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Your new Mayor

**Cllr Tony Holden has
been elected the new
Mayor of Wymondham.**

Tony currently works as a supervisor for a logistics company in Norwich, but most people recognize him from JP's coffee shop on Norwich Road in Wymondham. JP's was a successful business that Tony and his wife Samantha started and ran for 9 years before selling it in 2015. Tony was one of the founders of the Wymondham town team and has been responsible for helping to organizing many events in the town including the very popular carnival. Having been a councillor for only three years Tony said "It's a huge honour to be elected Mayor and I'm looking forward to a very busy year. Wymondham is a great place to live and we are very lucky to have so many volunteer groups and a council that is keen to support them."

Looking forward to the year ahead Cllr Holden outlined his priorities at a recent meeting of the Town Council. These include engaging more with our residents through the



New team in the office: The Town Council has elected Councillor Tony Holden (left) as Mayor and Cllr Lee Hornby as his deputy for 2018-19.

use of social media and an improved web site. The council will also be talking to the market traders to find out what can be done to re-invigorate this historic asset to the town.

"This is a very exciting time for Wymondham with so many great projects in the pipeline, including the upgrade of Ketts Park and the planned artificial grass pitch, the ever-popular Music Festival, Vintage Day and the Ketts Park woodland project. I'm particularly looking forward to the heritage trail and GoGo Hare app going live in July."



Open Gardens 2018

The weekend of 2nd and 3rd of June has proved that gardeners and garden lovers are a dedicated group of people.

The disastrous weather and thunderstorms on Saturday did not put them off and the glorious weather on Sunday brought them out in force. Approximately 1100 people visited 38 gardens in Wymondham - many thanks to all those who took part in any way, to all the visitors and the many generous people who gave numerous items to help us raise money.

To date the magnificent sum of £7876 has been raised for our two chosen Charities - Wymondham Heritage Museum and Wymondham Dementia Support Group's Pabulum Cafe. Thank you all so much for the wonderful support.

Town Council News

Elected by the other councillors, Wymondham's new Mayor has taken up his duties for 2018-19. After consulting market stallholders and others, the council is taking steps to attract new stallholders, help those who already provide us with a service at our markets, and publicise what the markets have to offer us all. Plans for the council's new offices at Ketts Park have been submitted to South Norfolk Council for approval. And the green light has been given by the Boundary Commission for an independent Community Council to be set up for Spooner Row, Sutton and Wattlefield.

Supporting Wymondham's Markets

Two meetings have been held between representatives of groups involved to address concerns about the slow decline of markets in Wymondham. Stallholders, local residents and town councillors met with Lisa Cosh from South Norfolk Council and local MP Mr George Freeman to see how best to go about regenerating our markets.

The first meeting was a listening exercise, where all present were given the opportunity to air their views. The stallholders expressed concerns about the dwindling number of stalls, lack of footfall, Town Council rental charges and a lack of publicity. They also feared that if nothing was done the Friday markets would die. Various ideas were discussed.

The second meeting took account of all views expressed, and discussed a number of measures that could be introduced to

help with renewal. As the first part of a longer-term exercise the suggestion that rental charges should be reduced was approved, and that the current offer of two "come and have a go for free" sessions for new stallholders be increased to four free sessions. These would be conditional upon the stallholders paying a deposit on their first visit and attending on four consecutive occasions. If they met these criteria their deposit would be refunded on their fourth visit. New rental charges were proposed, covering considerations such as stall length and whether or not electricity would be supplied.

At its June meeting the Town Council approved recommendations to:

- Further promote the markets
- Help to increase footfall and attract new stallholders
- Support increasing the "free come and have a go" sessions from two to four

- Support the reduction of rental costs
- Investigate ways to make better use of the Market Place (phase 2)
- Carry out a review of these new arrangements in six months' time.

