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Council Offices progress

In our last edition we reported that the Town Council was thinking about establishing new premises on its own land, saving on the rent, maintenance and running costs of the present ageing and inefficient building. We promised to keep you informed on progress, and some big steps forward have been made.

Vincent and Gorbing, the architects appointed for the project, have now presented plans for an office building and maintenance base at Ketts Park, with adjacent parking. The site is to the west of the existing community hall, on the right as you enter the site from Harts Farm Road. It will replace the present council offices in Middleton Street, currently leased from South Norfolk Council, and no longer fit for current needs.

The council has accumulated reserves which will meet more than a third of the £1.5 million plus cost of the project. Savings on

the cost of the lease, and on the running costs of the present building, will pay off charges on a Public Works Loan Board facility, and potentially there will be a Community Infrastructure Levy contribution. It is envisaged that all these sources will enable the project to be completed with no increase in Council Tax required from ratepayers. When completed, funds will be available for the next major project – there's sure to be one in 10-15 years' time!

The architects, in conjuction with the working group of councillors set up to manage the project, expect to make a planning application to South Norfolk Council shortly, after completion of required environmental surveys.

Plans for the whole project are on display until 6 April in the council offices, and may be seen on the Town Council website **www.wymondhamtc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk**The council would very much appreciate comments from the Wymondham community.



Offices for the 21st Century: An artist's impression of the proposed new council offices to be sited at Ketts Park

Annual Meeting for the Parish

The Annual Parish Meeting, which all registered electors are invited to attend, will be held on Tuesday 24 April at 7.30pm in the Tiffey Room, Central Hall. The Town Council will give its annual report on its activities over the past year, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Be there to be right up to date on what the Council has been doing on your behalf.

New dates for duck race: See back page for full story.



Town Council News

Plans for the proposed new Town Council premises at Ketts Park are progressing well. The architects' drawings will be on display in the council's Middleton Street office until Friday 6 April, and your comments will be very welcome. The much-discussed suggestions for an independent Community Council for Spooner Row, Suton and Wattlefield was turned down by the Town Council, but South Norfolk Council resolved to support the idea. The government's Boundary Commission will resolve the issue later this year. As always the Council welcomes the work done by the town's community organisations, which it supports whenever it can.

Boundary Commission will decide on parish divide

A move by some residents of communities to the south of Wymondham to break away and form a separate parish has not been supported by Wymondham Town Council. The initiative was triggered by the current Community Governance Review, conducted every 10-15 years.

As reported in our autumn edition, an early initiative was taken by a group in Cromwells Ward in the southern part of the Wymondham parish, where parishioners canvassed opinion in the Spooner Row, Suton and Wattlefield area and identified support for the idea of creating a separate Community Council, independent of Wymondham.

This was reported to South Norfolk Council's Electoral Arrangements Review Committee (EARC). The matter was discussed at the Town Council meeting on 10 October. The unanimous view of councillors present was that they are strongly against the formation of this new Community Council. In summary, taking into account the historic ties, the Town Council strongly recommended that Spooner Row, Wattlefield and Suton remain within the existing parish of Wymondham.

EARC was informed of this, and supported the Town Council view, but South Norfolk Full Council overturned EARC's recommendation.

Ultimately the Boundary Commission for England will decide if any changes should be made to the parish boundaries, and a new Community Council formed.



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Tourist office looks for B&Bs

January and February can be the busiest months for Wymondham Tourist Information in the Market Cross.

The office is open for two hours on Friday and Saturday mornings in winter but alongside meeting visitors we are busily occupied in updating, checking and ordering items for display during the coming year. With over 500 titles, in addition to our sales items and local lists, this is an intense period!

Contacting all the B&Bs and selfcatering addresses has revealed that some in each category will not be taking visitors in 2018. We are aware that our lists may no longer be complete as some properties now do on-line booking or operate through airbnb. As a service to visitors we would like the lists to be comprehensive so enquirers have the best choice and opportunity of staying in the area. Thus we are pleased to include any accommodation no matter the booking system. If you know of accommodation locally, especially if recently-opened, please ask the proprietor to contact the TIC so as to be added to one of our lists. There is no charge.

