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From the editors...

Hello again and welcome to your April edition of Wymondham Magazine. Or as we'll now call it at every opportunity we can possibly find: 'your award-winning Wymondham Magazine'! More on that in the News section.

We say it every time but, as usual, printing this issue is solely possible thanks to the businesses that have advertised in here. So please do give them a call, pop in and use their services and let them know where you heard about them!

You've got some great article contributions to enjoy this month, lifting the lid on the people that keep Wymondham ticking over, like our cover star John Beckett, the volunteer warden at Toll's Meadow.

We hope you enjoy the issue!

Kim and Jimmy



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▲ Wymondham Magazine's Kim Carsok (centre left), Jimmy Young (centre) and Jamie Collingwood (centre right) collect the award

WYMONDHAM MAGAZINE SCOOPS AWARD

We're delighted to say that on a chilly Tuesday night on 7th March, Wymondham Magazine won the award for 'Business Supporting the Community' at the Broadland & South Norfolk Business Awards.

The town's publication came top of a shortlist of three finalists in a category that looks for companies that have had a measurable positive impact on the local community.

Judges from sponsors InTouch Systems Ltd said they had been very impressed by the young team behind the magazine, who are helping, supporting and bringing together different parts of the local community. They also praised Wymondham Magazine for "shining a light on positive stories and modernising their approach to journalism with the platforms they employ to reach a broad audience".

Collecting the award, editor Kim Carsok said: "Wymondham Magazine works because it's a true community collaboration, between our superb contributors, the businesses that advertise and well... us, who organise the whole thing and put it all together!"

The prize comes just 10 months after owners MYOB Digital Ltd, whose main business is a comparison website, took on the magazine from its former owner, who had moved to France. The intermittent months have seen the publication become self-funding, exclusively thanks to its advertisers, receiving no subsidy from Wymondham Town Council, as it previously had. It is also now printed every two months, instead of quarterly.

Magazine designer and contributor Jimmy Young said: "Honestly speaking, we've probably

dedicated more of our company and personal time and resources into Wymondham Magazine than any rational person should! But we love doing it. It's hugely satisfying providing a platform for all our community to speak from and reach the whole town. To get an award for it is the cherry on top."

It was also a good night for Wymondham Magazine's printers, Barnwell Print, who are based just outside Aylsham. The company won out in the Environmental Innovation category, with judges from the University of East Anglia praising Barnwell's "holistic dedication to sustainability across all aspects of the business and their implementation of the carbon-reduction strategy".

And it was delight for Church Farm Shop in Hethersett too, who won South Norfolk Retailer of The Year. The grocer had impressed the panel by stocking almost exclusively local produce, offering a home delivery service and recycling nearly 100% of waste product via an online recipe service.

Other businesses with a Wymondham connection attending the awards evening included: Hemstock's Jewellers (finalists in the Business Collaboration category), The Orange Grove Clinic (Finalist in the Business Resilience category) and the Wymondham Garden Centre (representing their sister shop Aylsham Garden Centre in the Broadland Retailer of the Year category).

A special shoutout to Fetch Dog Walking & Training, who won highly commended in our category and whom we had the pleasure of sitting with at our table on the awards night!

CALLOUT FOR MEMORIES FROM ASHLEIGH SCHOOL

By Clare Suter, Chair of Ashleigh Friends PTA

2022/23 is Ashleigh Primary School's 50th anniversary – and we're going to be celebrating with a special summer fete on Saturday 24 June.

As part of the celebrations, we would like to hear from past pupils and staff, with memories and photos of your time at Ashleigh. When it was first opened in December 1972, Ashleigh was an infant school with 111 pupils and Miss Lincoln was the Headteacher – but now it is a primary and nursery school with 488 pupils and over 70 staff!

We are hoping to have a display at the fete of everyone's memories, and of course we'd love to see many of you on the day – come and have a look and see how much has changed!

Please get in touch with the school via office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk or you can drop them a letter with any photographs to Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery, Sheffield Road, Wymondham, NR18 0HL. If you enclose your postal address, we will return all photos sent to us.

And of course don't forget to put the summer fete in your diaries – Saturday 24 June, 11-3pm. We've got a retro theme, with old fashioned games and stalls, a BBQ and plenty more.



DUCK RACE ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL

Wymondham Abbey presents the return of the traditional duck race on the Tiffy. An Easter Monday Funday for all the family. Ducks from £1 plus hot food, tombola, cakes, plants, books and other stalls. Children's Easter bonnet parade, treasure hunt, competitions and prizes galore. The first race will begin at 11:30am in Becketswell. Entry to the park is near the Tiffy Bridge.



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TALKING NEWSPAPER CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

By Tony Vale

Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (W A T N) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month.

It was on Good Friday, 10 April 1998 that the first edition of the weekly audio news and information service for visually impaired people was recorded at the Abbey School Room in Wymondham. An audio magazine was subsequently added to the output.

Initially recordings were copied onto cassette tapes and distributed by post, by means of the Royal

Mail "Articles for the Blind" freepost concession. Now a USB memory stick is used and listeners to the free service are supplied with a machine on which to play them. Edition no 1266 was recorded on 17 March 2023.

If you know anyone who would like to receive the service or would like to get involved in producing the recordings please visit www.watn.org.uk. The organisation is particularly keen to recruit more news compilers and sound technicians.

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CORONATION Treats...

TOWN GREEN CORONATION STREET PARTY

By Rachael Brown

Town Green Garden Cafe and Wymondham Sports Bar are teaming up to host a family street party on Saturday 6th May. With coverage of the coronation on large screens outside. We will have street food and a classical brass band. Join us to take part in various fun activities to raise money for local charities. Town Green Cafe will be providing food and beverages from 11-5.

CORONATION COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

By Tony Vale

Are you new to Wymondham and looking for an opportunity to connect with your neighbours? The Community Garage Sale on Sunday 7 May 2023 coincides with the King's Coronation weekend and is exactly that. Registration is free, just text your name and address to 07851 370666 or email tony@valemiluk to take part.

CORONATION CELEBRATION CONCERT

By Stephen Wade

To celebrate the historic occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III, on Sunday 7th May 2023 the East Anglian Brass Band Association is promoting a concert by Foden's Band (currently ranked 2nd in the World) at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich commencing at 3:00pm. Foden's Band from Cheshire is the current National Champions having retained the title they won in 2021. The programme includes music played at the 1937 and 1953 Coronations such as Crown Imperial and I Vow To Thee My Country and a selection of music from 'The Last Night of the Proms'. Bring your flag!

For ticket details email administration@eabba.org.uk or telephone 07934169721 to take part.



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CAITLIN HERO ARM APPEAL UPDATE

By Maria Hutson

In the March e-edition of this publication we talked about six-year-old Caitlin's fundraiser for a bionic arm to aid her independence as she grows. We have been blown away by the support we have received from the local community and further afield. We are both humbled and delighted that with this amazing support we have actually met our initial funding target in under 3 weeks! We are now hoping to continue to raise further funds to allow us to consider the longer term support of the Hero Arm by hopefully purchasing an extended warranty and also allow her to be able to get replacement covers and one day a bigger hand as she grows.

We have now booked an appointment to return to Open Bionics in August. It is planned that Caitlin will have a cast of her "little arm" taken and a socket made for her to try on the following day. We then have to wait around 8 weeks

for the Hero Arm to be made. We are so excited and grateful to you all that Caitlin will now be able to get her Hero Arm and we will of course continue to keep you all updated. Thank you Wymondham!

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WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

By Kayleigh Rogers

The children at Stepping Stones Preschool joined in with World Book Day in early March. Like many children around the globe, they dressed up as a character from their favourite book and shared the story with their friends and teachers. Schools also gave out World Book Day vouchers to children who could redeem them for a free book at local shops.

The World Book Day Charity states: Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young

person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.



WYMONDHAM IN BLOOM BACK IN ACTION

By Kim Carsok

The volunteers working to make our town bloom have ramped up their activities in preparation for the summer season. They're working on plans for the well-loved business floral display competition and supporting the council with their planters too. New volunteers have been joining the crew and will add some floristry flair to the train station alongside Brendan at Station Bistro. They'll even be running a plant stall at the Food & Drink Festival on 26th June. If you'd like to join in the fun whether you are an experienced gardener or just like to be outdoors and make new friends, email wymbloom@gmail.com.

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By Jimmy Young

At precisely the same time on Tuesday 7th March as Wymondham Magazine was off scooping its gong for supporting the community, Wymondham Town Council was meeting for yet another of its own evenings of razzmatazz at its glitzy Ketts Park offices.

The champagne was on ice and the red carpet laid out for another full council meeting - one of the last before May's local elections. As councillors stepped out of their limousines into the flashing lights of the waiting press, the end of a four-year term was finally in sight. So it's high time to give out some plaudits of our own. Welcome then, Ladies and Gentlemen, to a Town Council Watch: Awards Night Special.

THE BRIGHT SPARK AWARD

In the updates section, we found out that Mayor Kevin Hurn (Con) was to use his electrical expertise for the good of the town, to lead the Light Up Wymondham group of volunteers that put up the town centre Christmas lights every year. He'll pick up the proverbial icicle from Doug Hodges, who's been doing it for the best part of a decade.

MOST TIMELY PROJECT AWARD

We then found out that there still isn't a start date from the contractor to begin works at Chandler's Hill to create a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Queen Elizabeth II memorial gardens.

Nominated but no prize then. Chandler's Hill sat in its chair and clapped graciously, pretending to be pleased as it watched HS2 merrily skip up onto stage to collect the statuette ahead of it.

THE DOING THE RIGHT THING AWARD

On the matter of increasing cemetery fees, there was to be no burying bad burying-news for Cllr Richard Elliott (Con), who requested a vote on the Finance & General Purposes Committee's decision to raise prices in line with inflation, as of April this year. Councillors approved the hike.