Summer in our town

Wymondham Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in the Market Cross is now fully stocked with leaflets to help you plan days out to hundreds of locations in this area, timetables to help you get there, plus brochures for holidays farther afield in England and Wales.

New OS maps with mobile downloads are on sale which means the last of the maps without mobile downloads are at a reduced price. We also have souvenirs, pictures and local books in stock.

Whether you are planning your free time or entertaining visitors, do visit the Market Cross to make use of the wealth of information which is available. Our arts section covers not only local events but much of East Anglia.

Summer hours for the TIC are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-2.30 and Saturday 10-1.30. Come in and see us – or ring the bell if you prefer not to use the stairs. Email: Wymondhamtic@btconnect.com Telephone **604721**.

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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

- 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
- 17 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Leisure and Environment

August

- 7 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 21 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Finance and General Purposes

September

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

October

- 2 Planning Lighting and Highways followed by Town Council
- 16 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
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	07842 766038	WTC

Forehoe Ward

C Foulger	Pear Tree House, Turnpike, Bunwell NR16 1SP	07745 163169	NCC
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Star Throwers Update – May 2018

We would like to say a big thank you to Wymondham Town Team and the organisers of the Wymondham Community Picnic for organising a VIP lunch for our volunteers on Saturday 9 June.

Our office, therapist and shop volunteers donated a total of 4,735 hours in 2017. The passion and dedication of our volunteers enables to support so many people throughout their cancer diagnosis and we are so grateful that their hard work has been recognised by the local community.

If you are interested, we are currently looking for more helpers to support our community events and to deliver and collect our collection tins in and around the local area. Contact Victoria for more details if you are interested in volunteering: call 423304 or email victoria@starthrowers.org.uk.

A new event for 2018 is the Star Throwers Sponsored Walk and Obstacle Course Run on Saturday 14 July, 10.30 - 4.00. We are excited to announce our first sponsored event – we are welcoming everyone to come and join us at the picturesque Old Buckenham Country Park for a one mile sponsored walk, or challenge yourself on the obstacle course! This will be a great family fun day out with a bbq, tombola, mud kitchen, 'slip n slide' and you can even bring the dog! Call us for an entry form **01953 423304** or enter online: <https://bit.ly/2Lbg6UI>

Planning application in for new council offices

In our Spring edition we reported that the Town Council had approved the architects' plans for new council offices, an office building and maintenance base at Ketts Park with adjacent parking.

The site is to the west of the existing community hall on Harts Farm Road. It will replace the present council offices in Middleton Street, currently leased from South Norfolk Council, expensive to run and no longer fit for present needs.

Plans have been submitted to South Norfolk Council, and the district council is awaiting further reports before giving approval. It is envisaged that the project can be achieved with no increase in Council Tax required from ratepayers.

Community News

Summer is here at long last, and thanks to Wymondham in Bloom and another very successful Open Gardens event we are surrounded with flowers throughout the town centre. Visitors and residents alike will be intrigued by the new Wymondham Trails initiative, using virtual reality and smartphones to promote and link our heritage attractions and inform us about Wymondham's history, with Henry the Hare leading the way. And music, literature and the arts continue to thrive in town, with Music Festival in full swing, the Arts Centre open for its summer season and Wymondham Words returning for its eighth year on October. Something for everyone!

'Walk Through Time' and explore Wymondham's past...

Wymondham is in flames around you as you stand in the Market Place. A few minutes later you're surrounded by the tents and campfires of rebels on Norwich's Mousehold Heath, led by Wymondham man Robert Kett. You go into battle with them against the King's supporters.

Your children are with you but they're following a giant hare through Wymondham's streets, picking up items dropped from a satchel it's carrying...

South Norfolk Council (SNC) secured £116,000 from the European Agricultural Fund for rural tourism to develop this unique trail. It uses augmented and virtual reality via a free "Wymtrails" app which can be downloaded on any smart device from the App Store or Google Play.

