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Council Elects New Mayor

**Town Councillors elected Robert Savage
Mayor of Wymondham at the council
meeting on Tuesday 2 May.**

In his acceptance speech Mr Savage thanked the council for electing him Mayor for the coming year, and said that he considered it a great honour and privilege to hold the office. He thanked Cllr Joe Mooney for all the work he had put in as Town Mayor for the previous two years.

He noted that there were a number of ongoing projects, such as new Council offices, a 3G pitch at Ketts Park and soon a requirement for a new burial ground. Not least was the need to resolve the play equipment issue on Kings Head Meadow. He promised to continue to support local groups and organisations and to work with other local councils and statutory bodies, and help drive Wymondham forward whilst retaining its special character.

61-year old Mr Savage, a semi-retired self-employed structural engineer, has been a town councillor since 2011, and was previously



Wymondham's new Mayor: Councillor Robert Savage has been elected by the Town Council to serve as Mayor during 2017/18.

mayor during 2012-13. He is also a South Norfolk district councillor. At the meeting Tony Holden was elected deputy mayor for 2017-18.

More achievements for Kett's Books



Three years after saving Wymondham's independent bookshop, the group that runs Kett's Books is celebrating another achievement with a grant from international publisher HarperCollins.

The bookshop in Wharton's Court was one of just 10 successful applicants from across the country. They will use the funds to develop a new website and commission illustrations to go with its existing branding.

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Town Council News

Elected by other town councillors, Wymondham's new Mayor takes up his duties for 2017-18, having previously served in that role during 2012-13. Wymondham in Bloom is back to brighten up the town, with some ingenious and creative displays and a shield for the winner of a 'best display' competition. The Market Cross invites us to pay it a visit in its 400th anniversary year, and see what an amazing wealth of information it can provide. And if you are facing difficulties, the Help Hub can make your next step easier.

Wymondham in Bloom back to transform town!

It's that time of year when town centre businesses are encouraged to brighten up their shop fronts with impressive floral displays. That's right, Wymondham in Bloom (WIB) is back! The scheme's third year promises to transform the town centre again with hanging baskets, planters and window boxes bursting with flowers.

Wymondham in Bloom is a floral competition with funding from South Norfolk Council, allowing us to team up with Wymondham Garden Centre to give town centre businesses 50% off of hanging baskets, planters and everything they need to go with them. Businesses are free, however, to source their plants and hardware independently or grow their own.

Group treasurer Martin Ford said: "Over the past two years, we've seen all sorts of displays including flowers bursting out of shoes, wellington boots, furniture, suitcases and even bubble gum machines. It has really helped to add to the summer feel of the town and make Wymondham town centre a place to be proud of!"

Judging will be split between a judging panel and shopkeepers themselves. Voting slips will be delivered to all town centre businesses in early July. Completed voting slips can be handed in at Mad Hatter's Tea Shop or at Wymondham Garden Centre.



Complementing our fine streets: Floral displays of all kinds throughout the town add colour and interest over the summer months.

In addition, WIB representatives will be collecting them in during mid-July and one lucky voting shop keeper will receive a hamper of goodies!

Wymondham in Bloom winners will receive press coverage, being announced live on stage on Carnival Day (Sunday 23 July). First Prize winner will receive the Winners Shield and framed certificate. Second and third prize winners receive framed certificates too. There's also a category for most creative display!

How old is the Market Cross?

'How old is the Market Cross?' is a frequent question at Wymondham's tourist information centre.

When the enquirer is invited to guess, responses have ranged from 'one thousand years' to 'as old as Granny'!

Currently however there is an accurate short response, for the Cross was constructed in 1617-18 so is four-hundred years old: we have souvenir pencils to mark it. There is a limited number of these so perhaps buy one to use and one to keep...

If you haven't visited Wymondham Market Cross recently then please make the 400th anniversary a time when you do, to browse the many hundreds of leaflets about this area and beyond, view the maps and souvenirs for sale, collect local timetables or, especially if you are new to the area, ask a question about Wymondham. Above all, to enjoy the inside as well as the outside of this unique focal point of our town, and wish it 'Happy 400th Birthday'.

Summer hours continue until the end of October: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-2.30 and Saturdays 10-1.30. Phone **01953 604721**. Email **wymondhamtic@btconnect.com**

Help Hub makes your next step easier

Most people experience times when they need a bit of extra help or support. Early help means providing support as soon as a difficulty or problem emerges, to stop it getting any worse.

