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One of Norfolk's most historic towns, picturesque Wymondham is set in the River Tiffey Valley and the distinctive twin towers of its medieval abbey dominate the skyline. Wymondham is the largest market town in South Norfolk, covering an area of 4,431 hectares, and the parish includes the villages of Spooner Row, Wattlefield and Suton. Its fast-growing population now exceeds 14,000.

The town benefits from its rail links to Cambridge and its situation on the main A11 trunk road between Norwich and London. The Great Fire of Wymondham in 1615 destroyed 300 properties including the original market cross, the vicarage and the Town Hall. The town is also famed for its former Bridewell jail, built in 1785. It was the first prison in the country with separate cells for inmates. The building now houses the town's heritage museum.

Wymondham Town Council is the statutory local government elected body for the Parish of Wymondham. Its statutory powers and some of its responsibilities are set out in the Local Government section on page 7. Running the only local government office in the town, it is in the front line in dealing with issues, providing information, services and speaking up for the Wymondham parish.

The Town Council is pleased to welcome this latest in an unbroken line of guides which have been published for over 60 years. These have been a vital source of information and help for Wymondham people. We are sure that this latest guide will be welcomed by both residents of long standing and by the many new residents and visitors which the town welcomes in increasing numbers. For information on the Town Council, please call 01953 603302.

We hope you enjoy this edition. Trevor Gurney, Town Clerk.



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Like most of England outside the cities, Wymondham is administered within a three tier system of local government. Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council and Wymondham Town Council all have separate buildings, councillors and officers.

Although all three work within a standard code of practice which ensures consistency of operation, each has its own particular range of tasks and responsibilities, which in practice overlap in certain areas. All three tiers of local government work together, but each authority is autonomous and independent.

Wymondham Town Council

Wymondham Town Council runs the town's markets, most of its open spaces and play areas, the cemetery, allotments and wildife site. It plays a major part in promoting local information services and runs the Tourist Information Centre in the Market Cross. Contact: Trevor Gurney, Town Clerk, 14 Middleton Street, Wymondham.

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Norfolk County Council

Norfolk County Council is responsible for major county-wide services such as education, highways, police, fire and rescue, social services and libraries. It co-ordinates strategic, transport and emergency planning. Its main office is in County Hall in Norwich.

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Wymondham is situated in the constituency of Mid Norfolk whose elected Member is George Freeman. His office is situated at 8 Damgate Street, Wymondham, telephone (01953) 600617. For details of properties that make up each ward, please contact the Council on 01953 603302 or visit our offices at 14 Middleton Street. The Leader of the Council and Town Mayor for 2015/16 Councillor Joe Mooney, Deputy Councillor Robert Savage.

Wymondham's councillors are as follows:

Abbey Ward

Norfolk County Council: Cllr. J Mooney **South Norfolk Council:** Cllr. R Savage

Wymondham Town Council: Cllr. K Hurn, Cllr. R Savage, Cllr. P. Stearn

Cromwells Ward

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> You can meet your local officers at one of our street briefings or at our Neighbourhood Board meetings held in partnership with South Norfolk District Council that are held three times a year.

> Details about the team, meetings and the latest news from the neighbourhood can be found on the Wymondham pages of the Norfolk Police website, www.norfolk.police.uk

> You can also contact us by telephone, calling the non-emergency number 101 or email sntwymondham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk Please also feel free to stop any of my staff when they are out on patrol.

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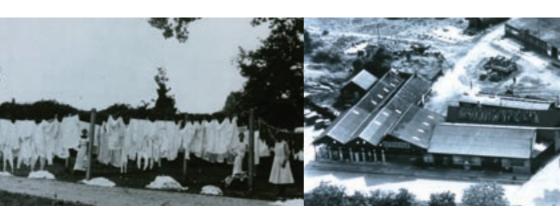
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Wymondham, pronounced "Windham", is the largest market town in South Norfolk, with a population of over 14,000; also serving a rural hinterland of a further 15,000. It is a fast-growing community but still retains much of the character of an ancient market town.

There is no agreement as to the origins of the name. It could have derived from Wimond ham, the homestead of Wimond, a sometimes forgotten Saxon chieftain who settled with his followers in the locality. Another possibility is 'the home of the Waegmundings', a family of the Geats, who came from the Baltic to settle in Norfolk and were at one time ruled by Beowulf.

A third theory is that the word is of combined Celtic and Norse origin meaning 'the holm or meadow between the rivers'. Holm, sometimes corrupted to ham, frequently signified a fork of land formed by the junction of two rivers. Wymondham does lie at confluence of two small streams, the Tiffey and the Bays. There is a parallel case in the name of an existing Danish village, Vindeholm.



Markets

Henry VI granted the town the right to hold a market in 1440, and a market has been held every Friday since then. Wymondham was the first town in Norfolk to stage a farmers market in March 2000. Farmers markets are now regularly held on the third Saturday of the month from 9am to 1pm. For more information on markets, contact the Town Clerk on **01953 603302.**

Industry

Wymondham has had a number of industries over the centuries. The town was once a renowned centre for woodturning and brushmaking, and for producing crepe, satin and bombazine. In the mid 19th century, there were said to have been some 600 cottage looms in the town. Unfortunately, the weaving, woodturning and brushmaking industries have long since gone, but today the area is proud to be the home of the world-famous Lotus cars.



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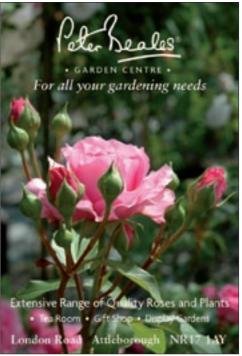
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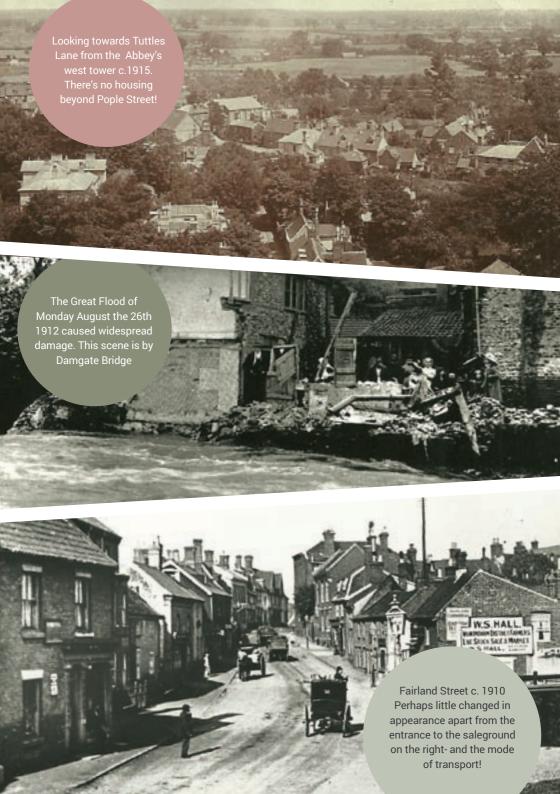
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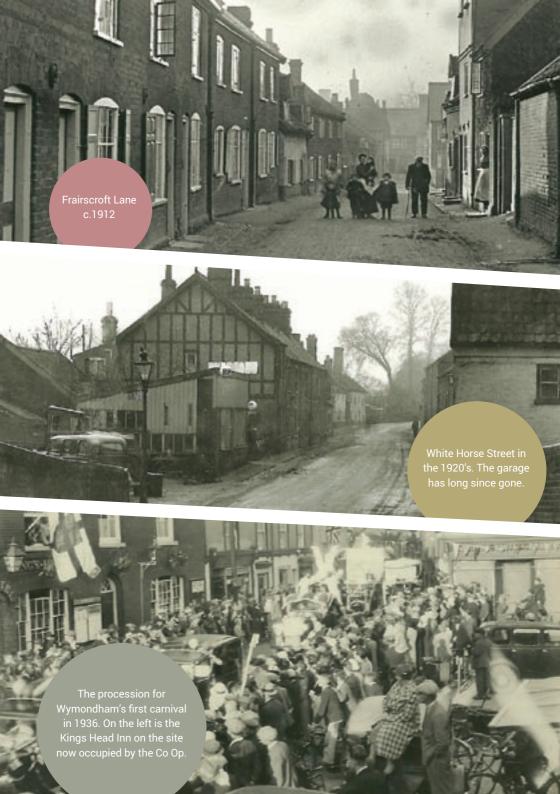




