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Welcome to June's issue of *Wymondham Magazine*, also featuring the *About Wymondham* publication from our Town Council. It is so lovely to see some in-person events planned for our town this month, most notably a community wellbeing picnic to be held at the Rugby Club - a great chance for people to come together again after such a tough year.

This is our 50th issue of *Wymondham Magazine*, which is published monthly in digital form for subscribers and printed quarterly and delivered to every house in Wymondham. We exist to help promote news and events around town, so to be included please email us at news@wymondham-mag.co.uk. We love to hear from you!

Kate, Editor

Wymondham in Bloom 2021 has begun with a bang as over 30 businesses have already signed up to take part in this year's campaign - with several new ones especially keen and jumping at the chance to get involved. Some flowers have already appeared on the high street and we will see more popping up soon.

This year not only are businesses getting involved but also the public, as the Wymondham In Bloom team are running a sunflower growing competition open to everyone, young and old, individuals and groups. Categories include: tallest sunflower, biggest seed head, heaviest seed head, most interesting sunflower, best team/group effort and shortest sunflower. The deadline to email your photo entries is **Friday 17th September**. Full details are on the website at www.wymondhamtownteam.org/wym-in-bloom-2021.

The volunteer team enjoyed meeting lots of new people at the Farmers Market held on Saturday 15th May, working together with Greening Wymondham's Hedgehog Haven team and representatives of The Shed in a wonderful collaboration - with more stall activities to look forward to in future.

In the coming weeks volunteers will also be working together in town to support community gardening projects. If you would like to join in get in touch - no experience is necessary and everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Kim Carsok, Coordinator of Wymondham In Bloom, at wymbloom@gmail.com

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GET YOUR PICNIC BLANKETS READY FOR THE WYMONDHAM WELLBEING PICNIC

A small group of Wymondham residents with an interest in wellbeing recently got together with the idea of bringing the community together as we emerge from the challenging lockdown restrictions. They have organised a free community picnic on Sunday 27th June from 2pm to 6pm at Wymondham Rugby Club.

People are encouraged to bring their own picnic, a rug, some friends and family and settle in for the afternoon! There will be a few refreshments on sale, including coffee, tea and other drinks available from the bar at the Rugby Club. The organisers are planning activities during the afternoon including musical entertainment and art and baking activities for families to enjoy in the marquee area.

Several local organisations from Wymondham and Norfolk that support people's wellbeing will be attending to raise awareness of what they do. Wymondham community groups and clubs have also been invited to have a stand to showcase what they can offer people looking for something new to do locally.

The picnic is a great opportunity to raise money for Nelson's Journey, a Norfolk-based charity that aims to bring back smiles to bereaved children and young people. To raise funds for this brilliant charity, there will be homemade cakes on sale, a tombola, plant stall and games. The organisers also hope raising awareness of Nelson's Journey will encourage other people to run their own smaller 'Purple Picnics' over the summer to raise funds for this vital local charity.

Mark Ahier, one of the picnic organisers,



told *Wymondham Magazine*: "We're keen to hear from any local businesses who can donate a prize for fundraising, and any keen gardeners or bakers who can help us with cake or plant donations. Additionally, we need volunteers to help us out for an hour or two on the day to run some of the fundraising activities."

Anyone, individuals or groups, who want to get involved can contact the organisers by emailing wymondhamcommunitypicnic@gmail.com or messaging them via their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wymondhamwellbeingpicnic.

Wymondham Rugby Club can be found at Barnard Fields, Bray Drive, Wymondham, NR18 0GQ. It's easily accessible by foot or bicycle and there is plenty of car parking available for those further away. Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed anywhere on site. The organisers are keeping a close eye on government restrictions and will adhere to all required restrictions on the day of the event, as well as posting updates on the Facebook page.

Don't forget to pop the date on your calendar!

DAY CENTRE CLOSURES DOORS

The end of this month will see the official closure of the Wymondham Day Centre, located within the Town Green Centre. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the centre is currently closed and will not re-open.

The Trustees of Wymondham Day Centre have sadly struggled for the past three years to attract sufficient users to break even. Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, most sessions were attended by fewer than 15, whereas 24 for each session are needed. The consequent loss of income has been accompanied by unavoidable increases in costs, which, together, have led trustees to the inevitable conclusion that the centre is no longer viable.



In addition to the financial worries, it has proved impossible to recruit new trustees. The current board has an average age of 76, all of whom have expressed a wish to retire.

The centre was established in 1978 and one of the original trustees still serves on the board. Originally founded as a meeting place for the elderly, it was run by volunteers. Its success led to attendance by users with an increasing array of medical problems, necessitating the employment of professional care staff. Increasing dietary requirements led to the employment of catering staff, and a professional manager was needed to manage the finance and personnel functions and to deal with the increasing complexity of statutory regulations regarding users of day facilities.

For many years the centre was a thriving hub of activities and it is certain to be missed by those who have benefitted from it during this time.



TOTALLY LOCALLY FIVER FEST BACK IN TOWN

By Tracy Kenny

Totally Locally is a celebration of independent shops on our high street. In February of last year we brought its creators to Wymondham to talk to us, planning to making local shopping a way of life in our town. Then we had a really tough year, and it was especially hard on businesses. Seeing the resilience of our local independent shops means that we know these men and women are fuelled by even more passion than we'd ever realised.

And shoppers have changed, too, knowing that the people in their town aren't just keeping doors open: by bringing their expertise in cakes, wine, books, clothes, whatever, they are actually bolstering our town with jobs, beauty, a thriving economy, and a community for our children to grow up in.

So it's time to celebrate them! The Fiver Fest is a fortnight-long festival to draw people into the town, with the challenge of seeking out bargains they can find for a fiver. While they're in the shops they see how friendly and talented the shopkeepers are, and hopefully come back. The shops encourage visitors to go into their neighbours' businesses.

We expect at least 30 of our terrific shops to join in with an offer of what you can buy for £5 during the fortnight. And we're going to have music, banners, and lots of promotion. It's not to be missed!

It's unrealistic to ask people to completely avoid shopping from large companies, but with just a moment's thought we could spend £5 a week in town instead. The economics make sense: if everybody in Wymondham did this, we'd inject £2.8 million into our local economy. This would change everything. The kids who are knocking on every door right now looking for a job would have work, we'd have no empty shops, and everyone would take pride in their town.

When you pause and think about the impact of what you're doing, just a fiver every week can keep your town alive, give you the glow of knowing you've done the right thing. And you can go home knowing you've helped make a change for the better, and you have a bag full of lovely things.

Fiver Fest runs nationally from Saturday 12th to Saturday 26th June. For more information email totallylocallywym@ketttsbooks.co.uk or ring 07428 253803.

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MAKING WYMONDHAM A HEDGEHOG HAVEN

The Greening Wymondham team have been continuing their hedgehog awareness campaign, and in May held a stall at the Farmers Market together with The Men's Shed.

Nicola Maunders from Greening Wymondham was on the stall, which also ran a children's competition with stART Studio. "It was exciting to hear how many people reported hedgehogs in their gardens," says Nicola. "We explained how we could make Wymondham a Hedgehog Haven - people were fascinated about the Hedgehog Hotels made by The Men's Shed.

"On Thursday 3rd June we're having a Hedgehog Webinar with two experts, starting at 6pm, so ideal for young enthusiasts. Send us an email to greening.wymondham@gmail.com for the link or go to our Facebook page @wymondhamahedgehoghaven."



Conservation was a message hammered home at a recent online parish meeting of Wymondham Town Council by Mary Howard, who asked them to consider incorporating biodiversity in their planning decisions. Continues Nicola: "Can we at least consider letting our verges grow? Meadow flowers will thrive and encourage our pollinators. It is one of the most significant

impacts we can make locally to restore wildlife, and work has already begun by Greening Wymondham, as you can see along Station Approach.

"And of course anything we can do in our own gardens by not overcultivating, not being too tidy and using fewer chemicals would encourage wildlife."



Left: Isla, aged six, holding her hedgehog painting produced at stART Studio. Top: Nicola Maunders and Councillor Annette James. Above: Andrew Clarke from The Men's Shed and Nicola Maunders putting a wildflower sign up at the Station Approach

RETURN OF POPULAR JAZZ PICNIC

By Philip Richardson, for Wymondham Rotary and Satellite Clubs and Wymondham Lions:

Put Saturday 24th July (6pm to 9pm) in your diaries now!

Plans are well advanced for the return of the Wymondham Midsummer Jazz Picnic to Becketswell Meadow. Popular trad jazz band Dixiemix are booked - all that is needed is a fine summer evening and lots of people to bring their picnics, chairs and rugs to enjoy the free entertainment.

Ice cream and real coffee will be on sale, and Lions and Rotary Club members will be selling tombola tickets to support local charities and holding collection buckets at the end of the concert for freewill donations. The cost of staging the evening will be covered by main sponsors, Fosters Solicitors and two other commercial sponsors, together with generous support from Wymondham Music

(successor to Wymondham Music Festival) and private donations.

The only parking at the venue will be for disabled drivers. We hope to arrange a shuttle bus service from Central Hall car park for those unable to walk to the venue. More details will follow in the July edition of Wymondham Magazine.

Of course, all arrangements depend on what government Covid regulations remain in force in July. But for now, let us all look forward to a really 'good night out' - we all deserve it!

If any individuals wish to contribute tombola prizes to help local charities, please contact me on 07715 699211.





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RUGBY CLUB UP AND RUNNING AFTER TOUGHEST EVER SEASON

The chairman of Wymondham Rugby Club has told members that the club is in excellent shape both on and off the pitch despite a year of Covid disruption and shutdown.

The club's annual general meeting heard that players of all ages are back training, that Covid restrictions on the club and the sport are slowly being lifted and that the financial challenges of the past year have been overcome.

Paul Wootton thanked WRFC's senior officials and army of volunteers for all the work they had put in to keep the club going and said the membership of more than 1,200 players and supporters could now look forward to a summer of social events before September's return of competitive rugby.

