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New Website for Town Council

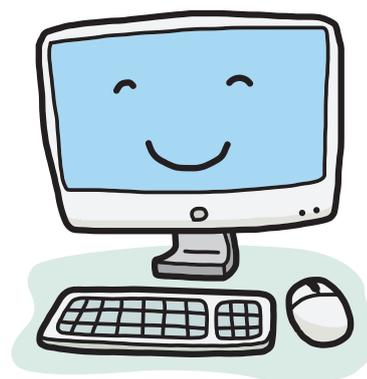
From the beginning of the new year the Town Council will have a new website.

The address has changed to **www.wymondhamtowncouncil.org** – and all the existing services are available there. Basic information about how to contact the council, where to find it, a diary of forthcoming events, contacts for key town services, past copies of 'About Wymondham' along with other council publications may be found there

Of course the council cannot publicise things it doesn't know about, so it depends on you, or organisations you represent, to keep it informed, and to keep this information up-to-date. As the recent review of clubs, services and organisations for the biennial town guide has revealed, information carefully checked and updated can change within very little time, so

keeping the council informed will enable us to get your very latest information out there as soon as possible.

The website is being constructed for the council by a Wymondham business, Netmatters. The official launch will be on 1 January, so come and visit the new site – and don't forget to keep us informed!



New Town Guide will be with you shortly

The current Town Guide was last published in 2016, and its biennial revision has just been completed.

You are too late to update information for this edition now, but you can put down a marker for next time. Only brief information is required - details are in the new guide, which should be delivered to your door shortly if you live in Wymondham. Or it will be available for collection from the Wymondham Town Council offices in Middleton Street.

The guide is published by Onepress Publishing. Please send details to jean@onepresspublishing.co.uk, tel. **07760 162784**. They would also like to hear from you at any time if you are interested in advertising in the guide.



Sunny days
Summer warmth shines out of the new Town Guide cover

Town Council News

The Town Council's website is now being managed for the council by a Wymondham company Netmatters, and will continue to maintain and develop the services available online, including back editions of About Wymondham and other council information. The new Town Guide has been published, and should be arriving through letterboxes or for collection from the Council Offices shortly. Three local disability groups are benefiting from the Mayor's charity event. There's a new dry footpath at Becketswell. And you need to update your 'Walk through Wymondham' app to get proper service from this popular electronic guide to historic Wymondham.



Photo: Joy Batley and Dave Roberts (WAG) and Georgette Vale (WATN) receiving the donation from Wymondham Town Mayor, Councillor Tony Holden at the commemorative bench near the War Memorial

Two disability groups benefit from Mayor's charity event

Two organisations supporting disabled people in and around Wymondham have benefitted from a fundraising event organised by Wymondham Town Mayor, Tony Holden.

Wymondham Access Group (WAG) and Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (WATN) have each received £275 from the proceeds of a Bingo evening arranged by Councillor Holden, with assistance from his Town Councillor colleagues.

Cheques were presented to representatives of both organisations on the recently installed and Town Council funded bench commemorating the centenary of the end of the first World War.

WAG promotes disability awareness and campaigns on behalf of those living with a disability, of any kind. WATN provides a weekly audio news digest and monthly audio magazine for over 50 visually impaired people in Wymondham, Attleborough and the surrounding villages.

Both of the recipient organisations expressed their gratitude to Councillor Holden for his personal support and to the Town Councillors who assisted him with the fundraising event.

For more information about each organisation, see the Wymondham Access Group Facebook page or the Talking Newspaper's website www.watn.org.uk

Dry feet at Becketswell this winter



A popular walk from the Market Place is the circuit via Becket's Chapel in Church Street, past the Abbey and along the Tiffey Valley through Becketswell, then back up Damgate or Friarscroft Lane. But in the winter months the riverside section can get very muddy.

Good news for walkers is that the council has recently put down a surfaced footpath which should keep our feet dry whatever the winter weather throws at us. So it's now possible to complete the walk on paved surfaces all the way. And it looks attractive too. So if you've not been that way recently, do go and take a stroll through one of the most attractive parts of our town.

