Bloom Spirit' in other new ways to improve everyone's lives in the town."

Kim thanks everyone in the ward who voted and campaigned for her and looks forward to her first full council meeting on Tuesday 2nd November.



WYNG NOVEMBER MEETING

The next indoor meeting of Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG), the local members' group of Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT), will be held on **Thursday 11th November** at 7.30pm, with an illustrated talk by John Bulpitt, an accomplished photographer and member of the Royal Society of Photographers. 'Photographing the Natural World' will cover a variety of locations from Tanzania to Toll's Meadow.



The meeting room at Town Green Community Centre will be well ventilated, with hand sanitiser available, and those attending may be asked to wear a face covering/mask. All are welcome and admission is £2 - further details from Ann Carpenter on 01508 488337.

Photo: Lions at Dawn, Namibia - John Bulpitt

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Community lantern parade starts countdown to Christmas

Visitors are invited to make their own willow lantern and join the lantern parade at Wymondham Abbey's popular Christmas fair on Saturday 27th November, alongside carols, live music, bar, stalls, street food and a community advent wreath making project.

In the second of this year's post lockdown 'Abbey Days' events, the Abbey is teaming up with Willow Phoenix and ClearCompany CIC to create opportunities for the community to collaborate in feelgood festive activities. Lantern and Christmas wreath making will be held in the Abbey Hall, where visitors can drop in, make, and decorate their own willow lanterns, complete with an LED light, ready for the lantern parade in the grounds at 4pm.

The community is also encouraged to add foliage and decoration to the advent wreath being created throughout the day. The wreath will feature in the Abbey's Advent Sunday service the following day with its candles being lit each day until Christmas.

The Rev Catherine Relf-Rennington, vicar at Wymondham Abbey, said: "Wymondham Community is at the forefront of all Abbey planning and thinking. The Summer and Christmas fairs are very much a reflection of that, blending classic activities and attractive merchandise together with good food, coffee, a bar and live music, all designed to add to the warm, welcoming atmosphere. The Abbey Summer Fair was a great occasion with lovely weather and people venturing out into their new found freedom in a safe yet sociable setting.

"We are excited to offer another fab community day and extend a warm welcome to everyone at the Abbey Christmas Fair. Come and browse the wonderful local crafts and produce on offer, do some Christmas shopping, be uplifted with the infectious energy of the collaboration of artists, craftspeople, musicians and visitors of all ages this event creates. We look forward to welcoming you and your family."

Attractions also include festive face-painting, the tombola, and St Nicholas' Grotto, where children will hear a story and meet St Nicholas. The line-up of 60 stalls includes crafts, candles and home scents, textiles, handmade chocolates, lights, ceramics, artwork, jewellery, beers and spirits, wood-turning and clay demonstrations. Street food will be available from The Potato Pod, Cocky Dogs, and East Coast Pizza; sweet treats from Get Treated and Megsy Bakes; luxury coffees and hot chocolate by Hope Coffee Company; and mulled wine, Prosecco, and Peroni by the Bubble Crew Bar.



The live music line-up in the grounds will be announced nearer the time with carols sung inside the Abbey.

Julie Briggs, Director of ClearCompany CIC, set up to nurture Norfolk

enterprise and community, said: "The Abbey enriches the community in Wymondham and its surrounding area in many ways that are not always visible. It's lovely to be able to see it draw so many people together for these Abbey Days occasions. We are inviting musicians to come and play at the open mic sessions in the Abbey grounds. It's a spectacular setting to perform."

While the event is free to attend, there will be a cost for some activities: lantern-making £5; wreath making £8. Participation in making the community advent wreath is free.

Visitors are encouraged wear a facemask when entering the Abbey.



TALKING NEWSPAPER REACHES 1200 EDITIONS

Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (W A T N) reached another significant milestone last month, when it produced the 1200th edition of its weekly audio news and information digest for visually impaired people.

The 40 volunteers have managed to provide an uninterrupted service throughout the pandemic, with recordings being made remotely from their homes.

To mark the occasion, the charity had a stall at Wymondham Farmers Market, where some of the volunteers were on hand to explain how the facility can be obtained. There was also a raffle, kindly sponsored by Money Properties and Money Lettings.

The service is free to the listener and further information is available from W A T N Secretary Georgette Vale on 01953 605434 or by email at georgette@valemiluk

All recordings are uploaded to the website www.watn.org.uk, so are available to the wider community.

HELP SHAPE NEW SPORTS AND ACTIVITY STRATEGY FOR GREATER NORWICH

Everyone living in Greater Norwich is invited to take part in a survey to help develop a new sports and physical activity strategy for the area.

The Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB), which is made up of Norwich City Council, South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils, Norfolk County Council and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, identifies and secures funding for a range of projects to benefit those living and working in the Greater Norwich area.

It is currently working on a strategy, match funded by Sport England, that aims to help transform the health, wellbeing and quality of life for people in the area by creating opportunities for people to become more active.

Everyone living in the Greater Norwich area, whether they play sports, cycle, walk or aren't physically active at all, is invited to take part in an online survey about exercise, active commuting and how their routines might have changed during the pandemic. This information is key to developing the strategy, by helping to identify what is needed to promote and encourage more active lifestyles.

Councillor Alan Waters, Leader of Norwich City Council and chair of the Greater Norwich Growth Board, said: "The GNGB

delivers a diverse range of projects to help local people – supporting growth, a high quality of life and an enhanced natural environment. Pooled funding from the partner councils has already delivered sports facilities such as 3G football pitches, swimming pools and cycle paths, but this time we are taking a much broader look at how we can help people in Greater Norwich enjoy more active lifestyles."

There are two surveys available. One for those aged over 16 (top QR code) and one for under 16 (bottom QR code).

To take part in either, visit www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/delivery/greater-norwich-sports-facilities-strategies or contact FMG Consulting who are working with the GNGB on the strategy - 0330 4000 481 to request a paper copy of the survey.

Everyone over the age of 16 who takes part will be put in a draw to win one of three Amazon vouchers worth £100, £75 and £50. The survey will run until 5pm on Friday 10th December.



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- Brand new hot water bottles with covers
- New or as new (freshly laundered please) fleecy blankets
- Thick warm socks

If you can help, please take your donated items to Wymondham Baptist Church on Queen Street between 10am and 1pm on Mondays or Fridays.

To keep up to date with this project on Facebook search for Wymondham Winter Warmers.



HISTORIAN RECIEVES CIVIC AWARD

Wymondham Magazine contributor and local historian Philip Yaxley was recently presented with a Civic Award for his service to the town. The award was presented at the Market Cross by town mayor Kevin Hurn. Well done Philip, much deserved!



ALLOTMENT HOLDERS GROW AND GIVE

Wymondham's allotment holders are a green fingered lot and often have spare produce which, thanks to a summer long weekly collection scheme set up by Town Councillor Annette James, they share with those who can benefit from free fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Community Outreach Project, based at Wymondham's Roman Catholic Church, uses the produce in food parcels and the Community Fridge, which is open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings for anyone who requires support. Arnie McConnell - a recent recipient of a Civic Award from Wymondham Town Council - oversees the project and says: "This generosity raises the spirits of all who have to use our foodbank. Acts of kindness ease the weight on others and every week we witness the generosity of ordinary people, local organisations, our amazing volunteers and retail outlets in and around Wymondham. Thank you."

Annette started the scheme in summer 2019. She says: "This year the allotment holders have excelled themselves. Every week I turn up to collect donations and sometimes I've needed three big buckets to hold it all! They have given more than ever, including a massive 71 marrows, 67 courgettes and over 8 kilos of broad beans. I'm indebted to every single allotment holder who has donated and, especially, my allotment holding friend Janet Stevens who helps me make this happen every year."

RETURN OF POPULAR TODDLER GROUP

It has been exciting to see mums and toddlers returning to what has always been one of the most popular toddler groups in Wymondham. Hoppers was forced to close due to the pandemic and returned for trial sessions in June and July.



Now sessions are running on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10am to 11.30am and all children from birth to three years old are welcome. The sessions take place at The Hub, Ayton Road, and to ensure everyone feels safe numbers are currently limited and booking is required.

