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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LOST LOVED ONES

By [Marianne Lincoln](#)

Wymondham Methodist Church is again holding a Memorial Service for anyone to attend who wants to remember a loved one or loved ones – whenever they have died or wherever the funeral took place.

If you have had a funeral of a loved one during the past year, either in the Church, or in the Crematorium then this is a specific, and warm, invitation to attend on the afternoon of Sunday 5th November at 3pm. The service will be in the Church and there will be an opportunity to have the names of those you would like remembered read out. There will be coffee or tea afterwards in the adjoining Town Green Centre. If you cannot attend but would like a name read out, do contact Mary in advance with the request (mary.p.cousins@outlook.com).



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

By [Ann Rogerson](#)

On Saturday 11th November, 2 minutes silence will be observed at the War Memorial and on the Market Place at 11am to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. On Sunday 12th November there will be a Remembrance Parade and Service. The Parade leaves the Market Place at 2:30pm heading to the War Memorial for wreaths to be laid, followed by a service in the Abbey at 3pm. All welcome.

BIGGEST DISPLAY YET FOR FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

By [Andy Thomson](#)

More fireworks, more entertainment, more food stalls and more family fun are promised by the organisers of Wymondham's bonfire night spectacular.

"This is going to be our biggest yet," said Liam Browning, from the town's rugby club.

"Fireworks night is easily our busiest event of the year. It's grown hugely in the past few years and now we've got a reputation for one of the best displays in Norfolk."

This year's display is on Friday 3rd November at the rugby club on Bray Drive in Wymondham. Gates open at 5pm and there will be a bigger funfair and more food vendors, bars and concessions to help minimise queues. The fireworks start around 8pm.

Tickets must be bought in advance and cost £8 for adults, £5 for under-16s and children under four go free.

Go to: <https://www.wymondhamrfc.com/club-events>

Onsite parking can be booked ahead at £5, though organisers are encouraging people to leave their cars behind if they can.



Some top local businesses have won in previous years ▼



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR COUNCILS' BUSINESS AWARDS

By South Norfolk Council Communications Team

Nominations are now open for Broadland District and South Norfolk Councils' Business Awards sponsored by local law firm Birketts LLP.

Businesses based in the two districts are invited to nominate themselves in any of the ten categories to be in with a chance of winning a prestigious award.

South Norfolk Council's Cabinet Member for Stronger, Greener, Economy, Cllr Lisa Overton-Neal, said: "Despite the difficult economic times, many of our local businesses are thriving and this is a chance to congratulate them on their success and recognise their hard work.

These awards are just one of the many ways we are supporting our fantastic business community."

Broadland District Council's Cabinet Member, Cllr Martin Booth, said: "We have a wide variety of businesses operating across both districts, huge multi-nationals to one-man bands, in sectors as diverse as agriculture, retail, life sciences and tourism. It's these business and the determination of the people behind them that help our local economy to thrive. This is a chance

for them to get the recognition they deserve."

Businesses are invited to nominate themselves in the following categories:

Business Growth; Business Innovation; Employer of the Year; Environmental Impact; Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing; Excellence in Insurance, Financial and Professional Services; Food and Drink Producer of the Year; New Business; Small Business of the Year and Tourism Business of the Year.

Residents are also invited to vote for their favourite Retailer of the Year and Pub of the Year. By voting they will automatically be entered into a prize draw and be in with a

chance of winning £100 of shopping and pub vouchers. There will be four lucky winners, two from each district.

The awards ceremony will take place at Norwich City Football Club in March 2024.

To nominate your business, or to vote for your favourite retailer and pub, visit the Councils' website www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/businessawards. Closing date for entries is 15 December 2023.



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BIRDS OF MYTH AND FABLE

By Hannah Kerr

Wymondham Symphony Orchestra will be offering an avian themed concert on Saturday 25th November in Wymondham Abbey, entitled Birds of Myth and Fable. We hope to see many of you there to enjoy a very different event for us!

Dvořák's The Wood Dove will be the first piece, one of a cycle of four orchestral poems which tells a tragic story of love and despair. Four musical scenes describe the story of a woman who poisoned her husband and married another man shortly after. A dove sits and sings a sad song full of guilt and melancholy.

This will be followed by Cantus Arcticus (Concerto for Birds and Orchestra) by the Finnish composer Rautavaara, which incorporates recordings of bird song recorded near the Arctic Circle and on the bogs of Liminka in northern Finland. The result is a haunting and evocative sound. There are three movements to enjoy:



"The bog" opens with woodwind and birdsong, followed by "Melancholy" including the song of a shore lark. The final movement is "Swans migrating" which is a long crescendo for the full orchestra alongside swan calls, before fading as if flying away into the distance.

The final piece will be Stravinsky's Firebird Suite which was written for the 1910 Paris season of Sergei Diaghilev's Ballets Russes company. We will be playing the 1945 version in which Stravinsky reorchestrated much of the original work and altered the structure, which he completed on the request of Leeds Music in order for the orchestration to be recopyrighted in

the US. We have really enjoyed getting stuck into this challenging music, and hope you will enjoy the story narrated alongside each movement.

Tickets are available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/wso>. There will also be some availability on the door, but we encourage attendees to purchase tickets in advance to beat the queues. Prices are £15, Friends of the WSO £13 and Under 18s are free.

More details about the orchestra can be found at www.wymondhamsymphonyorchestra.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

Watch for yourself:
youtu.be/MLK7slhHffQ

TOWN COUNCIL WATCH

Bonfire Night Special

Local Democracy Sketch
by Jimmy Young

Remember, remember the third of October - because that's when Wymondham Town Council met for their most recent full council meeting, the sixth since elections back in May. Time really does fly when you're enjoying yourself. With just a few items on the agenda, it falls to good old TCW, Wymondham's closest thing to Guy Fawkes, to bring you up to speed with all the developments. So get ready to go ooh. Get ready to go ahh. It's a Town Council Watch bonfire night special.