That's one price rise Town Council Watch isn't going to rush in and try to get ahead of.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

In the monthly creditors section, Cllr Tony Holden (Con) raised his eyebrows at the size of a £6171 payment to 'install and take down Christmas Lights and repairs to lights', made out to the electrical company at which Mayor Kevin Hurn is named a director.

"Um it's quite a substantial sum and I wondered if you could give us a breakdown as to how much of that was involved in repairs to the lights, especially bearing in mind the lights

probably won't be used again. Or were they repairs prior to installation?", asked Cllr Holden to the Mayor, who had earlier declared the payment as a pecuniary (financial) interest.

The Mayor was quickly able to clear up the precise nature of the repairs and work.

It's handy having councillors who work for the companies the council awards expensive work to, isn't it?

BEST CIVIC SERVICE... EVER

The gushy thank you speeches started early when Cllr Richard Elliott congratulated the Mayor on an "outstanding" Civic Ceremony a few weeks prior.

An emotional Kevin Hurn took to the stage and wiped away a tear:

"Well thank you very much Councillor Elliott and of course, I extend my thanks to the staff here at the Town Council as well, who were instrumental in organising the event."

"I'd like to thank Mr Gurney, Ms Chamberlain and Gina of course who isn't here this evening"

Also my label. And my agent... Come on. We've got more awards to get on with.

BEST USE OF A TUESDAY EVENING

Easy winner for this: the Wymondham public. There was no one in the gallery, so no one to take part in the public participation section.

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MOST GRIPPING THRILLER

We then came to a rip-roaring section where councillors meticulously picked through the Local Government Association, Model Councillor Code Of Conduct document, page by page, for amends to make it apply to Town Council. It was being repurposed from a template for larger councils, with some different roles.

5 stars - "glad i watched in 1.75x speed on YouTube", Town Council Watch.

BEST DISCUSSION OF THE EVENING

Next up, the Town Council had received a letter from Norfolk County Council about a consultation on providing "residential pitches for Gypsies and Travellers" in the area of the soon-to-be-decommissioned recycling centre on Strayground Lane.

A discussion began on what the Town Council's response should be. Or if it should respond at all.

Cllr Suzanne Nuri-Nixon (Lib Dem) was in camp Don't Respond: "...when we look at the instructions here, it says it's important to note that no final decisions have been made on the site. So I'm not really sure why we're discussing this in great detail to be fair..."

Not responding sounds good. It's

what Town Council Watch does with salty anonymous letters from 'residents' moaning about this column being a load of old rubbish. That and framing them on the wall.

Cllr Richard Elliott was worried the traveller site might not be close enough to the town centre, saying it "may give rise to some concern in terms of ongoing integration".

Cllr Robert Savage (Con) pointed out there were already two existing or approved traveller sites in the local area, saying "the entirety of this [new] site is probably a bit excessive locally now".

He also expressed concern that the occupants of the potential site might suffer noise disturbance from quad bikes that often operated close by: "That would not be something that I would wish to live next door to", he said of the quad bike noise.

A letter from Greening Wymondham cited the opportunity to re-nature the area, rather than populate it. And multiple councillors agreed with an overall sentiment about preserving a rural feel in the area. A decision was made to let the Clerk draft a letter to this extent, for the Mayor to approve.

BEST UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL

This award goes to Cllr Tony Holden, on the topic of council communication, who lamented: "Gone are the days when you could put an advert in the EDP and everyone would see it."

He's right of course. Now you have to put one in Wymondham Magazine for everyone to see it.

BEST EXCUSE FOR A PARTY

The last update of note was that South Norfolk Council would be providing Town Council with a grant of £300 to share out with anyone that wants to put on a street party for the King's coronation in May.

£300? That's TCW's drinks bill sorted then. Don't know what everyone else is going to do.

And with that, the Town Council Watch: Awards Night Special came to an end. No one had done a Will Smith and slapped someone round the chops but one attendee had worn a Sam Smith-style giant blow-up, latex outfit. Check the YouTube.

People will do anything for attention...

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WHAT'S IN A PHOTO?

George Mabbutt

By Philip Yaxley

It really was a red-letter day for Wymondham legend George Mabbutt when he was presented with Royal Maundy Money by Queen Elizabeth II at Norwich Cathedral on Maundy Thursday 4 April 1996. Traditionally sets of Maundy Money are distributed to men and women who have served their local community and/or church – and George certainly filled the bill!

Born and bred in the town, George had worked for the Briton Brush Company (later Briton Chadwick) for 48 years, retiring in 1978 as a quality control inspector. During World War Two he had served in the R.A.F and after became a keen member of the Royal British Legion and a committee member of the town's branch when it won the prestigious Haig Cup and other awards in 1954. George and his wife Flo fostered eight boys and received a Royal commendation for their care and kindness. In the 1930s George had been a member of the Church Lads' Brigade and after the war he was active in youth work. He ran the Wymondham Town Minors' football team for a time in the 1950s and the Congregational (Later United Reform) Church's youth circle for many years from its inception in 1947. He was appointed an Elder of the Congregational Church and for 25 years he was secretary for the wonderful flower shows the Church held in the Fairland Hall. Other posts George filled for some years included that of a manager of Browick Road Primary School, Central Hall committee member, chairman of the Friends of Wicklewood Hospital and president of the once successful Wymondham Racing Pigeon Club. He was a founder member of the Wymondham branch of Toc H, a force for good in the community, and in later life was secretary of the town's Over 60s' Club, as well as being active in the Ogden Close Social Club. Despite devoting time to all these interests he served as a Liberal on the Town Council from 1968 to 1976 and rarely missed a meeting. He was vice-chairman of the last Wymondham Urban District Council, before it was sadly reduced to parish status in the local government reorganisation of 1974.

Following that memorable ceremony at Norwich Cathedral George returned to Ogden Close, where he then lived, and held a sherry reception for his fellow residents and neighbours in the complex, thanking them for their friendship and support.

After his death in 2001 his relatives presented his Royal Maundy Money to Wymondham Heritage Museum, where it resides as a lasting reminder of a true community champion.

George with his bags of Royal Maundy Money at Ogden Close on his return from Norwich Cathedral in April 1996 ▶



George is on the right of this Congregational Church choir party about to go on a coach outing to the Broads and Great Yarmouth in 1957 ▶



◀ George showing his Royal Maundy Money to some of the ladies at Ogden Close on his return from the Cathedral ceremony



◀ Sporting a smart uniform, George joined Elsie Capps to lead the Carnival procession during the town's celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee in June 1977



▲ A Wymondham Town Minors' team of the 1950s with George on the left

◀ George with me when my book "Wymondham – A Century Remembered" was published in late 1999. He was a fund of knowledge on the last century when I was researching



THE CHANGING HEART OF WYMONDHAM

By Neville Cameron

So I was on a walk I wasn't really interested in and was all set to go home. Then I had thoughts of the day before, popping into Reeves for stationery for Mrs NHS (my wife Yvonne).

It was then this piece was born. Why? Well they have such a diversity of things from maps to pens to jigsaws, which sort of relates to our great town centre. Yes there's the outstanding Market Cross, now a tourist information centre, yes there's the picturesque Cross Keys where those awful plant pots were.

But no I'm not interested in all that, I'll just tell you what I saw and some of it's not nice. There was a rather scruffy man asking for money as he sat on the pavement covered in something keeping him warm and a bottle of Coke by his side and a strong smell of cigarettes around him. I stopped for a brief chat, not to part with money but just because everyone just gave him a wide berth notwithstanding in this current climate there's many people who may soon lose everything and he reminded me of that. Personally if I give money it's through food banks or housing charities because of that reason and the money is in my opinion used wisely.

Hemstocks Jewellers, my favourite place for birthday

gifts and a total opposite to the man on the pavement. They've made a real effort with seriously stunning decorations around their windows. They were a real statement: "please come through our doors, we're special, selling things for special people. Forget your woes for a moment and look beyond our splendid window decorations and treat yourself to something good."

Over the road was a shop up for sale. No one wants to see empty properties in town centres again, they're a sign of our food bill going up by 17% and petrol at stupid money per litre. Try as I might, I couldn't remember what was there before that for sale sign. I think it was an estate agents which would be ironic.

There were other more successful shops on the way past, looking towards our famous Becket's Chapel it looks like the scaffolding hiding its exterior was being taken down, or at least I hope that's what they were doing. In all these uncertain times history that matters so much is being restored as it should be. On the same theme, The Green Dragon (as was Elementals Magickal Emporium) is getting a face lift, new roof, new paint and a completely new look to one of our most important part of Wymondham's past.

Another of my favourites Nicky, of The Enchanted Willow flower shop. She moved to her current site only a short time ago into the hugely popular butchers shop that was. The meat etc from there was legendary as was its owner Peter Parker, the theme carries on with fantastic flower arrangements at decent prices, delivered on time and looking pretty darn cool, or at least Yvonne thought so recently when I organised a bouquet for her.

Finally there's that garden next to the Royal Mail sorting office which usually begs people to place their bums on the well positioned seats and just be at one with your surroundings, no it's no longer appealing though with bright orange netting on either side of the footpath. I just grunted whilst walking past which isn't good.

Our town centre is doing remarkably well right now in general and yes I love it. I never really appreciate it as I'm always flying round getting stuff that could wait for a while whilst I look around.

In future I'm not flying around. I'm taking my time, looking, enjoying and loving every bit of our ever changing Town Centre.



NEVILLE WALKS AGAIN

North Wymondham Community Association invites you to take part in a town-wide

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For H.M. King Charles III Coronation

Sunday 7th May 2023
10.00am – 3.00pm

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TED Talks...

By Alex Perry

First Farm

Jock Alston owned two thousand acres, he farmed sugar beet and cereals, and he maintained orchards to feed his family. In 1946, this Scot hired the fourteen-year-old Edward 'Ted' Barham as a farm worker.

Nowadays fourteen-year-olds are children. However, during that era, Ted was a man, who cycled to work on a bike that had been built by his father, George Geoffrey Barham, from pieces he had acquired in yard sales. Ted also used his bike for racing in the gravel pits!