Our summer hours started on 19 March and will again be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 2.30pm and Saturdays, 10am – 1.30pm. We hope that much of the new stock will have arrived before Easter so please do call in and see what is on offer in your local area. Contact the TIC on email:

Wymondhamtic@btconnect.com or telephone: 01953 604721

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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.

Alala arr Warrel			
Abbey Ward Mr R Savage	"Kingston" 6 Park Lane NR18 9BG	603722	WTC, SNC
Mr K Hurn	6 Daisy Street NR18 0FF	603637	WTC, SITC
Mrs P Stearn	Middle Farmhouse Stanfield NR18 9BG	603984	WTC
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Cromwells Ward			
Mr J Halls	2 Chapel Loke, Spooner Row	600720	WTC
Mr J Hornby	9 Papillon Road NR18 OWD	600300	WTC, SNC
Ms S Nuri	15 Silfield Avenue NR18 9BD	606146	WTC
Northfields Ward	d		
Mr C Longhurst	17 Warwick Drive NR18 OLT	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 OUN	600829	WTC, SNC
Mr A Holden	31 Ashleigh Gardens NR18 0EX	859968	WTC
Mrs S Sayer	217 Norwich Road NR18 OSL	602827	WTC
Town Ward			
Mr I Flatt	48 Orchard Way NR18 0NY	603398	WTC
Mr L Hornby	9 Papillon Road NR18 OWD	600300	WTC, SNC
Mrs S Wyer	11 Bramble Way NR18 OUN	07842 7660	38 WTC
Forehoe Ward			
C Foulger	44 School Lane Little Melton NR9 3AD	07745 1631	69 NCC

Star Throwers supports those affected by cancer

What does Star Throwers do? We support individuals to make informed decisions about their cancer treatment options, including alternative treatments, and help them search for clinical trials when appropriate. We also offer free complementary therapies, counselling, nutritional advice and lymphoedema support to people with cancer and their loved ones.

All our services are completely free of charge but this is only possible thanks to the support of individuals and organisations donating and fundraising to help us to deliver these services and continue to improve the wellbeing of those affected by cancer.

In 2017 Star Throwers Cancer Support Centre on Melton Road in Wymondham supported 215 people who came for advice, holistic therapies and group classes or workshops. If you would like to find out how Star Throwers can support you or a loved one at any stage of a cancer diagnosis either call the centre on **423304** or come along to one of our Open Days.

Star Throwers also has two charity shops, one on Middleton Street in Wymondham and a second, opened in January 2018, located on Church Street in Attleborough. We are always looking for donations of good quality goods and willing volunteers. If you would like to support Star Throwers we have a number of exciting events coming up this year - or why not contact us with your own fundraising ideas?

Visit: www.starthrowers.org.uk
Email: info@starthrowers.org.uk
Facebook: /StarThrowers
Twitter: @starthrowerswym

Upcoming events:

Saturday 31 March, 10.30–2.30pm, Easter Egg Hunt as part of the Spring Craft Fair, Central Hall, Wymondham.

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 June, 12-6pm, Open Gardens at the Star Throwers Support Centre, 30 Melton Road, Wymondham.

Saturday 30 June, Star Throwers Skydive Day – call us to register and take part in this exciting challenge!

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 July are set out below. The complete list is available on the Town

April

3 Planning Lighting and Highways, followed by Town Council

Council's website.

- 17 Planning Lighting and Highways, followed by Finance and General Purposes
- 24 Annual Parish Meeting

May

- Planning Lighting and Highways, followed by Town Council (AGM)
- 15 Planning Lighting and Highways, followed by Leisure and Environment
- 17 Finance and General Purposes

June

- 5 Planning Lighting and Highways, followed by Town Council
- 19 Planning Lighting and Highways, followed by Finance and General Purposes

July

3 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council

Community News

At this time of year town organisations are publishing their summer programmes, with the Heritage Museum, Mid Norfolk Railway, Music Festival and Arts Centre among many others looking forward to another good year. The Star Throwers charity continues its valuable work in providing comfort, relief and information for cancer sufferers. The Hub community project introduces a new activity – a three-day programme for lonely people, helping them to meet new friends. And don't forget the Garden Open Days, and the annual Duck Race on the Tiffey, both popular opportunities to get out and meet Wymondham friends and neighbours.



