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WYMONDHAM WELLBEING PICNIC IS HERE!

Welcome to July's issue of *Wymondham Magazine*, where we are celebrating the return of community picnics! This Sunday is a new Wellbeing Picnic at the Rugby Club, and later this month sees the return of the popular Jazz Picnic at Becketswell. Both are great opportunities to get together again as a community and enjoy a bit of entertainment - in a Covid-safe way. It's so good to read about upcoming in-person events again - we've missed them! It's also nice to see our town looking blooming marvellous once more - good luck to everyone participating in the Wymondham in Bloom competition.

As ever, we welcome hearing your news and views, so do get in touch with us at news@wymondham-mag.co.uk to be included in a future issue.

Kate, Editor

On Sunday 27th June a free picnic and wellbeing event is being held at Wymondham Rugby Club from 2pm to 6pm. The organisers (Mark, Manda, Sue and Willow) are aiming to raise money for Norfolk charity Nelson's Journey (who support bereaved children), as well as showcase various Wymondham community groups and the many different ways people can find support for their wellbeing.

People are encouraged to bring their own picnic food and rugs/chairs to enjoy the whole afternoon, but everyone is welcome to pop along just for an hour or two to browse the community and wellbeing stalls or visit the book, cake, tombola and plant stalls.

There will be various activities on offer during the afternoon including pottery painting, massage and relaxation tasters, an opportunity to see items from our local museum and mini games.

The Rugby Club bar will be serving hot and cold drinks and an ice cream van is booked. There will be musical entertainment from John Beckett, PapaJam and Fezziwig Ceilidh Band.

There are about 25 groups and services who will have stalls at the event - at the time of going to print these included:

Nelson's Journey, Wymondham Dementia Support Group, Wymondham Heritage Museum, Wymondham Rugby Club Wellbeing Group, Cup O-T Therapy Van, Miraculous Me, Hidden Capacities, Mums Empowerment Movement, Wymondham in Bloom, The Shed, Hedgehog Haven, The Orange Grove, Wymondham U3A, Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper, South Norfolk Community Connectors, NSFT Recovery College, Better Together Norfolk, NHS Wellbeing Service, Slow Theatre Company, StART Studio, Luminary Coaching and AH Wellbeing.

Mark Ahier, one of the picnic organisers, says: "We've been touched by people's generosity, with many people donating books and baking cakes to support our fundraising for Nelson's Journey. Many of the groups attending on the day and local businesses have donated prizes for our tombola, silent auction or are sponsoring part of the event.

"There is plenty of outdoor space for everyone to be able to stay socially distanced at the Rugby Club, which is at Barnard Fields, Bray Drive, Wymondham NR18 0GQ. It's accessible by foot or bicycle and there is plenty of car parking. Please don't bring your pets, as dogs are not allowed on site."

The event ends at 6pm, after which visitors are welcome to stay on at Wymondham Rugby Club, where the bar will remain open until 10pm. The Rugby Club will be running a barbeque from around 5pm.

For more information on the event, visit www.facebook.com/wymondhamwellbeingpicnic or to learn more about Nelson's Journey visit <https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk/>

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DOG SHOW GOES ON THIS SATURDAY

Centre Paws Norfolk will hold its third anniversary dog show and open day on Saturday 26th June at the venue on the Barnham Broom Road as planned, despite full lockdown lifting being delayed. Current stage 3 restrictions still allow for animal and pet shows to take place and because it meets all the guidance owner Kathryn Cross said it is still going ahead.

"I've been reading and re-reading all the guidance to make sure everything is above board," says Kathryn. "Some outdoor events up to 4,000 people have actually been allowed since April 12 if they can still put in Covid-safe measures, which we can."

"Visitors will not be converging in one place but can spread out around the field, even in the show ring because our field is huge, we won't be exceeding the venue capacity, and people are expected to come and go throughout the day rather than all at one time which ticks all the boxes. So there is no reason why people can't have a great fun day out with their dogs."

There will also be stall holders selling a range of doggy delights and crafts, and some rescue charities with tombolas and games, plus Canine Dip & Dive Wymondham will offer have-a-go swim sessions in the afternoon. DB Dog Training will also offer have-a-go use of the agility equipment, under their guidance, and new resident fitness instructor Georgina from Green Dragon Fitness will be offering some of her training equipment for visitors to play with.



The Raw Dog Food Company, which has a click-and-collect point at Centre Paws, will have samples for dogs to try and will be answering questions about raw feeding, while Sam from the Centre Paws Pet Spa will be doing grooming demonstrations and selling grooming equipment and accessories.

Refreshments will be provided by the Blackberry Tearoom, which will have its usual fantastic range of homemade cakes, biscuits, drinks and of course pupcakes, as well as a barbecue. And Luca Pizza will be setting up his new pizza van, a converted horsebox, to sell his freshly made authentic Italian pizza.

The show opens at 10am with judging from 11am. Anyone wanting to enter a class, or classes, can do so on the day at the secretary's tent beside the ring - £2 per class. A raffle will also be raising money for animal charities.

Mrs Cross adds: "We've got some fantastic local businesses supporting the event as class sponsors and with prizes and we are really grateful to every one of them. All we need is a bit of sunshine and we will have a fantastic day."

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ENJOY AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AT JAZZ PICNIC

Despite the delay in removing Covid restrictions the Jazz Picnic on Saturday 24th July at Becketswell Meadow will go ahead as planned. Gates open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start to entertainment by the DixieMix jazz band. Bring a picnic and chairs (but, please no barbecues), or sit on the grass to enjoy three hours of lively trad jazz from this popular group.

Entry is free, but there will be a voluntary collection for local charities at the end of the concert to supplement two tombola stalls manned by Wymondham Lions club members.

For those who cannot walk to the site a taxi shuttle service will operate from Central Hall from 5.30pm. There is limited space for disabled vehicles on the meadow. Please minimise car traffic on Becketswell Road, which will be busy with pedestrians.

Toilet facilities will be provided on site. There will be coffee and ice cream stalls and, in case of medical emergency, St John's Ambulance staff will be in attendance.

