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Welcome to April's issue of *Wymondham Magazine* - which is our 60th edition, and sadly my last! When I started the magazine in 2017 with a very soft launch, I aimed to try and better connect people with some of the businesses, groups, attractions and events in our wonderful town, and I'm really proud of how the magazine has grown. However, it also has plenty of potential to expand further, and for that reason I'm handing it over to Kim Carsok (see page 4), who many of you will already know. I'm sure it will be in safe hands.

So all that's left for me to say is a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the magazine thus far, and hopefully will continue to do so. Onwards and upwards!

Kate, Editor

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SPRING INTO EASTER AT THE WYMONDHAM ABBEY DAYS FAIR

Abbey Days are here again in Wymondham this Easter as the historic Abbey gears up for another of its community fairs for the town and visitors on Saturday 16th April.

Visitors can enjoy live music, guided tours of the Abbey, egg painting, crafts, street food, stalls, wellbeing activities and meeting the minidonks. There will also be opportunities for children to hear the Easter story and for musicians and singers to perform in the Open Mic sessions through the day.

Once again, Wymondham Abbey is collaborating with ClearCompany CIC to create a community event with something for all ages. Khushee Street food will be dishing up delicious vegan curries, Elsie's Pizzas will be served fresh from their wood-fired oven, there will be warm waffles from Amor and a range of stalls with local produce.

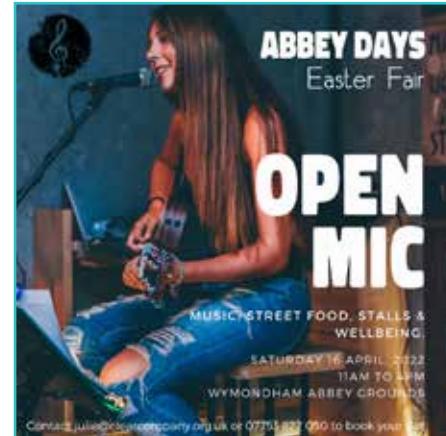
The Rev Catherine Relf-Pennington, vicar at Wymondham Abbey, said: "We are eager to create another warm community event and what better time than Easter Sunday Eve. The community is always integral to our planning so we are creating a day with variety of activities for all to enjoy."

"Our guided tours enable people to picture how the monks lived in the Abbey and the Easter story we will share during the day will allow children to understand what Easter really means, revealing God's love for them. We hope the open mic sessions will be embraced by musicians who are keen to perform in a community setting. The Abbey is such a wonderful venue in the heart of our vibrant market town and our summer and Christmas fairs were so well attended. We are looking forward to celebrating one of our most important calendar events with our wider community."

Attractions also include Easter face-painting, a treasure hunt, craft taster sessions and demonstrations. Musicians are invited to book their open mic slot to secure their session. ClearCompany will provide the sound system and covered performance area.

Julie Briggs, Director of ClearCompany CIC, set up to nurture Norfolk enterprise and community, said: "We are delighted to be teaming up with the Abbey once again. What an amazing venue and a fantastic opportunity for musicians to perform at a welcoming community event. This year, we are focusing a lot of effort on showcasing new and emerging musicians at our events. There is so much talent in Norfolk."

To book your slot at the Wymondham Open Mic session, email julie@clearcompany.org.uk or call 07753 822050. The Abbey Easter fair will be open from 11am to 4pm. The event is free to attend with a charge for some activities.



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A NEW FACE FOR WYMONDHAM MAGAZINE!

I'm Kim Carsok - you may know me from my involvement with Wymondham in Bloom, the Town Team and the Town Council. In my professional career I have worked in events marketing as well as translation and linguistics roles. I'm really excited to take on a new challenge as editor of *Wymondham Magazine*. Kate has done a fantastic job over the years to establish the publication as a well-loved community asset. And I want to continue and build on that same spirit in the future. A magazine for us, by us, about us – the people of Wymondham. I will aim to reach out to all areas of the town and seek stories from people we don't often hear from. Look out for our first edition in May!



LITTLE BOUTIQUE WINS RETAILER AWARD

The Broadland and South Norfolk Business Awards ceremony took place on 23rd March, and Wymondham shop Little Boutique took the honours in the category of Retailer of the Year, sponsored by Fosters Solicitors.

The judges commented on how Little Boutique, which is owned and managed by Kate Harrowven and can be found on Fairland Street, is an example of how a business can react to an everchanging market. "With an eclectic mix of jewellery and gift items and a clever till linked to its website, this store is bucking the trend and attracting new customers all

the time, both in shop and online," said the judges, who were impressed with the dedication and constant attention to developing new product lines.

Highly commended in the same category was Gary and Brenda Groucott's Wymondham Garden Centre for its passionate staff, diverse product range, restaurant and clear strategy for growth.

Organised by South Norfolk Council and Broadland District Councils, the awards celebrate the excellence, innovation and best practice shown by businesses across the combined area.



WYMONDHAM CELEBRATES ST GEORGE

Shops and offices in Wymondham are being encouraged to put up red and white flags or bunting on Saturday 23rd April to show their support for the town's St George's Day celebrations.

Wymondham has built a reputation for staging events to celebrate England's patron saint and this is an attempt to continue the tradition.

Residents of the street-facing properties in the town centre are being asked to display a flag, red and white bunting or flowers, in their windows.



Events taking place on the day include:

10am – 2pm: Food and Craft Fair at Fairland Hall, hosted by Bee Sweet

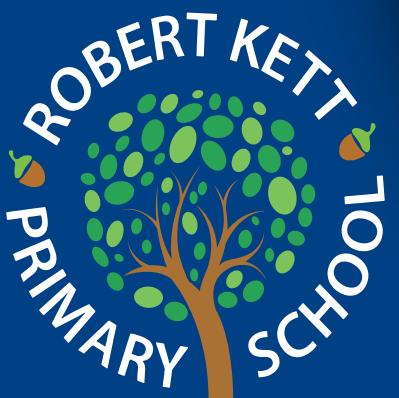
11am – 1pm: Wymondham Abbey will be open to visitors

1.30pm – Rock Choir in the Market Place

2pm – 4pm: Book Afternoon Tea at participating cafes

7pm for 7.30pm: Wymondham Short Film Festival at the Ex-Services Club

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MOTHERS DAY AT THE MID NORFOLK RAILWAY

The Mid Norfolk Railway is running a static Mothers Day event this year at Dereham station, as unfortunately over running engineering works mean that the planned start of passenger services has had to be delayed.

Dereham station will however be open and families will be able to book a special Mothers Day Afternoon High Tea that will be served in one of the railways heritage carriages on **Sunday 27th March**. Details and tickets are available from the Mid Norfolk Railway website at midnorfolkrailway.co.uk

Charlie Robinson the Chairman of the Mid Norfolk Railway said: "We are all obviously disappointed that we cannot welcome back our passengers in time for Mothers Day, but the work is essential for a safe railway.

"One of the challenges of running a heritage railway on this scale is that of maintenance. Our ongoing programme of development and routine maintenance both finds old faults from British Rail days, as well as repairing and replacing parts of the railway that just wear out. The last two years have proved exceptionally difficult to conduct the level of work we would normally be able to do and also the loss of income has not helped."