But who will provide the fireworks?

CHANDLER'S HILL

A question from Cllr Todd Baker (Lab) about a large payment to a building contractor gave the group a chance to acknowledge the completion of works

to create a Queen Elizabeth II gardens at Chandler's Hill. The project had been the baby of former councillor Kathryn Cross (Con) and its completion had been overseen by current deputy mayor Cllr Annette James (Lib Dem).

Kathryn wheel be pleased. Yep, that's the level of joke you're getting this month.

Mayor Nuri-Nixon (Lib Dem) found time to congratulate the latter but not the former for delivering the project.

PARTY POLITICS

After last month's explosive by-election fevered meeting that saw a member of the public bemoan the tribal party politics on display, another respected member of the public stepped forward this month with a plea for this month:

"Could I invite individual councillors, who are individually elected, to make their decisions based on their own views rather than some kind of herd principle that might apply?"

Well, let's not be too hasty in calling for an end to the antics, TCW's got an entertaining column to write here.



MANPOWER PLOT

They say you should never return to a lit firework but Cllr Tony Holden (Con) fancied another pop at a proposal he'd pitched to the last council but had been unsuccessful with - to set up a full Committee to look at personnel, staffing and health & safety at the council. This would replace the informal working group it transpired hadn't met in 15 months.

Would the Flagbearers Of Change™ on the new council embrace it or would Mr Holden be burnt again? Place your bets now folks.

Arguing against setting up the committee, Cllr Annette James listed a ream of reasons this was too serious an issue for councillors to touch alone:

"It's very easy to fall foul of employment law, health and safety law, equality law and we could go blundering into something, without actually having expert advice to help us." "... it's a very broad topic that covers employment law, appraisal skills, health and safety, equality, how to set kpis, induction, employee motivation and engagement, change management, even as far as a professional CIPD qualification." "perhaps we need to look at considering outsourcing some of

our HR needs and until we actually get some needs analysis done, we don't know exactly what we want."

Great points. Get that lady on the committee!

For Cllr Todd Baker, that list of reasons "suggested the even greater need for this proposal, because here we are talking about what do we do about training and what do we do about HR and do we really have a handle on that now?"

Cllr Joe Barrett (Green) voiced wariness about conducting staff appraisals "I think in many cases they are counterproductive. I find them quite a hostile environment myself. The power dynamics rarely are pleasant to say the least... Being autistic that does come into it. That's the reason that they are so damaging to me... to put that in as a blanket policy of 'everybody must have appraisals', well then you're going to be looking at the Equality Act and people saying as a reasonable adjustment 'I shouldn't have the appraisal.'"

Some potentially useful perspectives to consider there. Get that man on the committee too!

Cllr Todd Baker had the obvious rebuttal to the possibility of never giving employees appraisals :

"...it's vitally important that we conduct performance appraisals on all staff for the council. I absolutely appreciate the need to make reasonable adjustments in terms of what format that may take. But I think it's important that, in the same way we scrutinise the monthly accounts, in the same way we pore over the words of every proposal, I think it would be remiss of us to then say well we don't do that in terms of the performance of staff".

Newly elected South Wymondham councillor, Dave Roberts (Lib Dem) argued for a conservative approach:

"We need to have a proper in-depth discussion about this rather than this current proposal."

If only there was some kind of official forum like a committee where they could have that discussion.

Ultimately, the proposal was rejected when all bar the Greens voted on party lines: all 7x Lib Dems + 1x Green voted it down, the 3x Labour councillors present and 1x Conservative voted in favour, Cllr Joe Barrett abstained.

Another idea to change something that fizzled out faster than an underwhelming pound shop sparkler.



NEW ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE (OOH!)

On a related note, we'd later hear the Clerk will soon be armed with an extension to his accounting software, to allow him to produce more-frequent financial reporting for the council. A previous Finance Committee meeting had heard the paid staff member raise concerns about the time impact of monthly reporting, before Cllr Rosen (Lab) pointed out software could easily be doing the task.

Not having the tools or training to do one's job quickly and efficiently? Sounds like the sort of thing to bring up at one's appraisal...

FAWKING OUT

Next, the council spent 20 minutes deciding not to have a conversation about something.

Cllr Michael Rosen had submitted a proposal to ask the council's Finance Committee to look at whether it could re-direct funds it was holding for its new cemetery project, to other schemes like town centre regeneration, which were expected to need the money sooner.

But from the reaction of many councillors around the table, even the idea of discussing that, needed discussing - and ultimately rejecting.

Cllr Lucy Nixon (Lib Dem) described

allocating money from one Town Council account for the cemetery, to another Town Council account for town centre improvements, to attract co-investment from South Norfolk as: "being asked to gamble our savings on an unknown amount of money that just doesn't work for me as any kind of sound investment." - something Cllr Rosen described as being a "fundamental misunderstanding":

"If we do find the money to put into place with South Norfolk," he explained. "it's not a gamble, because it's still our money. We don't have to agree to anything unless they match fund it. We're not giving it to them!"

He went on to voice frustration that his motion to let the Finance Committee discuss options "in a proper professional way" had descended into an all-council debate about finances there and then, warning later against the Town Council behaving like "some sort of, I don't know, Mickey Mouse council".

Perish the thought.

FINAL FIZZBANGER

After 5 months that have seen the new Town Council vote to throw multiple ideas onto the bonfire like a playground improvement plan, more-compassionate burial fees, tighter controls on staff spending and appraising staff performance, there was a burning question on Cllr Tony Holden's lips:

"Unless I'm mistaken, the only proposals that have come before the council have come from myself or from the guys from Labour or the Green Party and I was just wondering when we might see something from the Liberal Democrats." he mused of the majority party at Town Council. "Or are you so happy with the way the Conservatives left it that there's nothing for you to change?"

This is getting like Prime Minister's Questions. They'll be roaring "mooooooore!" next.

