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Welcome to December's issue of *Wymondham Magazine* - and hello to all our new readers who have received the magazine through their doors for the first time! With help and support from Wymondham Town Council, we will now be producing quarterly printed editions, delivered to every house in town. This is in addition to our usual monthly digital issues that you can subscribe to or download for free at www.wymondham-mag.co.uk.

At the time of going to press, lockdown II is due to finish at the start of December, although it's unclear what the restrictions afterwards may be. It's a difficult time for everyone, but what we've learnt this year is that Wymondham is a community that can come together in a crisis. We hope you stay safe and wish you a very Merry Christmas, albeit one that may look a little different this year.

Kate, Editor

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NORFOLK MUST FOLLOW COVID RULES TO HALT RISE IN CASES

As rates of coronavirus in Norfolk continue to rise, with a particular spike in Wymondham in November, Wymondham Town Council would like to draw attention to the following guidelines given by Norfolk County Council, who are urging people to follow the national rules.

At the time of going to press, the rules were to leave home only to shop for essentials; to do essential work, because you cannot work from home; to only carry out essential journeys; for essential education or for essential exercise. You must also isolate immediately if you have symptoms, test positive or have had close contact with someone who has coronavirus - and it is essential to work with NHS Test and Trace and local contact tracing teams to help keep communities safe.

In Norfolk rates of coronavirus increased from 100 per 100,000 in the week to 6th November to 149 in the week to 13th November. The highest rates were in South Norfolk (222) and Great Yarmouth (214). Cases in South Norfolk are thought to be linked to social gatherings in the lead up to the stricter national restrictions coming into effect. Those affected were mainly working age adults.

Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health for Norfolk, said: "It's essential that people stay home as much as possible. It is essential those with symptoms isolate and get a test and it is essential that people work with test and trace teams and give details of their contacts.

"If you've been in contact with someone who has the virus you can't test your way out of isolating - you might be carrying and passing on the virus even if you don't have symptoms or you've had a negative test. It's essential that we all work together to reduce the spread of the virus, so that we can protect our loved ones and our communities."

Dr Smith said those who should be isolating should also try to stay away from other members of their households, if possible, to prevent passing on the virus. She added: "If you have symptoms, you should stay away from other people you live with as much as possible. I know this isn't practical for everyone but if you can avoid sharing beds, using shared spaces and use a separate bathroom if you have one, then that can help you to protect your family."

As national restrictions continue, Covid marshalls or support officers continue to be recruited and deployed across the county. The aim is for them to advise, educate and engage with businesses and members of the public - being the eyes and the ears and reporting back concerns and repeat offenders. They are also doing leaflet dropping and working closely with the police around how to enforce the restrictions.

If you need help and support to isolate visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus or call 0344 800 8020.

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TOWN LIGHTS UP FOR LOCAL SCHOOL WITH FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVE TRAIL

From Sunday 6th December, families will be invited to follow a 'Wymondham Winter Wonderland' trail, organised by the Friends of Browick Primary and Nursery School alongside the Wymondham Town Team.

More than 30 local businesses, homes and landmarks across town are taking part by decorating windows and gardens in festive splendour for this Christmas fundraiser.

The idea for the trail was developed when the Friends found themselves unable to run their usual Christmas fundraising activities, and because the much-loved Wynterfest was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Maddy Edwards, Chair of the Friends of Browick Primary School and Nursery, said: "Facing another lockdown, we knew our normal festive school events wouldn't be able to go ahead. We wanted to find another way to make things feel special in these difficult times.

"Our children enjoy seeing Christmas lights so much, and this way they can incorporate a festive hunt with a bit of exercise within the bounds of any future lockdown restrictions."

Organisers have been overwhelmed with support for the trail, demonstrating the ongoing need for Covid-safe activities for local people to participate in, and a desire to bring the community together. And without wanting to spoil any festive fun, they



are keen that everyone taking part follows social distancing and any other relevant government guidance around COVID-19.

Pauline McMullen, Head of Browick Primary School and Nursery, said: "In these strange times I'm sure that you will be looking for fun, but safe, Christmas activities to do with your children. This is a great opportunity to combine daily exercise with some Christmas spirit and you will be helping the Friends raise money for our school."

Trail maps will be available online and from points in Wymondham (with a suggested donation of £3). Funds raised will go towards the ongoing work of the Friends to support the school. There will be a competition included on the map to win a festive hamper. Visit www.facebook.com/wymondhamwanderland to find out more.

To speak to the organisers, email: browickfriends@gmail.com.

ONLINE TOUR SHOWCASES COLLECTION OF NATIVITY SETS

In view of the fact that most of the usual town festivities are unable to go ahead this year, Georgette Vale of Wymondham Walks and Talks is offering a virtual talk of her Nativity Set display on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm.

The talk, available via Zoom, will showcase over 60 of Georgette's representations of the Nativity, covering history, geography, culture, arts, crafts and bit of drama!

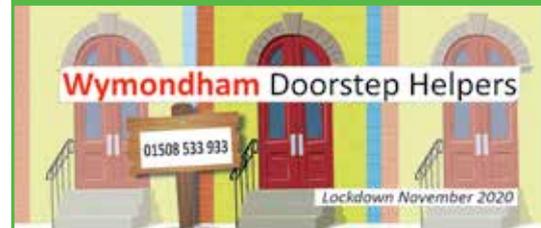


She will also show you how she made many of her own and give you some creative ideas for both adults and children. To book your place email Georgette@ValeMail.eu.

Doorstep Helpers back by popular demand

The Wymondham Doorstep Helpers - brainchild of caring Wymondham residents Chris and Shelagh Cottrell - did a fantastic job of assisting many isolated and clinically vulnerable residents during the first Covid lockdown.

In October with a new lockdown about to start, social media posts appeared asking if the group would be there to help again. Chris and Shelagh needed to step back from the group this time but their friend and member of the original admin team, Town Councillor Annette James, stepped up to resurrect the group.



"I was determined we would be there again to work with South Norfolk Council's Early Help Hub to make sure that any resident needing support would get it. I'm so proud of all the volunteer helpers and my admin colleagues who do all they can to make sure that no one is left alone or unsupported at this difficult time," says Annette.

The group can help by, for example, doing a grocery shop or collecting/delivering a prescription. If you need a hand contact SNC's Early Help Hub on 01508 533933 in the first instance to register your request. The Help Hub will then contact the Doorstep Helpers to find a volunteer to help you.

If you would like to be a volunteer Doorstep Helper, go to their Facebook page and request to join: www.facebook.com/groups/wymondhamdoorstephelpers

More information on South Norfolk Council's Help Hub can be found at www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/south-norfolk-help-hub

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT HELPING PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

The Wymondham Community Outreach Project helps people struggling to put food on the table; support that's even more crucial as the COVID-19 crisis begins to get closer to home. The non-profit, fully-inclusive project based in Wymondham's Roman Catholic Church is staffed entirely by volunteers from the parish and members of the local community. The project has adapted to meet the challenges of this year and continues to offer food and essential clothing to anyone in need.

"We continue to receive tremendous support from Wymondham Town Council, South Norfolk Council and Saffron Housing," project coordinator Arnie McConnell told *Wymondham Magazine*.

"Added to their help, all of the local supermarkets and some businesses have stood steadfast behind our efforts to provide a safety net for those who are struggling with finances. We regularly receive donations of food and money from local families and individuals who want to do their bit to ensure that Wymondham remains a compassionate community."



Jon Betts (right) drops off a donation of food

This year the Outreach Project has received an added boost from another group committed to safeguarding wellbeing in the locality. Jon Betts explains: "The Wymondham Rotary Satellite



A group of Help Point volunteers

Group is delighted to support the important work of the Help Point Foodbank, and it is our Charity of the Year. We know that Christmas is an important time for families and our group have made this donation to help make it that little bit extra special for those less fortunate. After what has been a really tough year for a lot of people it is nice to be able to support our local community."

"I can't say too much at the moment," adds Arnie. "But I understand that what Jon and his team are planning will bring good cheer to a number of children and parents in the area who have been worst affected by these challenging times."

The Help Point Foodbank only accepts food donations in unopened packs and tins on Tuesdays and Saturdays between 11am and 11.45am. Their last drop-in session and delivery day will be Tuesday 22nd December, and they will reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021. The Foodbank is open for those in need on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 12noon to 1pm.