The railway is therefore planning to reopen on **Saturday 30th April** for a steam service over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Once normal timetabled service resumes the



railway will be running a mix of Steam and Diesel engine hauled trains, supported by Diesel Multiple Unit trains.

In addition there will be a range of special weekends, with the year ending with the ever popular Polar Express (for which tickets are now on sale) running in November and December.

Last year's successful Kids Go Free group tickets have been retained, so on standard operating days it is intended a family can enjoy day at the railway experiencing the sight and sound of a working steam engines or diesel locomotives

SOUTH NORFOLK RADIO'S LIVE MARATHON WAS FUN!

South Norfolk Radio's 24-hour live broadcast marathon for Red Nose Day on 19th/20th March was judged a success, not only raising much-needed funds for Comic Relief, but giving the team of volunteer presenters the chance to do something different too!

Regular volunteer host of Friday night's 'Back in the Day' show, David Bligh came up with the idea for the station's first-ever broadcast marathon, with a complete 24 hours of fully presented shows from our Wymondham studios. "My regular show is on at 8pm on Fridays, around the time that the Red Nose Day telethon is aired on BBC One. So I thought, why don't we have our own Radiothon?

"Other members soon came on board with the idea, some teaming up to do two handed-show segments and others presenting music of different genres to that in their regular shows," says David. "For some who have evening shows, just being on air in the daytime was a novelty,

and I must say an extra big thanks to DJ Angel and James Mackay who took the 'killer' midnight to 4am and 4am to 8am slots respectively."

"I know everyone enjoyed participating, it was great fun, as you can see from the pictures, and we raised some cash for a very worthwhile cause too," says the radio station's manager Anthony Woods. "Our special Just Giving page is still open (<http://www.justgiving.com/SNRadio24>) and we'd be happy to receive some extra donations for Comic Relief. And now, everyone is looking forward to the next time too!" says Anthony.



WHEN IS A PUB NOT A PUB?

By Jay Andrews, Greening Wymondham

At The White Hart in Wymondham town centre there's no easy answer - apart from great food and drink.

"Pub first and foremost," says manager Kieran Bullen, "but we've always believed we can serve the community in other ways. So call us a pub-hub!"

The pub took on offering a post office, and is now hosting the launch of the first free pick-your-own herb and veg centre run by Wymondham Growing Together and the hugely successful Wymondham in Bloom. Currently the plans are to put planters where the pub's current bins are.

"Come to the planting launch on **Sunday 24th April at 10am**," says Mary Howard, who heads the liaison between The White Hart and Greening Wymondham.

"It's a wonderful initiative which will spread. Kieran and his partner Kayleigh Charlish will have free tea and coffee for people dropping in to see it and talk to us about the project."

Greening Wymondham have also been motoring on with their work at Kett's Wood behind Kett's Park – continuing to thin trees, cut back scrub and making sure the main path is good for everyone to use.

"A surprisingly little known resource that needs care," says Peter Knights, who leads the project for Greening Wymondham "which we've now been doing for years. Volunteers welcome!"

Browick Orchard has been going great guns too, with local people consistently coming to help. Greening Wymondham volunteers cut back scrub and plant trees and bulbs. There have been inspiring numbers of young people there.



Before you drop in on the launch at The White Hart, come and see us support the Hedgehog Stall in the Market Place on the **Saturday 16th March** from 9am to 1pm. The town is something of a hedgehog haven. Learn how you can help!

We're hoping to host the Great Wymondham Litter Pick in April – keep an eye on the dates, places and timings on our website www.greeningwymondham.org and check out our progress on Facebook. Send your comments and queries to greeningwymondham@gmail.com and follow us on Instagram @greeningwymondham.

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South Norfolk Council's Big Litter Pick launched on 14th March, with the council once again asking local schools and community groups to get involved - offering prizes of £200 that can be spent on supporting the community.

The council provides advice and equipment, and when the event is finished arranges for the litter to be collected.

The big litter picks run until the end of June. There are 20 £200 prizes up for grabs across the district but every group that takes part will be given a £20 voucher to spend on their group, charity or local community. For more information visit www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/keeping-streets-clean/volunteer-litter-pick-area



WYMONDHAM SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2022

Wymondham's very first Short Film Festival will coincide with the town's St George's Day celebrations on Saturday 23rd April.

Wymondham-based playwright, Tony Vale, has teamed up with scriptwriting colleagues Alex Perry and Martin Kready to collate a selection of short films, some of which have won awards at festivals across the world.

The programme will also include contributions from students at Wymondham High Academy.

The films will be presented on the big screen, in a cabaret-style evening in the Regal Lounge of Wymondham Ex-Services Club in Friarscroft Lane, from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5, which must be booked in advance, with cash payment on arrival.

There will also a raffle and cinema style treats will be provided by locally-based Bee Sweet.

To book, text your name to 07851 370666 or email tony@valemiluk

OPEN TUESDAYS AT METHODIST CHURCH

Wymondham Methodist Church is open on Tuesdays for people to visit or stay for chat and refreshments.

The day begins with Morning Prayer at 9.15am to 9.30am. The church and Town Green Centre are then open from 10am to 12pm for chat, colouring in company, doing jigsaws and word puzzles, and having tea and coffee. Often there are cakes available as well. You can listen to music in the church or seek advice from the chaplain if you need support. Stay for as long as you like.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10am a Men's Group also meets.

Every Tuesday afternoon the Women's Fellowship meets in the Russell Bartram Room at 2pm. Meetings generally have a speaker and a short time for worship, followed, of course, by tea and biscuits.

So, if you are new to the area or lonely and wanting bit of company why not drop in? You will be made very welcome and you will be able to see the lovely buildings inside.

ONE TERN DESERVES ANOTHER FOR NATURE GROUP

Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG), the local members' group of Norfolk Wildlife Trust, continues its programme of indoor talks at Town Green Community Centre (next to Wymondham Methodist Church) on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm, with an illustrated talk by Lyn Ibbotson-Elks on Little Terns - 'One Tern deserves another'.

The charismatic Little Tern migrates thousands of miles from West Africa to the East Anglian coast. Lyn will present tales about the years of conservation work carried out by RSPB and its volunteers, to protect our smallest Tern. The talk will be preceded by a short AGM.

All are welcome, and the meeting room will be well ventilated with hand sanitiser available. Wearing of face coverings/masks is up to the individual. Admission £2 - for further details call Ann Carpenter on 01508 488337 or visit www.facebook.com/WymondhamNatureGroup



Photo by Lyn Ibbotson-Elks

FOCUS ON BOWLS!

Bowls fans are spoilt for choice in Wymondham! We hear more from Wymondham Dell Bowls Club and Priory Garden Bowls Club, who are both planning open days in the coming weeks...

Priory Garden Bowls Club

Is lawn bowls a dying sport? Priory Garden Bowls Club says 'NO'!

In general, lawn bowls is often perceived as a sport that is 'old, slow and boring'. Other criticisms are that it is aimed at retirees, has a strict dress code, old fashioned and strict rules and regulations. In some clubs those comments are valid to a greater or lesser degree. At PGBC we have a different approach.