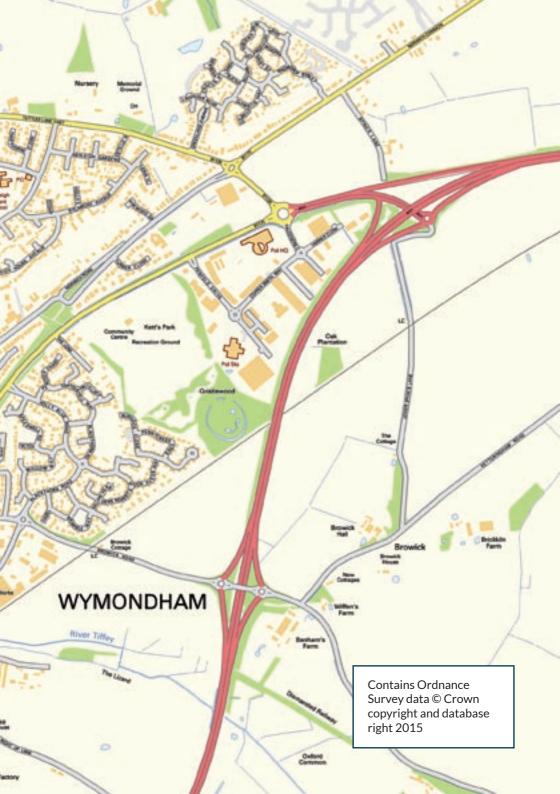
This section highlights the key dates in Wymondham's long and fascinating history – and you can find out a great deal more from The Wymondham Heritage Museum, telephone 01953 607494 or 600205; also the Wymondham Town Archive housed in the Town Council office, and the Abbey Archive.

1107	Abbey foundation. William d'Albini, Chief Butler to Henry I, founded the abbey as a cell for his brother's abbey in St. Albans. Dedicated at that time to the Blessed Virgin Mary, this was later changed to St. Mary and St. Thomas of Canterbury.	
1174	Becket's Chapel was built. Until recently, this was the town's library.	
1286	First mention of a market cross in Wymondham.	
1445	Abbey Church west tower was constructed. The abbey church was intended to serve both the Benedictine monks and Wymondham's parishioners. But there were many quarrels between the two factions, often concerning the hanging and ringing of the parish bells. These problems were eventually solved when the people erected the great west tower in 1445, and the abbey gained its independence from St. Albans in 1448.	
1538	Dissolution of the Monastries. The abbey church was granted to the people of Wymondham. The monastic buildings were demolished.	
1549	Kett's Rebellion. See more about this on page 21.	
1615	The Great Fire destroyed over 300 buildings in the town centre, including the Market Cross. The Market Cross was replaced by the current building, which cost £25 to construct. It was fully restored in 1988-9 at a cost of £95,000. The Market Cross is now home to the town's Tourist Information Centre.	
1785	The Bridewell, Wymondham's model prison, was built. It was the first prison in the county with separate cells for inmates. The building served as a police station from 1850 – 1963, and a magistrates court from 1879 – 1992. Wymondham Heritage Society purchased the Bridewell in 1994, restoring and converting it for community use.	
1845	The railway arrived in Wymondham via the Norwich to Ely line.	
: 1847	Wymondham to Dereham railway line opened, which is now operated by the Mid-Norfolk railway.	
1934	Completion of Sir Ninian Cooper's great gilded screen at the abbey church, a memorial to Wymondham men killed in World War One.	











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During the 1549 summer fair, Kett put himself at the head of a protest movement against the injustices of his day, especially the enclosure of common land. Up to 15,000 people joined him at a camp on Mousehold Heath outside Norwich, inspired by his vision of a fairer society. But after dominating the city for six weeks, Kett's revel force was defeated by a large royal army. Kett was found guilty of treason and was executed at Norwich Castle on 7th December 1549. On the same day, his brother William was hanged from the west tower of the abbey church.

A commemorative plaque to the Kett brothers was unveiled at Becket's Chapel during the town's Kett'99 celebrations, and pupils from Robert Kett School lay flowers there each year on the anniversary of the Ketts' death.



Wymondham Heritage Society

Welcome to the Wymondham Heritage Society. Out long-established society brings together local people who care about the living history of our town.

Monthly meetings provide opportunities to hear speakers on a variety of historical topics and to meet other members; a strong publishing programme of leaflets, articles and books is made possible by the original research carried out by local historians. Our Museum Committee runs our excellent Heritage Museum in the Bridewell. Our environment committee makes comments on planning applications and other matters affecting the historic part of the town.

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The Wymondham Town Archives

Wymondham's archives have been ranked as one of the best in Norfolk after the great collections in Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Thetford.

The Town Archive, which is based at the Town Council offices, is steadily expanding. Some documents relate to the 17th century, but most are from the 18th and 19th centuries. There is a large index of personal names, and there are sections on places, buildings and trades, along with photographs and maps.

The archive is open for general use on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm. Enquiries are welcome by phone and post (please send self addresses envelope) to The Honorary Archivist, Town Council Offices, 14 Middleton Street, Wymondham NR18 0AD or by telephone to Mary Garner **01953 604535** or Richard Fowle **01953 603000**.

Wymondham Abbey Church also has an extensive archive. Enquiries can be made in writing to Paula Lucas, Honorary Archivist, care of The Abbey Office, Church Street, Wymondham, NR18 0PH.

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Wymondham has great appeal as a tourist destination, thanks to major attractions like the Abbey and other fine historic buildings and streetscapes, the museum, railways and green environment. Much of this appeal is fragile and might easily be overwhelmed by large numbers of visitors. Promoting sustainable tourism, fitting in with the daily life of Wymondham, is the Town Council's key aim.

Tourist Information

The Market Cross is home to the Tourist Information Centre (TIC). It is run by the Town Council, and is a valuable resource for both local people and visitors. As a networked TIC it carries information about other UK holiday destinations and has a wide range of brochures and guides along with souvenirs.