Launching on June 24, it will take visitors on a walk through Wymondham's past, bringing its rich history to life. Meanwhile the under-10s can accompany the grown-ups, but following their own fun trail, led by 'Henry the Hare'.

Using the free app, visitors follow the map on their phones or tablets and are prompted at certain points to view the streets and buildings as they would have looked in the medieval period, and through Wymondham's fascinating and varied past.

In the Heritage Museum and the Leisure Centre, users can put on a headset and spend a mind-blowing three and a half minutes immersed in Ketts Rebellion. Other Wymondham stories will unfold in dramatic scenes en route, including the Great Fire of Wymondham in 1615, the history of the Abbey through the ages and the grisly Victorian murders at nearby Stanfield Hall.

Regular Norwich visitors will be familiar with Break charity's GoGo trails, which attract people to follow a route of decorated fibreglass animal sculptures. This summer will see a GoGoHares trail in the city but to mark Break's 50th anniversary, there will also be 18 hares in a new County Trail. Wymondham will have its very own called "Henry", and the app has created a children's trail around him which becomes a virtual treasure hunt.

Henry, over six-feet tall on his plinth, will be sited in the Market Place where youngsters point their smart device at him to start the fun. On their screens they see Henry beckon them to follow as he lollpops off through the town. During his caper, six objects fall out

of his satchel for the children to collect. At the end they can take a selfie of themselves in the Market Place with the model hare and claim their free badge from Break Charity Shop.

To find out all the details go to **Facebook/WymTrails** and **south-norfolk.gov.uk/wymtrails**.

Visitors can also use the app, via its Business Directory function, to find out what else Wymondham and the surrounding area have to offer in the way of places to eat and drink, shops, accommodation and other attractions to make their day out even more special.

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Wymondham Town Council

Annual Report 2017-18



What the Town Council has been doing for Wymondham in the past year

June 2018

Busy second term for Mayor

My second term as Mayor has been just as enjoyable as my first one, back in 2012-13. The year has been a busy one with many events to attend and several major council projects to progress.

Events include the re-dedication of the Town Green Centre on its 25th anniversary with both the original builder and Pam Rhodes, who originally opened the centre, present; Speech Day at Wymondham College with guest speaker Richard Bacon MP; formal opening of the Morley Beer Festival jointly with the Mayor of Attleborough, Cllr. Jeremy Burton; the opening of the refurbished Boars public house at Spooner Row; membership of the panel awarding prizes at the Town Carnival; laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the people of our parish and various civic receptions from other councils around Norfolk.



Mayor Robert Savage presents the Civic Award to Dianne Fernee for her work in support of dementia organisations. Full story on page four of this annual report.

Town Councillors who served this year

The following councillors served as council members during 2017-18.

Abbey Ward

K Hurn, R Savage, P Stearn

Cromwells Ward

J Halls, J Hornby, A Osborne/S Nuri

Northfields Ward

C Longhurst, J Mooney, D Underwood

Rustens Ward

P Broome, A Holden, S Sayer

Town Ward

I Flatt, L Hornby, S Wyer

I was especially pleased to return to visit residents at Ogden Court on the occasion of their celebration of St George's Day where I was able to view a rose bush I planted in 2012 to commemorate the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne; and there were many other events too numerous to mention.

Projects include progressing the new council offices at Ketts Park, refurbishment of the town centre toilets, a partnership with SNC to provide a 3G pitch and enhanced tennis and parking facilities, and adoption of street lights from South Norfolk Council.

I was delighted to present a Civic Award to Dianne Fernee for her tireless work in aid of the Dementia Support Group. Dianne thoroughly deserves this award, having had a significant involvement in setting up the group when she was Mayor and expanding the dementia angels in Norfolk.

The council continues to support voluntary groups within the town with the award of grants to local organisations listed in this publication, to help them provide facilities for the benefit of all residents of Wymondham.