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At PGBC, we are well aware of some perceptions of the game and of the competition from other sports and pastimes. The game has changed and, as a club, we are continually evolving the club to ensure that the sport is very much in tune with the 21st century.



Age

Bowls is NOT just for the elderly. True, the game has always been popular with retirees because of leisure time they may have available. However, in the modern world, bowls is a sport that is being played by people of all ages, so come and enjoy the game with us.

Benefits

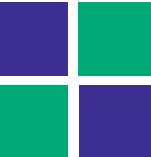
Playing bowls, you will make lots of new friends, learn new skills and have fun. There are also lots of health benefits both physically and mentally. The game, itself, is relatively simple yet presents many challenges in all its aspects and is certainly NOT BORING.

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> formats allow ample opportunity for bowlers of all skill levels to enjoy the game. If you have never played before, we will provide help to get you started so that you can get maximum enjoyment from our sport. We have a very relaxed dress code, and our friendliness is second to none. Our rules are also very simple. In fact, our principal rule is 'Enjoy your Game'.

So, if you would like to have a go just contact us or turn up when we are playing, you will be most welcome. We are located right in the centre of our lovely town of Wymondham.

Our 2022 Registration Day is Saturday 23rd April, between 1pm and 4pm at our Clubhouse in Back Lane. Come along, have a chat to current members and have a go at rolling a few bowls up the green. You will be most welcome. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available. You have nothing to lose! For further details see www.priorygardenbowlsclub.co.uk or email admin@priorygardenbowlsclub.co.uk

Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

By Geoff B

Welcome to Wymondham Dell Bowls Club! Our 'Hidden Gem' as we like to call it was founded as an outdoor club only, with the green being laid in 1928 and the club was known as the Priory Park Bowls Club. It was renamed The Dell and then in 1936 expanded to Wymondham Dell Bowls Club.



The club joined the EBA (English Bowls Association) in the mid 1930s. It was decided to build an indoor green (four rinks) next to the outdoor green, which opened in 1967, with a further two rinks added in 1980. In 1996 a refurbishment was required and a new six-rink green was built in 1998.

Today, following a tricky period due to Covid, the club is full functioning with its Competitive and Social Bowling Programme both indoors and outdoors (from May 2022). Despite losing members in the Covid period, new members are joining weekly, and the club is opening its doors to invite members of the public of all ages to come and try the sport and enjoy a fun day as part of the National Initiative run by Bowls England on Sunday 29th May.

In the meantime, potential bowlers both competitive and social are invited to contact the club and have a look round. The Club offers annual memberships both as an outdoor and/or indoor bowler at a cost of £55 (£5 for full time students) or a social only membership for £8.50 pa.

The club boasts a 100-seater function room available for general hire both to the public and to businesses. Examples of organisations making use of the room include Wymondham Camera Club and the Young Farmers Club. The function room is having a complete refurbishment in early May and next year a new indoor bowling carpet is planned. We hold various social events such as bingo and quiz nights, pool and darts evenings and music nights.

Bowls is a game for all ages - the current Ladies World Champion is in her early 20s and lives in Norwich! We also have several male bowlers ranked in the world's top 12 from the local region.

The Dell has three or four social bowling groups who meet on a weekly basis. There are qualified bowls coaches available for starter players without the requirement to join the club and equipment for hire - so no financial outlay is required initially. Our bar area is a lovely space to just come along and enjoy a drink and plans to open a cafe area for daytime drinks and snacks are in hand.

So come and join us! The club can be found at 54b Norwich Road, opposite the High School and Leisure Centre. Contact us on 01953 602099, email office@wymondhamdell.com or visit www.wymondhamdell.com



Indoor Green



WYMONDHAM NATURE GROUP

presents a walk to see the spectacular bluebells at Ashwellthorpe Lower Wood, followed by tea and cake at the Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Community Centre, Musket Rd, NR16 1FD

Walk will be on Sunday 1st May starting at 1.30pm.

Cost £5, gluten free food on request.
If raining then tea will start at 3pm in the Community Centre

Tickets available from the April meeting or from Bob Carpenter on 01508 488337



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WYMONDHAM ROTARY CHALLENGE CONTINUES

The free-to-enter Wymondham Rotary Challenge continues its series of eight unique challenges this month, with some great prizes at the end, including an incredible £250 holiday voucher provided by Premier Travel.

The challenges encourage participants to try something new whilst supporting local businesses and having fun. For example, you can try your hand at art, photography, poetry and quizzes. Some of the challenges will even be judged by a professional.

Details of the event, which will run until Monday 25th April, can be found on Facebook @wymrsg, the Wymondham Rotary website www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=502306&ClubID=511 and on the QR code posters displayed around the town.

If you would like to find out more about the Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group and its fantastic charity work email wymrsg@gmail.com



Dates for your diary from Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group

Friday 15th April - the next 100 Club draw, 1st prize £100. Have you got your ticket yet? Costs just £2 per month.

Friday 6th May - the next Rotary Quiz night at Central Hall, full details available soon.

Sunday 26th June - Wymondham Food and Drink Festival, 40 stalls in Wymondham Town Centre.

Saturday 2nd July - Wymondham Jazz Picnic.

Details of all of these events can be found on the Rotary Satellite Group website.

LOCAL LAD A KARTING STAR

Robert Kett Primary School student Logan Howes, aged 10, recently competed in his first national kart race at the ultimate karting championship at Whilton Mill in Daventry. He finished the final P6, a great achievement against over 40 other drivers, some of which are the best in country.

Logan has been kart racing for five years, competing in the bambino class, racing nationally and finishing inside the top 10 at just seven years old.

Logan now races in a Honda cadet for the SFR motorsport race team, reaching speeds of up to 60mph. His next national race will be held at Warden Law in Sunderland.



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RINGING IN THE SPRING SEASON AT THE MUSEUM

Wymondham Heritage Museum will ring in the new season with an historic bell. For more than two centuries the news was delivered to Wymondham by the Town Crier. Ringing his bell he would announce public notices, sports results and local events. The original bell will be on display when the museum opens on Monday 4th April.



Three generations of the same family carried out the role of town crier. Described as a bellman, first to bring the news to Wymondham was Robert Harvey. On his death, his son Jesse inherited the title. Jesse, a tailor and father of 16 children, held the office from 1853 until 1914 when he handed it to his son, also Jesse.

Jesse Junior was well known in the town. He worked for brush makers S D Page for 57 years, starting at a wage of four shillings a week. At the outbreak of the Second World War the town crier was silenced when the ringing of bells was banned.

Jesse Harvey gave up the role in 1945.

The bronze bell first used by Robert Harvey, was spotted in an auction by a local antiques dealer. Two local residents, Jill Clarke and Michael Armstrong, learned it had been bought by the dealer. Agreeing to go halves on the cost, they bought the bell and presented it to Wymondham Heritage Museum.

The late Pete Green assumed the role of town crier and borrowed the bell. Following his death in 2021, his family returned the bell to the museum and it will be one of a number of new exhibits for the 2022 season.