Women focus in Great War displays

Wymondham Heritage Museum, based in The Bridewell on Norwich Road, opened for the new season on Monday 12 March. Visitors will find there's a major new display, "Women in Wymondham in the First World War", marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

A number of local women worked as nurses, cooks and ancillary staff at the Red Cross Hospital at Abbotsford on Vicar Street. Among them was Elsie Standley who was a nurse and also drove the delivery van for the family ironmonger's shop on Town Green.

Other women who took men's jobs while they were away included Hartie Elvin who became a post lady, and Molly Yaxley and Mabel Norman who worked as

clerks at the railway station. Women also took the place of men at the International Stores. Some took on higher ranked jobs such as manageresses of the town's stores, only to be demoted after the war when the men came home.

An updated display tells the story of the town's most famous inhabitant, Robert Kett. It tells the story of Kett's Rebellion, tracking the events through to its ultimate failure and reveals what happened to Robert Kett and his brother William. New this year are copies of the original indictments against Robert and William

The Lost Pubs of Wymondham exhibition proved so popular with visitors last year that it has been retained for a further year. Another special display celebrates the 400th anniversary this year of the town's Market Cross.

The museum needs volunteers to act as stewards for three hours a month. Duties include opening up, greeting visitors, answering questions and closing at the end of day.

Help is also needed in the Bridewell Tearoom, serving coffee, tea and snacks, also for three hours a month. Volunteers will be trained and usually share duties with an experienced colleague. If you can help please contact Christine Watts on 859917 for stewards and for the tearoom Janice Plunkett on 603018. Or emailwhm.info@

wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk

The museum will be open Monday to Saturday 10-4 and Sundays 1-4. More information at www. wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk Spring 2018 5

MNR Summer 2018



The Mid-Norfolk Railway looks forward to another busy season after last year's successes.

There were two high-profile Wymondham events in 2017: a visit from the magnificent A4 Pacific locomotive 'Union of South Africa'; and the unique GWR steam Railmotor (pictured above) ran local shuttle trips on Vintage Sunday. The popularity of the Polar Express™ services from Dereham exceeded everyone's expectations - the first events the railway had promoted entirely through social media channels.

There is a busy calendar this year too, including the official reopening of the line northwards from Dereham to Worthing.

Full details of running days, timetables and special events, and how to help as a volunteer, are available on the website at **www.mnr. org.uk** and you can follow us Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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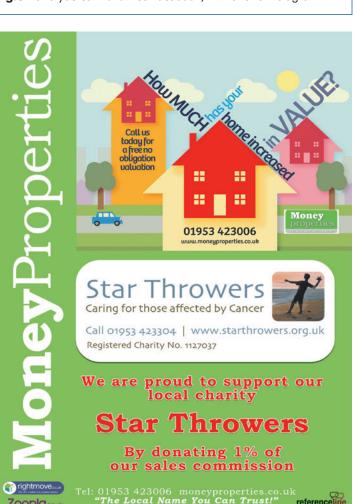
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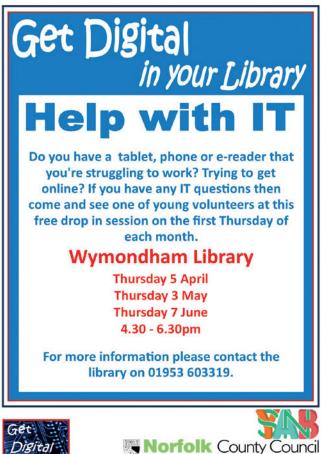
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Wymondham Community Events – Spring 2018