The club's senior men's squad was preparing for the autumn's restart of league fixtures with former coach Tom Armes back in charge at Barnard Fields. Paul reported that some 1st XV players had left during lockdown, but said recruitment was going well with record numbers now attending training.

Several teams played their first games of contact rugby in more than 400 days during May. Rugby's rules have been altered with a temporary suspension of scrums and mauls to minimise the risk of infection.

The senior Women's squad (pictured) kicked off their first friendly against near neighbours Crusaders with several players playing their first ever game of rugby. And the club's growing Touch rugby section will be playing and training throughout the summer months.



Wymondham's Youth and Minis sections have hardly stopped since outdoor sport was allowed to restart in March. The Minis, for players up to the age of 12, will be hosting a full County festival in the autumn. And the club's Colts line-up for next season played their first game against North Walsham, surviving both a downpour and a strong start by the visitors to emerge with an encouraging win.

Off the pitch, the clubhouse bar at Barnard Fields is open again after nearly six months when not a single beer was poured. The club's new general manager Liam Browning, former restaurant manager of the Hotel Nelson in Norwich, is no stranger, having played rugby in red and black since he was in Minis.

Liam said: "Having been involved with WRFC since my childhood, I'm excited to build on the club's foundations and make the new clubhouse a vibrant and welcoming place, both for members and as a community hub."

SOCIETY SEEKS NEW YOUNG MUSICIANS

Everyone, from music educationalists to the children themselves, agree that playing a musical instrument in a group is so much more rewarding (and beneficial) than just playing on your own. For over 30 years Wymondham Youth Music Society has been bringing young musicians together to do just that.



The Junior Strings section of WYMS (photographed before Covid!)

Sadly, because of Covid, the WYMS ensembles have been unable to meet for well over a year. But with government restrictions now lifting, the Society has decided that getting together is now possible, albeit with a few restrictions to minimise Covid transmission.

To this end, WYMS has booked the main hall at Wymondham Central Hall on the evening of **Thursday 24th June**. The event will be open to anyone under the age of 18 who plays an orchestral instrument, starting at 6.30pm and lasting for about an hour. The evening will be guided by an expert tutor, with the emphasis on having fun rather than perfect playing! Even if you've never played in an orchestra before, this is an ideal opportunity to find out whether it's for you. There will be no charge.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in coming along, email WYMS secretary Linda White on info@wymys.org.uk or call 07951 688779.

YOUR RADIO STATION NEEDS YOU!

Radio Wymondham is looking for new volunteer members to work in a wide range of roles as the town's community radio station undergoes big changes. "We're just entering an exciting new phase in our development," says Anthony Woods, Chair of the not-for-profit Community Interest Company. "We've proved that, despite the pandemic, we are capable of maintaining a broadcast service and now it's time to begin to expand our programming. As lockdown eases, we can look towards being able to welcome guests back into the studio once again, and also to getting 'out and about' with our mobile radio studio attending major local events through the summer.

"We want to be able to get back to being a radio station that's fully engaged with its local community. But that means that we need more members to engage with us by becoming members," Anthony continues. "We're not just looking for new presenters either, because running a radio station requires people with all sorts of skills. Whether it be with IT, health and safety, event planning, finance, social media applications, design, advertising, audio production, event planning, >

> advertising sales, back office systems, the list of areas that we have to cover is pretty endless, so that's why we're keen to recruit more people to the core team. And we're also committed to providing training to new recruits who do want to try their hand at broadcasting. But you don't need to be a member to help the station, as we're also very keen to attract local companies to take on-air advertising with us, or even perhaps take on sponsorship of a particular programme or feature."

Radio Wymondham is committed to re-investing its earnings directly back into the operation, and recently invested in new computer technology providing fully professional broadcasting software, together with the robust hardware needed to keep the currently internet-only station on the air 24/7. But in an effort to be more accessible and available at 'the heart of the community', Radio Wymondham has made another big change too.

"You might say that we've taken the plunge," says Anthony Woods. "After being at our studios above the Blackberry Cafe at Centre Paws since 2018, we've just moved our studio operations into the town centre, and we're now operating from our new studios at Griffin Court, right in the heart of the town.

"It's still early days of course, and we've lots of work to do to get things set up exactly as we would like, and that's one of the reasons that we're looking for more members to help us of course. But we think that a town centre location is going to bring us far nearer to the local business community and that many local retailers will be keen to pop in to let us know when they've got news, information or offers that they'd like local people to know about. Some, who've already taken on the challenges of social media and broadcasting via Zoom etc. themselves during the pandemic, might be able to turn



their new skills to broadcasting on a regular basis on Radio Wymondham too - the 'Ketts Book Show' perhaps?"

'Back in the Day' David Bligh's weekly 1970s show (8pm every Friday) was the first to be presented from the new studio on 14th May. "I was honoured to find I was doing the first show at our new studio," says David (pictured), "and it's going to be great once we get ourselves sorted out properly, but there's still a lot to do, and so an official opening ceremony is going to have to wait for a while. It's a bit like moving house - we seem to have lots of boxes at the moment!"

If you're interested in joining Radio Wymondham as a volunteer, there's a volunteers contact form on the radio station's website at www.radiowymondham.com. The site also has a player so that you can listen to Radio Wymondham live online, there's a full programme guide too, and you can also hear Radio Wymondham through leading radio streaming apps and through Google and Alexa devices.

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UPDATE FROM WYMONDHAM LADIES

By Alex Guy:

Due to the impact of Covid-19, the league season has been declared null and void. At the time of the decision, Wymondham Ladies were positioned nicely in second place and looking strong for the remainder of the season. However, there has been enough time for the Eastern Region Women's Football League (ERWFL) to still host the League Cup and for Norfolk FA to organise the Women's County Cup.



The ERWFL Cup included all teams from the Premier Division and Division 1 North/South and was organised in four groups, with each team playing the other teams in their group once. The top team would then progress into a Finals day where the semi-final and the final would be played, on the same day.

Wymondham had arguably the most difficult group, with fellow Premier Division teams Colney Heath, Luton Town and St.Ives, with one of the top division 1 teams, Needham Market, also in the group.

Wymondham started off the group at home to Colney Heath, a fixture which is often a close encounter. However, very early on in the game, the Colney goalkeeper was deemed to have handled the ball outside of the area and was subsequently sent off. It took a little while for the opening goal to be scored, but shortly before half-time, Hannah Waters set-up for the advancing Chelsea Clarke to put Wymondham ahead going into half-time. After the restart, Wymondham dominated and a second goal from Chelsea, along with strikes from Hannah Waters and Laura Nicholls, gave Wymondham the perfect start with a 4-0 win.

The next game saw Wymondham travel to St.Ives, going into half-time with a 3-1 advantage thanks to two goals from Hannah Waters and one from Becca Russell. The advantage could have been greater, had it not been for a penalty save by the St.Ives goalkeeper. It was not due to be a second win in a row however, as St.Ives scored mid-way through the half and then an equaliser just minutes before full-time. This took the game to penalties, with the winner picking up an additional point. Unfortunately, it was St.Ives that won, winning 4-2 on penalties.

The previous result dented Wymondham's hopes of progressing as group winners, but a win would make the final group games interesting. Wymondham dominated the game, with an excellent defensive performance with some moments of quality. Goals from Hannah Waters and Freya Symonds were enough to seal the points despite a late goal from Luton to make the final minutes more tense than they really should have been. Three more points to add to the total and a win in the final group game, with St.Ives losing one of their final two games would be enough for Wymondham to win their group.

Wymondham had a week off League Cup action as they faced higher league opposition in the form of Norwich City Women, a replay of the final that should have been last season. It was an exciting game, with Norwich having the greater share of possession, but Wymondham were standing strong and forcing Norwich into long shots and hopeful crosses. On the rare occasion that Norwich did manage to get a shot on target, Chloe Pearce in the Wymondham goal was equal to it. There were no goals in the first half and it was all to play for in the second half. There were chances for both teams, before one of Norwich's crosses was turned into her own net by Jennifer Codman, as Chloe Pearce was unable to prevent it crossing the line. Wymondham could have equalised, but for a last ditch tackle in the last couple of minutes. Norwich finished the game as winners and progress to the next round, a result that means Wymondham will not feature in the final, having been a regular feature for the previous four seasons.

As Wymondham played Norwich in the previous week, St.Ives lost one of their league cup games, which meant a win for Wymondham in the final group game against Needham Market would see them win the group. It was a competitive game and despite not being able to progress, Needham were doing all they could to make it difficult. Wymondham were the first to get a goal, a beautiful strike from Becca Russell following a quick one-two with Katie Knights. Needham equalised mid-way through the first half with a striker from outside the box. After half-time, Wymondham re-took the lead as Leah Newcombe played in Tasha Youngs who rounded the opposition >

WYMONDHAM NOTEBOOK

By Cllr Robert Savage

County Council Elections

As your newly elected County Councillor for Wymondham, I would like to take this opportunity to thank residents for supporting me at the polls on 6th May. I will, as promised, work hard for all the residents of Wymondham during my term in office. On the doorstep, road and highway safety was the most frequently mentioned issue and one I intend to focus on. Looking ahead to the immediate future, I will press the County Council to replace the existing recycling centre, complete the trail from Wymondham to Norwich and to provide access to the Cambridge-bound platform at our local station.



Long distance walk from Wymondham to Norwich

The County Council is in the final stages of completing preparations for creating a long-distance footpath from Wymondham to Norwich. The path, which will be known as Kett's Country Long Distance Path, runs from the Abbey, heading generally south-easterly, to Ashwellthorpe before turning north-easterly to pass through Wreningham, Bracon Ash, Hethel, East Carleton, Swardeston, finally finishing in Cringleford. The total distance is about 24 km. Five additional, short circular walks are planned alongside the main route at Wymondham, Wreningham, Hethel, Swardeston and Cringleford. The next steps for the project are to look into any access issues along the linear route and the circular walks, and to create an order for way marking so it is ready to open across spring and summer. I very much welcome the creation of the above walk.