WELCOME TO DAVE ROBERTS

"Before I close this meeting," concluded Mayor Nuri-Nixon. "I did forget to welcome councillor Dave Roberts to the council, so I do apologise, Dave, for that."

No hard feelings I'm sure. With the frenetic pace of the council rolling out its fizz-cracking change agenda, it's easy for these things to get overlooked.



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By Philip Tuxley

WHAT'S IN A PHOTO?

The Wind'em Pierrot Concert Party



This troupe of local Wymondham artistes, styling themselves the Wind'em Pierrot Concert Party, were the subject of a report in April 1915 in the Norwich Mercury for giving "two excellent entertainments" in the Town Hall to raise funds for the Wymondham Red Cross (Voluntary Aid Detachment) Hospital.

The hospital for wounded soldiers contributed to the country's fight in World War One, which had been declared the previous August. It was based in the Vicarage Room in Church Street on a site now occupied by the Abbey Hall, which opened in May

1970. A month after the concerts, an increasing demand saw the hospital extended to rooms in Abbotsford, then the home of Captain and Mrs. Cautley in Vicar Street.

The Town Hall was situated in Town Green and, although since altered almost out of recognition, the building still stands and houses the Sports Bar and other concerns. In the main picture on the right in the back row is Una Chatterton, a well known local thespian of the time, and fourth from the left in the front row is legendary Frank Alpe, a chemist who became a barrister and loved clowning about on stage.



◀ The Red Cross (Voluntary Aid Detachment) Hospital in the Vicarage Room.



The Town Hall c.1900 ▶

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wymondhammagazine.co.uk/whats-in-a-photo

By Alex Perry

TED Talks

In Uniform



During the Second World War many people had good reason to wear a uniform, and in 1941 Ted was no exception when he joined the cub scouts. He put on a jacket and a cap and tied a neckerchief around his neck (there was no woggle), before joining his fellow scouts down at the Lizard.

In many ways scouting has not changed very much over the years; back then Ted could go hiking, set up camp and light fires as well as any young scout can do today. Indeed, he was awarded ribbons (badges being scarce during the War) for his slipknot and his baby's cradle. However, he had to make sure that the fires were put out at night, lest they be of assistance to enemy bombers!

After the War, Ted, at the age of 14, joined the Army Cadets and attended meetings at the Drill Hall in Pople Street (which is still used nowadays). Ted and his good mates, Leslie Barnard, and Michael Roper, learned their drill well; they knew how to march, how to give a two-fingered salute and how to handle a wooden pole like it was a rifle.

The cadets were given choices regarding which activities they were going to do. Ted, as you might guess, was never after a desk job, but wanted to be out on manoeuvres in the field (after being transported there by Spratt's Coaches). This included camping during the biting cold winter of 1946-47. Ted's platoon had to make their own sleeping bags out of string, straw, and hay, and then wrap themselves in canvas as they had no tents!

An important question that the army cadets took on was whether it was better to be a big man or fast, and Ted prided himself on his speed. They found answers to this question through jousting contests in which they sat on poles over the river, and tried to knock each other into the water with sacks of straw.

There were no ranks in the cadets, and no medals, this was all about teenage boys growing up to become men and having some fun along the way. Memories Ted, memories!

P.S. A collection of Ted's Talks is now on sale in the shop in Wymondham Abbey with proceeds being donated to Abbey funds.



As the days grow shorter...

Advertorial

By Rebecca Mills, EweMove Wymondham

Listening to clients, buyers, and the property market in general, as the clocks change and the colder weather encroaches, homeowner's minds are often off in the future dreaming of that new pad, new experience, or new lifestyle.

If this is YOU, my first mention is **OnTheMarket.com**. There is one name that is universal when we speak about and search properties. However, competition is a good thing, and Rightmove may now have a challenge on its hands. OnTheMarket has accepted an offer of £100m from CoStar Group, a leading global provider of property information and analysis. The agreement entails £46.5m investment in the first year alone. So, be sure to expand your browsing and get to know this portal – it is certainly a valued part of our toolkit! And if you're currently selling, make sure that you're on all 3 major portals: Rightmove, Zoopla, and OnTheMarket – why wouldn't you want the best exposure?

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ESTATE PLANNING FOR BLENDED FAMILIES: NAVIGATING WILLS AND INHERITANCE

Blended families have become increasingly common and as relationships evolve and individuals enter into new partnerships, estate planning becomes a crucial consideration to ensure the smooth transfer of assets to loved ones.

UNDERSTANDING THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES

Blended families face unique challenges when it comes to estate planning due to the complex dynamics involved. Considerations such as protecting the interests of biological children from previous relationships, providing for a new spouse or partner, and addressing potential conflicts among family members require thoughtful planning.

UPDATING YOUR WILL

One of the most critical steps in estate planning is updating your will. A well-drafted will ensures that your wishes regarding asset distribution are clearly outlined.

Failing to update your will after entering a new relationship may lead to unintended consequences, with assets potentially passing to the wrong beneficiaries or even causing legal disputes.

When updating your will, it is essential to consider the following points:

► Spousal/civil partner inheritance rights

In our legal system, a spouse or civil partner may have an expectation of benefitting from your estate and failing to make adequate provision for them may lead to them seeking to make

a claim against your estate. A legal advisor can advise you on the merits of such a claim, safeguards that can be made or can make recommendations of structures you might use to achieve your wishes.

► Provision for biological children

If you have children from a previous relationship, you may wish to ensure that they are adequately provided for. This can be achieved through specific provisions in your will, such as leaving assets or establishing trusts to benefit your children.

► Providing for a new spouse or partner

Many individuals want to provide for their new spouse or partner while also ensuring that their children receive their fair share. Various strategies, such as life interest trusts or discretionary trusts, can be implemented to strike a balance between the two. Seeking legal advice will help you determine the most suitable approach based on your circumstances.