Although by 24th July Covid restrictions may be lifted, precautions to minimise spread of the virus will continue at this event. Please do not attend if feeling unwell or clinically vulnerable. Hand sanitiser will be available at various points across the site, and stewards from Wymondham Rotary Club will patrol to give advice on social distancing and to ensure everyone keeps safe. Toilets will also be inspected and cleaned regularly.



At the end of the evening everyone is asked to take their rubbish home with them.

All costs of the evening have been generously sponsored by local business, and grant aid has been given by Wymondham Music (successor body to the Wymondham Music Festival which used to run this event annually for many years). Fosters Solicitors are main sponsors with other sponsorship from Chapelfield Veterinary Partnership, Money Properties, Silfield Pitch and Putt and Chestnut Nursery School in addition to some private supporters.

People attending for the first time should know that Becketswell Meadow is across the River Tiffey from Wymondham Abbey and opposite the heritage railway line to Dereham.

There are two entrances for pedestrians - from Becketswell Road or from Whitehorse Street. The concert will end at 9pm.

MID NORFOLK RAILWAY ANNOUNCES DELAY TO REOPENING

The Mid Norfolk Railway has announced that, as a result of the latest Government Covid-19 announcement, the reopening of the railway for public passenger service will now be delayed until Saturday 3rd July.

Explaining the delay Charlie Robinson, the Chairman of the Mid Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust, said: "The Trust Council has sadly decided that the railway must postpone our reopening until 3 July. This was not a decision we have made lightly and we understand it is disappointing for our passenger and indeed our members and working volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to reopen.



"The Trust Council however recognises that we want to be able to put on a service that meets the expectations of our passengers and is also safe for them and our own staff. All Heritage railways are different and at this current time we will find it extremely difficult to deliver the level of service that we would want to provide to our customers due to the nature of our stations and our rolling stock."

The railway will now be completing some additional Covid-19 precautions in line with Government requirements before reopening. The initial service will be a steam-hauled train using the newly refurbished Maroon liveried heritage coaching stock.

JAZZ PICNIC with DIXIEMIX

Saturday 24th July 6 p.m to 9 p.m

on

Becketswell Meadow (NR18 9PH)

Free entry (voluntary collection)

Tombola

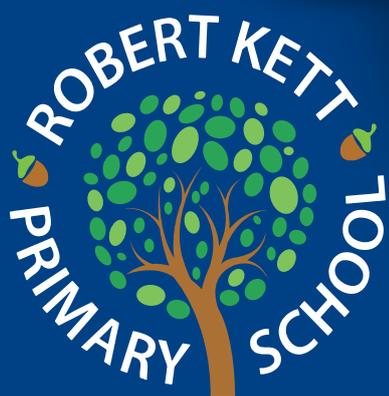
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William Year 2

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

JUDGING DAY APPROACHES FOR BLOOM COMPETITION

Wymondham in Bloom 2021 has had a smashing month with now more than 60 businesses signed up to take part in this year's campaign. Dozens of hanging baskets and planters have been added over the last few weeks and the shopkeepers are gaining pace. All displays will be in place by judging day on Tuesday 6th July.

A judging panel from the Wymondham Garden Club will assess all competing businesses and awards will be given based on levels of achievement. The public will also be invited to vote for their favourites, both in person with paper ballots as well as on Facebook. Follow Wymondham Town Team to stay informed about judging day.

Volunteers have also been very busy in the town, taking over caring for the painted bench planters which were installed by South Norfolk Council in 2020. Weeds have been removed, the soil has been enhanced with nutrients and new plants have been added. Thanks to Wymondham Garden Centre for their generosity with the plants and to Myhill's for storing and filling watering equipment. A big thank you is also due to SNDC Councillors Tony Holden and Jack Hornby, for supporting with their Member's Ward Grants.

The sunflower growing competition is still ongoing so make sure to keep watering and feeding yours. The wide range of categories to enter will ensure a variety of winners will earn fabulous prizes. The Town Team website



has all the details.

In July photos from around the town will be submitted to the Anglia in Bloom virtual competition - and Wymondham in Bloom would love to see your photos too, they could help us bring home some more awards.

Much more is to come and the team can always use extra helping hands - if you would like to join in please 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 or visit www.wymondhamtownteam.org/wym-in-bloom-2021

HARD WORK REWARDED FOR BRITANNIA FIRE EMPLOYEE

Nine years on from starting her career Britannia Fire, Laura Hutt is taking on the role of operations manager at the company based near Wymondham.

Laura says: "It is something I have been working towards by understanding the business and the manufacturing process. It was the perfect opportunity and time for me to accept this promotion."

The new role will see her overseeing the production and manufacturing process, health and safety, and making sure customers are getting the help and support they need. "I am absolutely passionate about high levels of customer service, and it is a great opportunity to be able to do this as a job," adds Laura.

The company first started manufacturing fire extinguishers at Ashwellthorpe in the 1970s and now produces and

provides them across the UK to major employers like West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds, Heathrow Airport, and the bookmakers Ladbrokes as well as exporting worldwide to the likes of Germany, the Netherlands and India.

For Laura, the support and camaraderie within the company have been important to her during her career journey. She says: "The people who work here are fantastic and we are all like a big family. Everyone is so dedicated with a really strong work ethic. They want to make the product and get it delivered to the customer as efficiently as possible."



ALIVE CHURCH APPOINTS NEW PASTOR

By Barbara McMellan

I was appointed as Location Pastor for Alive Church Wymondham in August 2020, which was right in the middle of the pandemic - so that was a bit of baptism by fire. My husband and I have lived in Wymondham and have been a part of the church since 2008. We have two sons who were 11 and five years old when we moved to Norfolk from South Bedfordshire. They are now 25 and 18.



I started my Christian walk over 30 years and always felt a call on my life, but I have had to journey through that to get to what I am doing now. I have been involved in various aspects of church life, including teaching children's Sunday school, being part of a worship band, being on the prayer team and teaching at different workshops. I took a post graduate certificate in theology at the Westminster Theology College and also attended the Alive Academy which trains and releases leaders into areas of their calling.

There is a lot of work to be done by all churches as we emerge from lockdown, and I am excited to see how Wymondham will remerge from this pandemic. I have lived here since 2008 and seen the town develop, grow and become a vibrant place to live. My two sons went through the school system here in Wymondham and have both gone on to university.