> goalkeeper before finishing. Needham were pushing for the equaliser and Chloe Pearce pulled off a couple of fantastic saves to maintain the lead. Wymondham moved from defence to attack very quickly in the final few minutes, as Jennifer Codman was the provider for Laura Nicholls to run through and finish smartly to give Wymondham a 3-1 win and confirm all three points.

In the finals day, Wymondham were drawn against Cambridge City. The game started at a quick pace and with games only 60 minutes long, a goal was more valuable than normal! It was Cambridge City that took the lead, a corner flicked on at the near post before being headed in. Wymondham thought they were going to have the chance to equalise as Hannah Waters was brought down in the penalty area; however, the referee waved played on. Shortly before half-time, Wymondham had the ball in the back of the net thanks to Freya Symonds, but the assistant referee flagged for offside. After half-time, Cambridge were quick on the counter attack and scored a second. Final score: Cambridge City 2-0 Wymondham.

Wymondham faced Bedford in the third place play-off in the final competitive game of the season. This time, it was Wymondham that took the lead as Becca Russel back-heeled the ball for Katie Knights to square the ball for Hannah Waters to score. Wymondham doubled the lead as Leah Newcombe set Becca Russell for a shot, which was saved and Laura Nicholls was the first to respond to smash the ball into the net. Wymondham made it 3-0 before half-time as Freya Symonds set Katie Knights who threaded the ball through for Hannah Waters to touch the ball past the goalkeeper. A fourth goal came as Natasha Youngs played the ball into Nicholls, who finished smartly first time to the keepers right. And Nicholls completed her hattrick as Symonds advanced with the ball before sliding it to the right for Nicholls to take a touch before firing it across the keeper into the top corner.

PLANT SALE TO SUPPORT ROBERT KETT COURT CARE SCHEME

If you are looking for home raised vegetable plants to buy while supporting a local good cause this could be the answer. This magazine's *Potting Shed Tales* author Owen James, with his daughter Annette, grow and sell plants to raise funds for Robert Kett Court's Gardening Club.



This year they have seven varieties of tomato plants, courgettes, butternut squash, brassicas and cucumber plants available. There are also wild strawberry plants, nasturtiums, perennials and house plants.

"We have many other plants in the greenhouse to sell later which dad has lovingly sown and tended," says Annette. "I will have a stall outside my house on sunny days from now on. For more info on where to find me or to order please email me on annette_james1@yahoo.co.uk or locate me on Facebook and PM me."

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SAY YES TO ARCHERY!

Wymondham Archers are working hard to help get people out and active here in Wymondham. Chairman Peter Hill, along with the other coaches, is encouraging beginners and returners back to the archery range.

As we come out of lockdown the club has seen a huge return to archery from people of all ages. "It's as if people have remembered how wonderful it feels to be outside and doing something so rewarding," Peter told *Wymondham Magazine*. "It's more of a discipline rather than a sport. One that enables the archer to embrace the outdoors, taking in the luscious greenery and the wildlife that passes by in adjacent fields, as well as the friendly banter and gentle ambience of their noble pass-time."

The archery range can be found in the grounds of Wymondham Rugby Football Club. It provides 365 days per year outdoor archery as well as three sessions per week indoors over the winter months.

Beginners courses are being run all the time - to sign up visit www.wymondhamarchers.co.uk. Courses cost £40 per person and introduce the new archer to range and shooting safety, shooting skills and more. Everyone from eight years upward is encouraged to come and have a go, with families most welcome.



With around 140 members, the largest club in Norfolk, Wymondham Archers is proud to have many female members, who make up around 30% of the club membership. The junior members number around 30 and growing. The average age of their archers is 41, meaning that many people of a certain age enjoy a lazy breakfast, a morning on the range, popping back home for lunch around midday!

COMMUNITY SPORTS BACK TO BUSINESS AT MORLEY VILLAGE HALL

The team at Morley Village & Sports Hall was pleased to welcome back organised outdoor sport in March, followed by indoor sports and outdoor street food events in April and May. Events planned for June include street food with Boxed Burger on Saturday 5th June, street food with Nomadi Pizza on Friday 11th June and street food with The Durban Grill on Saturday 19th June. Further afield, an evening of mediumship with Nevaeh Psychic Nights is planned for Saturday 4th September.


The hall is South Norfolk's largest multipurpose community venue for sports, weddings, parties, business and events, and is home to Morley Youth Football Club as well as many classes and clubs for adults and children including climbing, baby signing, badminton, dance, fitness, football, karate, rugby, table tennis, toddler sessions, musical theatre and Zumba.



Set in five acres of leafy grounds in the pretty village of Morley, the hall is centrally located between the two market towns of Wymondham and Attleborough, only minutes from the A11. Facilities include the sports hall and community hall, a meeting/therapy/break out room, badminton, short tennis, table tennis, climbing wall, football pitch, newly refurbished picnic area and playing fields available to hire hourly from £10 per hour or as a whole venue bespoke hire package.

Morley Village & Sports Hall is managed by the Morley Village & Sports Hall Trust, an independent, self-financing charity registered with the Charity Commission. When you hire a space at Morley Village & Sports Hall you help support the running of the venue, community events and projects and development. Find out more at www.morleyvillageandsportshall.co.uk or visit them on Facebook to see the latest information on upcoming events.





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HERITAGE MUSEUM RE-OPENS AT LAST

By Neil Haverson:

At last! Having been closed for most of the 2020 season and the start of 2021, Wymondham Heritage Museum will be welcoming visitors again from Monday 21st June. The volunteers who run the museum are busy making The Bridewell safe for both visitors and staff, as well as giving it a spring clean and sprucing up the displays.



In March last year the museum opened with a fanfare to launch the two new recreated shops modelled on stores in the town around the turn of the last century. Two weeks later the closed signs went up. But The Damgate Stores and The Little Dustpan will be open again for visitors see what was in the grocery shopping baskets in the 1930s and the hardware the townsfolk were buying in Victorian times.

New this year is an exhibition featuring crime and punishment. Two Norfolk schools worked on crimes of the past and how punishments were delivered in different times; how the justice system works today and how those crimes would be dealt with. The museum is staging a display of the children's artwork and showing three videos the pupils have researched. From the 1500s is a film about the crime of treason and the story of Robert Kett, the wealthy landowner who led a rebellion against land enclosures in 1549.

The 1700s the crime of theft features the story of Elizabeth Pulley from Hethersett, a very poor orphan who was caught stealing on several occasions leading to her ending up in court and ultimately receiving the death penalty. Then into the 1800's and the crime of murder. This is the story of James Bloomfield Rush from Wymondham, and involves money, loans, mortgages, a mistress, a variety of unexplained deaths and ultimately a double murder.

Work to renovate the original town sign is almost complete, but where to site in the museum is still to be decided.

Of course, we mustn't forget all the old favourites. The Brushroom shows just how important the brush-making industry was to the town, with a commentary plus a whole range of machines, tools and brushes. A fascinating exhibition tells how the women of Wymondham stepped up to keep the town ticking over during the First World War while the men folk were away fighting. The history of the town's fire service goes back to the great fire of Wymondham in 1615 and the recreated dungeon, including a reconstructed gibbet, reveals what life was like for prisoners in the 19th century.

Step inside the police remand cell to hear what prisoners were charged with. And give the crank a turn to experience

what prisoners had to do to earn their rations. Filled with sand, it is hard work. Prisoners had to turn it 1,800 times to earn breakfast, 4,500 for a midday meal and 5,400 for supper, and 2,700 after that. If they didn't manage it, they went hungry.

Following your visit, pop into the cosy Bridewell Tearoom, situated in what was the exercise yard for police prisoners on remand, and enjoy a tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake or a scone.

Wymondham Heritage Museum, The Bridewell, Norwich Road is open from Monday 21st June, daily 1pm to 4pm. The Bridewell Tearoom is open Monday to Friday 1pm to 4pm. For more information go to www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk

The Wymondham Heritage Society was formed to preserve the town's heritage for future generations. Among its functions is the management of Wymondham Heritage Museum. The Society publishes a number of publications covering a wide range of local history. These include a booklet on the Market Cross, The Great Fire of Wymondham and the Town's lost inns. All are available to purchase from the museum.

The Society produces a regular newsletter and holds talks given by local historians revealing an insight into Wymondham's rich past and the people who made the town what it is today. Members enjoy free entry to the museum. If you have an interest in the history and heritage of Wymondham and would like to become a member, membership costs just £14 or £20 for a family. To find out more and download a membership form go to www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk or pick up a form from the museum.



Jubilee Youth Club Fete and Fun Dog Show
26th June 2021 12-3:30pm

Come and have a fun afternoon and help, the youth club roof appeal!
Entrance free - donations welcome

At Youth Club Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett.