Meeting dates – council & committees

The Town Council normally meets on the first Tuesday of each month with the Finance and General Purposes and Leisure and Environment committees meeting on the third Tuesday of alternate months. The Planning Lighting and Highways committee deals with planning applications and meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Dates until April are set out below. The complete list is available on the Town Council's website.

Town Council Offices closed 25-28 December inclusive

January

- 2 (Wednesday) Planning Lighting and Highways followed by full Town Council in Council Offices
- 15 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council

February

- 5 Planning Lighting and Highways in Council Offices followed by Town Council in Tiffey Rooms
- 19 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Finance and General Purposes

March

- 5 Planning Lighting and Highways in Council Offices followed by Town Council in Tiffey Rooms
- 19 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Leisure and Environment

April

- 2 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council

Who are your councillors?

As a result of the elections in 2015 the following have been elected to serve until the next local government elections in 2019 (May 2021 for County Councillors), representing Wymondham on the county (NCC), district (SNC) and/or town councils.

Abbey Ward

Mr R Savage	"Kingston" 6 Park Lane NR18 9BG	603722	WTC, SNC
Mr K Hurn	10 Sheffield Road NR18 0LX	603637	WTC
Mrs P Stearn	Middle Farmhouse Stanfield NR18 9BG	603984	WTC

Cromwells Ward

Mr J Halls	2 Chapel Loke, Spooner Row	600720	WTC
Mr J Hornby	9 Papillon Road NR18 0WD	600300	WTC, SNC
Mrs S Nuri	15 Silfield Avenue NR18 9BD	606146	WTC

Northfields Ward

Mr C Longhurst	17 Warwick Drive NR18 0LT	605126	WTC
Mr J Mooney	2 Orchard Way NR18 0NX	604482	WTC, SNC, NCC
Mr D Underwood	14 Herb Robert Glade NR18 0XS	601585	WTC

Rustens Ward

Mr P Broome	14 Bramble Way NR18 0UN	600829	WTC, SNC
Mr A Holden	31 Ashleigh Gardens NR18 0EX	859968	WTC
Mrs S Sayer	217 Norwich Road NR18 0SL	602827	WTC

Town Ward

Mr I Flatt	48 Orchard Way NR18 0NY	603398	WTC
Mr L Hornby	9 Papillon Road NR18 0WD	600300	WTC, SNC
Mrs S Wyer	11 Bramble Way NR18 0UN	07842766038	WTC

Forehoe Ward

C Foulger	Pear Tree House, Turnpike, Bunwell NR16 1SP	07745163169	NCC
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Update your 'Walk through Wymondham' app

The 'Walk Through Wymondham' app, and the accompanying Henry Hare trail for children, are not working properly, and to enjoy the trails without a hitch you'll need to re-load them. They have been very popular with local people and visitors alike since they were launched in June. Full details can be found at [Facebook/WymTrails](https://www.facebook.com/WymTrails) and south-norfolk.gov.uk/wymtrails



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LATE NIGHT THURSDAY - PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE UNTIL 7PM

Community News

These days About Wymondham always seems to be full of the good works done by our voluntary community organisations. This time Winterfest takes centre stage. Organised by the Town Team, with several weeks preparatory work by the Christmas Lights group, hours of effort by local organisations and generous support by town businesses, the event splendidly overcame miserable weather, cheered us all up and got us in a festive mood. Lemon Day provided more brightness and colour in town to help us through the autumn. A new Star Throwers event, Re:new, is promised for the spring, the Lions make an award to the Town Council for their support of local organisations, and we take a look back at another successful Wymondham words book festival.



Twice the fun street entertainers the Ukelele Elves gate-crashed the Norwich Samba dancing team. Other performances came from the Classical Duo and Time Machine

Winterfest kicks off Christmas celebrations

Despite the bad weather, Winterfest 2018 was an excellent event. Lots of people came out to enjoy the afternoon, and the event was a tribute to all who contributed, and another success for Wymondham's Town Team which put it all together.