Ted was the first in his family to go into farming, though his father and his brother Jimmy were employed as gardeners. Furthermore, he

was significantly younger than his workmates, who were in their twenties. Yet young Ted took all of this in his stride.

Many of us 'townies' have sung the harvest festival hymn "We Plough the Field and Scatter" with the hazy notion of a farmer, a dog and a tractor going about their business. However, in 1940s Norfolk there were no tractors; there was a horse pulling hoes through the soil under the guidance of Ted or someone like him.

And it was very important that both horse and hoes remained in between the rows of sugar beet and did not trample the crop. The Suffolk Punch, with its appropriately sized hooves, was the farmers' animal of choice.

Ted was in the scouts between the ages of eleven and sixteen, and he applied his scouting skills, such as tying knots and lighting fires, to the farm. Jock, in turn, was supportive of the local scouts and permitted them to go 'on manoeuvres' on his land.

In the harsh winter of 1946-1947, Ted had to be both scout and farm worker par excellence, protecting livestock and keeping the farm going when the fields were unworkable. He and his fellow agricultural workers succeeded in feeding the nation in peacetime as they had during the war.

Ted will be back and next time it will be the rock and roll years!



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HAVE YOU REACHED YOUR SEVEN?

Advertorial

By [Rebecca Mills](#), EweMove Wymondham

There are many Number 7's to talk about: David Beckham, wonders of the world, Snow White's friends, and colours in the rainbow to name just a few. You may be asking how this is relevant in the world of property? Let me explain...

In 1952, the Nationwide House Price Index, also known as HPI, was started. The objective: to create an index measuring the changes to transaction prices of dwellings. This invaluable and consistent source of data enables us to recognize trends in the market and see how the value of property has changed over time.

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and knowing that over 60% of the UK's recent sellers had lived in their property for more than 7 years, it is fair to say that this information is relevant to many local homeowners.

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BRINGING THE BIG SCREEN BACK TO WYMONDHAM

By Bill Chew

Cinema has been a regular feature of life in Wymondham since 1917 when silent films were shown in the old Public Hall in Town Green. The Picture Theatre, as it was known then, was the town's sole cinema until 1936 when the Regal came on the scene. The new single screen cinema was erected on a green field site in Friarscroft Lane by Douglas Bostock, from the well-known family of East Anglian cinema operators and showmen.

The Regal opened its doors on 18 March 1937 with 'Swing Time' starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The Regal served the town well for more than five decades, finally closing its doors on 28 June 1993 with a showing of 'The Bodyguard' with Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston.

The Regal was then taken over by The Ex-Services Club and films continued to be shown there once a month. So it's clear there is a strong cinema tradition in Wymondham.

Fast forward to the present. Cinema as entertainment and art form has evolved dramatically over the intervening 40 or so years beginning with the multiplex in the 80s followed by 1930s cinemas being subdivided into smaller cellular auditoria and recently the birth of the

neighbourhood boutique cinema. These changes developed in response to evolving technology and to counter the dominance of Television. Boutique digital cinemas now compete through the use of big screens, bright pictures, good sight lines, superior sound, comfortable spacious luxury seating and an all-round elevated experience from start to finish.

There is good news for residents in Wymondham and its surrounding villages. A local company, Filmhaus (Cinemas) Ltd, is planning to bring the big screen experience back to Wymondham in the first half of 2024.

Filmhaus was formed in 2015 and in November 2019 obtained planning consents to convert the Grade 2 Listed The Old Goods Shed near the railway station into a 2 screen digital cinema with a café/bar and meeting room for community use and hire. COVID-19 unfortunately intervened and set the project back 3 years.

The visuals give a flavour of what the cinema might look like. The two digital screens will enable the cinema to showcase the latest film releases. Film programming will be a mixture of commercial releases as well as events cinema titles including live opera and music (including encores) and non-fiction films to cater for all sections of the community, young and old. The cinema will provide employment opportunities for young people to become involved in the cinema exhibition industry and learn new skills. Food and beverage for the café/bar will, where possible, be sourced from local suppliers and providers. An exciting café

menu will be crafted by our chefs to offer simple, nutritious and delicious food, cake and drinks for all palates.

The owners of Filmhaus intend to make this neighbourhood cinema a centre for entertainment, enjoyment and learning for all.

Filmhaus are pleased to announce that Mustard Studio, a London-based creative cinema consultancy specialising in marketing and branding, are working with Wymondham to make the project a huge success.

The meeting room, as mentioned, will be made available for subsidised community use as well as for local artists to have an outlet to display their artworks.

So watch this space!

Opportunities for local investors to come on board and invest in this Filmhaus project are still available. Those investing in a personal capacity may access attractive tax-free benefits via the SEIS (Seed Enterprise Initiative Scheme) vehicle, approved in principle by HMRC. Corporates can also invest in Filmhaus but the SEIS vehicle is not available for use in that case.

If you are interested in corporate advertising sponsorship deals kindly also let us know.

Filmhaus are currently investigating other future cinema sites. If you are interested in investing in these projects do let us know or, alternatively, if you are aware of any good cinema site we should look at, we will be pleased to hear from you via email: enquiries_filmhaus@yahoo.com.



Advertorial

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By Jill Pullin, Later Life Mortgage Advisor

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planned, or circumstances have changed, and you are now not sure of your exit strategy.

I can help you understand the options even if you are currently tied into a mortgage deal, it is better to start planning now which will give you peace of mind for the future.

Providers have spent time sourcing new ideas like the Retirement Interest Only (RIO) Mortgage, to help those who still have loans or who need to release capital from their property and want to look at other options.

It concerns me that there is still not an understanding of the value of independent mortgage advice, whatever your circumstances, this must be your priority, please get in touch so I can explain more.



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GETTING THE HART BEATING:

How landlord Kieran Bullen's turned around the once-failing town centre pub - Advertorial

By Kim Carsok

The White Hart landlord Kieran Bullen is preparing to celebrate his four-year anniversary of taking on the pub in early April. We sat down to talk about what they've done and achieved in the last four years. His pride really shines through:

"We turned around what was a dying pub. It was very derelict, not looked after and hadn't had a good reputation for quite some time. On top of that we managed to survive the pandemic and thrive throughout it actually. The energy crisis that we're going through, the cost of living crisis... on top of all that we've managed to do a large garden expansion, add a new pizza menu, regular quizzes and authentic homemade fresh cocktails.

Last year we started our first beer festival which was a huge success. This year we've planned multiple beer festivals and invested in all the equipment. All the beers at the festival will be on hand pumps which you don't often see. Normally they come straight from the barrel and you end up with flat beer. We've gone the extra mile to buy 15 new pumps and built a second bar to fit into the corner especially for the festivals.

Let's go back to early 2019 - how did you end up running a pub?

At the time I was head chef at a pub in Rutland, the smallest county in England which no one has ever heard of (it's between Peterborough and Leicestershire). I grew tired of working in the kitchen and wanted to run my own business. I'm a decent chef but I prefer being out front interacting with customers.

Did you originally train as a chef?

I have three diplomas in catering, but my first qualification was a countryside management diploma when I was 18. I quit that and went straight into catering.

Why did you choose Wymondham?

I'm definitely a country person, I don't like cities. I like that Wymondham is a historic market town with rural character which reminds me of my hometown Oakham. My partner at the time had an opportunity to work in Norwich so we chose to come here.

How did you secure the pub lease?

I was wrapping up my head chef job whilst doing a business plan, setting up contracts, coming and doing interviews here on my days off. I had to pitch against a few other couples and the pub company chose me.

What was the state of the pub when you took it over?

The kitchen was bare bones, derelict. There was no trade base, no regular clientele. It had been closed for about three months. The reputation was that it was a place to go for a fight.

When I got in I had to find a whole new team of staff. I used my savings and a hefty credit card to buy all the crockery and kitchen equipment. We had to buy second-hand stuff at that time to match what little turnover we were bringing in. This year we've been able to buy brand new equipment like fryers and a proper pizza oven.

What was it like for the first few months of having the doors open?

Hell. (laughs). We made a big hooah about being under new ownership with a new landlord, and everything being different. I

had to bar a lot of people in the first summer I was here. I really had to make it clear we were family friendly and welcoming so there had to be a zero tolerance policy to bad behaviour.

What did you do to try and attract customers at the beginning?

We tried to get the food offering right. We did a senior citizens menu which went down an absolute storm. Coffee mornings we advertised heavily to show we have a nice environment for a chat with friends, with a bean to cup machine. We even tried offering Friday breakfasts during markets but it didn't really gain enough traction to keep it going. Getting involved with the community was also key and we enjoyed taking part in Wymondham in Bloom.

That was 2019, so then what happened?

A week off our first anniversary we went into lockdown. I remember it so distinctly because we were planning everything for the first anniversary celebration. Out of the blue everything had to shut. I had to throw out all the beer in the cellar. It took me four days to get rid of it all because we had to liaise with the water company to make sure we didn't throw out more than a certain amount of alcohol per hour. Thousands of pints poured down the drain.

How did you survive the pandemic?

We started a takeaway business. I was self-employed so had no wage coming in. A few of my staff members weren't eligible for furlough, so to help keep them afloat we did takeaways four days a week. That's when we started pizzas and I got experience as a delivery driver. It was very eerie and apocalyptic driving around when everyone was at home. It feels like a dream now. It's hard to believe it actually happened. It was enough to keep us going and present in the minds of people in the community.

