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From the Editors...

While the previous two summers have come with watchwords attached like "cautious reopening", it really feels like 2022 is the year that Wymondham can get back to doing what it does best in the coming warmer months: having fun!

As you'll see in these pages, it all kicks off with a weekend of Jubilee celebrations. There are festivals, trails and other special events.

But there's even more to come after that, from Open Gardens, to the Jazz Picnic and the town's first-ever Food and Drink Festival. We've got so much to look forward to.

It's time to let our hair down, Wymondham-style.

So let's all raise a glass and toast:

To a Majestic Summer Ahead!

Kim and Jimmy

NEW CARBON BALANCED PRINTER FOR MAGAZINE

Every three months, Wymondham Magazine prints 8,500 copies of its brilliant contributors' news and sport stories, community group updates, opinion pieces and features.

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So we've partnered with a new printing company, who can put the magazine's production on a more-sustainable footing.

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FIRST EVER WYMONDHAM FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

By Sara White

From the nutritional and healthy, to the indulgent naughty but nice, Wymondham comes alive in June with its first Annual Food & Drink Festival.

For one day (Sunday 26th June 2022, 10am-4pm), the Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group brings to town a charity event with the very best of street food and artisan produce in a culinary festival - designed to celebrate the fabulously diverse range of Norfolk and East Anglian produce, with a street food experience.

Visitors will be able to taste the many gastronomic delights on offer, cooked and supplied by local and regional suppliers, whilst being able to munch your way around the town, starting at Fairland Street, through to the Market Cross, and down along Market Street.



Entertainment will also be on the menu throughout the day, where there will be time for the family to enjoy hearing from a town crier, watching a live cooking demonstration, whilst regular showings of a traditional Punch and Judy show will be sure to amuse. For music lovers, there will be the One Voice Glee Club - Rock Choir, local buskers, plus much more.

On Queen Street, we will highlight the best of local crafters' wares at the Wymondham Makers' Market. There

will also be several retailers open during the day, which boosts the support for local, independent traders and businesses.

We are delighted to announce our 2022 sponsors: East of England Coop and Wymondham Town Council. We would also like to thank Wymondham Town Team for their support and expertise.

Keep updated on our social media channels @wymfoodfest.

GET READY FOR THE JAZZ PICNIC ON 2ND JULY

By Philip Richardson

Bring the family to Becketswell Meadow on Saturday 2nd July between 6pm and 9pm. Gates will open from 5:30pm. The fabulous DixieMix jazz band will be there to entertain you.

Bring your own chairs or blankets or simply sit on the grass to enjoy the music and to meet friends and neighbours. Bring your own picnic - but no barbeques, please - or enjoy hot dogs provided by Wymondham Lions Club, ice cream from Ronaldo's and coffee (provided by and supporting the BREAK charity). There will be a tombola and other stalls too, so don't forget to bring some money with you.

The event is organised by Wymondham Rotary Club with help from the Town Team and from the Rotary Satellite group and is free of charge. At the end of the evening you will be asked for voluntary donations - all of which will be given to local charities. (Last year over £2,000 was

distributed to a number of needy causes). We hope, this year, to be able to take card donations as well as cash. All the expenses of the evening are generously sponsored by local companies and individuals.

Parking will be severely restricted on Becketswell Road so you are advised to walk to the event if you can. A taxi shuttle service will operate from Central Hall during the evening and there is limited space for disabled vehicles on Becketswell Meadow.

For those who are attending for the first time, Becketswell Meadow is across the River Tiffey from Wymondham Abbey and opposite the Abbey Station on the Dereham to Wymondham heritage railway line. There are two entrances for pedestrians - from Becketswell Road or from Whitehorse Street.



Photos: DixieMix jazz band

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BROWICK PARK SET FOR REVAMP

By Jimmy Young

Town councillors in Wymondham have started the ball rolling on a regeneration project to the town's Browick Road Recreation Ground, which should eventually deliver improvements to the skate park and other facilities.

A vote at April's full council meeting saw the council's entire £250,000 income from the latest Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment set aside into a future fund for the park. CIL is money paid by developers to councils in order to help fund the infrastructure, facilities and services needed to support new homes and businesses.

The proposal from Councillors Suzanne Nuri-Nixon and Annette James (Liberal Democrat) received the necessary cross-party support from enough Conservatives to pass by 7 votes to 5. All councillors agreed works to the park were necessary.

A further £20,000 has been allocated towards consultancy fees for the yet-to-be specified improvements, which could incorporate sporting facilities and "general leisure opportunities". Tendering for consultants began in May.

Cllr Nuri-Nixon said the money would make a big difference to Browick Park users in the future:

"We are lucky to have such a huge green space close to town but it was clear that Browick Park needed other improvements. After speaking to young people who use the skate park and wanted it revamped, we realised that the current leisure facilities could also be improved and added to."

"Simple ideas such as installing paths, for example, would make the area more accessible for all. With the help of professional consultants we can come up with a vision and also approach other funders for the money

needed to create a wonderful and free to use leisure space."

Critics of the move argued it unnecessarily directed 100% of the cash, which the council has ready in its current account, away from smaller projects that could be delivered sooner.

"A £250k park revamp headline will look great on election leaflets in a year's time. But this specific proposal puts the cart before the horse", said Cllr Tony Holden (Con). "With no actual designs or plans in place, the money is unlikely to be spent for years and it means other town improvements will now have to wait."

Cllr Kathryn Cross (Con) added: "I fully support the regeneration of Browick Park and I am excited to see the area transformed with new facilities and a much improved green space for our community. However this project is still very much in its infancy and is such a long way from actually getting off the ground that setting aside all the council's available CIL seems unnecessary and premature. Allocating these funds means we have nothing available for any other projects or any contingency for other ongoing improvements."

But proponents on the Town Council hope that committing a large sum now towards future development will attract more funding from other bodies to get the project off the ground sooner. Cllr Annette James responded:

"This park has huge potential to become the 'go to' green space in Wymondham. Our vision would see it redeveloped not only for sport but for improving general leisure, health and well-being opportunities for residents. It won't be a cheap piece of work so early Council commitment to funding it was needed to show other funders we are

serious. We are very excited to be able to move forward with the next stage of our plans."



Councillors Suzanne Nuri-Nixon and Annette James

ROBERT KETT COURT'S RESIDENTS BRING OUT THE BUNTING!

By Annette James

Robert Kett Court housing with care scheme's tenants have spent much of the last two years isolated from the outside world to keep them safe from Covid. Now they are starting to look forward to socialising and having fun with their families and friends again.

Staff, residents, family members and volunteers are busy planning a number of events for the Queen's Jubilee and are looking forward to taking part in Wymondham In Bloom for the second time. Scheme Manager Liz Rayman says: "Our staff have worked so hard to keep our residents safe and it is just wonderful to be able to plan for sociable activities where we can meet and be together as a community again. We want to remind Wymondham we are here and get involved in the town's future activities too."



Owen James with last year's WIB Certificate and with Karen Claydon, Wellbeing Lead at RKC

The Jubilee weekend plans currently include a trip out for a pub lunch, the chance to watch a memory jogging film from the archives – with Pimm's and ice cream of course – and an outdoor 'street party in the car park' with music and a very tasty afternoon tea for residents to enjoy with their families. Some residents of a Queen-like age will be VIP guests at the Kett's Park 5th June Jubilee Fest afternoon tea party too. Tenants are being asked for their activity ideas to ensure that everyone has a say in this very special weekend.

On Saturday 4th June 10am – 3pm RKC is holding an outdoor table top sale as part of the community wide Garage Sale happening that day. Lots of donations for the sale have been received and everyone is keen for you

to call in to browse, buy and say 'Hello'. Volunteer Annette James, whose dad Owen was a tenant and founded the Gardening Club, will be there selling plants. All monies raised will go to the residents' Amenity Fund.

For Wymondham In Bloom, residents are planting up sunflower seeds to enter the Sunflower Competition, which this year is dedicated to Owen's memory. Wellbeing Lead Karen Claydon is working hard with others to create an imaginative entry for the main competition. "Last year we won a Highly Commended award which really delighted Owen and this year we'd like to get at least one better for him" she says.

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FINISHING TOUCHES ON JUBILEE TRAIL AROUND TOWN

By Clare Suter

Final preparations are underway for a Jubilee trail around Wymondham town centre, that will feature artwork from local business stART Studio, and raise funds for the town's four primary schools.

The trail, which involves over 40 shops and businesses, has been organised by the PTAs of the town's primary schools, and is the first time that all four schools have worked together to organise a fundraising event.

Trail sheets will be on sale for a suggested donation of £2, and all money raised will be split between the PTAs of the four primary schools: Friends of Browick Road Primary and Nursery School, Ashleigh Friends, Friends of Robert Kett School and



Representatives from the PTAs collect the hamper from Waitrose

Friends of Wymondham College Prep. Trail sheets will be available to buy from Town Green Garden Café, Yum Yums, Lemon Tree Café, Chapelfield Vets and Reeves. The trail will take place from Saturday 28th May until Sunday 5th June.

As part of the trail, children will be invited to spot fun facts about the Queen and find letters that, when rearranged, will form a word that is connected with the Queen. All correct answers will be eligible for the prize draw, which features a range of prizes,

including a luxury Jubilee-themed hamper kindly donated by Waitrose in Wymondham.

Deanna Abrahamson, Waitrose Community Matters Champion, said: "We are delighted to be supporting this event. We hope that everyone enjoys taking part in the trail and that it is a great fundraiser for the local primary schools".

For the latest information on the trail search on Facebook for: Wymondham Jubilee Trail

VOLUNTEERS FINALISE OPEN GARDENS PLANS

By Diana Grant

You may have noticed the Open Gardens posters around town. All we need now is perfect weather and lots of visitors! We are excited to be in the final stages of planning this bi-annual event which will benefit three local charities, Wymondham Heritage Museum, Greening Wymondham and Wymondham Nature Group. In previous years the proceeds have exceeded £8000 so we are hoping to raise even more for such very worthwhile causes.

Dates for your diary are Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June from 1-5pm.

Eighteen Wymondham gardens will be open and this is your chance to take a peek behind the garden gate. With a big variety of garden styles on show there'll be something for both the experienced gardener and beginners alike - a great way of seeing how varied gardens can be, depending on the site and location, within the limitations of time, space and expertise you have.