The museum is based in the ancient Bridewell. As well as a prison, it was once the town's police station. A new exhibition highlights a policeman's lot in the past century. Featured is PC Alfred Charles Newman who was on the town's beat at the turn of the 1900s. He is reputed to have been issued with Norfolk Constabulary's first bicycle. The display is housed in a cell once used for offenders on remand. >

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> In the 1930s, Douglas Bostock purchased land off Friarscroft Lane in the town to build a cinema. On 18th March 1937, the Regal Cinema opened showing Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in *Swing Time*. It was indeed regal with Axminster carpets and chrome fittings.

The museum's special display traces the cinema's history until its final closure in June 1993.

The Regal exhibition has been made possible thanks to Michael Armstrong, who bequeathed his collection to the museum. Michael, a life-long cinema enthusiast, was chair of The Regal Experience, set up by a group of film fans. They continued to show classic films on Sunday afternoons in the old Regal building with visits from stars including June Whitfield, Virginia McKenna, Susan Hampshire and Sylvia Syms.

The history of the Bridewell has been updated and displayed in a prison cell. It shows the life of prisoners in the 19th century

and tells how, following a visit from reformer John Howard, the prison was refurbished and became a model for prisons across the UK and America.

Wymondham Heritage Museum will be open daily from 1pm to 4pm. More information at thewhm.org



Easter fun

Looking for something to do with the children during the Easter holidays? Bring them to the museum for the Easter egg hunt, Friday 15th April to Monday 18th April. Every child gets a prize. Book sale on Saturday 16th April, 10am to 12pm.

Can you help?

Have you some time to spare? The museum needs volunteers in the role of steward and to help in the Tearoom. Training will be given. If you can spare just one day a month please drop an email to info@thewhm.org.uk

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THANKS FROM THE MAYOR

Cllr Kevin Hurn would like to thank everyone who attended his Mayor's charity bingo event on 17th March and also to thank the local businesses who donated prizes. They had a wonderful evening and raised over £1,200, to be shared equally as a donation to Wymondham Dementia Support Group and Star Throwers.

POLICE PRIORITIES SET

On 24th March our Local Policing Neighbourhood Team held a virtual Priority Setting Meeting. Members of the community were given options to vote for their top policing priority – and the following priorities have been agreed: road safety (including speeding and parking); anti-social behaviour; and concerns around drug dealing and use

The Local Policing Neighbourhood Team would like to say thank you to the community for your vote and voicing your local concerns. If you have any information or concerns, please contact your Beat Manager, PC Andy Read, at SNTWymondham@norfolk.police.uk

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

North Wymondham Community Centre is holding a Family Trivia Night from 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd April. Bring your own drink and snacks. They will be serving refreshments and there will be a raffle. Come and support this important community resource. Tickets are £5 per person or £24 for a table of six, with all money raised going into the maintenance of the community centre.

STREET FOOD FRIDAYS

Morley Village & Sports Hall offers Street Food Fridays on the first Friday of every month for takeaways or to enjoy in the new outdoor eating area. On Friday 8th April from 5pm to 8pm will be The Bucket List, specialising in Norfolk loaded fries, and on Friday 6th May will be Yellow Door Eats with their wood-fired pizzas, salads, coleslaw

and desserts.

THE WIDOW KETT

On Thursday 28th April the Wymondham Heritage Society meeting at Fairland Hall (7.30pm) will feature Georgette Vale, who becomes The Widow Kett for the evening. Enquiries to Sue Edes on 01953 602107 (evenings only) or email suewhs@btinternet.com

MUNCH'N'MUSIC

The Farm Cafe at Centre Paws is starting a monthly Munch'N'Music event throughout the summer. The late opening evening once per month from 5.30pm to 9pm will offer live music and food and drinks to enjoy outside the front of the café.

The first event will take place on Friday 27th May. Bring your own chair or picnic blankets! The line-up includes Kayleigh Gare & Archie and Pirate Joe & The Foreign Locals. Tickets available at <https://fatso.ma/VFAi>

PLATINUM JUBILEE SAVE THE DATES

This year, HM The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (70 years), and numerous celebrations are being planned nationwide. On Thursday 2nd June, Spooner Row Community Council will be hosting a party on the playing field, which will include the lighting of a permanent beacon to be installed.

Meanwhile on Sunday 5th June Jubilee Fest will take place in Kett's Park in Wymondham from 2pm to 6pm, organised by the Wymondham Town Team, including music, fair rides, food and drink, stalls and traditional games.

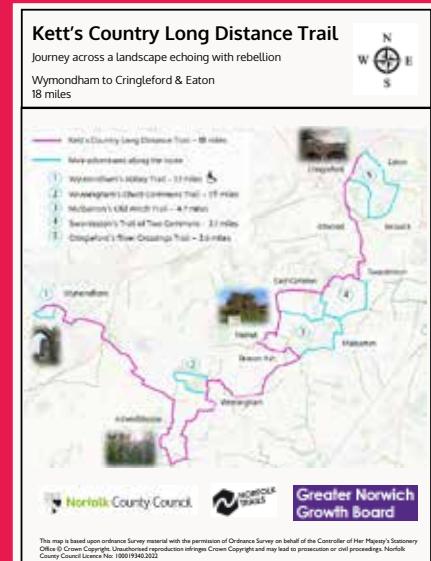
YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Are you aged between 18 to 26? Will you be available Saturday 27th August to Friday 2nd September? Then Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group may be able to offer you a fantastic opportunity.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) has a proven record of personal development and leadership for young people and there is full funding available for someone to attend the next course, a residential event at Graftham Water. If interested in hearing more, contact Ian Taylor on 07814 839707 or wymrsg@gmail.com

KETT'S COUNTRY TRAIL LAUNCH

The new Kett's Country Trail officially launched on Friday 25th March. The wonderful 18-mile trail will link Wymondham and Norwich, and is the newest addition to the ever-popular Norfolk Trails' network across the county. There are also five mini adventures to enjoy along the way, with waymarked circular walks at Wymondham, Wrentham, Mulbarton, Swardston and Cringleford. More information can be found at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/norfolk-trails/long-distance-trails/ketts-country>



NEW RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

The Anglian Vipers Rugby League is a new rugby league (not union) team being set up at Wymondham Rugby Club to play in the south-east UK.

Rugby League is a fast, hard hitting, game rapidly growing in popularity outside the normal Southern Hemisphere and north-west UK. The game is developing across Europe.

One of the newest rugby league clubs in the UK and the only rugby league club in Norfolk and Suffolk is looking for players (of all ages, gender and ability), coaches (of any level of experience) and volunteers (to help support and grow the club). For more information contact info@anglianvipers.com or 07711 352059.

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...

Alistair Bielby | Footsure

Back in 1996 I was working in the NHS in cardiology, mostly doing cardiological testing. I really enjoyed working with patients and people, but after a while I found it wasn't satisfying. I'd complete a test which would confirm that there was indeed a cardiac issue, then submit a report to the doctor, who would talk to the patient and family. It was hard to know if what I was doing was helping.

This prompted me to complete my degree in podiatry, which is the diagnosis and management of disorders of the feet and the lower limb. Working in the NHS I specialised in diabetes and wound care, and found it really satisfying working with people who had problems with their feet. Eventually I ended up working for a wound management company training other podiatrists, nurses and even the odd doctor how to look after wound.