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Letter to the editor...

The pre-Reformation history of Wymondham Abbey is rife with disputes between clergy and parishioners. Some 500 years later, history appears to be repeating itself. Having vacated the old Abbey office to save £4,000 annual rent, the 'word in the street' is that the Vicar and Churchwardens wish to move their office to the Abbey Hall. Built as a community facility, more than 50 years ago, the hall hosts a wide range of community group activities which would be forced to find alternative venues. Among the casualties would be the monthly parish lunches, which a band of volunteers have served to the elderly and lonely in Wymondham for the past 22 years.

The apparent financial motive for the proposed change of use for the hall seems illogical. To save £4,000 the church would lose in excess of £10,000 annual rental income and burdened by a likely additional charge of £3,000 by the withdrawal of charitable rate relief from the District Council.

It is doubtful whether the PCC can legally make the change they propose, since the 2002 Constitution of the Abbey Hall states the Objects as being: 'To foster and promote the opportunities for recreation, competition and education in the local community', and that half of the committee members should not be members of the PCC. A Special General Meeting is required to make significant changes to the role and function of the hall, such changes only being valid by a two-thirds majority vote.

There can be little doubt that the Abbey currently faces severe financial pressure, largely as a result of many in the congregation deciding to transfer their allegiance elsewhere, and others reducing or stopping their donations to indicate their displeasure with changes imposed on the life and worship at the Abbey. At the end of October not one penny of the £107,000 Parish Share, due to the Norwich Diocese this year. Not one other of the 650 parishes in the Diocese has fallen short by such a sum.

Although not a member of the Abbey congregation, I live in Wymondham and have been active in community life here for many years, including 16 years on the Town Council, four as Chairman. Since the appointment of the present Vicar I have viewed with increasing concern a litany of disputes between her and many in her congregation and beyond. The choir no longer wishes to sing at services; many parish officers and volunteers have resigned or been asked to leave their posts; I am told that church artefacts have been moved or have disappeared, apparently without proper procedures being followed.

Perhaps most tellingly, so many complaints were received by the church authorities that an Ecclesiastical enquiry was set up, in particular to examine allegations of bullying of staff. The case remains unresolved because the Vicar has 'failed to engage' with the appointed Conciliator. And now the outreach to many in the town is threatened by closure of a vital community hall. It must surely be time to bring this unhappy saga to an end to restore harmony to both the Abbey congregation and to the community of Wymondham.

Philip Richardson

Wymondham Abbey responds:

This pandemic is such a difficult time for so many people: All churches have faced unprecedented challenges and change. People's lives have been disrupted, it has been difficult for children and their parents, for people who are pregnant and many are facing financial hardship. It has been worrying and isolating for older people. It has become impossible for people to worship in the town's churches and for groups to meet in the myriad ways churches typically support local communities.

The Abbey is constantly assessing ways in which we can help the community of Wymondham. Over the summer we sought to make the Church grounds welcoming and useful as an outdoors meeting place, accessible and uplifting when indoor meetings have been so restricted. We have provided hampers to key workers and offered large amounts of counselling. We have included places for prayer and reflection and are seeking permission to put lights outside during the next couple of months to make the churchyard attractive and inviting for the community even as the days shorten.

As in any parish, the vast majority of pastoral support is not visible to the public eye. There has been increasing need over the past months and the ministry team have worked throughout lockdown to ensure vulnerable and isolated people and others who are struggling are cared for and know they are not on their own with their suffering. We and others have worked uphold the town's people and morale in general. Life is not easy for anyone at present.

The Abbey Hall simply cannot be used due to Government Covid restrictions. We are using this fallow time to tidy up, reorganise and increase the available space in the hall. We are also considering how the hall can be useful to a wider range of people when we are allowed to reopen. It is hoped to offer a "wellness" centre as well as programmes aimed at people with disabilities and challenges that most of us don't face. We are very concerned to support resilience and good mental health in young people and to support people with difficult diagnoses.

It is hoped that we might give the interior of the hall a lick of paint and possibly address the heating system. The Abbey will of course continue to provide for scouts, guides and community projects. Prior to Covid the building was not fully utilised and was often empty for days on end. We now hope to open the hall up to activities that broaden our service to the community. We hope that, when the hall re-opens, it will be refreshed, clean and more attractive, and a location well adapted for changing times, providing more and different opportunities together with the more traditional "church hall" activities.

We understand that a small group of people find this challenging. Rather than embracing any change, they seek to undermine the efforts and work the Abbey is doing to share the love of God and provide support and welcome to the whole of Wymondham. Having to respond to the continuous flow of complaint and misinformation from these people is taking Abbey time away from the people who really need it most.

In these difficult times it is important for the church to consider the needs of all who live here as well as the many visitors. We want to continue to encourage the community of Wymondham to visit the Abbey grounds, especially through the next weeks. There will be things to see and do that we hope will uplift children and people of all ages.

JUNIOR CHOICE RETURNS TO THE AIRWAYS

Christmas is a time for nostalgia and Radio Wymondham is once again giving everyone the chance to indulge on Christmas morning with the return, as a special treat, of 'Junior Choice'.

"We had a live edition of Junior Choice last Christmas Day which everyone seemed to enjoy," says presenter David Mann. "So we thought we'd do it again this year on Radio Wymondham.

"Of course the need to link up with family and friends has taken on an even greater significance during 2020, as we've all faced lockdown restrictions and people haven't been able to meet with their nearest and dearest," explains David. "Many will remember Junior Choice and maybe even its predecessor 'Childrens Favourites' on national radio, and of course we'll be playing some of the old favourites that got played regularly back then - songs like *Sparky's Magic Piano*, *Robin Hood*, *The Runaway Train*, *Hole In The Ground*, *Ernie The Milkman* and *My Bruvver*.

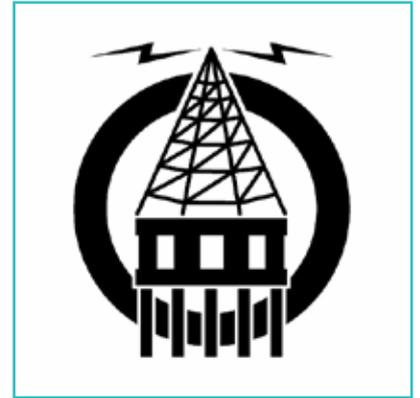
"For older listeners, its not only a nostalgia fest but also a chance to introduce today's generation of children and grandchildren to some songs that they may never have heard before. But of course we won't be ignoring current tastes either. In fact, it's exactly the same mix as used to appear on the original programmes," adds David.

"Having our own local version of Junior Choice means that you've got a much bigger chance of your messages, dedications and requests actually being read out over the airwaves than on a national station.

"And as Radio Wymondham is an internet radio station, it can be heard not just locally, but almost anywhere in the world, so if you've got relatives and friends abroad, they can listen in too and join in the fun! They simply need to log on at www.radiowymondham.com, use the Simple Radio app or one of the other radio streaming services where we're listed, or they can even find us on their Google and Alexa devices."

Requests, messages and dedications for Junior Choice on Christmas morning should be sent by Wednesday 23rd December to david@radiowymondham.com - and don't forget to include your own name and location, as well as those of the people you'd like the dedication for.

The show will air on Radio Wymondham from 8.30am to 11am on Christmas morning - prepare for a feast of nostalgia as you prepare your own Christmas feast!



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CHARITIES IN CRISIS - HOW CAN YOU HELP?

With the current Covid restrictions in place, it's easy to understand why so many charities are finding it difficult to raise money for their vital work. The Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group is continuing to raise money and has been able to provide funds this year to several local charities including the Wymondham Help Point Foodbank and the Norwich Foodbank.

The Rotary Satellite Group is a small, friendly but committed group which meets (currently on Zoom) to plan fundraising events, and they are looking for new members. Find out more by emailing Jon Betts at wymrsg@gmail.com.



HEDGE AT HOME KEEPS ROLLING

Throughout the Covid crisis, Rob Duhig, former organiser of long-term Wymondham musical events Meet in the Hedge and Feathersfest, has been running bi-weekly free online gigs.

"Thanks to modern steam-powered cameras, some old cocoa tins and a very long piece of string, 'The Hedge at Home' managed to keep broadcasting throughout the second lockdown. Every show brings us more viewers, on Facebook and YouTube," says Rob. "The geographical spread of our viewers is mind-numbing, apparently our little Wymondham-based show is now being seen in Spain, the USA and even Nigeria!"