If you have worries about any aspect of your own or your family's wellbeing, Community Connectors are there to help. They are members of the local

community who can help you access support services. They can also help you to find out about training and volunteering.

Wymondham's local Community Connectors are Vivienne Clifford Jackson (**07890 599431**) and Mary Latten (**07890 599438**). Or visit **facebook.com/WymondhamCommunityConnectors** or call **01508 533933**.

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

June

- 6 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 20 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Finance and General Purposes

July

- 4 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 18 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Leisure and Environment

August

- 1 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 15 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Finance and General Purposes

September

- 5 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 19 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Leisure and Environment

October

- 3 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 17 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Finance and General Purposes

Who are your councillors?

As a result of the elections last May, the following have been elected to serve until the next local government elections in May 2020 (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	6 Daisy Street NR18 0FF	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
Mr A Osborne	Granary House Old Stn Yard Silfield Road NR18 9AU	603175	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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Centenary of Lions Club International

There has been a Lions Club in Wymondham for nearly 50 years but Lions Clubs International was founded as long ago as 1917. This year 1.3 million Lions in over 200 countries will be celebrating its centenary.

Among the Purposes of Lions Clubs are "to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community" and "to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward". Partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

Throughout the world, Lions Clubs have played major roles in improving the care of blind people, funding many thousands of cataract operations in Africa and Asia and sponsoring 'talking newspapers' (including the Wymondham and Attleborough group). The Lions Clubs International Foundation was formed in 1968, and has since channelled over £600 million to support Lions' humanitarian work including huge donations for tsunami and earthquake relief.

The Wymondham Club was formed in 1969 and has been raising funds and supporting local, regional, national and international good causes for nearly 50 years. In the

last 10 years alone the club has raised and donated over £70,000. Beneficiaries include the Wymondham Dementia Group, East Anglia's Childrens' Hospices, East Anglia Air Ambulance, Wymondham Music Festival, Star Throwers and hundreds of small donations to needy individuals and groups. For many years the Club ran the annual Dickensian Night just before Christmas and now organises Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fayre.

For the last five years the Mayor of Wymondham has been an honorary member and the Club has been pleased to cooperate with other local organisations to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Every penny that the Wymondham Club raises from public events and collections goes to a charitable purpose. The Club's running costs are small and are paid for by members' subscriptions. It is a registered charity No 1050430.

Wymondham Lions Club members come from all walks of life. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to play a role in supporting the community. The club meets on the last Monday of the month at 7.30 in The Feathers. **605311** will put you in touch with a Club member who will be pleased to provide further information.

Community News

Nearly 50 year old itself, Wymondham Lions Club helps Lions Clubs International celebrate their Centenary this year. Wymondham's pioneering Dementia Support Group was honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Town Team preview Wymondham's second Vintage Day. The Mid Norfolk Railway steams its way through a busy summer with a host of events of all kinds. And Music Festival is in full swing again with a packed programme running through to mid July.

Pabulum team receive Royal Award



On Thursday 1 June 2017 Trevor Brown and Dianne Fernee from the Wymondham Dementia Support Group attended a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace. Dianne reports:

"It was a beautiful day and the sun was shining brightly. The bands were playing and the guests strolled through the lovely gardens, where even the roses stood to attention with no trace of

Pabulum stalwarts at the Palace: Diane Fernee and Trevor Brown, representing all those involved with Dementia support in Wymondham, celebrated the Queen's award.

the usual greenfly or blackfly that plague us ordinary gardeners.

"The Queen arrived to join us for tea and some lucky guests actually got to speak to Her Majesty. For Trevor and me just being there in the garden drinking up the atmosphere and enjoying tea was wonderful. Why were we there? Wymondham Dementia Support Group had received a very special honour, having been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (equivalent to an MBE) for all the love and hard work they give Pabulum."

A great achievement for all involved with the dementia support venture – our hearty congratulations!

Summer studies with WEA

The Wymondham branch of WEA is offering two day schools this summer. The first of these workshops, run by Mark Felton with a fee of £15, will be held in the Tiffey Room, Central Hall on Saturday 22 July from 10 to 3.30pm.