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It made an end-on connection at Brandon with the Eastern Counties Railway, which had extended its route from Shoreditch to Newport, Essex, northwards via Cambridge and Ely on the same day. At Norwich, services terminated at Trowse until the Swingbridge was completed on 15th December 1845. From this time on, through services commenced between London, Norwich and Great Yarmouth, calling at Wymondham.







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Dereham Station is a Victorian era building which has been restored to a 1950s appearance, similar to the way it would have looked when Dereham was still an important railway centre. It has a period ticket office, a tearoom, a shop and extensive parking for our visitors.

Wymondham Abbey Station is located close to the beautiful twin towered Abbey in Becketswell Road and adjacent to the river Tiffey. Wymondham itself has a number of beautifully preserved historic buildings including the timber framed Market Cross and the Green Dragon inn. The excellent town museum is housed in the Bridewell, a former gaol.

From Cream Teas and High Teas to Jazz Trains and Fish and Chips Specials, there is plenty to experience at the Mid-Norfolk Railway, operated almost completely by volunteers.

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Heritage Museum

The museum is housed in the Bridewell, a former prison built in 1785 which also served as a police station and a magistrates court in the past. The museum, which is entirely run by volunteers, tells the story of the building and of Wymondham and its people. There are special exhibitions every year.

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Much of the valley is of high landscape value, with a wealth of flora and fauna, and is easily accessible. Yet although the valley runs within a few hundred yards of the town centre, only a few people know it well. It's a natural asset for all to discover for themselves.

Entering the parish as a brook through Oxford Common and under the A11 bypass, the Tiffey skirts the Lizard open space and flows under the railway at Tifford Bridge on Station Road. It crosses Toll's Meadow nature reserve, joins the Bays River at the old A11 bridge, and passes through gardens and under Damgate Bridge to Becketswell, with fine views of the Abbey.

The Tiffey Valley Walk runs beside the river to Chapel Bridge, or by turning off and following the railway it leads through meadows into the Kimberley estate. Beyond the hall the river leaves the parish at Carleton Forehoe, flows through Wramplingham and joins the Yare below Barford.

The river and adjacent high ground must have decided the location of the original Wymondham settlement in Saxon times, and influenced the Benedictine monks who established the Abbey here and the Wodehouse family when they built the new Kimberley Hall in the early 1700s. So the Tiffey has played a part in more than 1000 years of Wymondham history, and much of the valley is still unspoilt today.

A Precious Natural Environment

Fresh water makes river valleys important wildlife habitats and movement corridors. We can help or hinder this. The establishment of a local nature reserve and ten county wildlife sites along the valley has guaranteed some protection, but industrial estates straddling the river show how easily the needs of nature can be ignored.

The valley offers a variety of habitats. Upstream the alluvial flood plain has ponds providing a home for great crested newts, toads and dragonflies. Toll's Meadow is an area of lowland fen with the endangered water vole resident, and the cemetery has nesting sites for birds and homes for bats.

Further downstream is a more extensive floodplain with grazing meadows either side. The river has fish to feed heron, kingfishers and, more recently, otters. Kimberley Park Lake attracts gulls and wildfowl.

The valley is a special habitat threading for five miles through Wymondham town and parish. It needs protection and the enhancement of its biodiversity along its ecological corridor. Council officers help with advice, volunteers provide conservation labour, and there are local volunteer wardens who watch over the valley from day to day, at Toll's Meadow and along the valley trails.





The Wymondham Nature Group

The Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG) is the local group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, a charity working to protect and enhance Norfolk's wild places for the benefit of wildlife and people.

You do not need to be an expert to join us but just have a passion for wildlife and the environment. We hold nine very entertaining and informative illustrated talks a year covering many and varied aspects of nature.

The meetings are held at the Town Green Centre, Wymondham on the 2nd Thursday of the month (September to May) at 7.30pm, entry is just £2 and everyone is most welcome to attend. We have our own colourful publication, SWIFT, which includes all manner of interesting sightings and observations and we also organise several guided walks throughout the year.

We have two teams of enthusiastic practical conservation volunteers who help manage Tolls Meadow, Wymondham's very own local nature reserve in the heart of the town, as well as Ashwellthorpe Lower Wood, our nearest Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserve.

New volunteers are always warmly received, no previous experience is necessary and work can be found for all levels of fitness. Recently, Tolls Meadow was dubbed one of the "Seven Wonders of Wymondham". As a fen meadow, a rare habitat, through which the River Tiffey flows, it provides a home to a whole host of interesting wildlife including the endangered water vole (our very own "Ratty" from "The Wind in the Willows").

There is a wide range of wild flowers, including orchid species, marsh marigold, meadowsweet and ragged robin which in turn attract all sorts of fascinating insects and birds. Maintaining the wealth of biodiversity in our area is of utmost importance to us and we engage with the local planning system to ensure wildlife is not overlooked. Why not join us and help safeguard our precious and beautiful environment? Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, contact us by email wymondham@norfolkwildlifetrust. org.uk or speak to our Secretary Ann Carpenter on 01508 488337

Heritage Buildings & History

Most traces of pre-Conquest buildings are now long lost, but archaeological records document Roman artefacts and traces of a temple at Crownthorpe. Wymondham Abbey and Kimberley Hall are outstanding examples of the valley's built environment across the centuries. They illustrate contrasting aspects of historic wealth and power - the monastic community and the Norfolk landowner.

Ordinary people have also left their mark. Bridges are more substantial than unmetalled roads, and there are more than a dozen examples in the valley, some of them three hundred or more years old. Nineteenth century engineers gave us the railway which still runs through the valley to Kimberley, and they surfaced many of the roads we use today.

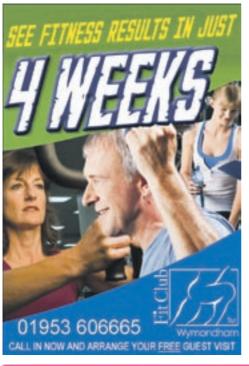
Like the ancient archaeological remains, Wymondham's two brush factories have vanished and only street names and museum exhibits remind us of them. Wood-turning provided the emblems for the old town badge, and weavers' cottages in Damgate and the town centre remind us of the other traditional town trade. Beyond that, little trace remains. Once lost, the built environment is gone for ever.

Green Wymondham Under Threat?

Wymondham has been fortunate in keeping much of its character as a thriving market town. It is rich in historic buildings and has an attractive green setting.

The demand for housing has seen the steady growth of new estates since the 1960s. More than 1,500 new homes have been built in Wymondham over the last ten years, almost all on green-field sites, and developers would like to build another 2,200 or more in the next decade.





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The Tiffey Trails project was first discussed by Wymondham Arts Forum in 2004 as a way to use the arts to promote and protect the valley's heritage. The project was launched in May 2006 after public consultation. Working in collaboration with many local organisations, it drew together a large and enthusiastic steering group of volunteers.

A sustained fundraising campaign realised an impressive £80,000 in grant aid and support in kind. The money was essential to the project, but without other advice and support the group would not have been able to undertake a project on this scale.

The principal aims of the project were to open up the countryside to a wide cross-section of the public; help protect the valley from encroaching development; conserve the heritage of the natural and built environment; provide a stimulus for local artists, craftspeople, musicians and writers; and offer local people the chance to work together to further their knowledge and show imagination in celebrating their heritage. Throughout 2007 and 2008 a full programme of arts and heritage events of all kinds, run in partnership with other local organisations, helped to publicise the valley and draw in visitors.