In December Rob will be featuring professional videos sent to the show from around the UK and Ireland in addition to a live performance from local recording artist and poet Kevan Taplin as well as Thea Bergman.

The Hedge at Home can be viewed live via its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome or search Rob Duhig on YouTube for every previous show.

If you would like to appear on the show contact thehedgeathome@gmx.co.uk

Country Market switches venue

Due to Covid restrictions the Wymondham Country Market - in normal times held every Friday at the Ex Services Social Club on Friarscroft Lane - has rarely been able to trade this year.

The market re-opened in March following its normal winter break, and managed two Friday morning markets before restrictions led to closure. Unfortunately, the usual venue is too small to enable re-opening at this time, but the enterprising organising team has decided to hold a monthly market at the Football Club in Back Lane instead. The first was held in October before yet another lockdown ensued.



Fingers are firmly crossed that the planned market on Friday 4th December at the Football Club will be able to go ahead, from 9.15am to 11.30am. It will feature home-baked goodies, homemade preserves and handcrafted items, hopefully including hallmarked silver jewellery for that special present.

WYMONDHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA UPDATE

By Adrienne Cleary

In launching a new series of live concerts, to be played to restricted audience numbers, the Director of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra said: "The darker it gets, the more we need music."

This is a sentiment Wymondham Symphony Orchestra members would certainly echo. After the abrupt ending last March of our being able to come together to rehearse and put on concerts, we were all left feeling absolutely bereft - no longer could we make music in groups. However, our sense of being a community of musicians was kept alive thanks to Zoom meetings and monthly quizzes sent out to everybody. Then suddenly our joy was realised when we were told that getting together in person to make music could restart - in a Covid-secure way of course.

Thanks to an immense amount of hard work from the Committee and in liaison with the Committee of the Central Hall, a Risk Assessment document was drawn up and rehearsals started again on 22nd September, continuing every Tuesday evening for six weeks. Only 30 members were able to rehearse at any one time out of some 50 regular members, so a rota was set up to give everybody a chance of at least attending a rehearsal once a fortnight. We wear masks and observe social distancing and there are other measures in place, but at long last we were able to meet and make music all together - just recently it has been Dvorak Slavonic Dances and his New World Symphony and Brahms, Variations on a Theme by Haydn.

Then the dreaded news that we were going to have to go into a national lockdown again for the entire month of November! Hopefully this will end at the beginning of December, when we plan to get together again for two more Tuesday sessions and play some joyful Christmas music.

NEWS FROM ROBERT KETT SCHOOL

By Cara Fahy, Headteacher

The children at Robert Kett are truly fantastic, so it is my privilege since April 2020 to be captaining the ship with a talented, kind and committed crew to sail through whatever challenges lie ahead in normal school times and extraordinary times.

The Robert Kett motto is 'Achieving Together'. This motto encapsulates the power of the community and how much we can achieve when we work together. It is a vision of a world towards which we all strive. We want to have peace and respect within the world and if we aim to educate upon these guiding principles then the future, by definition, will be better.

I am inspired by this vision and my aim is to discover the unique voice within each child through education. This is the voice that each child will spend their lifetime honing and developing so that they make their contribution to our planet and the global community.

We are proud of our reputation as a friendly, welcoming school and do our best to be approachable, open and understanding. Our school is a thriving community, where staff, parents and governors work closely together to ensure that the children in our care receive the best education and school experience that we can offer.

Our partnership with families is essential in helping to build a clear picture of every child as an individual, and in meeting their social, emotional and learning needs. Children feel safe and secure and have access to a wide range of opportunities and experiences that will shape the rest of their lives. The curriculum we offer does just that.

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Spreading Christmas cheer with hampers from The Hub

Hub Community Project, based at The Hub, Ayton Road, would like to bless people who do not have the financial resources to meet day-to-day needs by offering a free festive hamper this Christmas.

The hamper will be full of all the essential ingredients to enjoy a full Christmas lunch and, this year, including a small gift for each child (up to the age of 10).

If you know of a family who you feel would benefit from the provision of a hamper email their details to info@hubproject.org.uk or call Debbie Rose on 01953 798505 - please include their name, address, telephone, number of adults, age and gender of children and details of any special dietary requirements.

Nominations will be accepted from families within a five-mile radius of Wymondham (including Barnham Broom, Wicklewood and Hethersett).

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RUGBY CLUB HOPING FOR NEW YEAR REBOOT

Wymondham's rugby players are looking forward to a New Year which could see the sport restart after nine months of Covid shutdown. Although the club at Barnard Fields closed again during November's lockdown, the signs are that the grassroots sport will soon be allowed to restart in a new Covid-safe format.

"It will be a fantastic moment when we finally hear that whistle to kick-off again," says Wymondham's club captain Josh Wright. "We've been back at training now since the summer and outside of lockdown everyone's stuck at it and I've been really impressed with the way we've coped - but we need to get back to playing competitive games."

So far grassroots rugby clubs have only been able to play a watered-down 'Touch' format of the game stripped of scrums and tackling.

But the RFU, the sport's governing body in England, is now hoping to get clearance from the Government to restart contact rugby. There are still likely to be restrictions - including rule changes to limit the number of scrums - but the move is seen as vital to prevent rugby losing players to other sports.

Steve Grainger, the RFU's rugby development director, was quoted recently as saying: "My genuine fear is that if we don't have full-contact rugby back by the end of the season, then we've had 18 months and that's potentially catastrophic."

Wright describes the mood at Wymondham as positive and says the club has seen strong turnouts across all age ranges and squads for training sessions. "It's the strangest time I've ever known in the sport and without doubt it's been tough for clubs financially - but one thing we're not short of is enthusiasm.

"It's really striking how everyone still keeps turning out whenever possible and whatever the weather."

The RFU has abandoned the formal league competitions for this season so when the sport restarts it is likely to be with friendly fixtures followed by informal local competitions agreed between clubs.

Covid rules will remain in place with social distancing enforced off the pitch and in the club house.



Contact rugby could soon be restarting at Wymondham's home ground at Barnard Fields.

YOUNG FARMERS OFFER TREE DELIVERY

This year Wymondham Young Farmers club will once again be selling Christmas trees in aid of charity.

However, due to the pandemic they will be delivering trees rather than having their usual weekends selling outside Central Hall - although if restrictions allow they might be selling trees there on Saturday 12th December.

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LOCKDOWN GRANTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local businesses that have been affected by the latest lockdown are being encouraged to apply for support grants from South Norfolk and Broadland District Council. The Councils have two grants available to all eligible businesses within the districts.

Cabinet Member for South Norfolk Council, Councillor Lisa Neale said: "Supporting the local economy is a priority for the Council and it's more important than ever that businesses get the help they need."

Up to £3,000 is available through the Local Restrictions Support Grants for businesses that have had to close under the new national restrictions and are registered to pay business rates.

Additional funding will also be available via the Additional Restrictions Grant to provide further support to businesses over the coming weeks and months. This funding will support some of those businesses impacted by the new national restrictions that won't qualify for the Local Restrictions Support Grant, due to not being rated or not legally required to close.

For more information, visit www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/business-support

LIGHTING UP WYMONDHAM

The Town Team were unable to put up Christmas lights in the town as planned due to lockdown II, but at the time of writing the decorations are out of storage and at Wymondham Baptist Church awaiting installation.

The team is also looking to raise circa £15,000 to fund the replacement of the lights. Says Town Team spokesperson Fran Young: "In the past Wymondham Town Council have match funded our fundraising and we hope they will consider doing so again. We currently have £1,000 in the pot donated by Village People Magazine, Barnham Broom Country Club and Fosters Solicitors, with a commitment from Waitrose Wymondham to continue their support as well.

"We have created a JustGiving Page which will launch very soon - look out on social media to be able to take part. If every single man, woman and child in Wymondham donated just £1 we would easily smash our target and in 2021 you would probably be able to see Light Up Wymondham from the moon!

"In the meantime we can only do our best to Light Up Wymondham in 2020, be assured we will bring some light into the dark winter nights."