As a community church we want to contribute to Wymondham in all that we do, and our heart's desire is to see the town grow. The church has a real heart for engaging with the local community and we are planning to restart some of our initiatives such as Butterflies, which supports women in various ways.

I see this time as a rebuilding period for churches but also so for the nation as a whole. We have been through a really challenging time but we are coming out of it. So as a church we are looking forward to reengaging with various projects and partners across the town.

It has been a real pleasure to see various businesses reopen in the town centre and to see people enjoying what Wymondham has to offer. I am grateful to God for keeping the people of Wymondham safe and also for all of our amazing NHS staff who have and are still working tirelessly to keep people safe.

It is also important to remember those who are no longer with us due to Covid-19, we continually pray for anyone who has lost a loved one during the pandemic for God's comfort in their time of loss.

We meet at Central Hall, Back Lane, Wymondham, every Sunday at 10.30am and we would really love to have you join us. Drop me an email at barbara@alivechurch.org.uk if you have any questions.

NEW DUAL COUNCIL WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council have a long history of working together and in July 2018 decided to start the journey towards a formal partnership.

This collaboration allows the Councils to remain independent but has provided them with the opportunity to align their services to create efficiencies.

The latest step on that journey is a new joint website and email system which replaces broadland.gov.uk and south-norfolk.gov.uk with southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk.

Whether you live in Broadland or South Norfolk, you will be able to find out all the information you need and access services quickly and easily at any time of the day or night.

The new site features an improved navigation, making accessing information even easier, a new website design that will work better on mobiles and tablets as well as desktop computers, and a new MyAccount area that will give residents information about the services that they access, all in one place.

To see the improved online services visit the new website at www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

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TOOL COLLECTION AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Wymondham Baptist Church in Queen Street is having a collection for any unused or unwanted tools on Saturday 3rd July from 10am to 4pm.

The collection is in aid of Ipswich-based 'Tools with a Mission', who 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.

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. Volunteers to help with the collection are also needed.

For more information go to TWAM.co.uk or phone 01953 602692.

VIVAVOICES BACK TOGETHER

Wymondham VivaVoices community choir is excited to be getting back singing together for the first time since the lockdown in March last year. Starting Wednesday 21st July, the choir will meet 7.30pm to 9pm on Wednesdays at Fairland United Reformed Church, Fairland Hill. It costs £34 to join for five weeks; new members can try their first session free.

Says Choir Leader Graeme Hopson: "We are a friendly group of men and women of all ages and singing ability where everyone is welcome. We sing a feel-good mix of favourite songs from across the decades in unison and two-part harmony. There is no need to read music and no one will be made to sing on their own. We put on three charity concerts a year, to date raising nearly £40,000 for good causes."

To find out more, visit www.vivavoices.com or call 01284 70286.

Image by Steve Turner



Participating Garage Sale households

A number of households around Wymondham are participating in the Community Garage Sale on Sunday 4th July. The list at the time of going to press is as follows:

Ash Close (3); Barnham Broom Road (64, 1); Beech Close (18); Bellrope Lane (14); Cedar Court (20); Clere Close (3); Church Street (8); Clifton Road (27); Conyers (7, 5); Folly Road (30, 9, 7, 11, 34); Gaynor Close (17); Goshawk Rise (11); Hawthorn Close (9); High House Avenue (9, 55, 83, 72); Holly Blue Road (8); Jekyll Road (41, 85); Ketts Avenue (38); Lime Tree Avenue (11, 152, 37, Community Centre); Maple Close (41); Margaret Reeve Close (14); Meadow Brown Way (1, 4); Melton Road (30 – Star Throwers, 105); Nightingale Avenue (18); Norwich Road (10); Osprey Crescent (31); Pages Close (4); Pelargonium Drive (3); Peregrine Grove (3); Petunia Court (25, 16); Petty Spurge Square (4); Sheffield Road (165, 179, 14); Silfield Avenue (5, 6); Silfield Road (13); Simpson Way (2); Swallow Drive (17); Swatman Grove (10, 9, 3); Sycamore Avenue (22, 26, 33, 43); Tutttles Lane West (138)

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT ROLLED OUT TO LIBRARY

The British Library has announced a major expansion of its successful network of Business & IP Centres (BIPCs) to over 100 regional and local libraries across England, including Wymondham Library.

Following last year's pledge of £13 million in Treasury funding towards the expansion, BIPC Norfolk - managed by Norfolk Library & Information Service - has been allocated a share to equip Cromer, Wroxham and Wymondham libraries with BIPC spaces, resources and services. This expansion builds on the proven support already available through BIPC Norfolk in the Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library and BIPC Locals in Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn and Thetford libraries. In addition to the Treasury's investment, this growth is made possible by Business Development Funding awarded through Norfolk County Council's Economic Development service.