Hoppers is a good place for mums to meet with others for a chat and to share experiences, and for children to have fun with age appropriate toys, craft and singing. It's great for all ages to make some new friends too. New mums who have given birth during the pandemic and were not familiar with toddler groups are finding this a great place to find support.

Helen, the group leader (pictured), says: "I know from my own experience how important friendships at toddler groups are, there were days with my three small children when having a hot cup of tea and a chat with another mum got me through the week. It's so lovely to see friendships forming and watching the little ones grow."

To book a place for Hoppers go to www.hubproject.org/projects/hoppers. Hoppers is a project of Hub Community Project - for more information about Hoppers and other projects in the community see the website www.hubproject.org.uk

TALENTED TOMMY GETS ENGLAND CALL-UP

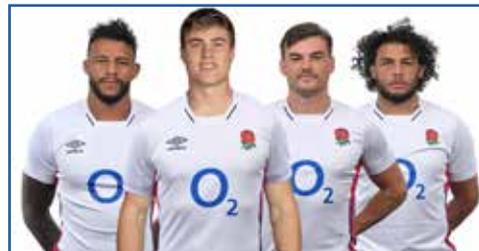
Four years ago, Tommy Freeman was pulling on the red and black hoops of Wymondham Rugby Club for his side's appearance in the Under-16 Norfolk Cup Final.



This November he could be stepping out onto the turf of Twickenham in the white jersey of England for the Autumn International series.

Tommy, 20, is one of two breakthrough Norfolk players who've been picked by England coach Eddie Jones for the 34-man squad to

face Tonga, Australia and South Africa. "He's a big, strong, strapping lad," Jones said. "He can play full back or wing. I've been watching him for a couple of seasons. He's got good pace, a good feel for the game."



Northampton Saints players picked for the England squad (L-R) Courtney Lawes, Tommy Freeman, George Furbank and Lewis Ludlam.

He may be young but Tommy has established himself at Northampton Saints since being picked up by the club's academy half way through the 2018/19 season.

Wymondham's chairman Paul Wootton, who used to coach Tommy in Youth rugby, explained: "Tommy was always highly skilled and tenacious. He needed to be tenacious because when he left us, and in stark contrast to the man he has become, I would be surprised if he was more than 5ft 6in tall and 10 stone in weight!

"He was desperate to become a professional player and moved to Northampton to realise that dream. Picked up by Northampton Saints, we have all watched his meteoric rise into Saints' senior squad, 1st XV and now the England set-up with huge pride and desperately hope he will become the first former Wymondham player to win an England cap!" >

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> Tommy - now more than 6ft 2ins and 16st - said: "When the call came in obviously I was definitely stunned, taken aback but with the names in that squad I'm definitely looking forward to be playing alongside them, the likes of Farrell and those boys have been in the set-up for quite a while now.

"I'm just going to go in and learn as much as I can off them and show them what I can do."

Tommy will line up in the squad alongside former Holt and Norwich School player Freddie Steward, now full back at Leicester Tigers.

England's Autumn campaign gets underway at Twickenham on Saturday 6th November against Tonga. Australia follow the week after and world champions South Africa complete the series on Monday 20th November.

VOLUNTEER APPEAL AFTER NATIONAL AWARD

Wymondham Rugby Club are looking for more volunteers to help the club grow - and have a new promotional video to back up the recruitment campaign.

Volunteer co-ordinator Charlie Wootton (pictured) was one of the winners in a national competition organised by England Rugby - and part of the prize was a promotional video for the club made by the RFU's media team.

Charlie said: "Volunteers are at the heart of all rugby clubs - from coaching to grounds maintenance, helping behind the bar or in the kitchen. There are so many different jobs that people can do.

"I've got so much out of it - and made so many friends - over the years. That's what makes it so special."

You can see the new video on the club's website at www.wymondhamrfc.com



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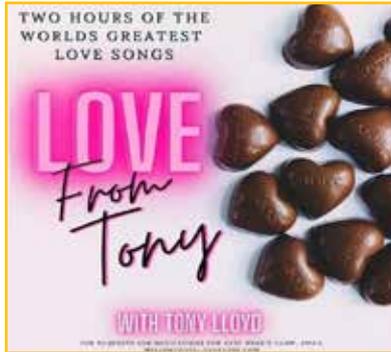
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NEW NAME AND NEW RADIO SHOWS

As reported last month, a new era dawned on Monday 30th August for community radio station South Norfolk Radio as it broadcast its first programmes online under its new branding.

"Since then, as well as taking part in Local Radio Day, we've launched some new shows too, says Radio Station Manager Anthony Woods. "We're continuing to welcome new members to the entirely volunteer-run station, and in our continuing efforts to provide as wide a range of music styles and genres as we can across our output, we recently launched a Saturday night Drum and Bass show hosted by new recruit Ryan, aka DJ Angel."



Angel has quickly established a high profile for the station with a Facebook group set up for followers of the show, and his first programme on SNR entered the Top One Hundred Chart for the genre on Mixcloud - a fantastic achievement as Mixcloud is used not just here in the UK, but worldwide. Like a number of other South Norfolk Radio programmes, its available to 'listen again' on the station's dedicated Mixcloud Channel.

"We've also got two other new shows running now," says Anthony. "Experienced broadcaster Tony Lloyd brings us two hours of love songs in 'Love from Tony' on Sunday mornings from 9am, and Sam and Steve present 'The Rustbucket Show' on Wednesdays at 10pm, a show which covers a wide range of country music of many different styles. It's all part of our aim to provide something for everyone on our broadcast schedule."

To join the station as a volunteer member or to provide mutual support through commercial advertising opportunities for your own business, you can get in touch with the station from the links on the radio station's new website at www.snradio.uk or email info@snradio.uk.

"It's an exciting time," adds Anthony. "After some special programmes for Halloween, we'll be taking part in the Lemon Day and Wynterfest celebrations in Wymondham, so why not join us and become part of a friendly team making local radio to benefit our local community?"



NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS AWARDS OPEN

Nominations for Broadland District and South Norfolk Council's Business Awards are now open. The Awards recognise and celebrate the amazing array of successful businesses in both districts.

Despite the challenges of the past 18 months, many businesses have survived and even thrived, not just financially, but by being adaptable, innovative and excelling at supporting the very communities that have supported them. To recognise this, the Councils have added five new categories to the awards, including Outstanding Employer, Business in the Community, Working Together, Business Resilience and Business Innovation.

Businesses are invited to nominate themselves for an award in any of the 10 categories and residents can support their favourite business by nominating them as 'Retailer of the Year'.

Nominations close on Monday 13th December and winners will be announced on Wednesday 23rd March at an awards event at Norwich City Football Club. For more information and to nominate your business, or your favourite retailer, visit www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/businessawards

Star Throwers Christmas Raffle



Support your local cancer charity this Christmas and be in with a chance to win a Cup Cake Making Class for 20 people from 7 Surrey Street Cafe worth £500!



Prize consists of: creating seven fabulous, delicious cupcakes, discovering how to achieve different special effects with a variety of nozzles, making a selection of fabulous decorations including roses, butterflies and blossoms and trying a fantastic array of edible sparkles and lustres.

£5 per ticket - only 250 tickets. Buy yours today from our Wymondham charity shop or online: justgiving.com/fundraising/starthrowersraffle2021



Raffle tickets will be on sale until 5pm on Wednesday 15th December 2021 and drawn at the Star Throwers Centre at 2pm on Thursday 16th December 2021. Promoters Details: Star Throwers, 30 Melton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0DB. Registered with: South Norfolk Council

WYNTERFEST BACK FOR 2021 CELEBRATION!

By popular demand, Wynterfest 2021 will be held on Sunday 5th December (by popular vote) from 12noon until 5pm.

The event will include the Made In Wymondham Market for hobby crafters, who will have that something special for you to add to your stockings. Santa has found time to visit and his grotto will be in Money Lettings in Whartons Court, and live music and entertainment will include Wymondham Choral Society and many others.