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STRANGE LOOKING TRAINS SEEN AT MID NORFOLK RAILWAY

Strange looking trains have been seen operating on the Mid Norfolk railway, despite the railway being closed to public passenger service due to COVID-19 restrictions.

As England entered the new lockdown, rail movements on the Mid Norfolk Railway continued, as the railway's Dereham Station is being used by Direct Rail Services for essential servicing and maintenance for their Rail Head Treatment Trains. These short, strange looking trains with an engine at each end are used to remove leaves from the line during the autumn period and are operating on behalf of Network Rail over the whole East Anglian rail network.

George Saville of the Mid Norfolk Railway said: "We have a close working relationship with Direct Rail Services and we are able to offer them the use of our facilities to carry out the servicing and maintenance that their engines need as they carry out important operation on behalf of Network Rail.

"This does mean that even during lockdown, despite the Mid Norfolk Railway being closed for public passenger services, the railway itself is not closed and there are regular DRS train movements plus our own essential maintenance work that is continuing. As such it is important to remember railways are a dangerous place and that trespassing on the



Mid Norfolk Railway is, like all railways, a criminal offence."

The DRS trains together with the Mid Norfolk Railway's own essential maintenance work does therefore mean that both essential MNR staff together with DRS workers will continue to be seen on the Mid Norfolk Railway and this includes the level crossings.

The use by DRS of the facilities at Dereham station for their Rail Head Treatment Trains is an annual event and is just one of the commercial activities that are carried out by the Mid Norfolk Railway with the wider rail industry. These activities are possible because the Mid Norfolk Railway is connected to Network Rail track at Wymondham, and also the railway has the facilities to load and unload road vehicles at Dereham.

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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS

Wymondham's town centre art studio has announced the winners of their recent design a Christmas card competition.

stART Studio's Sarah Campbell told *Wymondham Magazine*: "A wonderful Christmassy flurry of competition entries came through the studio door these past few weeks from children of all ages. Thank you so much for all who entered. We carefully selected three winners whose designs were super. Paige aged 12 for her modern, pattern printed bauble design, Willa aged six for her carefully painted Father Christmas on his sleigh and Daisy aged 14 for her cheerful and welcoming ink sketch of a snowman."

The three winning designs have been printed and will be on sale for £2 each from stART studio, the Enchanted Willow and The Mad Hatters Tea Shop to raise money for local charities. Adds Sarah: "We will be donating 100% of the proceeds to local charities The Children's Society and the Wymondham Arts Centre. Your ordered cards can be delivered to your door or we are offering a click and collect service every week. Like many independant businesses in the town we are extremely grateful to customers buying local this year."

"Our mini studio gift shop is now online at www.start-studio.co.uk/shop where you can buy creative gifts for the whole family from candle making kits and pottery painting to our new monthly 'Read Create Play' story and craft boxes for little ones.



"If all is safe to do so our timetabled classes will resume on 3rd December and we cant wait to see everyone again."



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STAR THROWERS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Saturday 28th November is the draw date for Star Throwers' Christmas raffle, offering the chance to win a Floral Home Styling Package from Inspired Flower Design worth £500. Tickets are £5 per ticket - buy yours at virginmoneygiving.com/fund/StarThrowersRaffle

LETTERS TO SANTA

Children will be able to send letters straight to Santa this Christmas using a postbox installed at The Enchanted Willow on Market Street, from Thursday 3rd December to Saturday 19th December. The postbox, which is free, is the brainchild of shop owner Nicky O'Grady, with support from the local community. Children who write and post a letter (and leave their name and address) will receive a reply from Santa himself, and will also be given an age appropriate present.

POPPY APPEAL FUNDS RAISED

Poppy Appeal Organiser Ann Rogerson would like to thank everyone for supporting the Poppy Appeal. Ann told *Wymondham Magazine*: "I must thank Mrs Rix for allowing me to use 'Poppa John's' as a pop-up shop. Sadly we had to close earlier than intended due to the second lockdown, but the total so far is £6,600 - much better than expected. Remember you can still donate by going to www.britishlegion.org.uk."

THANK YOU FROM MORRISONS

Donations to the food bank trolley at Wymondham Morrisons have led to 16 crates of food being delivered to the FISH (Fun in School Holidays) project at The Hub. Well done to Morrisons customers who donated during these difficult times. The supermarket has also set up a new

Facebook page called Morrisons Community Champion Wymondham to promote its local causes, including its current toy donation point in-store.

FARMERS MARKET

Stall holders decided not to attend the Farmers Market planned for Saturday 21st November due to a spike in Covid-19 cases in the town. It is hoped that cases will have dropped in order to hold the next market safely on Saturday 19th December.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Wymondham Dementia Support Group provides friendship, warm support and a safe and friendly environment for people living with dementia, their carers and families. Activities are based around café-style meetings at Fairland Hall and Church on Monday and Friday mornings.

There is the chance to catch up over a cup of tea or coffee, with a timetable of activities including table games, arts and crafts, sporting activities, table tennis and indoor bowls. There is also an interactive 'Magic Table' offering a shared game between friends, as well as monthly activities including a popular singing café and a Dementia friendly cinema afternoon.

Volunteering offers the chance to make new friends, learn new skills and help make the lives of people living with dementia and their carers a little easier. For more information visit www.wymondham-dementia-support-group.org.uk

FESTIVE FOOD BANK AT FOOTBALL CLUB

In last month's issue we featured Laura Garwood, who organised a food bank at Wymondham Town Football Club to help feed local families in need during October half term. Laura is planning to open a festive foodbank providing Christmas dinner parcels, to be delivered on Thursday 23rd December. Donations can be dropped off from Friday 18th December between 9am and 2pm, with non perishable items preferred.

FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL FOR 2021

Community events planned for 2020 have been seriously curtailed or cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions. However, planning for next summer is already underway.

A Food and Drink Festival is being planned for Sunday 20th June, to be held in Wymondham town centre.

The event is being jointly organised by Wymondham Rotary Satellite Group and Wymondham Town Team. Bev Bulcock, leader of the organising team, told *Wymondham Magazine* that a number of traders and stallholders had already expressed interest in taking part in the event and local participants would be asked to get involved early in the New Year.

Anyone who wants to help organise the event or to participate as a stall holder can contact Bev by email at bevbulco2@btinternet.com.

NEW BAKERY BUSINESS FOR FORMER DANCER

As a young girl, Megan King attended the associate programme at the Royal Ballet School in London. She then left Wymondham College and went away to Ballet school at the age of 15. After graduating she went on to pursue a career in professional dance, performing in many different countries and theatres.



Megan has always had a passion for baking and has created her own home baking business 'MegsBakes', over the last year. She delivers home baked goodies and celebration cakes straight to home with free delivery to Wymondham. She can also sometimes be found on the Farmers Market. For more information email megsbybakes@gmail.com

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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of 'About Wymondham', which is our first edition since the Spring issue, and our first collaboration with Wymondham Magazine.

I think I can safely say that 2020 will be a year that won't be forgotten for decades to come, and has thrown us many challenges to overcome. The onset of the coronavirus pandemic in February and ultimate periods of lockdown and special measures is an unprecedented event in peace time. I had not expected to be writing to you this Christmas, but Government guidance which prevented us from holding an AGM advised us that the current Town Council administration could continue until May 2021. I am immensely proud to still be Mayor of this wonderful town, and whilst I have continued to chair council meetings and help with the decision-making process, I have been unable to attend many functions in person; in fact, there have been hardly any functions to attend!

Most of our business has been conducted virtually via Zoom meetings, a media platform that not many of us, me included, had even heard of at this time last year.

Everything has been so different this year. No civic receptions, no church services, no Wynterfest, no Vintage Day, no Remembrance Sunday parade, and

no meeting with people in person, which is one part of my role I really enjoy and have missed so much. The few events I have been involved with have been so enjoyable - such as presenting a bouquet of flowers to a lovely lady upon her 100th birthday and presenting a special civic award to a person I have known most of my life, Mr Peter Parke (pictured) the Wymondham butcher who finally made the difficult decision to retire after serving the town for 72 years. What an amazing achievement for both of these people.

As always, I want to thank my fellow councillors and Town Council staff for their support throughout this very difficult year, I really appreciate all the help and guidance provided. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to my lovely wife who has supported me throughout this difficult year.