For beginners it can be a chance to make early decisions on a new garden design or planting plan. For the more experienced there will be discussions about specific plants and experiences. Most of us fall somewhere in between and enjoy sharing ideas, appreciating beautiful gardens and enjoying the satisfaction of compliments. Open Gardens Weekend can provide inspiration to us all.



The Open Gardens team

Most visitors and participants are not gardening experts but enthusiasts and it's really not a competition! Programmes cost £5 per adult (children free) for access to all gardens for the weekend and are on sale now in Wymondham at the Tourist Information Centre, the Heritage Museum, George Reeves, Marmalade Tree also Wymondham Garden Centre who have kindly sponsored printing and advertising.

If you are visiting from outside the town you can buy your programme on the Open Gardens weekend itself. We will have a stall at the Friday Market (17th June), Saturday Farmer's Market (18th) and on the Sunday (19th) at the Market Cross. The gardeners themselves will also have programmes for sale - look out for the yellow balloons. Do buy early if you can.

We look forward to welcoming you and saying a big thank you in advance to all our participating gardeners!

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South Norfolk Cabinet Member for Stronger Economy, Councillor Lisa Neal, said: "If you want to get your business trading online, but don't know where to start then this funding is for you."

"Take your business to the next level by showcasing it to a global audience, find out how you can attract new customers, drive sales and grow your business."

Businesses will be put in touch with Council-appointed Quickfire Digital based in Norwich. The e-commerce specialists will work with successful applicants to provide support in a number of areas including consultancy, training and the build and implementation of an agreed e-commerce website. They will also support businesses throughout the 12-month programme.

To qualify, businesses must have their primary trading base in the South Norfolk district and not already trade online. Only one application per person will be accepted.

The fund was launched on the 9th of May and will be open for four weeks.

To apply visit: www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/south-norfolk-e-commerce-platform-build-programme

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SOUTH NORFOLK COMMUNITY AWARDS

By South Norfolk Council Communications Team

Residents can now nominate their local heroes in South Norfolk Council's Community Awards

The Awards, now in their tenth year, celebrate all the dedicated hard-working volunteers that give up their time to help make South Norfolk a fantastic place to live, work and visit.

South Norfolk Council's Cabinet Member for Better Lives, Councillor Alison Thomas, said:

"We have some amazing people in South Norfolk who really go above and beyond for their community, and in doing so, inspire others to get involved. If you know someone who goes the extra mile to make a difference, then nominate them and let them know how much you appreciate their hard work."

The eight award categories are: Inspiration of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Helping Hand Award, Green at Heart Award, Business in the Community Award, Community Group of the Year and Community Hero.

Nominations close on 6th June. All shortlisted nominees will be invited to a special awards night held on 14th July at Barnham Broom Hotel. Winners will receive grants of £250 to give to their chosen charitable organisation. You can make your nomination by visiting www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/community-awards-2022



BABS' THREE DECADES OF VOLUNTEERING AT EACH

Long-serving nurse is proud of her achievement

By Matt Plummer

Babs Wilding has spent a lifetime helping others. As well as 46 years in nursing, the 74-year-old has clocked up the best part of three decades as a much-valued shop volunteer for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

She is part of the furniture at EACH's Wymondham shop, in Market Place, and usually gives up her time every Monday and Friday. She is passionate about both the organisation and volunteering – and would heartily recommend the latter to others.

"I like keeping busy and this keeps me off the street corners," joked Babs, who has two children and three grandchildren and lives in Wymondham. "I enjoy seeing the shop neat and tidy and I've made so many friends during my years here, including staff, volunteers and customers."

"You get to know the regulars and everyone is so cheerful. Spending time here is very rewarding."

"EACH provides such a brilliant and much-needed service and it's an organisation I feel very passionately about. From a volunteering point of view, it needs and deserves all the help it can get and that's why I'm always happy to spread the word."

"There are so many things people can do to help and whatever time they can spare makes a difference, even if it's just a couple of hours a week or fortnight."

"There's such flexibility and if people need to work around other things, like doing the school run, that's absolutely fine."

"Some people enjoy being on the till but, if not, there are many other jobs, like dealing with bric-a-brac, books, toys and clothing. You can sort, tag and price."

Babs worked in orthopaedics and surgery during her proud nursing career. In addition to being based at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, she also spent time in places like Plymouth, Portsmouth and north of the border in Scotland.

She retired nearly 11 years ago, when 63. However, it was

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when she started working on a part-time basis 27 years ago that she began volunteering for EACH.

That longevity has not gone unnoticed and she has been fortunate enough to meet the charity's Royal Patron, The Duchess of Cambridge. "The Nook, in Framingham Earl, is an amazing place and I was there the day it was officially opened by The Duchess of Cambridge," said Babs.



"I was also fortunate enough to meet her when she opened our shop in Holt (in March 2016). "Three of us were chosen to attend and she was absolutely charming."

Wymondham shop manager Lisa Brown says Babs is "worth her weight in gold". She said: "We can always do with extra volunteers of all ages. There really is something for everyone."

"Volunteers are invaluable and that's why we're so lucky to have someone like Babs. She's such a help, works incredibly hard and has great spirit around the shop. We'd struggle and be lost without her."

To find out more about volunteering in Wymondham or organise a taster session, pop into the shop, email Lisa.Brown@each.org.uk or call 01953 607467

News In BRIEF:

ROTARY QUIZ

Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group were delighted to welcome 19 teams to the recent quiz night at Central Hall. A great evening was had by all who participated. Almost £800 was raised for local charities including St Martin's Housing Trust who were selected by the winning team to receive £100. A special thank you to our sponsors for the evening Spire Solicitors LLP, NSBA Ltd and Moneyproperties. Their support is much appreciated. The next Quiz night will be on Friday October 7th so put the date in your diary and do come and join us.

ORANGE GROVE CLINIC MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

On 4th June the Orange Grove Clinic will move from its previous location on Fairland Street to the units in the car park behind Wharton's Court. The premises has not sat vacant for long, with owner Kelly Browning deciding to move her massage business there as soon as it became available.

"The Orange Grove Clinic actually started in Norwich and moved to Wymondham, which is where I joined. Moving closer to the town centre is a great opportunity – I just need to grab it while it's here. There's a lot of work to do, because I want the new location to be a spa feel, in a salon setting. In the future I hope to hold group gatherings where we can invite guest speakers/experts in their field in to discuss things such as menopause, postnatal depression, depression, anxiety (to name a few)."

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SATURDAY 4th JUNE -

- ~ 2pm - 5pm: Professional Pet Photo Shoot Competition. Prizes for Winners (prize ceremony to take place at a later date)
- ~ 6:30pm: Wine Tasting Evening with Canapes

SUNDAY 5th JUNE:

- ~ 5pm: **THE WHITE HART QUIZ NIGHT!!** (£2 Per Head, Max. Team Size of 5)
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WHAT'S IN A PHOTO?

Carnival Queen - 1953 Coronation Celebrations

By Philip Yaxley



A strong committee had been formed to mastermind Wymondham's Coronation celebrations in June 1953 and members are pictured here with Janet Crane of Ashwellthorpe, the Carnival Queen, and her attendants Christine Walker of Bracon Ash, left, and Doris Bell of Wymondham.

The chairman of the committee was Mr. W.A.Ogden, 5th from left in the middle row behind Doris Bell, and behind him on the back row popular Doctor G.C.Gaynor, the vice-chairman. The committee's secretary was legendary town clerk Tom Turner, second from left in the middle row. The lady in the middle row is Miss D.M.Clarke, who later became Margaret Reeve, headmistress of Wymondham Secondary Modern School, now Wymondham High Academy, in front of which the picture was taken.



The Carnival Queen and her attendants were chosen from fifteen girls, who paraded before the judges and an enthusiastic audience on the stage of the Regal Cinema, now the Regal Lounge of the Wymondham and

District Ex-Services' Social Club. It was stressed that the competition was not confined strictly to a beauty contest, but deportment would be taken into account. Another rule stated: "The judges will however pay regard to the volume of applause from the audience should qualifications and conditions in all other respects appear equal between two or more contestants".

On the Wednesday (3rd June 1953) of the week's celebrations the Carnival Queen and her attendants, driven in a limousine, together with the Drayton British Legion Band led the Carnival and Fancy Dress Parade round the town. There were 88 entries in 12 classes in the Fancy Dress, including decorated cycles, horse-drawn vehicles and even lorries with the Carnival Queen, accompanied by her attendants, presenting the winners with their prizes.

On the Saturday (6th June) the Carnival Queen was called upon to present prizes at the Eighth Annual Sports and Cycle Racing meeting on the King's Head Meadow. In a speech at the sports she thanked the town for the honour it had bestowed on her and said it was an occasion she would remember all her life. Other prize presentations at which she did the honours were at an Over 60s bowls tournament at St. Peter's, Norwich Road, and, following a cricket match between Wymondham Minors F.C. and an Ayton Asphalt XI, she handed the Minors championship medals they had won during the football season.

The Carnival Queen and her attendants visited street parties, including one for the Pople Street area and one at Preston Avenue. When they looked in at a tea and concert for 250 old folk at the Women's Institute Hall on Norwich Road Janet Crane with ballet dancing and Christine Walker with a violin solo added to the entertainment. Janet had passed her professional ballet examination and was to put her talent to good use shortly after the Coronation. Two chorus girls had to pull out of a show, perhaps appropriately called "Don't Be Shy Girls", at the Norwich Hippodrome, which was sadly demolished for the St Giles car park, and Janet was one of the replacements for the remainder of the show's tour.

In January the following year she was dancing with the then well-known Sherman Fisher Girls in pantomime at Eastbourne Hippodrome. In about six months she had gone from the contest on the stage of the Wymondham Regal to entertaining on the stage of theatres - but did she continue to pursue this dancing career?



JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY EVENTS GUIDE

Celebrate the long weekend in style

TOWN CENTRE TRAIL

A whole week of jubilee fun awaits, as four primary schools in Wyomndham and stART Studio have organised a Jubilee Art Trail throughout the town taking place throughout the May half term holiday. Throughout the trail there will be fun facts about the Queen to spot, and hidden clues to find – rearrange the letters to spell out a word associated with the Queen – and you could win a prize! Sheets are available for a suggested donation of £2 each and all money raised will go directly to the four PTAs. The trail will start on Saturday 28th May and finish on Sunday 5th June.