We also took on the post office in September 2020. We couldn't open to sell beer but our doors were open to allow people to post things. It was supposed to be

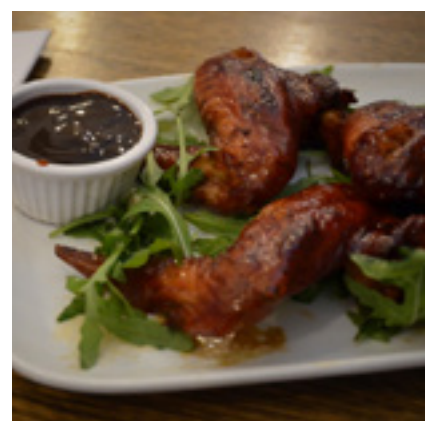
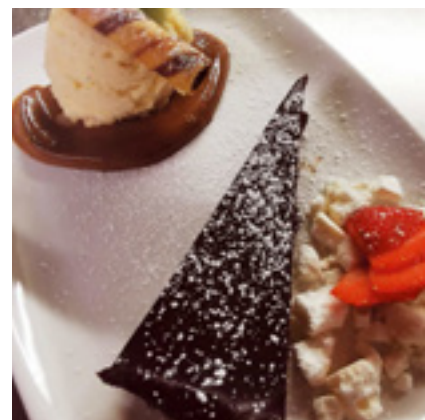
a temporary solution but they stayed for two full years. They've now found a new home in Jarrold. It was a great thing for us at the time to bring more new people in through the doors to see we had really changed and was truly different. It was tough because at the beginning I was the fourth landlord in three years. People had given up on the pub at that point, they were fed up.

How was summer 2022?

Fantastic! Best year ever. We did a huge garden expansion just before the Queen's Jubilee. It added an extra 110 seats outside, giving us 150. It meant we could thrive all summer, people love a beer garden. Having such a lovely, comfortable, clean and tidy area was really nice. We had a beer festival, comedy nights, music and it was brilliant. This year we're going further with lots of events lined up for the garden. We may even try bringing our Sunday night quiz out back if the weather is nice.

What does the future hold?

For us I think it's about shoring up what we do best. We're committed to offering good quality food at affordable prices in a nice environment with great staff and great drinks. We employ about 20 people and that will increase in the summer. We'll continue working with SIBA (the Society of Independent Brewers) for our real ale selection as people are really enjoying them. And the Art Society exhibitions are also changing every three months, we love selling pieces for them and the art really brightens up the restaurant area.



“We had a beer festival, comedy nights, music and it was brilliant. This year we're going further...”



Q&A

By Gill Harle

John Beckett,

Warden at Toll's Meadow

Despite the background hum of traffic from nearby London Road, Toll's Meadow offers a tranquil haven for wildlife, nature lovers and dog walkers in Wymondham. The four-and-a-half-acre nature reserve is owned by the Town Council, who bought it in the 1990s. There are two main entrances: on Cemetery Lane and London Road. It is looked after by nature warden, John Beckett, together with his team of volunteers, who carry out maintenance work and hold nature events, depending on the time of year. We sat down on a log with John to find out more:

How did you get involved as warden of Toll's Meadow?

I took over as warden about six years ago. I'm a retired high school science teacher and had some time for volunteering, so when I heard they were looking for someone to help out with nature conservation I went along. I'd been involved with nature organisations in different capacities since the late 1970s, so they felt I would be suitable for the warden's job here.

Who are the volunteers and how can people interested in volunteering contact you?

We have an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers and numbers vary from about eight to 16. Some of them have been coming for more than 10 years and some are in their eighties now. We're getting an influx of people coming to Norfolk and they've shown an interest, as a sort of touch-point for their new lives here. We're a very friendly group, with great camaraderie and we have great fun. We have different types of people who volunteer, from a wide range of backgrounds.

Some are also involved with other groups such as Greening Wymondham or the Lizard group. With conservation volunteering there's something for everybody, whatever age. You'll see people arriving now and I'm giving them tasks appropriate for their ability or skill level or interest. Youngsters are allowed if accompanied by a parent. We have some youngsters who come for voluntary community service or to learn new skills for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

We're open to new members who can contact us via the Facebook page, Wyng Wymondham Nature Group, or through the Wyng committee of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

How often do you and the volunteers come to Toll's Meadow?

We come every fourth Sunday of every month, and between October and March every second Sunday as well. In those months we do practical conservation management work, from around two o'clock to four o'clock. In the summer months we have nature-based activities such as birdwatching, butterfly surveys, insect observation or guided walks. Start times are flexible, depending on the event.

What type of work do you do and how does it vary according to the season?

We're coming to the end of our

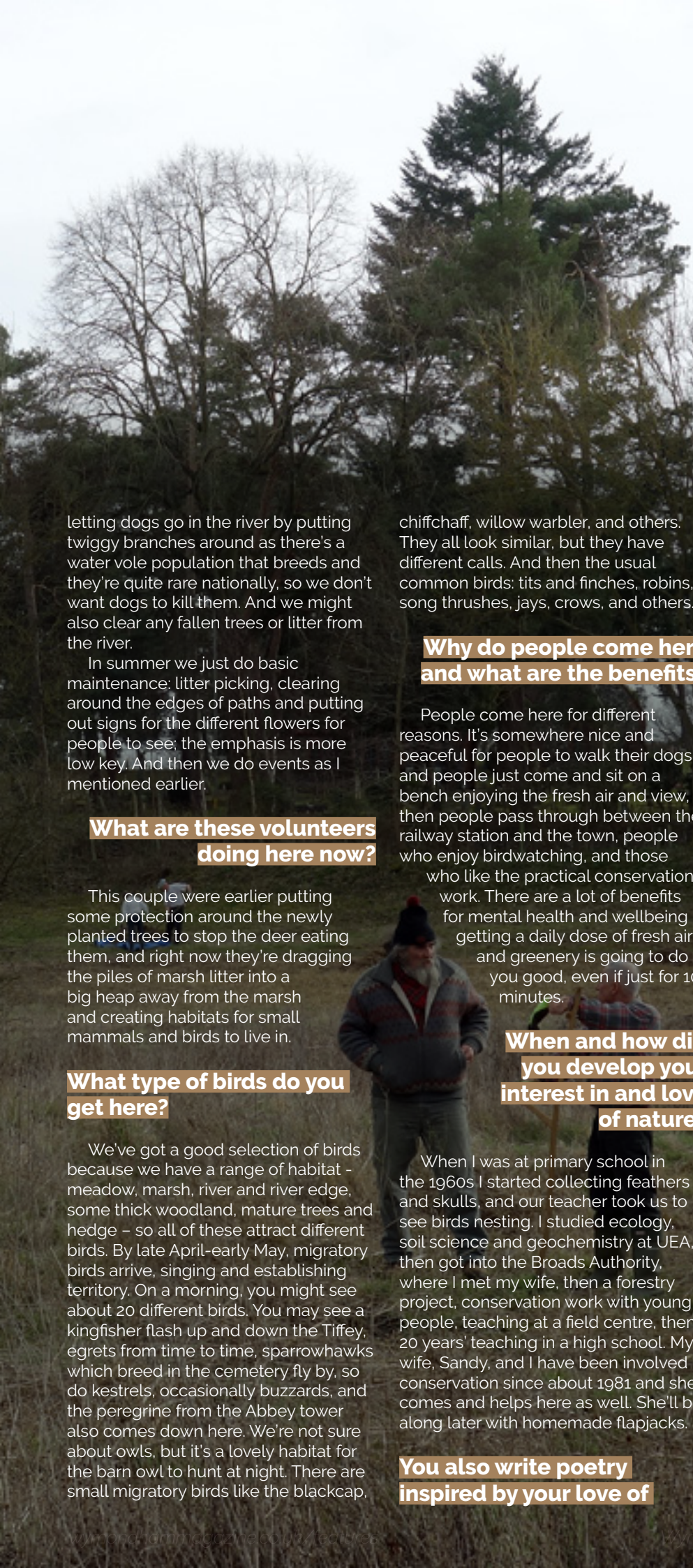
practical period now at the end of March, when the flowers grow and the birds start nesting, so we don't disturb them. This location is a marshy site in an urban area which is quite rare so it does have some protection as a county wildlife site and it's also a LNR - a local nature reserve. The work reflects the marsh and the river, so a lot of cutting of grasses and marsh plants, and removal of the marsh litter to reduce the fertility in the ground to encourage flowers like orchids, meadowsweet and ragged robin, and to discourage brambles and nettles. If we didn't

cut the marsh, it would become a woodland thicket, like the section over the bridge to the left which we call "the Jungle".

By cutting back we prevent the marsh from becoming a closed thicket and open it up, letting in light to encourage lovely flowers to grow. Sometimes we leave the willows to grow and we get a coppice. We get deer here and you can see how these trees have been flayed by antlers of a muntjac deer, so to get around that we cut the willow or pollard it.

We also create new hedging and lay and plash old hedging, so we end up with a nice boundary fence along Cemetery Lane. We use hazel or willow for the hedge and birds nest there. There's also some woven willow fencing which we use in areas where we want to deter the public from going and create bramble thickets for birds, or where it's dangerous, marshy and wet.

The River Authority generally looks after major issues to do with the river; we just try to discourage people from



letting dogs go in the river by putting twiggy branches around as there's a water vole population that breeds and they're quite rare nationally, so we don't want dogs to kill them. And we might also clear any fallen trees or litter from the river.

In summer we just do basic maintenance: litter picking, clearing around the edges of paths and putting out signs for the different flowers for people to see: the emphasis is more low key. And then we do events as I mentioned earlier.

What are these volunteers doing here now?

This couple were earlier putting some protection around the newly planted trees to stop the deer eating them, and right now they're dragging the piles of marsh litter into a big heap away from the marsh and creating habitats for small mammals and birds to live in.

What type of birds do you get here?

We've got a good selection of birds because we have a range of habitat - meadow, marsh, river and river edge, some thick woodland, mature trees and hedge - so all of these attract different birds. By late April-early May, migratory birds arrive, singing and establishing territory. On a morning, you might see about 20 different birds. You may see a kingfisher flash up and down the Tiffey, egrets from time to time, sparrowhawks which breed in the cemetery fly by, so do kestrels, occasionally buzzards, and the peregrine from the Abbey tower also comes down here. We're not sure about owls, but it's a lovely habitat for the barn owl to hunt at night. There are small migratory birds like the blackcap,

chiffchaff, willow warbler, and others. They all look similar, but they have different calls. And then the usual common birds: tits and finches, robins, song thrushes, jays, crows, and others.