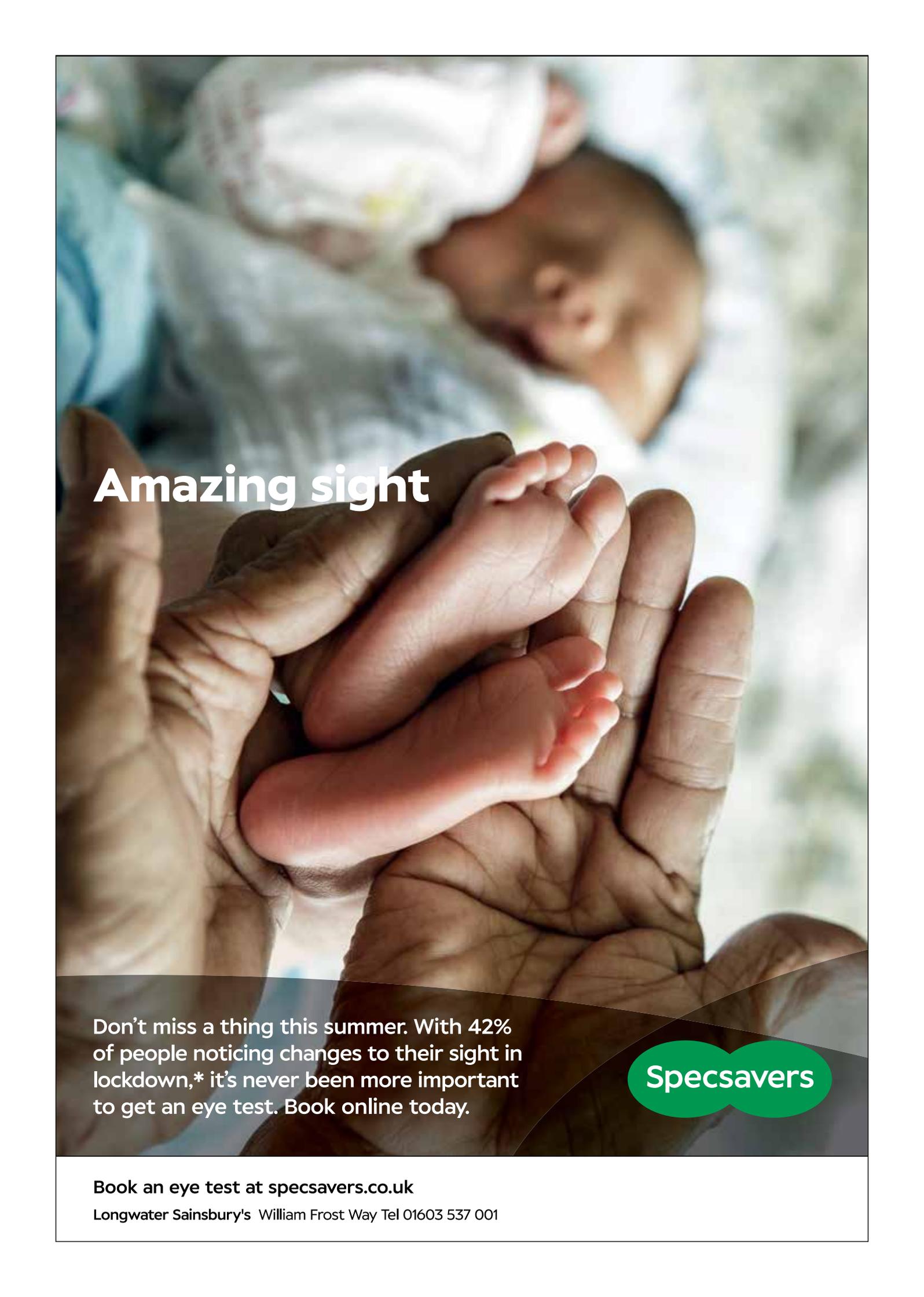
The BIPC network has a notably strong track record of supporting people from all walks of life to start, protect and grow a successful business. In just three years it has:

- Supported the creation of over 12,000 new businesses
- Led to the creation of over 7,800 new jobs
- Generated an extra £78 million GVA to the UK economy
- Created businesses twice as likely to succeed beyond three years

BIPCs can open up the path to entrepreneurship for anyone with a business idea, regardless of their background.

Cllr Robert Savage, county councillor for Wymondham, said: "The addition of a BIPC Local to the town is a real boost to the area as we look to recover from the pandemic. There's great potential to work with local partners such as Hethel Innovation to really enhance the business support available to start-ups and SMEs."

To find out more about the Business & IP Centre Norfolk and the range of services it offers both in branch and online, see www.norfolk.gov.uk/bipcnorfolk



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YOUR RADIO STATION NEEDS YOU!

Radio Wymondham is still looking for new volunteer members to work in a wide range of roles for the community radio station as it undergoes big changes.

"We're just entering an exciting new phase with the move to our new studio in the town centre and we need extra help and expertise," says Anthony Woods, Chair of the not-for-profit Community Interest Company that operates the station. "We're not just looking for new presenters though, because running a radio station requires people with all sorts of other skills too. Whether it be with IT, health and safety, event planning, finance, social media applications, design, advertising, audio production, 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 help out the core team of volunteers. And we're also committed to providing training to new recruits who do want to try their hand at broadcasting of course. 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, especially now that some degree of 'normality' is beginning to return."

Radio Wymondham is committed to re-investing any 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.

Meantime, one of Radio Wymondham's regular programmes recently reached something of a landmark. David Mann (pictured) presents 'Sounds Easy' on Sundays at 11am, with a repeat the same evening at 11pm. "When Radio Wymondham was first getting going in late 2018, I offered to do a show featuring the music of the 'Great American Songbook' and

artists associated with it, such as Bing Crosby, Doris Day, Peggy Lee and Frank Sinatra," says David. "I offered to make six one-hour shows, with the programmes closely based on the format originally created on BBC Radio 2 by broadcaster, music producer and expert on 'our kind of music', Alan Dell. Alan's 'Sounds Easy' ran for many years on Sundays on BBC Radio 2 and, after Alan's passing, was later hosted by another broadcasting legend, David Jacobs. The programme used to be a favourite of mine, so I was eager to make a revived version to air on Radio Wymondham.



"But something must have gone wrong as the 'six programmes' I signed up to have somehow now turned into 100 editions of 'Sounds Easy'! There's been positive feedback from regular listeners ever since it started, and the 100th edition was broadcast on Sunday 27th June. Via the wonders of social media, I've also been in contact with Alan Dell's son, who clearly remembers the many hours that his father used to spend choosing the songs and creating the edits and segues from one track to another - all done back in the 70s and early 80s with vinyl, turntables and reel-to-reel tapes rather than with a computer of course."

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

RESIDENTS TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON NEW HOMES

South Norfolk Council is encouraging residents to have their say on the draft Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan. The consultation launched on 7th June and is an opportunity for local people to comment on future sites for new homes. The consultation will last for a period of eight weeks and will close on Monday 2nd August.

The Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan will be a new Local Plan document, allocating sites for a minimum of 1,200 homes in smaller villages across South Norfolk.

The smaller villages across South Norfolk's parishes have been divided into 48 different clusters. These clusters are largely based on primary school catchment areas. Sites for housing development in larger villages and market towns, and sites for non-housing uses such as employment, are being dealt with through the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

Factors including access to local services and facilities, the suitability of local roads, and the risk of flooding are key considerations in deciding which sites will be identified for development. Due to the rural characteristics of South Norfolk's villages, in most cases, sites allocated through the plan are expected to be smaller in size, typically being capable of accommodating between 12 to 25 homes.