April			
Mon 2	12 – 4	Easter Trails for families (info 01953 607062)	Abbey
Тие 3	7.30	Town Council meeting	Tiffey Rm, Central Hall
Sun 8	2.30	Regal Experience Film: '633 Squadron' to commemorate RAF centenary with an RAF training film and display of memorabilia.	Ex Services Club
Sat 21	9.00	Farmers' Market	Market Place
	7.00	Early morning bird-walk with Mike Harvey	Abbey
	11.00	Coffee-time organ recital – Polina Sosnina	Abbey
Tue 24	7.30	Annual Parish Meeting	Tiffey Room, Central Hall
Sat 28	7.00	Messiah performed by Merry Opera	Abbey
May			
Tue 1	7.30	Town Council meeting (AGM) – appointment of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, committees	Tiffey Rm, Central Hall
100 1	7.30	Concert - Mulbarton Community Choir	Abbey
Sat 5	10 – 5	Opening Exhibition: Pattern - paintings by Gennadiy Ivanov (til 20 May)	Arts Centre
Mon 7	11.30	Abbey Duck Race (wet weather in Abbey Hall) plus craft stalls at Abbey	Becketswell
		Regal Experience Film: 'The African Queen', 'with Bogart and Hepburn. Supported by	Ex Services Club
Sun 13	2.30	crime thriller 'The Last Train'	
Sat 19	9.00	Farmers' Market Exhibition: Arts Unlimited – oils, acrylics, watercolours, pastels, mixed media, collage,	Market Place
Tue 22	10 – 5	found objects, glass, textiles and clay to create sculptures. (til 3 June)	Arts Centre
	11.00	Coffee-time organ recital – recitalist tbc.	Abbey
Fri 25	5 – 10	Real Ale Cider and Music Festival continues to Mon 28 May	Green Dragon
June			
Sat 2	12 – 6	Wymondham Open Gardens Weekend	Around town
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Sun 3	3pm	Talk on Medieval Herbal Medicine – Dr Joy Hawkins	Abbey
- <i>-</i>	10 – 5	Exhibition: Multifarious: Chris Lewis Smith –paintings about colour and atmosphere in acrylic, watercolour gouache and ink. (til 10 June)	Arts Centre
Tue 5	7.30	Town Council meeting	Tiffey Rm, Central Hall
Sat 9	7.30	Concert – Encore	Abbey
Sun 10	2.30	Regal Experience Film: 'Going in Style' in which three friends rob a bank. Supported by a Laurel and Hardy short.	Ex Services Club
Tue 12	10 – 5	Exhibition: Charity Auction Week – sealed bids are invited for donated works of art. Winners to be announced at 4pm on Sunday 17 June.	Arts Centre
	9.00	Farmers' Market	Market Place
Sat 16	11.00	Coffee-time organ recital – Christian Gautschi, Zurich.	Abbey
Tue 19	10 – 5	Exhibition: Fi Kilpatrick: Glass and Design – kiln-fired glass panels influenced by the	Arts Centre
Fri 22	8pm	land, sea and vast skyscapes of North Norfolk. (til 1 July) The Opera Dudes – WMF event	Central Hall
	11 – 2	Town Busking Day – WMF event	Town Centre
Sat 23	4pm	Young Musicians Intermediate Concert – WMF event	Baptist Church
Sun 24	2.30pm	Regal Experience Film / WMF Lecture – Silent films accompanied live by improvisation	Ex Services Club
	1pm	master pianist Bruce Vogt Lunchtime recital – Norfolk Young Musician Archie Bonham, piano – WMF event	Abbey
Mon 25	6 – 9	Jazz Picnic with Dixie Mix – WMF event	Becketswell
	1pm	Lunchtime recital – Katie Schutte, violin / Rob Goodrich, organ – WMF event	Abbey
ue 26	7pm	Wymondham Young Musicians' Concert – WMF event	Abbey
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Wed 27	1pm	Lunchtime recital – Julian Haggett, organ – WMF event	Abbey
Thu 28	7.30	Jess Robinson in Concert – WMF event	Abbey Methodist Church
	1pm	Lunchtime recital – Wymondham Ukelele Group – WMF event	
Thu 28	7.30	Jazz concert – Gilad Atzmon Quartet – WMF event	Abbey