Wymondham Football Club will have a children's trail and serve mulled wine and hot chocolate, and South Norfolk Radio will support the event with music and a PA system. There will be visits from a snowman, a gingerbread man and a walking Christmas tree! Thanks to Wymondham Air Cadets who have stepped up with their support, and big thanks to Wymondham Alpacas, who are bringing some of their boys to the event.

All the cafes in town will open their doors to keep us topped up with lush cake and hot drinks, with Shabby to Chic having wonderful offers for all their doggy customers and Elementals Magikal a licence for us all to buy a glass of mead.

This year the event is working in partnership with Local Flavours, who will bring a wider experience including a cookery theatre unit and many new zones including Passion For Our Planet and the Skills And Training area.

If you are a local business who will be opening for the event, let the organisers know and they will ensure to include you in the event promotion. If you have a hobby craft and want to sell some of your goods, or if you are a business and want a trade stand, there is still some space available – but it is going fast! If you would like to sponsor the event, and support the volunteers, or can help in any other way please contact fran.young@talktalk.net or via the event page on facebook. (search Wymondham Town Team).

Everyone is invited, bring your friends and family and enjoy all that is wonderful about the community of Wymondham.

The organisers would like to sincerely thank everyone who is volunteering to make this event happen, pulling it together at very short notice due to the pandemic and uncertainty, and doing an amazing job.

Thank you Steve Cator – publicity, Ange Gare – stall bookings, Amie Macwillian- Made In Wymondham Market, Susanna Romney – Entertainment, Kim Carsock – excellent all round support, and Kayleigh Rogers for being amazing and a gingerbread man!

IMPROVING DIVERSITY AT KETT'S PARK WOOD

Update from Greening Wymondham

Earlier this year Greening Wymondham successfully lobbied the Town Council for a 'No Mow Strip', halting mowing of a long strip of land between the front of Kett's Park Wood and the parallel public footpath in the park. Thanks are due to the Town Councillors who supported Greening Wymondham's request and Town Clerk, Mr. Gurney, plus the park maintenance contractors who have worked with us to achieve this.

The objective is to build up a species-rich wildflower meadow strip and results this year have been very encouraging. In June there was a spectacular display of buttercups which attracted many types of bees and all sorts of insects, improving the biodiversity of our local environment to benefit us all.

This flowering diversity carried on into July and August with other bee and insect friendly plants such as bugle and clovers.



Bulb planting – why plant bulbs?

Farming in the 2020s is principally intensive industrial agriculture. Our countryside is now a hostile environment for most animals, plants and insects.

As a young and densely planted wood, Kett's Wood has never developed the early flowering species which bees and other insects rely upon. We are attempting to redress this by planting a few native bulb species which insects love and we know can grow well on soils around Wymondham.

By providing nectar and pollen plants we are helping our own future as we – the community – need bees and other pollinating insects. Part of this help is spring flowering bulbs.

This autumn Greening Wymondham has held two community bulb planting afternoon sessions, planting in Kett's Park Wood and on the No Mow Strip. Many thanks to the supporters and friends who came along to help plant the bulbs. Many hands make light work and so it proved!

We have planted pollen and nectar rich native wildflower bulbs. Winter aconites which flower in March - emerging queen bees will seek out the flowers. Snakes head fritillary, flowering in April, beneficial to all manner of bee species and other early insects. Likewise, ramsoms which flower in late May - beloved of just about every sort of insect from the largest bumblebee to the smallest fly. A spring continuity of flowering native bulbs to improve the diversity and assist our bees and insects.

If you would like to know more about Greening Wymondham activities, email greening.wymondham@gmail.com. Follow Greening Wymondham on Instagram (@greeningwymondham) and Facebook (Greening Wymondham) for the latest news or go to the website (greeningwymondham.org) where you will find more details of current and past activities.

W.U.G UPDATE

By Roy Heatley

The Wymondham Ukulele Group is well and truly back!

It has been a long wait but the group is now back to its normal routine of having meetings for a good old sing-song with fun and enjoyment as part of the action. Mind you, not that we've been idle in lockdown, oh no! During those difficult months we took part in no fewer than 62 weekly Zoom meetings with an average of a dozen players taking part each time.



Two different hosts took on the responsibilities of organising separate themes for each evening, plus we were able to celebrate our 25th, 50th and Christmas Zoom meetings along the way with special fancy dress for each occasion. In addition, we played the music of various performers and song writers whose birthdays occurred between March 2020 and July 2021 - so a very varied platform of shared music.

We also introduced many new songs during this time with enough material to produce another four new song books - with yet more new songs waiting in the wings to be processed for further song books. With restrictions being slowly eased we were able to get together and practice for a few sessions for our first gig for many months at the Wymondham Rugby Club Beer Festival over the weekend of 4th and 5th September.

It was a bit strange at first playing together rather than alone in the seclusion of our Zoom rooms at home, but we very easily settled back into our old styles as a playing ensemble and had a great time - and I think the audience enjoyed our set as well, judging by the positive comments we received afterwards. As mentioned above we are well and truly back to our customary meeting dates of the first and third Tuesdays at The White Hart, which are fun meetings playing selections from our various song books, and the second and fourth Thursdays at The Feathers, where we concentrate a little more on nailing down any difficult song details that we encounter on a Tuesday evening.

Both meetings start at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm with a half-time break at 8.30pm.

Absolutely every ukulele player is welcome to join us whatever your playing standard, from an out-and-out beginner to an accomplished player, and all our song books are available on our website wymondhamukulelegroup.com

NEWS FROM WYMONDHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

By Adrienne Cleary, President

The sound of trumpets, horns, trombones, flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, violins, violas, cellos, double basses, timpani and percussion is resonating from the Central Hall in Wymondham once again!

After many months of restricted rehearsals as a result of the pandemic, the orchestra has at last been able to resume full orchestral rehearsals. Although we are still taking precautions about managing risks to members, the rehearsals are as near back to normal as possible. We have new members joining us and there is a wonderful enthusiasm for playing in a full orchestra once again.

We are rehearsing an exciting and very attractive repertoire of music which includes *Finlandia* by Sibelius, *Little Suite No.1* by Malcolm Arnold (former Patron of the orchestra), *Cello Concerto* by Saint-Saens (soloist Helen Stowell) and *Symphony No.6* by Dvorak.

We are hoping to perform these works at the end of November at an informal concert to a restricted audience. Following this we very much hope to restart our regular public concerts in the spring, summer and autumn of 2022.

Please go to our website wymondhamsymphonyorchestra.org.uk to learn more about us and don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to join. We meet on a Tuesday evening during term time at Central Hall, rehearsing between 7.45pm and 9.45pm under the baton of our regular conductor, Andrew Parnell.



TOTALLY LOCALLY WYMONDHAM

By Tracy Kenny

We know that the shops in the high street are one way that Wymondham looks after its people, but who are the people behind the counter? The Totally Locally team are getting to know the people that give our shops the personal touch. How did they get where they are? What's important to them? And what makes someone give up the security of a regular wage in a big company to go it alone doing what they love? Here's your opportunity to find out...

Beth & Kate Bankes-Jones | Needlecraft

Beth: I grew up in Wymondham and went to the high school. Mum and I had always loved making things – sewing, knitting, everything. I never planned to be here, and trained for a completely different career. When we took on the shop I was still finishing my PhD in plant genetics at the John Innes Centre. Mum had worked here six years part time after retiring as a physio in the NHS, and we'd joked about taking the shop on when Janice the manager retired. Then she did, and we started making enquiries, and then after a long while we realised we'd done it.

That was January 2020, which as you know wasn't great timing at all for taking on a business. The shop has been here since the early 70s, and not much had changed since then. We had all these plans to modernise. But one of the first things that happened was the wall at the back of the shop came down. It had been holding all that fabric for 40 years and hadn't been built strong enough.

We have a terrific landlady, so we got to work getting that fixed. Then lockdown happened. So we had a few challenges when we started.

Kate: When I retired in 2015 I came here just as something to do, so I knew the business a bit, and the customers. But when Janice retired, it would have closed if we hadn't taken it over. The man who owned the business didn't know how it ran, so he wouldn't have tried to continue it. About nine months after we started the process, we had the keys, and seven weeks later we locked the doors again for lockdown.