The consultation is available at www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/vchap, where you can view an interactive map showing the proposals and leave your comments online. You can also access a virtual 'exhibition room' which will explain the background to the document and current consultation, as well as provide access to a wealth of related information.

Following this consultation, it is anticipated that the final proposed Plan will be published in early 2022 before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate later that year for independent examination. It is expected that the document will be adopted by the Council in early 2023.

For further details, contact the Place Shaping Team at lp@s-norfolk.gov.uk

UPDATE FROM THE HUB

Hooray for Hoppers!

It was with much excitement that children returned to Hoppers Toddler group on 7th June. The group, part of the work of Hub Community Project, is for parents with children up to the age of three to meet for fun, friendship and support. The group has restarted after an absence of some 15 months and is currently offering two sessions per week at The Hub on Ayton Road. The sessions are 10am to 11.30am on Mondays for children up to 12 months, and 10am to 11.30am on Wednesdays for children from 12 months to three years.

Refreshments are being offered as well as crafts and a variety of toys. Due to Covid restrictions places are limited and need to be booked in advance, the links are published weekly on the Hoppers Facebook page. Parents are required to follow normal Covid safety protocols when attending. For information please contact Debbie on 01953 798505.

New venue for Meeting Point

It was with some sadness that Meeting Point, our weekly drop in for those in need of a chat over a cup of tea, moved out of the Catholic Church where it met since it's inception. A big thank you to the Church for making us so welcome and for all it's help over the years. The group will now meet at the Town Green Centre on Friday mornings; the start date has been delayed due to the extended Covid restrictions. For more information please contact Linda on 01603 812619.



Caring for Carers

Cup of Caring, our support group for carers, is meeting monthly at the moment. Carers are welcome to bring their cared for person for friendship and support over a cup of tea and a chat. For session dates and more information please contact Libby on 01953 605928.

All Aboard!

Taking place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th August, this is an opportunity for older people feeling lonely to come along and make some new friends. We are offering refreshments and lunch and will be joined by Sarah from stArt in Wymondham and Roy McGee, England Academy Coach for Boccia (similar to indoor bowling), other activities and entertainment will also be included. Transport can be provided from Wymondham Market Place. This is a free event with limited numbers so advance booking is required. To book please call Linda on 01603 812619 or Debbie on 01953 798505.

FREE EVENT
Booking Required

All Aboard!

10.00am - 2.30pm Tues 17 & Wed 18 August 2021
The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QJ

Looking to make some new friends?

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Refreshments & Lunch • stArt with Sarah Campbell
Boccia (similar to indoor bowling) with England Academy Coach Roy McGee
.....and much more.....

Transport can be provided from Wymondham Market Place.

For more information and to book please call: Linda 01603 812619 or Debbie 01953 798505

www.hubproject.org.uk

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WILDLIFE AT WYMONDHAM COLLEGE

By Dan Browning – Headteacher

Here at the College we are blessed with a wonderful 83 acres in the heart of rural Norfolk. A group of staff volunteers have formed a Wildlife Committee to develop a range of projects to further establish and enhance habitats for the wildlife that shares our College home.

At the last count, we were aware of 476 different animal species living across the campus; these include bats, a huge range of insects and more the 70 different bird species. We have already completed some projects such as establishing owl nest boxes and our Parent Staff Association funded a 'nest cam' so we can view nesting blue tits.

We are now working with the Norfolk Ponds Trust to enhance and revitalise our large pond and we are about to begin work extending and further developing our wildlife garden, a project that our students will be heavily involved with. We have also received support from Andy Bullen (Compass Media Group) who has donated nest boxes and we are working with him to create a 'Wildlife at Wymondham College' publication to help educate our community about the biodiversity that can be seen at the College.

It is sometimes just the small things that also make a difference, so we identified 'no mow' areas for May and have sown some wildflower beds to support insect and bird life. We are excited to invite students to join our committee next year and build on their involvement in our wildlife garden over recent years.

We are delighted to be the custodians of our campus and take our responsibility very seriously; it's an added bonus that all of our work both creates a wonderful environment for our students and helps to educate them; creating environmentally aware citizens.

Pictured: Wildlife Committee on the site of the wildlife garden extension project. Left to right: Joe Tempesta, Andy Gardiner, Nick Hall, Dan Browning and, out of shot, Mike Smith.



WYMONDHAM RBL CELEBRATES CENTENARY

The Wymondham Branch Royal British Legion (RBL) is 100 years old, and on Sunday 8th August they are holding a picnic to celebrate the start of the Branch, which was registered on 24th July 1921.



Then event will be held at the 389th Bomb Group Museum, Hethel, and is open to everyone - and the museum will be open (10am to 4pm) to view their exhibits and chapel.

The museum tea room and Gilly B's burger stand will provide refreshments, and the City of Norwich Pipe Band will be playing during the afternoon, with vehicles from the Norfolk Military Vehicle Group on display. Bring a picnic, chair or blanket and find out all about the friendly invasion and what the RBL is doing in the 21st century to help support our service personnel and veterans.

Pictured is Branch President, Fred Squires, laying a wreath at the War Memorial at 9am on 15th May. All Branches were asked to mark the formation of the British Legion nationally 100 years ago as wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph in London at 9am on 15th May 1921. If you would more information about the picnic or the RBL, contact Ann Rogerson on 07967 143405.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB

Wymondham Town FC is celebrating a new beginning and encouraging people to come and get involved in their local football club. The aim of the club is to be an organisation that the local community is proud to support. The club has two new teams, two new management set-ups, new sponsors and improved facilities - and that's just the half of what's planned.

Would you like to get involved and support the club with your time or in sponsorship? Contact Darren Maxey on 07828 930984 for more information.