Zero Night, the first Great Escape of WW2, looks at the most original and daring escape plan of the war, involving 40 British and Commonwealth officers. It covers the hunt for them by German security forces, and the role played in their evasion from capture by a daring band of Belgian patriots.

On Saturday 23 September, from 10-3pm, Glenn Barrett will introduce the 18th Century Lunar Society and its importance in the development of science and technology. He will go on to talk about Sir Marc Isambard Brunel and Isambard Kingdom Brunel and their contribution to 19th century engineering. The venue is the Abbey Hall, and there will be a £10 charge.

Booking and enquiries through Ros Krieger on **600639**, rkrieger@talktalk.net

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Voluntary groups do sterling job, says retiring Mayor



Since my report last year the town council has started preparatory work on a number of projects such as the new council offices, the SNC/WTC 3G all-weather pitch project and the provision of new town cemetery. However, a lot of work remains to be done in order to bring these projects to fruition. The

council will, of course, keep you updated on progress during the coming year.

I am pleased that under the Brighter Wymondham badge the council decided to purchase additional planters. Working in partnership with Wymondham in Bloom the planters and hanging baskets will help to keep our town looking brighter and more colourful.

During the year a group of young people approached the council with a proposal to erect some boards in the Browick Road recreation ground for an arts project. The council supported the idea and the project should get under way quite soon. Well done to all concerned for working to bring this project to fruition.

I was pleased to present this year's Wymondham Town Council Civic Award to Wymondham couple Jennifer and Jim Cawte at a ceremony held at the

Wymondham Dell Bowls Club. At the presentation, covered elsewhere in this report, I paid tribute to their fund-raising work for good causes. They are a credit to Wymondham and in my view very worthy recipients of this year's award.

Once again I was delighted to welcome the school council from Robert Kett School to the Town Council Chamber after their annual visit to Becketts Chapel to lay flowers on the anniversary of the death of Robert and William Kett. This annual ceremony provides a reminder of tumultuous events in the town's history, while the Council Chamber visit gives insights into present day civic procedures.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who sponsored my 40 mile cycle ride around Wymondham. I donated the £720 raised to my chosen charity for 2016-2017, the excellent Wymondham Diabetes UK Group. The proceeds will allow the group to carry on with their good work in the town and that for me is a good outcome of the ride. The group runs bi-monthly meetings where guest speakers talk about everything from insulin advice to driving with diabetes.

Finally, I would like to say how pleased I am that the Town Council continues to support the town's voluntary groups through its small grants scheme. Recipients for 2016-2017 are listed on page three of this annual report. All the voluntary groups in the town in their various ways do a sterling job to help keep Wymondham moving forward. Well done and thanks to them all!

Joe Mooney, Town Mayor

Town Councillors who served this year

The following councillors served as council members during 2016-17.

Abbey Ward

K Hurn
R Savage
P Stearn

Rustens Ward

P Broome
A Holden
S Sayer

Cromwells Ward

J Halls
J Hornby
A Osborne

Town Ward

I Flatt
L Hornby
S Wyer

Northfields Ward

C Longhurst
J Mooney
D Underwood

Wymondham Town Council

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

How does your Town Council work for you?

The 15 members of Wymondham Town Council are all unpaid volunteers, elected by Wymondham people every four years. Elections took place in May 2015 so that 2016-17 was the second year of office for the council. Each year the councillors elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor from among their members.

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

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

Leisure & Environment which supervises the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the Council's recreation areas such as Ketts Park, Browick Road recreation ground and the Spooner Row playing field. It is responsible for ensuring that play equipment meets health and safety requirements and that residents have access to leisure facilities. It is also responsible for other open spaces such as the Tolls Meadow nature reserve, the Becketswell amenity area and the allotments.

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

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

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

Planters brighten town centre



To brighten and improve the appearance of the town centre the Town Council some years ago purchased planters which have been placed in key locations around the town and Spooner Row.

These support the efforts made by the town's Wymondham in Bloom group and under the guidance

of Cllr Kevin Hurn (on right here with Martin Ward) a planting strategy has been drawn up to ensure that there is a good display of colour for the coming months.