► Guardianship of minor children

If you have minor children, it's vital to address guardianship arrangements in your will. Clearly designating who will assume guardianship responsibilities ensures that your children will be cared for according to your wishes.

COMMUNICATION AND MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

Open and honest communication is essential when navigating estate

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By Rowan Lake, Solicitor at Spire Solicitors

planning matters within blended families. Discussing your wishes and intentions with all relevant parties can help manage expectations and minimise potential conflicts. Consider involving family members, especially those directly affected by your estate plan, in the discussion process. While conversations about inheritance can sometimes be uncomfortable, addressing these matters proactively can help avoid misunderstandings and resentment later.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

Given the complexities involved in estate planning for blended families, it's strongly recommended to seek professional guidance. An experienced solicitor can provide tailored advice, help you understand the legal implications, and ensure that your estate plan is comprehensive and legally sound.

REGULAR REVIEW OF YOUR ESTATE PLAN

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THE FOOTBALL

By Anne Bealing

The morning was cold and dry. Tom drove his lorry into the fuel station. It would take many litres of diesel to fill his tank which was nearly empty since his long trip through France and on via the Channel Tunnel to Folkestone. He yawned. It was only just light and many more miles lay ahead of him before he would reach his home town.

He was a regular at the Folkestone services. He filled his tank and went inside to exchange banter with the girls at the pay desk. The thought of an English breakfast was tempting so he turned his lorry away from the pumps and headed for the café. He ate slowly, reading the paper, and drinking his coffee. After a while he decided it was time to make a move. As he walked back across the lorry park, a football shot out from some trees, hitting him on the arm and rebounding on to the grass nearby.

'Mister. Mister. Give us the ball,' shouted a voice. Two young boys, one taller than the other emerged from behind the trees.

'Kick it back Mister,' shouted the smaller boy. Tom walked over to the ball and picked it up. What would children be doing here? Who were they with?

'Mister, give us the ball back,' said the boy again with a bit more urgency in his voice. In the brighter light of early morning, Tom could see their dark, grubby clothing. Their sweatshirts were loose and baggy, swamping their thin young forms. The trainers they wore were decidedly battered and had no laces. Tom began to walk towards them. They stood watching him through the long dark fringes that fell onto their faces.

'You can't play here lads. It's dangerous with all these lorries moving about. It's not a playground. Go home. Shouldn't you be getting ready for school?' He held out the ball and looked more closely at the youngsters. Thoughts began running through his mind. Were they from one of the refugee camps in Calais? Had they got here on a lorry like his? Would they try and stow away on his lorry? But they didn't sound foreign.

He walked slowly towards them and threw the ball to the older boy. Both boys disappeared into the trees. Tom walked away but then his curiosity got the better of him and he turned back to see where the boys had gone. He hadn't gone far into the wooded area when he saw the tent. A man was just emerging from it and he could hear him shouting at the boys.

'I told you not to get the ball out in day time and it's not a good place to play ball anyway. There are too many lorries – you'll get run over.'

'Just what I told them,' said Tom as he approached the group.

'They take no notice of me. No respect for their Dad,' the man replied.

Tom gazed at him. He was about forty he guessed. His clothes weren't as scruffy as the boys, but looked like they needed a good wash.

'What are you doing here?' Tom asked.

'It's a long story, mate, but basically me and the boys are homeless. Been like this for a week now. Lost my job. Lost my wife. No money left. We're waiting for my sister to come and pick us up. She lives in Leeds but she can't get time off work to drive all down here till the weekend.' He rubbed a hand over the stubble on his chin and looked down at his feet. 'Bit of a failure really.'

'Could happen to any one mate. You never know what life's gonna throw at you. How are you managing for eating?'

'The girls in the café know we're here. They see we're alright. I've told them it's only temporary. They understand.'

'Well, I hope things turn out OK for you,' said Tom. 'Here.' He drew out his wallet. 'Here's the euros I've got left. Take 'em. I'm not going over again till next month. Give some to the girls in the café, like as a thank you.' He held out the cash.

The boys looked their dad who hadn't moved forward to take the offered cash.

'Take it Dad,' said the younger lad. 'We can have a real breakfast today – not leftovers.' Tom thought for a moment.

'I'll tell you what... I'm heading up Leeds way. I'll give you a lift – if we can be gone in the next ten minutes. Will that do?'

Now the man smiled. 'That's very kind. We can be ready in five minutes. There's nothing to take.'

'Just the football Dad,' said the older boy.

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SUSTAINABLE WYMONDHAM LAUNCH

Do we inherit the earth from our parents or borrow it from our children?

By [Andrew Robinson and Julie Morgan](#),
Co-Chairs of Sustainable Wymondham

This is based on an old adage that reminds us to create a better environment for future generations. How we set about doing this in Wymondham is in our hands. If done well, the current population will also benefit financially, socially, and health-wise.

Where do we start? Greening Wymondham has already begun great work to enhance our environment for people and wildlife. There are also various nature and community groups with a focus on improving the local ecology and reducing impacts. Another component is lowering our carbon emissions. This needs leadership and cooperation, especially as 60% of UK reductions rely on public involvement (Environment and Climate Change Committee, 2022).

Local leadership was shown on 1 August 2023 when Wymondham Town Council declared a Climate Emergency and approved a process towards carbon neutrality. The process includes

constituting a working group to co-produce a strategy and action plan with residents, organisations, and businesses.

This has galvanised four residents and four councillors to establish 'Sustainable Wymondham'. For diversity and resilience, we chose three co-chairs. We are enthusiastic and knowledgeable folk who met at events hosted by Greening Wymondham and Climate Hope Action in Norfolk (shortly becoming Climate Norfolk).

Our fundamental approach is kindness, co-creation and learning from others. This will speed up the journey and mean that the local community shapes the plans. We have also agreed on a code of 10 behaviours, which is proven to create good conditions for collaboration. This will also help us to work with existing community action groups, such as

Greening Wymondham, and avoid duplicated efforts.