Although the project was drawn to a close in 2009, its legacy remains. The most tangible achievements were to produce a valley guide and map, still available from information points in the town, signposting and waymarking the valley trails, providing interpretive information boards and siting benches and other field furniture, decorated by a local woodcarver.

Two oak viewing towers were constructed, at the Lizard and Toll's Meadow. The valley has given a focus for exhibitions by local art and photographic societies and also by Wymondham Heritage Society. It has inspired some notable works of music, poetry and other writing, and visual arts and craftwork which will provide a lasting legacy.

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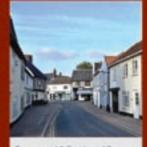
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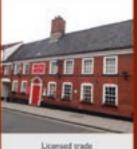
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Much of the valley is accessible on foot, often thanks to local initiatives and co-operation from landowners, but the full extent of the valley trails is not well known.

The valley guide and map relates footpaths and access points to the town centre and the local road system, and provides information to add interest to a valley walk. It is available from the Tourist Information Centre, the town library and at various points along the valley trails.

Public access to the valley has been greatly improved by installing more accessible stiles and gates and appropriately sited boardwalks, maintenance of footpaths and restoring and replacing information boards. Tiffey Trails waymarks show routes and entry points.

For a taste of what the valley has to offer, here are two short walks. For each walk, start from the Market Cross and go down Market Street past the Abbey to the railway crossing.

If you turn left just before the railway into Becketswell and follow the riverside walk you'll soon arrive at Damgate Bridge. Turn left and then right into Friarscroft, follow that road as far as the junction with Fairland Street, look left and you'll see the Market Cross. You'll have had a breath of fresh air and be back dry footed in 20 minutes or so.

Turning right at the railway will lead you to the Valley Walk. Follow the path for half a mile or so along the river, then turn left to cross the railway and river. In another half mile you'll arrive at Chapel Bell where there's a picnic spot near the road to Wicklewood and Dereham. It's best to retrace your steps at this point: returning along busy the road is possible but there are no footpaths so very great care is needed.

Do try to get out into the Tiffey Valley, and appreciate what a great asset it is to the town.

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Town Events Diaries

Events diaries are held and co-ordinated in the town library, the Tourist Information Centre, and in the About Wymondham newsletter.

Local Newspapers

The Eastern Daily Press

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Eastern Evening News

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Wymondham & Attleborough Mercury

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About Wymondham Newsletter

About Wymondham is a regular publication issued four times a year and is delivered to all the residents of Wymondham. Its aim is to keep residents informed of developments within the town, to promote forthcoming community events and to gather views from local residents.

Residents are encouraged to participate and any potential contributors should contact the Town Clerk on 01953 603302.

Notice Boards

Both the library and the Tourist Information Centre have noticeboards for displaying local event posters, and there is a public noticeboard in the town centre under the old fire station arch off Market Street at the entrance to the car park.

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Wymondham Music Festival is a charity with educational aims, and is an important 'community-builder' in a partially dormitory town where many residents can so easily live their lives elsewhere, to the detriment of local community spirit.

All this has helped the Festival to secure grants from local councils and charitable trusts. It also attracts generous support from local businesses, and from individuals who for a modest annual donation become patrons. This means that the Festival can be planned knowing that the cost of around £30k each year will be available from a range of income sources.

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Wymondham Arts Forum

Set up in 2001, the Arts Forum is now a Community Interest Organisation (charity registration number 1153188).

It devised and ran the Tiffey Trails Project (2006-09), and is the parent body for Wymondham Arts Centre and the Wymondham Words Literary Festival. It currently leases Beckets Chapel for arts purposes. More information from John Wood on 01953 602051.

Wymondham Arts Centre

A project of Wymondham Arts Forum, Wymondham Arts Centre opened in March 2009 in Becket's Chapel in Church Street, former home of Wymondham's library.

The Arts Centre arranges programmes of exhibitions from mid March to the end of November. The project is proving a great success, with 15,000 or more visits during the season. Exhibitors include artists with national and international reputations, local art societies, Wymondham schools and many individual artists from Norfolk and Suffolk. Artists are able to hold workshops in association with their exhibitions, and there is usually an opportunity for young and old to draw using materials supplied by the arts centre.

Discussions with other groups within the town and the Old Grammar School Foundation, which owns Becket's Chapel, have confirmed the Foundation's long-term ownership.

Current multi-group discussions are aimed at securing funding to rectify the structural condition of the building, so that it can also be one focal point to help understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural and material history of Wymondham

A free programme listing the exhibitions is available from the centre and from other information points in town from the end of February. Normal gallery hours are 10-5 Tuesday to Saturday and 12-5 on Sundays, closing an hour earlier when British Summertime ends. The gallery is closed some Mondays for changing exhibitions. Entry to the gallery is free The Arts Forum website has details of opening days for each exhibition: www.wymondhamarts.org

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Wymondham Words

The newest project from Wymondham Arts Forum, Wymondham Words, is Wymondham's literary festival, catering for local people with interests in literature of all kinds, as readers or as writers. It was launched in September 2010 and continues to develop. In 2015 it offered 10 days of poetry and prose readings, discussions with authors, a creative writing workshop, a literary lunch, drama and music and a programme of children's activities. Although Wymondham Words has local roots, visiting writers come from all over Norfolk and Suffolk and beyond to take part.

Wymondham poet George Szirtes (pictured) is the festival's Patron and was a prime mover in establishing Wymondham Words. The enthusiastic support shown by other published writers living in the Wymondham area suggests that Wymondham Words is likely to develop strongly over the next few years. There are many local book and reading groups meeting locally, and at least one creative writing class has grown out of the festival.

More information is available on the Arts Forum website: **www.wymondham arts.com**

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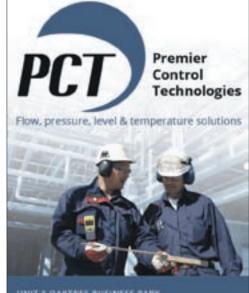


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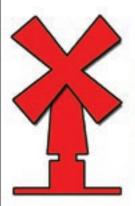
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The Flexibus service links 28 villages surrounding Wymondham with the town. To book a journey call 0344 8008020 before 4pm on the day before departure. The Flexibus provides a door-to-door service.

By Taxi

M&M's

Tel: 01953 600779 Mobile: 07833 392647



Station Taxis

Tel: 01953 600007



Tan Cars

Tel: 01953 602693

Email: information@norfolk.gov.uk







Norfolk Primary Care Trust

Norfolk Community Health & Care NHS Trust

Elliot House 130 Ber Street Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3FR Telephone: 0800 088 4449 www.norfolkcommunityhealthandcare.nhs.uk pals@nchc.nhs.uk

GP Practices

Find out information relating to your local GP practice with links to their website where available.

Health Watch

Keep track of all the latest news from Health Watch – Norfolk's unique public/patient health forum.

Patient Links

Patients are the reason why we are here, and this section is devoted to useful website links for our patients such as health advice and sites dedicated to specific diseases.

Partners

Information about our partner agencies and links to their websites.

Health Policy

Access PCG documents and find links to the NHS websites to access national policy documents.