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CENTRE PAWS GOES SAUSAGE MAD

On Tuesday 22nd June 14 dachshunds and 26 owners, family and friends descended on Centre Paws for a sausage dog meet, held in the Train and Play field. The event was organised by Ewa Clayton and Megan Hughes, who work at Centre Paws Pet Spa. Says Ewa: "We decided to meet up and let our dogs play, but it then evolved into an idea of a bigger meet. We advertised it on Facebook and the feedback was amazing! Numbers were limited due to Covid restrictions, but there are many more dachshund owners who would love to join. Everyone enjoyed it very much, and we decided to make it a regular event so more people can join when the restrictions are lifted. It was a great opportunity to exchange experiences, tips, and just share the joy of being a part of a sausage family!"



HEDGE AT HOME JULY LINE-UP

The Hedge at Home has an exciting series of shows lined up for July featuring international and home-grown talent.

On Saturday 3rd July from Larne, Co. Antrim comes Murray McDowell, a unique singer/songwriter with four albums and many singles to his name.

On Saturday 17th July Norwich-based Anto Morra is a talented singer/songwriter of London/Irish extraction with a fine taste in Bowler Hats and some touching songs.

On Saturday 31st July from the Netherlands is Elly Kellner. Famed for playing her guitar with only four strings, as well as her time with 'Matthews Sothern Comfort' and her international collaborations, Elly is playing exclusively for The Hedge at Home.

All streams start at 7.45pm and shows begin at 8pm at www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome. There is also a catch-up service on YouTube where you can see all of the previous shows.

Following an August break The Hedge at Home will be returning with a new series in September.

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WYMONDHAM ATHLETES FEEL THE HEAT



Running a half marathon is a real test of physical and mental stamina at the best of times, but on Sunday 13th June temperatures were quickly climbing into the mid-20s by early morning. Twenty-five intrepid Wymondham Athletics Club (WAC) members lined up in at the Norfolk Showground for the City of Norwich Half Marathon in one of their five waves between 10am and 10.40am.

Incredibly, by the time some started Kevin

Holland was over half way to his fourth-placed finish in 1:14.49. As well as fourth place, this was top place in the M45 category and earned him a club record for this age group.

There were to be another five runners inside 1:30 (Aidan Banfield, John Cracknell, Mark Banfield, David Houghton and Matthew Webster) and four runners who managed to come home as runners-up in their categories (Alex Smith F45, Steve

Dady M65, David Houghton M50 and Kevin Frazer M55).

This was only half the story, because at the six-mile mark a WAC support group had spent the early morning barbecuing and preparing banners and flags. Their loudly cheering was certainly appreciated by all! Well done to all the 17 WAC men and eight women who got themselves round in one piece. Results can be found at <http://chiptiming.co.uk/events/larking-gowen-city-of-norwich-half-marathon-2021>

To find out more information about WAC visit <https://wymondhamac.org.uk>



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In brief...

FAYRE AT KING'S HEAD MEADOW

On Saturday 26th June ClearCompany is holding another Food Fayre event at King's Head Meadow. Starting at 12noon and going on until 8pm, the fayre will feature live music, fun games, prizes, street food, stalls, sweet treats and fabulous atmosphere. For more details see www.facebook.com/events/142519354503328



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.

SPORTS HALL WEBSITE LIVE

Morley Village & Sports Hall is South Norfolk's largest community venue for sports, weddings, parties, business and events, home to Morley Youth Football Club and many classes and clubs for adults and children. Their new website is now live at <https://morleyvillageandsportshall.co.uk>

NEW FOREST SCHOOL OPENS

A new family-run Forest School for Early Years is opening in Silfield on

Monday 28th June, featuring 20 acres of woodland to explore, nature ponds, permaculture, animals to nurture and more. For information visit www.forestschoollforlife.co.uk

SUPPORT FOR THE SHED

Wymondham Rotary Satellite Club were delighted to hand over a cheque for £229 to Andrew Clarke of The Shed. This money was the proceeds of their last lockdown online quiz and the charity was chosen by the winning team. The Shed offers a place to meet, share ideas and experience, to pursue practical interests and enjoy making and mending. Although set up for men, the Wymondham club is looking to provide similar meetings for women in the near future. For further information visit theshedwymondham.org.uk

Wymondham Rotary Satellite Club has been raising funds for local charities for six years. If you would like to help support the work of hard-working and worthwhile charities, get in touch via their Facebook page or by email at wymrsg@gmail.com

IN-PERSON AUTHOR EVENT

Bestselling historical fiction writer Alison Weir 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.

FOUR BY FOUR ONLINE

Local play writing group Four by Four has gone virtual during the pandemic. Regular online readings of new plays have been taking place in recent months and plans are being made for a production in front of a live audience, in the autumn.

RSPCA SHOP HIT BY SCAM

The RSPCA charity shop in Wymondham has lost over £1,000 in sales after it was targeted in a phone slamming scam. The scam tied up their phone and broadband lines for three weeks, which left them unable to take card payments.

IN SEARCH OF THE BEST NEW ARCHITECTURE

The Norfolk Association of Architects, The Norwich Society and Civic Voice have launched the search for the best new architecture in the county, in the lead up to the announcement of their 2021 Norwich & Norfolk Design and Craftsmanship Awards. These biennial awards celebrate outstanding buildings and places in the county. A presentation ceremony will be held this autumn.