The first lockdown was quite novel. We hadn't got our website up, which we're still working on, so we did phone and email ordering. I was down here every day, picking up phone orders, putting orders together, having a collection time. We kept going but on limited hours. We'd only just started, so we couldn't just go on furlough and abandon it. We

have two people working for us, both very part time. We had a responsibility to them.

We both bring our own experiences to this. Because we're different ages it helps us, because we look at products differently. And Beth is good at things I'm not, and vice versa.

Beth: My PhD turns out to actually be of a lot of use. Not necessarily the plant genetics, but in a project like that you're sort of thrown into it with limited instruction, same as here. If I don't know how to do something, no one is going to come tell me how to do everything. We have to figure it out.

Kate: There are a lot of transferrable skills from my career too. I had to do a lot of methodical thinking, and we need that sometimes, too.

Beth: I designed the shelves at the back of the new wall, so they distribute the weight better, and customers can see the fabric. We still have a huge list of things we want to update. We're increasing our ranges of everything we can fit in, and we're in the process of setting up this space up here so we can run classes. We have a big adjustable cutting table on the way, that we can lower to have classes around. We'll have machines, and do dressmaking, quilting, home furnishing, knitting, embroidery, crochet – all of it. And I'm still working on the online shop so having everything available as e-commerce.

We'd much rather be here than in the city. It's a nicer community, and we have so many regulars, and all of us are happy to see them. Sometimes they just need somebody to talk to, and then thank us for listening. People come in to ask for help with patterns. We've had to undo knitting for people or explain how to do something. We can't wait to get the workshops set up.

People appreciate us. I've even received flowers and chocolate. But honestly, we're just glad to be here. And we can't wait for what's to come.



In brief...

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

On Saturday 30th October for two hours Wymondham Town Centre will play host to a Trick or Treat Halloween Trail. From 1pm to 3pm, free treats will be given out to children dressed up in Halloween costumes at dozens of high street businesses. See more at www.facebook.com/events/238143308377483

TIDY UP SALE YARD WORKDAYS

Wymondham Eye Sore Action Group led by Kim Carsok are organising two more volunteer workdays at the old sale yard near the station. They will focus on cutting back brambles and weeds along the section of cemetery lane nearest to Station Road, ensuring the pavement is freely accessible, plus some painting work to cover graffiti. Work will start at 10.30am on Sunday 31st October and Sunday 7th November - volunteers welcome!

COVID MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wymondham Abbey is holding a Covid Memorial and All Souls Service on Tuesday 2nd November at 5pm, to remember and pray for all those who have died in the pandemic. You can add names to the list by emailing parishoffice@wymondhamabbey.org.uk.

MEDITATION GROUP AT METHODIST CHURCH

What is a meditation group? Why would you come together to sit in silence for about 20-30 minutes? Well, for the members of this mixed group from different backgrounds, it is because it gives a sense of peace in a life which can seem noisy and busy and out of control. Sitting still, and silent for that amount of time is a challenge, to the body, and definitely to the mind, which wants to fill the space with all sorts of distractions. But in order to still our minds we say a prayer word or phrase, internally. We still suffer distractions, but each time we notice we have drifted away we come back to our word. Being in a group means that you want to hold the stillness and silence for each other. We strengthen each other.

If you are interested and would like to know more, contact Mary on 01953 602891 or email mpcousins@talktalk.net

A11 CLOSURE

The A11 from Thickthorn to Spooner Row will be closed for the full weekend from 8pm on Friday 19th November to 6am on Monday 22nd November. This is to allow work on repairing the road surface to be carried out. A signed diversion will be in place along the B1172.

SLOW THEATRE SPACES

Youth theatre and children's drama company Slow Theatre restarts on Saturday 6th November and spaces are still available. Contact them for a free taster session - www.slowtheatrecompany.co.uk

QUIZ RAISES FUNDS FOR OUTREACH PROJECT

Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group raised over £800 at their recent quiz night at Central Hall. All monies raised by the group goes to the local community, and currently the Wymondham Community Outreach Project are the nominated Charity of the Year for the Satellite group. Arnie McConnell from the project is pictured receiving the latest grant of £1,000. The Outreach Project was chosen as the Charity of the Year due to the great work they do, providing a valuable service to those in need in the Wymondham community from their food bank based at the Catholic Church.

Planning is underway for a number of Rotary Satellite Group events next year, including another quiz in April, and if you are over 18 and interested in helping to raise funds for local charities and good causes, contact wymrsg@gmail.com



STOP PRESS There are still a few numbers available in the 100 club. Draws take place monthly with prizes of £50 and £12 each month for a cost of just £24 for a full year. Proceeds going to a great cause, email wymrsg@gmail.com for an application form.

WYFC PANTOMIME 2022

The Wymondham Young Farmers Club Pantomime in January 2022 will be Peter Pan. Tickets are available from Sue Palmer on 01603 759545 or from George Reeves (cash or cheque only). If you wish to pay by card please book your tickets through Sue.

All surplus proceeds from the performance at Central Hall will be donated to the Spinal Injury Association.



Wymondham Lemon Day 2021

Saturday, 6 November 2021

Bringing the community together by means of all things
Lemon (colour, flavour or fruit)

10.00am – 2.00pm Central Hall, Back Lane, Wymondham



- Official opening by the Mayor of Wymondham
- Food and Festive stalls in the Tiffey Room and Foyer
- Table Top Sale in the main hall
- Music by the Lemon Minstrels

**11.00am – 3.00pm Wymondham Arts Centre, Church St,
Wymondham**

Norfolk Makers – The Craft Show

11.00am – 1.00pm Wymondham Abbey - Textile Display

Elsewhere in the town



- Vehicles on the Market Place
- On screen digital photo display and free draw at Hughes Electrical
- Decorated shop windows
- Try the Lemon Cake at participating cafes

7.30pm – Lemon Online Theatre In association with Caravan Productions

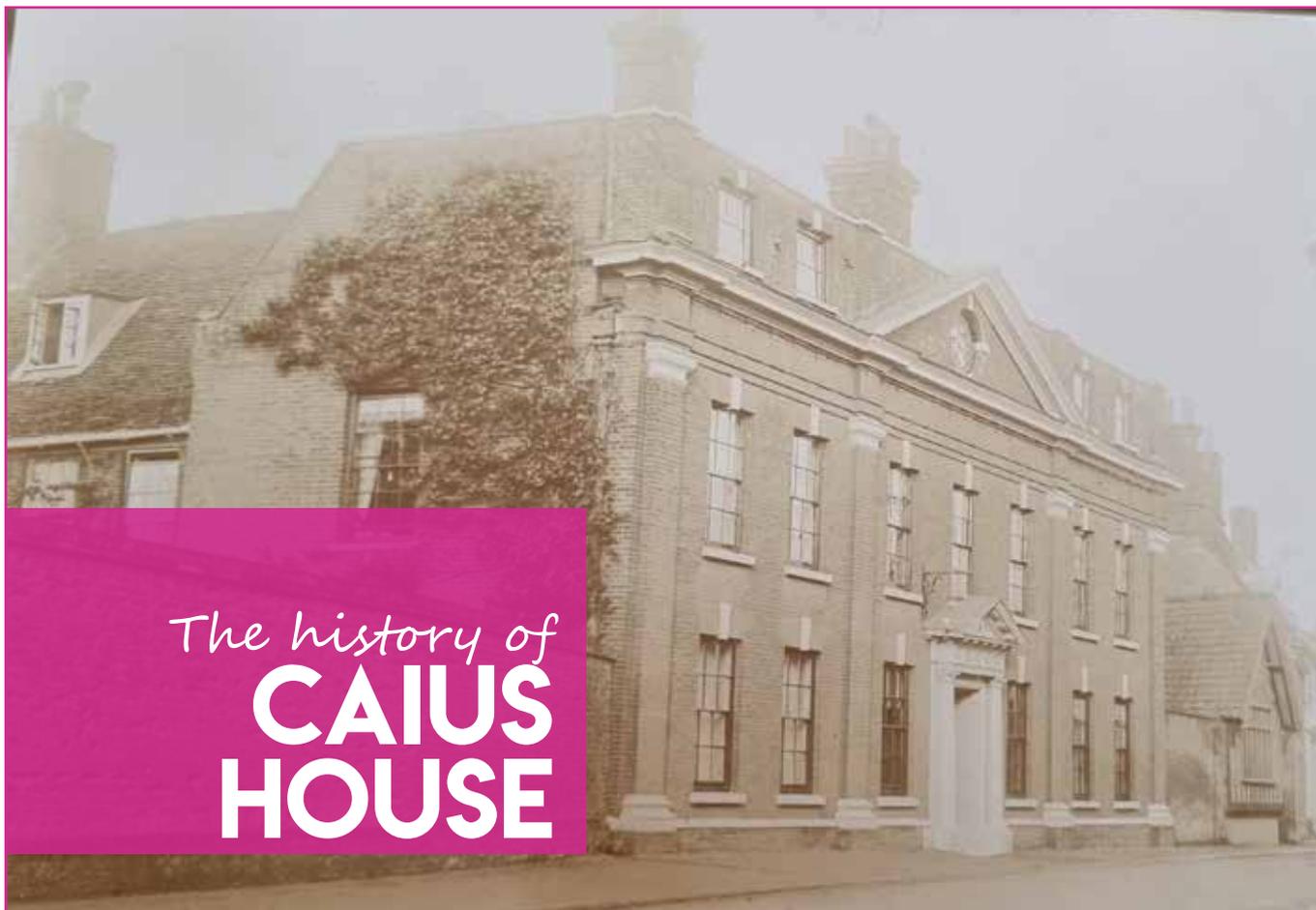
A selection of plays by international writers, via Zoom.