A closer look at planning

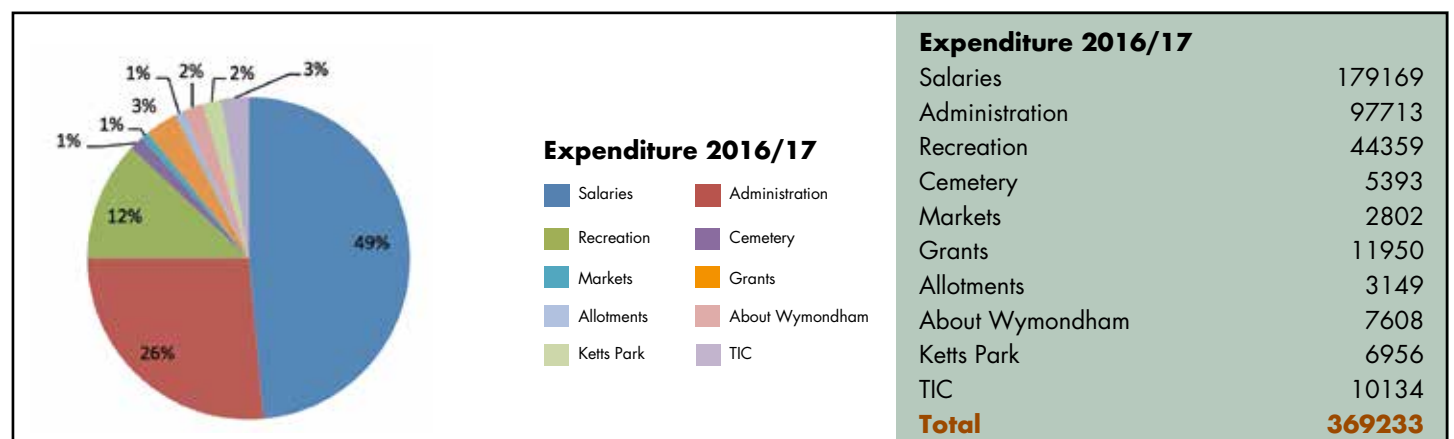
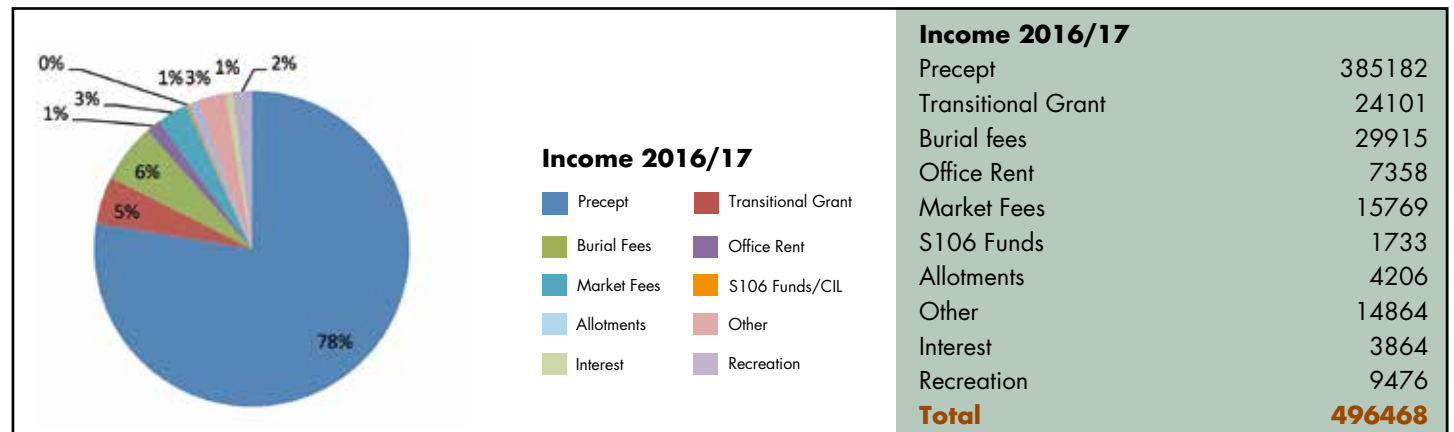
Planning can be a complex and often contentious matter. The Town Council's Planning Lighting and Highways Committee works within a planning policy framework which explains how planning applications are dealt with, and how decisions are made.

South Norfolk Council has the final say in planning matters. Sometimes its Planning Committee will delegate decisions on appropriate cases to planning officers in consultation with local members. All applications are forwarded first to the Town Council for comment, and details of applications are posted on the council noticeboard. Plans are available for consultation in the office, or through the South Norfolk Council website, and considered at a council or committee meeting where they are on display for discussion.