Ogden Court Community Hospital

60 Ogden Close Wymondham Norfolk NR18 0PE Telephone: 01953 605060

NHS Choices

Visit: www.nhs.uk

Chemists

Well Wymondham

47 Market Street Wymondham NR18 0AJ Telephone: 01953 602115

Boots Pharmacy

Wymondham Medical Centre Postmill Close Wymondham NR18 0RF

Telephone: 01953 601772

Dentists

Market Place Dental Practice

Bridewell Street Wymondham NR18 0AR Telephone: 01953 601801

Queen Street Dental Surgery

3 Queens Street Wymondham NR18 0AY Telephone: 01953 602753

John G Plummer and Associates

Wymondham Medical Centre Postmill Close Wymondham NR18 0RF Telephone: 01953 601501

Peppermint Dental

189 Norwich Road Wymondham NR18 0SJ Telephone: 01953 603360

Doctor's Surgeries

Wymondham Medical Centre

Postmill Close Wymondham NR18 0RF Telephone: 01953 602220 Fax: 01953 605313

Windmill Surgery

London Road Wymondham NR18 0AF Telephone: 01953 607607 Fax: 01953 606482 www.windmillsurgery.co.uk





Wymondham Medical Centre

Wymondham Medical Centre

(Community Health) 18 Bridewell Street Wymondham NR18 0AR Telephone: 01953 602220

Child Health Clinic: Thursdays 2pm - 4pm

Services Provided:

District nursing; Health visiting and school health services; Occupational Therapy; Speech and Language Therapy; Physiotherapy; Dietetics; Podiatry; Volunteer co-ordinator; Orthoptist; Cognitive Behaviour Therapy.



National Far East Prisoners of War Memorial Church

The Books of Rememberance can be seen in the Memorial Cabinet in the Memorial side chapel. They record FEPOW and civilian internees who died in captivity. A new book is available for FEPOW relatives.

Roman Catholic Church, 1 Norwich Road.
Telephone FEPOW Enquiries
Hon Arc: Peter Wiseman 01953 604144
administrator@wymondham-rc-church.org.uk
For other information contact the Parish Priest
01953 603194. Priest day off on Mondays
www. wymondham-rc-church.org.uk

Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury,



Hub Community Project

Telephone: 01953 798505 Email: info@hubproject.org.uk Website: www.hubproject.org.uk The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ

Staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers Hub Community Project is passionate about strengthening the local community by the provision of facilities, assistance and practical support.

Current projects include:

Hoppers - Mother & Toddler groups. Contact : Sue Latham, 01953 604232

Cup of Caring - Support group for carers

Contact: Libby, 01953 605928 libby.creber@gmail.com

Meeting Point - Support group for those feeling lonely Roman Catholic Church, Norwich Road Contact: Linda, 01603 812619

linda.bradbeer@lineone.net

The Zone - Support group for families Contact: Sarah, 07428 005074

The Space - After school youth drop in session 3:15pm - 5:15pm, thursdays during term time. Open to all secondary aged youth.

Contact: 01953 798505



Fairland United Reformed Church

Telephone: 01953 609971 Email: secretary@fairlandurc.org.uk Website: www.fairlandurc.org.uk Fairland Green, Fairland Hill, NR18 0AW A welcome community of God's people, meeting for worship at 10.30am every Sunday. Our hall is a useful community building available to groups for hire.

Wymondham Methodist Church

Contact: Rev Jacqui Horton Telephone: 01953 609106 Email: jacqui.horton.work@gmail.com Website: www.wymondhammethodist.org.uk Town Green, Wymondham, NR18 0PN

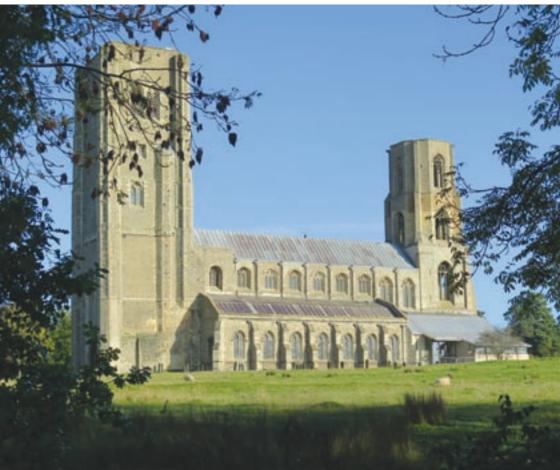
Situated in the heart of Town Green, the church offers a range of traditional, all-age, reflective and alternative worship services, as well as a warm welcome from a friendly and community-minded church family.

A choice of the three different halls, two kitchens and toilet facilities that make up the Town Green Centre (built onto the church in recent years) is available to outside hirers.

We welcome enquiries about christenings, weddings and funerals, as well as enquiries about the Christian faith and/or Methodist heritage.







Wymondham Abbey

Wymondham's 'heritage jewel' is now better than ever, following a £2.7M development in 2015.

Two extensions were added to the east end of the church featuring much needed new facilities, including an activity area for school visits, meeting rooms, space to display items from the Abbey's archive, colourful interpretation about the Abbey's story, toilets and a servery.

The great West Doors, closed for 50 years, were re-opened and are used on special occasions. The South Aisle, once hidden by an ugly 'temporary' vestry (actually erected in 1903!) has been restored. Wymondham Abbey is a 'must' for a visit.

Wymondham Abbey is the town's Anglican parish church. We have services every day of the week, with a variety to suit everyone. The church also hosts many other events and activities, both sacred and secular. Our website gives all the details.

Our Sunday services are: 08:00 Communion (Book of Common Prayer); 09:15 Contemporary Communion; 10:30 Sung Eucharist (with robed choir); 18:30 Evensong (choral evensong on 1st Sunday of the month).

Contact: The Abbey Office Phone number: 01953 607062 Email: office@wymondhamabbey.org.uk Website: www.wymondhamabbey.com The Abbey, Church Street, NR18 0PH

Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury

Parish Priest Father Michael Ryan 1, Norwich Road , NR18 0QE officeadministrator@wymondham-rc-church.org.uk

Catholic parish serving the communities of Wymondham, Attleborough, Hethersett, Hingham and Mulbarton.

Weekend Mass times

Saturday: 6:00pm Wymondham Sunday: 8:30am Attleborough,

Methodist Church 10:00am Wymondham

Holy days of obligation: 7pm For weekday Masses: see newsletter FEPOW Memorial Chapel The Church is closed on Mondays. Call 01953 603104





Wymondham Baptist Church

For over 200 years Wymondham Baptist Church has been opening our doors to all the Wymondham community - on Sundays and every day. Church records show that during all our history we have been here to worship together and to share what we have in order to show God's love. Records even show that in the late 19th century we bought a corset for one of the members!

Throughout the year, our commitment to the community in all their stages of life continues today, as we run and welcome in a number of groups. Every week (term-time) we run a popular and long-running baby and toddler group, and our counselling service has over the years helped more than 900 clients from the Wymondham area. In addition, we have the privilege of sharing our space with the Wymondham Music Festival, and we feature live brass music during the town's December Dickensian evening. Our slightly quieter activities include sharing space with groups such as the Stroke Association, a lip-reading class, and the Guides, and sending our members to Norwich to serve soup and sandwiches to the homeless.