Admission Free.

Email tony@valemil.uk for the access code.

**A day of fun and entertainment for residents
and visitors**





The history of
**CAIUS
HOUSE**

Caius House (pronounced 'Keys') in Middleton Street is a fine example of an early Georgian town house. It was built in 1746 by Jeremiah Burroughes, a local landowner, who had inherited well from his father Robert. Jeremiah worked in the leather trade like his father and was also an attorney at law. He came to Wymondham from Norwich and married Ann Randall, the daughter of local brewer Thomas Randall. Jeremiah and Ann had 10 children, although only three lived beyond childhood: Jeremiah, Thomas and Randall.

Jeremiah's grandson Randall Burroughes, born in 1761, was only a boy when his parents Jeremiah and Diana died and was brought up with his brother James by his uncle, the Reverend Randall Burroughes. Randall became the largest landowner in the town as he acquired Browick Hall, several inns, properties and land in and around Wymondham. From 1794 to 1799 Randall kept a farming diary, and this has become an important historical document, providing an invaluable insight into the life of an 18th century gentleman farmer.

Another of Middleton Street's Georgian

town houses, the former Town Council offices almost opposite Caius House, was built by Randall Burroughes in 1792, the year of his marriage to Anne Denton of Burfield Hall, for his mother in law Mrs Jane Denton.

There are memorials inside Wymondham Abbey to many of the Burroughes family, indicating the importance and wealth the family held.

During the 19th century, the Daniel family were in residence at Caius House, William Daniel a barrister, and his wife Maria. In 1809 their son William Dack Daniel was born - he had two sisters and one brother, only one sister Maria lived to adulthood, who died at 22 years old.

William Dack Daniel attended school in Dedham in Essex and went to Caius College in Cambridge

where he gained a BA and MA. He was ordained by the Bishop of Norwich and enacted his religious duties at villages and towns including Whinburgh and Westfield and Great Yarmouth

Reverend William Dack Daniel's first wife Anne died young and he married his second wife, his cousin Susanna Warnes, in 1857. They seemed to have returned to the Wymondham family home around the time of his mother's death in 1861, his father having died in 1853. The Reverend and Susanna >





> had seven children, four boys and three girls. Reverend William Dack Daniel became governor at Wymondham Grammar School. He passed away in 1893 and Susanna remained living at Caius House until she died in 1921.

At this point, it is worth mentioning from my research it is unclear when Caius House gained its name, but I would assume it's safe to say the name was given during this period in honour of the Reverend Daniel's time at Caius College at Cambridge University.

Furthermore, William and Susanna's daughter Violette must have held great affection for growing up at the Middleton Street home, as the 1939 register shows her home in Northumberland to be named Caius House too.

At the turn of the 20th century, the splendid Caius House gardens included a tennis court, and a first floor conservatory was at the back of the house which is still there today incorporated into Jarrold's store.

By 1925, Charles Henry Bird was living at Caius House with his wife Jessie, and he had a furniture and cabinet making business in the right hand side of the building. There was also a bowling green on the lawn to the rear frequented by a private bowling club.

In 1933 the Norwich Corporation Electricity Showroom opened next to Charlie Bird's shop on the left hand side. On the old tennis court, offices for the electricity company were opened, which today is called Becket House and became home to Fosters Solicitors in 2003.

The vicar at the time, Reverend Frederic Jarvis, disapproved of the conversion of the ground floor of Caius House to retail units. He wrote in the parish magazine that 'Caius House has been ruined by shop fronts'. A point agreed on by Nikolaus Pevsner, who wrote in his series of books *The Buildings of England*: "This lordly facade has been ruined by the most unsympathetic intrusion of shopfronts after 1930, a debasement carried on ruthlessly inside", going on to say that only the staircase remains with its twisted balusters.

Charlie and Jessie Bird opened their home to evacuees in the Second World War. In Anne and Adrian Hoare's book *Discovering Wymondham History Along Its Streets* they recall Mary Carpenter nee Bailey's memories of being taken in with a friend, both aged 13, by Charlie and Jessie, who she called a wonderful couple: "Uncle Charlie made furniture and Auntie

Jessie sold china chamber pots, tea pots, jugs and tea services. We were allowed to help in the shop and plane or rub down furniture." Of the bowling green Mary said it was the girls' job to roll the lawn each day. She also remembered later in the war part of the house being requisitioned as an officers' mess, with the batmen living up the top stairs. Mary and her friend spent three years of the war living with the Birds before returning home to Gravesend.

Charlie Bird's furniture premises became Jacksons furniture and carpet store in 1947 and expansion of the sales area took place over the following decades.

The electricity showroom became known as the Eastern Electricity Board after electricity was nationalised in 1948. Payments of bills could be made over the counter until it closed in 1996. For a short time this shop was Jarrolds clearance shop before becoming a pet shop.

Jacksons was a family run business headed by Gordon Jackson. His first wife was Joan and he married his second wife Monica in 1963. Gordon died in 1966 having had four children. Monica continued with the business and married Jack Perfit in 1974, continuing to live in Wymondham. She passed away in 2008. Monica is remembered with high regard by former staff and customers, as are Mike Cooper, a delivery driver who went on to upholstery and be a carpet estimator, and John Roy who retired in 2020 after 47 years service; familiar faces and providers of customer care instore for both Jacksons and Jarrolds.

In 1989 Jacksons closed and the premises were taken over by Jarrolds of Norwich, as a home furnishing store.

Following closure of the pet shop, Jarrold has extended into the vacated space and its now in use as a new carpet department, giving Jarrold the whole length of Caius House, which also includes a flat providing accommodation on a much smaller scale than the house Jeremiah Burroughes built.

If you look up at the rain hood on the left side of Caius House, the inscription of 1746 is still visible at the peak, 275 years after Caius House was built. Although its use has changed over the centuries we can imagine the grandeur the house must have enjoyed in its heyday.



Jarrold today.

An update from



By Victoria Pigg, www.starthrowers.org.uk

We are so pleased to say that the Star Throwers centre is open for in-person complementary therapy sessions again as well as our information nutrition and counselling, currently by appointment only - please contact us to find out the services we have available.