When I decided to get back into podiatry clinical practice, I wanted to avoid the bureaucratic challenges of the NHS, so I started thinking about opening a private practice. I was actually living in Derbyshire, and working in Yorkshire, but I met my wife and we decided to

go back to Norfolk, where she'd lived previously. So we moved and back here and started a business, all at the same time.

We opened Footsure in 2014. I'd put out feelers to find out if anyone wanted to work with me to open a clinic, and I met Ian, who'd run Angel Podiatry in the area for a long while. He wanted to expand, but also to be closer to his home, so we did our research and realised no one was offering this service in Wymondham. After more investigating we thought it might be a success, and found our premises in Whartons Court.

From the beginning the idea was to be as comprehensive as we could. People don't know how many of their foot problems are actually caused by their shoes. Even though we're technically a medical clinic, we stock a good range of shoes so we can show our patients samples of the kind of thing that's going to help them be more comfortable, more mobile, and happier. In the NHS, after a consultation a patient would be left wondering what shoes they should change to, but we have this range to get them started.

We've actually found a real niche – a lot of people come from as far as Essex and Bury St. Edmunds, because they've struggled to get this kind of care elsewhere. I actually recently did a skin surgery course, which means I can biopsy a suspicious lesion within the surgery and send a sample off to the lab. We let the GP know, but it means the patient gets the process going that bit faster. There are not many podiatrists providing this service in the whole of the U.K.

Eight years on we now have four podiatrists and four part-time receptionists. And working with patients is great. They chat away while we're looking after them, and sometimes you know it's not just chatting, they really need somebody to hear how they're feeling.

Getting to know patients is the best bit, but it's tough, too, seeing time take its toll. After eight years of working with our patients, we're all that much older, and some of those patients aren't with us anymore. Working in cardiology in the NHS, we might lose a patient on the table, even while I was working on them, but here in the clinic we get to know people and they become more than just patients. Even though the care we offer isn't as extreme as critical cardiac care, the people mean so much more to us because we know them and care about them. And we are making a difference, because healthy feet improves their quality of life.

When I'm not in the clinic I'm either doing paperwork – there's so much admin behind the treatment – or taking our two greyhounds for walks, or cycling. My wife and I have a tandem bike we ride together. We also love being in the garden – we have a lovely garden with a pet miniature Berkshire pig. He certainly adds character to the garden! Coming to Norfolk was definitely a good move.



A history of MIDDLETONS



Today in Middleton Street is the spacious Middletons clothing and footwear store at 21 to 25. It encompasses three former individual properties which have been opened up into the one shop. We will take a look at the different businesses and establishments which made up the row of shops, then how the three premises were merged into one under the ownership of Muriel Bedingfield, followed by the next occupant Jean Gilberts and bring it up to date to Middletons.

In the late 1800s structural work took place and the style of the buildings has altered over the years quite significantly.

No 21 Middleton Street, first in the row, was the last to become a shop, although the right hand window of the early photo above could suggest some activity took place there?

George Lane had worked as a butler for solicitors Edward Palmer Clarke and his wife Julia of Vicar Street for many years. He had an outfitters and shoe and boot warehouse in Market Street in 1896. By 1901 he had moved his shop to 21 Middleton Street. After George passed away in the early 1900s, his widow

Charlotte continued to keep the shop. By 1925 Walter Lane had taken over the business.

Walter's shop did very well and traded for several decades. Very much a traditional tailors and outfitters, the shop was full of Trilby hats and caps, waist coats, Harris Tweed jackets, flannel trousers, long johns, socks, ties and shoes - in fact anything the well dressed man wore in the 1930s and 1940s.

Walter was born in 1883 and with his wife Mabel in 1911 was living in

Kimberley Street, with Walter listed as an outfitters manager, presumably running George's shop for Charlotte. Once Walter owned the gentlemen's outfitters, he and Mabel moved to Middleton Street, living above and behind the shop. Mabel died in 1948 and Walter moved to a bungalow on Chapel Lane. He died on 13th January 1972.

It was in a small room behind Walter Lane's shop in 1928 that George Reeve, having completed an apprenticeship, set up his own printing business, >



Muriel Bedingfield and staff c.1981. Muriel is sixth from left.



> with only a case of type, a little machine and a carving knife to cut paper. The printing business grew quickly and he moved to Church Street and later Market Street, with stationery and bookshops being opened too. The shop still remains open today on Damgate corner.

When Walter retired the shop was taken over by Ernie and Minnie Chinery as The Candy Box, a confectionery shop. They originally had a shop in Damgate before moving to Middleton Street and another shop in Wicklewood. They also later opened another Candy Box at 17 Market Place, currently the Marmalade Tree.

When the Chinerys closed the Middleton Street shop around 1970, Muriel Bedingfield acquired the premises and extended her shop at number 23 and 25 into number 21.

The second and middle shop now numbered 23 Middleton Street was in the 1880s and 1890s Robert Bird Alpe's chemist shop. Robert and his wife Mary had a son Frank, who also became a chemist and druggist and joined his father in the business. At the turn of the century they moved from Middleton Street to Town Green just over the road to what is now the Needlecraft Haberdashery shop. Robert died in 1906 but the chemists remained on Town Green under Frank for many years and was popular with local residents.

Frank Alpe also became well known for being a judge and was

the public analyst, living in a house close by called Bracondale with its own tennis court.

Back on Middleton Street it seems the chemist shop reverted to being a dwelling, and it was the home of George Taylor the auctioneer, a managing clerk by 1911. Its history is then unclear but is likely it remained a house for a few years, converting to a shop again by the time Muriel and George Bedingfield acquired the premises for their own drapery shop in 1939.

The third and end shop, 25 Middleton Street, was the first house to be converted to a shop and Ephraim Joseph Perfitt jeweller and watchmaker was in situ in the early 1880s. Not only were watches and jewellery sold but also fancy goods like china, glassware and toys. Known as Joseph, his father, also Ephraim Joseph, had another shop in Market Street which he had opened as a young man around 1840.

After Joseph's watch and jewellery shop closed, by 1911 cabinet maker Charles Henry Bird had taken over the premises for his furniture shop with his wife Jessie. They moved further up the road to part of Caius House in 1925, which is now Jarrolds.

After Charles moved out number 25 became a sweet shop owned by Henry and wife Beatrice Neeve in 1939, and they also lived there.

In the post war years Smiths Bakeries became occupants and in the 1960s Grace Curson ran the bakery. Back in those days each area of town could be self sufficient as they had their own butchers, grocers, drapers and bakers - so you really could shop local. By 1969 Muriel Bedingfield had acquired the shop in addition to her drapery store and sold children's clothing here. The merger of the buildings had begun.

Bedingfields and beyond

Muriel Bedingfield was born on 27th July 1912 to parents William Henry and Maude Corston. Her father opened a general store in Damgate in 1919 and in the 1920s acquired the property next door and opened a drapery, selling clothing and undergarments. >



> Muriel worked for her father in Damgate at a time when goods like flour, sugar, lard and currants were weighed out and wrapped, which Muriel would do.

Muriel married George Bedingfield in 1938 and opened her own drapery store at 23 Middleton Street, where they were living in 1939. George was a motor engineer and had his own garage on Avenue Road, employing two men. Muriel and George had three sons - George, John and Roger. Both Muriel and George were very keen ballroom dancers and loved attending dances.

