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Welcome to January's issue of *Wymondham Magazine* - and the first thing to say is, happy new year! We thank all our readers and advertisers for your support in 2021, and we hope 2022 will be a much more positive one for everyone after two strange years of Covid. We don't know quite what's round the corner - so for every event planned for this month it's worth checking ahead with the organisers in case things have changed. But we keep our fingers crossed that events like the Wymondham Young Farmers' traditional January pantomime can still go ahead as planned - it's just the ticket for cheering up those dark winter evenings!

Kate, Editor

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TOWN CO-ORDINATOR IDEA CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

An ambitious plan to revitalise tourism, boost retail and footfall and forge better links between volunteer groups and the Town Council could see the appointment of a new town centre co-ordinator in Wymondham.

Days after the hugely successful 'Wynterfest' event in the town run by the volunteers of Wymondham Town Team, a proposal to create the new post was put to the full Wymondham Town Council. In a bid to continue the momentum and make it easier for events to be promoted and held in the town while listening to the needs of businesses and the community, it was felt the job would bring much needed collaboration between all parties.

After lengthy discussion at the Council's meeting on Tuesday it was agreed that the Council's personnel group would determine a job description for the potential post, along with a person specification and salary level, with measured targets for the role to achieve.

The idea for the position initially came about following feedback from meetings of a new working group made up of Town Councillors, community groups, volunteers and business owners called Brighter Future. The aims of the group focus around enhancing, improving and promoting the town's image and increasing footfall in order to re-establish Wymondham as a good place to do business and an interesting place to visit.

Brighter Future chairman and Town Councillor Tony Holden said Wymondham had "tremendous potential" as a destination town for the future as well as a having unique heritage offering. He added: "We benefit from excellent transport links both by road and rail. I am excited about what the future holds for our town and firmly believe that the appointment of a town co-ordinator to promote Wymondham will be a huge step forward."

Fran Young, chair of the Wymondham Town Team, said the town had so much to offer but there was nobody pulling it all together. "There is a lot of goodwill in Wymondham," she said. "But it needs someone to support the efforts of community, the volunteer groups and businesses. There are little pockets of good things that happen two or three times a year but we are not reaching our full potential as a town. If we have a healthy thriving town we have more jobs, less crime, and less isolation. The benefits are enormous."



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WYNTERFEST ANOTHER WONDERFUL SUCCESS

By Fran Young

Wynterfest 2021 was a wonderful success. Many of the stall holders sold out of goods, and they have already booked to return in 2022. The Hot Crumbs live music was well received, and there was lots of dancing on the Market Cross.

The weather was kind, and the donkeys and alpacas were enjoyed by many. Thanks go to Wymondham Choral Society, Mark The Busker, The West Wyng Gallery Quoir, 4th Wymondham Guides, Spangle Pans and The Zumba Class for providing entertainment and to our festive characters, Snowman, Christmas Tree, Christmas Pudding and Gingerbread Man (you know who you are) for bringing the Christmas spirit to the event.

The Village People Magazine (available bi monthly at Waitrose) made very generous sponsorship to the event, as did Friends of Gilly B, Fosters Solicitors and Rosedale Funeral Home. Thanks to the Baptist Church for opening Roots Café, the Methodist Church for providing a space for Nativity Scenes and the Roman Catholic Church who stepped in at the very last minute to provide a wonderful safe venue for our Made In Wymondham Market. The Air Cadets were a great support on the day too,



and the Friends of Browick Road School organised their own mini event in Priory Gardens which added to Wynterfest and demonstrates what can be achieved through collaboration.

Working with Local Flavours – On Location ensured the event was bigger than ever before, and they are looking to support us to grow the event and make it a stand out event on the Norfolk Calendar.

The date for 2022 is Sunday 4th December, and community groups who wish to collaborate to extend the event and individual ideas to extend the event can be sent to me at franyoung@talktalk.net.

I am sure to have missed some out – but thanks to everyone who supported the event!

Woodland fundraiser

Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services, a non-profit mental health service for young people founded by Catherine Grey in 2017, recently celebrated its fourth birthday – and is now raising money to rent and kit-out a woodland from which to run therapy sessions.



A woodland in Wymondham has been found, with the idea being to provide outdoor therapy sessions, focusing on allowing young people and families to develop skills and overcome difficulties. Nature Occupational Therapy sessions include activities such as bushcraft, foraging, campfire cooking, woodwork skills, woodland management, games, metal detecting and nature crafts. The initial goal is to raise £10,000 to provide funds for renting the woodland for a year, building a weatherproof shelter, covered kitchen and log store, and purchasing bushcraft and woodwork equipment.

If you would like to support the project, visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cup-o-t-woodland-for-therapy

WYFC PANTOMIME BACK!

Wymondham Young Farmers Club will once again be putting on their annual

charity Pantomime from Wednesday 12th January to Saturday 15th January in Central Hall. This year's production is *Peter Pan*, written by Stephen and Rachel Humphreys, with the script provided by Lazy Bee Scripts and produced by Ed Barker and Rob Palmer.

Tickets are £10 for adults, with children (5-15yrs) and concessions £6 and a family ticket (2 x adults and 2 x children) £30.

Tickets are available from Sue Palmer on 01603 759545, from George Reeves or online at https://wyf.lite.events/?fbclid=IwARoCHwtjRSIElnYsAjPnDgC6d39cu1gFVJJB5h_yOsAdF-JeEblD8fgJLdA

Performances start at 730pm every evening with a Matinee at 2.30pm on the Saturday afternoon. All surplus proceeds from this year's performances will be donated to the Spinal Injuries Association.



Wood Avens lights another hit

The Christmas lights display by residents on Wood Avens Way is now a Wymondham festive institution, and has raised over £4,000 for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospitals Charity. To donate visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wood-avens-lights



A TRIBUTE TO KEITH



The Wymondham community sadly lost another stalwart recently with the death of active volunteer Keith Benjafield. The below is taken from his Eulogy by Pastor Paul Smith:

Keith arrived here in Wymondham only a relatively short while ago, when he and Janet moved into the area.

However it did not take long for them both to make a big impact, being very friendly and community-focused.

Keith especially had a large presence both physically and in his ability to get involved in the life of the town. He was involved in all sorts of things, especially with the Town Team. He was very active in trying to plan the next Vintage Day, which sadly due to Covid is on hold. Keith helped out on other projects such as litter picking and tidying up around the land opposite the railway station, amongst other things.