We are incredibly grateful for our amazing supporters who have taken on challenges for Star Throwers during the past few months. Thanks to our skydivers: Juliette, Ali, Samantha, Steve, Susan, Franki, Clare and Dermot, who have raised £5282.66 so far! Thanks too to our Royal Parks runners: Paula, Ty, Simon, Neil, Anna and Jayne, who have raised £3095.84 for Star Throwers.

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to support the first Golf Day in aid of Star Throwers and Finnbar's Force at Bawburgh Golf Club. We were delighted to have 20 teams taking part and a fantastic day was had by all. We have raised over £3,000 for our two amazing charities.

We are holding our second Star Throwers Charity Ball at Barnham Broom Hotel on Saturday 26th February 2022. The evening will include a three-course meal, live music from the band Red Leaf and also added fun casino this year! Tickets are £49pp. Email us to book your tickets: victoria@starthrowers.org.uk.

Christmas Raffle - be in with a chance to win a cupcake making class for 20 people from 7 Surrey Street Cafe worth £500! £5 per ticket - buy yours today from our Wymondham charity shop or online: <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/starthrowersraffle2021>. Raffle tickets will be drawn at the Star Throwers Centre at 2pm on Thursday 16th December.

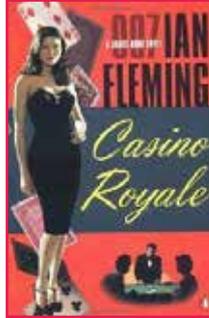
Contact us to find out about the support services we are currently able to offer at info@starthrowers.org.uk or visit www.starthrowers.org.uk or call 01953 423304.



BOOK REVIEW

Casino Royale

By Ian Fleming



With Daniel Craig's blockbuster *No Time To Die* having triumphantly soared into our cinemas this month, what better time to return to the original source material? In 1953, Ian Fleming published *Casino Royale*, his first ever spy novel featuring brand new protagonist James Bond, releasing Agent 007 into the world with little expectation. Almost 70 years later, the 25th instalment of the globally popular film series is finally released (much to everybody's relief), providing one of the most lucrative post-pandemic boosts for cinemas across

the country. It is no secret that James Bond is a worldwide phenomenon - and here is the book that began it all!

It will not surprise you that *Casino Royale* is a stunning and incredibly moving piece of fiction. It is haunting, troubling, and psychologically tense, complete with subtly developed characters and a plot so engrossing that the book will be over before you know it. At a modest 221 pages with generously sizeable font, readers of most ages will have no trouble finishing this swiftly.

Set at the titular 'Casino Royale', MI6 agent James Bond is on a mission to sabotage the plans of a terrorist - the sinister Le Chiffre - to win millions of criminal funds in a baccarat tournament. Whilst there, the agent meets (and falls in love with) the young, shy, pretty colleague Vesper Lynd, who quickly reveals that there is far more at stake for Bond than just money.

Easily, the most noticeable aspect of it is the tone. The result of being set in the same location (the casino) is that it feels more like an elongated short story than a novel. The narrative is surprisingly insular and small-scale (agent at casino, in a fight for his money and his life), yet neat and effective as a result.

Similarly, regarding the emotions and psychology of the characters, readers will find a stark contrast with James Bond from the film world! As wonderful as the films are, it is no denying that they are action films through and through, complete with suitable tropes such as villains who can't aim a gun for love nor money, or a hardboiled hero who, after seemingly not feeling several punches, will wince prettily when a woman touches his eyebrow, etc. This Bond only gets into one physical fight; it is very short-lived and Fleming moves on extremely quickly. There's less focus on violence and far more on slow pacing, careful atmosphere and intricate plotting. Bond, in all his complexity, effortlessly wins the reader's sympathy even when displaying cruelty or hardheartedness. This is what endows the novel with its most enduring theme: even the most troubled of us are still deeply human.

The only thing worth bearing in mind for die-hard fans of the films: it is not 'escapist' fiction. The films certainly are (we watch them to cheer ourselves up). *Casino Royale* is the opposite. It's an emotional thriller, and if I may warn you in advance, does not contain the most cheerful storyline (or ending). Reader's emotional investment is absolutely guaranteed, but be aware in advance that book Bond is less Pierce Brosnan and a bit more Thomas Hardy.



Tales from the POTTING SHED

H ello Ole Partners. My gardening tips for November...

- Gather up and bin the fallen leaves of roses affected by blackspot, so they don't carry the disease over to next year
- Now is the time to plant bare-root hedging, roses, trees and shrubs, before the weather turns really cold
- Lift dahlia tubers after the first frost, clean them off and store in dry compost in a cool, frost-proof place
- Make sure your bird feeders are cleaned regularly and always full
- Send off for seed catalogues and start planning what to grow next year

I'm not so mobile these days so recently Annette arranged for me to see, here in my flat at Robert Kett Court, a wonderful video documentary of her garden her friend Niki made. I did enjoy that; Annette has transplanted lots of plants from our old home in Bunwell which gave us lots to reminisce about. The video was the next best thing to visiting her house – and saved me the expense of the wheelchair taxi!

In the video Annette is using a pair of garden shears that belonged to my mother. Seeing them brought back so many memories and made me think of the story I will soon tell you. My mother Florence (pictured) bought the shears with a small legacy she received, after her mother died in 1935, so that she could regularly clip the grass around the family graves. My father cycled to Diss and bought them for her. They are fine Wilkinson Sword blades with wooden handles. Eventually they came to me and I gave them to Annette some time ago. She's recently had them restored and sharpened by her

friend Sarah, with some help from The Shed in Wymondham. She tells me she continues to use my old potato lifting fork as well. It is wonderful to think these old implements are still going strong – a bit like me!

I well remember as a child going with mum to Bunwell churchyard to tend the graves. Florence also used the shears in our own garden and in that of her near neighbour Mrs Hubby Howlett (always known as Mrs Hubby). After Mrs Hubby's husband died mum and I visited weekly, usually on a Sunday afternoon or evening, to help her tend her very large garden and have a mardle in the kitchen over a cup of tea.



Mrs Hubby worked as a charlady at Bob Smith's farmhouse on the corner of Brick Kiln Lane and Bunwell Hill road. She was well known for the very large and healthy vegetables she grew. She used to take any spare veg along for the Smith family. The tradition was that Mrs Smith would cook a meal and Mrs Hubby would stay to eat with the family after finishing the cleaning. I can remember as clear as day Bob Smith telling the story of the time she arrived at the farm with an absolutely enormous cabbage. Mrs Smith cooked it for lunch which, as usual, Mrs Hubby joined the family to eat.

"I don't know how you manage to grow such tasty giant vegetables, I truly don't. Which farmer do you go to for your manure?" asked Bob.

"Which farmer?" Mrs Hubby replied. "I don't go to no farmer for manure, I make my own."

There were no takers for second helpings.

Until next time, moined 'ow yer go.

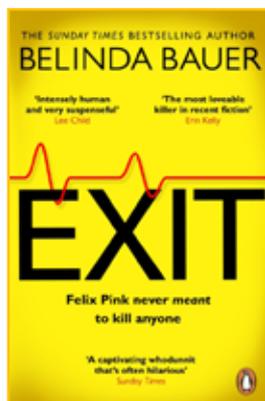
Owen

Robert Kett Court resident Owen James, 96, is a true 'Broad Norfolk' speaking character. Once a resident of Bunwell Street, he now runs a residents' gardening club with help from his town councillor daughter Annette.

GIVE BOOKS BECAUSE YOU LOVE THEM

Kett's Books highlights some favourite picks for Christmas gifts this year

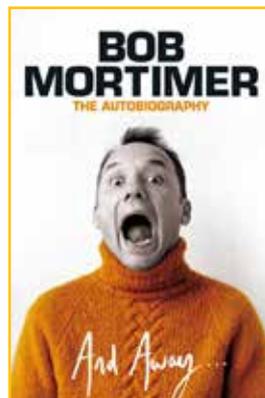
Giving a book is giving an opportunity to discover something your friends and family never even knew they wanted. We've chosen this set of books especially because they are great for sharing - and that's important to us at Kett's Books, because we're an independent community bookshop run by volunteers.