The Made in Wymondham market in the Regal Cinema was well attended - thanks to the ex-services club for their support. Jarrolds offered cookery demonstrations

and Fosters provided mince pies and mulled wine. The Christmas Tree Festival in the Abbey saw more than 1200 visitors, and busking outside Kett's Books in Whartons Court gave a wonderful atmosphere. Next door the Lions hosted Father Christmas at his grotto, and the town twinkled throughout with all the efforts of Light Up Wymondham, who under the capable lead of Doug Hodges put up all the lights, working hard in the three weeks prior to the event.



Getting in costume a mum and son who dressed seasonally for the event

Spring atmosphere in Wymondham on Lemon Day



Lemon Cake? Roots Café volunteer staff with Citroen 2CV Tippy Lily outside the Baptist Church on Lemon Day

Wymondham’s annual Lemon Day proved to be an encouragement for residents and visitors to venture into the town and with the added incentive of craft events at the Abbey and in the Arts Centre, it proved to be a bumper day for the retailers.

The Lemon Day activities were focused at the Roots Café of Wymondham Baptist Church, with the main hall doubling as a performance venue for music, singing, poetry and a play reading, hosted by John Beckett, with assistance from Louise Barton of Creating Singing Studios.

The White Hart was the venue for arts, crafts, cosmetic displays, food tasting and a photographic shoot by Lottie Lou Studios. The town centre Co-op also took part by donating a food hamper as the prize in a free draw.

The iconic yellow 2CV, Tippy Lily, also made a visit, with her Hethersett-based owner Brian Bishop.

Lemon Day is a community project supported by Wymondham Town Team, which aims to bring the town together under a single theme, and co-ordinator Tony Vale felt that this had been achieved. He said: “We added

a sub-theme this year, The Five Senses of Lemon, which gave businesses and community groups the opportunity to take part in a related way”.

Photographs taken on the day can be posted on the Wymondham Lemon Day Facebook page.

Re:new evening event at Star Throwers

We are excited to announce a brand new event for 2019! Re:new, to be held on Saturday 2nd February 2019 from 7.30pm - 9pm, will be an evening of renewing your wardrobe, your body and your soul.

Bring along clothing to swap and meet friends whilst being pampered and inspired. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from either of the Star Throwers charity shops in Wymondham and Attleborough, at the centre in Melton Road, Wymondham or online: <https://bit.ly/2OTcIOs>

- ‘Swish’ and swap up to 4 items of your preloved clothes
- Relax with reflexology, massage, manicures and a mocktail
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Wymondham Community Events – Winter 2018

December

Sat 15	9.00am	Farmers' Market – order selected produce for collection on 22 December	Market Place
	7.30pm	Encore Christmas concert 'Claus 4 Celebration'	Baptist Church
Sun 16	3.30pm	Wymondham Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert with children from Spooner Row Primary	Central Hall
	6.30pm	Town Carol Service: Nine Lessons and Carols	Abbey
Sat 22		Collect Christmas produce ordered at Farmers' Market on Saturday 15 December	Market Place

January

Wed 2	7.30pm	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Room, Central Hall
Sun 13	6.30pm	Epiphany Carol Service	Abbey
Sat 19	9.00pm	Farmers' Market	Market Place

February

Sat 2	7.30-9.00pm	Re:New event in aid of Star Throwers Holistic Cancer Support Charity	Melton Road
Sun 3	2.30pm	Regal Experience Film: Bad Day at Black Rock, atmospheric tense suspense thriller from 1955 starring Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan and Anne Francis. Supporting will be The Gentleman From Texas, a rarely seen 1946 western second feature with Johnny Mack Brown	Ex Services Club
Tue 5	7.30pm	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Room, Central Hall
Sat 16	9.00pm	Farmers' Market	Market Place