Why do people come here and what are the benefits?

People come here for different reasons. It's somewhere nice and peaceful for people to walk their dogs, and people just come and sit on a bench enjoying the fresh air and view, then people pass through between the railway station and the town, people who enjoy birdwatching, and those who like the practical conservation work. There are a lot of benefits for mental health and wellbeing - getting a daily dose of fresh air and greenery is going to do you good, even if just for 10 minutes.

When and how did you develop your interest in and love of nature?

When I was at primary school in the 1960s I started collecting feathers and skulls, and our teacher took us to see birds nesting. I studied ecology, soil science and geochemistry at UEA, then got into the Broads Authority, where I met my wife, then a forestry project, conservation work with young people, teaching at a field centre, then 20 years' teaching in a high school. My wife, Sandy, and I have been involved in conservation since about 1981 and she comes and helps here as well. She'll be along later with homemade flapjacks.

You also write poetry inspired by your love of

nature. Can you share a poem with us here?

Here's one I wrote about the marsh:

Frozen Marsh
This frozen marsh
Is hard as stone
She's sleeping till the spring,
And now and then
Her slumbers stir
With every breath
Of each wild thing
You frozen marsh
Stay sleepy till the spring.

Finally, let's hear from a few of the volunteers:

Mary and Michael: We've been volunteering for about 10 years now. It's lovely meeting nice people, being out in the open for a couple of hours and getting a good night's sleep afterwards. We're fair-weather volunteers though!

Alison: I only started volunteering this winter. It's nice to get out in the fresh air and chat to people. I've always had an interest in nature, and I think it's important to conserve what we've got here in Wymondham.

Mike: I've been here about five years now. Having given up my school governor duties I was looking for volunteer work. I enjoy a couple of hours with different people, some exercise and fresh air. I'm doing scything right now - we did training for this on the wettest day of the year!



MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE A11

By **James Butt**, Lead stakeholder and Community Engagement Manager Infrastructure - Highways

At National Highways, our ambition is to ensure our motorways and major A-roads are dependable, durable and – most importantly – are safe.

In the east, we've an unprecedented level of investment in our roads to increase capacity and reduce congestion to improve journey times and to make journeys more reliable. By maintaining and developing our roads, we connect people, communities and support industry; helping businesses, large and small, reach key markets.

A11 Spooner Row to Tuttle Interchange - Leaving a lasting legacy in the community

While we've been busy reconstructing the A11 between Spooner Row and the Tuttle Interchange, we've also been having conversations about how we can leave a lasting legacy within the local community. We've actively looked for opportunities to work with local organisations to understand where we can create a truly positive impact.

An example is our work with 'The Hub' in Wymondham. The Hub is a community project that provides support and resources to assist local families. We began working with The Hub back in March 2022 (before the A11 road scheme started) by providing them with 57kg of Easter-themed food and essential supplies that were distributed to the local community via their Food Club.

Then in April 2022, we helped the Hub print and deliver 3,000 leaflets as part of their 'STEPS' advice for the local community. This service offers guidance and support on how to plan meals and household budgeting tips to help beat inflation. Currently, we're helping them build a new community shop and food bank that will support disadvantaged local families.

In October 2022, we also helped the Shoebox Community Hub deliver activities and support from their Norwich base. They wanted to repurpose their basement to accommodate the community 'Stuff Hub', which lends equipment and tools to individuals and community groups so they can host events, activities, and maintain their local area. Our team helped to clear out their old basement, before helping to redecorate it so it was fit for purpose and ready to use.

We also work with local educational establishments to help provide opportunities for students to learn about the construction industry.

We've attended two 'Progression Fairs' at Wymondham High, which help inspire students to have a future career within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) industries. We also regularly attend the Norfolk and Suffolk Skills Festival, which attracts approximately 5,000 children from across the two counties.

We've also hosted two events at St. Eds, where students learned about the importance of construction safety, as well as the different careers available in the highways and construction industry.

And most recently, we hosted the Norfolk Young Carers at our site compound. They are a charity that supports young people who have caring responsibilities for a family member with an illness, disability or mental health problem. Nine young carers aged between 11 and 16 years old visited our site compound (accompanied by their guardians) to learn about the world of highways and road building.

We're happy to help out wherever we can – even if that's just using our team and equipment to help move new picnic benches into Ketts park! We always want to be a good neighbour.

We're not just here to rebuild the A11 road. Whether it be providing resources at community events, engaging with schools to promote careers in construction, training and upskilling local people, or supporting community projects and charities - we want to make a difference to the villages, towns and cities we work alongside.

Contact us

If you have any community initiatives that we might be able to help with, please write to info@nationalhighways.co.uk, or go to our scheme website www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete for more information

▼ Young carers' site visit

◀ Helping The Hub deliver leaflets

▼ Exhibiting at the Norfolk & Suffolk skills festival



◀ Installing a picnic table at Ketts Park

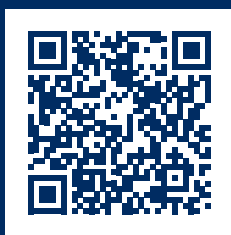


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A11 Spooner Row to Tuttle Interchange

concrete road reconstruction scheme



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We're reconstructing the A11 carriageway between Spooner Row and the Tuttle Interchange at Wyndham in both directions. The East region has the highest concentration of concrete roads on our road network. The surface of concrete roads that were designed between the 1950s and 1970s have an average life span of 50 years.

Their surfaces are now reaching the stage where they will need to be repaired or replaced for safety reasons, and to help them be less noisy and better to drive on. Rather than repairing the potholes and cracking, the whole carriageway will be reconstructed and re-laid. This will improve safety, as well as providing a smoother and safer ride for road users.

Once complete, we expect the life of the road surface to be extended by up to 50 more years, with fewer future closures for maintenance repairs, meaning more reliable journeys for road users.

DO YOU NEED TO WRITE A WILL WHEN YOU BUY A HOUSE?

By Margaret Smith,
Partner at Spire Solicitors

Writing a will or updating an existing one should be considered whenever there is a significant life event. You may want to review your will when you have a child, when you get married, when you retire or when you purchase a property.

For many people, buying a house is likely to be the biggest purchase they will ever make. So, it is important to think about who would benefit from your property when you die.

Writing a will allows you to record your wishes and gives you an opportunity to plan for the future and provide for your family and loved ones.

I HAVE PURCHASED A PROPERTY WITH A PARTNER

If you have purchased your new home with a partner, to make life easier, you may choose to draw up joint wills that leave the property and everything inside it to each other. It may be that you didn't buy the house in equal shares, and if that is the case, then you may want to make provision for that as well.

If you do not have a will when you die, the house and all your possessions will pass under the Rules of Intestacy. This doesn't need necessarily mean that your partner will inherit your share as it will depend on how you own the house together.

There are two ways you can own a property together:

Tenants in Common: If you own as tenants in common, your share will pass under your will or Intestacy. This means that if you are not married, it could go to your parents, or to siblings rather than your partner. If you are married, then your husband or wife will inherit your share on your intestacy. If you have a will, it would pass under the terms of the will.

Joint Tenants: If you own as joint tenants, then the house would automatically pass to the survivor. So, if you bought the property with your partner as Joint Tenants, then your share of the house would pass to them automatically.

Once you have children, it becomes even more important to make sure your family continues to have a home to live in.

I HAVE PURCHASED A PROPERTY BY MYSELF

If you have purchased your new home by yourself, it is important you make a will saying who you would like to have the property when you die.

If you already have a will, it may be important to update this when you buy a new property. This is particularly important if you own more than one property.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I STILL HAVE A MORTGAGE ON MY HOUSE WHEN I DIE?

Sole Mortgage: If you have a sole mortgage, then having appropriate life insurance will ensure that your mortgage is paid off if you die. This will allow those who you wish to benefit from your estate to do so without having to worry about not paying any debts.

Joint Mortgage: If you and your partner have a mortgage together and you or your partner dies, the surviving partner will be liable for any outstanding mortgage debt. For this reason, it is a very good idea to have life insurance or death in service, which would cover the outstanding amount. If there is not sufficient money to pay the outstanding mortgage off at the date of your death, then it could make life difficult for the surviving partner. This would be especially so if they had children and perhaps were not in work.

If this would cause issues, it is important that you speak to your mortgage provider as soon as possible to discuss possible options.

There is no requirement to have a will, but once you buy a house and take out a mortgage, you should think about making a will to ensure that your estate goes to who you want it to.

DECLARATION OF TRUST

Sometimes, when you buy a property with someone else you do not buy equal shares or you do not make equal contributions to the mortgage. If that is the case, then it is a very good idea to talk to your lawyer about making a Declaration of Trust to set out at the outset what shares you purchased in the property, what should happen if you die, and what should happen if the property is sold.

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PRISONER OF THE PAST: ELIZABETH PULLEY

Wymondham
Heritage Museum

By Neil Haverson

Elizabeth Pulley was 18 when she made her first appearance at court. She was charged with stealing wearing apparel but was acquitted. However, a year later she was back before the court, where she admitted stealing clothing. She was sentenced to three weeks in Wymondham's notorious Bridewell and then to be whipped at the town's Market Cross.

The story of Elizabeth Pulley and her incarceration forms the basis for the recreated dungeon and accompanying commentary at Wymondham Heritage Museum.

Elizabeth Pulley was born in Hethersett in 1761. It is thought that that she may have been employed in laundry work as her early crimes involved theft of clothing.

Indeed on August 11 1781 she was

again before Norfolk Assizes charged with stealing an old cloth coat, a silk handkerchief and a coloured apron worth 3½ pence. This time she was sentenced to 12 month's hard labour at Aylsham Bridewell.