Just recently in town we have held our Wynterfest celebrations, which Keith alongside many of you helped to facilitate. These events and community projects don't happen by themselves, it takes people like Keith who give up their time and use their talents and skills so freely. As you wander the streets of Wymondham you will see the town lit up with fantastic lights and trees. As you do so I ask you to pause and

please remember Keith, whose efforts contributed to us being able to be proud of our town. But also, please remember Janet.

There are many other aspects to Keith's life, a lot of which I did not know. Some of which were surprising. The fact that Keith was a seriously competitive runner was something I did not know. Janet also said he was romantic at heart and a very caring man, putting lots of thought and consideration into gifts he would buy her.

It is sad that we often find out so much about someone after they have passed away. Perhaps we all need to make more time for each other. But Janet did say to me that Keith had a mantra which he quoted a lot which was this, if you see something is not right, do something about it, it is not someone else's responsibility. THIS DID NOT SURPRISE ME ABOUT KEITH!

In fact the actual quote was "Don't just walk by - its not someone else's job."

We can see the way this thought permeated Keith's life. Not only would he speak these words he would live by them. He would actually roll up his sleeves and take action. Janet shared, and we know, that he would spend time emailing and contacting different organisations when things weren't being done that should be. Keith was highly motivated and super organised. He would challenge injustices and always looked out for ways to improve the community and the quality of life for the benefit of others.

We give thanks for all that Keith was and to you Janet for sharing his time and help with us the wider community.

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UPDATE FROM GREENING WYMONDHAM

By Jay Andrews:

Greening Wymondham, like everyone, is hoping this will be a much better year. So happy 2022!

We managed to keep going through most of last year with the aid of all the volunteers who make up Greening Wymondham, and local people who came along to help with projects like the Browick Community Orchard. The path through Kett's Wood is being painstakingly restored with a push to do more this month.

And we are still working with the Year 6 children at primary school who each received a garden tree or plant from Greening Wymondham last year. Not to mention the Wymondham 5th Brownies who contributed brilliantly to a litter pick – everyone did a great clean-up after Wymondham's successful Wynterfest but it's amazing how much Greening Wymondham and the Brownies still found. More litter picks on the way.

We had a wonderful bonus with public donations from the Coop community fund. Many thanks to the Coop and everyone who contributed. You can see more on our Facebook page.

Greening Wymondham has great plans for this year. Continuing to plant insect friendly plants along paths and in woodlands, promoting low mow and more planting on council verges and in our own gardens.

To say nothing of bashing Balsam (an invasive plant



along the Tiffey), and working in Ketts Park and Browick community orchard.

We are also combining with other groups on The Lizard and trying to work with local authorities and our local council to make Wymondham greener, healthier and more pleasant for us all.

"A big thank you to our members and volunteers from the community who helped to green up Wymondham last year," says Chair Nicola Maunders.

"We look forward to another active year and a number of exciting projects for 2022. Do get in touch if you would like to help or ideas you'd like to share."

Contact www.greeningwymondham.org

BUSY TIMES FOR SOUTH NORFOLK RADIO

Volunteers from Wymondham-based South Norfolk Radio were very busy last month. "It was all-action!" says Anthony Woods, Station Manager and Chair of the not-for-profit Communiity Interest Company.

"We ran a successful school disco, took our broadcasting equipment out to Wymondham Town Centre to join in with Wynterfest and of course we ran a range of special programmes on the station over Christmas and New Year, including our third annual local Christmas Day edition of perennial radio favourite 'Junior Choice'. We broadcast Her Majesty The Queen's Christmas Message at 3pm on Christmas Day for the first time, and we also carried the 25th annual edition of Mark Stafford's 'Rock and Roll Heaven', looking back through 2021 and marking the passing of some of the music artists and performers that we sadly lost during the year."

"We've recently launched some new shows, including Angel's 'Drum and Bass Show' at 10pm on Saturdays, and a fortnightly discussion show on Tuesdays at 8pm

called 'Two Men in A Bottle' with Matt Taylor and local wine expert Chris White looking in depth at a different wine in each episode. The stories behind the bottles are illustrated where possible with some music from the area where the wine originates. And yes, they do sample the product - but they don't drive home afterwards! Also early this year, we'll be airing some new short contemporary dramas that have been produced with financial assistance from the Government's Audio Content Fund.

"South Norfolk Radio is very keen to attract new members to the station and we've got big plans for expansion. We'd also like to attract regular advertisers and show sponsors too, in order to finance the running costs of the station and to formally expand our important training offering. At the moment we are an internet-only station, but we're very much hoping that we'll be able to make the big transition to Digital Broadcasting (DAB) in the not too distant future. If you'd like to be part of the journey with us, either as a station volunteer or as a supporting advertiser on the station, then do get in touch."

You can contact South Norfolk Radio at www.snradio.uk, check out the schedule and listen live there too, and you can also hear the station on major radio streaming apps and on Alexa, Google and on your Smart Speakers.

MID-NORFOLK RAILWAY ANNOUNCES 2022 PROGRAMME

The Mid-Norfolk Railway is planning a full programme of events for 2022. The events will include a Steam and Diesel Gala together with other special event weekends.



The 2022 operating season will open on Sunday 6th March and as in previous years will feature a mixture of running days. New for 2022 will be specific Diesel locomotive running days, these will join the schedules as the orange timetable.

Diesel services will feature either the Maroon-liveried vacuum-braked Mark 1 and Mark 2 coaches or the former Greater Anglia Mark 3 coaches depending on the traction that is hauling the train. On multiple train days the timetable will be a mixture of steam and diesel trains together with diesel multiple unit services.

The first steam running day will be Sunday 27th March and the first special event will be an Easter-themed event. From Monday 9th May, for at least two weeks the railway is planning to close to carry out a major engineering project.

In June, the railway will be holding a Queen's Platinum Jubilee event, running dates to be confirmed nearer the date. Sunday 26th June will also see the regular annual opening of Hardingham station as part of Hardingham Fête. This annual event is rare opportunity for the public to be able to use the station as the station grounds and buildings are in private ownership and this event is at the owner's invitation.