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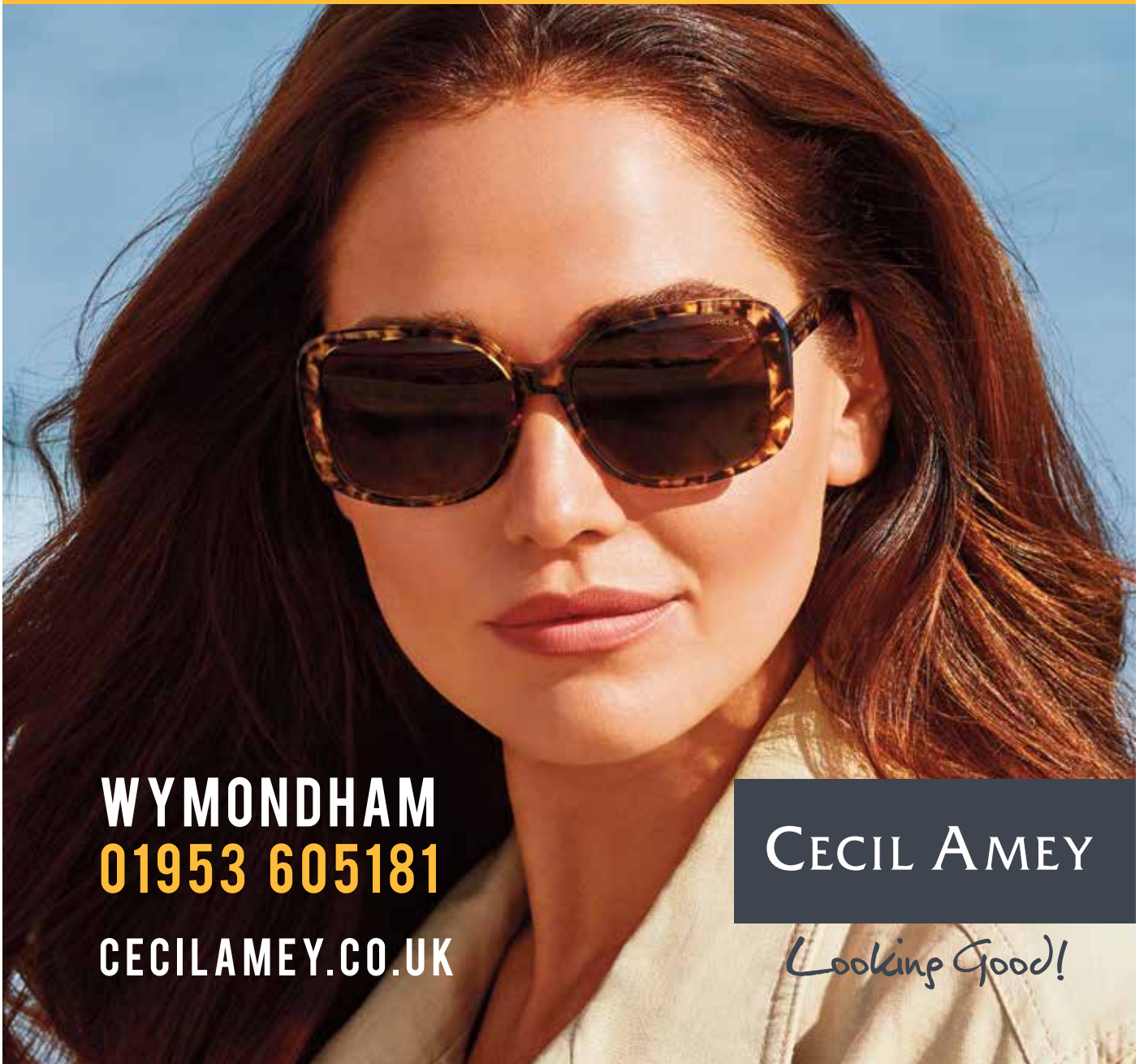
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HEDGE AT HOME JUNE LINE-UP CONFIRMED

Online music show The Hedge at Home has some fantastic entertainment lined up for June, with a specially recorded live gig from one of the UK's top Blues/Rock bands, The Mojo Preachers (pictured), featuring on Saturday 5th June. On Saturday 19th June it is the turn of Ian K Brown, teacher, runner, storyteller and singer, and now Northumberland's finest, who performs a set specially recorded for the show. Shows begin at 8pm on at www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome and are repeated on the YouTube channel afterwards. For more information contact thehedgeathome@gmx.co.uk



HERITAGE SOCIETY TO MEET IN PERSON

The June meeting of the Wymondham Heritage Society will be on Thursday 24th June at 7.30pm, when Adrian O'Dell will speak on William of Norwich. In view of the relaxation of restrictions from 21st June, the meeting will be held in the Fairland Hall. Should there be any change members will be advised. Anyone wishing to join the society should contact Sue Edes on 07870 602217 or email suewhs@btinternet.com

NO OPEN GARDENS FOR 2021



June often sees the popular Wymondham Open Gardens event, which allows people to see some of the beautiful gardens hidden away behind the houses of Wymondham.

Sadly, the organisers have decided not to hold the event in 2021 due to uncertainty around Covid restrictions and concerns about social distancing. It is hoped that the event will return in June 2022.

LEISURE CENTRES TAKE NEXT STEP

South Norfolk Council's leisure centres restarted indoor classes, organised sport and soft play on Monday 17th May.

Leisure Operations Manager Daniel Infanti said: "I know a lot of our members have been missing our classes, so it's been fantastic to finally get them up and running again, our classes are filling up fast - which is brilliant."



Members and visitors can now once again enjoy over 100 classes that run across all the centres, from Pilates and Yoga, to Body Pump and HIIT, and can book via the Council's website. The cafe at Wymondham Leisure Centre are also now open, serving light lunches, speciality teas and coffees, sweet treats and more.

For more information, visit www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/visitors/leisure-centres

ROBERT KETT RESIDENTS PRODUCE A MARATHON EVENT

The real London Marathon may have been postponed, but the challenge was on at Robert Kett Court as tenants aimed to complete 26.2 miles in three days.

Wellbeing Lead Karen Claydon explains: "They took to the street or walked round their building, each doing as much as they could, and those in wheelchairs also took part with carers taking them out and recording the distance. They were kept hydrated with bottled water kindly donated by Morrisons. The families of the tenants sponsored them to complete the challenge and £300 was raised to go towards trips out in the future.



"Together they completed their challenge in the allotted time (actually they did 28.5 miles!), and were presented with medals and certificates by the schemes manager, along with a glass of bubbly to celebrate."

TOOL COLLECTION AT WYMONDHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Azizi's story:

Azizi lives in Uganda. He had a happy childhood but during his teens his family rejected him when someone made a false claim about him. His future looked bleak until someone from a church befriended him and arranged for him to join a scheme to train as a carpenter. After graduating he was given a tool kit containing all he needed to start a small carpentry business. This he did and was soon able to sell items of well made furniture. His business flourished and he was eventually able to take on another two young men, being given more tools for them to use.



Maria's story:

Maria also lives in Uganda. Her father abandoned the family and her mother ran a small shop to make a little money but there was not enough to enable Maria and her brother and sister to go to school. Maria longed to learn tailoring but there was no money to pay for a course. One day she heard of an organisation called Mindset which trained people in tailoring and other skills. She asked and was given a place on a course, where she also learned some business skills. At the end of the course she was given a sewing machine and haberdashery kit. She set up in her mother's shop and was soon making school uniforms and other clothes for neighbours. Now she also specialises in making smart bags and backpacks. Her brother and sister go to school and they all have a better diet.



What do these stories have to do with Wymondham?

The tools which Azizi and Maria were given came from an organisation called Tools with a Mission, which is based in Ipswich. They collect used tools which they refurbish, pack into trade kits and ship to Africa where they are given to those who have been trained, so they can create a livelihood. The tools come from people who no longer need them and are willing to donate them.

Do you have tools you no longer use or need?

If so, Wymondham Baptist Church in Queen Street will be having a collection day on Saturday 3rd July from 10am to 4pm.

Tools for carpentry, building, agricultural work, car mechanics, electricians, plumbers are all welcome, as are sewing and knitting machines, haberdashery items, desktop and laptop computers. For more information go to TWAM.co.uk or phone 01953 602692.



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Wymondham Town Council Annual Report 2020-21



What the Town Council has been doing for Wymondham in the past year **June 2021**

An Indifferent First Term and Second Year for Mayor

I was delighted and honoured to be re-elected as Mayor of Wymondham for a second term at the Town Council AGM held on 4th May, even though my first term began in May 2019!

Because of Covid-19 restrictions imposed as part of the lockdown during the spring of 2020 it was not possible for councils to hold meetings and therefore the current administration was allowed to continue for a second year, so whilst this is my second term, it is my third year as Mayor.

The first nine months of my first term of office were very busy, attending meetings, functions and events almost on a weekly basis. This was a wonderful experience and allowed my wife and I to meet many people and make a lot of new friends as we became part of 'the chain gang' an amusing term often used to describe Mayors and dignitaries for obvious reasons.

Then in March 2020 the whole world turned upside down as the Covid-19 pandemic struck and we were plunged into a situation unprecedented during peace time. The whole country ground to a halt with the exception of our amazing doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals, to whom we owe a massive debt of gratitude for what they have done throughout the pandemic.

Our whole family felt so proud to stand on our doorstep every Thursday evening to clap for the NHS, along with neighbours and families all around Wymondham.

In 2019 I was extremely proud of Wymondham and the Wymondham in Bloom team as they rallied around so many businesses, care homes and schools in Wymondham to encourage them to create a Wymondham in Bloom tour. Walking the tour on a glorious June day was a great experience, and to learn that the team achieved a Silver Gilt Award in year one was a fantastic achievement.

The team behind Wymondham in Bloom are in full flow again this year, so you should start to see lovely floral displays appearing around the town over the coming weeks.

I did not get to attend many meetings or functions during the year May 2020 – May 2021, however one thing I did become very good at was staring at a computer screen! This was because we learned to conduct meetings remotely via Zoom. This enabled councils to continue to function, but it is not the same as meeting in person, especially as I enjoy meeting other people and learning about them.

I did get to attend a few events in person; most notably to present a civic award to Mr Peter Parke, the town butcher who retired after serving the town for three score years and 10 (70 for any younger readers!) years, presenting bouquets from Wymondham Town Council to two ladies in Wymondham who celebrated their 100th birthday, attending the memorial service to HRH Prince Philip at Wymondham Abbey and laying a wreath on Armistice Day.

Some projects include the completion of the new Town Council offices, conversion of all the street lights for which the council are responsible to low energy LED units, and progressing the Neighbourhood Plan for Wymondham.

The Town Council has continued to support voluntary groups within the town, and will continue to do so by awarding grants to local organisations. This helps them to provide facilities for the benefit of all residents of Wymondham.

I am looking forward to the coming year as Mayor, and hoping for a gradual return to normality as the year unfolds.

I hope that by the time we reach the council AGM in 2022 that the Neighbourhood Plan will be completed and adopted, and work will be well underway for the design of the new cemetery for Wymondham.

Cllr Kevin Hurn

Town Councillors who served this year

After four years the Town Council ended its 2015/19 term with the local Government elections in May 2019. A new Council was elected for a four year period 2019/23, and the following councillors served in the 2020/21 year. We thank them for their work in the community.

Central Ward

K Hurn
R Savage
W Batchelor
I Flatt
P Travis

East Ward

P Broome

North Ward

Y Astley
A Holden
J Hornby
P Hubble
D Roberts

South Ward

J Halls
S Nuri-Nixon
A James

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Wymondham Town Council

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

How does your Town Council work for you?