Robert Savage, Town Mayor

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 2017-18 was the third 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 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.

Town Council's new premises - plans moving forward

Last winter we reported that after more than 40 years in increasingly unsuitable accommodation, the Town Council was starting to think about establishing new premises on its own land, saving on rent, maintenance and running costs.

We promised to keep you informed on progress. Preliminary discussion reached the stage where it was possible to draw up draft plans, and four firms of architects were invited to bid for the project. The council appointed Vincent and Gorbing, who have relevant experience, having designed the new offices for Costessey Town Council. A working group of councillors was set up, with the intention of making a planning application to South Norfolk Council in the New Year.

When approved, the plans will be displayed on the Town Council website www.wymondhamtc@norfolkparishes.gov.uk, and in the council offices in Middleton Street. The council hopes in the next few years to have new premises which will benefit Wymondham's council tax payers, and the councillors and staff who serve them, after establishing new premises on its own land at Ketts Park.

A closer look at planning

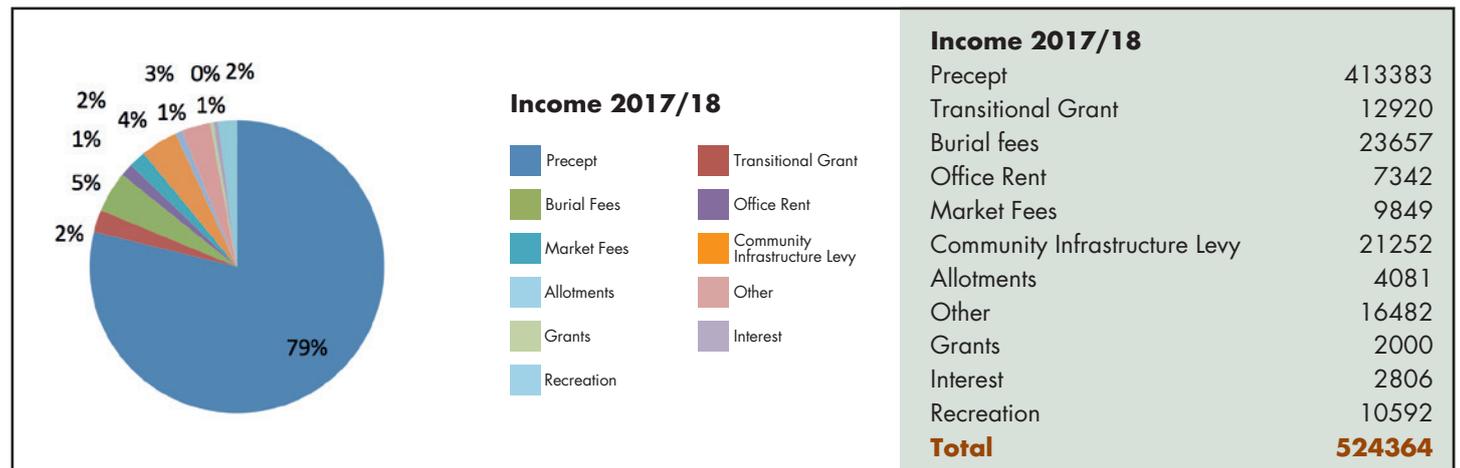
Planning can be a complex and often contentious matter. The Town Council's Planning Lighting and Highways Committee works within a planning policy framework which explains how planning applications are dealt with, and how decisions are made.

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 2017-18 financial year was £413,383 which was received together with a transitional grant of £12,920 from Central Government. For the present 2018-19 financial year the precept has been set at £449,280 with a transitional grant of £6,577.

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. Grounds keeping equipment is replaced as part of a rolling programme.

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 2017-18 are shown in the box to the right.