The railway is planning to hold a Steam Gala from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd July - visiting steam engines will be announced in due course. On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August, the annual 1940s Railway at War weekend will be held once again with re-enactors setting up displays all along the line and visitors are encouraged to enter into the spirit of the event by dressing accordingly.

The Diesel Gala will be one of the highlights of the coming year and will be run from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September. The Diesel Gala will feature visiting mainline and heritage diesels to supplement the MNR home fleet.

The railway is planning for the first time to be open for the Norfolk school's autumn half-term break from Monday 24th to Friday 28th October and the year will end with the return of the

ever popular Polar Express, that will run during November and December leading up to the Christmas.

Throughout the 2022 running season, the railway will once again be running the popular 'Breckland Fryer' fish and chip trains in the evening and 'Heart of Norfolk' afternoon tea trains on selected running days. The railway will also continue to run the 'Kids Go Free' group tickets that was successfully introduced in 2021. These tickets will be available for all standard running days but do not include special events or special trains.

The MNR shop at Dereham station has had a refresh with new lines of merchandise and clothing that feature the railway's new 'Heart of Norfolk' logo.

Further details of events and timetables will appear on the railway's website in due course at www.midnorfolkrailway.co.uk



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A HIDDEN GEM

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Club members are largely drawn from a 10-mile radius. Unusually, they do not play in any County leagues, restricting themselves to a few inter club 'friendlies' spread throughout the summer. But first and foremost they take pride in being a sociable and welcoming club, with organised 'roll-ups' three times a week and occasional weekend intra-club competitions, together with out of season social events.

They would love to hear from prospective new members of any age or ability. Beginners can ask to 'try out' their skills first, accompanied by a club member. If you are interested, telephone the Secretary on 01603 811339 or Chairman on 07715 699211.



ROTARY ONLINE QUIZ EVENING

Looking for a spot of post-festive fun? Don't fancy going out in the cold? Anxious about Covid? Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group (RSG) is planning to run another fun Online Quiz evening at 7:30 pm on Friday 14th January.

If you are not familiar with their online quizzes, be assured it is easy to take part and the beauty is that you don't have to leave home. Your other team members can be at the end of your sofa, in the house next door or on the other side of the world! You and your team will be able to meet up via Zoom and chat away in private while taking part in the delightfully teasing quiz

All proceeds from the evening will go to local charities. Your donation of £3 per team member will entitle each of you to free entry to a £25 prize draw which will be held at the end of the evening.

Further details from wymrsg@gmail.com and don't worry, instructions for how to use Zoom will be included in your welcome pack.

BEGINNERS SEQUENCE DANCE WORKSHOPS IN WYMONDHAM

2 Left Feet was started by Colin and Ruth Burn in 2014 to introduce people into the hobby of Sequence Dancing. As Strictly comes to an end, and the dark winter months loom ahead, many decide to try out ballroom dancing. Sequence dancing is a similar but much easier alternative, using many of the same dance steps but in steady repeated patterns. 2Left Feet meets in Wymondham in the Town Green Centre, behind the Methodist Church. Further details about project can be found online at www.5050dance.webnode.com

For 2022, free taster sessions are being held, on Friday 28th January and Friday 4th February at 2pm, lasting about an hour. Further sessions carry a nominal charge to cover expenses. 2 Left Feet is supported by the Methodist Church; it is a community orientated, not for profit, organisation with no employees. If you would like to join in, contact 01953 600389 for further details. Only a moderate level of physical fitness is necessary, but you must expect to laugh a lot.

As the dances are performed by couples, it is helpful but not essential to come with a partner; same sex couples are regularly seen. Covid guidelines advise a limited number of contacts, therefore it is essential to reserve a place in advance.

WYMONDHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NOVEMBER CONCERT

By Adrienne Cleary, President

As mentioned in the October edition of the magazine we were hoping to perform a concert in Central Hall at the end of November to an invited audience. Well... that actually happened and with much excitement our 'Celebratory Concert' was a great success. Despite all the restricting rules and regulations of the pandemic leading up to it, the WSO, under the baton of our conductor, Andrew Parnell, rose to the occasion and performed a rousing and very attractive programme of music. *Finlandia* by Sibelius, *Little Suite No.1* by Malcolm Arnold, the *Cello Concerto* by Saint-Saens and *Symphony No.6* by Dvorak. Our lead cellist, Helen Stowell, gave a beautiful performance of the *Cello Concerto* much appreciated by the audience, and she well deserved the bouquet of flowers given to her afterwards.

As mentioned, in order to arrange this concert and its attendant rehearsals, a lot of people worked very hard to ensure that it was done with the maximum safety and the minimum of disruption. We all (orchestra and audience members alike) owe them a huge debt of gratitude, in particular the committee of the WSO. We would also like to thank the committee and manager of the Central Hall for their help and making us feel so welcome.

As no tickets were sold for the concert we asked for donations to be made to the Wymondham Community Kitchen, and much to the generosity of the audience a sum of £310 was donated. A really feel good end to a wonderful evening of music making.

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 us. At present we would like to recruit a third trombonist and a regular percussionist. We meet on a Tuesday evening during term time at Central Hall, rehearsing between 7.45pm and 9.45pm.

WYMONDHAM TRAINER WINS AWARD

A Personal Trainer from Wymondham who has been in the fitness industry since 1996 has helped change many people's lives over the years, and has recently won this year's Personal Trainer of the Year from the London Prestige Business Awards.



Paul Jewiss, 46, who has a private studio just outside of Wymondham, was inspired to help others after sustaining a severe knee injury at the age of 19 and was coached back to fitness. Since then, Mr Jewiss has helped hundreds of clients overcome their personal goals, including improving self-confidence, weight loss, complex medical needs, injury rehabilitation as well as general fitness. He said: "I've always had a fascination with how the body works, and to find out what we are truly capable of – we all have an inner athlete!"

Reflecting on his Prestige Award, Paul added: "I was so humbled to hear that I was nominated by several of my clients, especially as there are so many good Personal Trainers around. It feels amazing that after so long in the industry, you are still being recognised that you bring positive value to people's lives. I will always continue to help people who need it."

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA!

From: Lynn Olnier

Subject: Wymondham families

Hello. I live in Wymondham Cottage, Wyndringham, Winkleigh, Tasmania.

The land it is built on was owned by Stephen Kerrison born 13th May 1798 and Mary Goodings born 25th September 1802 - both born in Wymondham, England. They emigrated with their seven children, the youngest just aged two, to Van Diemens Land (now Tasmania) in 1835 and in 1852 moved to Winkleigh.