TOWN GREEN STREET PARTY

Get the long weekend started the right way on Thursday 2nd June, with a good old fashioned street party laid on by the businesses of Town Green. Wyomndham Sports Bar and the Town Green Garden Cafe are teaming up to host a proper celebration. Happening on Thursday and Friday from 11am-5pm, there will be a bbq, hog roast, music, Pimm's, cider, beer and music.

EX-SERVICES CLUB CELEBRATIONS

If anyone knows how to honour our Queen with a patriotic party it's the Wyomndham & District Ex-Services Club. They've been planning for months to ensure a perfect atmosphere to kick back and say 'cheers' to Her Majesty.

The Ex-Services Jubilee Street Party starts at 1pm on Thursday 2nd June, including the Norwich Pipe Band performance from 2:30pm. Friday they will have their usual Bingo Night from 7pm.

On Saturday their major celebrations continue with military vehicles, 1940s music all day and a bbq from 6pm. At 8pm doors will open for the 'Glamtastics' live band (free to members, £2 non-members).

WHITE HART FESTIVAL SERIES

On Wednesday 1st June from 5pm the White Hart's Beer & Drinks Festival kicks off with the official opening of the new garden seating area. Their party continues on Thursday, including free admittance to the Hooma Comedy Club with hilarious local comedy acts from 7pm. On Friday from 8:30pm you can party to local music from Kenny & The Hustlers.

A professional pet photo shoot competition with prizes for the top three will be held on Saturday from 2-5pm, followed by a wine tasting evening from 6:30pm onwards with canapes.

Capping off the jam-packed weekend on Sunday the White Hart Quiz Night will have you racking your brains from 5pm (£2 per head), followed by a jubilant charity raffle prize draw starting around 7:30pm.

GREEN DRAGON BEER FESTIVAL

The Green Dragon is hosting another legendary Beer, Cider and Music Festival starting at 5pm on Thursday 2nd June. The party will carry on all weekend from 12 noon until late. A wide range of musical acts will keep your toes tapping throughout the long weekend.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

North Wyomndham Community Centre has organised a garage sale event throughout the town on Saturday 4th June from 10am to 3pm. Neighbours are calling upon each other to join in and put their unwanted items out in front of their home, for a day of browsing and chatting. One person's cast offs are another's treasure. It's good for the environment and for the community.

JUBILEE FEST & COMMUNITY PICNIC

The largest event over the weekend is expected to be the Jubilee Fest & Community Picnic at Kett's Park, which has been organised by the Town Team.

Celebrations there kick off at 2pm on Sunday 5th June, with organisers expecting in the region of 3000 people to turn up and enjoy the family party atmosphere.

Visitors can look forward to a funfair, street food, ice cream van, beer tent, traditional games and stalls from community groups. A time capsule will also be filled with items from the community.

There will be on-stage music all day, sponsored by local retailer Jarrold. The headline party band The Walks top the bill, supported by other popular local acts. Admission is free but donations to the Town Team are welcome.

GRAND JUBILEE FILM SHOW

For a more-genteel afternoon of entertainment, an old-time cinema experience awaits you at the Ex-Services Club, with their Grand Jubilee Film Show on Sunday 5th June.

The programme commences at 2:30pm with some rare footage of the visit of the then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to Canada and the USA in October 1951, followed by a short film of Wyomndham's Coronation celebrations in 1953.

After an interval, during which ice creams, teas, coffees and drinks will be available, the film "A Queen is Crowned" about the Coronation, with commentary by the legendary Laurence Olivier, will conclude the show.

Advertorial

FRIENDS

of Robert Kett Primary School



A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS...

Friends of Robert Kett School (FORKS) are a group of volunteer parents, carers, teachers, and children who come together to raise funds to support the school.

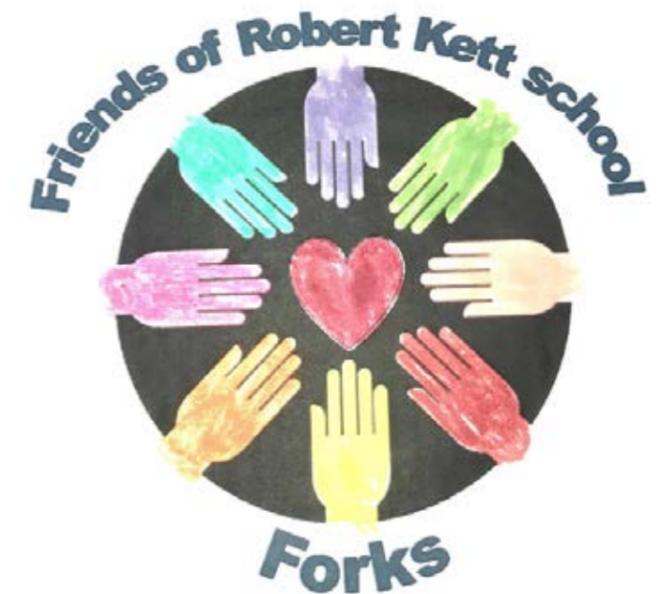
However, it is not just about that - through the hosting of events we help strengthen the relationships across the wider school community.

After a challenging two years where we've put on hold our normal calendar of activities, we are thrilled to be able to come together again to have fun and create some lasting memories for the children.

We are working alongside the Friends of Browick, Wyomndham College Prep and Ashleigh on the up-and-coming Jubilee Trail in Wyomndham. Please join us to walk through town to spot amazing artwork between Saturday 28th May and Sunday 5th June. By completing the trail and finding the special word you can enter the prize draw.

We are busily planning our Summer Fayre on the 1st July, where we will have a host of stalls, games, raffle, BBQ and rides. Why not join us; it's a great opportunity to get to know our amazing school community. If you have a local business and would like to sponsor our event or kindly donate a raffle prize please contact FORKS@robertkett.net

There are many ways you can support our school, why not donate as you shop? If you shop on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.co.uk and sign in, choosing Robert Kett School. Amazon will then donate 1.5% of the net purchases to our school.





WHEN THE QUEEN CAME TO WYMONDHAM...

We asked for your memories of the Queen opening Norfolk Police headquarters in 2002. You didn't disappoint!

Lynda's second photo bottom left. Lynda says she remembers the Royal party were appreciative of the commitment everyone outside had shown in sticking out the weather. And before they knew it, the Queen was back in her car.

"Everyone got good views of them and then off we squelched!"

It's a day that Wendy Cousins holds dear. She's held onto her own memento of the occasion all this time, a clipping from the day's Norwich Evening News. In a spot of good luck, her son can be seen under the policeman's hat in the newspaper's bottom left image, in an impressive debut in the art of photo-bombing.

Some great photos and fond memories from a fleeting visit. Thanks to everyone that contributed and allowed us to share them with our readers.

Let's hope for better weather as we celebrate the Queen's Jubilee over the weekend in June.

Long to rain reign over us.



By Jimmy Young

The Commonwealth has a population of some 2.6 billion people, so it's perhaps no surprise that the Queen has only managed to get to Wymondham once in her record-breaking 70-year reign.

A rainy day in February 2002 saw Her Majesty officially open Norfolk Police Headquarters. But though that may now be a distant twenty years ago, for the group of 250 or gathered under the dark clouds that day, the memories haven't faded.

Corrine Barrett's two children had made their own flags at home with their Nanny Barrett. Her son Casey was just 3 years old, while her daughter Elise was 5. They can be seen bottom right clasping handfuls of daffodils they had picked from the garden to present to the Queen, which she graciously accepted saying they were lovely.

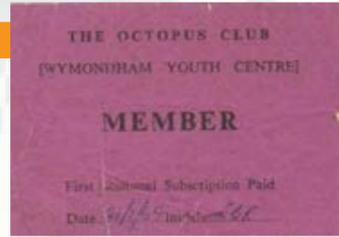
Her stunning photo (top left) not only brilliantly captures the monarch

as she greeted the excited onlookers but also cheerfully harks back to an age before digital photography in the children's cameras, held ready to get that all-important snap. The Queen can be seen receiving flowers with the Duke of Edinburgh in tow in Corrine's final photo, right centre.

For Lynda Moore, it was the weather on the day that sticks out. She'd rushed from school with her two children, 4 and 6 to get a sight of the Queen. She recalls the skies growing a dark navy blue while eagerly waiting for the monarch to emerge from her tour of the building. And then the downpour came, soaking everyone from head to toe.

Her photo top right captures a beautiful rainbow that appeared shortly before the Queen's public meet and greet, which was delayed to let the deluge pass. The Queen can be seen chatting to senior members of Norfolk Police in a light-hearted exchange in





A SHOP THROUGH TIME...

The Griffin *By Sarah Standley*

Today No.6 Market Street is the home of Elementals Magickal Emporium and behind, in Griffin Court, are various offices and services. However if you were taken back to the same spot in the early 1600s you would be at the Griffin Coaching Inn. The Griffin possibly even dated further back to the late 1500s.

In 1607 during a criminal case it was reported that Stephen Nicols of Ely had stayed one Wednesday night at The Gryffin, Wyndham.

The inn was enlarged around 1700 and then the Griffin became firmly established as one of Wymondham's main coaching inns along with the King's Head on the Market Place.

In the 1800s as well as being a stop for coaches, including the twice daily Mail coach, carriers' carts used the inn as their terminus. The carriage entrance to the rear is on the left hand side under the jetty and the area is called Griffin Court commemorating the inn's coaching history.

Auctions and sales were regularly held at the inn, for land, property and goods. Every Friday evening after the town's market closed, corn was sold by the sample.

One well known auctioneer who frequently

held sales at the inn was James Blomfield Rush who would become the notorious Stanfield Hall murderer.

In 1848, James Blomfield Rush was living at Potash Farm, Hethel and he owed Isaac Jermy of Stanfield Hall rent and mortgage payments and was in dispute with him. On November 28th 1848 Isaac Jermy, his son Isaac Jermy Jermy and his wife were in residence at Stanfield Hall and disguised and armed with a pistol Rush hid in the grounds. When Isaac Jermy appeared at the door at 8pm, Rush fatally shot him and then his son. Then Mrs Jermy Jermy and Eliza Chestney, a housemaid, were shot and wounded. Rush was arrested, found guilty at his trial and hung at Norwich Castle on April 21st 1849.