Grants List 2017/18

Light Up Wymondham	3000
Citizens Advice	3000
Wym Dementia Support Group	877.50
Wymondham Music Festival	1510
Slow Theatre Company	450
Wymondham Business Group	300
Total	9137.50

Changing shopping habits lead markets decline



See you at the market: Wymondham's markets offer good value for money, as well as a meeting place for friends and neighbours

Regular users of Wymondham's markets will have noticed a slow decline in the level of market place shopping. There is a reduction in the number of market traders – people's shopping habits are changing as cheap retail outlets increasingly meet their needs.

Our Farmers' Markets offer direct access to the local producers who provide genuinely local produced food and drink. But often cheap price is the main consideration for shoppers, and it's hard for traders to compete with the supermarkets.

Markets in most other small towns are noting a similar decline, and it's the same even for the largest markets, like Norwich and Yarmouth. The Town Council provides an attractive venue for both kinds of market, with council staff providing support services.

We should remember that all our markets offer a regular service for everyone, and in particular those who find getting out of town to do their shopping difficult. And our markets provide regular social meeting places for local people.

We should all use our Wymondham town markets whenever we can, and play our part in keeping them lively and successful.

Civic Award for Dianne Fernee

Dianne Fernee was elected to Wymondham Town Council in 2011 and subsequently for 2013-14. During this time she was instrumental in setting up Wymondham Business Group, as the previous Chamber of Commerce had dissolved.

It was during her year as Mayor that she became involved in Dementia Support for the town including giving assistance to the Pabulum café, and in conjunction with Age Concern, established a tool-kit and training for local businesses which became the benchmark to be used throughout Norfolk. Since then she has been a committed member of the support group and her good work, together with that of all the helpers here, resulted in a Queen's Voluntary Service Award being received in 2017.

The growth of the Wymondham Dementia Support Group has been phenomenal, starting with some six couples eight years ago and with over 80 couples at the present time.

She was also heavily involved in the battle to save Admiral Dementia Nurses and, thanks to her efforts together with other campaigners, the foundation has now been made for a sustainable nursing service.

For her sterling community service work Mayor Cllr Robert Savage was pleased to present Dianne with a Town Council Civic Award.

And lots more!

Many other Town Council activities during the year included supporting proposals to seek a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to restore and extend Becket's Chapel, proposals for a new cemetery to provide much needed burial space and many other projects.

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

Summer at the Museum



"Just connecting you, Madam.": High School pupils Lucy and Tom on duty at the old Abbey Hotel switchboard.

The school holidays are around the corner. Children will be under your feet complaining: "I'm bored. What can I do?" Well, take them to Wymondham Heritage Museum, there's loads to keep youngsters entertained – and parents too.

The old switchboard that once stood in the town's Abbey Hotel, 'it's not like today' with small pushbutton boxes. Have a go

at how the hotel's receptionist would have put calls through to guests' rooms.

There are two interactive computers. One tells the history of the town, while the other reveals the story of The Bridewell and tells what life was like for a policeman when it was the town's police station.

The brush room looks back at the history of one of the town's former major

industries with brushes of all shapes and sizes together and tools that were used in their manufacture. Use the time machine to clock in for work before operating the 1890s Cane brush filling machine.

Now for the spooky bit. Go carefully down the old stone steps to the dungeon. Soak up the atmosphere of a Victorian gaol. Find out what life was like for women and children in prison. And in the main gallery dig in the sandpit for artefacts and check out the discovery chest full of treasures.

Finally there's the wishing well. Drop in a coin and make wish. The well is in the tearoom where tea, coffee, cold drinks, homemade cake, scones and snacks are available.

Well, all that should make sure they sleep well at night! More information at www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk

Boundary Commission decides on parish divide

A move by some residents of communities to the south of Wymondham to break away and form a separate parish, which was not supported by Wymondham Town Council, has nevertheless been approved by the Boundary Commission for England.

Subject to the approval of details, the residents of the Spooner Row, Suton and Wattlefield area are to be administered by a separate Community Council, independent of the Wymondham parish. The changes will take place in April 2019, and there will be separate elections next May for seven councillors to represent the new Community Council.