I would like to understand what their life would have been like in Wymondham at the time and why they might have chosen to emigrate. If you have any information about Wymondham at the time I would be very interested.

Can you help Lynn? Let us know at Wymondham Magazine and we can pass the details on!

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BUSINESS OWNER TEAMS UP WITH CARE HOME TO PLANT SOMETHING BACK

A Wymondham business owner who is keen to offset any negative impact that he may have on the environment is on a mission to plant 100 tree saplings and has found just the place to get his project started.

Owner of RWTA Ltd, a training and development company, Richard Wills has begun his tree-planting programme that will see him plant up to 100 trees across Norfolk. Richard said: "From day 1 of launching my business in 2020, I have been completely aware of the impact that my existence has on this planet. One of the biggest problems with the climate emergency is that people take more than they can give back. I want to build a sustainable business model that routinely plants trees in the county."

Richard reached out via Facebook to groups and organisations with access to land and permission to plant on it to come forward. He was keen to find a project that would only help him to kick start his mission, but which would also help improve the quality of life for others.

Richard was contacted by staff at Woodstock Care Home in Gressenhall, a residential home that specialises in care for those with dementia. Naomi Daghish, Activity Coordinator at Woodstock Care Home said: "We have some land that wraps around our building and the residents come together regularly



to discuss what we should do with it. We were fortunate enough to be supported by another local company who helped us to create a wildflower meadow earlier in the year. Our next project was to identify how we could create an orchard in another part of the land that would benefit our residents for years to come, and that's when we saw Richard's post."

To create an orchard, 12 trees were planted in total including apple, plum, pear and cherry. "We were overwhelmed by RWTA's generosity and support. The orchard is going to enable meaningful activity and sensory engagement for the residents of Woodstock for years to come" said Naomi.

Richard is continually on the look out for future projects where tree donations will be able to make a difference not just to his carbon footprint but to communities all over Norfolk. He is also hopeful that other businesses may see this story and also take action. He said "Many people think that environmental issues are too big for us to do anything about and that it's someone else's problem. If however we all do something to give a little back, we could collectively make a huge difference".

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In brief...

TOMBOLA RAISES DEMENTIA FUNDS

Wymondham Dementia Support Group thanks Father Christmas at Wymondham Garden Centre, as during the late night shopping event in December a tombola raised £90 for the Group. Thank you too for the people who bought tickets and won the prizes donated for the event.



FREE MUSICAL TASTER SESSIONS

Wymondham Youth Music Society wants to encourage young musicians to see what the Society has to offer, so are putting on two free Taster Sessions in the New Year. On Thursday 6th January will be Wymondham Youth Ensemble; Grades 3 and above, and on Thursday 13th January is Junior Strings; Beginners to Grade 3

More details of both these events can be found at www.wyms.org.uk, or drop an email to their secretary Linda on enquiries@wyms.org.uk

JANUARY LIGHT THEME

During January, Wymondham Methodist Church will be following a theme of January Light. Watch for posters and cards around Town Green and visit www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

SCHOOL WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Wymondham College has become the first school in Norfolk ever to win at the National Teaching Awards. The college was recently voted 'Secondary School of the Year'.

LANDLORD TO LEAVE GREEN DRAGON

Justin Harvey, landlord of The Green Dragon, posted on Facebook recently the following message: "As some of you may already know, I just wanted to confirm that the rumours are true this time! This New Year's Eve will be my last at The Green Dragon and I be moving on in the New Year!

"I'd like to thank all my wonderful staff and the generous support from the Wymondham community, we have been so lucky to receive over the years! We will miss you all."

CHARITY BURNS NIGHT AND CEILIDH

On Friday 28th January at Central Hall, the Wymondham Lions and Wymondham Rotary Club will be hosting their annual Charity Burns Night and Ceilidh in aid of local and international charities.

Doors open at 6.30pm, with supper at 7pm and dancing until 11pm. Tickets are £20 each and available from George Reeves, www.wymfest.org.uk, www.wymondhamrotary.org.uk or by emailing peter.cook2018@outlook.com or iamwllde@hotmail.com

ROAD CLOSURE

The B1135 Wymondham Road will close from Tuesday 4th January for four weeks at the B1108 Station Road junction in Kimberley as Norfolk County Council completes work to install three new gullies and a catchpit in order to alleviate surface water problems. An official diversion will be in place. Access to homes will still be available during the work.

ROTARY FUNDRAISING

This year the local community has helped Wymondham Rotary Club raise £2,550 for their charity of the year, the Wymondham Community Outreach Project. Below is a photo of the latest cheque being handed over.



TOUGH TIMES FOR BUSINESSES

By Michelle Fernandes, Wardrobes

'Well 'goodbye' to 2021 and to be honest Wardrobes will not be sorry to see the back of it. Having been closed for a third of the year in 2021 our reopening in April did not quite go with the bang we had hoped.

Customer confidence appears to have been down obviously due to Covid and Financial pressures. Footfall in the town has been drastically reduced with very little passing trade and a lot of our regulars have yet to return to the High Street.

Not sure what the start of 2022 is going to bring but after 23 years of being on Fairland Street it is apparent that we must change the service that we offer until normal service can be resumed.

January is going to be tough with the uncertainty of Omicron and what should be a period of the 'Sale' and increased footfall of customers taking the opportunity of a bargain, is obviously dependent on Government announcements. Wardrobes will not be opening immediately in January and we will take things week by week with regular updates on Facebook, Twitter and posters in the shop window.

The 'Sale' will start on Facebook as it did last year and until normal business resumes Wardrobes will be happy to open up by appointment, offer click & collect and offer a postal service or a free delivery service for local customers.

All the small independent businesses in Wymondham need all the support we can get from the local community and 'Shop Local' is going to be even more important in 2022. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.





Star Throwers Charity Ball 2022



Join us on Saturday 26th February 2022 at Barnham Broom Hotel for a fantastic night out to support Star Throwers - Cancer Support Charity.

Arrival from 7pm

Tickets £49pp

Three Course Meal

Tables - max of 12 people

Auction and Raffle

Barnham Broom Hotel

Live Music

Honingham Rd

Barnham Broom

Charity Casino

Norwich

NR9 4DD

Carriages at 1am



Accommodation available - contact Barnham Broom Hotel direct - reduced rate of £125 for B&B if attending the Star Throwers Ball.