I am sure we have all experienced a rollercoaster of emotions over this past year, perhaps some loneliness or the loss of a loved one, a sad event that befell our family in April as we lost my very dear father-in-law to Covid-19. But maybe lockdown also gave some of us a chance to experience some well needed family time and perhaps 'reset the switch' and connect with loved ones near and far both at home and by using some of the amazing technology we have at our disposal now.

Christmas is almost upon us again, a time when we reflect upon the last year, look

forward to meeting friends and family and focus upon the year ahead. As we know reflection upon the last year is a gargantuan task that is exponentially difficult this time around. I don't think many of us would know where to begin? At the moment we cannot look forward to mass family gatherings this Christmas, and it is entirely possible that it will be a meeting of only six at any one time, but we can still communicate and send our love and best wishes to each other as we look forward to 2021. I think we are all looking forward to 2021 with hope in our hearts, especially given the promising news that a vaccine against Covid-19 is on the horizon. Maybe normal will return and Christmas next year will see family gatherings again, and the return of going out with friends and family.

I must pay the utmost respect to all our NHS staff, for all they have given, and say a massive thank you to all the volunteers and charitable organisations that helped us navigate through the pandemic. We can all learn from these wonderful people and apply some of their kindness to our everyday lives. Let us keep an eye on our elderly neighbours, perhaps drop a Christmas card through their door with a short message and a phone number beneath the message to let them know they have someone to call on if they need help? If we have some bad weather maybe just helping to put their bin out or clear their path. By doing this we still social distance but we lend that extra helping hand; I am sure they will appreciate your efforts. >

> These acts of kindness can mean so much, especially at Christmas, but take up such a small amount of time. Let us put the bad news stories behind us for a few weeks and look forward to realising the true meaning of Christmas.

I will look forward to the remainder of my term of office, and hope that come the spring time we may be able to begin meeting a few people again. Please take care of yourselves and look out for others. May I take this opportunity to wish every one of you a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a New Year truly filled with hope and optimism.

Cllr Kevin Hurn

Tribute to Michael Armstrong



Michael Armstrong, who became a cinema legend in the local community and much further afield, has passed away at the age of 73.

His cinematic story goes back to 1957 when his parents took over the Queen's Head pub not far from the town's Regal Cinema in Friarscroft Lane. Bert Caley, who ran the Regal, and his wife Dorothy, became friends and from

about the age of 11 the cinema became Michael's second home. He loved to watch the projectionists at work and on Saturday nights he would go and fetch fish and chips for them. He went on to deliver leaflets advertising future attractions and eventually helped with projection. A cinema legend was born. For years he was a great support to Les King, the legendary Regal cinema manager.

The Regal closed in 1993, but Michael was determined to keep its memory alive. Now living in the family's Avenue Road house he had the garage converted into a replica mini Regal, incorporating some fixtures and fittings from the big one, with posters and other memorabilia displayed. And many locals and film lovers from further afield enjoyed screenings and Michael's hospitality. Later after his dear mother Cath passed away the cinema was incorporated into his purpose-built bungalow in Middleton Street. In 2000 a new seat was installed in Market Street commemorating Wymondham's Regal Cinema (1937-1993) and paid for by donations from visitors to Michael's replica cinema. Forties film favourite Jean Kent travelled to the town to officially unveil it and became a good friend of the group, as well as of Michael and his mother. In the same year Cinema City suggested a one-off screening in the old Regal and Michael agreed to help. The film chosen was the Ealing comedy *The Titfield Thunderbolt* and it was such a success that further shows were held – and *The Regal Experience* was born.

Michael, who worked in a solicitor's office, had accumulated a large collection of Regal memorabilia and he put together *The Wymondham Regal Story Exhibition* for the Heritage Museum's 2002 season. It was officially opened by 1950s star Anne Aubrey, while Jean Kent came to view it. A year later Jean was in Wymondham again for the screening of her movie *The*

Woman in Question and at the show Michael was presented with a richly deserved Civic Award for services to local cinema by the then town mayor Martin Wynne.

He was much admired and loved in Wymondham and the wider community.

He will be sorely missed by many.

Work on Neighbourhood Plan gets underway

Having secured the designation of Wymondham as a Neighbourhood Area, the Town Council is pleased to report work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the town and its surroundings is now underway.

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced in 2011 by the Localism Act. They give communities an opportunity to have a genuine say about the future of their area; if they are approved, they become part of the statutory planning policy framework for an area. Many Parishes across Norfolk have already taken the opportunity to prepare Plans for their patch and there are some fantastic examples out there of what creative Plans can do.

Responsibility for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan in this case rests with Town Council, who have assembled a team of stakeholders and community representatives who had their first meeting a few weeks ago. At the moment the team is concentrating on doing background research and collecting views on what people like or dislike about the town.

There will be numerous ways for the community to get involved as the plan is developed over the next few months and the team is committed to ensuring that it can engage and consult as widely as possible whilst adhering to any prevailing Covid restrictions. Right now as part of its research the team has launched an online survey which will be up and running for the next few months to collate community opinions. The survey can be found by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2SGPJJK> or by scanning the QR code at the end of this article. There will be lots of other ways to get involved in the Plan over the coming months that will be publicised in various ways.

Once a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it forms part of the wider Development Plan, which means it must be taken into account when assessing planning applications for new development in that area. Unlike other non-statutory documents that may have been prepared in the past, this means it has genuine weight to influence change. Neighbourhood Plans cannot be used to block development or deviate significantly from adopted strategic policy; but what they can do is help to ensure the local views are genuinely reflected in planning policy and that the local character and individuality of places such as Wymondham are represented.

Preparing a Plan from start to finish is likely to take over a year. We will be updating the community about key steps in the process and how and when everyone can get involved in due course. In the meantime, keep an eye on the town notice boards and the Town Council website for further updates and information.



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. 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 for consultation in the office, or through the South Norfolk Council website, and considered at a council or committee meeting.

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.

Who are your councillors?

As a result of the elections in May 2019, the following have been elected to serve until the next Local Government elections in May 2023 (May 2021 for County Councillors), representing Wymondham on the county (NCC), district (SNC) and or town councils.

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One of the greatest assets of Wymondham is the people in it," says Garry Smith, Shop Coordinator at F W Myhill & Son on Fairland Street. "It is these people who live, work or own businesses in our town that have created what we have, and it will be these people who will build it all back stronger again."

It's been a tough year for everyone, but our local independent shops have particularly struggled. But, as Garry continues: "If everyone in Wymondham purchases just one Christmas present from a local retailer, the benefit to the local economy will be amazing."

Jackie Flatt of Yum Yums sweet shop, who offer a free gift wrapping service for their range of stocking-filler sweet treats, neatly sums up the advantages of shopping local: "Fewer crowds, friendly, personal service and you

are putting money back into the local community."

Shops such as Myhills - whose wicker reindeer are particularly popular festive purchases - and Wymondham Motorist Centre on Market Street - who currently has a range of 3-for-2 offers on gifts and winter safety items - were fortunately able to stay open during the recent lockdown due to their classification as essential retailers.

However, others had to find alternative ways to reach their clientele. Among them were Wymondham's independent clothing shops, all of whom have been providing delivery and click and collect services and offer a more personalised shopping experience.

Fiona Hare of Middletons on Middleton Street, who spent lockdown developing their website, says: "As a family-run business, we will always



go above and beyond to make sure our customers are happy. We really appreciate all of our loyal customers who choose to shop with us, especially with this year being such a difficult one.

"We have lots of amazing gifts, with something available for everyone! Knitwear is always a popular choice, with a range of ladies and men's styles available from brands including Barbour, Gant, White Stuff and more. >



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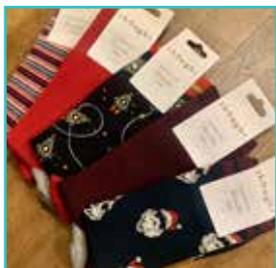


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Michelle Fernandes of Wardrobes on Fairland Street (profiled later this issue), highlights her own top festive picks:



"Our top gift ideas for Christmas are our beautiful collection of sparkly jumpers teamed with our popular magic trousers which stretch with you. Not forgetting our vast array of small gifts. Secret Santa presents and tree presents all £10 and under - necklaces, bracelets, earrings and brooches all in a gift pouch, Christmas scarves and masks, bobble hats and gloves, purses and evening bags."