Exit
Belinda Bauer
464pp, PB, £8.99

Felix Pink is an ordinary pensioner who intends to keep a dying man company but makes a mistake and finds himself on the run from the police. He must find out if he's really to blame, or if something much more sinister is at play. Suspenseful, funny, and brilliantly entertaining. This book is proving very popular with Kett's Books

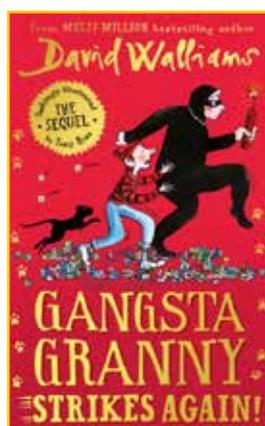
volunteers and will keep you smiling from start to finish.



And Away: The Autobiography
Bob Mortimer
336pp, HB, £20

Bob Mortimer's life was trundling along happily until suddenly in 2015 he was diagnosed with a heart condition that required immediate surgery and forced him to cancel an upcoming tour. The episode forced him to reflect on his life so far and is the framework for his warm, profound, and irrepressibly

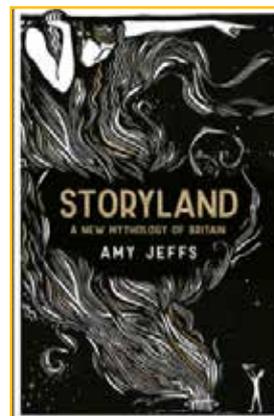
funny and moving memoir. A great Christmas present or one for your own Christmas list. We also have a limited number of matching Christmas cards, free with purchase!



Gangsta Granny Strikes Again
David Walliams
368pp, HB, £14.99

David Walliams is who the cool kids read... And for the first time the ginormously popular author has written a sequel. For all those lovers of Gangsta Granny... Gangsta Granny Strikes Again! is a hilarious and wonderfully entertaining adventure, featuring many of the much-loved characters from the

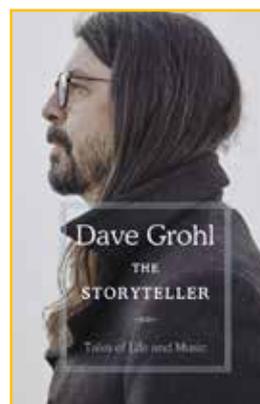
original cast. Ben is getting used to life without his beloved granny who was an international jewel thief known as The Black Cat. Then something inexplicable happens. World-famous treasures are stolen in the dead of night and the clues point to none other than The Black Cat! But that's impossible...? Available 16th November.



Storyland
Amy Jeffs
384pp, HB, £25

Storyland: A New Mythology of Britain takes us through a mythical journey through Britain's inspiring landscapes, weaving together the varied sources of the stories that have stuck with us through time. As lovers of stories, it's wonderful to discover how the geography of our beautiful country has evoked such legends - some familiar, some waking up

from a now mysterious past. In stringing together a narrative for the diverse British Isles, Jeffs manages to shine a spotlight on the enduring qualities that unify us: our connection to a small island at the centre of the world. No matter which part of Britain we're from, these stories run deep. Since our whole country has a close connection to nature and the Viking travellers that brought some stories with them, Wymondham readers will hold this book close to their hearts.



The Storyteller
Dave Grohl
384pp, HB, 20pp

Rock and roller Dave Grohl (Nirvana, The Foo Fighters) changes pace and writes with a more meditative mind in his autobiography *The Storyteller*. Whether or not you're a fan of Dave Grohl's music, the tenderness with which the grunge artist writes these vignettes shine a light on his many layers. Despite the nihilism his genre is typically known for,

Grohl puts forward a positive and life-affirming persona that's infectious in his humility. Anyone with any preconceptions of Dave Grohl will be surprised, while anyone who has never heard of him can discover both a tremendous talent and an uplifting memoir. A jingle-bell rock 'n' read for the hall of fame.

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From my perspective

By Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon

Discussions have been going on for some time now at District Council level about a possible move away from their Long Stratton premises to a former call-centre at Broadlands Business Park. The Horizon building would also incorporate Broadlands Council as part of the whole Two Councils, One Team philosophy.

No decisions have been taken yet but the Horizon building is touted as being the front runner in a bid to bring the two councils under one roof. Supporters of this say it will cut costs and streamline the two councils while opponents argue it will alienate the two councils from the very people they serve, i.e. their communities.

While the days of popping along to the council office to pay for various council services, obtain information or meet with officers are disappearing fast, not everyone is computer literate to do these things online.

Meanwhile estimated costs of relocating the councils, which does not necessarily include future proofing the proposed building, will be in the millions. This will quite rightly bring a level of scrutiny because millions of pounds of public money cannot just be frittered away, as sadly often seems to be the case.

There is talk of 'spoke and hub' centres which basically mean some services will be available locally for residents but there is nothing concrete about that plan.

It also calls into question how the councils will look after their employees. While there is an assumption that the pandemic has made us look at new ways of remote working from home, those who have to travel to work may find themselves travelling many more miles than they had intended to if the councils go for the Horizon building.

It does however seem a bit ironic that to save money in the long run, you have to spend millions in the short term. Or perhaps it is just false economy and we should go with the adage that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Of course the more cynical among us are convinced that this is all a ruse to take Norfolk down the unitary authority route, doing away with district councils and perhaps even town councils too. Someone told me recently it is not a question of if, but when this will happen. I'm unsure as to whether this would benefit our communities or not but if some of us thought the EU was too bureaucratic, being under the control of a vast sprawling unitary authority might also seem unappealing.

What's in a photo?

THE ARCHED FIRE STATION

By Philip Yaxley



The arched entrance to the Market Street car park, which at present is undergoing structural improvements, serves as a reminder of the town's fire station which used to be sited there. On the arch, which is all that is left of the fire station, can be seen carvings of various items of fire-fighting equipment, the town's coat of arms and the initials of the donor of the fire station, Mrs. Julia de R. B. Clarke, who lived at Vicar Street.

The fire station was opened in January 1884 for what was then the Wymondham Volunteer Fire Brigade, which had been formed in 1882 under the superintendency of Edward Boyce Pomeroy. At the time the station housed two Shand Mason manual pumps, which were replaced in 1935 by a Dennis Ace self-propelled pump.

After many years in Market Street, bigger premises were needed to house up-to-date equipment and more facilities, so it was in September 1967 the present fire station was opened at London Road. In the early days of the Market Street fire station the street was relatively quiet, but once motor transport continually increased the situation would have changed for a fire brigade which needed to get off to an incident without delay.

I understand that when work is completed on the arch the front will have a clock affixed, while the car park side will boast a "Welcome to Wymondham" sign.



LEAVE DISPUTES WHEN ADMINISTERING AN ESTATE: HOW CAN I AVOID CONTENTIOUS PROBATE?

By Lisa Myhill, Solicitor, Wills, Tax & Probate, Spire Solicitors LLP

Estates and trusts are administered responsibly, for the most part, however, there are circumstances where disputes can arise. Common complaints against trustees and executors can include failure to act neutrally between beneficiaries, lack of providing sufficient information, and dealing with assets incorrectly.

Executors can be criticised for delay in the administration of estates, while trustees can find themselves accused of poor investment choices, acting outside of their powers, or acting when they have a conflict of interest.

Contentious probate refers to any dispute about how a person's estate is being administered. Losing a loved one is a very difficult and emotional time and problems with how their estate is being handled can make it even harder. Although the available methods to resolve the issues will depend on the specific case, there are some early common-sense steps that can help resolve developing disputes and prevent the need for court action.

1. Understand the Process

It is essential that you understand what you can expect from your trustee and executor.

It is commonly misconceived that beneficiaries are entitled to all the information regarding the trust or estate's assets or the reasoning behind the trustee or executor's decisions. Although a lack of transparency concerning these matters may give rise to suspicion about their motivation, there may be a good reason for the executor and trustee's actions. For example, the settlor or testator may have requested that some information remain private.

Until the assets have been distributed, beneficiaries' have limited rights. If they are named in the will, they can expect to receive a copy of that will and then copies of the estate accounts once the administration progresses.