To book call 01953 423304 or email victoria@starthrowers.org.uk

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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...

Gary and Brenda Groucott | Wymondham Garden

On 1st January Wymondham Garden Centre will be celebrating 20 years under the Groucott family. Totally Locally Wymondham caught up with Brenda to find out more about the family behind the business.

My husband Gary and I have always loved gardening and growing plants. In our previous life we had other jobs – I worked at Boots the chemist and Gary worked in food development. We moved from Hereford to Norfolk about 25 years ago. We've always been plant crazy, growing plants to sell at the gate and at car boot sales.

How it began - we'd been in Wymondham for a few years, I was visiting Wymondham Open Gardens, someone just happened to mention that the small plant centre on Tuttle Lane was soon to be available. We looked at the centre and loved it. We really didn't expect it to take off in the way that it has! Now Gary and I run it along with our sons, a terrific management team and fabulous staff. We have grown from a team of three to now employing over 40 people. Many of whom have been with us

for several years. Our first and longest serving employee has just retired after being with us for almost 20 years!

Over the years we have made lots of changes to the centre. 2016 saw our biggest changes. We doubled the size of the site, expanding our plant growing and nursery area and opening our fabulous Four Seasons Coffee Shop.

Just as importantly, we doubled the size of the carpark, ensuring we had space for shoppers and diners.

We are very proud of our home-grown plants. We grow a huge range of perennials, shrubs, bedding, veggies etc.

When we 'buy in' plants we use as many local nurseries and growers as possible. In our Coffee Shop we use local suppliers and local ingredients whenever we can. Everything is cooked and baked from scratch by our great team of chefs.

We never mind going to work. We love doing what we do. We love seeing and chatting to our lovely customers, we never get tired of discussing the weather, plants and gardening. Our customers visit us because they want to, not because they have to, we are like-minded people enjoying the same things in life.

Of course, we don't just grow and sell plants, we sell everything associated with gardening, tools, composts, seeds, garden furniture, etc. We also have a huge gift shop. These other products ensure we can keep our doors open all year round when we are out of gardening season.

The support shown to us by the local community over the years has been absolutely amazing and many of our customers have become good friends.



We support the community when we can. We regularly donate raffle prizes to local charities. This year we donated 10 very large Christmas trees to community groups and charities. For several years we have supported Wymondham Dementia Support Group, and have raised and donated lots of money to them. The folks who run this group are an amazing bunch of people who are invaluable to the community.

Through the Covid lockdown we were fortunate to be able to remain open. As a business we could barely keep up with demand. We had to hire vans and drivers to help with our delivery service, we also had to install more telephone lines to be able to keep up with phone orders. It was very hard work but the appreciation shown to us by customers made it all worthwhile.

Last year, 2020 we bought another site – Aylsham Garden Centre, which is very much based on Wymondham Garden Centre. We employ over 20 staff at this centre. We are very proud of both of our sites and our fabulous teams. We now employ over 60 people over the two sites. We work hard, both centres are open seven days a week and we split our time between the centres. It's not a 9-5 job, we never switch off and we love it!

Our hopes for 2022 – to be happy, healthy and of course busy!



PICTURES OF A WHITE WYMONDHAM

Wymondham Abbey
Photo by Simon Rogers (left)

Wymondham Priory was founded in 1107 by William d'Albini, Chief Butler to King Henry I as a Benedictine monastery and a parish church on a site of an earlier Saxon church. It was dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary and St Alban, which was later changed to St Mary and St Thomas of Canterbury.

Almost as soon as the Priory was completed disputes arose with the parishioners which lasted over 300 years. In 1249 Pope Innocent IV decreed the nave, north aisle, north-west tower were for the parish.

In the late 14th century the monks found their central lantern tower to be weak and in 1376 work began on a new central octagonal tower which was completed in 1409, the remains of which are there today. The monks built this tower further west than the original and instead of creating an archway with a view through to the majestic high altar in the east, they built a solid wall across the base of the tower with two doorways on either side. The monks also put their bells in the parishioners' north-west tower and then sealed the entrance up when they moved the bells to their new tower. In 1410, the parishioners forced entry to their north-west tower, hung three of their bells and blocked doors between the monastery and the parish church. Hostilities peaked when the parishioners forced their way into the monks south-west tower and kept the Prior prisoner there for two days. Following intervention in 1411 by the Archbishop of Canterbury the parishioners were allowed to hang their bells in the north-west tower but only if they did not disturb the monks. The parishioners soon wanted a new tower and work began on the new north-west tower in 1447 once the two shorter north-west and south-west towers were demolished.

In 1448 the Priory became an Abbey in its own right.

At the Dissolution in 1538, the townsfolk were granted use of certain parts of the church by Henry VIII. John Flowerdew of Stanfield Hall was appointed to supervise the demolition of the monastic buildings to the south and he misappropriated materials for himself which had been bought by the parishioners. Flowerdew's actions were one of the contributing factors which led to Kett's Rebellion in the summer of 1549.

The Priory Church was originally 245 feet long from east to west, nearly double the length it is today. The nave and aisles, the west and east (previously the central) towers of the original Abbey survived the Dissolution and the east wall arch of the former Chapter House is still standing. There are many signs of the old ruins and foundations in the grounds and Abbey meadows. >



A small selection of photos of Wymondham in the snow over the years...

Postcard of Kett's Oak in the snow around 1905

Although just inside the boundary of Hethersett parish, Kett's Oak is a lasting symbol of Wymondham's most iconic son Robert Kett. Robert was the leader of the uprising of 1549 known as Kett's Rebellion, opposing the enclosure of common land and social and economic injustices of the time. Robert and his brother William led around 15,000 people to Mousehold in Norwich where over 3,000 died in the ensuing battles. After the rebellion was crushed, Robert was hanged for treason on December 7th 1549 at Norwich Castle and William was hanged from the west tower at Wymondham Abbey.

It is reputed that Kett's Oak is the tree where Robert assembled and addressed his followers before heading to Norwich to be heard.



Many road names in our town commemorate these events of 1549 including Kett's Avenue, Kett's Close, Dussindale, Mount Surrey, Warwick Drive, Sheffield Road, William Close, Robert Close, Conyers and Oak Close.