Kate Harrowven of The Little Boutique, also on Fairland Street, whose top Christmas

gift picks include a G&T Cocktail Teapot Set, Boozy Gin Drink Stirrers and a Foot Warmer Hot Water Bottle, adds "Supporting local businesses not only is helping strengthen and diversify our communities but also supporting our much needed high streets! We are grateful for the support of every sale, and love getting to know our customers personally, ensuring a shopping experience to remember. And who doesn't love a little bit of free gift wrapping?!"

Thinking positive

Gary and Samantha Wootton recently opened Elementals Magickal

Emporium on Market Street, in what was formerly the Griffin coaching inn. The new store is watched over by Ogham the store guardian, a stone Green Man in honour of the building.

The couple have seized an opportunity created by the pandemic. Says Gary: "We firmly believe that in every problem there is an opportunity, you just have to stay positive. In our case, the pandemic adversely affected Samantha's travel business, but this led us to open Elementals the week leading up to Halloween, and has been tremendously fulfilling. We've had amazing support already.

"At Elementals our philosophy is about meeting people, chatting about common interests and sharing stories. This is not possible with online trading or collection services, so we took the difficult decision to close our door during lockdown. We used the downtime to find new and exciting product ranges, especially from local crafters and other smaller enterprises where possible. Our hot chocolate drinks made by Wytchwood Brew are popular winter warmers, or for a traditional winter fragrance, try 'Yule tidings' from Wickham Candles based in Mundesley. Alternatively, make a gift of one of our stunning glass Green Men, also made locally in Norfolk."



Changes and challenges

Making more environmentally conscious choices when shopping is a trend which is continuing to grow in importance. Luckily for Wymondham, the town has its own eco-friendly food and drinks store on Market Street, encouraging people to re-fill old containers to purchase their cupboard staples and even wine and spirits!

Owner Chris White explains: "We started our business over 10 years ago and since then we've seen a lot of changes and challenges. Now as Reno Refills Limited it's amazing to see how

many regular and new customers from in and around Wymondham continue to visit. Our aim is to offer people the choice of a more environmentally friendly shopping experience and it really does seem to have been successful.

"We always look forward to the Christmas shopping and this year Reno is again stocked up with plenty of goodies for the festive season. We have a large range of cheeses on the deli, plenty of wines on tap, and a great range of home comforts to help pamper yourself - we all need it after the year we've had!

"The new Reno Refills website is now available for online orders for local or national delivery and we're continuing to list more of our products to make shopping from home an easy option too."

Ebony, a furniture and interiors shop found on Damgate Street, is also planning to launch a new website in the new year, and in the meantime shop owner Tricia Hinton has been concentrating on festive shop window displays as well as updating her social media pages with new items for sale.



"People have been very supportive and I'm sure they will continue to do so - social media seems to be the way at the moment. We all have more time and the support for local businesses is definitely there. We know our customer by names and some become friends.

"We all need the support now more than ever as I'm sure the new year will bring some very difficult times for a lot of businesses. I do hope people continue to shop locally and to support us as without them over the last six months we wouldn't be here now."

This Christmas, why not avoid putting more money into the pockets of retail giants and discover the shops on Wymondham's doorstep - the town's retailers, both in person and online, will be sure to give you a warm welcome and help you find that extra special festive treat.

A HAUNTINGLY GOOD CHRISTMAS



Wymondham Heritage Museum is always closed on Christmas Day. But could it be that on December 25th it is still filled with the spirit of Christmas? Or should that be the spirits of Christmas? Local paranormal group Chasing the Spirit have held two investigations at the museum and made contact with some Bridewell ghosts of Christmas past.

First there was Tess, a young girl whose mother was imprisoned for murdering her husband. Then they met Bob and Dick, jailed for stealing. On a second visit, Dick was there again with a World War I soldier who was searching for his rifle. Finally, there was a disgruntled gentleman complaining he couldn't find his tobacco tin with some change in it.

Well, suppose these spiritual inhabitants of the museum get together each year for a spooky Christmas Day. There are plenty of goodies in the museum for their festive celebration.



It may not be traditional fare but a trip to the museum's Damgate Stores, the recreated 1930s grocery shop, will provide them with treats to lay on a spread in The Bridewell Tearoom – if they've got the stomach for it.

For a festive toast, a bottle of Cheerio Coronation Champagne, produced for the crowning of King George VI. Okay it's non-alcoholic, but the shop doesn't serve spirits.

Burglars Bob and Dick might like to raid the biscuits. Some well-known names to choose from; Cadburys Chocolate biscuits, Huntley and Palmers Marie and Cornish Wafers. A selection of toffees including Mackintosh's Toffee De Luxe and Sharp's Kreemy Toffee – no need to worry about pulling fillings out of ghostly molars.

And for young Tess some good old chocolate favourites from the likes of Frys, Caley's and Rowntrees.



Wash it all down with a cup of Camp Coffee, Bournville Cocoa or Lyons Tea. For kettle and a teapot, they can pop next door to The Little Dustpan, the museum's recreation of a Victorian hardware store. Here they can also get crockery, and some candles to add a bit of atmosphere.

The ghost looking for his tobacco tin might like a post lunch puff on a cigarette. There was no Government health warning on packs of Kensitas, Craven A, Capstan or Player's Weights.



And if they overindulge and have a touch of ghoulish tummy, a dose of Fynnon's Salts would be good for the soul.



They could walk it off - take a bit of exorcise - with a swirl around the Courtyard Garden, formerly the prisoners' exercise yard.

For entertainment, a haunting melody on the Tearoom piano or a singsong: "I 'aint got no body".

Drop a coin in the wishing well. I wonder what spirits might wish for. Reincarnation?

Then some games. A round of supernatural poker with the playing cards the female prisoners in the 19th century made from pages torn from the bible. Brings a whole new meaning to laying your cards on the table and saying: "I'll see you". Do ghosts play charades? Perhaps they call it "apparitions". It'd be dead easy to guess the answers though, see right through them. When the imposing longcase clock in reception strikes the witching hour, the party will break up and they'll all go back to their old, er... haunts.

Hopefully, the museum will be open to visitors again next year and you can see all these things our friends from the nether world had to enjoy for their Christmas Day. And when you enter the tearoom, you may just feel a shiver run down your spine...



Tales from the POTTING SHED

Hello Ole Partners, There's not much going on in the garden this time of year but there are a couple of things you can attend to.

- Prune apple and pear trees. Aim to take off around 10-20% of the whole canopy and try to take out a bit of old wood each winter to stimulate new. Try to keep the tree's centre open which will allow more light in to ripen the shoots and fruit. Plum and cherry trees are best pruned in July by the way.
- Give your lawn a final raking to remove debris. If you have recently dressed the lawn with hormone weedkiller do not place the debris on a compost heap. If you haven't already done so use a good garden fork to aerate the lawn by inserting the prongs to their full depth all over it.
- Good Christmas presents for gardeners include sturdy gardening gloves (you can never have enough pairs), a kneeling pad, garden twine and plant labels. Personally, I never liked receiving seeds as I preferred to choose my own.

We are coming up to Christmas so I thought I would tell you a bit about working in the Norfolk turkey industry. In my day poultry rearing provided a much-needed income stream for many families, including mine.

The Attleborough turkey sale took place every year in October. My two uncles, Snowflake and Ernest, reared turkeys and took 100 or so to the sale. These birds would have been too large to sell easily at Christmas so they sold them on and bought 100 smaller ones instead to rear to sell for the Big Day's lunch table. The turkey sale took place on what is currently the site of the St Edmunds Care Home in Surrogate

Street and the auctioneers were the now defunct local Attleborough firm of Salter Simpson. The sale day was treated like a Bank Holiday among the farming community.

As a young man I used to go with my father Elijah to help pluck Christmas turkeys for various farmers. I felt I was privileged, as a relative newcomer, to be allowed to 'stump' (remove the short feathers) of the turkeys. For nigh on 24 years, starting in 1959, I went to Manor Farm at Wattlefield to pluck Christmas turkeys. Bernard Matthews had hardly started in business then. The latter part of the time, the late 1970s/early 1980s, I earned £4 per hour, which was a right good wage for the time. My earnings paid my rates [council tax] for the year and made it well worth doing the extra hours on top of my regular day job as a shepherd. Sadly, though, I don't recall ever receiving a free turkey as a reward for my labours!