Had she learnt her lesson? Not a bit of it. On Christmas Eve 1782 she broke into a shop owned by Hethersett widow Mrs Minns. This time she took quite a haul. Ten pounds of cheese value 3 shillings, three pounds of bacon value 1 shilling and 6 pence, 24 ounces of butter value 1 shilling, seven pounds of flour value 1 shilling, and 2 rolls of worsted cloth value 1 shilling.

At the Norfolk Lent Assizes in Thetford, she was found guilty and sentenced to death. However, the sentence was commuted to seven years transportation. Pulley was one of the first convicts to be transported. But Britain had lost her American colonies so she spent three years in Norwich Castle before she boarded the hulk "Dunkirk" at Plymouth bound for New South Wales. They landed at Sydney Cove on Saturday January 26th 1788.

Male convicts had landed a week earlier. Among them was Anthony Rope from Essex. He had been found guilty of stealing goods and money value 35 shillings.

Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley met and formed a relationship. On May 19th 1788 they were married at St.

Philip's Church witnessed by two fellow convicts. The first of eight children, Robert, was born on October 30. Their home was a wattle and daub single room thatched with rushes.

In 1790 Elizabeth Pulley became a free woman and her second child, Elizabeth, was born. Anthony Rope was freed in 1791 granted 70 acres of land and given two sow pigs and machinery and seed for one sowing. The family moved a number of times ending up at Rope's Creek.

Elizabeth Pulley became a mother of seven children and had 38 great grandchildren. She died on August 9th 1837 aged 76 years. Anthony died on April 20th 1843 aged 84 years.

In 2008 the great great granddaughter of Elizabeth Pulley visited Wymondham Heritage Museum.

Visitors to the museum can descend the stone steps to the dungeon and learn more of what life was like for women prisoners such as Elizabeth Pulley serving their sentences in The Bridewell. The museum is open seven days a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4pm; Thursday and Friday 10am-4pm. Tearoom: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1-4pm; Thursday and Friday 10am-4pm.

For more information about what to see and do at the museum go to www.thewhm.org.uk

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MNR LAUNCHES 'BACK ON TRACK' EMERGENCY APPEAL

By **Peter Singlehurst**



▲ Photo credit: Ian Macdonald

The Mid Norfolk Railway has launched an emergency appeal, known as the 'Back on Track' Emergency Appeal to help fund the restoration of Crownthorpe Bridge and associated works to reopen the railway for train services.

The appeal is designed to raise £95,000 and will, together with money already committed by the railway, meet the costs of a staged reopening. Initially it is planned that trains will be run to Thuxton. The major work to fully reopen is at Crownthorpe bridge and associated track work and once this is done a major hurdle to fully reopening the line will be achieved. Crownthorpe bridge is near Wymondham and crosses the B 1135.

Charlie Robinson, the Chairman of the MNRPT explaining the appeal, said: "Despite significant investment in the railway's infrastructure in recent years, the reality is that when the Mid Norfolk Railway started in the 1990s, it began with a railway line that had not been

maintained since the 1960s.

"Significant progress in addressing this has previously been made, but the rate of deterioration is accelerating and costs for long term refurbishment have risen significantly. This means additional funding must be found just to maintain what we have. This appeal is designed to get the railway running again, as quickly as possible.

For details of how to donate and the donation packages available please visit the Mid Norfolk Railway Website donation page at www.midnorfolkrailway.co.uk/donations.

The donation packages will give access to a 'Back on Track' Special Train that is planned to run on Saturday 13 April 2023. The 'Back on Track' Special will travel from Dereham, through Wymondham Abbey to Wymondham Junction, thus allowing passengers to travel a section of the line railway open to passengers. Only donors will have access to the special train.



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Wymondham Photographic Society meets on Tuesdays at the Dell Bowls Club. For more information visit www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

"AEONIUM"

Photo & article by **Craig Harriss**

This shot was taken last Summer at around 8:30 in the evening. From my collection of Aeoniums I chose the most uniform and strongly coloured to do test shots with. I already had an idea in my mind of how I wanted the image to look so it was only a matter of setting up the shot and achieving a reasonable exposure. Close-up work normally requires a sturdy tripod to hold the camera still and to facilitate focusing. Essential to capture the fine detail. My tripod has an extendable arm that allows the camera to be positioned perpendicular to the subject.

Once I had a dozen or so images, I loaded them into Photoshop, chose my favourite and converted it

**Wymondham
Photographic
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Photo of the month

to monochrome. Aeoniums have a light green centre with darker maroon coloured leaves towards the outside which lends itself to a black & white conversion very well. Some light dodging and burning was applied to bring out the detail and increase contrast. To lose the busy background and focus on the plant I cut it out from the main image and placed it on a black background. Finally, I cropped the picture to a square.

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GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SHED

By **Andrew Clarke**


The Shed, based in Wymondham is a fast growing, friendly and welcoming charity with over 60 members. The sessions are divided into male and female groups as well as mixed and includes a variety of activities from woodturning to watercolour painting. Equipment and materials are provided.

We are hoping to improve our garden and allow safe access for all and have recently been gifted landscaping materials, kindly donated by a local company Flagship. We now need to reach out to the community for help with fencing, levelling and slab laying.

If you think you can help or are interested in learning or sharing a skill, come along for a chat and a coffee and we will be happy to show you around our wonderful project.

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BIODIVERSITY AND COPPICE MANAGEMENT TALK



By **Nicola Cooke**

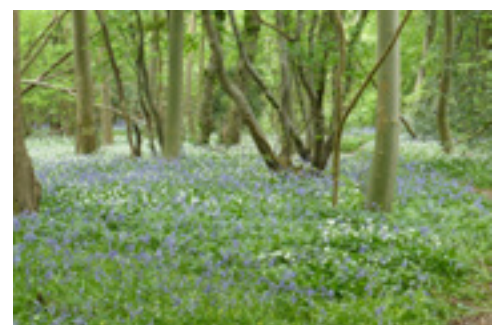
The next indoor meeting of Wymondham Nature Group taking place on Thursday 13th April at 7:30 pm will feature 'A Year in the Wood: Biodiversity and coppice management in NWT Ashwellthorpe Lower Wood' – an illustrated talk by Dr Anne Edwards. The wood is an ancient mixed woodland and is an SSSI, so is managed to take account of several plant species. Find out about the latest state of the wood regarding Ash Dieback. Anne runs a conservation action group under the guidance of

Norfolk Wildlife Trust to keep the wood looking wonderful, especially in spring when there are swathes of bluebells and other wild flowers.

The meeting will be held at the Town Green Community Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW (next to Wymondham Methodist Church).

Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG) is the local members' group of Norfolk Wildlife Trust. All welcome - admission £2 - further details from Ann Carpenter on 01508 488337.

Ashwellthorpe Lower Wood. Photo credit: Dr Anne Edwards ▶





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Greening Wymondham

Don't Be - Just Talk And Do

By Jay Andrews

Very dry summers?
Then too much rain?
Hemsby losing cliff
top homes?

Come along to a talk and workshop at the Abbey Hall on April 24th from 6pm to 8pm to listen to Rupert Read on transforming our future world. He'll speak about what

we can do to revitalise the planet locally and nationally. Throw him questions and ideas. And during the workshops, discuss what can be achieved by individuals and society. Let's have a debate!

Before that date, consider the hedgehog. Wymondham

seems to the hedgepig capital of Norfolk but they still need help. You can get advice on how to encourage them at the stall at Market Cross on Saturday April 15th.

Did any of you see Paul Whitehouse on BBC's Troubled Rivers programme? Anyone near a river you play, paddle or swim in needs to watch it - including those of us who simply walk alongside it. Greening Wymondham is trying to work out how to test the safety of the Tiffey for children and any users. Which of course include our fish, eels, riverside birds and otters.

We are still working on greening Browick Park with a large number of native trees, wildflowers and bulbs at the community orchard. Follow us on Facebook to see information on what's going on and the dates GW is there - so you can come and talk to us or even lend a hand. The town council have now appointed a consultancy

team we hope will help develop it further in line with what the community wants.

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THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF HIGH SCHOOL



With Freddy Lowe



As a child, your parents and family members' opinions have great significance. For some people, if a parent declares a view, then that view is to be swiftly rejected. However, for many years, my family's views held strong sway over my beliefs. As a school student, whenever a classmate was being a twit without me realising it, it took one cutting, straight-to-the-point observation from my sister to make the scales fall from my eyes.

Having an outside, third-person perspective as a guiding force – family

or otherwise – is especially crucial in secondary school, and I thank my lucky stars that I had one. Secondary school challenges abound, and this is a rite of passage. Every person's challenge is different, of course, but possibly none is quite so unpleasant as the antagonistic retaliation from your peers during any conflict. As a former school pupil, I feel enormous empathy for the Wymondhammers going through GCSEs and A-Levels, and I write this in dedication to them. You are all brilliant for continuing to survive secondary school. You will definitely get through it. I remember well that I was not only juggling academic pressures, but also monumental social ones. The psychological effects of intense teenage circles can be all too easily overlooked.

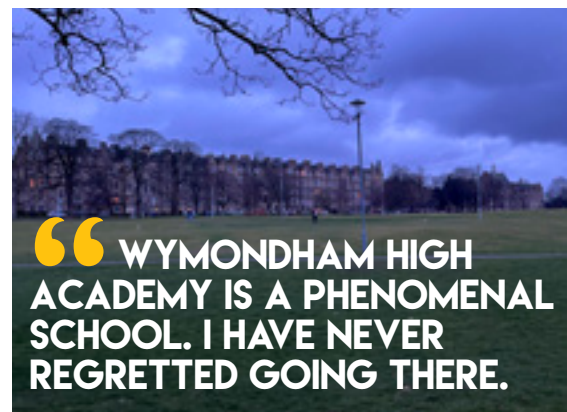
Take, for instance, one lesson I attended in Year 12. Our teacher put a blog article on the screen for our examination, and I raised my hand to express what I believed was a bland, common-sense opinion. The rest of the class cut me off mid-sentence, erupting in a chorus of "tread carefully", followed by a series of rowdy protests to my words. I was astonished by the absurdity of why they had cut me off so abruptly. Then, I realised why they did it. It did not matter what I believed. I should not have said it because it did not align

with the classroom's tribal affiliation. To quote Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, "I had desecrated the prevailing orthodoxy(...) like being accused of blasphemy in a religion that is not yours."