Accommodation was provided at the Griffin and some census returns show licensees as Hotel Keepers and Managers

The earliest known licensee was William Riches in 1794. Others followed including John Chapman 1830 to 1839, Richard Foulsham 1839 to 1858 and William Bowden who also was a bricklayer / builder from 1864 to 1891 followed by his wife Caroline from 1892 to 1898.

Walter Dodman was

landlord from around 1900 to 1903, his wife Mary was a dressmaker. Walter was also a wine merchant and after leaving the Griffin they moved to Church Street and had a wine merchants, Dodmans Stores, opposite Becket's Chapel.

William Blyth followed Walter as licensee with wife Salome in 1903 to 1927. They had eight children, some of whom helped in the trade.

From 1937 and through the war years saw Frederick Wright and wife Bessie running The Griffin.

The Griffin was owned by Wymondham brewers Cann & Clarke who sold their business to Morgans of Norwich in 1894. In time Morgans was acquired by Bullards of Norwich. It was in 1961 when Bullards closed the inn on October 31st and they then sold the property in 1962.

Following the sale, The Griffin was converted in about 1963 to a modern state of the art youth club, Wymondham Youth Centre, known as The Octopus Club which had moved there from the Baptist Hall. The club was very popular with Wymondham's youngsters for the next few decades. It was run by John Young and later John Rutherford, Divisional Youth & Community Officer.

Table tennis, snooker, a record player discos and refreshments were amongst the entertainment provided and even live local bands played in the hall too.

Memories were made and many first kisses occurred at the Octopus Club. Friendships and even marriages came from those early gatherings.

The venue could also be hired for community events. A postcard display of Old Wymondham and different postcard collections was held there in the late 1980s organised by Wymondham's celebrated postcard collectors, including Philip Yaxley and my Dad, Philip Standley. The Women's Institute held their popular Wymondham Country Market on Friday mornings at the rear for several years when in its infancy. Many jars of jams and marmalade and homemade sausage rolls and cakes were purchased by their appreciative customers.

Norfolk County Council sold the property in 1999 and offices were put in place at the rear for businesses. The former Griffin Inn became ladies clothing shops for almost the next twenty years. The first occupants were Dragonfly Clothing who had a successful business in North Norfolk. Later shops

were Doves and Ratio all selling similar lines of quality womenswear.

In 2019 Gary and Samantha Wootton chose Wymondham to open Elementals Magickal Emporium because of its history and old buildings reminding them of Rochester, Kent where they previously lived.

They are proud to have more than 100 different predominantly small businesses supplying their products, these are hand picked and mostly based in the UK, with product ingredients being natural, and ethically sourced and with recyclable packaging wherever possible. For example, coconut wax melts and soy candles, handmade soaps and perfumes, oils and tinctures and herbal teas. You will also find clothing, handmade jewellery, gods and goddesses, Oracle cards, flying Pendle witches and lots of hand blended incense direct from Glastonbury! They also have a wide range of Anglo Saxon and Norse goods such as jewellery, leather goods, beard oils and drinking horns, not to mention traditional honey mead, believed to be the oldest fermented alcoholic beverage known to mankind!

Due to their unique

range of gifts and wellbeing products, people visit from all walks of life and from surprisingly far afield, who will then spend time in Wymondham visiting the Abbey and stopping for lunch or tea and cake!

Gary and Samantha said "We decided to open a shop rather than an internet business because we prefer to engage with our customers. This has proved to be the right decision because of the number of people who feel they can come into the Emporium and chat openly with us. We receive regular feedback thanking us for our time and help, and that is what traditional retailing is all about."

One of the reasons Gary and Samantha sell traditional honey Mead at the old Griffin is to honour its history of purveying alcoholic beverages. They also honour its past through "Ogham" their Magickal Griffin, who welcomes good folk and guards the store from negative energy!

The Griffin Inn may no longer be open but its legacy is still here over 400 years on with the building's striking presence on Market Street, Griffin Court to the rear, many memories and honey mead!

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Wymondham Town Council

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What the Town Council has been doing for Wymondham in the past year

Civic Year Review

The 2021-22 civic year was a challenge, but in a different way to the previous two years. When covid-19 restrictions were relaxed there was a more pleasing spike to endure, and this was a spike in civic receptions and civic services. Almost every mayor and chair person throughout the county decided to arrange their events just in case covid returned.

Between May 2021 and December 2021 my wife and I attended 15 events with most of them condensed into August and September. This was a busy period, but also very enjoyable as we re-acquainted ourselves with old friends and made many new friends. The types of event were so diverse and enabled us to visit so many parts of our beautiful county.

As we approached Christmas our diaries were still full but we learned of a new covid variant named omicron, and we began to fear for our long overdue Christmas celebrations with family and friends.

Thankfully most of us were able to celebrate the festive period before we had to endure a further period of restrictions, where sadly many more lives were lost to this horrible disease. Again we had to give great thanks to our NHS staff; our doctors and nurses and of course our essential workers who stepped up and helped us all.

It was March before we were able to attend any further events, when restrictions were eventually lifted, and we all breathed a sigh of relief believing we were returning to normal. Slightly premature in our case as despite dodging covid for 2 years we finally succumbed to it ourselves at the end of March!

One of the highlights of the year was being able to finally hold a Civic Reception in September 2021, where my wife and I were able to welcome around 80 guests to the event. Guests included dignitaries, mayors and friends from all areas of the county. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event that will live long in our memory.

My greatest pleasure was being able to honour two more recipients of the Wymondham Town Council Civic Award; namely Arnie McConnell and Philip Yaxley. These two gentlemen have worked tirelessly for the good of Wymondham for many years, and were worthy recipients of the award. Unfortunately Philip could not attend the event, but we were able to present his award to him at the farmers market a few weeks later.

Another highlight was the Mayor's Community Bingo night, held in March where again over 70 people attended the event. The greatest achievement was raising £1,200 which was shared equally between Wymondham Dementia Support Group and Star Throwers. These are two organisations that do wonderful work for our community, and who we have a great affinity for. Being able to present these cheques to these organisations was a wonderful feeling; it really is better to give than receive.

I am proud that our Town Council has again been able to support voluntary groups within Wymondham to enable them to complete projects where they needed that extra funding boost, and we will continue to do this. The Town Council is also working towards other significant projects in Wymondham which include the new cemetery, improvements to Browick Park and completion of the Neighbourhood Plan, and I am confident all of these will progress significantly over the next 12 months.

As always I must thank my fellow councillors for their support, Mr Trevor Gurney; the Town Clerk for his help and advice, the council admin staff and the ground staff. You have all worked hard for Wymondham during the past year. Most of all I must thank my lovely wife Sharron for her enduring support and constant companionship during all of our engagements.

I am once again honoured to be elected Mayor of Wymondham for the coming year, and have been astounded by the support and good wishes I have already received from so many friends, colleagues and family. I will continue to promote Wymondham at every event and function I attend.

Cllr Kevin Hurn



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Wymondham Town Council

How it works, what it does, where your money is spent

How does your Town Council work for you?

The 14 members of Wymondham Town Council are all unpaid volunteers, elected by Wymondham people every four years. Elections took place in May 2019 so that 2021-22 was the third year of office for the council. Each year the councillors elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor from among their members.

The full Town Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month. It takes questions from the public, notes minutes from its committees and receives reports from representatives on outside bodies. It also approves all payments to suppliers from the preceding month and discusses issues relevant to the town.

Some of the Town Council's functions are delegated to three main committees and these meet on Tuesdays in accordance with the schedule published on the council website. Each committee consists of five members who elect their own chair and vice chair. These committees are:

Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism, which supervises the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the Council's recreation areas such as Ketts Park and Browick Road recreation ground. It is responsible for ensuring that play equipment meets health and safety requirements and that residents have access to leisure facilities. It is also responsible for other open spaces, such as the Tolls Meadow

nature reserve, the Becketswell amenity area and the allotments.

Planning, Lighting & Highways liaises closely with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on all road, pavement and lighting issues affecting the Wymondham parish. It takes a strategic planning overview for the town and works in conjunction with the county and district councils. While it does not grant planning approvals (normally the responsibility of South Norfolk Council), the Town Council is consulted on all applications affecting Wymondham.

Finance & General Purposes manages property owned or leased by the council, including the cemetery and the charter Friday market. It also allocates funds under the council's small grants scheme and is responsible for machinery purchases and the council's administration team. Its remit also includes the Grade 1 listed Market Cross and the provision of Tourist Information Centre facilities provided by the council staff.

Agendas are posted on the Town Council notice board and agendas and meetings for council meetings are published on the council website, and these indicate the starting time. Public participation is allowed at all meetings at the allocated time.

A closer look at planning

Planning can be a complex and often contentious matter. The Town Council's Planning, Lighting and Highways Committee works within a planning policy framework which explains how planning applications are dealt with, and how decisions are made.

South Norfolk Council has the final say in planning matters. Sometimes its Planning Committee will delegate decisions on appropriate cases to planning officers in consultation with local members. All applications are forwarded first to the Town Council for comment, and details

of applications are posted on the council noticeboard. Plans are available through the South Norfolk Council website, and considered at a council or committee meeting where they are discussed.

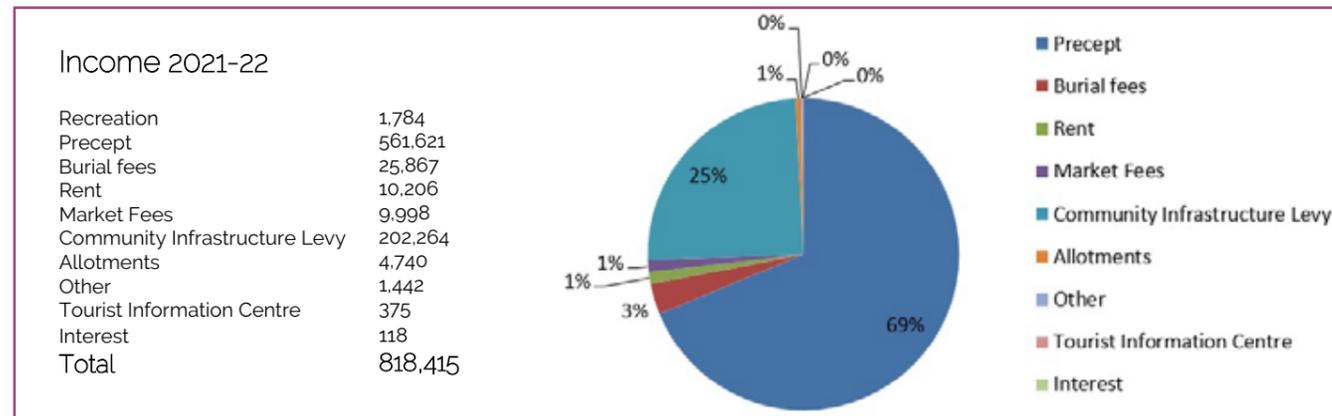
Letters from the public commenting on applications are welcome, and time is always allowed at the start of meetings for public comments to be made in person. The Town Council will then comment to the District Council in the light of the local plan and other policy guidance, taking into account any public comments and the considered views of its members.