Muriel's brother Hubert owned the Town Green Mace shop and brother William opened a shop on Lime Tree Avenue in the early 1970s.

Muriel's shop was highly thought of by both staff and customers. The ladies that worked for her got on well and remember their time there fondly. First Muriel's extension into Smiths bakery on the right was used for children's clothes, notably the Ladybird clothing brand and local school uniforms. When Chenerys closed their sweet shop and Muriel acquired the premises she added a selection of ladies fashions to their range of household linens, wool and underwear.

Muriel decided to retire in February 1982 and sold her business to Ray and Jean Gilbert. At the time, Muriel wrote in her letter to her customers: "I have enjoyed my business life and shall miss it greatly. I have been supported by a loyal and patient staff, and have come to think of them not as employees but as real friends." Sadly by then George had died in 1971. Muriel passed away in 1992 still living in Wymondham.

Under Ray and Jean Gilbert the shop had some internal alterations and modernisation, new lines added and was named 'Jean Gilberts'. Men's clothing was now sold along with ladieswear, underwear and hosiery, household linens and a large variety of wool and knitting patterns and accessories. Ray has now passed away but Jean still lives in the town.

In 1999 Roger Hare acquired the property and Middletons opened. They soon found their place in Wymondham as a top quality shop for footwear and clothing for men and women, continuing the clothing theme of Walter Lane and Muriel Bedingfield's days. Roger's son Guy and wife Fiona manage the shop now and with their staff always provide a friendly and knowledgeable service.

Middletons is a lovely shop and well worth a look whether you live here or you are visiting Wymondham. It would be nice to think the Lanes, Alpes, Perfitts and Bedingfields are looking down on Middletons with an appreciative smile to their past and the shop today.



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PARENT SUPPORT

At Robert Kett Primary School



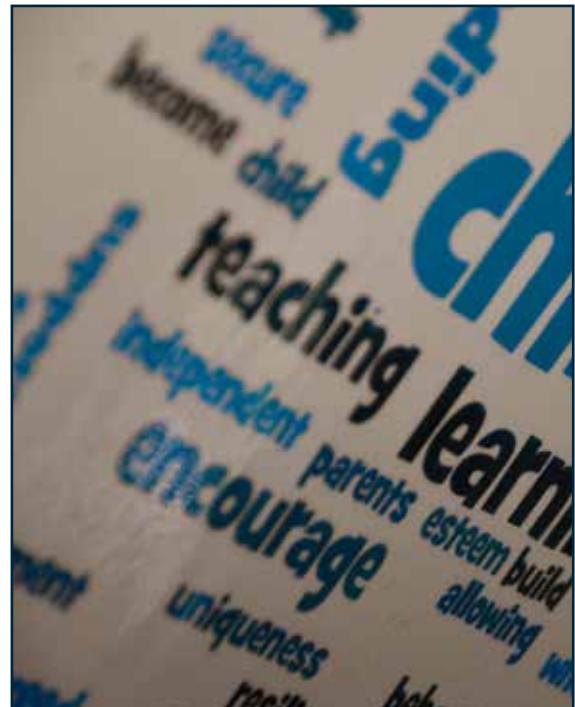
Here at Robert Kett, we are proud to be able to support our parents, families and communities with the help of our Parent Support Worker - Micha Butler.

Micha works directly with families in a number of ways, from signposting to outside support which may be appropriate for families, to having meetings with families - where they can discuss their worries and helps to put steps in place to reduce those worries.

Micha also spends time with children in school and listens to the child's view on how things are going and what they are worried about.

She is passionate about supporting Young Careers, and supporting people to take care of their own mental health and well-being.

Micha is very excited to get some face to face things off the ground now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, and is looking at getting the LINKS group back to meeting in person in the summer term, for the entire school cluster.



From my perspective

By Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon

As an opposition councillor it is sometimes difficult to achieve the kind of targets and ambitions we set ourselves but it doesn't stop us trying. While there are times we feel as if our voices are not heard, we do sometimes get cross-party agreement on a particular project.

So I'm happy to say that a cross party working group looking at ways of revitalising Browick Road Recreation Ground is starting to find its feet and will very soon ask the full council for funding to help make this vision a reality.

We recently heard from an officer from South Norfolk Council who gave us lots of information and food for thought on how we might proceed in turning Browick Rec into a multi-generational shared space. We are so lucky to have a Town Council owned leisure space so close to our town's centre and it is now necessary to preserve and enhance it for many more people to use and enjoy.



Greening Wymondham are busy planting up one corner of the park, looking to create a community orchard but if funding can be agreed, the worn out skate park will be the first area to be tackled in revitalising the Park.

It is early days yet for this project but the omens are looking good. After all, it was the users of the skate park who first drew our attention to the skate park and the need to repair and renovate. With other local skate parks such as those at Hingham and Attleborough currently closed, now would seem a good time to try to improve our own facility.

Of course there will be public consultations on what kind of facilities we would like to see at the Park but my wish is that it remains a free to use, informal leisure area, accessible to all including wheelchair users. Feasibility studies, costings and looking for funders or grant giving bodies such as the National Lottery for example will all have to be looked into, including choosing the right contractors.

To this end, we will ask for initial funding to employ professional consultants who are experts in this area to prepare project plans which we can present to funders. Bid writing and project planning is best left to those whose expertise and knowledge outweigh our own.

In return we hope to end up with a marvellous new leisure space for Wymondham and our residents because as councillors we would do well to remember that we serve the community which elected us, and that community should be our number one priority as councillors.

What's in a photo?

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

By Philip Yaxley

It was "Lights, camera, action" at the town's historic railway station in the first week of September 1995 when Midsummer Films arrived to shoot scenes for a new British movie called *Caught in the Act*. The film company took over David Turner's famously atmospheric Brief Encounter tearoom and piano showroom, which occupied rooms on the station – and they were impressed with his lovely flowers on the platforms, which had recently won him a Wymondham in Bloom award. Unlike the famous 1945 tear-jerker *Brief Encounter*, *Caught in the Act* was an amusing comedy.



Directed by Mark Greenstreet, the movie starred Sara Crowe, who had made her name in a Philadelphia cheese TV commercial and *Four Weddings and a Funeral* as well as on Broadway, Nadia Sawalha, who had enjoyed a long run in EastEnders, and Annette Badland. They play three girls who come to Norfolk on holiday with one looking to find the man of her dreams, but when they get to the county the fun really starts – and veteran comedy great Leslie Phillips is also in the film but not in the Wymondham scenes. In the second of the photos taken outside the station's Brief Encounter refreshment room Sara Crowe is facing the camera, while on the right Nadia Sawalha gets attention from the make-up girl.

The town must have impressed the film people. In a booklet accompanying a DVD of the movie in

2011 a write-up concluded: "Wymondham is much the same as it was when the film-makers left it - unspoilt, easy-going and agreeable. In other words much like *Caught in the Act* itself".



BUYING A PROPERTY - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Written by Paul Kenrick, Chartered Legal Executive, Spire Solicitors

If you have had an offer accepted on your dream home, you may be wondering what you need to do next. Paul Kenrick, Chartered Legal Executive at Spire Solicitors LLP, discusses how the conveyancing process works.