Sweeping snow on Town Green around 1947



Pamela Standley and Betty Dack sweeping snow outside the shop of C H Standley & Son on Town Green, around 1947. Known to locals as The Little Dustpan, the shop sold a huge variety of hardware and household goods. It was important the shop was made accessible despite heavy snowfalls as customers would be in need of paraffin, candles and shovels, and could also have their batteries recharged via the on-site accumulator.

Pamela worked at the shop for her father Eric and after he died Pamela and her brother Philip ran the shop until it closed in 1988 when she retired.

The premises are now home to Wymondham Antiques Centre and Town Green Garden Cafe.

> Following a fundraising campaign, restoration of the Abbey commenced in 1901 and the completion was celebrated in July 1905. The total cost of repairs was £20,249 of which £14 000 was donated by Mrs Clara Willett. Before the restoration it was said that rain had been falling 'freely through the dilapidated roof upon the heads of the congregation'.

Many alterations and repairs have taken place over the centuries including the raising of the nave and the addition of wonderful angel roof and in 1921 the new reredos was dedicated as a memorial to the 142 Wymondham men who lost their lives in the Great War.

In 2007 the ancient ha-ha - the sunken wall designed to keep out livestock - was blessed with holy water after a year long restoration. In 2015 a small extension was opened at the east end providing new display space and new facilities.

Picturesque Vicar Street

Photo by Bettina Stone

Vicar Street - once home of solicitors, doctors, vicars and public houses - makes today for an attractive approach to the Abbey.



Behind the wall on the right of this winter scene is Abbotsford, which became a Voluntary Aid Detachment hospital for wounded soldiers during World War One when it was the home of Captain Harry Llewellyn Cautley and Mrs Dorothea Cautley. In November 1914 the Vicarage Room in Church Street opened with 12 beds. With a need for more beds Captain and Mrs Cautley offered part of Abbotsford. There were 20 beds in a small ward, 10 beds on a veranda and use of other rooms and the garden.

Subsequent residents of Abbotsford include Doctor Philip Rhodes Buckton and his family. His son Stephen James Rhoades Buckton also became a doctor.

Other noted residents and properties in Vicar Street include Cornelius Tipple, bombazine weaver, of Rook House whose factory was in Town Green in the first half of the 19th century. Next door to Rook House is Conon House, which was once The White Swan public house. In the early 1800s a room was used as a solicitors office by Jeremiah Burroughs, and later used by partners Edward Clarke and John Mitchell. By the mid 1850s the solicitors office of Clarke & Mitchell moved to Vicar Street House, which we know today as Abbotsford. In 1870 Edward Clarke bought The White Swan and after he died in 1873 the inn's licence was surrendered.

The law firm of Mitchell & Clarke evolved into Edward Pomeroy's solicitors office and he acquired No 16 Vicar Street and moved in with his family. An extension was built in 1880 which was used as offices. the business passed to his son John Bartle Pomeroy who died in 1952. Solicitor Bernard Gledhill purchased the business of Pomeroy and Son in 1958, and in 1970 their offices moved to old stables and garages opposite until 1983 when they moved

to Church Street, where the firm has now become part of Spire Solicitors.

Rev William Papillion was Vicar of Wymondham from 1788 to 1836 and built the aforementioned No 16 Vicar Street as he had decided against living at the vicarage. After William died in 1836, John Mitchell bought the house and rented it out.

Of course the vicarage has been home to Wymondham's vicars over the centuries - well remembered names from the last 100 years include Reverend Samuel Martin-Jones, Reverend James Tansley Thomas, Reverend George Hall and Reverend Brian Gant. The vicarage remains in the hands of the Church today and is now called Herfast.

What's in a photo?

PANTO TOWN

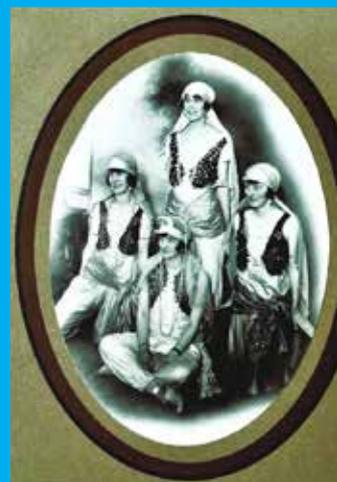
By Philip Yaxley



Shouts such as "He's behind you!" from a "crowded audience" filled the old Town Hall, the building which now houses the Sports Bar and offices in Town Green, during the pantomime season in the Roaring Twenties. The cast of the first panto, *Jack of Hearts*, staged for three days in January 1924, are seen posing on the stage of the Town Hall, which at the time was also screening silent movies. The success of this production led some months later to the formation of the Wymondham Amateur Theatrical Society, which staged further pantomimes and plays for the rest of the decade and into the early 1930s.

Aladdin, set in a Peking tea garden, followed in January the next year and enjoyed a six-day run with the four ladies shown, including my Aunt Molly at the back, playing Chinese waitresses. The local paper carried a favourable report, commenting that topical songs and jokes were cleverly woven into the traditional story. Local thespian Una Chatterton starred as the principal character in both *Jack of Hearts* and *Aladdin*.

Among pantomimes that followed in the decade were *Dick Whittington*, *Goody Two Shoes* and *Red Riding Hood*. They certainly got the Wymondham year off to a great start. Oh yes, they did!



CONSIDERING TAX WHEN GIFTING THIS CHRISTMAS

Written by Laurretta Pilch, Solicitor, Spire Solicitors LLP

Christmas shopping usually means a visit to the high street or browsing online retailers, but the season of giving can be a good time to make sure you're maximising your opportunities for inheritance tax reliefs, whether to family, friends, or charity, while spreading some seasonal cheer.

While larger gifts may be taken into account for inheritance tax purposes, anyone can make smaller gifts without tax being considered, as long as some simple rules are followed.

Broadly, these come under two headings: gifts where the exemption is automatic if the gift fits the rules, and those where the exemption must be claimed after death, such as gifts out of surplus income. The exemption includes gifts to charities or political parties, gifts on marriage or civil ceremony (subject to the limits stated below), an annual exemption of £3,000, and small gifts up to £250 per person.