Wymondham Town Council Annual Report 2021-22

Precepts, grants, income and expenditure - council finance explained

Where the money comes from, and where it goes, are set out in these two diagrams:



The Town Council is required by law to set a budget each year, which then determines how it is financed for that year.

Income is obtained from a number of sources, such as market fees, leisure activity fees, burials, rents, grants and income on investments. It is also prudent for the council to maintain a general reserve to cover emergencies together with earmarked reserves for specific projects.

The largest source of income is the precept, which in the 2021-22 financial year was £561,621 which was received. For the present 2022-23 financial year the precept has been set at £603,032.

Expenditure included the costs of maintaining the council offices at Ketts Park and the salaries of the Town Clerk, administration support staff and groundsmen as well as the Tourist Information staff. The Town Council also maintains various amenity and play areas such as Tolls Meadow, Bellrope Lane and the Cemetery.

Another important part of the council's work is in supporting local groups through our grants scheme. Each year the Town Council makes grants to local organisations to help with projects. Grants were awarded in 2021-22 as shown in the box to the right.

Grants 2021/22

Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper	122.70
Wymondham in Bloom	1,780.00
Mid Norfolk Railway	1,200.00
North Wymondham Community Centre	1,500.00
Total	4,602.70

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Civic Awards

Philip Yaxley is a Wymondham born and bred local historian, and he is a founder member; and the longest serving member of Wymondham Heritage Society (originally called the Wymondham Society), whom he has served for over 55 years! He is a local historian who has assisted the Wymondham Heritage Museum with many displays and exhibitions and has written many publications for the museum. He has also been a Trustee of the Wymondham Market Cross Trust Fund since 1993. In 2000 Philip was one of the founding members of The Regal Experience Group; working with the Wymondham Ex-Services Club to keep the Regal Cinema running for open days and special events. This has enabled him to meet many stars of stage and screen and invite many of them to the Wymondham Regal. Philip has also been involved in supporting Wymondham Vintage Day and submitting numerous articles to the local press. He has also been a Trustee of so many more groups, societies and charities; too many to mention, and written many books about Wymondham. Philip is a true Stalwart of Wymondham and not only serves in such a variety of ways, but advocates and promotes with passion a town he so dearly loves. It gave us great pleasure to present this award to Philip in front of the Market Cross on Saturday 16th October.



Arnie McConnell is a Wymondham resident who works tirelessly to support lonely, disadvantaged and vulnerable people in his community. He raises funds for a number of community projects. Two of his initiatives include The Community Kitchen which invites diners from all walks of life to enjoy a free or pay what you can afford lunch each week and The Community Fridge which helps tackle food waste in our society. A third string to his bow is the Help Point which supports families and individuals who are experiencing financial hardship and food poverty. Arnie also offers voluntary work to local hostel residents and then provides references for them to local employers. In October 2019 he was recognised by Norfolk Constabulary when he won a Community Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution in helping to keep Norfolk safe. Arnie personifies community spirit and acts as a role model for others to follow. He is extremely deserving of his Civic Award, matching the recognition already given by Norfolk Constabulary.

Wymondham Town Council

Central Ward	East Ward	North Ward	South Ward
Cllr. R Elliott	Cllr. P Broome	Cllr. Y Astley	Cllr. J Halls
Cllr. I Flatt		Cllr. K Cross	Cllr. A James
Cllr. K Hurn		Cllr. A Holden	Cllr. S Nuri-Nixon
Cllr. R Savage		Cllr. P Hubble	
Cllr. K Carsok		Cllr. J Murrell	

South Norfolk Council

Central Ward	North Ward	South Ward (includes East ward)
Cllr. K Hurn	Cllr. A Holden	Cllr. J Halls
Cllr. R Savage	Cllr. J Hornby	Cllr. S Nuri-Nixon

Norfolk County Council

Wymondham Division	Forehoe Division (South Ward)
Cllr. R Savage	Cllr. D Elmer

Contact details for all councillors are on our website

Meeting dates – Council and Committees

The Town Council normally meets on the first Tuesday of each month with the Finance & General Purposes and the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism Committees meeting on the third Tuesday in alternative months. These meetings typically start at 7pm.

Planning, Lighting and Highways Committee meets on both the first and third Tuesdays monthly at 6pm.

June

7th Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Town Council

21st Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Finance & General Purposes

July

5th Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Town Council

19th Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism Committee

August

2nd Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Town Council

16th Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Finance & General Purposes

September

6th Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Town Council

20th Planning Lighting & Highways followed by Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism Committee



“I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT EWE”

By **Rebecca Mills**, EweMove

A cheery 'Hello' to all readers. It's an honour to be able to talk to you all with my own page within Wymondham Magazine after launching my business just a couple of years ago. For a new business owner, choosing to start up in March 2020 just as the world came to a total halt... it was certainly unprecedented and precarious times and quite the grind. Without the invaluable support of family and friends, alongside the many wonderful clients who have entrusted me from those difficult times and since, I dare say I wouldn't be sat here writing this article. I hold you all very dear.

Heading into my third year of business is a great feeling. But to me the privilege is being able to call Wymondham home, not to mention basing my business here too. Born and raised in North Yorkshire, followed by a move to Scotland and living for 15 years in Portugal, deciding to settle in Norfolk's most beloved Market Town (as far as I'm concerned) was an easy choice. As a local agent, I regularly meet people who have the same wish for the very same reasons – simply adding to the joy of welcoming them into their new homes.

Wymondham Magazine as a local

initiative has been a part of my journey for a good while, and now feels like the perfect time to step up my support in a way that benefits as many people as possible. My aim moving forward is to offer useful tips and advice for potential buyers and existing homeowners, and I won't forget landlords and tenants also, so whatever your situation I'm here for you. My approach will cover the local property market and how you can positively influence your journey as a buyer and seller when the time comes to move.

There is no time like the present to get started, so if you are considering or preparing a move at this time, have a think about the full picture and dedicate some time to getting all your sheep in a row. The selling phase itself can be complex enough and taking care to instruct the right agent is key in so many ways. However, do not underestimate the impact of instructing the right legal and financial expert. These decisions are important and should be made early on in your process. Just like agents, they are there to ensure you can make informed decisions, keep your journey moving forward and to safeguard your position. And yes, fees are a serious consideration, but note that what you

pay isn't always as influential as who you pay..

So, despite not being a talented writer (apologies in advance), I am excited about putting pen to paper for future editions. I apologise for the puns in advance, but as ewe know, it's good to have an expert in their field around... and sheep do know their fields. You have an open invite to contact me at any time for guidance and support. If there is a discussion point that you're particularly interested in, simply let me know – don't be sheepish! Until next time.

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Charles Armstrong, right, cuts the ribbon with brother William and former Usherette Jean Clarke

ARMSTRONG BROTHERS OFFICIALLY OPEN HERITAGE MUSEUM FOR SEASON

By **Neil Haverson**

In March 2020, Wymondham Heritage Museum planned an official opening for the new season and to showcase two newly recreated shops, a grocers from the 30s and a hardware store that had stood on Town Green from the 19th century until 1988. But the country went into lockdown and the event had to be cancelled.



Chas H Standley former employees, l-r Jeanette Gibbs, Brian Gibbs, Sarah Standley, Colin Brown

Two years on, the museum made up for lost time by inviting guests to attend the launch of the 2022 season. The highlight was a new exhibition telling the history of the town's Regal

Cinema. The display is made possible thanks to a bequest from the late Michael Armstrong who was passionate about the cinema from the age of ten. He had recreated a miniature Regal at his home, furnished with a host of the cinema's original artefacts, some of which are now on view in the museum's main gallery.

The museum's committee chair, Amanda Oelrichs, welcomed guests which included the town mayor, Kevin Hurn together with Michael Armstrong's brothers William and Charles.

William Armstrong, a former coroner and tribunal judge, praised the museum saying it must be one of the best heritage museums in the area. He spoke of his time as a solicitor when the court was housed in The Bridewell, now the museum's home.

He paid tribute to his brother saying the Regal exhibition would "give honour and testimonial to a remarkable man who provided so much pleasure to the people of Wymondham and helped keep alive the spirit and memory of the old Regal Cinema."

A former usherette from the cinema, Jean Clarke, daughter of onetime owner Bert Caley, joined the Armstrong brothers in cutting the ribbon to open the exhibition.

Also in attendance were five former employees of one of the recreated

shops, Chas H Standley's Little Dustpan hardware store, including the museum's display manager, Sarah Standley, great granddaughter of Charles Standley.

Also new for this year are displays charting the history of the ancient Bridewell. A Policeman's Lot features the time the building was a police station. In one of the old cells is an exhibition looking at The Bridewell as a prison illustrating the redevelopment of the building in the 18th century when it became a model prison for others in the UK and America. There's also an insight into what life was like for those incarcerated there.

Wymondham Heritage Museum is open daily 1pm to 4pm. More information at thewhm.org.uk



Jean Barsby (now Clarke) when she was an usherette

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WILD TRIBE FAMILY MEETS

By *Clare Corry*

We are Wymondham Wild Tribe, a friendly and welcoming free group, created to meet with like-minded outdoorsy families and to get out more in nature while creating a supportive tribe. We meet up in different local places such as The Lizard, Ketts Park woods, different parks and free outdoor places weekly on a Tuesday morning and Wednesdays after school as well as occasionally other days and times too.

Everyone in the group is welcome to set up their own local outdoors meetups using the Facebook page. All expecting parents and families/carers with babies and children of all ages can meet with us and have fun! It's great to get outside, away from screens and the isolation of being at home and meet with like-minded friends. Our tribe supports each other through the challenges little people bring with joy and laughter.