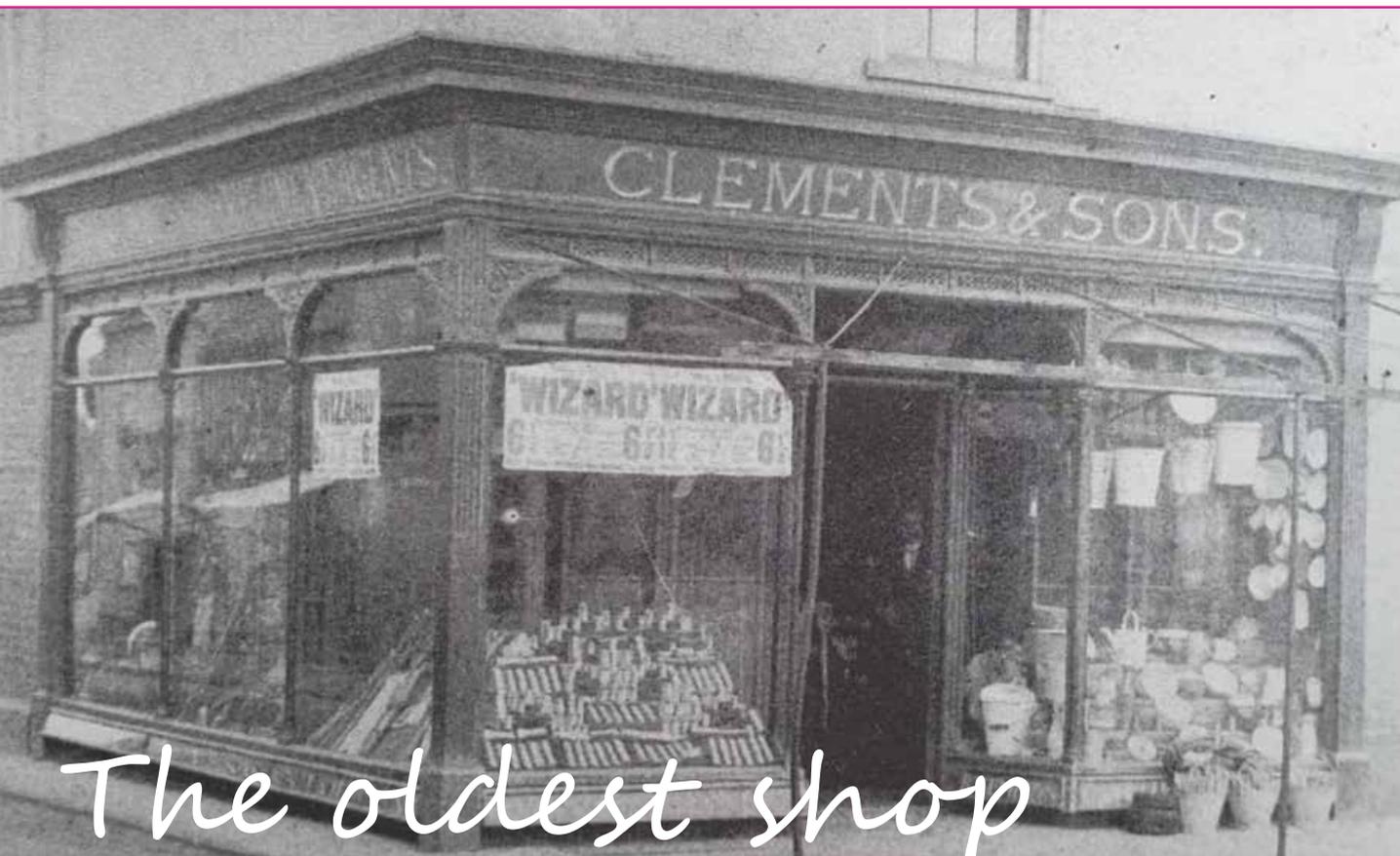
The awards will go to projects that are well designed, meet the needs of their users and also contribute to the public enjoyment of places. Nominations are now open and entries can be submitted online until Friday 16th July. To be eligible, projects must have been completed between July 2019 and end of May 2021. Full details can be found at <https://designandcraftsmanshipawards.org.uk/>

HETHERSETT HAWKS TO PEDAL TO PARIS

The Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club is attempting to cycle the equivalent of Hethersett to Paris - where Le Tour de France finishes - on the speedway track within 24 hours. It's a serious amount of laps of the track at the Memorial Playing Fields in Hethersett, and the club is hoping as many people as possible get involved, ideally by joining in on their bike. The event, taking place from Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th June, 3pm to 3pm, is raising money to improve facilities at the track. Support and sponsorship would be very welcome.

COLLEGE WINS AWARD

Wymondham College has been awarded a Pearson National Teaching Silver Award for Making a Difference - Secondary School of the Year. The Pearson National Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of excellence in education, founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam. Silver award winners will be shortlisted to win one of 15 Gold Awards later in the year, which will be featured on the BBC.



The oldest shop

IN WYMONDHAM

A look back at C C Clements & Sons of Fairland Street, Wymondham's oldest surviving shop founded in 1875...

Cubitt Cornelius Clements was born to parents John and Elizabeth Clements in 1848 in Eccles next the Sea, Norfolk. His father was a blacksmith and his mother's father was Cornelius Croxton.

During the 1860s Cubitt Cornelius moved to Wymondham and by 1871, and in his early 20s, he was working for Furnishing & General Ironmonger Arthur West on the Market Place. On 16th October 1873, Cubitt Cornelius Clements married Leah Perfitt, daughter of Wymondham silversmith and watchmaker Ephraim Perfitt. They would go on to have 10 children - four sons and six daughters.

In 1875, Cubitt Cornelius established his own Ironmongery business and shop in Fairland Street, on the site where C C Clements & Sons is still located today. Goods advertised for sale included mangels, churns, wringing and washing machines, stoves, ranges, fenders, baths, travelling trunks, lamps, enamel ware, oils and colours.

Around 1890, Cubitt Cornelius acquired premises (pictured) on the corner of Bridewell Street and the Market Place, which is most likely where he worked for Arthur West. This second shop remained in operation until the early 1920s, when Clements reverted to having the one shop in Fairland Street.

Apparently the old shop sign is still in place under the current signage in the Market Place

In the 1890s at agricultural shows, held on Norwich Road where the High School is now, as they were agricultural implements agents. C C Clements provided the forges. Also, during this period on land off Friarscroft Lane they displayed a vast array of agricultural implements and machinery - this site later became The Regal Cinema and today is the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

The house next to the Fairland Street shop was called Croxton House after Mrs Clements' own family. Many families and employees lived there, including Cubitt Cornelius's and Frank Sidell's families. The house is now incorporated into the shop and the engraving side of the business.

Cubitt Cornelius died on 4th June 1892 at the relatively young age, even for those times, of 44. Mrs Leah Clements and her family then made The Elms on Norwich Road their home, which is the house we know today as the manse of the Roman Catholic church. Mrs Clements remained as the head of the family following her husband's passing, and billheads and directories show that the business remained in her name. She passed away in 1937.

Son Frederick Perfitt Clements had been an ironmongers assistant for his father and continued in the trade looking after both shops until he moved away. His brother John Croxton Clements, also an ironmonger for the firm, then continued to man the business. He died in 1942.