Any number of so-called small gifts can be made each year, of up to £250 per recipient, with no limit on the number of recipients if no one person receives more than £250. If anyone receives more than £250, then the whole small gift exemption in relation to that recipient is lost for the year, not just the excess. Gifts include money, household and personal goods, property, land, and stocks and shares. Gifts can also include any money you lose when you sell something for less than it is worth.

The annual exemption of £3,000 can be used to make gifts to one or more people. There's an added benefit if the allowance isn't fully used in any year, as any remaining allowance can be carried forward one year. It cannot be combined with the small gift exemption for any one individual.

In any tax year, you can also give a cash gift when a friend or family gets married or has a civil ceremony. The limit is £5,000 for a child and £2500 for a grandchild, or £1,000 for those outside immediate family, whether a friend, niece, or cousin.

You can also make payments to help with another person's living costs, such as an elderly relative or a child under 18.

If you're looking to give to charity this Christmas, it's worth knowing that gifts to charities and political parties will not count towards the total taxable value of your estate. You can also cut the Inheritance Tax rate on the rest of your estate from 40% to 36% if you leave at least 10% of your 'net estate' to a charity.

When it comes to relief on gifts from surplus income, record-keeping is essential as the gift will only qualify for



exemption if it is part of a regular pattern of giving, and if you can demonstrate that you maintained your normal standard of living after making the gifts and all other usual expenditure.

The exemption for gifts from surplus income must be claimed after death, by the executors of a person's Will, and can be used for any regular payments, such as monthly contributions to a grandchild's savings account or payment of school fees or making regular gifts on special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas.

Any other gifts made to individuals will be potentially exempt transfers (PETs), which become exempt if you survive the making of the gift by seven years. Otherwise, the value will be brought into account for inheritance tax purposes. Further, it is important if you want a gift to become exempt for inheritance tax purposes that you do not retain any benefit from the gift.

If you are considering larger gifts this Christmas and need some advice, or would like to discuss anything in this article, please contact our Wills, Tax & Probate team on 01953 606351.

From my perspective

By Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon

As we enter a new year it would appear that after nearly two years of the Covid pandemic we are experiencing a sense of déjà vu. With restrictions on our everyday life designed to help curb the spread of this wretched virus, none of us have had a 'normal' year and many have had to make sacrifices not least the disruption to trying to see loved ones.

The ongoing storm about government ministers who appeared to have broken Covid restrictions while we were all in the height of lockdown is particularly galling. While so many ordinary people up and down the land were adhering to the mantra of staying home to protect lives and the NHS, revelations that those at the top did not follow their own instructions is not only baffling but smacks of one rule for them and one for the rest of us.

Elected representatives have an important role to play and to me, representing your constituents comes with obligations to set an example and work on behalf of your community. To be just a 'bum on a seat' without fulfilling the duties of being your community's representative is not enough and sad to say I see examples of this at both Town and District level.

This is not to say as councillors we always get things right (and there are numerous occasions when decisions taken were not the right ones). But generally the active councillors will strive hard to do the best for the community and that includes ensuring tax payers' money is wisely spent.

It also means that while some decisions appear to be to the detriment of the community, councillors have to weigh up benefits and value for money. Things are rarely as straight forward as they appear.

The coming year will bring fresh challenges for everyone but also new hope that as councillors we continue to serve Wymondham and work to enhance our town. For example, a working group of councillors has been set up to look at an overhaul of Browick Park and hopefully turn it into a much more inviting community asset. This group will work with various stakeholders to ensure the vision of the park matches the community's aspirations (and here I should pay tribute to those young lads who approached the Council about renovating the existing skate park. Their suggestion has sparked the idea that Browick can be much more).

I end my piece with a tribute to those Wymondham people we have lost in 2021, notably Cllr Pete Green and Keith Benjafield. Both are sorely missed as both in their own way contributed to our vibrant Wymondham community.

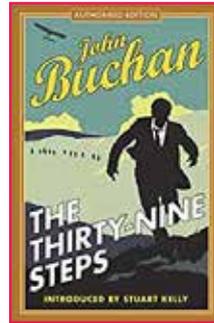
While they are no longer with us, we will remember them with affection.

Here's to a safe and peaceful New Year and I send good wishes to you all.

BOOK REVIEW

The 39 Steps

By John Buchan



John Buchan's thriller is one of those novels defined in popular consciousness by its film adaptations, rather than by its own source material. Depending on which film version you've seen, when you hear "the thirty-nine steps", you think of a man being chased across a landscape whilst handcuffed to a gorgeous icy blonde (Alfred Hitchcock, 1935), a music "Mr Memory" act, in which the performer claims to know every fact in the whole world (1935, or the colour version from 1959),

an action-packed submarine finale (2008), or – perhaps most famously – a man hanging off the Big Ben clock tower and surviving by the skin of his teeth (1978).

As an avid Hitchcock fan, I can vouch for the 1935 version as great entertainment, and no doubt the same applies for the other three. The only drawback is none of them bear the slightest resemblance to the novel. Buchan's stripped-back, simple, yet remarkably effective novel follows the young, plucky Richard Hannay, stuck in pre-W/W1 London feeling fed-up with life... until a chance encounter with an American spy who ends up getting murdered in his own flat. Hannay of course becomes the obvious suspect and takes to his heels, whilst simultaneously trying to unravel the spy plot that lay behind this man's death.

With modestly sized font and a mere 112 pages, this is the quickest of reads even for the slowest of readers. It zips along at perfect pace, and almost never did I feel bored. Functioning beautifully as an escapist drama to be brainlessly enjoyed, it does nonetheless have slightly more literary significance than meets the eye. The story was immensely popular in the trenches, one officer even writing to Buchan informing him that, "the story is greatly appreciated in the midst of mud and rain and shells..." Stuart Kelly, author of the novel's Introduction, wonders if the novel had another appeal in the trenches.

It is undeniable that coincidence drives this novel's plot. (One moment, in which Hannay just happens to stumble into the criminal mastermind's house from a field in the middle of nowhere, actually made me turn back a few pages to check I'd read it right.) Kelly argues that this demonstrates that the enemy, literally, is everywhere. In a society permeated with war, this was something the trench soldiers were simply forced to believe, and perhaps to see that fear reflected in this novel – a novel in which enemies abound and Hannay can barely turn a corner without seeing another – was a point to relate to. It must also have been motivating to read about a man who comes into his own gaining purpose and motivation from escaping war-driven danger. Propaganda, perhaps, and of its time, but essentially satisfying propaganda.