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

Precepts, grants, income and expenditure – council finances explained

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



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

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

The largest source of income is the precept, which in the 2016-17 financial year was £385,182 which was received together with a transitional grant of £24,101 from Central Government. For the present 2017/18 financial year the precept has been set at £413,383 with a transitional grant of £12,920.

Expenditure included the costs of maintaining the council offices at 14 Middleton Street and the salaries of the Town Clerk, administration support staff and groundsmen as well as the Tourist Information staff. The Town Council also maintains various amenity and play areas such as Ketts Park, Tolls Meadow and the Cemetery. Play equipment is replaced as part of a rolling programme of refurbishment.

Another important part of the council's work is in supporting local groups through our grants scheme. Each year the Town Council makes grants to local organisations to help with projects. Grants awarded in 2016-17 are shown in the box to the right.

Grants List 2016/17

Citizens Advice	3500
Heritage Museum	2200
Ashleigh School	3000
Wymondham Music Festival	2750
Slow Theatre Company	500
Total	11,950.00

Community Fund

Diabetes UK Wymondham	720
Total	720

Wymondham Vintage Day



Queen Street, next to the Baptist Church, was the focus of Wymondham's first Vintage Day, organised by Wymondham Town Team with Town Council support.

There was a display of classic cars on the Market Place and the Market Street car park, where there were vintage stalls including clothing, accessories, china and furniture.

The Baptist Church served vintage teas and hosted displays including collections of bygones, items from the Town Archive, police archive material, old photographs and a reminiscence stall. A vintage bus transported people to the Mid-Norfolk Railway diesel gala, Wymondham Abbey, Town Green, the Heritage Museum and the mainline railway station. Fine weather made it all just perfect!

New warden at Tolls Meadow

John Beckett has been appointed the new Voluntary Warden at the Town Council's Tolls Meadow nature reserve.

Toll's Meadow is a fen meadow – a rare habitat needing careful management to avoid succession by brambles and scrubby trees. An enthusiastic group of twelve volunteers ('The Wyngworkers') meets twice a month from October to March to carry out scrub clearance, ditch maintenance, meadow management, pond and dyke dredging and general upkeep of the reserve.

Practical tasks are restricted during spring and summer when birds nest and the meadow is in full glory, with its wide range of plants and insects. The team organises monthly social activities, such as bird watching, bat detecting and plant and fungi identification.



Wardens past and present John Beckett (left), with past voluntary wardens Ann Roberts and Paul Holley.

Paul said "I came to Norfolk in 1978 to study Environmental Sciences at UEA. After nearly 40 years I am on the cusp of achieving 'naturalised Norfolk' status – but people can still recognize my Nottinghamshire accent!"

Fund raising team honoured with civic award

A civic award was presented to Wymondham couple Jennifer and Jim Cawte at a ceremony held at the Wymondham Dell Bowls Club by the town's mayor Joe Mooney.

Mr Mooney said "Jennifer and Jim are a great local fund raising team. They have over many years managed to raise thousands of pounds for local good causes. They are a credit to Wymondham and they are in my view very worthy recipients of this year's Wymondham Town Council Civic award".

In May 2016 they set off in their 1983 Morris Ital post office van from Wymondham to John O'Groats, Lands' End and back to Wymondham. They managed to raise a staggering £4,350 for the new EACH children's hospice near Norwich.

Jennifer and Jim said "We are thrilled and honoured to have received this award. We both enjoy fundraising, and community service has been a large part of our life since Jim joined the Wymondham Lions Club in 1978".



Good work recognised Jennifer and Jim Cawte receive this year's Civic award from the town's mayor Joe Mooney

And lots more!

Many other Town Council activities during the year included starting work on planning for new council offices, proposals for a new cemetery to provide much needed burial space, a new artificial grass pitch for Ketts Park and many other projects.

Back copies of 'About Wymondham' may be found on the Town Council website at **wymondhamtc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk**

Kett's Books' Success - continued from front page...

Shop Director and volunteer Trevor Ellingworth commented that when the volunteers who run the shop first took it on, they had no idea how it would develop. "We created the logo before we even had keys to the shop. It serves us very well, but we're more than just a bookshop now. We want our brand to reflect our versatility and interaction with the community."