Stage 1: Instructing A Conveyancer and Applying for a Mortgage

After your offer has been accepted, you will need to instruct a solicitor, legal executive, or conveyancer. They will handle the legal process of transferring the property to your name.

The conveyancer acting for the seller will prepare a legal information pack which will include a draft contract, a fixtures, fittings and contents form, a property information form, and the legal title to the property.

If you are buying the property with a mortgage, you will need to make a formal mortgage application. It is important to do this as soon as possible to avoid any delays further on. The mortgage lender will arrange a valuation on the property to ensure the property is worth what you intend to pay for it, and then send you and your conveyancer a copy of the formal offer.

Stage 2: Enquiries and Searches

When you buy a property, your conveyancer will raise enquiries relating to the property, to ensure you have all the information you need. However, your conveyancer will not advise on the physical condition of the property, so it is important for you to arrange a survey or any specialist reports such as electrical or damp reports. They will also review the title to the property, to check that the property has all of the necessary rights and that there aren't any covenants that might affect a buyer.

Your conveyancer will also apply for three different searches. These include:

Local search: This will look at all information held by the local authority involving the property.

Water and drainage search: This is submitted to the local water and sewerage undertaker and confirms whether the foul and surface water drain to a public

sewer and whether the property is connected to a mains water supply.

Environmental search: This establishes whether the property you are buying is built on or near contaminated land or water, or on an old landfill site.

Sometimes additional searches may be required depending on the property.

Stage 3: Pre Exchange

Once your conveyancer has received the results for the various searches, replies to the enquiries raised, and confirmation of your mortgage offer, they will send you a report on the property and arrange for you to sign your part of the contract. It is extremely important for you to read the report carefully, so you are aware of all the factors which affect the property you are buying.

Stage 4: Exchange of Contracts and Completion

Once the contract has been signed by both parties, the conveyancers will then 'Exchange Contracts' and the property transaction becomes legally binding. Completion can sometimes be on the same day as exchange, however if a mortgage is involved, you will usually need a week between exchange and completion.

The completion day is the final part of the conveyancing process and is the day you finally get the keys to your new home.

This is a brief guide to buying a property. For more information about the process, or to request a quote, please call our conveyancing team on 01953 606351.



An update from



By Victoria Pigg, www.starthrowers.org.uk

Welcome to our latest news update from Star Throwers Cancer Support Charity. We have had many exciting announcements and updates since the last edition which we would like to share with you. There's so much going on at Star Throwers, and it's back to being a busy hub with more and more people coming to the centre to use our services in the last few weeks. We're pleased to be able to deliver our services and support to so many, and in person, following such challenging times.

New Cancer Support Nurse

In 2020 we set out a number of priorities for the charity, focusing on improving our sustainability and growing our support services. Since this time, we have been recruiting for a Cancer Information Nurse to assist our Lead Clinician, Tina Hales. We are delighted to announce the successful recruitment of Naomi Parfitt, Cancer Information Nurse, who will be joining the Star Throwers team on 1st June. Naomi's position will be key in meeting these objectives.

Star Throwers Annual Review

Star Throwers is proud to bring you our latest achievements and future plans. We have achieved much as a charity over the past 24 months and want to share with you our successes during this period and our priorities for the future as we continue to return to normality. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters who continue to help Star Throwers deliver vital information and support those affected by cancer. Read our full report under the 'About Us' section of the website: www.starthrowers.org.uk

Invitation to our registered Star Throwers carers

Star Throwers Connections is a small group session for people dealing with loss. The purpose of the group is to provide a safe space in which to talk about the grief we experience after the loss of a loved one. Even though each person's grief is deeply personal, and everyone may deal with their grief in a different way, it can be helpful and healing to connect with others who are in, or have been in, a similar situation.

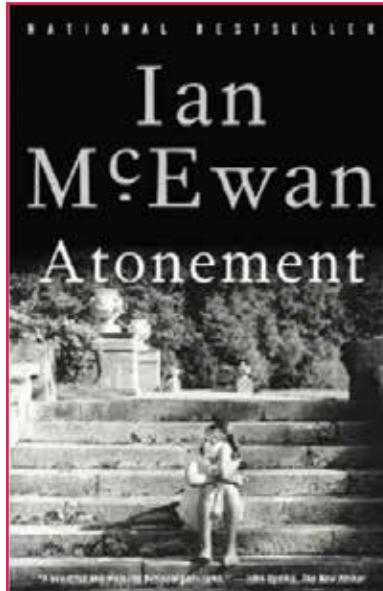
Sessions take place fortnightly on a Tuesday, 10.30am to 12pm. To book your place email info@starthrowers.org.uk or call 01953 423304.

By Freddy Lowe

BOOK REVIEW

Atonement~

By Ian McEwan



4.5 stars for Ian McEwan's *Atonement*, one of the most poignant books I have ever read.

The story itself receives a significant 5 stars from me. The sheer scale of the brutality of the tragedy echoes through McEwan's prose, particularly towards the ending. Fans of classical literature will also be moved by the consistent literary references. The novel opens with an extract from Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*,

with which *Atonement* shares a very clear trait: both feature a female protagonist endowed with a very vivid imagination (influenced by literature) which adds a melodramatic romanticism to their perception of life...with dreadful consequences. (Not dissimilar to *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes either!)

The only difference between Briony and Catherine Morland is that the consequences of Catherine's misinterpretations are not too drastic, allowing her to atone once only and then finding happiness in marriage... unlike Briony, who is forced to live with the much more serious consequences throughout her entire life.

In addition to the literary references, Cecilia and Robbie (two of our protagonists) are both very avid readers, referring to works such as *Emma*, *Macbeth*, *Twelfth Night*, *Lolita*, and many others.

The book explores themes of lifelong guilt, the effect it has on people's mentalities, how poorly thought through actions can sometimes ruin lives, taking responsibility for actions, and the difference between both personal atonement and atoning to other people. All these messages cultivate into what turns into an incredibly poignant and heartwrenching story which is well worth your time: you might think twice before making quick judgements in future.

The book's one minor point of criticism is the tendency to slightly labour descriptions of fountains, gardens, or the routines of a war soldier or nurse. But if the reader can plough through those rather slow-moving sections, they will find an unforgettably emotional journey depicted in the 372 pages. Would highly recommend!

WHAT'S ON?