It is also very important to remember that administering an estate takes time. The more complex it is, the longer it will take. Executors cannot be made to distribute an estate until at least one year has passed from the date of death. They also cannot be made to distribute if there is a good reason preventing them from doing so.

2. Communicate

It may seem obvious, but the easiest way to find out what is happening is to ask. Although executors and trustees have a great degree of discretion as to what information they disclose, in most cases they will recognise the importance of transparency. They are under no obligation to explain every decision they have made but will usually be happy to provide regular updates to help manage beneficiaries' expectations on what they may receive and when. Furthermore, if a beneficiary expresses concern about how the estate is being administered, it is usually in the trustee or executors' interest to justify their actions.

If communication is unsuccessful, the beneficiary can call on their rights to information. The accounts will give a good understanding of the assets and how they have been valued or invested. This is a good starting point in deciding whether an estate is being administered effectively or if there are grounds for complaint.



It is sometimes the case that an individual may feel they have not been provided for, or sufficiently provided for under a Will. That individual may seek for the Will to be rearranged post death or may consider making a formal claim from the estate. In these cases it is important to consider seeking specialist advice and for the executors and potential beneficiaries to communicate effectively, following certain protocols to try and avoid the necessity for proceedings in Court.

3. Seek Advice

If the accounts show inconsistencies such as missing assets or badly performing investments, and these cannot be explained by the trustee or executor, then we highly recommend seeking professional legal advice. Trustees and executors have a duty of care to beneficiaries meaning they must act in the beneficiaries' interests. If they are in breach of this duty and it has caused loss to the trust or estate, they may be held personally accountable.

If after communication between the solicitor and trustee or executor, the responses remain unsatisfactory and it is clear that the trust or estate is not being managed competently, court action may be an option and you may wish to seek legal advice on this.

4. Apply for Removal

When beneficiaries no longer have faith in the trustee or executor, they can apply to the court for their removal. This will usually be accompanied by a claim for breach of duty. Where there is clear evidence of misconduct, an application for removal will usually be successful.

Hostility alone will not justify removal. The demonstration of the breakdown in the relationship between the trustee or executor and the beneficiaries and its adverse effect on the administration of the estate will be required.

If you would like to discuss any points in this article further or are looking for independent advice relating to contentious probate, please contact Spire Solicitors LLP on 01603 677077.

WHAT'S ON?

To Sunday 7th November

Norfolk Makers - The Craft Show
11am to 3pm, Wymondham Arts Centre
<http://wymondhamarts.org/2021-season>

Friday 29th October

Poppy Concert with Wymondham Royal British Legion
7pm, Wymondham Ex Services Club.
Tickets £10
www.facebook.com/events/929708754425576

An Evening of Comedy with Wymondham Players
7.45pm, North Wymondham Community Centre. Tickets £7, please book in advance
www.wymondhamplayers.org

Halloween Party
8pm, The King's Head, Hethersett
www.facebook.com/events/401689454918529

Halloween Disco
8.30pm, The Robert Kett
www.facebook.com/PubRobertKett

Halloween Party
8.30pm, The Cross Keys
www.facebook.com/keyswymondham

Saturday 30th October

Community Orchard Session
10am to 12noon, Browick Road Park
www.facebook.com/greeningwymondham

Trick or Treat Trail
1pm to 3pm, Wymondham Town Centre
www.facebook.com/events/238143308377483

An Evening of Comedy with Wymondham Players
7.45pm, North Wymondham Community Centre. Tickets £7, please book in advance
www.wymondhamplayers.org

Halloween Party
8pm, Wymondham Sports Bar
www.facebook.com/events/415371753318780

Sunday 31st October

Sunday Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Tidy Up Volunteer Workday
10.30am, Old Sale Yard (opposite station)
www.wymondhamtownteam.org/wym-in-bloom-2021

Sunday Service Livestream
11am, by Wymondham Abbey
<https://bit.ly/2VhLs5H>

Halloween Quiz by Micky D
7pm, The Green Dragon. Tickets £7
<https://greendragonnorfolk.com>

Monday 1st November

Pabulum Café
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Tuesday 2nd November

Wymondham Methodist Church Coffee Morning
10am to 12noon, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Covid-19 Memorial & All Souls Service
5pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Thursday 4th November

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
10am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Crib Night
8pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Friday 5th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 1pm, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

We Love Fireworks
6pm, Wymondham Rugby Club. Tickets £6 adults, £4 under 16s, under4s free
www.wymondhamrfc.com

Bingo Night
7pm for 8pm, Ex Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Saturday 6th November

Wymondham Lemon Day
10am to 2pm, town centre
See page 15 for full schedule

Fireworks
6pm, Crusaders RUFC, Little Melton
www.facebook.com/CrusadersRFC

The Glamastics - rock tribute band
8pm, Ex Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 7th November

Sunday Service - What a Christian believes: What's the Bible?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Tidy Up Volunteer Workday
10.30am, Old Sale Yard (opposite station)
www.wymondhamtownteam.org/wym-in-bloom-2021



MARKETS

Every Friday

Charter Market
8am to 5pm, Market Place
01953 603302

Country Market
10.30am to 12.30pm,
Wymondham Library

Third Saturday (20th November)

Farmers' Market
9am to 1pm, Market Place
01953 603302

Sunday Service Livestream
11am, by Wymondham Abbey
<https://bit.ly/2VhLs5H>

WTFC Quiz
8pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Monday 8th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Thursday 11th November

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
10am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Photographing the Natural World by John Bulpitt - a talk for Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG)
7.30pm, Town Green Community Centre.
Tickets £2
www.facebook.com/WymondhamNatureGroup

Crib Night
8pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Friday 12th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 1pm, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Bingo Night
7pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Saturday 13th November

Jokers Wild - live music
9pm, The Cross Keys
www.facebook.com/keyswymondham

Sunday 14th November

Sunday Service - What a Christian believes: Why Jesus?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Sunday Service Livestream
11am, by Wymondham Abbey
<https://bit.ly/2VhLs5H>

Remembrance Sunday Service
3pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Monday 15th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Tuesday 16th November

Wymondham Methodist Church Coffee Morning
10am to 12noon, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Thursday 18th November

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
10am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Crib Night
8pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Friday 19th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 1pm, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Saturday 20th November

Christmas Craft Fair
11am to 3pm, The Shed, Ayton Road
<https://theshedwymondham.org.uk>

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 21st November

Sunday Service - What a Christian believes: Paid in full?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Sunday Service Livestream
11am, by Wymondham Abbey
<https://bit.ly/2VhLs5H>

WTFC Quiz
8pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Monday 22nd November

Pabulum Café
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Thursday 25th November

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
10am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Wymondham Heritage Society AGM followed by a Wymondham Heritage Quiz
7.30pm, Fairland Hall. New members welcome
www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk

Crib Night
8pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Friday 26th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 1pm, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Crib Night
7pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Ska Souls - live music
8.30pm, The Robert Kett
www.facebook.com/PubRobertKett

Saturday 27th November

Christmas Fair
10am, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Walkway - live music
9pm, The Cross Keys
www.facebook.com/keyswymondham

Sunday 28th November

Sunday Service - What a Christian believes: Why Church?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Sunday Service Livestream
11am, by Wymondham Abbey
<https://bit.ly/2VhLs5H>

Monday 29th November

Pabulum Café
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

Tuesday 30th November

Wymondham Methodist Church Coffee Morning
10am to 12noon, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

WHAT'S ON, continued...

Norfolk Libraries online

Tuesdays

Bounce And Rhyme
10am, via Zoom. Fortnightly
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Reading Friends
6pm & 7pm, via Zoom
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Shut Up and Write
4pm, via Facebook
[www.facebook.com/
events/356479102243391](https://www.facebook.com/events/356479102243391)

Young Reading Friends
4.30pm, via Zoom. For people aged 13-16
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Wednesdays

Knit And Knatter
2pm, via Zoom
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Thursdays

Just A Cuppa
4pm, via Zoom
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Reading For Wellbeing
7pm, via Zoom. Fortnightly
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Fridays

Drop In And Craft
3pm, via Facebook
www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK

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