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Fri 29	10 – 12	Coffee-time music – The Squeegees – WMF event	Baptist Church		
	1pm	Lunchtime recital – Matt Wadsworth, lute – WMF event	Abbey		
	5.30pm	Debut Concert – WMF event	Kett's Books		
	8pm	Bojangles – Comedy Orchestra – WMF event	Ex Services Club		
Sat 30	12 – 6	Sounds of Summer – WMF event	Becketswell		
	7.30	Concert – Wymondham Symphony Orchestra	Abbey		
July					
Sun 1	11 – 1	Teddy Bears' Picnic for young families with under-fives – WMF event	Kings Head Meadow		
	12 – 2	Guided Town Walk led by Blue Badge Guide Judy Hawkins – WMF event	War Memorial		
	4 – 5.30	Concert by Cavick String Quartet – WMF event	Baptist Church		

All Aboard! A response to isolation issues

January is traditionally a time when we think about planning our holidays for the year and gathering family and friends for fun and adventure. However, for some in the community this seems unattainable as they simply have 'no-one to go with'.

The Hub Community Project, a Wymondham based charity, is launching a new project for those who feel lonely or isolated to meet up with others for companionship, food and fun. This will be in the form of a 'holiday at home' with three days of themed activities and

entertainment including a coach outing. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The project is supported by two local retailers, One Stop and the Co-op, each making a grant from their 5p charge for carrier bags. The Manager of Wymondham Co-op in the Market Place, Alan Tilley, said "I am really proud that we can support such a worthwhile cause in our community".

Loneliness can affect people of all ages but for the elderly it can lead to emotional and mental health problems. Many older people live alone and are not often visited by their children or other relatives. They

can often lose touch with their other contacts, as they or their friends become increasingly ill and less able to leave their homes, or they suffer bereavements which leave them less able to make connections with new people. This isolation is widespread among those over 75, with nearly half saying that television or pets are their main form of company. As many as 13% of over 75 year olds admit that they are either often or always lonely.

The 'All Aboard' project will take place from Tuesday 10 to Thurs 12 April at the Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 OQJ. The project aims to gather older people and connect them with those with similar interests so that lasting friendships can be formed. At the close of the project people will be signposted to local activities and, with a companion, it is hoped that they will be able to play a fuller part in the community. Evidence shows that combatting loneliness in this way will have a positive and beneficial effect on the health of those attending.

The project costs £30 per person inclusive of refreshments, lunch, coach and entry fees. Booking is essential: for a booking form please call 798505. For more information please contact Linda, email linda.bradbeer@lineone.net or call 01603 812619.

Hub Community Project runs a number of support activities for families in the community: see their website www. hubproject.org.uk for full details.



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New date for 2018 Abbey Duck Race



For many years, the Abbey folk have traditionally organised a duck race on the River Tiffey. It's been one of our most popular events and brings families from all over for a grand day out.

The race has always taken place on Easter Monday. However, with Easter being a 'moveable feast', this often means that it's quite early in the year. This is particularly true for 2018, where Easter Monday falls on 2 April. This can mean a bit of a lottery with the weather as well as the ducks!

So for 2018, we will be moving the duck race to the first May Bank Holiday, which is 7 May. We're also going to look at making it even more exciting, including combining it with a craft fair. So put the date in your diary, and watch out for more details.

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Arts Centre gallery promises varied season for 2018

Opening its
2018 season
on 5 May,
the town's
art gallery
in Becket's
Chapel will be
offering a 26week season
of exhibitions
and related
activities, with
some new
events on offer.

The opening show, entitled Pattern, is described by the artist Gennadiy Ivanov as follows: 'We are living in

a dynamic pattern of emotions, behaviour and energy. Every day, more and more, we are involved in efforts to exist in this technological era. There is a constant flow of energy that is ever shifting, creating a pattern in our life: this is urban, environmental, social, spiritual, psychological and medical. It's a human pattern, a technological pattern, and a pattern in nature. In which pattern do we exist?'

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New this season is a charity auction in which sealed bids are invited for the works on display. 'Good Hare Day' brings together many artists working in a variety of media to coincide with the Norfolk Go Go Hares trail. And familiar local groups like Breckland Artists, Wymondham Art Society and Wymondham High Academy return to show their work in the lofty surroundings of this calm 13th century chapel.



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