The next important steps are:

understand what is important to different communities regarding sustainability

learn from other towns and villages that are already on a sustainable journey

determine how we can take action to become a sustainable Town.

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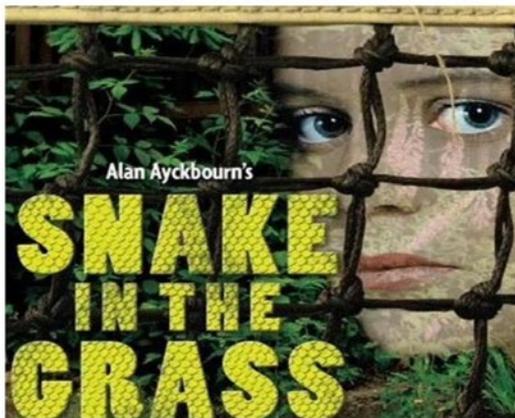
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LOCAL AND ONLINE NEWS

By Tony Vale

Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (W A T N) and South Norfolk Radio (SNR) will be teaming up for a joint display in Wymondham library on Thursday 16 November, from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Although separate volunteer-run organisations, they share

studio premises in the town and they both provide local community information online.

For more information about their services, contact them via their respective websites: W A T N – www.watn.org.uk SNC – www.snradio.uk



CREATIVE UPCYCLING AT THE SHED

By Andrew Clarke



Over the last few months several members of The Shed have been up-cycling a variety of items. Great to see and far better than "the throw away" culture we seem to be living in.

Taking a broken guitar and turning it into a Bluetooth speaker with LED string lights for the guitar strings.

If you have any broken or old musical instruments, think outside the box - it could be turned into anything more useful!

If you need ideas then come and see us and maybe one of our very creative members can help.

An old bedroom chair beautifully upholstered to look like new. The material coming from a set of curtains is able to match the bedroom curtains and decoration.

What to do with those old pairs of jeans? Don't throw them out! Make a unique tote bag or an apron to give them a second life.

An old yew tree stump taken from one of our members' gardens. Cleaned, sealed and polished then one of our other members turned it into a one-off table lamp.

We have also held several workshops recently - leather work, card making, planter making. It's a chance to introduce new skills to all our members.

If you would like an opportunity to work on your own projects or take part in any of our workshops come and visit The Shed. Become a member and join our wonderful community project.

▲ Before and after: a guitar is converted into a bluetooth speaker!

Lightbulb moment: an old tree stump becomes a lamp ▶



◀ An old pair of jeans becomes a work apron and a tote bag below



▲ Good as new! An old chair is re-upholstered using material from curtains

The Shed, 46-60 Ayton Rd, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0QH
www.theshedwymondham.org.uk
info@theshedwymondham.org.uk

Tuesday - Men's session - 9:30am to 1pm
Wednesday - Women's session - 1pm to 4:30pm
Thursday - Men's session - 9:30am to 1pm
Friday - Womens session - 9:30am to 1pm
Saturday - Mixed session - 9:30am to 1pm

GIVING...AND TAKING AWAY

By Jay Andrews

First, the giving bit! For the third year running, with great delight, Greening Wymondham have handed out small trees to pupils in their last year at primary school.



Nearly two hundred plants were presented at Ashleigh, Robert Kett and Browick Road primary school, including whitebeam, juniper, blackthorn, dogrose and hazel.

Mary Howard of Greening Wymondham, who launched the programme, told children about the importance, splendour and beauty of trees – and it was clear the pupils already knew a lot about the vital role that plants play in the world.

"I was really thrilled at Ashleigh school to be presented with a picture of a dog rose we presented back in 2021," says Mary, "and it was clearly doing very well!"



Indeed, Greening Wymondham would love to have more information on the six hundred or more trees that have so far gone out in Wymondham – so if you know of one, tell us about it and email a photo to greeningwymondham@gmail.com.

You may also have glimpsed figures in fluorescent vests picking up rubbish from Wymondham paths, streets and parks in October. That's the taking away bit, organised with Wymondham in Bloom. It'll happen again in November – check details of what we're up to on social media and our website greeningwymondham.org.uk.

This time over 25 large bags of rubbish were collected by the dozens of people who turned up. Drink cans, bottles and food containers were once again the main offenders – and hedges bore the brunt of the rubbish. Often with a council bin just yards away.

October also saw the start of work on Ketts Park Wood – and if you want to learn more about wood and path maintenance, the volunteer dates are in the what's on listings and on our social media pages: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@GreeningWyndham). Or www.greeningwymondham.org.uk; email greeningwymondham@gmail.com.



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WYMONDHAM NATURE GROUP (WYNG): NOVEMBER & DECEMBER INDOOR MEETINGS

By Nicola Cooke

Thursday 9th November 2023, 7.30pm:
Illustrated talk by John Bulpitt, Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society – Images of Nature from around the UK, taken over the past 30 years

Thursday 14th December 2023, 7.30pm:
Illustrated talk by Dr Mark Collins about Norfolk's major northern rivers – the Rivers Bure, Ant and Thurne, including their history and the threats of climate change today.

Venue: Town Green Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW (behind Wymondham Methodist Church)

All welcome - admission £3, NWT members £2 – no booking required. Further details from Ann Carpenter on 01508 488337.

Follow Wymondham Nature Group on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WymondhamNatureGroup>

Wymondham Nature Group is the local members' group of Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Registered Charity No. 208734.

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP NEED PUBLICITY?

Remember anyone can submit a story to Wymondham Magazine:

news@wymondhammagazine.co.uk



▲ Display on the lost pubs of Wymondham, including the Sun Inn, Damgate Street

MUSEUM FINISHES OFF SEASON

By Neil Haverson

Following a successful season Wymondham Heritage Museum has closed for the winter. Visitor numbers for the season increased and judging by the comments in the visitors' log, they were most impressed. Reaction is summed up by this entry in the children's log.