The 14 members of Wymondham Town Council are all unpaid volunteers, elected by Wymondham people every four years. Elections took place in May 2019 so that 2020-21 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 on the council website. Each committee consists of five members who elect their own chair and vice chair. These committees are:

Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism, which supervises the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the Council's recreation areas such as Ketts Park and Browick Road recreation ground. 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 & 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 charter Friday market. It 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 meetings 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.

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 through the South Norfolk Council website, and considered at a council or committee meeting where they are discussed.

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.



Annual Report 2020-21

Precepts, grants, income and expenditure - council finance 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 2020-21 financial year was £536,833 which was received. For the present 2021-22 financial year the precept

has been set at £561,621.

Expenditure included the costs of maintaining the council offices at Ketts Park 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 Tolls Meadow, Bellrope Lane and the Cemetery.

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 were awarded in 2020-21 as shown in the box to the right.

Grants 2020/21

Wymondham Community Kitchen	500.00
Wymondham Baptist Church	500.00
Wymondham Doorstop Helpers	250.00
Hub Community Project	500.00
Wymondham Dementia Group	434.80
Total	2,184.80

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Civic Award for Peter Parkes

To celebrate his retirement after 72 years of serving the residents of Wymondham in his butchers shop the Town Mayor, Cllr. Kevin Hurn presented Peter Parkes with a well-deserved Civic award.

Well known to customers for his cheery smile and happy disposition Peter has served generations of the same family and has been a community stalwart.



Current news

Following recent by-elections, the Town Council is pleased to welcome the following who will be representing you until the next elections which are scheduled for May 2023.

Central Ward: Richard Elliott

North Ward: Kathryn Cross and Jordan Murrell

The following are your Councillors and full details can be found on the respective Council's websites.

Wymondham Town Council

Central Ward	East Ward	North Ward	South Ward
Cllr. R Elliott	Cllr. P Broome	Cllr. Y Astley	Cllr. J Halls
Cllr. I Flatt		Cllr. K Cross	Cllr. A James
Cllr. K Hurn		Cllr. A Holden	Cllr. S Nuri-Nixon
Cllr. R Savage		Cllr. P Hubble	
Cllr. P Travis		Cllr. J Murrell	

South Norfolk Council

Central Ward	North Ward	South Ward (includes East ward)
Cllr. K Hurn	Cllr. A Holden	Cllr. J Halls
Cllr. R Savage	Cllr. J Hornby	Cllr. S Nuri-Nixon

Norfolk County Council

Wymondham Division	Forehoe Division (South Ward)
Cllr. R Savage	Cllr. D Elmer



MID NORFOLK RAILWAY PLANS REOPENING

The Mid Norfolk Railway is planning to reopen on Wednesday 23rd June followed by a Grand Reopening on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June. The reopening assumes the conditions of the Government's Covid-19 roadmap have been met.

The Grand Reopening will feature the debut in passenger service of the refurbished Maroon Mk1 and 2 coaches hauled by steam engine Standard 4 Tank 80078, and also the first use of the ex-Greater Anglia Mk3 coaches. These will be hauled by the newly refurbished class 47, 47596 Aldenburgh Festival in its new guise of D1933 in BR Two Tone Green livery (pictured).

It is currently expected that initially trains will leave from Dereham and will run non-stop to Wymondham Abbey Halt, where passengers can leave the train to observe the engine run around but must then re-join for the journey back to Dereham.

Following the reopening, the railway will also offer a reduced programme of special events, the highlight of which will be the visit of the world famous steam engine the Flying Scotsman from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 17th October. The engine will haul passenger trains each weekend during the visit and will be open for visits during the week. A separate announcement will be made at a later date for details on ticket prices, bookings and the timetable for the event.

The first special event for this year will be the return to the railway of the popular 1940s weekend on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August. This will be followed over the August Bank Holiday weekend by the return of MNR's Ales by Rails festival.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September will see the diesel engines based at the railway out in force and will include a special gin tasting train on the Sunday.

Following the visit of the Flying Scotsman the Mid Norfolk Railway will be hosting the Rail Car Association's annual meeting on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October. This will be followed by a special Halloween train event running on Saturday 30th October only to round off the month.

The 2021 running season will end with the return of a new and improved Polar Express, where passengers will travel to the North Pole in style aboard the railway's Mk3 coaches.

Throughout the year in addition to the special events the MNR will be running a regular programme of cream tea trains, the Breckland Fryer fish and chips trains and jazz evenings, and the buffet at Dereham station will also open on the first Wednesday of the month for the return of the popular biker's evenings.



Full details of all events and ticketing arrangements, plus the season's timetables, will appear on the Mid Norfolk Railway website. Due to Covid-19 restrictions all tickets will initially only be available through pre-booking using the Mid Norfolk Railway's brand new website at midnorfolkrailway.co.uk

The railway will re-introduce a full service when it is appropriate to do so in line with Government restrictions. The Covid-19 service or the full regular services will then run weekly till the end of October. Timetables will be published on the railway website.

Charlie Robinson, the Chairman of the Mid Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust who own and operate the railway, said: "Everyone at the railway is looking forward to running our passengers services again. It has obviously been a difficult time for everyone, but the railway has survived and we think our varied programme of events will appeal to all - and the best way to support the railway is to come along and enjoy a trip through the beautiful Norfolk countryside. Donations to support our ongoing development would also be extremely welcome!"

Details on how to make a donation can be found under the donations tab on the MNR website.

KIMBERLEY CROSSING REOPENS

Work to refurbish the Mid-Norfolk Railway's level crossing on the B1108 at Kimberley Park Station has been completed after a week of work. This refurbishment has used the same technology as the railway's Yaxham Road level crossing in Dereham and again uses a system developed by the Dutch railway infrastructure company Edilon Sedra.

The work was conducted once again by a mix of MNR staff, volunteers and contractors from Sonic Rail Services, together with a team of technicians from Track Engineering Construction Ltd. The next stage of the refurbishment will see the installation of signalling to this station in due course, as >

> part of the overall resignalling plan for the railway. This next stage of work however will have no impact on local residents or the road travelling public.

The work on the crossing has seen specially prefabricated concrete slabs installed, before new special hard wearing high manganese content steel rails were fitted. The rails were then encased in a special resin developed by Edilon Sedra by the TECS technicians. The finished crossing is therefore expected to have a maintenance free life of at least 50 years. The crossing rails were also laid onto a special bedding layer that acts as a noise dampener and so the crossing will also be quieter.

The Chairman of the MNR, Charlie Robinson said: "I would, on behalf of the railway, like to thank local residents and the travelling public for their patience while this important work has been carried out. It is our hope and expectation that by investing in this 21st Century technology they will see the



benefit and have a quieter level crossing for road traffic.

"I would also like to thank those who have made donations, it is much appreciated and means every pound donated is a pound saved for other work. The appeal will remain open to help towards the installation of the signalling.

"Finally a huge thank thank our volunteers and our commercial partners from Sonic Rail Services, TECS Ltd and of course Norfolk County Council for the work that has been done to successfully deliver the new crossing on time and in budget."

The refurbished level crossing is another step forward for the railway as it continues to invest and develop so that the MNR can once again celebrate the heritage of Norfolk railways by running trains for the benefit of everyone starting on Wednesday 23rd June.



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TOWN GREEN CENTRE RE-OPENS

Town Green Centre re-opened its doors on Monday 17th May to groups able to meet under the current Government Guidelines. Located off Back Lane in Wymondham, the centre is a complex of four rooms and two kitchens - available for hire Monday-Sunday. Details of the rooms can be found at <https://wymondhammethodistchurch.com/about-the-centre>. For enquiries email contact@wymondhammethodistchurch.com



GARAGE SALE

If you would like an opportunity to meet your neighbours, why not take part in the Wymondham Community Garage Sale on Sunday 4th July, from 10am to 3pm. Raise funds for yourself and/or a charity of your choice. You can also enter a free draw to win a Vehicle Health Check and Full Valeting, donated by Abbeygate.

JOIN THE 200 CLUB

The Wymondham Heritage Society is seeking new members for its 200 Club, which raises much-needed funds towards the running costs of the town's award-winning Heritage Museum. Membership is open to everyone over 16 years of age and belonging to the Heritage Society is not essential. The draw takes place every month with the first prize £40, the second £20 and the third £10.

Annual subscription is £24 or £2 a month. For further details and to join the 200 Club Sue Edes should be contacted by email on sue200club@btinternet.com or by telephone on 01953 602107 (evenings) or 07870 602217, or by

writing to her at 28 High House Avenue, Wymondham, NR18 0JN.

UPCOMING AT KETT'S BOOKS

On Friday 25th June Ketts Books is holding a schools event with One Community, One Book author for children, Mitch Johnson, author of *Pop!*. The event, held on Zoom, is free to join, but schools need to book ahead.

Bestselling historical fiction writer Alison Weir (pictured) will be visiting Kett's Books in person on Tuesday 13th July at 7pm. The event will be held in the hall at Wymondham Baptist Church. Alison is best known for her series on the Six Tudor Queens, bringing to life each of the six wives of Henry VIII, and two tickets are available - £12 (includes paperback) and £22 (includes hardback). To book visit Kett's Books in Whartons' Court, or ring 01953 603663.



YOUNG CLUB DOG SHOW

Jubilee Youth Club in Hethersett is holding a fete and fun dog show on Saturday 26th June from 12noon to 3.30pm. The event is to raise funds for the club and contribute towards the Youth Hall roof fund - the roof currently leaks and its repair will cost around £25-30,000. Entry is free but donations are welcome.

THERAPY FUNDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services have received funding to provide short-term therapy (max six sessions) for 10 young people in South Norfolk. If you're not currently open to a mental health service or if you are on a long waiting list then and need support for your mental health, get in touch by emailing info@Cup-O-T.co.uk

INDECENT EXPOSURE INCIDENT APPEAL

Officers from Norfolk Police are appealing for information after an incident of indecent exposure in Wymondham. It happened outside Morrisons in Norwich Road on Saturday 15th May between 2pm and 2.30pm. Three teenage girls were outside the supermarket when a man exposed himself to them as he left the store. The suspect is described as white, of slim build, bald and aged in his mid-40s. He was wearing a navy-blue suit and white shirt and driving a black Mercedes.