Our services are relaxed but reverent, with our congregation made up of people from a few years old to 98!

A number of our members are experienced in supporting mental and physical disabilities, and we offer home groups so that our members can have a more personal experience of studying and growing together with people like them. Our building is equipped with two baby changes, and we offer a creche for all Sunday morning services.

All are very welcome to join us. On Sundays we meet at 10.30am at the historic church building on Queen Street in the town centre.

Mr. Paul Smith
Telephone: 01953 606520
Website: www.wymondhambaptist.org
Email: office@wymondhambaptist.org
Address: Queen Street,
Wymondham, NR18 0AY





The Alive Church Wymondham

God has an amazing plan for Wymondham! He has given us the opportunity to be involved in that plan by showing His love and grace to the people we meet. We believe that one day Wymondham will be known as a place where God is doing amazing things, where people are accepted, transformed, healed and set free. Our priority is to build people into strong Godly men, women and children, full of His Holy Spirit. This will provide the foundation for what God wants to do.

We also believe God has a plan for your life and we would love to help you discover the things He has for you. Jesus not only came so that our sins could be forgiven He came that we may have life and life in all its fullness. (John 10:10, The Bible) We meet at Wymondham Central Hall, 10am every Sunday and we would love to meet you. You are welcome to visit anytime.

Please visit the Wymondham page of our website **www.alivechurch.org.uk** and view our brochure which will provide you with more details of the things we are involved in and what happens during the week.

If you would like to speak to someone contact Barry on 07791 088761 or email barry@alivechurch.org.uk

Wymondham Local Quaker Meeting

Contact: Mrs Ann Parr Telephone: 01953 600168 Website: www.quaker.org.uk Address (for correspondence): 11 Downham Crescent, NR18 0SF

All are welcomed for worship at 10.45 - 11.45 am on Sundays at The Frank Bunn Rooms, Town Green Centre, Town Green (at the back of the Methodist Church). Quakers share a way of life rather than a set of beliefs. We seek to experience God directly, within ourselves and in our relationships with others and the world around us. These direct encounters with the Divine are where Quakers find meaning and purpose.



Hope Community Church

Leader: Grantley Watkins

For times and venues contact: Church Office

Telephone: 01953 798505

office@hccw.co.uk · www.hccw.co.uk



Services at Hope Community Church are lively and relevant to 21st Century life. Hope meets at 10.30am on Sundays at Wymondham High School (Folly Road entrance). Sunday children's work uses an innovative approach where children are involved in a variety of activities including games, drama and craft.

Weekly activities include:

Ignite Youth Group (School Years 7 — 12), Mondays 7pm

Alpha & Freedom in Christ courses are run throughout the year.





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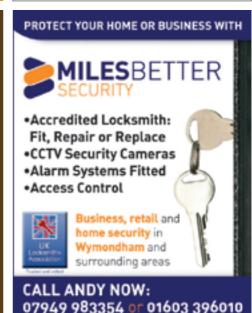
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Community Activities Supporting Family Life















Hoppers Toddler Groups

Weekly in Wymondham, Barnham Broom & Wicklewood

Dads' Hoppers – For dads and their children under 5 2nd Saturday morning of the month at The Hub

Cup of Caring – For carers & their cared for 2nd and last Thursday mornings of the month at The Hub

Meeting Point – For the lonely & Isolated Friday mornings at the Catholic Church, Wymondham

The Zone – For families with primary aged children First Saturday morning of the month at The Hub

The Space – After school youth drop in School Years 7+ Thursday afternoons during term time at The Hub

ESOL – Free English Lessons for Speakers of Other Languages Tuesday evenings at The Hub

For more information contact: Hub Community Project The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 OQJ Tel: 01953 798505 Email: info@hubproject.org.uk Website: www.hubproject.org.uk

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Education

This section includes information about the local Pre-Schools and Playgroups, Primary Schools and Secondary Schools in the Wymondham area, along with other educational organisations in the vicinity.

All the schools welcome contact with prospective parents and carers. For further details and a copy of the current school prospectus, please contact the head teacher at the number given. Copies of the most recent OFSTED reports for each school are held in Wymondham Library.



Pre-School Playgroups

Abbey Kindergarten Pre-School

Kett's Park Centre Contact: Jacqui Janion Tel: 07941 284143

Bouncing Beans Children's Nursery

197 Norwich Road, NR18 OSJ Tel: 01953 857311 www.bouncingbeanschildrensnursery.co.uk

Busy Bees Nursery

Browick Road Contact: Tara Smith Tel: 01953 601538

Hoppers Mother & Toddler Groups

The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0DJ Contact: Sue Latham Tel: 01953 604232 www.hubproject.org.uk

Mulberry Bush Day Nursery

Norwich Common, Wymondham www.mulberrybush.org st.edmunds@mulberrybush.org

Spooner Row Acorns

Spooner Row School Contact: Bridget Hanton Tel: 01953 603356

Stepping Stones Pre-School

Catholic Hall, Wymondham Contact: Mrs Sam Standley Tel: 07787 550462





Ashleigh Primary School & Nursery

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery provides quality education within a happy, caring and exciting environment. Learning is fun and purposeful, and makes the most of children's natural curiosity. The open culture and warm atmosphere support good spiritual, moral and social development.

The school provides outstanding care, guidance and support at every opportunity. The inclusive and positive ethos encourages above average attendance. Attainment has been significantly above the national average for the last four years. The school works exceptionally well with parents and carers.

Parents and carers indicate unanimously that their children enjoy school and are prepared well for the future.

Head: Mr Sam Nixon Telephone: 01953 602410

office@ashleighprimary.norfolk.sch.uk www.ashleighprimary.com

Sheffield Road, Wymondham, NR18 OHL Pupils: 56 in nursery, 264 in main school

Browick Road Primary School

Our school, rated outstanding by Ofsted, is located in the heart of Wymondham. We are proud of the school's long history, opening in 1876 as the town school. We place great emphasis on children being happy and safe in school as happy children are motivated to learn. We have a well resourced, spacious learning environment which includes a large field, playground, adventure play area, allotment and wildlife area. We also have a specialist resource base for children with communication difficulties.

Teachers are supported by teaching assistants in all classes and year groups work in teams to provide a creative curriculum for the children. We have a wide range of extra- curricular activities too.

Busy Bees Playgroup is also on site and is enjoys the school's facilities. Kaleidoscope childcare service is also on site. It runs a breakfast club, an after school club and holiday childcare. Visits are welcomed; please telephone to make an appointment.

Head: Pauline McMullen
Telephone: 01953 603061
office@browickroad.norfolk.sch.uk
www.browickroad.norfolk.sch.uk
Browick Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QW
Pupils: 244





Spooner Row Primary School

Spooner Row is a small, friendly, traditional village school, situated about three miles from Wymondham centre, on the edge of Spooner Row village. It has strong links with the Spooner Row Acorns pre-school group, which shares its site.

Although it has an attractive Victorian foundation, the school's buildings and facilities have been extensively adapted over the years to meet the needs of modern life in a primary school.

Teaching is organised in four teaching groups, which vary in size and composition according to pupil numbers. The outside play space includes a playground and a conservation and wildlife garden.