We have lots of fun jumping in muddy puddles, climbing trees, playing with parachutes, exploring, and walking. At times we walk a few metres before the children find a place they want to settle. Each meetup is unique and child focused.

The lockdowns meant that many of us have missed out on connections with other families, leading to many challenges and Wymondham Wild Tribe offers you the opportunity now to

reconnect with other families and with nature, both for you and for your little people.

Feel free to check out our Facebook page Wymondham Wild Tribe and join our Chat group too where we advertise all our meetups and keep in touch. It's always wonderful to meet new families, our tribe is growing beautifully and all are very welcome. Hope to see you soon!

Advertorial

THE BANK OF MUM AND DAD

Written by *Sherise Kissoon*

Conveyancing Executive, Spire Solicitors



As a result of high rental costs and soaring property prices, more parents are dipping into savings or releasing capital from their own property to support the next generation. Research by Legal & General estimates that one in every two first time buyers under 35 years old received financial support from the Bank of Mum and Dad – or BoMaD – as it's known.

If you are thinking of lending money to your child to assist with a property purchase, it is important for you to consider any long-term legal consequences – both for the sake of your child and yourself. Initially, you should decide:

IS THE MONEY A GIFT OR A LOAN?

Provided the money is meant as a gift and you do not wish to take an interest in the property or require repayment of the monies given, this is called a gifted deposit. This can be given by you or another family member forming all or part of a deposit for somebody wanting to buy a property. It can also be used in conjunction with the child's own savings or help to buy scheme.

If the money will be a loan and you are intending to get it back at some stage, it is vital that the transfer of money is recorded in a formal loan agreement. Formal loan agreements, as opposed to outright gifts, offer the most protection.

WHAT ARE THE TAX IMPLICATIONS?

You will not have to pay any immediate tax on the gift when buying the property. However, for inheritance tax planning purposes, documentation to support when the money was paid and confirming that it was made with the intention of being a gift may be crucial, if it is to take advantage of the rules concerning such gifts when inheritance tax is calculated on the death of the giver.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR CONTRIBUTION?

If your child is buying the property with a partner or friend, you can protect the money you have gifted with a declaration of trust, or deed of trust. This states

who the money was gifted to – so you can specify you gave it solely to your child. In the event of the property being sold, this document will ensure your child retains ownership of your financial gift. It can also clarify if the money is a gift or a loan, and if the latter when it needs to be paid back.

In all cases, it is essential to clearly set out any arrangements in writing to avoid any challenges in the future. The property will be at the mercy of trusts and property law which is riddled with confusion, uncertainty and complexities and the outcome may not be what you intend in the event of a dispute.

If you would like to discuss any points in this article further, please contact Spire Solicitors LLP on 01953 606351.



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WYMONDHAM COUNTRY MARKET

By *Veronica Pell*

We are part of the countrywide network of Country Markets, which is over 100 years old. Everything we have is home produced, and quality controlled – all our food producers have level 2 food safety certificates and are registered with their local authority. The markets are registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, and anyone over the age of 16 producing suitable goods can join – we would especially welcome new cooks! If you are interested in joining us, please drop in and have a chat.

We are now well settled into our new home in the rotunda at



Wymondham Library – a lovely light area with disabled access that is just the right size too! – after having to close for almost 2 years due to Covid. When we re-opened in October we had to change our opening hours, we are now open from 1030-1230 every Friday when the library is open from February- December – we are happy to take orders, and can often deliver within Wymondham if needed.

Food apart, we have plants and lots of crafts for you to browse, so please drop in and have a look.

The national website is www.country-markets.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OPEN DAY

18th June 2022. 10am to 4pm

By *David Hazleton*, Secretary of Wymondham Photographic Society

With the rise in popularity of camera phones over the last 20 years or so, taking and sharing images has never been more popular or so easy. Taking images on your smartphone can also spark an interest in creating better pictures and maybe taking photography more seriously as a hobby. This is where Wymondham Photographic Society (WPS) can help.

WPS was formed in 1969, fully 20 years before the first digital camera was launched by Fuji, who at the time made film. Since then the club has been ever present on the landscape of Wymondham.

The Society has 4 main aims: 1) To promote interest and education in photography. 2) To encourage an atmosphere of mutual assistance and goodwill. 3) To encourage keen but friendly competition. 4) To raise and maintain funds to meet the above aims and sustain the club.

We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 8-10pm in the Wymondham Dell Bowls Club on Norwich Road, and our season runs from the beginning of September until the end of June. Our spacious venue has parking facilities and is equipped with a full bar which also serves tea and coffee. We have a large permanently installed projection screen which was chosen specifically to complement our club's new high definition widescreen digital projector.

We also have a Wi-Fi facility in our meeting room which enables us to host speakers from around the world via Zoom.

The subjects of our weekly meetings are varied and may feature guest speakers from the world of photography, practical demonstrations and presentations by club members, continuous improvement sessions, looking at different photographic techniques and processes etc. We also hold regular internal club competitions, informal challenge evenings, and take part in external competitions locally and internationally. Details of future meetings can be found on the calendar which is on the club website www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/calendar/

Each year we organise an Open Day at the Dell Bowls Club and invite the people of Wymondham and the surrounding area to share in our hobby, meet the members and view our work. There will also be the opportunity for you to come along and take advantage of our studio set up and we invite you to take pictures of your loved ones using our facilities. You will have to supply the camera though! This year's Open Day is being held on 18th June 22 from 10am to 4pm and it would be great to see you there.

We like to think of ourselves as a welcoming and friendly group who are dedicated to promoting and

enjoying the art of photography. Yes, it is as much an art as painting or sculpting because in a photograph, the photographer is creating something, a piece of work, a memory that can be cherished by others. We aim to enjoy our photography, and nurture and inspire others to do the same. We would love to see you. If you are interested in Photography as a hobby please come along to our Open Day and chat to our members. Alternatively, please come along to one of our Tuesday evening meetings to meet us and chat about the club and membership, or contact us on email via enquiries@wymondham-ps.org.uk. We look forward to meeting you.



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WHAT'S A PARTY WITHOUT THE PEOPLE?

By *Tracy Kenny*, Totally Locally

Everybody in town is looking forward to the Jubilee Picnic. The Town Team are doing the hard work behind the scenes, but it's the crowds that turn up, having fun together, who will make it the exciting celebration we're all looking forward to.

Thinking about the rest of the year, we've got another thing to celebrate every day: the shops on our high street are also organised by a set of dedicated, hard-working people, getting everything ready, for the people to turn up to make it fun.

And it works. Wymondham has always been the kind of town where people pull together to preserve the things that are important.

In Wymondham we've been running Totally Locally since just before the first lockdown. Part of a national campaign, we host Fiver Fest a few times a year, where we first shared the calculation that if each adult spent £5 a week in independent shops, it would inject £3.2 million a year into the Wymondham economy alone.

It got off to an uncertain start: we

had no sooner launched Totally Locally in Wymondham when Covid forced all the businesses to pull down their shutters. But even then our committed shopkeepers found ways to deliver. And it wasn't just flour, prescriptions, or books, it was making sure that the lonely who usually call in and get a friendly hello, still had someone checking in on them.

So you get a lot more than just value for money with independent shops – you get a sense of belonging to something that matters. When lockdown descended, hundreds of volunteers got involved to make sure Wymondham was still okay, from the traders to the housebound. The system was there, the people pulled together to get creative, and most of our shops survived.

And now that we're all out of lockdown, it's even more important that we remember: Wymondham is more than a system of housing estates. The Abbey, the museum, the heritage railway, the nature and our walks are all treasures, but the independent shops



on the high street are just as much a part of what generations before us have loved about the town, and deserve just as much investment from all of us.

The district council has announced the Love Local campaign, and we are grateful for every message to encourage people shopping in their own towns. It's to all our advantage that we all love where we live: it creates jobs, establishes a strong social network, reduces crime, increases tax money, improves property values – the benefits go on and on. And when you think about it, it isn't necessarily cheaper or faster to shop online – the price is often very similar, but the money stays here in Wymondham, instead of helping a system of shareholders.

We have so much to show off and enjoy in Wymondham. But it only works when everybody does their part to keep it going.

WILDLIFE WALK

Wymondham 5th Brownies and Greening Wymondham

By *Andy Speller*

With the weather set fair, members of Greening Wymondham led an early evening wildlife walk for the 5th Wymondham Brownies at Kett's Park & Wood early in May this year.

For fun and interest, Greening Wymondham produced a simple tick box handout for plants, for trees and a blank section for any birds/insects/animals.

The blank section because plants and trees don't move whereas birds, insects & animals do.

Underestimate Brownies at your peril! Plants and trees do move – in the wind!

Before setting off, Susie, the Brownie leader, asked what sorts of plants they might see.

The clever Brownies correctly named more than half the plants and trees on the handout.

A fun time was had by all. Lots of intelligent questions, lots of noise, lots

of excitement. Greening Wymondham were very impressed by how clued up and aware of our environment all these young girls were.

The walk (and talk) went from the park playground, via the south side footpath (at its best in early May with Cow Parsley in full bloom), followed the hardcore path in Kett's wood, deviated to look at the hidden gem which is Gristlewood before finishing at the northern exit of the wood.

What did we talk about? Here's the list - how many do you know? Cow Parsley, Oak grove,

Ground Ivy, Herb Robert, Cherry, Forget-Me-Not, Field Maple, Honesty, Dandelion, Buttercup, Plantain, Daisies, Hawthorn, Rose, Orchids, Ramsoms & Horse Chestnut.

What else did we see? Squirrel, Caterpillar, woodlouse, Rabbits and a whole lot more!

Photos: Susie Heritage (Brownie leader)



Guest Column

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE



By Cllr Tony Holden

Way back in August 2021 I put a proposal to Wymondham Town Council. It was to establish a working group, rather snappily called Bright Future. Its purpose was simply to establish a very necessary, but until then lacking link between the Town Council, our high street traders, community groups, South Norfolk Council and residents.

Rather naively I expected all of my fellow councillors to want to be a part of this initiative. What's not to like about the idea of establishing a dialogue with the folks who have elected us and whose interests we are there to serve? Although the proposal was passed, support from councillors was less forthcoming than I had hoped. I've even heard the suggestion that this was just a 'talking shop' that would amount to nothing. I was lucky to have the backing of a few forward-thinking colleagues who helped to take the project from an idea to reality.