"I never knew before that Wymondham was so interesting but now I realise that everything has a great heritage."

While more are needed, the museum had sufficient volunteers to enable it to open for longer hours on Thursdays and Fridays and The Bridewell Tearoom has been able to open at weekends. Entry to The Tearoom is free.

Tearoom manager Helen Munday says: "With opening more hours we are seeing more customers from the museum and walk-ins plus a few regulars. I've got new tablecloths on the tables as well as old cups for the sugar and numbers shaped as the market cross. The new coffee machine can produce Americanos, Lattes and Cappuccinos, and we have new additions to our lovely homemade cakes and scones. It's all thanks to the amazing volunteers that keep the place going to make it a friendly place to visit."

Adding colour to the Tearoom is the display of artwork by local artists which changes monthly.

In addition to stewarding and serving in the Tearoom, volunteers look after everyday tasks including household supplies and maintenance while the collections team catalogues artefacts and assesses and logs potential donations. The museum has many items which there simply isn't room to display.

Over the next few months, the volunteers will be sprucing up The Bridewell and preparing new displays for 2024. If you can spare time to help, for stewarding email volunteers@thewhm.org.uk, for the Tearoom it's tearoom@thewhm.org.uk.

There is one final chance this year to visit The Bridewell when the museum turns festive for Wynterfest. It will be throwing open its doors on Sunday November 29th between 12 and 5pm – and there's free admission. Don't miss this chance to have a look at the displays that showcase the town's history and have thrilled visitors over the summer.

As you go round, just think of Christmases past. How would those characters in the dungeon have spent Christmas 200 years ago with only the resident rat for company? The two recreated shops would have closed for the holidays having sold everything needed to enjoy the big day. The Damgate Stores had everything for cooking the meal plus a few treats such as Cadbury's Chocolate biscuits, or a tonic if you're suffering from festive fatigue.

From the Little Dustpan, a bed warmer for a chilly Christmas Eve or perhaps some tools to put under the tree for Dad's toolbox.

The noisy Gane machine in the Brushroom that inserts the bristles into the stock will have fallen silent as the workers take a welcome break from their labours.

Imagine those pubs, featured in the display of Wymondham's lost watering holes, thronging with townfolk making merry.

Visitors can get into the Christmas mood with a mince pie from the Bridewell Tearoom, along with a piping hot tea or coffee.

Pick up some stocking fillers from the shop. Items include a selection of pens, keyrings, rulers, mugs, children's activities, plus a wide range of books about the fascinating history of the town and the surrounding area. Many by local authors.

The museum and Bridewell Tearoom will be open for Wynterfest on Sunday November 29th from 12 noon until 5pm with free admission.

STAR THROWERS UPDATE

By Victoria Pigg

Our cancer support centre is open Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm, please drop in and find out all about our free cancer support services. www.starthrowers.org.uk

Breast Cancer Support Group: As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we held our first Breast Cancer Support Group for those who have experienced a breast cancer diagnosis. This was very well attended and provided a safe and supporting place for people to meet and chat to other people in a similar situation. We are hoping to make this a monthly group, please do get in touch if you are interested in attending: 01953 423304 / info@starthrowers.org.uk

Save the Date: Our Christmas Coffee Morning is back and will take place on Saturday 2nd December at the Star Throwers Centre on Melton Road from 10am – 1pm. We will have a raffle, tombola, refreshments, craft stalls and the Treasure Trove will be open.

Visit our Treasure Trove! Please do pop along to see all the vintage treasures we have at our 'Treasure Trove' shop on Melton Road, we are open from 10am – 4pm, Monday – Friday. We always have new and unique items, bric-a-brac, electrical items, books and much more!

GARDEN CLUB NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER

By Andy Speller

On 20th November, the Garden Club will host a talk by Simon Partridge: The Natural History of the Broads (Simon is a director of the How Hill Trust).

We look forward to welcoming the return of Simon who has spoken to the club before about How Hill house, its gardens & the secret garden in the woods.

Show Table: One Single flowering Chrysanthemum, One Chrysanthemum of any Type, A Pot Plant

Cookery Competition: A Jar of Jam or Jelly

Craft Competition: Any item of Art or Craftwork

Club Table: – A favourite from my Garden – Plant or Flower, Fruit or Vegetable.

7:30pm, Town Green Centre. Members Free, guests £4. For further information about the club contact wymondhamgardenclub@gmail.com



With Freddy Lowe



GHOST STORIES

I was listening to Davina McCall be interviewed by Steve Bartlett on the Diary of a CEO Podcast earlier this month. One of the most interesting things she said (among many others) is that a key component of her success has been quite simple: sending emails. Just ask, ask, and ask again. She got hold of the phone numbers of several MTV bosses in her twenties and kept sending them TV-presenter audition tapes. Three times a year for multiple years. Her polite but persistent badgering ensued, with multiple rejections, until one day one of them employed her (perhaps for a bit of peace and quiet).

I was delighted. Was it that easy? Just asking constantly with nothing to lose? "You've got to go and get the opportunities," Davina said. "They never come to you."

(Which isn't strictly true, as I was offered this Wymondham Magazine post five years ago when a Kett's Books staff member bombarded me in the street outside a hairdresser's and said, "do you want the job?" But I digress.)

Cut to a week later. I'm in a member's club in Edinburgh called 'The New Club'. On my normal budget, I wouldn't be seen within a mile of the place, but I've been very kindly invited there by my flatmate's cousin (whose theatre show I reviewed during the Fringe). There we all are in our black-tie outfits, looking out over the panoramic view of the Princes Street gardens, rocky cliffs and castles above. At the end of the evening, we're sitting opposite a gentleman who appears to have had a few drinks.

(When I asked him his name, he said, "why on Earth do you want to know

that? It doesn't matter.")

He gets chatting, and he reveals to us that he has recently been commissioning people to write ghost stories. He feels that ghost fiction is lacking in recent times and that many stories aren't truly 'terrifying' anymore. In the spirit of Davina, I say, "I can email you one!" He gives me his email and I promise him I shall write one up.