Acting Head: Bridget Hanton
Telephone: 01953 603356
office@spoonerrow.norfolk.sch.uk
www.spoonerrowprimary.co.uk
Station Road, Spooner Row,
Wymondham, NR18 9JR
Pupils: 104

Robert Kett Primary School

The Staff and Governors at Robert Kett Primary School work together to provide the best education for your children and occupies an attractive and well-maintained site with good facilities.

We have an exciting curriculum that we hope engages every child actively with their learning.

We are focusing on developing children's learning skills and habits through our 5 R's: resilience, responsibility, resourcefulness, reflection and reasoning.

Our vision is for all children to be healthy, happy and safe – to achieve and feel valued.

Other key strengths include the school's provision for children with special educational needs, the wide range of extra-curricular activities offered, and the school's strong community links; pupils play an active role in Wymondham.

Robert Kett Primary School Head: Mrs Alison Clarke Telephone: 01953 603405 office@robertkett.norfolk.sch.uk www.robertkett.norfolk.sch.uk Hewitts Lane, Wymondham, NR18 OLS Pupils: 593





Kaleidoscope is an out of school club for children aged

4-11 years. We are play based childcare providing a breakfast, after school and holiday club which is set in a safe and secure environment at Browick Road Infant School, Wymondham.







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Kaleidoscope-oscilholmail.com



The first years of a child's life are very important. Our friendly and qualified team create a happy, safe and caring environment for the children, promoting the all round development of each individual child. We are registered with CFSTED offering a high quality of professional care for children aged between 12 months and 5 years in a bright, colourful and stimulating environment.

Open Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.15pm with the option of Morning, Afternoon and All-Day sessions.

We offer temporary holiday care to suit your needs, subject to availability.



HethersettOld Hall School

Independent day school for girls 3-18 and boys 3-11 with boarding for girls from 9





www.hohs.co.uk | enquiries@hohs.co.uk | 01603 810390

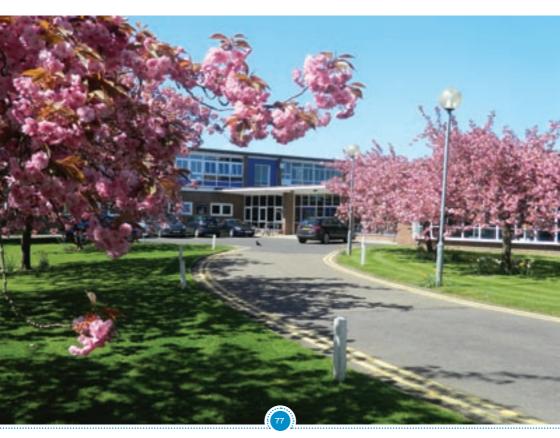
Wymondham High Academy

Welcome to Wymondham High Academy, an 11-18 co-educational Academy specialising in the Arts and Sciences.

Currently there are 1586 students (with over 360 students in the Sixth Form) on roll. We are proud of the high standards reached by all members of our community and our focus is on raising standards and creating opportunities for all our students.

Our ethos means that all aspects of the curriculum are valued and celebrated, with a focus on raising student's awareness of how they can flourish and develop towards adulthood. Our students developed our simple core purpose... inspiring excellence.

Principal: Mr Russell Boulton
Telephone: 01953 602078
office@wh-at.net
6th Form: hoggs@wh-at.net
www.wymondhamhigh.co.uk
Wymondham High Academy, Folly Road,
Wymondham, NR18 0QT
Pupils: 1586







Norfolk Adult Education Service

The long standing provider of adult learning in the Wymondham and Attleborough area, Norfolk Adult Education offers a wide range of courses. Most take place in the evening, though some courses also take place during the day at various centres in Wymondham and Attleborough, and in venues in the surrounding villages.

Telephone: 0344 800 8020 www.norfolk.gov.uk/adulteducation

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Contact: John Dollimore johndollimore4r@gamil.com Contact: Georgette Vale, 01953 605434 georgette@valemail.eu

WEA: Workers' Educational Asso.

WEA (Workers' Educational Association) is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education. Wymondham Branch runs two courses a year plus occasional Day Schools. The courses are of general interest and are delivered by expert tutors in a friendly environment. No previous knowledge or qualifications are needed, only a willingness to share with others your curiosity, ideas and experiences.

WEA Wymondham Branch Secretary: Ros Krieger Telephone: 01953 600639 rkrieger@talktalk.net

Wymondham College

Wymondham College is the largest State Boarding School in the country, educating around 650 boarders and a similar number of day students, set amongst 84 acres of rural Norfolk countryside.

The College secured 'Outstanding' judgements from Ofsted in both the last education and boarding inspections. Beyond the academic school day over 70 regular weekly clubs and societies are available together with over 700 annual sporting fixtures, an active Cadets unit and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

High quality education with first class facilities is free for day students and with boarding fees at under £10,000pa, Wymondham College offers a very attractive alternative to private schooling. College students have just achieved the highest A Level results in recent memory with 83% gaining A-C Grades and 7 securing places at Oxbridge this summer. At GCSE over 72% exceeded the Gold standard (A*-C including English and maths).

After the results this summer the College was named as the highest performing state school in the region and the recently published 2015 Sunday Times school league table have rated the College as one of the top 50 highest performing state schools in the country! Additionally the Sunday Times puts Wymondham College in the top 200 of all schools nationally, including selective schools.

In recent weeks the College has been awarded World Class School status, in recognition of the extraordinary opportunities offered to our students and the work they do beyond the classroom.



Principal: Mr Jonathan Taylor Telephone: 01953 609000 enquiries@wymondhamcollege.org www.wymondhamcollege.org Golf Links Road, Morley, Wymondham, NR18 9SZ Pupils: 1500





Wymondham Dementia Support Group

Wymondham Dementia Support Group is a charity formed in 2008 to 'Promote the well-being of those with dementia and their carers in the County of Norfolk'.

We seek to meet that objective in a number of ways – our main service is a weekly dementia café which meets at Fairland United Reformed Church in Wymondham every Friday. A wide range of activities are available in the Church Centre and adjacent Church Hall including a Carers Support Group: Sports and Leisure Activities: Art & Craft: a Poetry Group: a Singing Café once a month: a Library and Information hub and friendly social support whilst enjoying coffee and refreshments.

In addition we have a dementia friendly cinema, The Pabulum Picture Palace, which shows full length feature films in the Church Centre on the third Tuesday of each month. We are also developing a dementia friendly garden alongside The Church Centre with raised flower and vegetable beds and seating to enable those with dementia and their carers to enjoy by planting their choices in a safe and supported environment.