So, after a rather difficult beginning the Bright Future working group was born. Our initial meeting was addressed by the leader of South Norfolk Council John Fuller. He saw the merit of the group and wished us well in our efforts to shape the town.

At that first meeting I will admit to being more than a bit nervous. I was concerned that we were raising expectations, and that when push came to shove, we wouldn't be able to deliver. Less than a year has gone by, and already what was being hailed as a talking shop is well on the way to producing results that we could not have predicted 12 months ago. So far the council has begun working towards better communications by creating a list of email addresses for our all-important high street traders. It has agreed to fund a Town Coordinator for a trial period of a year, a role which will deliver tailored support for a wide range of businesses and town stakeholders and promote the

attributes of the town to residents and visitors.

Further exciting conversations are ongoing regarding improving the town centre experience for pedestrians, hosting themed Summer Saturday Markets, developing community infrastructure projects and more. Each meeting works like a brainstorming session which the Councillors use to formulate proposals for the full Council to consider.

Being a town councillor can be soul destroying. If you ask anyone why they stood for election they will probably say 'because I want to make a difference'. Believe me, that's much easier said than done, which is why I am immensely proud of what we have achieved so far, and what we will achieve in the future. We are definitely making a difference, and by working together we will create a bright future for Wymondham.

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FREE CANCER NUTRITION PACKAGES

By *Sara White*

Star Throwers Cancer Support Charity is to start offering free Cancer Nutritional Care Packages thanks to generous grants from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Aviva Community Fund.

These free individually tailored cancer nutrition packages will be offered to those who have received a cancer diagnosis or are recovering from cancer and have benefitted from the charity's current nutrition support sessions. Star Throwers currently offer talks, one-to-one sessions, and group Q&A sessions on cancer nutrition with an experienced and registered Nutritional Therapist who has been working with the charity for the past 5 years.

The team at Star Throwers worked with patients who had attended nutritional support sessions with the charity and consulted with them on the items to be included and what they have found beneficial to them to enable them to make positive nutritional changes. The items are intended to be used with the new 'Star Throwers - Recipe Booklet' which has been put together by the Nutritionist, Edwina Green – containing recipes based around the Mediterranean style diet, which is anti-inflammatory, colourful, flavourful, and rich in plant-based foods.

Visit www.starthrowers.org.uk for more information.





A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF A WYMONDHAM SIXTH FORMER

By **Freddy Lowe**

At Wymondham High Sixth Form, a theory exists that there are two exams more stressful than any other, and that getting through these two exams means you're ready for anything in life. The first is a driving test, and the second is a recorded language speaking exam. What was less fortunate was that one of my friends recently was ill-fated enough to have both within 24 hours of each other. (Both went fine. He passed his driving test with four minors.)

Parents and teachers of Wymondham will be aware that we are now entering the 'kick-off' period of A-Levels and GCSEs. Here is where we are on the timeline: for A-Levels, French Speaking exams are done, the Spanish/German ones are in the coming days, and the main bulk of paper exams kick off in June. For GCSEs, the paper exams begin with full throttle on the week beginning the 16th May, with (most of) their speaking exams already done and dusted. It's a difficult time for all concerned – and not just academically! In a teenage Sixth Form exam environment, you definitely find out who your true friends are, as everyone naturally allows the stress to get to them a tiny bit. The friends you want to be with are the ones for whom the stresses manifest into humour. We couldn't help but be amused recently when the aforementioned best friend – the one with both hideous exams back-to-back – was terrified that he'd lost his licence on his first drive out (he hadn't) because of a harmless error that was rectified immediately. He proceeded to ask our French teacher, "why have I passed when I can't drive? Was my examiner just being nice?"

Even with those who feel the stress

more, one can't blame them. It's entirely understandable: we all joined this school when we were children, grew up into adults together, and now have to interact in a tighter-fitting building that hasn't got any bigger. A teacher asked me the other day if I was 'emotional' about the fact that we are all leaving for study leave in two weeks' time. My short answer was no. Not because I won't miss anyone there (quite the opposite, especially with some members of staff), but rather because most of us are feeling the desire to take revision matters into our own hands and leave the confines of school.

"The friends you want to be with are the ones for whom the stresses manifest into humour"

The staff feel the pressure of exam season too, and like most Wymondham High staff members, they take it like absolute pros. It's interesting to see their variety of methods: some turn maternal ("please eat all your vitamins over the coming months and stay away from ill people!"), others become like the motivational speakers at the side of racetracks ("you're so nearly at the end!"), others don't care if we even listen to them in lessons ("I'll stand here teaching for those who want it, but feel free to ignore me and do your



own revision"), and others become the pioneers of #Relaxation ("don't work too hard and make sure you rest too!"). The only bizarre moment was when we received a PowerPoint presentation – delivered by our bewildered form tutor – about 'tips for school life, such as asking teachers about homework deadlines...two weeks before we're due to all disappear for study leave. (Maybe there was an admin error somewhere down the line.)

However, contrary to popular belief about 'relaxation', Sixth Form students do know how to relax without trashing the streets, as some believe we do – and it can be in a number of ways. Headphones are a frequent go-to. Billie Eilish is popular (despite my previous orchestral purism, I've been converted – she is superb), as well as others like The Beatles or Ariana Grande. Some listen to podcasts. Among us language students, the responsible ones listen to the Duolingo podcasts, whereas I prefer 'HitchPod', an iTunes show about Alfred Hitchcock films (of which I'm a huge fan). It is total procrastinating escapism but would highly recommend.

Several of my friends play football matches that provide much debate and contention the Monday after (I never have a clue what they're on about), and many of us also play music ensembles. (The only thing we don't do too often is read, and that's because we're saving it for post-exams.)

But suffice it to say, as frenetic as it can get in current Sixth Form life, one thing is very clear: the Exam season is coming fast, and it will be over faster than it came.



NEW CAFE IN LEISURE CENTRE GOES WITH THE FLO

A brand-new café at Wymondham Leisure Centre is proving popular, with their coffee hailed by customers as 'the best they've ever tasted'.

Coffee with Flo opened its door on the 1st of April, selling a variety of light lunches, cakes, snacks and drinks. The food is fresh and locally sourced, and everything is cooked from scratch. There's also lots of healthy choices and plenty of vegan options to choose from, as well as a children's menu.

Manager Florin Stoian, who has over 20 years' experience in

the catering industry said: "All our customers have been fantastic, giving us such great feedback, we have really been overwhelmed by their praise, particularly for our coffee and giant scones."

Florin, who is originally from Bucharest Romania, previously spent 10 years teaching youngsters how to run restaurants and cafes at City College in Norwich. He also ran a Junior MasterChef programme at weekends for 9-15 year olds to inspire them to become better cooks.

He said: "We cater for the spa guests and for the people who hire the meeting rooms as well as all the gym goers, but you don't have to be a leisure user to come to the café. It's a great place to meet with friends and enjoy a slice of cake, coffee or light lunch." The centre is easy to find and there is ample free parking on site.

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ACHIEVING TOGETHER



DOUBLE TRIUMPH FOR WYMONDHAM RFC'S YOUTH PLAYERS

By Andy Thomson

A new generation of Wymondham rugby players brought back two County Cups from the Big Norfolk Rugby Weekend.

The wins from the club's Under-15 and Under-14 squads - plus a battling defeat in the final for the U16s - is further evidence of Wymondham's growing strength in the Youth game.

U15s coach Dave Cross said their 28-14 win over West Norfolk had been an amazing game which featured fully committed performances from both sides.

He said: "West Norfolk were very quick and ruthless in defence but our players put in 100% on the day.

"We wanted to win and finish the season on a high and I'm so proud of their achievement - and the fact that they did this as a whole squad, with those not playing very vocal in support.

"It makes our job as coaches a pleasure."

In the U14 final, a dominant pack and excellent passing skills from the backs saw Wymondham's "Warriors" beat Norwich 17-5. "The team were simply excellent in defence as they absorbed the best of the Norwich attack," said coach Arthur Pattison.

"I am so proud of this team. It has taken the teamwork and dedication of 40+ players, from 13 different schools, who regularly rock up for training, in all weathers, to push and support each other, striving to improve and to perform."

The Big Norfolk Rugby weekend was hosted this year by North Walsham RFC and home advantage saw their U16s side beat Wymondham 58-22 in the final.

Wymondham coach Steve Hopkinson said: "A great first half saw us reach the break 24-17 behind but a very strong performance from Walsham's back line in the second half saw them run away with the game.

"It's been a difficult season for us with regards availability due to school and other rugby commitments but there have been some fantastic team performances and results and as a group we'll head into Colts full of confidence."

In the weekend's other game involving Wymondham, the club's senior women's team, The Wasps, were beaten in the final 36-7 by Lakenham Hewett.



U15 GIRLS INDOOR CRICKET

By Carl Jones

Well done to Wymondham College Girls u15 indoor cricket team. They represented Norfolk at the East Regional finals held at Cambridge recently.

There was some outstanding cricket on display throughout the day with Wymondham College finishing 3rd overall with just one match lost by 8 runs.

A great experience for all concerned.



WYMONDHAM LADIES MAKE HISTORY IN A SEASON TO REMEMBER

By Mark Nicholls

Wymondham Ladies have enjoyed their most successful season ever with a haul of trophies and promotion to the next tier of women's football.

After clinching the ERWFL (Eastern Region Women's Football League) Premier Division title, the squad made it a double by winning the ERWFL League Cup and are on the verge of a historic treble with the Norfolk County Cup final at Carrow Road on May 25th.

With a compact squad of 22, the team has worked as a strong and unified unit over almost 40 league, cup, and friendly matches throughout the season.



Winning start

Wymondham Ladies got off to a winning start in the league with a 3-0 away win at Bedford last August and a 7-0 home victory against Colney Ladies, and have rarely looked back.

Their only two defeats were back-to-back in September - against King's Lynn and eventual runners-up Royston - with a 2-0 away victory against local rivals Wroxham Women in October proving a key moment. Wymondham later beat Wroxham 3-2 in the return league fixture and more recently 2-1 in the League Cup final.

A 2-0 reverse against Norwich City in the First Round of the FA Cup in November failed to halt the momentum.