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Wymondham Community Events – Summer 2018

June			
Fri 29	10 – 12	Coffee-time music with The Squeegees: sing-a-long duo with songs from the 50s, 60s and more	Baptist Church
	1 – 1.50	Lunchtime Recital: highly acclaimed, world renowned Master of the Lute, Matthew Wadsworth	Abbey
	5.30	Debut Concert – for little’uns, music from youngsters at the start of their musical careers	Ketts Books
	7.30	Bowjangles Comedy Orchestra: singing, dancing, cabaret, theatrical quartet at The Regal	Ex Services Club
	7.30	Livewire Opera Company presents Fiddler on the Roof (also on Sat 30 June)	Central Hall
Sat 30	12 – 18.30	Sounds of Summer – live music from five young and upcoming acts, food and other activities	Becketswell
	7.30	Livewire Opera Company presents Fiddler on the Roof	Central Hall
	7.30	Wymondham Symphony Orchestra: Festival Concert includes soloist Rob Goodrich, organ	Abbey
July			
Sun 1	11 – 1	Teddy Bear’s Picnic – two hours of musical fun for the under-fives. Bring a rug and picnic	King’s Head Meadow
	12 – 2	Guided Town Walk, with Blue Badge Guide Judy Hawkins. Meet at the War Memorial	Town Green
	4 – 5.30	Cavick String Quartet play Haydn and Beethoven	Baptist Church
	6.30 – 7.30	Festival Choral Evensong: Howells’ ‘Collegium Regale’ service setting and Byrd’s anthem ‘Sing Joyfully’	Abbey
Tue 3	10 – 5	Exhibition: Wymondham High Academy: fine art, textiles and multimedia (til 8 July)	Arts Centre
	7.30	Town Council meeting in Tiffey Rm	Central Hall
Sat 7	12 – 11	Feathersfest – eleven live stage acts, food all day	Feathers
	7.30	Wymondham Choral Society concert: Purcell’s King Arthur with The Brook Street Band & friends	Abbey
Tue 10	10 – 5	Exhibition: Breckland Artists: an eclectic vibrant show by 13 professional artists (til 15 July)	Arts Centre
Fri 13	5.30 for 6	Ketts Books event: Elly Griffiths on her latest book ‘Dark Angel’. £5, Bookshop Friends free	Baptist Church
Sat 14	10.30 – 4	Star Throwers sponsored walk and obstacle course run at Old Buckenham Country Park	
	7.30	Wymondham Youth Orchestra Summer Concert	Abbey
Tue 17	10 – 5	Exhibition: Eclectic Art Norfolk: varied and inspiring exhibition by six Norfolk artists (til 22 July)	Arts Centre
Sat 21	9 – 1	Farmers’ Market	Market Place
	11	Coffee-time organ recital – Mike Webb	Abbey
Tue 24	10 – 5	Exhibition: Good Hare Days (til 5 Aug): timed to coincide with Go Go Hares trail in Norwich	Arts Centre
Wed 25	5.30	Choral Evensong with internationally renowned Tiffin Boys’ Choir from Kingston-upon-Thames	Abbey
August			
Wed 8	10 – 5	Exhibition: Norfolk Potters Fired Up! An innovative approach to clay and decoration (til 19 Aug)	Arts Centre
	7.30	Town Council meeting in Tiffey Room	Central Hall
Sat 18	9 – 1	Farmers’ Market	Market Place
	11	Coffee-time organ recital – John Dillistone from Huntingdon	Abbey
Tue 21	10 – 5	Exhibition: Earth and Sky: Amelia Bowman, Kerry Buck and blacksmith Toby Winterbourne (til 2 Sept)	Arts Centre
September			
Sat 1	7:30	The Blitz Ball: Come in your best vintage gear for an evening of music, dance & merriment, 1940s style	Ex-Services Club
Sun 2	2.30	Regal Experience Film: Von Ryan's Express, an action thriller starring Frank Sinatra and Trevor Howard	Ex Services Club
Tue 4	10 – 5	Exhibition: East Anglian Textiles – textile work from artists from all over the region (til 16 Sept)	Arts Centre
	7.30	Town Council meeting in Tiffey Room	Central Hall
Thu 6 to Sun 9		Heritage Open Days in various venues around town	Town Centre venues
Sat 8	10 – 3	Harvest Veggie Fest – foodie stalls and entertainment for everyone in Abbey and churchyard	Abbey
Sun 9	10 – 4	Vintage Day: classic cars, vintage-themed stalls, games, music and bus rides! Come dressed in your favourite era and join us for a fun-filled day for all the family	Town Centre venues
Sat 15	9 – 1	Farmers’ Market	Market Place
	11	Coffee-time organ recital – Dom Martin Gowman OSB from St Benets Minster, Beccles	Abbey
	3	Norfolk naturalist Chris Durdin talks about the Norfolk cranes, arr. by Friends of Wymondham Abbey	Abbey
Tue 18	10 – 5	Exhibition: An East Anglian Landscape Revealed: Four landscape painters (til 23 Sept)	Arts Centre
Tue 25	10–5	Exhibition: Here We Are Again! EastCoastArtz from North Norfolk with a variety of work (til 30 Sept)	Arts Centre
Sat 29	7.30	Choral concert: Mendelssohn’s Elijah performed by North West Festival Choir	Abbey