I go home full of confidence. I feel I have done the Davina-esque entrepreneurial spirit justice. I sit down to draft and plan this thing.

Roughly 700 words later (the length of this column), I felt unemployable. It was drivel. I remembered the scene in Derry Girls where the group have spent the summer making a film about the Troubles, and after viewing the unfortunate footage, Michelle announces, "We need to face the fact that we've spent the summer making something that's really quite s***e." Except I'd managed it in an afternoon.

(Speaking of Derry Girls, it's a phenomenal show – perfect for the current Wymondhammers revising for exams! Watch it during revision breaks.)

The tipsy gentleman had specified that the story should be "a ghost story" and "terrifying" – and my first 700 words had achieved neither category. I had tried to tie in some symbolism about the rise of artificial intelligence...and I had so far neglected to mention any ghosts.

My experience writing Lowe Downs tells me that if you stare at a blank Word document for long enough,

the initial drivel eventually turns into something publishable – so I am still in the process of trying to transform the 700 words into something I can email him with a straight face.

Regardless, I chose to write this down because I think it's emblematic of November in general. We can all feel a bit Michelle-like in November. In fact, it's the quintessential Michelle month: the dull period before the delight that it is December.

Most importantly, adults with far more important responsibilities than me must have these soul-destroying moments quite frequently – and they just carry on. Their job isn't to write fiction, but to care for people, or teach the new generation – and they do it regardless of the month. My empathy especially extends to the Wymondham students and teachers with the pre-Christmas mock exam stress. (Remember, the keyword is 'mock'! You'll all be grand.)

Here's to these heroes who persevere at all times, whether they feel like Michelle or James. (And if any of them know anything about writing horror, I take my hat off to them!)



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Guest Column

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE



“Time for Compromise?”

By Kathryn Cross, former town councillor and Wymondham resident

In my new council role at South Norfolk Council I am a district representative for Hethersett, Little Melton and Bawburgh. But having served on Wymondham Town Council for two years and it being my home town I obviously still take a keen interest in decisions made for our residents and businesses by the new administration.

It is a huge responsibility to take on, and decisions come under a massive amount of scrutiny, quite rightly so.

Some of the projects the council undertakes are relatively small, but others have earmarked several hundred thousand pounds, and it is these that I feel deserve more public consultation.

The one I'm specifically talking about is the new cemetery.

The town is lucky enough not to need to buy land for this project as it was agreed as part of the William's Park development that land would be set aside for a new cemetery, with the current cemetery only having an estimated two years left of available plots.

So what will it cost to transform a blank canvas into a burial ground? Well when I was first on the council we were talking about £300,000. In the two years I served it grew to £500,000 and now there are suggestions that it could cost in excess of £1 million.

Where is this money coming from? The town has received large sums of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) which is paid by developers of new housing. Much of this has been 'earmarked' for the new cemetery and I understand the pot currently stands at over £500,000.

Great, you might think, we are well on our way to creating this new cemetery.

But what about the other things Wymondham desperately needs?

There are plans in place to transform its open spaces, such as Browick Rec, Rothbury Park and Becketswell, all of which are really in need of upgrading to provide amenities for the residents and introduce better habitats for wildlife and more attractive recreation facilities. These alone would cost a minimum of

£500,000.

There is the public realm improvement which was proposed by South Norfolk Council as a co-funded project to enhance the town centre, make it more attractive to visitors, boost business profitability and showcase the town's heritage to bring in more footfall. The town needs to commit £250,000, with South Norfolk, and hopefully Norfolk County Council, making up the rest to create a £1m investment, or it won't go ahead.

“Do we really need to have somewhere in the region of 200 years of burial plots available now? It means people who are not even born yet have a burial plot ready for them.

So you can see already that £500,000 (rising to £1m) for a cemetery that will provide burial space for the next 200 years causes a problem in funding other projects and improvements that are needed now for the people who live and work in Wymondham today.

What are the priorities here and can we have it all?

Looking at it from the outside my pragmatic side says to scale down the cemetery project – do we really need to have somewhere in the region of 200 years of burial plots available now? It means people who are not even born yet have a burial plot ready for them.

I've looked at what other councils are doing. Earlier this year Buckingham Town Council asked its residents what they wanted in a consultation as they were looking at borrowing £2.4 million for a new cemetery from the government's Public Works Loan Board at a fixed rate to be repaid over 50 years. This would mean increasing the average council tax bill by £12 a year. The cemetery would serve the community for the next 160 years (1474 plots) together with allotments and a works depot, parking and landscaping.

But feedback has led to the council cutting right back on the project and

reducing it down to just the essentials to open a working cemetery. This means 746 burial plots (80 years), 30 allotment plots, car parking and landscaping/tree planting. This will halve the original price, the loan repayments, and the precept could rise by just 47p a year. Quite a drop from £12. They have just gone back out to consultation.

But at Wymondham's September town council meeting it was discussed that the cemetery partners CDS will be submitting a planning application AFTER WHICH the public could comment. Is this not the wrong way round? Should the public not be able to have a say so that they can help inform the design before it goes to planning?

I feel very much in the dark about the whole thing. I understand there is a 'building' as part of the plans but is this needed? Why can't it be done in sections, providing perhaps 50 years of plots at a time, allowing the town to budget in much smaller increments for its expansion over the years?

Scaling back the cemetery will mean the town can have a better chance of getting its other much-needed projects done, while still meeting its obligation to provide a burial ground.

I don't want to be hearing in a few year's time people saying the town is dead, but they have a great cemetery (irony intended). Opportunities like the public realm investment will not come along every day and if the town misses out now it would be a disaster for an already struggling high street that is in dire need of a boost.

So if I was still sitting around that table I would be urging councillors to ask its community what it wants, before going too far down the road of spending every penny in the coffers.