I remember another Sixth Form lesson in which we had to discuss our idols. A few classmates had offered theirs, and we respectfully listened. Seconds before I was about to name one of mine, suddenly, this very idol was brought up critically by the teacher. The class then ranted about their dislike of this individual and how audacious it would be to defend them. I sat and remained uncomfortably silent. The spectre of potentially losing good relations with your teachers and

peers holds you back from saying, "contrastingly, here's why I like this person!" You just sit, listen, and stay quiet.

Those two words from the first example – "tread carefully" – are correct in one sense, as they are aptly reminiscent of some school environments. Teenage social circles have fierce, unspoken rules on what one can and cannot say. Some poor people would often ask others, "are you okay? You don't have to tell me anything – of course – but are you? Of course, no need to even respond, but...", purely out of fear of asking something that "wasn't their business". (And, indeed, "I can't tell you" was an all-too-common answer.)



“ WYMONDHAM HIGH ACADEMY IS A PHENOMENAL SCHOOL. I HAVE NEVER REGRETTED GOING THERE.

Social discretion and confidentiality can be very valuable, but when applied too much, they are gifts for environments that breed malign, antagonistic social instincts. Every school pupil will recognise this situation: getting accused by a friend of having hurt their feelings, attempting to enquire further, and then being met with, "no, I can't tell you how you did it – you just did – I have my reasons". It's a manipulative line and deeply unpleasant to hear. It sows the seed of guilt while providing no substance.

Wymondham High Academy is a phenomenal school. I have never regretted going there. It is full of fantastic staff members, many of whom provided unwavering well-being support when I had difficulties. Indeed, teachers are often aware of the above social pressures and deeply sympathise! For some pupils, maybe one trusted teacher acts as the aforementioned guiding force instead of family members, someone whose outside judgement can be implicitly trusted.

To any pupil without that support, you are not alone. You will get through it – you will be okay!

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Guest Column

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE



By Tony Fielder, Greening Wymondham

Those political leaflets have started dropping into our letterboxes – yes, it's election time again! This May the elections are for councillors to represent us on the South Norfolk Council and Wymondham Town Council for the next four years.

As the number of people who vote in local elections is usually fairly low, let's consider – why bother to vote?

Wymondham is the largest town in South Norfolk and Broadland combined. As noted in the March 2023 issue of this magazine, the population of Wymondham increased by nearly 50 per cent in the twenty years from 2001-2021. This recent growth results from the planning policies in the Greater Norwich Development Plan and the 2015 local Action Plan for Wymondham. The "deal" in those plans was quite clear – Wymondham was asked to accept major housing developments, and as a "reward", we would get investment in "green infrastructure", not just protecting but enhancing and linking the valuable countryside features around our town. Some of this could be community projects, involving volunteers. Apart from the Ketts Country Walk, none of this "reward" has happened – we are still waiting for South Norfolk's green infrastructure strategy for the A11 corridor, which was promised in 2022 – but more houses keep arriving!

You will recently have received your annual Council Tax bill, most of which represents spending by Norfolk County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner. By comparison, the Town and District Councils take only a small "slice" of the bill – but it's still important.

Some impressive projects have been completed in and around Wymondham, including the artificial sports pitch and improved and extended tennis courts at Kett's Park, improvements to the Leisure Centre, the cycleway along the B1172 to Norwich, and now the planned town centre regeneration. These have mostly been funded by the levy on new house building, known as "CIL". Our Town Council also receives a share of "CIL", and so far has mostly set this money aside for improvements to Browick Rec, and for the new cemetery.

During lockdown, it became obvious that there is a crying need for informal countryside recreation, especially short circular walks for families and dog walkers. Every field near the town seemed to have a beaten track round the edge, and in

many cases landowners have allowed continued use of these informal walks. The consultation on Wymondham's forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan showed that people who live here value easy access from the town into the surrounding countryside. But compared to other parts of Norfolk, Wymondham has very few public footpaths where your right to walk is protected in law, and doesn't just rely on the goodwill of the landowner. Greening Wymondham would like to see more support for smaller, less-expensive schemes to improve the environment and access for informal recreation.

The focus by the town council and South Norfolk on "big ticket" projects, while of benefit to our town, tends to benefit particular groups, such as those engaged in organised sports. And there are no detailed estimates for the cost of the new cemetery and Browick Rec – so the funds set aside for these are just guesses. At the same time, the TC requires voluntary groups asking for small grants to submit detailed costings, which are gone through with a fine-tooth comb.

What often surprises me is that our town council seems to see itself as somehow separate from the people it represents. It publishes far less information than similar councils in Norfolk. It doesn't regularly consult residents on what its spending priorities should be, and it has no published strategy to manage its assets or fund improvements. Don't get me wrong – the town council is managed responsibly. It has sensibly built up

reserves to spread the cost of expensive items, such as maintaining the Market Cross.

Some town councillors constantly claim that Wymondham council has no money – but it has substantial reserves. New house building is delivering hundreds of thousands of pounds of "CIL", and recently about 250 new houses are built each year, which produces an extra £25,000 from Council Tax. But the TC seems strangely reluctant to use reserves for smaller projects, which could be of general benefit to the townspeople. It is obvious that the TC cannot now afford to improve all its parks at commercial rates of pay – it must rely on volunteers to carry out some of the work. Yet the town council's attitude to volunteers seems less than welcoming, even grudging.

For years Greening Wymondham have been pressing the town council to look at improving our parks and open spaces. We started with Kett's Park Wood, which was donated to the town by the developers of Harts Farm, but has not been managed. We raised money and arranged contractors to improve the path through the wood, and persuaded the town council to fund selective felling and renewal. The sums involved are small – but it was a struggle.

I think it is important that the South Norfolk District Councillors we elect this May, of whatever party, should press for Wymondham to receive its fair share of resources and improvements to our environment. I would also like to see us elect a Town Council that asks residents what its priorities should be, that is more open about its activities, and is more welcoming to the many groups of volunteers who do so much to enhance our town. So if you agree, get out and vote!

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BOOK REVIEW

How to Kill Your Family
by Bella Mackie

By **Laura Duffy**, Volunteer at Kett's Books Community Bookshop

A few months ago, a colleague in Ketts Books read aloud a page from this novel (page 10, to be precise) and with just that short snippet I knew that this book was going to be a joy to read.



How to Kill Your Family is a dark comedy which was first published in June 2021. The novel is presented through the inner monologue of the main character, Grace Bernard, who is a smart, funny and extremely veracious person. Throughout the

book, Grace manages to justify each of her very questionable actions, making it appear comedic and normal.

Mackie spaces out each murder by switching between the past and present which keeps the interest flowing throughout the book. After each chapter, more and more is learnt about Grace, and her family and friends but no information is too revealing which increases the desire to continue reading.

As *How To Kill Your Family* includes lots of dark comedy and very descriptive murders and settings, I would recommend it to young adults and older who are looking for a funny, creative novel to read.



TOM TAKES CHARGE AS WRFC TARGET HOME GROWN TALENT



By Andy Thomson

Former pro-player Tom Armes has been given the job of super-charging Wymondham's rugby ambitions.

The current 1st XV coach has been appointed the club's new Director of Rugby, taking on the challenge of raising standards and skills across more than 20 different squads.

Tom, 32, said: "I am truly honoured to have been appointed and I'm looking forward to working with everyone here to fulfil our ambitions to be a major player in Eastern Counties rugby.

"With the premier facilities we have at Wymondham, the ever-growing membership and the exceptional talent - both coaching and playing - coming through the ranks, the future is very bright."

Tom has a long history with the Club having played in Wymondham's minis and youth sections before playing professionally at Leicester Tigers and Bedford Blues.

Club chair Paul Wootton said: "Tom has coached our Colts and more recently been the head coach of our

senior men, leading them to one promotion and a third placed finish this year - the highest we have ever achieved.

"It is testament to his philosophy that at the 1st XV's game at West Norfolk we finished with 12 players on the pitch who were under 23 years old, and all of whom had played in our youth section."

It is that commitment to home grown talent that has become the bedrock at the club's Barnard Fields home.

Paul explained: "We've got great facilities at Wymondham but it's the quality of coaching right through the club that keeps players here - and it's what draws new players in.

"Our biggest source of senior players is our Youth set-up and that's a pathway we're going to build on.

"We've got some great coaching teams in Youth - the U15s have a squad of nearly 50 players now and the U18s girls' squad are regularly providing players to our senior women's team, the Wasps."



'ALL TO PLAY FOR' FOOTBALL SESSIONS

By Aaron Roberts

A men's mental health project for football lovers is launching in Wymondham on Tuesday 18th April at Ketts Park, from 1:30-2:30pm.

The project is called All to Play For and is a partnership project between Active Norfolk, NSFT, South Norfolk & Broadland District Councils and sports delivery organisations. It offers free football sessions every week throughout the year. The football sessions act as a hook for engagement for men who are either at risk of or who are managing pre-existing mental health issues. Given that men are more likely to be clinically disengaged, the project uses physical activity and peer support as the platform to engage and support. Sessions are friendly, inclusive and adopt a really strong peer-to-peer support approach providing a safe

environment for any man 18+ to meet other like-minded men, exercise and become more connected within their community. There is no eligibility criteria to attend sessions, any man whether engaged in support services or not may attend and no pre-signup is needed, the sessions will be drop-in with a short questionnaire to complete on arrival.