No formal referral is necessary and anyone interested in attending or volunteering should contact the Organiser, Dianne Fernee on 077127 27897. For more detailed information please visit our web-site www.wymondhamdementia-support-group.org.uk



Support & Recreational

Cup of Caring

Support group for carers The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ Contact: Libby, 01953 605928 libby.creber@gmail.com

Meeting Point

Support group for those feeling lonely Roman Catholic Church, Norwich Road Contact: Linda, 01603 812619 linda.bradbeer@lineone.net

Greening Wymondham Group

Promoting environmental projects and sustainability in Wymondham Contact: Ann, 01953 606127 greening.wymondham@gmail.com

Keeping Abreast

Breast Cancer Reconstruction Support Group www.keepingabreast.org.uk Facebook: 'Keeping Abreast - Norwich'. Contact: Jane Crockett, 01953 603642

WEA: Workers' Educational Association

Secretary: Ros Krieger · Tel: 01953 600639 rkrieger@talktalk.net

Wymondham Allotments Association

Eric Bradley, 07564119640

Wymondham & Attleborough Talking Newspaper

Tony Vale, 01953 605434, www.watn.org.uk

Wymondham Dementia Support Group

Dianne Fernee, 077127 27897 www.wymondham-dementia-support-group. org.uk

Wymondham Farm Machinery Club Richard Mack, 01953 603773

Wymondham Garden Club

Secretary: Janice Hancock, 01953 600499. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at Town Green Centre, Town Green, Wymondham, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Wymondham Heritage Society

Geoff Head, 01953 602457

Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG)

Ann Carpenter, 01508 488337 wymondham@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

Sport

Angling Club

Mike Jarvis, 01953 603158

Basketball Courts, Wym. High School 01953 602078

Badminton Club

Colin Greengrass, 01953 605339

Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

Members Only, 01953 602099

Priory Garden Bowls Club (over 55s)

Mrs Woods, 01953 602414

Cricket Pitches, Wymondham High School

01953 602078

Football Club

Club House, 01953 607326

Football Pitches, Wymondham High School 01953 602078

Gymnasium, Wymondham High School 01953 602078

Wymondham Judo Club

Chris or Karen Claydon, 01953 604385

Netball Courts, Wymondham High School 01953 602078

Pitch & Putt, Silfield

Mrs N Hammond, 01953 603199

Rugby Club

01953 607332

Rugby Pitches, Wymondham High School 01953 602078

Tennis Courts, Kett's Park

Town Council, 01953 603302

Tennis Courts, Wymondham High School

01953 602078

Wymondham Leisure Centre & Swimming Pool

01953 607171

Wymondham Snooker Club

1 Town Green, Wymondham Norfolk NR18 0PN, 01953 602318

Eastern Shotokan Karate Associaion

Wym Lesisure Centre Tel 01603 418751 · office@eska.co.uk





Social

Bridge Club (Tuesday)

Secretary, 01379 852812

Chess Club (Friday)

Mr M Poulton, 01953 603700

Cribbage League

Mr J Braden, 01953 603570

ESOL free English lessons

The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ Paula: 07983 360058 info@hubproject.org.uk www.hubproject.org.uk

Ex - Servicemen's Club

01953 602261

Lions Club

Mr Jim Cawte, 01953 605311 j.cawte@btconnect.com

Old Timers Motor Club

Mr Jim Cawte, 01953 605311 j.cawte@btconnect.com

Gaymer Ormond Lodge, Buffaloes

Mr Hartt, 01953 603050

RAF Association, Wymondham Branch

Mrs Partridge, 01953 603143

The Regal Experience

Maureen Dodman, 01953 605593

Royal British Legion, Wymondham Branch

Ann Rogerson, 01953 602817

The Zone

Family support group The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ Contact: Sarah, 07428 005074 info@hubproject.org.uk www.hubproject.org.uk

Youth Activities

Fire Cadets

01603 810351 · www.norfolkfireservice.gov.uk

The Space

Contact: 01953 798505 info@hubproject.org.uk www.hubproject.org.uk

Wymondham Detachment Army Cadet Force

01362 694515

Guides & Scouts

Scouting & Girl Guiding

District Commissioner Martijn Koster, Tel 01953 604289 gdc@wymondham-scouts-and-guides.uk

Full details of groups meeting in the Wymondham area and the process for applying to join can be found at:

www.wymondham-scouts-and-guides.uk www.wymondham-scouts-and-guides.uk/ schedule/groups/





Music

MUSIC

D'Capo Choir

Claire Dixon Tel: 01603 759649

Livewire Opera Company

Debbie Gothard Tel: 01953 851543

Encore

Kath Terry Tel: 01953 604881

Wymondham Choral Society

Liz Fletcher, Tel: 01953 451286

Sing Your Heart Out

Kate Wood, Tel: 01953 602051

Wymondham Music Festival Committee

Chairman: Richard Elliot Tel: 01603 810544 or 07733 002897 office@wymondhamfestival.org.uk www.wymfestival.org.uk

Wymondham Symphony Orchestra

Rehearse in Wymondham High on Tuesdays Adrienne Cleary, Tel: 01953 789637 www.wymondhamsymphonyorchestra.org.

Wymondham Youth Music Society

Ensemble playing and tuition. Thursdays at Wymondham High. Linda White, Tel: 01953 529158 enquiries@wyms.org.uk

Arts & Crafts

Wymondham Arts Forum

Andrew Carpenter, 07736 685363

Wymondham Lacemakers

Pam Holmes, 01953 600834 Pam Newstead, 01508 498429

Wymondham Photographic Society

Tel: 07753 863435

Wymondham Players

Heather Carpenter, 01953 601198 www.wymondham-players.org

Accommodation

Cobweb Cottage

42 Queens Street, Spooner Row NR18 9JU · Tel: 01953 607236

Damgate Holiday Cottage

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Town House Hotel

28 Market Street, Wymondham, NR18 0BB Tel: 01953 606721 info@townhouse-hotel.co.uk www.townhouse-hotel.co.uk





Aerials

Zenith Aerials and Satellite

3 Blazey Drive, Wymondham, NR18 0UY Tel: 01953 856128 Mobile: 07849 282638 zenithaerials@live.co.uk

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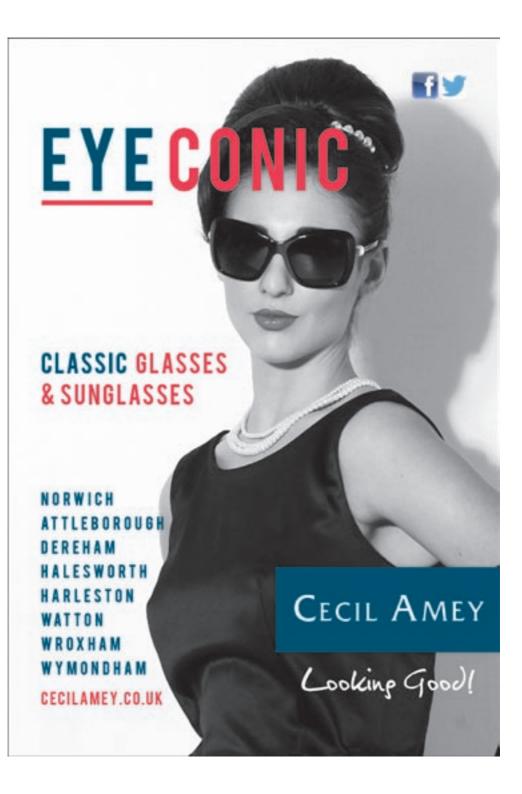
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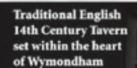
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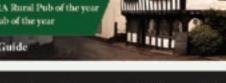






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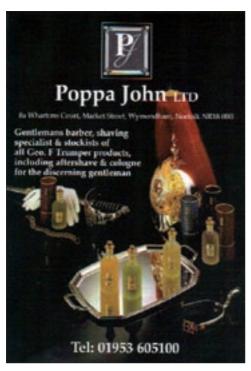
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