Any witnesses or anyone with information about the incident should contact PC Jake Grossman at Wymondham Police Station on 101. Alternatively, they can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 55 111.

THANK YOU FROM HELP HUB

The Wymondham Community Outreach Project, also known as the Community Help Hub, would like to say a big thank you for your continued support. The Help Hub delivers free with no questions ask to alleviate immediate food worries. If you have packet food, tins and toiletries still in good shelf life in your cupboard, they would be grateful for your donations, which can be dropped off to the narthex of the Roman Catholic Church, 1 Norwich Road, on Tuesdays or Saturdays between 10am and 11.30am.

WYMONDHAM MAG IN THE FRAME!

Wymondham Magazine advertiser EweMove was so pleased to feature on the back cover of March's printed edition that they framed it for their office! Says Branch Director Rebecca Mills: "It's been to have the opportunity to advertise our local business in such a quality Wymondham-based medium. The service has been excellent with a great personal touch, and we feel a great sense of pride every time we receive a copy through our door!"





Tree-mendous opportunities!

'At Forest School, I feel so happy I think my heart will explode'

William Year 2

We are proud to be able to provide Forest School sessions to every child in the school and we believe that everyone can benefit from the rich play opportunities offered by the changing seasons, discovering new ways to connect with the natural world whilst also learning important practical skills.

We are lucky to have an enclosed wildlife area with a small patch of woodland, a pond and a grassy bank which we are currently trying to re-wild by planting saplings and bee-friendly flowers.

We have a children's shed with free access to equipment such as digging tools, den building kits and bug hunting pots, but most importantly of all, there is always plenty of time for freely chosen, self directed, intrinsically motivated play.

'I feel calm and relaxed at Forest School'

Charlie Year 3

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ACHIEVING TOGETHER

A LOCAL LEGEND

A look back into the life and work of local printer and stationer George R. Reeve



George Raymond Reeve was born in Brixton, London, on 10th April 1895 to parents William and Emma Reeve - both of whom were born in Wymondham. George's father was a Police Sergeant in the Metropolitan police force.

At the age of 15 George had already decided he wanted to work in the printing trade and was working as a printers apprentice in Bromley. However, the clouds of war were looming on the horizon and George decided to join the Army when war broke out, and he served his country well during the First World War.

After George's father retired from the police force in 1912, the family relocated to Wymondham. After the war George continued with his desire to join the printing profession and in 1920 began a seven-year apprenticeship for local printer Henry Girling Stone, who owned a printing works on Town Green.

Following completion of his apprenticeship in 1928, George took a room at the back of Walter Lane's gentlemen's outfitters in Middleton Street, now occupied by Middletons. He had a loan of £175 from the British Legion, a case of type, a knife and a small printing machine, and with this he set up his own printing business.

From Middleton Street, George soon moved his printing press to larger

premises in Church Street opposite Becket's Chapel and close to the family home of Ivydene on the same street. Here, George's printing business flourished and adopted the name The Model Press, printing a variety of items including personal and business stationery, programmes for events, books and periodicals.

George and his family were prominent members of the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Town Green and George particularly enjoyed taking part in church events and fundraising concerts and plays.

In the 1930s George took on the role of Grand Marshal of Carnival Processions in the town, enjoying the grandeur of the celebrations. He was also a mainstay in the town's commerce, becoming involved in many aspects of promoting the town.

In 1942 George married fellow Methodist Doris Standley, whose family had a long established Ironmongers shop, C H Standley & Son, on Town Green. They made their home together at West Bay on Chapel Lane.

In 1949 in a former butchers and the Dog & Duck Inn in Market Street George opened the 'Olde Beams' bookshop, selling stationery downstairs with a bookshop upstairs catering especially for the Wymondham Emergency Training College for Teachers at Morley,

which had been set up after the Second World War. This property is today part of Reno Refills Ltd.

George and Doris never had children but Doris' sister Marianne and her husband Reg Seager had a son Brian. Brian worked his printing apprenticeship at Jarrolds in Norwich and upon completion in 1950 he joined his Uncle George in his firm. >



Above - George pictured during World War I



Above - The Church Street offices and print works that George moved to in 1928

> In 1960 the firm became a limited company.

For a very short time, Geo R Reeve's stationery and book shop occupied the former Rose and Crown pub on the corner of Market Street, until 1971 when George acquired the larger premises of the former Clarke's Drapers and Grocery store on the corner of Market Street and Damgate and moved both the print works and shop there.

George passed away on 10th August 1977 having lost Doris the previous year. His business and legacy passed to his nephew Brian Seager.

Brian too was a vibrant and much loved family and business man and personality of Wymondham. He was very well respected in the town and entered into the spirit of the town carnivals with floats advertising the firm in the parades. He was even the town's Father Christmas for Dickensian Night.

In 1994 the print works relocated to the former works of George's former employer H G Stone in Town Green and the shop premises in Market Street were updated and expanded.

Brian passed away in 2003 and the business then passed to his children Amanda John and Rachel. Due to online competition the print works closed in 2010, however George's great nephew John still works in the print trade.

Today the shop - which was given a new look on the exterior



Above - The Town Green print works, which opened in 1994, formerly H G Stone printers, where George completed his apprenticeship

in 2020 - is managed by George's great nieces Amanda and Rachel, and sells quality greetings cards and wrap, a variety of gifts including glassware, china, local books and maps and of course stationery... 93 years after George founded his firm.

An example of a Golding Jobber Printing Press as used by George in his early years of printing is on display at Wymondham Heritage Museum.

What's in a photo?

JARROLDS 200

By Philip Yaxley

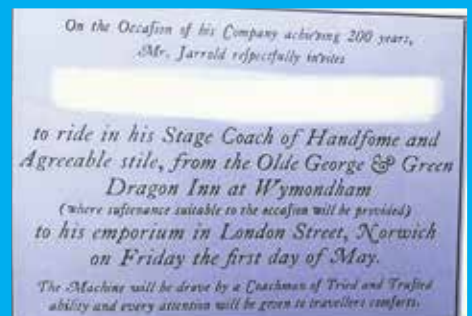


If it wasn't for the spectators and the entrance to Reggie Bird's garage with a petrol pump next to the Green Dragon, one might think this was a scene from 18th century Wymondham. In fact, the photograph was taken on 1st May 1970, when there was a celebration at the historic pub of the bi-centenary of Norwich store Jarrolds (now styled Jarrold), which 200 years earlier had moved to the city from Woodbridge in Suffolk.

Suitably attired in period costume, invited guests sat down to an appropriate lunch, after which the coach and horses seen in the picture conveyed them to Jarrold's store in Norwich. Passengers included Dick Joice of the popular Anglia TV's *Bygones* programme, Jean Goodman, a writer as well as BBC contributor, and Charles Roberts, legendary EDP journalist. With the coach being held up at Hethersett by a "highwayman", the event captured the public's imagination.

Later Jarrolds set up a permanent connection with Wymondham when in 1988 they took over the furniture and carpet store of Jacksons in Middleton Street, the shop having been opened in 1947 by Gordon Jackson. At the time of the take-over Richard Jarrold, head of the Norwich departmental store,

described it as "an exciting extension of Jarrolds into an important town".





Tales from the POTTING SHED

Hello Ole Partners. My gardening tips this month...

Make sure you harden off all greenhouse raised plants first. If you take tender plants straight outside from a warm greenhouse, cool night temperatures may cause the leaves to scorch, and winds could tear them. Put your plants outside in dappled shade during the day. Start with just two hours outside and increase the time outside each day, then bring them in at night. Do this for at least a week

- Sow runner and French bean seeds direct, or plant out your pot grown plants now, after hardening them off

- Outdoor cucumber varieties like Marketmore should be ready to go out now. Plant them in a warm sunny position, water well, and when they have made growth start feeding them once every two weeks with Tomorite

- Carrot seed can be sown in pots at least 20cm tall – the height above ground will help avoid the dreaded carrot fly infestation. Atlas are a good variety for pot growing

- If you want to try growing celery get a trench dug now, dig in manure or compost at the bottom. Allow this to settle for a week or two and plant out at the end of June.

These days most farm work is done by machinery and a few workers. In my early days the balance was very different; we relied very heavily on man and horse power. This month I am going to reminisce about my days as a horse breaker. I'm going to split this tale in two and finish it next month.

Horses were a key part of farm life when I was a lad, though their role started to decline from WWI onwards, as men

and horses were taken from the land to fight and farmers had to find alternative power sources. Every young farm horse needed to be broken (trained) to work with equipment like carts and ploughs. I first took part in horse breaking when I was very young in the 1930s and early 1940s. I worked for the late Jack Powell of Church Farm New Buckenham. The head horseman was Horry Bowen.

A small army of us were needed for this operation. Large rope halters were placed on the animal's head and it was reluctantly taken onto the meadow and made to trot in circles. After two hours of this the animal was taken back to the stable and was given a small bait of chaff with a few rolled oats. As two horses were broken at the same time we'd then have lunch before taking the second one out for the same treatment.

As soon as Horry was satisfied with the pupil's progress a collar was fitted over his head and chains called traces were fitted to it. These traces were then fastened to a huge log of wood and the horse learned to drag the log many times around the meadow. When Horry decided it had had enough the first one was bought out again and took his turn to drag the log.

After a day or two of this the pupil was the tied in tandem to a trusty mare named Mary. Both were fixed to single furrow horse plough. The pupil of

course took some persuading to walk beside Mary but she had been used many times for this operation and knew what it was all about.

After the plough the next step was to get the animal fixed to a tumbril (a cart). This was a major operation and needed several pairs of hands to help. Tumbril wheels were shod with a steel band so they were very noisy when taken up the road and we had to be ready for the youngster to be scared by the noise and make a bolt for it when we left the meadow and hit the road.