A coach/facilitator will be present at every session alongside regular attendance from the wellbeing service and Active Norfolk. The sessions will also act as a hook to increase accessibility to more holistic health and wellbeing support services. All to Play For adopts a model of integration where after consultation with every man (through a questionnaire and/or verbal) we are able to take a 'whole person' approach and invite the necessary support services to attend sessions off the back of what the demand is. This way we can bring support to the individual. Across Norfolk to date, we've had services attend and give advice, guidance and direct referrals around wellbeing/mental health, employment, housing, finance, drugs and alcohol and many more.

We are currently seeking organisations in place that may be working with vulnerable men and we'd

love to be able to support partner services by establishing a two way referral pathway to and from their service to All to Play For.

This can be hugely beneficial for men accessing mental health services to meet other like-minded men and to connect them to the support locally they need. For any questions or to get involved email Sam Watts on sam.watts@activenorfolk.org

ALL TO PLAY FOR

Finding life difficult? The nearest thing to other players who feel the same, and have a shared love of the beautiful game?

Free weekly football sessions for men aged 18+
Meet new friends & get access to the support you need.
Simply wear appropriate clothing and trainers!

Where: Ketts Park, Wymondham, NR18 0UP
When: Starting 18th April 2023
Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm
No booking necessary - just turn up!

For more info, questions, please email Sam Watts on sam.watts@activenorfolk.org or Aaron Roberts on aaron.roberts@activenorfolk.org

www.wellbeingnorfolk.co.uk

Saturday 1st April

Community Orchard Volunteer Workday
10am-12pm, Browick Road Orchard
Refreshments and tools provided
but bring your own gloves. Entrance
opposite Gunton Road NR18 0QN or
Ayton Road Car Park.
www.greeningwymondham.org

Quilt Exhibition

10am-4pm, Town Green Centre
Quilts inspired by the book of
Revelations. Entrance via Back Lane.
Also open Sunday 2nd April 12-4.
wymondhammethodistchurch.com/

Wellbeing and Spiritual Fair

10am-4pm, Wymondham Central Hall
Crystals, Reiki and energy healing,
card readings, hand-crafted wood
art, jewellery, fairy houses, incense,
essential oils, books and more. Talks
and demonstrations throughout the day.
Coffee and cake in the foyer. Entrance
£2, children free.

Bric-a-Brac Sale

11am-4pm, The Schoolrooms,
Church St. All proceeds to the Reverend
William Papillon's Charity

Abbey Days Spring Fair

11am-4pm, Wymondham Abbey
60+ stalls with gifts, crafts, food, music
and more. Children's entertainment and

egg decorating sessions.
clearcompany.org.uk

Sunday 2nd April

Dance for Turkey
2pm-4pm, Central Hall
Zumba stars will lead this fun dance
event raising funds for the Turkey
earthquake relief fund. Suggested
donation of £5 per dancer. Tea/coffee
and homemade cake sales will also
raise funds for the cause.

Tuesday 4th April

Beginners Knitting Workshop
10am-12pm, Big C Furniture and Craft
Shop. Suggested donation £5 to attend,
booking essential
01953 603320

Full Town Council Meeting

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

Wednesday 5th April

Art Society Demo with Naomi
Clements-Wright
7:15pm, Catholic Church Hall
Naomi believes that accurate drawing
is the basis of good painting and has
formal qualifications in both art and art
history. She now exhibits widely and
is a member of the Chelsea Art Club.
She has been commissioned for many

portraits, landscapes and interiors and
will paint a still life in oils for us.
www.wymondhamart.org

Thursday 6th April

u3a Monthly Talk: The Dig
2pm, Central Hall
Charlie Haylock was personally chosen
by the great Ralph Fiennes to be the
dialect coach for the wonderful Netflix
film "The Dig". Charlie will reveal the
extraordinary lengths Ralph Fiennes
took to become Basil Brown - the local
archaeologist discovering the Sutton
Hoo burial ship. Free for members, £2
for non-members.
www.u3asites.org.uk/Wymondham

Sunday 9th April

Carboot and Fun Day
10am-2pm, Football Club
WTFC is hosting an Easter Carboot and
family fun day on Kings Head Meadow.
Come for bargains, an easter egg hunt
with the easter bunny, bouncy castle,
face painting, soft play, crafts, raffle and
tombola.
wymondhamtownfc.co.uk/

Monday 10th April

Duck Race
11:30am, Becketswell
Wymondham Abbey presents the
traditional duck race on the Tiffey.
An Easter Monday Funday for all the

NOT FOR PROFIT LAW

Community Interest Company

Not for Profit Law is a social enterprise founded by two local solicitors, **Laura van Ree** and **Trina Worden**, who have more than 30 years' experience between them. Prompted by their experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic, **Laura** and **Trina** have resolved to 'do law differently'. Through **Not for Profit Law** they offer expert legal advice at lower rates than traditional law firms, partnering with **Norfolk Community Foundation** to feed the profits they make back into the local community.

FREE WILL REVIEW

Changes in the law and tax system can mean that a will made just a few years ago might not perform as you expect. Laura and Trina will happily look at your will and make suggestions about potential changes that might benefit you. It may be that you don't need to do anything, but it is certainly worth checking!

FREE PROBATE ADVICE

There can be a lot to think about when someone dies, at what is almost certainly an emotional time. For that reason, Laura and Trina offer a free initial probate advice service to anyone who has lost a loved one or is dealing with an estate.

Also advising on **Powers of Attorney**, **Court of Protection** and **Trusts**.

We aim to be flexible, offering meetings online, in offices in Norwich or at your home. Evening and weekend appointments are available on request.



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family. Ducks from £1, plus hot food, tombola, cakes, plants, books and other stalls. Children's Easter bonnet parade, treasure hunt, competitions and prizes galore.

Wednesday 12th April

Japanese Paper Marbling Workshop
10am-12pm, Big C Furniture and Craft Shop. Suggested donation £5 to attend, booking essential
[01953 603320](tel:01953603320)

Thursday 13th April

Nature Group Indoor Meeting
7:30pm, Town Green Community Centre. "A Year in the Wood: Biodiversity and coppice management in NWT Ashwellthorpe Lower Wood", by Dr Anne Edwards. The wood is an ancient mixed woodland and is a SSSI, so is managed to take account of several plant species. Find out about the latest state of the wood regarding Ash Dieback. Anne runs a conservation action group under the guidance of Norfolk Wildlife Trust to keep the wood looking wonderful. Admission £2.
[01508 488337](tel:01508488337)
www.facebook.com/WymondhamNatureGroup

Saturday 15th April

Community Orchard Volunteer Workday
10am-12pm, Browick Road Orchard. Refreshments and tools provided but bring your own gloves. Entrance opposite Gunton Road NR18 0QN or Ayton Road Car Park.
www.greeningwymondham.org/

Monday 17th April

Garden Club Talk "Designing & Planting Small Gardens"
7:30pm, Town Green Centre. A talk by award winning East Anglian Garden Designer Chris Deakin. Show Table – 3 Daffodils or Narcissi (Single/Double/Miniature, Multi-headed), 3 Tulips (any type). Club Table – A favourite from my Garden – Plant or Flower, Fruit or Vegetable. Members Free, guests £4. For further information about the club contact wymondhamgardenclub@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077254060337

Tuesday 18th April

Bavarian Crochet (Advanced) Workshop

10am-12pm, Big C Furniture & Craft Shop
Suggested Donation £5 to attend, booking essential
[01953 603320](tel:01953603320)
www.facebook.com/bigcwymondham

Police Community Drop In
12pm-2pm, Wymondham Library. Discuss local issues with PC Vicky Bailey.

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm-10pm, Dells Bowls Club. Tripod competition - with Buxton and Lowestoft
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

Saturday 22nd April

Star Throwers Coffee Morning
10am-1pm, 30 Melton Road. All welcome - Free Entry! Enjoy refreshments, Tombola, Raffle and the Treasure Trove shop.
www.starthrowers.org.uk

Clothes Swap
10:30am-12:30pm, Library. Bring along your pre-loved clothing and swap with others for a new wardrobe. Organised by the Wild Tribe with support from Greening Wymondham.

Sunday 23rd April

St George's Day
11am, Town Centre. Artisan Craft Market at Wymondham Town Football Club and Art Displays in and around the town.

Monday 24th April

Talk: A Butterfly Future?
6pm-8pm, Abbey Hall. A free talk and workshop led by Rupert Read, UEA Professor and author of 'Parents for a future'.
www.greeningwymondham.org

Tuesday 25th April

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm-10pm, Dells Bowls Club. Guest speaker Emma Finch via Zoom (Portraits with impact)
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

Wednesday 26th April

Play: Witness for the Prosecution
7:45pm, Central Hall. Wymondham Players present one of Agatha Christie's most accomplished

plays - keeping you guessing until the end!

[07999 004453](tel:07999004453)
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Thursday 27th April

Heritage Society Meeting
7:30pm, Fairland Hall. A talk on "Norwich Pleasure Gardens" by Mary Fewster. New members can join at the meeting.
www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk/?p=heritage.society

Play: Witness for the Prosecution
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[07999 004453](tel:07999004453)
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Friday 28th April

Play: Witness for the Prosecution
7:45pm, Central Hall.
[07999 004453](tel:07999004453)
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Saturday 29th April

Play: Witness for the Prosecution
2pm, Central Hall.
[07999 004453](tel:07999004453)
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Play: Witness for the Prosecution
7:45pm, Central Hall.
[07999 004453](tel:07999004453)
www.wymondhamplayers.org.uk

Sunday 30th April

Vegipod Replanting
2pm, Behind the White Hart. Join Greening Wymondham volunteers for a spring planting session of the community VegiPod. Bring seedlings if you have any.
www.greeningwymondham.org/

MARKETS

Charter Market

Every Friday
8am to 2.30pm Market Place

Farmers' Market

Third Saturday
(15th April)
9am to 1pm, Market Place
www.wymondhamtowncouncil.org
[01953 603 302](tel:01953603302)

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