Tracy Kenny, Manager and Director, echoed his thinking. "Many people know us because of our work with children, and our children's section is our biggest area of investment. Because of our great relationship with schools, teachers have asked to be able to let pupils submit their book reviews on our website. We'll be using the funds to create that kind of tool, to allow readers across all ages and locations to be part of our community."

Any remaining funds will go to support the shop's off-site book fairs. In March this year they moved 300 books to 15 events at 12 schools in 10 days.

As part of the celebrations the shop were invited to a reception with HarperCollins in London, where they were introduced to other independent booksellers, as well as buyers from Tesco, Sainsburys, and even Amazon. Tracy Kenny added "I sat down next to a woman who turned out to be the buyer from Amazon. It was like looking the challenge of internet sales in the eye. So I gave her a copy of our annual report and told her our story. It may not have made a difference, but they know we're here!"



Town Team going back in time again for Vintage Day

Following the amazing success of last year's Vintage Day, Wymondham Town Team are set to repeat the event on Sunday 10 September.

As well as a host of classic cars, vintage stalls and Memory Lane displays, this year also sees a cake competition, tea dances at Central Hall, fun and games for children at Priory Gardens, the return of the popular vintage bus and a double decker bus too! The ever popular Mid-Norfolk Railway will be running steam train journeys to and from Dereham from Wymondham Abbey station.

Music will again be expertly provided by Those Darn Mouldy Figs, whose jazz added a mellow sound to the event last year, and members of Cawston Brass Band will also be performing on the day.

Everyone is encouraged to dress in the style of their favourite era and come and join in the fun.

Events will take place around Market Cross, Market Street car park and Priory Gardens from 10am until 4pm. Though there is no charge for activities, Town Team organisers are hoping visitors will offer donations to fund future events.

For up-to-date information, log onto Wymondham Town Team's Facebook page or follow the dedicated Twitter feed **@wymvintageday**

Do you have a classic car you would like to bring along? Or do you want to have a stall (with a vintage vibe)? Check the Facebook page for forms or email Town Team direct **wymondhamvintageday@gmail.com*

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North Wymondham events reminder

Norman and Helen Ilsley would like to remind us of the busy social programme at the North Wymondham Community Centre in Lime Tree Avenue.

Regular monthly events include an indoor market every first Saturday from 10-1, and Tea and Chat at 2pm every second Wednesday. Special events include a Vintage Afternoon Tea on Sunday 23 July and a Tribute to The Carpenters with 'Horizon' at 7.30 on Saturday 9 September. Come along – you'll be very welcome!