March

Tue 5	7.30pm	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Room, Central Hall
Sun 10	2.30pm	Regal Experience Film: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. Based on the Broadway musical and starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell looking for rich husbands! There will be a display of Marilyn Monroe memorabilia, while the supporting film will be A Dog's Life from the popular Look at Life series	Ex Services Club
Sat 16	9.00pm	Farmers' Market	Market Place
Sat 30	7.30pm	Wymondham Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert: Russian Classics	Abbey

April

Sat 6	7.30pm	Wymondham Choral Society concert: Chilcott St. John Passion, Bruckner Mass in E Minor	Abbey
Sun 7	7.30pm	Regal Experience Film: Julie starring Doris Day and Louis Jourdan in an entertaining suspense thriller with Doris also singing the title song. Supported by The Ghost Train Murder, a 1959 crime thriller from Edgar Lustgarten's Scotland Yard series and a display of Doris Day memorabilia.	Ex Services Club
Tue 2	7.30pm	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Room, Central Hall
Sat 20	9.00am	Farmers' Market	Market Place
Tue 23	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Tiffany Room, Central Hall



Wymondham Lions award for local organisations

As part of Lions Clubs International Centenary many Lions clubs round the world are making presentations to local organisations in recognition of their work in helping others. Wymondham Lions are making awards to five local bodies.

At a ceremony in November, Wymondham Town Mayor Tony Holden received a commemorative trophy from Lions Chairman



Recognition: Town Mayor Tony Holden receives the award from Lions President John Wilde

John Wilde for the council's outstanding services to the community, specifically for help in furnishing street planters, and for the financial help given over many years to organisations running Dickensian Evening, Carnival, Winterfest and other town events.

Could you help us?

School governors are drawn from the local community and perform a valuable service to our four Wymondham schools.

Ashleigh Primary School, recently recognised as an outstanding school, currently has a vacancy for a community governor with legal or financial experience. We would also like to recruit a Youth Governor (17 years +) which would be great experience for a politics student, or one interested in pursuing a career in education.

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Wymondham Words best yet for book enthusiasts

With the final pages now closed on our town's 2018 literature festival the small volunteer organising team have judged this year's event to be the best yet.

Festival Director and writer Edward Parnell said: "We were anxious to see whether taking a year off would affect local support for the festival, but we needn't have worried. All events were well attended, and we had a record audience to see and hear Louis de Bernieres. Our speakers responded well to the many questions asked by enthusiastic audiences - it was a great festival."

Norfolk and Suffolk are a rich source of writers, and having a major creative writing programme based at UEA and the Writers' Centre Norwich helps. Several of this year's speakers are based in Norwich or East Anglia, like nature writer Mark Cocker, novelist Louis de Bernieres, biographer and novelist Rebecca Stott and poet Martin Figura. Festival President and Wymondham resident George Szirtes led the poetry supper in the Green Dragon. Wymondham Words committee chairman

John Wood was full of praise for the help and encouragement received from local organisations, notably Wymondham's independent, community-run bookshop Kett's Books and the town's library. He said "It's very easy to get hold of books in Wymondham, and to meet and talk to writers. Local book groups bring together people with literary interests, and for those able and willing to travel the few miles into Norwich there's a whole world of reading and writing opportunities." He also thanked the Town Council and other bodies for generous financial support, Number 24 Restaurant, the Green Dragon and the Baptist Church for hosting events and Reno Wines for donating wine for events.



Talking books: Wymondham Words President, George Szirtes, interviews Rebecca Stott in Wymondham Library

Photo: Bob Coe

After taking a year off, will the festival become a biennial event? "That's still not finally decided," John Wood said, "but certainly after running seven annual festivals, a year's rest has been welcome, especially for our writer members, and we've been delighted to see that our audiences have returned in strength. We'll take a break and think about it. And we'll let you know!"





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We welcome your contributions. If you want to submit articles or photos, put items in the diary or comment on content please contact **John Wood on 01953 602051**.

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