Solid defence

Yet it was no plain sailing for Wymondham, with several hard-fought and closely contested matches, including games away at Haringey, where they had to twice come from behind to win, and close matches against Luton Town and Bowers & Pitsea.

Promotion was clinched at the end of February with three games remaining (which the team went on to win), amassing 50 points from 20 league games, having won 16, drawn two and lost two.

They scored 63 goals and conceded a mere 23 with a goal difference of +40, and finished 12 points clear of nearest contenders Royston.

Solid at the back with keeper Chloe Pearce in excellent form in goal and a back line that featured Leah Newcombe, Aimee Stretch, Mary Croft, Lauren Kett and Chelsea Clarke, they posted the best defensive record in the league.



Strike force

The midfielders of Katie Knights, Jen Codman, Becca Russell and Rachel Cossey have been strong defensively when required, but also creative and dynamic going forward.

And the strike force has been prolific in front of goal, led by Hannah Waters (20 league/cup goals), Fran Catchpole (16) and Laura Nicholls (15), seeing the trio third, fourth and fifth in the league top-scorers' table, with Natasha Youngs also on nine goals.

But what has also been pleasing for manager Alex Guy - who has been supported by his coaching team of Connor Veal, Lee Edwards, and Ollie Sadd - is that goals have been coming from all over the field with Knights netting nine times and Clarke scoring seven, including several memorable free kicks and long-range efforts, and Russell also on seven goals.

Massive achievement

The squad has been bolstered by Kyla Love (who scored seven in her nine appearances), Hayley Kindred, Lyla Studd, reserve keepers Jessica Luff and Leanne Smith, Jessica Hawkins and Summer Ward.

Alex said: "Winning the ERWFL Premier Division is a massive achievement as it is a very competitive league with a lot of strong teams.

"We've got a fantastic group of players and coaches that have worked hard for each other and believe in each other. We set our target as winning the league at the start of the season and were delighted to have achieved that."

Cup success

With promotion to tier 4 of the FA Women's National League, Wymondham have now set up a development squad to bring on emerging football talent and feed in to the successful first team.

Looking ahead to next season, Wymondham Ladies 1st Team will move from Ketts Park to play home matches at the refurbished pitch and facilities at the FDC Centre in Bowthorpe, Norwich.

In their latest cup win, Wymondham Ladies clinched the ERWFL League Cup on Sunday, May 8, in a hard-fought encounter with Wroxham at The New Croft at Haverhill.

A ninth minute goal from Hannah Waters separated the teams until Chelsea Clarke's stunning free-kick settled the tie in the 90th minute of normal time, though Wroxham pulled one back with a penalty with virtually the last kick of the match.

Wymondham now go on to meet Norfolk Division One champions Mulbarton Belles in the Norfolk County Cup (The Harrod Sport Women's Cup) final at Carrow Road on May 25th, kick-off, 7.45pm.

WHAT'S ON?

Wednesday 1st June

Arts Society Landscape Watercolour Demonstration by Phil Biggs
7:15pm, Roman Catholic Church Hall
www.wymondhamart.org

Thursday 2nd June

Ex Services Jubilee Street Party
1pm onwards, Ex-Services Social Club.
Norwich Pipe Band 2:30pm
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Friday 3rd June

Ex Services Bingo Night
7pm doors open, eyes down 8pm,
Ex-Services Social Club
Cash prizes and raffle. Membership Draw also, all welcome
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Saturday 4th June

Community Garage Sale
10am to 3pm, various locations
coordinated by North Wymondham
Community Centre
www.facebook.com/NorthWymondhamCommunity

Jubilee Celebrations

12 noon to 11pm, Ex-Services
Social Club
Military vehicles, 1940s music, BBQ from 6pm, doors open 8pm for Glamtastics live band (free to members, £2 non-members)
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Sunday 5th June

Jubilee Fest & Community Picnic
2pm to 6pm Kett's Park
www.wymondhamtownteam.org

Grand Jubilee Film Show

2:30pm, Ex-Services Social Club,
free of charge
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Tuesday 7th June

Classic Car Meet
6:30pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Full Town Council Meeting

7pm, WTC Office, Kett's Park.
Public welcome
www.wymondhamtowncouncil.org/documents/agendas

Wymondham Photographic Society
Annual Print Competition
8pm to 10pm Dell Bowls Club
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

Wednesday 8th June

Morris Dancing by Kemp's Men
7:45pm, Green Dragon

Saturday 11th June

Charity Music Event with Ska, reggae, R&B
12 noon to midnight, Ex-Services
Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Tuesday 14th June

Classic Car Meet
6:30pm, Ex-Services Social Club
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Wymondham Photographic Society
Themed Challenge Evening "Summer"
8pm to 10pm Dell Bowls Club
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/events

Friday 17th June

Rob Lambert as George Michael
7:30pm doors open, Ex-Services
Social Club
Ticket only event call Pete 07780
600945 or
www.ticketsource.co.uk
(£22.50pp)

Saturday 18th June

Wymondham Photographic Society
Open Day
10am to 4pm Dell Bowls Club,
All Welcome
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/events

Open Gardens

1pm to 5pm, Programmes £5 available
at the Museum, Tourist Info and other
locations.
www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk/?p=open.gardens

Last Tango in Little Grimley

Play by Hethersett Players
7:30pm, Hethersett Village Hall
Tickets £10 available from
hethersettboxoffice.org.uk

Sunday 19th June

Open Gardens
1pm to 5pm, Programmes £5 available
at the Museum, Tourist Info and other
locations.
www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk/?p=open.gardens

Monday 20th June

Wymondham Garden Club - Quiz and
Social Evening.
Light-hearted general knowledge quiz
and club member evening.
7:30pm, Town Green Centre. Members
Free, guests £4.
For further information about the club
contact
wymondhamgardenclub@gmail.com

Tuesday 21st June

Classic Car Meet
6:30pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Town Council Finance Committee
7pm, WTC Office, Kett's Park. Public
welcome
www.wymondhamtowncouncil.org/documents/agendas

Wymondham Photographic Society
Final Meeting of the Season
8pm to 10pm Dell Bowls Club
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/events

Friday 24th June

Morley Beer Festival and
Family Fun Day
5pm to 11pm, Derek Daniels Playing
Field, Morley. Buy tickets at
www.morleyfestivalnorfolk.co.uk

Saturday 25th June

Armed Forces Day with DJ Pink Fusion
in the evening
Ex-Services Social Club, all welcome
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Morley Beer Festival and
Family Fun Day
Midday to 11pm, Derek Daniels
Playing Field, Morley
Buy tickets at
www.morleyfestivalnorfolk.co.uk

Sunday 26th June

Wymondham Food and Drink Festival
10am to 4pm,
Wymondham Town Centre
www.facebook.com/events/3157551921194799

Tuesday 28th June

Classic Car Meet
6:30pm, Ex-Services Social Club
www.facebook.com/groups/130014680369369

Friday 1st July

FORKS Summer Fayre
Robert Kett Primary School
All welcome for stalls,
games, raffle, BBQ and rides
FORKS@robertkett.net

Saturday 2nd July

Jazz Picnic with Dixie Mix
6pm to 9pm, Becketswell
Meadow
Organised by Lions Club and
Rotary Group

Wednesday 6th July

Arts Society Portrait Demo by
Stephen Teeuw
7:15pm, Roman Catholic
Church Hall
www.wymondhamart.org

Saturday 9th July

Family Trivia Night
7:30pm, North Wymondham
Community Centre
All funds go back to the
charity to continue to
cover the costs of running
the hall. £5 per head
or £24 for a table of 6.



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Alive Church 10:30am, Central Hall
www.alivechurch.org.uk/wymondham

Baptist Church 10:30am and online
www.wymondhambaptist.org.uk

Hope Community Church 9:30am & 11:30am
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Methodist Church 10:30am
www.wymondhammethodistchurch.com

Wymondham Abbey 11am
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Wymondham RC Church 8:30am & 10am
www.wymondhamrcchurch.org.uk

MARKETS

Every Friday

Charter Market
8am to 2pm, Market Place
[01953 603302](tel:01953603302)

Third Saturday, 18th June

Farmers' Market
8am to 2pm, Market Place
[01953 60330](tel:0195360330)



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With spring clear for all of us to see, I thought I would take this opportunity to talk about my favourite places in our beautiful town.

One of the best things we did as a family was to bring a dog into our home.

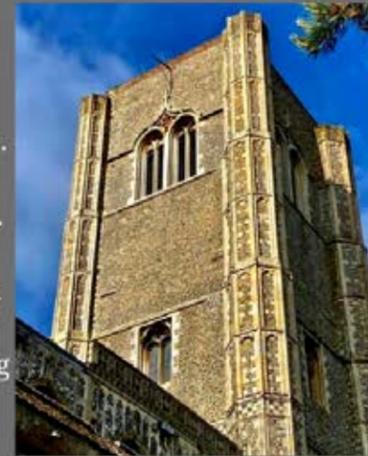
When you have a dog, you see far more than you ever would because you must walk them twice a day! That means that you are constantly looking for new routes to walk your dog.

My dog Morston and I must have walked an estimated 20,000 miles over the past eleven years mostly in Wymondham.



Our favorite route takes us through our historic town center passing the 16th Century Market Cross and 14th Century Green Dragon Public House with its Tudor exterior, before arriving at the impressive Wymondham Abbey circa 1107. If you are lucky, early in the morning around 7.30am, you can see the resident peregrine falcon on the west tower getting ready for its daily hunting expedition.

From there we walk down Becketswell Road to the Cavick Bridge where Morston has a well earned swim before crossing the Becketswell Meadow with seating and the best views of our beautiful Abbey before walking into Damgate Street turning right to cross the London Road onto Cemetery Lane before crossing the idyllic Tolls Meadow. This walk takes approximately 40 minutes from our home.



The properties on Church Street and Vicar Street have a wealth of history and benefit from having views of our most treasured and iconic Wymondham Abbey, so it is not surprising that they do not come up for sale very often.

I have sold many properties in this area over the past 20 years, the last selling for £450,000 in 2017, today this property would be worth well over £600,000.

If you live in the proximity of our impressive Wymondham Abbey and would like to know what your property is worth today, please call me on 01953 423006 or email me in confidence mick@moneyproperties.co.uk.

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