Wymondham Community Events – Summer 2017

July			
Sat 1	11 – 1	Live music at the Market Place Start of Festival Fortnight – continues to Friday 13 July	Market Place
	12 – 11	Feathersfest – Folk, Pop, Indie, Singer-Songwriter artists from throughout Norfolk.	Feathers
Sun 2	7.30	Wymondham Symphony Orchestra: concert includes Andrew Harsley soloist in Elgar's Cello Concerto	Abbey
	7.30	Vagaband – indie roots rock band	Ex Services Club
	6.30 – 9	Summer Pizzaz – Song and Pizza and Jazz with Hymn and Arthur	Spooner Row Church
Mon 3	6 – 9	Jazz Picnic with DixieMix	Becketswell
Tue 4	10 – 5	Exhibition: WHAT Showcase – Wymondham High Academy, fine art, textiles and multimedia (til 9 July)	Arts Centre
	1 – 2	Lunch-time recital: Norfolk Young Musician, Lucy Thalange, mezzo-soprano	Abbey
	7.30	Music Lecture and Recital – guitarist and luthier, Peter Turrell	Baptist Church
	7.30	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Rm, Central Hall
Wed 5	5.30	Tea-time recital: Rachel Groves, harp	Abbey
Thu 6	7.30	Jo Fooks Jazz Quartet: Jo Fooks, sax, Ted Beaumont, piano, Val Manix, bass, Bobby Worth, drums	Abbey
	8	Music-themed quiz	Green Dragon
Fri 7	8	Soulful folk band Arcelia: Gavin Alexander, Teresa Gallagher, Simon Foster, Martin Elliott, Perry White	Central Hall
Sat 8	11 – 1	Meet Arcalia – live music at the Market Place	Market Place
	7.30	Wymondham Youth Orchestra Summer Concert	Abbey
Sun 9	11 – 1	Teddy Bear's Picnic for the under fives	King's Head Meadow
	12	Guided Town Walk, meet at the War Memorial	War Memorial, Town Gn
	7.30	Harpichord recital: Massimo Radaelli Brown	Baptist Church
Mon 10	7	Wymondham Young Musicians' Concert	Abbey
Tue 11	10 – 5	Exhibition: The Story So Far – Bruce Aitchison inspired by the art of the past, particularly drawing (til 23 July)	Arts Centre
	5.30	Tea-time recital Alice Godfrey, trumpet and Rob Goodrich, organ	Abbey
	7.30	Madrigals, Catches, Canons and West Gallery	Fairland U R Church
Wed 12	7.30	Luca Luciano virtuoso clarinetist and composer with Bruno D'Ambra, piano	Abbey
Thu 13	1	Wymondham Ukele Group	Methodist Church
	8	Blues Night with Robin Bibi and The Shunters	Ex Services Club
	8	Music-themed quiz	Green Dragon
Fri 14	10 – 12	Coffee-time music with The Squeegees	Baptist Church
	8	Acoustic Night featuring Chris Dowding, solo trumpet, The Happy Couple, Joey Herzfeld Trio	Green Dragon
Sat 15	9	Farmers' Market	Market Place
	11 – 1	Happy Feet Ceilidh Band – live music at the Market Place	Market Place
	7.30	Wymondham Choral Society Summer Concert: Handel's Alexander's Feast with Amadeus Orchestra	Abbey
Sun 16	3	Family concert with The He Hews	Baptist Church
Sat 22	10 – 3.30	WEA Day School: 'Zero Night' – the first Great Escape of WW2 with tutor Mark Felton. Fee £15	Tiffany Room Central hall
Sun 23	2 – 4.30	Vintage Afternoon Tea	North Wym. Com. Hall
	11 – 5	Les King Memorial Football Match and Wymondham Carnival	Kings Head Meadow
Sat 29	11	Coffee-time organ recital – Ollie Neale	Abbey
Tue 25	10 – 5	Exhibition: Cloud Life – Clarissa Upchurch & George Szirtes (til 30 July)	Arts Centre
Sat 22	11	Coffee-time chamber organ recital – Bob Gee	Abbey
Tue 25	7.30	Annual Parish Meeting	Tiffany Rm, Central Hall
August			
Tue 1	10 – 5	Exhibition: Something for Everyone – EastCoastArtz, ten artists from North Norfolk (til 6 Aug)	Arts Centre
	7.30	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Room Central Hall
Tue 8	10 – 5	Exhibition: Icen Botanical Artists – work inspired by hedgerows in a wide range of media (til 13 Aug)	Arts Centre
Fri 11	7.30	The Transports, a musical by Peter Bellamy performed by Crude Apache	Becketswell
Tue 15	10 – 5	Exhibition: The Crow and the Harbour – Tony Keeler and Chris Hann (til 27 Aug)	Arts Centre
Sat 19	9	Farmers' Market	Market Place
	11	Coffee-time organ recital – Harry Sullivan	Abbey
	11.30	Priory Garden Bowls Club Fete, admission free	Priory Gardens
	2 – 5	Abbey Drawing Day – drop in sessions for all ages	Abbey
Tue 29	10 – 5	Exhibition: After... Keith Tutt – portraits, narrative paintings and copies of old and new masters (til 3 Sept)	Arts Centre

September			
Sun 3	2.30	Regal Experience Film: Carve Her Name with Pride – Virginia McKenna, Paul Schofield and Jack Warner	Ex Services Club
Tue 5	10 – 5	Exhibition: East Anglian Textiles – local designers, artisans and craftspeople (til 10 Sept)	Arts Centre
	7.30	Town Council meeting	Tiffany Room Central Hall
Thu 7 to Sun 10		Heritage Open Days in various venues around town	
Sat 9	2.30	The Peddler of Swaffham, a new musical by Alan Huckle	Central Hall
	7.30 – 10	A tribute to 'The Carpenters' with 'Horizon'	North Wym. Com. Hall
Sun 10	10 – 4	Wymondham Vintage Day	Market Cross
Tue 12	10 – 5	Exhibition: First Monday Photography – group exhibition (til 17 Sept)	Arts Centre
Sat 16	9	Farmers' Market	Market Place
	11	Coffee-time organ recital – Mike Webb	Abbey
Tue 19	10 – 5	Exhibition: Anne Kerrison, Margaret Dixon and Liz Reed: landscapes, nature and country scenes (til 24 Sept)	Arts Centre
Sat 23	10 – 3	WEA Day School: 'The Lunar Society and The Brunels'. Tutor Glen Barrett. Fee £10	Abbey Hall
Sun 24	3	Sunday Serenade – tea-time concert: Chris Allen, clarinet, Sarah Gallop, soprano and Geoff Lavery, piano	Abbey
Tue 26	10 – 5	Exhibition: Amazing Clay – potters from Norfolk showing decorative and functional ceramics (til 1 Oct)	Arts Centre
Sat 30	7.30	Cawston Band concert	Abbey