Welcome back Wymondham Words!

Excellent news! Wymondham Words Literature Festival returns from mid-October to early November, following on from our extremely successful previous Festival in 2016. We're delighted to present a truly varied line-up with quality events for everyone.

We welcome Rebecca Stott, who will talk about her Costa prize-winning memoir of growing up in a fundamentalist Christian sect. Crime author Cathi Unsworth's new novel deals with German wartime spies and a mysterious body in a tree. Acclaimed nature writer Mark Cocker, whose recent book 'Our Place' tackles some of the central environmental questions of our time, will be our guest at the literary lunch in the elegant Number 24 Restaurant.

The popular poetry supper will return to the Green Dragon with the internationally renowned George Szirtes and fast-rising poetry star Ramona Herdman. The 'commanding and genial' award-winning performer, Martin Figura, returns with his new one-man show, and sportswriter Grahame Lloyd presents his 'whodunnit' about a controversial £26,400 cricket ball!

Just some of the Festival highlights of 2018, with the full programme coming out in August. We hope to see you there.

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Wymondham in Bloom

It's that time of year again, and town centre businesses are being encouraged to brighten up their shop front with impressive floral displays. Wymondham in Bloom (WIB) is on its way!

This is the scheme's fourth year and it promises to transform the town centre once again with hanging baskets, planters and window boxes bursting with flowers.

Wymondham in Bloom is a floral competition and funding has been made available this year from South Norfolk Council and Wymondham Town Council. We have teamed up with Wymondham Garden Centre where town centre businesses get 50% off hanging baskets, planters and everything they need to go with them. Businesses are free to source their plants and hardware independently or grow their own.

The group's treasurer, Martin Ford, said: "Over the years, we've seen all sorts of displays including flowers bursting out of shoes, wellington boots, furniture, suitcases and even a floral bubble gum machine! This has really helped to add to the summer feel of the town and make Wymondham town centre a place to be proud of"



Wymondham in Bloom helps Wymondham town centre to look its best for visitors and residents during the summer months.

Judging will again this year be split between a judging panel and shop keepers themselves. Voting slips will be available to all participating businesses. Completed voting slips can be handed in at Mad Hatter's Tea Shop or at Wymondham Garden Centre. In addition, representatives will be collecting them and

one lucky voting shop keeper will receive a hamper of goodies!

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!

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