You can see me here 'stooking up' at a heavy horse demonstration at Gressenhall Rural Life Museum. Stooks were made of eight to 10 sheaves - bundles of cut corn tied together just below the ears with a single strand of corn. Hard physical labour!

After breaking in was completed Mr Powell would either sell the youngsters or incorporate them into his stable.

Until next time, moined 'ow yer go.

Owen

To be continued...

Robert Kett Court resident Owen James, 95, is a true 'Broad Norfolk' speaking character. Once a resident of Bunwell Street, he now runs a residents' gardening club with help from his town councillor daughter Annette.



SPOTLIGHT ON NURTURE

At Robert Kett Primary School



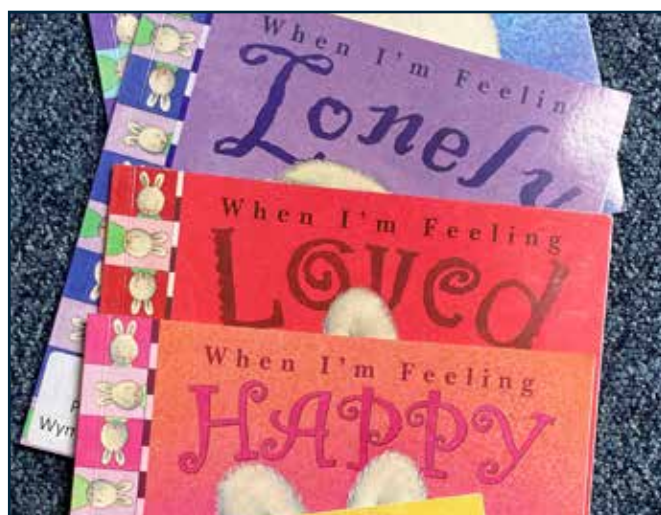
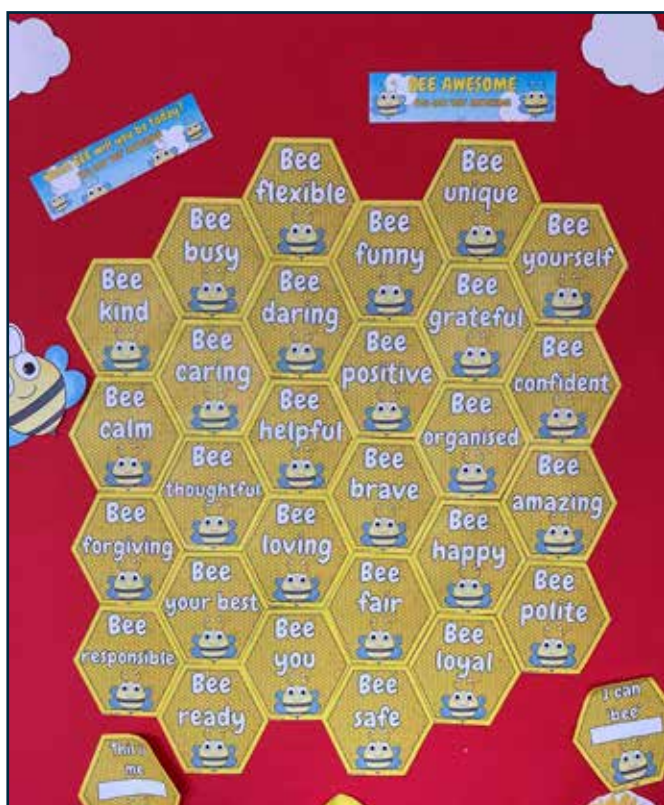
There will always be children and young people in schools facing life challenges that detract from their ability to engage with learning.

Our vision is for all children to be healthy, happy and safe, and we are proud to be able to offer our pupils Nurture and emotional support sessions (ELSA) as part of our school experience.

We are lucky enough to have two Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs) and a qualified Nurture Lead who plan and deliver programmes of support to pupils who are experiencing temporary or longer term emotional needs. These might include social skills, building self esteem, learning to understand and regulate feelings and helping children come to terms with bereavement.

Sessions are fun, involving a range of activities such as: games, role-play with puppets or arts and crafts to help children express their feelings in a safe way and within a calm, supported environment. We often take learning outside and show children the wonder of nature as a way of supporting their wellbeing.

Our aim is to help our pupils learn to understand their emotions and respect the feelings of those around them, provide time and space for pupils to think about their personal circumstances and how they can manage them and ultimately create happy children in school and at home.





By Victoria Pigg, www.starthrowers.org.uk

Join our new virtual event – 'Skip, Stomp or Star Jump' for Star Throwers!

We are asking you to join with us and either skip, stomp (walk/roll/run) or star jump to raise funds for people affected by cancer. You can take part anytime at your own pace.

Whether you are an individual or a group we would love you to get involved and we will send you a free skipping rope (1 per person) and our fundraising pack with activity tracker sheet, ideas, poster template, stickers and information on how to set up an easy online fundraising page.

Sign up online today: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/skip-stomp-or-star-jump-tickets for just £5 per person and receive a free skipping rope and fundraising pack. The first 50 people to enter might win a new Aberg Best Digital Camera to capture your fundraising challenge!

To start fundraising, create a fundraising page on Virgin Money Giving linked to our campaign: virginmoneygiving.com/fund/StarThrowersSkipStompStarJump

For more information please contact: victoria@starthrowers.org.uk or call 01953 423304.

Skip, Stomp or Star Jump for Star Throwers
Supporting people affected by cancer.

What & How?
We want you to join us by skipping, stomping (walking!) or star jumping for Star Throwers - how many, how far and for how long is completely up to you or your team!

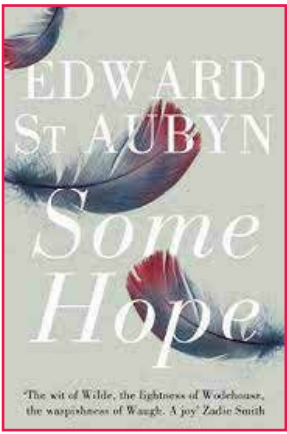
Sign up:
£5 pp - includes a free skipping rope & fundraising pack, sign up online: <https://bit.ly/3e24R0W>

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Cancer Support Charity
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www.starthrowers.org.uk

BOOK REVIEW

Some Hope

By Edward St Aubyn



Book 3 of the Patrick Melrose series

Edward St Aubyn was born in 1960 in London, to an upper-class family. Moving between houses in England and France throughout his childhood, from the ages of five to eight he was repeatedly sexually abused by his father with no intervention from his mother. Despite achieving a place at Keble College, Oxford to read English, his experience was hampered by severe heroin addiction, resulting in him entering psychotherapy at the age of 25. 21 years later, *Mother's Milk*, Book 4 of his semi-autobiographical

'Patrick Melrose' series, became a Man Booker shortlist nominee. Benedict Cumberbatch starred in the TV adaptations in 2018. Critics such as Alan Hollinghurst have labelled him "perhaps the most brilliant English novelist of his generation."

Ironically, despite *Mother's Milk* arguably being the most well-known of the series, it was never originally going to be written. 12 years went by after the publication of *Some Hope* with the series contentedly remaining a trilogy. This does not go unnoticed in the reading experience. Edward St Aubyn endows this book with a refreshing sense of closure and finality: a quality purposefully lacking in the previous two instalments. At this stage in the story, we have witnessed Patrick's traumatic childhood (*Never Mind*) and watched him descend into alcoholism, drugs, and depression (*Bad News*). *Some Hope* introduces us to him a few years later, newly clean, and half-heartedly training to be a barrister, "in the hope that he would find some pleasure in keeping as many criminals as possible at large."

What follows is enough to cement *Some Hope* as the best of the series so far, complete with the usual St. Aubyn mix of rawness and humour. I felt both poignance and the urge to laugh out loud on several occasions (often both at once). Fans of slow-paced, British, thoughtfully written novels will not feel let down. The concise page count of 168 leaves you both wanting more and with the all-too-wonderful satisfaction of having finished a book quickly. And of course, the novel's main USP is its final act, in which the bemused Patrick attends a grotesque society dinner party at which Princess Margaret makes an appearance. Why not?

Above all, *Some Hope* leaves the reader with feelings not only of catharsis (and perhaps mild relief at the thought of never having to attend a society dinner), but also of hope: hope of recovery, closure, and emotional health carved from adversity. Those themes consistently run through the Patrick Melrose series, and that is what makes them (*Some Hope* especially) particularly enduring.



NEIGHBOUR DISPUTES

Written by Sian Carrel, Partner, Social Housing and Dispute Resolution, at Spire Solicitors LLP

Everyone wants to feel safe and comfortable in their home, and a dispute with a neighbour can be deeply distressing. You may feel that your right to comfort and safety has been violated and you might not feel content in your own home. This is a particularly unpleasant feeling for anybody to have, and although there are no formal guidelines on how to deal with neighbour disputes, there are a few steps you can take initially to try and resolve them in a quick and friendly manner before they escalate.

A few common disputes include:

Noise

When people live close to their neighbour, a level of noise should be expected and accepted but it is still a very common complaint raised. Noise complaints can vary from loud music playing inside the house to excessive or loud barking from a dog. This can be more disruptive if you share walls with your neighbour such as in terraced or semi-detached houses.

Parking

Many conflicts between neighbours arise as the result of disputes over parked cars, mainly when people park their cars on the road upon which they live. Residents often think they have a right to park in front of their own home, but this is an unwritten rule and it is not always possible. Other road users have the right to park outside your home providing they are not contravening the Highway Code. Another common issue revolving around parking is when neighbours have a shared driveway for access to their houses and people park on these access routes.

Property boundaries

Boundary disputes occur when two people both believe they have the right to a piece of land. They often begin when one person puts up a fence or wall on land which another person thought belonged to them.

The best way to avoid a boundary dispute happening in the first place is to try and firmly establish the boundaries of the land before you change anything. Even work which you do not think

will change anything could lead to trouble if you are not cautious.