Steam's up on the Mid Norfolk Railway



There's a busy season looming on the Mid-Norfolk Railway (MNR), East Anglia's longest heritage railway. Steam train services recommenced for the summer season at the end of May, with the annual Steam Gala Weekend from June 23rd – 25th, with visiting locomotives in action alongside the line's regular summer performer, Great Western-designed 0-6-0 Pannier Tank locomotive No 9466.

The line, operated almost entirely by volunteer staff, is always looking for additional helpers, and whatever your skills, we have jobs that need doing: not just running trains – and keeping them running - but helping us with our wide-ranging events programme too.

Take the train from Wymondham Abbey Halt to Dereham for the Blues Festival on 8 July, or to Dereham Carnival on 16 July. There'll be Classic Cars on display at Dereham Station on 23 July, and then our 1940s Weekend on 5 and 6 August will have events running at both ends of the line, and at the intermediate stations too. The annual Ales by Rails event takes place over August Bank Holiday weekend, combining the best real ales and cider with steam trains!

As well as these events, there are regular Fish & Chip dining trains from Dereham through the summer, Folk and Jazz music trains, and cream teas are served aboard the steam train on most Sunday afternoons, with full high teas available on some Saturdays too.

These dining options and special trains do require advance booking.

You can book events on-line, and check progress on the northward extension of the line from Dereham towards North Elmham on our website at www.mnr.org.uk, where you can also make a donation to our 'Sponsor-a-Sleeper' fund, as well as checking out full timetable and event detail. And if you'd like to join us as a volunteer, pop down to Wymondham Abbey Halt on any running day for a chat and collect a Membership Form – you'd be very welcome!

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Wymondham Words to return in 2018

The Wymondham Words Literature Festival will be taking a break in autumn 2017, but will be returning in the autumn of 2018.

Festival Director Edward Parnell said: "Wymondham Words is going to have a break this year in order that we can keep the format refreshed, and return even more strongly in 2018. The Festival is run entirely by a small team of unpaid volunteers and receives no regular funding.

"As well as giving us all a much-needed break, and time for some of us to work on our own writing projects, having a year off should enable us to put in place new funding opportunities for 2018 that will

allow us to continue to attract important, quality writing to this part of South Norfolk.

"In the last few years our small festival has been graced by writers including Philip Hoare, Rose Tremain, Wendy Cope, Sarah Perry, Mark Cocker, Richard Mabey and Ronald Blythe. We're proud of this great roster, and have exciting plans going forward. The first of next year's acts has already been pencilled in!

"In the meantime lovers of literature will be well served by our local community bookshop, Kett's Books, which has a stimulating ongoing programme of author visits. Wymondham Words will also be supporting some children's literature events in the town during the summer."

Arts Centre's varied shows



Wymondham Arts Centre, in Becketts Chapel, Church Street, continues its varied programme of exhibitions and activities.

In July the exhibition 'Cloud Life' is the result of a collaboration between artist Clarissa Upchurch and her husband, poet George Szirtes, and will form the basis of a book.



Much in demand:

Wymondham Ukelele Group performed outside Kett's Books in Wharton's Court when Town Busking Day gave the festival an early start on 27 May. Events continue until Sunday 16 July.

Busking Day launches Wymondham Music Festival

Wymondham Music Festival's programme of open air events, recitals and concerts is already under way!

Go to www.wymfest.org.uk, where you can buy concert tickets, as well as following on Twitter, Facebook and Google+. Puff's Toyshop in Wymondham Market Place also sells concert tickets.

For general enquiries, contact the Festival office on **333500**, or email: info@wymfest.org.uk

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