Saturday 26th March

Lego Club

10.30am to 11.30am, Wymondham Library.
For ages five to 11, numbers limited
www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

The Hedge At Home

8.45pm, by Rob Duhig
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 27th March

Sunday Service

9.30am & 11.30am, Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Alive Church Sunday Service

10.30am, Central Hall
www.alivechurch.org.uk/wymondham

Sunday Service

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

Superleague Darts

5.30pm, Wymondham Town Football Club
www.wymondhamtownfc.co.uk

Gary Winter - classical jazz with a twist

6pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Quiz Night

7.30pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Monday 28th March

Pabulum Café Monday-Monday Club

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

Tuesday 29th March

Wymondham Methodist Church Open Tuesdays

From 9.15am, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Centering Presence

10.30am, Wymondham Abbey and online
parishoffice@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

The Lizard - Meadow & Woodland Management

10.30am to 4pm, The Lizard
www.facebook.com/events/201486932097626

Hygge for high school aged people
2pm to 5pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Games Night
3pm to 10pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Thursday 31st March

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
9am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Friday 1st April

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 2nd April

Easter Fayre and Egg Hunt
10am to 12pm, Spooner Row Primary School

Easter Fete
2pm to 4pm, Spooner Row Village Hall
friendsofwymondhamcollegeprep@mail.com

Family Trivia Night
7.30pm, North Wymondham Community Centre. Tickets £5 per person or £24 table of 6
www.facebook.com/NorthWymondhamCommunity

Wymondham Symphony Orchestra Concert, 'A French Connection'
7.30pm, Central Hall
wymondhamsymphonyorchestra.org.uk

Red Leaf - live music
8pm, Ex-Services Social Club. Members free, guests £2.
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Sunday 3rd April

Sunday Service
9.30am & 11.30am, Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Alive Church Sunday Service
10.30am, Central Hall
www.alivechurch.org.uk/wymondham

Sunday Service - Mission Focus: Baptist Missionary Society, led by Ashley Townsend
10.30am, Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.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 4th April

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

Tuesday 5th April

Wymondham Methodist Church Open Tuesdays
From 9.15am, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Centering Presence
10.30am, Wymondham Abbey and online
parishoffice@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Hygge for high school aged people
2pm to 5pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Games Night
3pm to 10pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Wymondham Ukulele Group
7.30pm to 9.30pm, The White Hart
www.wymondhamukulelegroup.com



MARKETS

Every Friday

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

Country Market
10.30am to 12.30pm, Wymondham Library

Third Saturday (16th April)

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

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm to 10pm (Sep-Jun), The Dell
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/events

Wednesday 6th April

Wymondham Art Society Meeting, with John Patchet
715pm, RC Church Hall Members free, guests £5
www.wymondhamart.org

Thursday 7th April

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
9am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Friday 8th April

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

Quiz Night
7.30pm, Wymondham Rugby Club. £25 for a team of five
www.wymondhamrfc.com

Saturday 9th April

Pop Up Craft Sale
10am to 4pm, Big C Furniture and Craft Shop
www.big-c.co.uk/our-shops/shop/wymondham-craft-supplies-shop

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

Sunday 10th April

Sunday Service
9.30am & 11.30am, Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Alive Church Sunday Service
10.30am, Central Hall
www.alivechurch.org.uk/wymondham

Sunday Service - A study of Malachi:
Serving until the end
10.30am, Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

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

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

Easter Family Fun Day
Morley Under Fives Pre School
www.picktime.com/MorleyPreschoolEasterHunt

Easter hunt and Military Museum Open Day
11am to 3pm, 389th Bomb Group, Potash Farm, Hethel, NR14 8EY. Tickets £3 per child
www.facebook.com/events/645534526710802

Members' Open the Box Draw
3pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Monday 11th April

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

Wymondham Garden Club – Talk on 'Around the World in 80 Plants' by Jaime Blake – Head Gardener at Bressingham Gardens
7.30pm, Town Green Centre. Members free, guests £4
wymondhamgardenclub@gmail.com

Tuesday 12th April

Wymondham Methodist Church Open Tuesdays
From 9.15am, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Centering Presence
10.30am, Wymondham Abbey and online
parishoffice@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Hygge for high school aged people
2pm to 5pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Games Night
3pm to 10pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Wymondham Ukulele Group
7.30pm to 9.30pm, The White Hart
www.wymondhamukulelegroup.com

Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th April

Easter Egg Trail and Easter Bunny Hunt
10am to 4pm, Centre Paws. £5 per child
www.centreapawsnorfolk.co.uk

Thursday 14th April

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
9am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Little Terns by Lyn Ibbotson-Elks - a talk for Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG)
7.30pm, Town Green Community Centre. Tickets £2
www.facebook.com/WymondhamNatureGroup

Wymondham Ukulele Group
7.30pm to 9.30pm, The Feathers
www.wymondhamukulelegroup.com

Saturday 16th April

Abbey Days Easter Fair
11am to 4pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Children's Easter Party
2pm to 4pm, Ex-Services Social Club. Tickets in advance £3 per child – on sale in the bar
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Members' Grand Easter Draw, Disco and BBQ
5pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Sunday 17th April

Sunday Service
9.30am & 11.30am, Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Alive Church Sunday Service
10.30am, Central Hall
www.alivechurch.org.uk/wymondham

Sunday Service - Easter Sunday celebration
10.30am, Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.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

Tuesday 19th April

Wymondham Methodist Church Open Tuesdays
From 9.15am, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Centering Presence
10.30am, Wymondham Abbey and online
parishoffice@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Hygge for high school aged people
2pm to 5pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Games Night
3pm to 10pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Thursday 21st April

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
9am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Friday 22nd April

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

Wine Tasting Night
7pm, Wymondham Rugby Club. Tickets £25
www.wymondhamrfc.com

Saturday 23rd April

Food and Craft Fair
10am to 2pm, Fairland Hall

Registration Day
1pm to 4pm, Priory Garden Bowls Club.
www.priorygardenbowlsclub.co.uk

Short Film Festival
7pm for 7.30pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Sunday 24th April

Sunday Service
9.30am & 11.30am, Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Alive Church Sunday Service
10.30am, Central Hall
www.alivechurch.org.uk/wymondham

Sunday Service - New series. Experiencing the Holy Spirit: The wind blows where it will.
10.30am, Wymondham Baptist Church
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

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

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

Monday 25th April

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

Tuesday 26th April

Wymondham Methodist Church Open Tuesdays
From 9.15am, Town Green Centre
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Centering Presence
10.30am, Wymondham Abbey and online
parishoffice@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Hygge for high school aged people
2pm to 5pm, Wymondham Abbey
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Games Night
3pm to 10pm, The Green Dragon
www.facebook.com/greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm to 10pm (Sep-Jun), The Dell
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/events

Wednesday 27th April

Natural Causes - a play by Wymondham Players
7.45pm, Central Hall. Tickets £9,
concessions £8
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Thursday 28th April

Wymondham u3a Coffee Morning
9am, Central Hall
<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home>

Talk on The Widow Kett, by Georgette Vale - a talk for Wymondham Heritage Society
7.30pm, Fairland Hall
www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk

Wymondham Ukulele Group
7.30pm to 9.30pm, The Feathers
www.wymondhamukulelegroup.com

Natural Causes - a play by Wymondham Players
7.45pm, Central Hall. Tickets £9,
concessions £8
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Friday 29th April

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

Beer and Gin Festival
1pm to 11pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Natural Causes - a play by Wymondham Players
7.45pm, Central Hall. Tickets £9,
concessions £8
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Saturday 30th April

Beer and Gin Festival
1pm to 11pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Natural Causes - a play by Wymondham Players
2pm and 7.45pm, Central Hall. Tickets £9,
concessions £8
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Also

Wymondham Heritage Museum
Opens Monday 4th April, every day 1pm to 4pm. Tearoom Monday to Friday
www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk

Tourist Information Centre
Open summer hours from Friday 1st April.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10am to 2.30pm and Saturday 10am to 1.30pm



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