Another job was to find the turkey eggs which were laid up at the farm's edges. These could be placed under sitting hens and hatched. This required lots of hens so the price of a good hen rose and gave the local cottagers who had a few to spare extra income. Local gamekeepers pushed the price of a good sitting hen up even further as they wanted them to hatch out their gamebird eggs. Being a good shot and - although licensed to kill game legally - a very proficient poacher, I was always



happy to know the gamekeepers had plenty of young birds coming along for me to 'acquire'!

Elijah was a professional poultry plucker and was always overwhelmed with requests at Christmas to kill and pluck his neighbours' poultry. Once plucked he would hand the birds over to my mother Florence who prepared them for the oven. It was my job, as a child and teenager (the late 1930s) to put them in my little handcart and deliver them back to their various owners. Some would give me a tip of a few old pennies and, bearing in mind that in those days one shilling (5p today) would buy a huge amount of sweets, I was always well set up for Christmas and beyond.

This extra seasonal income allowed my parents to buy me and my younger brother Alec a few additional Christmas treats. My mother never wasted anything and would carefully iron the festive wrapping paper our presents were in ready to reuse the following year. I suppose today she would be seen as a recycling queen.

These are challenging times for all of us and, for some, they will be very hard indeed. I wish you all the Merriest Christmas possible and I hope we have a much Happier New Year.

Until next time, moined 'ow yer go.

Owen

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 at RKC with help from his Wymondham town councillor daughter Annette.

An update from



Star Throwers

Holistic Cancer Support Charity

By Victoria Pigg, www.starthrowers.org.uk

We would like to send season's greetings and our best wishes to our wonderful Wymondham community. It has been a very different year for everyone and this was also felt by us at Star Throwers. We have greatly missed all our supporters, volunteers and visitors to the Star Throwers centre but please be assured that we are still here to support you and your loved ones affected by cancer at this time. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us with donations for our shop, fundraising efforts and general messages of support – these gestures have been invaluable to us.

Our support services

If you have received a cancer diagnosis or are supporting someone who has been affected by cancer, we are still here to support you and have a range of services available at this time, including cancer information sessions, counselling support, nutrition support, fatigue management sessions, Reiki sessions and Yoga. Our support is free of charge and open to all those affected by cancer.

Supporting Star Throwers

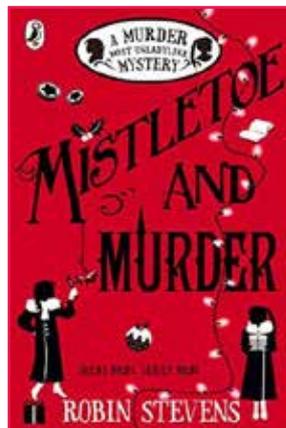
We have lots of fundraising initiatives for you to help support our work:

- We are currently crowdfunding to raise funds to continue to provide our online cancer nutrition sessions, visit www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/online-cancer-information-sessions
- We are very grateful that we will benefit from the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund from 25th October for 12 months. If you are a member choose us as your 'cause', sign up online: www.coop.co.uk/membership
- Take a look at our ebay shop, we are adding new products daily and there is a brilliant selection of clothes, book, antiques and our 'Bargain Boxes' – 10 items of clothing for just £15!
- Christmas cards – we have Christmas cards available to buy for click and collect including a new design this year of a snowy centre.
- Face coverings – contact us to buy one of our beautiful face coverings made by Belinda Key for just £3.

By Freddy Lowe

BOOK REVIEW

Mistletoe & Murder By Robin Stevens



As far as cosily written, suspenseful, gripping, and ultimately feel-good YA Christmas literature, you can't go far wrong with Robin Stevens's delightful festive mystery novel *Mistletoe and Murder*. Though book five in a series, it contains no spoilers for previous mysteries, nor any glaringly unexplained plot points for which one would have to have read the previous instalments. It stands perfectly as a standalone – thank goodness, for otherwise you would be missing a treat!

Set in 1935 Britain, this is an instant blast from the past for the nostalgic, as the opening chapter takes us to the Fitzbillies tea rooms in Cambridge. The action proceeds to take us to the fictional 'Maudlin College', an affectionately tongue-in-cheek reference to the so-pronounced Magdalene College, Cambridge (although, as the foreword points out, there exists also a Magdalen College, Oxford, also pronounced 'Maudlin'). Readers who, like me, have spent some time in this phenomenally atmospheric building shall feel right at home as the characters explore marvellous areas such as the Great Hall and the mysterious stairwells.

Nostalgia aside, teenagers or whodunnit-loving adults will be equally sucked in by the first line: "No-one is dead – yet," said Daisy darkly." This line is of course deliberately hyperbolic, as we discover the charm of Daisy's nature later on in the book. We then meet Daisy and her narrating friend Hazel, two early teen schoolgirls who have dubbed themselves 'The Detective Society', having set themselves up as amateur detectives. Of course, the festive peace does not last long (though it does return!) as crime strikes the College just two days before Christmas.

Our story from there takes us along with characters such as Bertie, Daisy's oh-so-loveable brother, Donald and Chummy, two brothers in line for an inheritance (you can see where this is going...), and (above all) Alexander, trapped in an arduous love triangle with our two female heroes.

For those who have particularly suffered in 2020 and love to escape into a middle-grade, cosy, mystery novel, this book is perfect: it has all the aspects which make Christmas stories great. Merry Christmas, readers of *Wymondham Magazine*, and a Happy New Year!



From my perspective

By Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon

One of the things the Covid emergency affected in terms of Wymondham Town Council were plans to put together a steering group which would look at producing a local Neighbourhood Plan for the town. Thankfully this project has now started up – via virtual Zoom calls for now – and as part of their responsibility, the Council has sought to find people in the community who can contribute to putting a Plan together.

You may be wondering at this point what is a Neighbourhood Plan, why does Wymondham need one and what good does it do? Putting together a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) allows for local communities to shape the future of our local spaces, developing guidelines for statutory planning. It means when planning matters are discussed, consideration has to be given to the NP in any decisions made. In other words, they help to shape, promote and inform development over the medium to long term future of an area.

A definite positive to having a NP is that the Town Council would receive 25% of new development Community Infrastructure Levy funding (money paid by developers to the Council and therefore the local community) instead of the 15% it would usually receive without a NP. This money can then be used by the Town Council to invest in local projects.

Invitations were sent to various people active in the community to join the group prepared to commit time to the project. This means the steering group has a cross section of views and opinions to put forward. The group currently includes a number of councillors and many more non-Council connected people. This is as it should be as this initiative will draw more heavily on the knowledge and experience of people living in Wymondham.

To facilitate the process the Council has also employed a company with specialised knowledge of putting together a NP and over the next few months, the steering group will work with them to produce the NP for Wymondham. While it often feels like development ignores local wishes and apprehension, having a Neighbourhood Plan will mean the statutory authority for planning, in this case South Norfolk, will have to consult Wymondham's NP to make sure it adheres to the local policy. There are already a number of other local councils also going through the same process and we are one of hundreds of Plans being drawn up nationwide.

Before a NP is adopted, there will be a vote on the proposals but that is for the future. For now, the steering group will have regular meetings to help shape the future for Wymondham and in doing so, secure more revenue for the area.

Further information including Wymondham's application for producing a Neighbourhood Plan, can be found on the South Norfolk District website: www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans

JOIN WYMONDHAM'S FOOD WASTE FIGHT

By Nicola Maunders, Greening Wymondham



Christmas is a time when we all like to celebrate with lots of scrumptious food and drink. But did you know that every year, here in the UK, we throw away five million Christmas puddings, two million turkeys and 74 million mince pies? Christmas excess comes at a cost – not just to your pocket and your waistline but also to the environment!

At Christmas, we tend to buy more than we need because we have a fear of running out. Sometimes we don't know what to do with leftovers so we end up throwing food away. This increases the amount of greenhouse gases produced, which raises the temperature of our planet. It might not seem like it, but throwing food in the bin can affect climate change.