For example, if you intend to replace a hedge with a fence, you should bear in mind that a fence will set a far more specific boundary than the hedge did, and this could lead to a boundary dispute if your neighbours do not agree with where you have put it. For this reason, you should never change or add a boundary divider without checking with your neighbours first. In most cases, a simple notification of your intention to the neighbour avoids escalating arguments.



Trees and hedges

Overhanging trees are another common reason for neighbour disputes. If a neighbour's tree overhangs into a neighbouring property, the tree owner should be asked to trim back the tree. If this is not done then the person complaining of the overhanging tree has the right to trim back the tree to the boundary line. However, if you live in a conservation area or the trees are protected by a tree preservation order you'll need to ask your local council's permission to trim or cut the trees. You should also informally talk to your neighbour to let them know of your intentions to trim back the tree branches. The tree branches and foliage should also be returned to your neighbour or disposed of properly with their consent. If you do have trees which may overhang, it is also important that you ensure that they do not have the reach to damage anything on your neighbour's property as this could lead to a nuisance claim.

What is the impact?

Disagreements between neighbours, however small, can fester over time and do lasting damage to your relationships in the long term. That's why we would always encourage you to raise your concerns with one another and find amicable solutions as early as possible.

If you can't resolve a dispute with a neighbour it can really wear you down. This can have a serious effect on your quality of life, especially if it leads to you feeling threatened, isolated or scared in your own home or community, and may even impact a later sale of the property. If this is the case, we would strongly advise you to get some advice.

If you would like to discuss any points in this article further, or are looking for legal advice, please contact Spire Solicitors LLP on 01953 606351.



From my perspective

By Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon

Last month saw the first meeting at the new Council offices at Kett's Park. It was a Planning Committee meeting and served as a kind of 'test run' for our future in-person meetings from now on.

We are fortunate to have a new building which is large enough for us to have Covid restrictions in place but still be able to have meetings without the need to go elsewhere. Some councils around the country, including Norfolk County, are having to hire other venues to host their meetings which can cost thousands of pounds, which of course comes out of public money funds.

With better facilities and the use of technology to display documents on screens, the new Wymondham Council offices are much better suited to a town which now has around 16,000 residents. It also means the Council no longer pays rent on the old building in Middleton Street.

Which neatly brings me to my next topic of discussion, electoral boundaries. Wymondham has so far been kept as a single County division and as such is probably one of the smallest divisions in Norfolk. However with boundary changes now sent for approval by the government, this is set to change in 2025. Wymondham will effectively be split into three and the new division will cover a bigger geographical area.

It means that places such as Whispering Oaks and Becketts Grove will be joined with Hethersett and South Wymondham's new estates will stretch over to join Hingham, Deopham and surrounding areas. The reason why is so that each division then has a population of around 8,000.

In effect it will mean Wymondham will end up with three County councillors but each division will incorporate a much bigger area. District and Town council wards will also change in due course but not until after the 2025 elections.

Meanwhile, elections last month saw three new town councillors elected and it will be interesting to see how they take on their new responsibilities, in particular their stance on planting more trees in Wymondham and their green credentials.

I wrote about Norfolk One Million Trees project in the past and with the government further committing to more tree-planting, I hope our new colleagues will also support Wymondham's green agenda.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those who voted for me in the County elections and the wonderful support I received, it was much appreciated. Though I am disappointed not to have been elected to represent our town at County, I will continue to work hard at Town and District level to serve my community and fight for the best for Wymondham.

Q&A WITH TOBY WHITTACKER-COOK

My name is Toby and I live in Spooner Row. I recently got the chance to host a regular radio show, which was a life-long dream...



How did you get started?

Apart from working in rubbish record shops in London after leaving school in the late 80s, my desire to work in the music business never quite materialised, real life got in the way. So when the chance to host a radio show came about I had to grab it - I guess you are never too old!

What kind of music do you play?

My show is called The Paper Lion Radio Show and goes out on Sunday mornings from 11am on an American-based station called Neighborhood Weekly Radio. I get the chance for an hour every week to inflict my music taste on the world. I mainly feature indie style guitar music, 80s new wave, a sprinkling of reggae and hip-hop, plus a good dose of new releases. Everything from The Cure to Public Enemy and exciting new bands like Cozy Slippers and the wonderfully named Sissy Space Echo & The Invisible Collaborators.

Is the music scene alive and kicking?

For the style of music I play, guitar based indie music, there is no shortage of great young bands. I get emails every day from singers and groups promoting new music and the vast majority is of an excellent standard. As I often say 'the music scene is very safe in the hands of this current generation'.

Which new bands are worth us checking out?

Cambridge-based duo 'Collars' are a good place to start if you like a bit of spikey attitude to your music, their current single *Hey Lizzie Lay it on Me* is causing a stir. They have gigs coming up soon in Bury St Edmunds. If you like something a bit softer then try HOL, her new album *The Chapters* is a mix of great melodies and dreamy pop songs. For the more electronically minded out there try 'fidofridafaunaflora' by Shreddies. His ambient techno is heart meltingly beautiful. Last but no means least is Blonde House, who release some lovely guitar-based tracks, very emotional songs with hints of Radiohead and The Smiths. They are from Indonesia which bizarrely has a very strong indie pop industry. The record labels over there are heavily influenced by the late 80s UK 'C86' bands. (C86 was a compilation tape released in 1986 by the NME and was seen as a turning point in guitar music. You wouldn't have Oasis and Blur without the C86 tape!).

Where can we find your show?

The Neighborhood Weekly Radio site is at <https://neighborhoodweeklyradio.com> for Sunday 11am listening, and if that's too early you can find all my past shows at <https://www.mixcloud.com/paperlion> If there are any local bands out there who want some exposure, please do get in touch via Twitter @PaperLion123.

WHAT'S ON?

Friday 28th May

Quiz
7.30pm, by Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group. Via Zoom
www.facebook.com/wymrsg

Saturday 29th May

Wymondham Fayre
12noon to 8pm, Wymondham Football Club
<https://clearcompany.org.uk>

Sunday 30th May

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
www.youtube.com/channel/UC-egQ30CpJ64aJQYnFvzlcA/live

Sunday Worship - '10 lessons from Joseph: Do you know who you are?' by Paul Smith
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. Via Zoom
www.wymondhambaptist.org

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church. Via Zoom
tgc.2016@outlook.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Thursday 3rd June

Hedgehog Webinar
6pm, by Greening Wymondham
greening.wymondham@gmail.com

Saturday 5th June

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig, with guests The Mojo Preachers
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 6th June

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
www.youtube.com/channel/UC-egQ30CpJ64aJQYnFvzlcA/live

Sunday Worship - 10 lessons from Joseph: Are you willing to wait for God?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. Open open for worship but with restricted numbers, or via Zoom
www.wymondhambaptist.org

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church. Via Zoom
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Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
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Wednesday 9th June

Code Club for Beginners
4pm, via Zoom. For children eight to 12
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Cressida McLaughlin - Author Q&A
8pm, via Zoom. Places limited
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Thursday 10th June

Code Club for Beginners
4pm, via Zoom. For children eight to 12
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Sunday 13th June

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
www.youtube.com/channel/UC-egQ30CpJ64aJQYnFvzlcA/live

Sunday Worship - 10 lessons from Joseph: How big is your God?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. Open open for worship but with restricted numbers, or via Zoom
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Church Service
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Wednesday 16th June

Code Club for Beginners
4pm, via Zoom. For children eight to 12
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Thursday 17th June

Code Club for Beginners
4pm, via Zoom. For children eight to 12
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Saturday 19th June

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig, with guest Ian K Brown
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 20th June

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
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Thursday 24th June

Code Club for Beginners
4pm, via Zoom. For children eight to 12
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Wymondham Youth Music Society
Welcome Evening
6.30pm, Central Hall
info@wymms.org.uk

William of Norwich, by Adrian O'Dell - talk for Wymondham Heritage Society
7.30pm, Fairland Hall
www.wymondhamheragemuseum.co.uk

Friday 25th June

Meet author Mitch Johnson - Schools Event
7pm, by Kett's Books, via Zoom. Free for schools but book ahead
events@kettbooks.co.uk



MARKETS

Every Friday

Charter Market
8am to 5pm, Market Place
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Third Saturday
(19th June)

Farmers' Market
9am to 1pm, Market Place
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WHAT'S ON, continued...

Saturday 26th June

Third Anniversary Dog Show & Open Day
9.30am, Centre Paws
[www.facebook.com/
events/3705815922850425](http://www.facebook.com/events/3705815922850425)

Fete and Fun Dog Show
12noon to 3.30pm, Youth Club Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett
gilliansaunders3@btinternet.com

Sunday 27th June

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
[www.youtube.com/channel/UC-
egQ30CpJ64aJQYnFvzlcA/live](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-egQ30CpJ64aJQYnFvzlcA/live)

Sunday Worship - 10 lessons from Joseph: Do you want to be set free?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. Open open for worship but with restricted numbers, or via Zoom
www.wymondhambaptist.org

Church Service
10.30am, by Wymondham Methodist Church. Via Zoom
tgc.2016@outlook.com

Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopcommunitychurch.co.uk

Wymondham Wellbeing Picnic
2pm to 6pm, Wymondham Rugby Club

wymondhamcommunitypicnic@gmail.com

Wednesday 30th June

Code Club for Beginners
4pm, via Zoom. For children eight to 12
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk Libraries online

Every day

Virtual Just A Cuppa
10.30am, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Tuesdays

Bounce And Rhyme
10am, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Just A Cuppa (Babies & Toddlers)
11am, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Reading Friends
2pm, 6pm & 7pm, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Shut Up and Write
4pm, via Zoom. For young people aged 13-16
www.facebook.com/

[events/356479102243391/](https://www.facebook.com/events/356479102243391/)

Young Reading Friends
4.30pm, via Zoom. For young people aged 13-16
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Wednesdays

Just A Cuppa
10.30am, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Digital Health Hub
12.30pm, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Knit And Knatter
2pm, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Thursdays

Just A Cuppa (Bumps & Babies)
11am, via Zoom
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Fridays

Drop In And Craft
3pm, via Facebook
www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK

To include your event date (online or 'in person') for free, email the details to news@wymondham-mag.co.uk



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