Maybe there is a compromise that will benefit residents of today and those of the future.

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BOOK REVIEW

Penance by Eliza Clarke

By Henry Opina, Volunteer at Kett's Books

In an economically deprived seaside town, three teenage girls commit a murder that shakes the very core of the community. Looking to redeem his career, true-crime writer Alex Z Carrelli relentlessly interviews anyone connected to the girls to write the definitive, emotionally truthful account of this gruesome tragedy.

The first thing I want to say about the book is that it's full of character. Presented to us as the republication of a controversial piece of journalism, I was always conscious of the narrator's presence. The book doesn't just give us a gripping true-crime narrative, the novel is a sharp satire on the ethics of true crime, each section beginning with a podcast transcript that pokes fun at the often desensitised way we talk about such horrific events and the platform that mass media has given us to do so. The book in question seems the moral high-ground, with Carrelli talking to the folks of the town, but as he uses questionable methods to get these interviews, we see that he has something to gain from this book.

Such questions, the unreliability of the emotional and objective and emotional truth of the narrator and characters' recollection of these events, make 'Penance' an absorbing read. We are invited to understand why three teenage girls would commit such an act. Though fictional, Eliza Clarke's mix of real-life lol-culture references and well-constructed history of the town make the act of reading this book feel more like remembering than imagining.

I'm 25, the same age as the characters are in the book's present. They committed their crimes when they were 16, when so-called "digital natives" were figuring out a social life where the internet has always been present. I remember being 16 when your identity was defined by who you chose to be on the internet. Clarke masterfully captures the dizzying contradictions of social-media's alienation, intimacy, hyper-visibility and obfuscation.

Each character contains multitudes, many of which exist in the various accounts they have for different apps. It takes skill to take these discordant personas and tie them together in a way that makes sense to the audience. I wish I had Eliza Clarke's ability to write believable, multi-dimensional characters. It's hard for me to say this, without sounding like I think any teenager is a Tumblr account away from committing murder (I don't think that, to be clear) but, anyone who wants to gain insight on the internal struggles of teenage life should read this book. Anyone who loves true crime should read this book; anyone who hates true crime should do the same.

Kett's Books



Saturday 28th October

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/

Trick or Treat Trail

12pm-3pm, Wymondham Town Centre
Dozens of businesses on the high
street will have treats for children in
Halloween costumes.
[www.facebook.com/
WymondhamTownTeam/events](http://www.facebook.com/WymondhamTownTeam/events)

Tuesday 31st October

Green Halloween
4:30pm-6:30pm, Wymondham Abbey
A nature-themed event for all ages
with craft activities, bat, moth and bug
hunting and pumpkin soup.
www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk/

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm-10pm, Dells Bowls Club
Guest Speaker David Steel
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

Wednesday 1st November

Art Society Demo
with Malcolm Cudmore
7:15pm, Catholic Church Hall
Malcolm is a well known tutor and
artist from Bungay. He introduced us
to pan pastels in October 2022 and
here he follows it up with a landscape
demonstration using this medium.
www.wymondhamart.org

Play: Snake in the Grass

7:45pm, Central Hall
Wymondham Players present Alan
Ayckbourn's suspense drama about
murder, blackmail and haunting.
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Thursday 2nd November

Play: Snake in the Grass, 7:45pm

Friday 3rd November

Fireworks
5pm, Rugby Club
Food vendors, bars, fairground,
fireworks and more. Adults £8, under
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available £5 per car. Only those with

tickets will be allowed entry.
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Play: Snake in the Grass, 7:45pm

Saturday 4th November

Play Matinee: Snake in the Grass, 2pm

Play: Snake in the Grass, 7:45pm

Tuesday 7th November

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm-10pm, Dell Bowls Club
Monochrome evening DPI and Print
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Thursday 9th November

Nature Group Indoor Meeting
7:30pm, Town Green Centre
Illustrated talk by John Bulpitt –
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Saturday 11th November

Community Orchard Volunteer Workday
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Refreshments and tools provided
but bring your own gloves. Entrance
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Sunday 12th November

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2:30pm, Market Place and War
Memorial
A large gathering of scouts, guides,
veterans and local dignitaries will
parade from the Market Place to the
War Memorial. Followed by a Service in
the Abbey at 3pm.

Tuesday 14th November

Volunteer Workday, 9:30am-3:30pm,
Kett's Park Woodland. Join volunteers
to help this woodland to thrive.
Refreshments at 11:00am. Bring
yourself, your lunch, a pair of gloves and
sturdy boots.
www.greeningwymondham.org/

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm-10pm, Dell Bowls Club
Member speaker Martin Shepherd
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

Saturday 18th November

Town Litter Pick
10am-12pm, Town Green Centre
Join volunteers to help tidy up the
town. Bring yourself & a pair of gloves.
Refreshments afterwards inside the
church.
www.greeningwymondham.org/

Sunday 19th November

Sustainable Wymondham
Open Meeting
3pm-6:30pm, Fairland Church Centre
Come along to shape our town's
sustainability strategy and action plan.
Refreshments are provided. Hosted by
Sustainable Wymondham, together
with Wymondham Town Council.
For more information, email [info@
sustainablewymondham.org.uk](mailto:info@sustainablewymondham.org.uk)
www.sustainablewymondham.org.uk

Monday 20th November

Talk: The Natural History of the Broads
7:30pm-12am, Town Green Centre
Wymondham Garden Club are pleased
to welcome back Simon Partridge, a
director of the How Hill Trust. Members
Free, guests £4. For further information
wymondhamgardenclub@gmail.com
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Tuesday 21st November

Wymondham Photographic Society
8pm-10pm, Dells Bowls Club
Continuous improvement
www.wymondham-ps.org.uk

Saturday 25th November

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/

Sunday 26th November

Wynterfest, 12pm-5pm, Wymondham
Town Centre. The town's main festive
event with stalls, fun fair, santa's grotto
and independent shops.
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