The 39 Steps is a neat and wonderfully written novel that has deserved all of its film adaptations and wider legacies. Thank you John Buchan... although I did lament the absence of Hitchcock's gorgeous blonde in the handcuffs.

WHAT'S ON?

Friday 31st December

New Year's Eve Celebration
6pm, Wymondham Rugby Club. Tickets £5
www.tickettailor.com/events/wymondhamrugby/602352

New Year's Eve Disco
7pm, The Robert Kett
www.facebook.com/PubRobertKett

New Year Party
8pm, Wymondham Sports Bar. Tickets £5
www.facebook.com/WymondhamSportsBar

The Men From Uncle Barry - live music
8pm, Ex-Services Social Club. Tickets £12.50
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

New Year's Eve Karaoke
9pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Abi May - live music
10pm, The Cross Keys
www.facebook.com/keyswymondham

Red Leaf - live music
10pm, The White Hart
www.facebook.com/thewhitehartwym

Saturday 1st January

New Years Day 10K
10am, from Central Hall
<https://wymondhamac.org.uk>

The Hedge At Home
8.45pm, by Rob Duhig
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 2nd January

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

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

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

Sunday Service
11am, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Members' Open the Box Draw
3pm, Ex-Services Social Club

www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

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

Monday 3rd January

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

Tuesday 4th January

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

Traditional Pub Games Night
6pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Thursday 6th January

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

WYMS Free Taster Session - Wymondham Youth Ensemble; Grades 3 and above
6.45pm, Wymondham Rugby Club
www.wyms.org.uk

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

Friday 7th January

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

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

Saturday 8th January

Clay Kids Saturday
11am to 12.30pm, stART Studio
www.start-studio.co.uk

Sunday 9th January

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

Sunday Service
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3pm, Ex-Services Social Club
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Monday 10th January

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

Tuesday 11th January

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



MARKETS

Every Friday

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

Country Market
10.30am to 12.30pm,
Wymondham Library

**Third Saturday
(15th January)**

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

Traditional Pub Games Night
6pm, Ex-Services Social Club
[www.facebook.com/
groups/130014680369369](https://www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369)

French Conversation Group
6.30pm, The White Hart Wymondham.
All welcome!

Italian Conversation Group
7.30pm, The White Hart. All welcome!

Wednesday 12th January

Peter Pan - WYF Pantomime
7.30pm, Central Hall. Tickets £10 adult, £6
children/concessions
[www.facebook.com/
events/1285308495241884](https://www.facebook.com/events/1285308495241884)

Thursday 13th January

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
10am, Central Hall
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WYMS Free Taster Session - Junior Strings;
Beginners to Grade 3
6pm, Wymondham Rugby Club
www.wyms.org.uk

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

Friday 14th January

Pabulum Café
10am to 1pm, Fairland Church Centre
[www.wymondham-dementia-support-
group.org.uk](http://www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk)

Peter Pan - WYF Pantomime
7.30pm, Central Hall. Tickets £10 adult, £6
children/concessions
[www.facebook.com/
events/1285308495241884](https://www.facebook.com/events/1285308495241884)

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

Online Quiz evening
7.30pm, by Wymondham Rotary Satellite
Group, via Zoom
wymrsg@gmail.com

Saturday 15th January

Canine First Aid with Animal Aiders
11am, Centre Paws. Tickets £40
[www.facebook.com/
events/273366564745319](https://www.facebook.com/events/273366564745319)

Peter Pan - WYF Pantomime
2.30pm matinee, 7.30pm evening, Central
Hall. Tickets £10 adult, £6 children/
concessions
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Disco
7pm, Ex-Services Social Club
[www.facebook.com/
groups/130014680369369](https://www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369)

Hazy Cosmic Jive Alternative Music Night
8pm, The White Hart
www.facebook.com/thewhitehartwym

Sunday 16th January

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

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10.30am, Hope Community Church
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Monday 17th January

Pabulum Café Monday-Monday Club
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
[www.wymondham-dementia-support-
group.org.uk](http://www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk)

Wymondham Garden Club - Talk on
Botanical Gardens by Jim Paine of Walnut
Tree Garden Nursery
7.30pm, Town Green Centre. Members Free,
guests £4.
wymondhamgardenclub@gmail.com

Tuesday 18th January

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

Traditional Pub Games Night
6pm, Ex-Services Social Club
[www.facebook.com/
groups/130014680369369](https://www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369)

Thursday 20th January

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
10am, Central Hall
[https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/
home](https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home)

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

Friday 21st January

Pabulum Singing Café
10am to 1pm, Fairland Church Centre
[www.wymondham-dementia-support-
group.org.uk](http://www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk)

Sunday 23rd January

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

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

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

Sunday Service
11am, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Members' Open the Box Draw
3pm, Ex-Services Social Club
[www.facebook.com/
groups/130014680369369](https://www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369)

Monday 24th January

Pabulum Café Monday-Monday Club
10am to 12noon, Fairland Church Centre
[www.wymondham-dementia-support-
group.org.uk](http://www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk)

Tuesday 25th January

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

Traditional Pub Games Night
6pm, Ex-Services Social Club
[www.facebook.com/
groups/130014680369369](https://www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369)

Thursday 27th January

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

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

WHAT'S ON, continued...

Friday 28th January

Pabulum Café

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

Beginners Sequence Dance Workshops

2pm, Town Green Centre
www.5050dance.webnode.com

Charity Burns Night and Ceitidh

6.30pm for 7pm, Central Hall. Tickets £20
www.wymfest.org.uk

Bingo Night

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

Sunday 30th January

Hingham Wellbeing Fair

10am, Hingham Sports and Social Club
www.facebook.com/events/634529487562834

Sunday Service

10.30am, Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Sunday Service

10.30am, Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Church Service

10.30am, Wymondham Methodist Church
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Sunday Service

11am, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Life and Lunch

11.30am to 3.30pm, stART Studio
www.start-studio.co.uk

Monday 31st January

Pabulum Café Monday-Monday Club

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

Norfolk Libraries online

Saturday 8th January

A Space-Themed Story Hunt with John Kirk

10am and 11am, via Eventbrite
www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK

Tuesdays

Bounce And Rhyme

10am, via Zoom. Monthly
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

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

To include your event date for free, email news@wymondham-mag.co.uk



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