So here are some ideas to help you reduce your Christmas waste:

- Clear out your freezer at the beginning of the festive season to make space for leftovers.
- Plan your meals to enjoy over the holiday. Make a list and stick to it! Only buy what you need. If nobody likes sprouts, don't buy them! One in seven consumers admit to buying more food than they need. Reduce your stress levels and save money at the same time.
- If you do buy food 'just-in-case', check the dates. Food can be eaten up to the end of the 'use by' date. The 'best before' date is just a guide: food may lose some flavour and texture after this date but can still be eaten. There is one exception: never eat eggs after the 'best before' date.
- Families often get together and share a meal. Consider organising a 'bring-and-share' meal where each person contributes a dish. This prevents one person from buying too much food. It's a great way to share leftovers and encourages everyone to avoid waste, particularly if you insist on people taking home a goody bag!
- Storing food carefully can give your food days, weeks or months of extra life. Keep your fridge below 5°C and avoid overcrowding. Wrap food before storing in the freezer and label with the name of the food and the date.
- Love your leftovers. They last for two days in the fridge or can be frozen to eat another time. Any leftover fresh produce can be used in tasty soups and snacks. Be creative: make up new recipes or mix-and-match with other dishes.

So, eat, drink and be merry this Christmas (but not in a wasteful way!) Wishing you all the very best for the festive season.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Wardrobes

Fairland Street, Wymondham

Wardrobes, a small ladies boutique which celebrates 22 years of business next year, is a must-visit if you want to find something different from the big stores. Owner Michelle Fernandes tells us more...



A little secret is to be found at 20 Fairland Street, Wymondham!

It is full of lovely tops, jumpers, cardigans, dresses, tunics, trousers, jackets, wraps and ponchos in spectacular colours, as well as accessories - hats, gloves, scarves, bags and jewellery. This time of year it is a fabulous place to find a large array of gifts, tree presents and secret Santa presents for £10 or less, as well as that special Christmas present or just a treat for yourself.

Those of you in the know find Wardrobes greets you first by a magnificent window display and then a warm welcome from the staff. We are here to help but are not pushy and aim to give an honest opinion.

Wardrobes was established in July 1999 and celebrates 22 years of business in 2021. No year has brought the stress and trials of 2020 with the dreaded COVID-19. Small independent businesses rely on footfall and cash flow and with two major lockdowns this year things have been extremely challenging.

Our new Winter and Christmas collection had just been purchased when Wardrobes was forced to close the doors for the second time this year. One of the most frustrating things was to sit back and watch supermarkets and other large retailers continue to trade and sell goods which are available in the small independent retailers who had been forced to close.

Not to be beaten, Wardrobes offered a 'click and collect' service, free local delivery in Wymondham or post and packaging for those further afield. We are a great believer in social media and every day, including during lockdown - we post videos, pictures and special offers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The ever-famous window displays continue to be changed once a week showcasing the variety and colour of everything available inside.

We are under no illusion that the success of Wardrobes is down to our loyal customer base, several of whom have been visiting the boutique from day one and have become friends as well as customers. Customers

are rewarded with a loyalty card and receive a 'stamp' for every £25 spent in store - and when the card is full with 10 stamps receive a 10% discount on their next purchase. Double loyalty point days are regularly advertised via social media.

Customers are also rewarded with two genuine sales a year - everything goes in the sale and goods are not bought in just for the sale. We also only purchase one of each colour of any style with the exception of 'staple' items such as our fabulous magic trousers! This ensures that there is a constant change of stock and always something new for customers to browse and try on. If you see it in the window and want it, get in quick! Private evenings can be arranged for a minimum amount of people (subject to government guidelines during Covid) including a glass of bubbly and nibbles - ideal for those ladies who work during the day.

Our only frustration is that there is a distinct lack of support from the vast array of large estates around the town and we hope that the householders visit Wymondham to see what they are missing on their doorstep.

So come along and support our lovely boutique. We are COVID-19 compliant, social distancing is carried out and if you haven't got a mask, there is a variety to choose from, including some glitzy and Christmas ones too.

We really need your support to continue not only at Wardrobes but for all our lovely independent retailers and businesses in Wymondham. We do not have the finances to fall back on like the major businesses and chains do. This year will be make or break for many of us and Wardrobes really hope that we will make it through and continue to be here for you in 2021 and beyond.



HOW TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY TRANSACTION MOVING

Written by Ian Taylor, Associate Solicitor at Spire Solicitors LLP

If you're in the process of moving home or are looking to put your property on the market, you may be wondering how the Covid pandemic will affect your property transaction.

Following the announcement of the stamp duty 'holiday' back in July, the UK has seen a great boost to the property market. With the deadline of the 31st March 2021, it is expected conveyancing services will continue to be in high demand well into the new year. If you are a First Time Buyer, you will still be exempt from paying any SDLT up to £300,000 after the 31st March 2021, which gives you more time to find the perfect home.

To help keep your property transaction moving, you may want to consider the following:

1. Organise paperwork - the paperwork at the outset of any house sale or purchase is significant but getting it right can help prevent hold-ups further down the line.

If you are selling your property, your conveyancer will provide you with a Property Information Form and Fixtures & Fittings List to complete. There is a lot of detail requested here but you will be asked to provide, where relevant:

- Planning permission for any work carried out in, say, the last 10 years
- Building Regulations completion certificates for alterations
- Guarantee (warranty) certificates for roofing work or equipment



- Up to date boiler service checks

- FENSA certificates for new windows

If you do not have these documents, copies are usually obtainable from the relevant authorities for a small fee. If you get your paperwork in order right at the start, even before you've found a buyer, this will help in the long run.



2. Title Deeds - whilst most properties are now registered electronically at Land Registry, it is advisable to keep any old deeds, if you have them, as they may contain information that does not appear in the Land Registry records, for example any rights, covenants or plans. In some cases, the title may not be registered and, if this is the case, it is vital you know where your deeds are.

3. Finances - if you are buying a property, you will need to arrange your mortgage, deposit or other finance in good time. Your conveyancer will request some money on account for search fees with the remaining amounts due at the point of exchange and completion.

Whilst your conveyancer will be trying to keep your property transaction moving as quickly as possible, it is likely there could be delays along the way, especially if anyone involved in the process needs to self-isolate. Things may naturally take a little longer than usual, but all will be trying to do their best for you.

Here at Spire Solicitors LLP, we are managing our new instructions in order to maintain the high level of service to our clients. If you would like any more information or need a quote for buying or selling a property please contact Spire Solicitors LLP Wymondham office on 01953 606351.



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WHAT'S ON?

Sunday 29th November

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
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Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk/sundays

Tuesday 1st December

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

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

Young Reading Friends
4.30pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Reading Friends
7pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Wednesday 2nd December

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

Brick Building Club
4.30pm, via Facebook Live. By Wymondham Library
www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies

From Thursday 3rd December

Christmas Postbox
The Enchanted Willow
www.facebook.com/theenchantedwillowflorist

Friday 4th December

Country Market

9.15am to 11.30am, Wymondham Town Football Club

Saturday 5th December

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig, with Kevan Taplin
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

From Sunday 6th December

Wymondham Winter Wanderland Trail
Trail maps available online and in town
www.facebook.com/wymondhamwanderland

Sunday 6th December

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
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Tuesday 8th December

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Reading Friends
7pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
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Wednesday 9th December

Knit And Knatter
2pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
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Sunday 13th December

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
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Sunday Service Livestream
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www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk/sundays

Tuesday 15th December

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Young Reading Friends
4.30pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
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Reading Friends
7pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Nativity Sets Virtual Talk
7pm, from Wymondham Walks and Talks, via Zoom
Georgette@ValeMail.eu

Wednesday 16th December

Knit And Knatter
2pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
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MARKETS

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

Farmers' Market
9am to 1pm, Market Place
01953 603302

WHAT'S ON, continued...

Brick Building Club
4.30pm, via Facebook Live. By Wymondham Library
www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies

Saturday 19th December

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhi with Thea Bergman
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 20th December

Sunday Service Livestream
9.30am, by Wymondham Abbey
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Sunday Service Livestream
10.30am, by Hope Community Church
www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk/sundays

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4.30pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
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Reading Friends
7pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Wednesday 23rd December

Knit And Knatter
2pm, via Zoom. By Norfolk Libraries
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Sunday 27th December

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

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

Dates and times correct at the time of publication, but information subject to changing coronavirus guidelines.

Check New Opening Times

Wymondham Community Help Point



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Tel: 01953 603104

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Tuesday 12pm-1pm and Saturday 12pm-1pm

When you visit us, please wear a mask, observe social distancing and bring some carrier bags.



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