The business was sold around this time and it was acquired by the Oldfield family, who already had a shop in Dereham. The Wymondham shop continued to trade under the name C C Clements & Sons, and Frank Sidell moved over to Wymondham from the Dereham shop and was appointed >

> manager in 1947. He retired in 1974, handing the reins over to the man we all know today, George Squires.

In 1957 a young George had joined the company as an apprentice after leaving school. In 1968 George moved to Lowestoft, where he became manager of the hardware department in Haileys department store.

George returned to Wymondham and Clements in 1972, and became manager. Improvements and modernisation were made to the shop premises. In February 1981 George and his wife Heather took the opportunity to purchase the business from the Oldfield family and made it their own. George and Heather's sons Kevin and David would also join the family firm in time.

Back then, there were three ironmongers and hardware shops in town, with Clarkes on Bridewell Street and Standleys in Town Green - yet they all managed to compete healthily and compliment each other by supplying different brands and goods between them.

My own father Philip, worked at Clements after his own hardware shop in Town Green closed and George and Heather were not only his employers but they also became good friends, alongside fellow sales assistant Ron Purdy. My Dad spent 10 happy years working for George and Heather until his retirement in 1998.

Sadly Heather passed away in 2009 and Kevin died in 2013 at the young age of 45, a huge shock and loss for the family and town.

Today, 146 years after Cubitt Cornelius Clements established his ironmongers store, George and David work in close partnership and with their staff serve the town offering ironmongery, hardware, engraving and a full locksmith service. Surviving original storage and scales are still in use and visible in the shop and it really is like stepping back in time.

An original Clements trade bike is on loan to Wymondham Heritage Museum and forms part of their 1900s and 1930s shop displays.

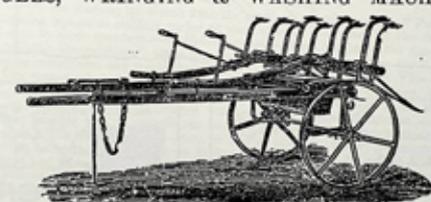
Although not in the hands of the founding family, you can without doubt say that the business is the longest surviving family shop in the town with family traditions and beliefs being at its core since its outset. Not only this, but townsfolk love the shop and it holds a special place in the heart of the town, and we all hope it continues to serve Wymondham for many more years to come.



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Tales from the POTTING SHED

Hello Ole Partners. Last month I started to tell you all about my days as a horse breaker. This month I will finish that story...

First, though, my gardening tips for the month:

- Check your runner beans over. Are any damaged from bad weather? There is still time to plant replacements in a sheltered position.
- If you are growing outdoor cucumbers like 'Marketmore' just remember to pick the cucumbers before they get over large and slice very thinly before serving to enhance the flavour.
- If your tomatoes now have their first trusses of developing fruit you can start feeding them every two weeks with Tomorite.
- Watch out for pigeons and other pests! Cover vulnerable developing veg like cabbages and cauliflowers with fine mesh to keep them safe from damage.

The next time I took part in horse breaking was at Perse Hall Farm, Bunwell, at that time farmed by the Easton family. I helped the late Percy Day break a Suffolk Punch filly. She proved very easy and we soon had her at plough every day. I still worked for Easton's when I moved to Banyards Hall Bunwell where I helped the late Walter (Stormer) Hill break a small batch of purebred Suffolks. If it was autumn the newly-broken youngster would be taken to a sugar beet field and used to cart the beet off the field. If it was spring it would be placed in a horse hoe with yours truly leading it along the rows of sugar beet. This was very tiring work and the youngster had to be put back in the stable and a second one brought out. It was surprising how quickly they adapted to this work though and were

soon used every day. Soon after this mechanisation completely took over. All the horses went bar one which the cowman used to cart fodder as he didn't have a tractor driving licence.

All farm horses were given names. These are some of the horses I worked with: Duke, Prince, Britain, Boxer, Major and Jockey. For the mares: Blossom, Bunny, Queenie, Blanche and Mary. As they grew older and they were in the meadow they would answer to their name if the horseman appeared at the gate and shouted.

All horsemen had a language they used to speak to their horses. "Wheesh" meant prepare to turn right. "Cup-bee" meant prepare to turn left. These words were used mainly when either harrowing or ploughing as the horses reached the field's headland. It was surprising how quickly the horses got used to these words and turned without the reins being pulled.

If the horseman wanted to look at a horse's foot he would grasp the leg by the footlock and say loudly "touch foot"

and the horse would immediately lift the foot to allow it to be inspected.

Farms used both Suffolk Punches and Shire horses. I've heard tell of one horseman saying he preferred Suffolks because they had 'clean' legs. Shires have 'feathers' of hair above their hooves as you can see from the photo and, after a heavy day's ploughing, the horseman would have to stand in a pit of water and tease the mud from the hair. This was a very cold and unpleasant job.

Horses may not be as efficient as modern machinery but they all had real characters and I enjoyed working with them. It is a long gone era sadly but at least I can share my memories with all of you.

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 with help from his town councillor daughter Annette.



An update from



Star Throwers

Holistic Cancer Support Charity

By Victoria Pigg, www.starthrowers.org.uk

We are excited to announce that we are growing our team to include an additional Cancer Information Nurse, to ensure we can support even more people affected by cancer. Duties of this role include working with the Lead Clinician/Coordinator to deliver our free information and support to service users and their carers at any stage of a cancer diagnosis. Essential Qualifications: NMC Adult Registered Nurse.

This recruitment is possible thanks to funding from the Norfolk Saracen's Fund from the Norfolk Community Foundation and money raised through our latest Aviva Community Fund. Please share and visit our website to find out more: www.starthrowers.org.uk/vacancies

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to some of our amazing fundraisers: Kerry Foods Ltd raised over £1,000 by walking 1 million steps in May, Riley Weston raised £176 by completing a duathlon challenge and RJ Bartram Funeral Homes are walking 22 miles for Star Throwers as part of our 'Skip, Stomp or Star Jump event' and have already raised over £300! If you are interested in taking on a challenge for Star Throwers please contact: Victoria@starthrowers.org.uk.

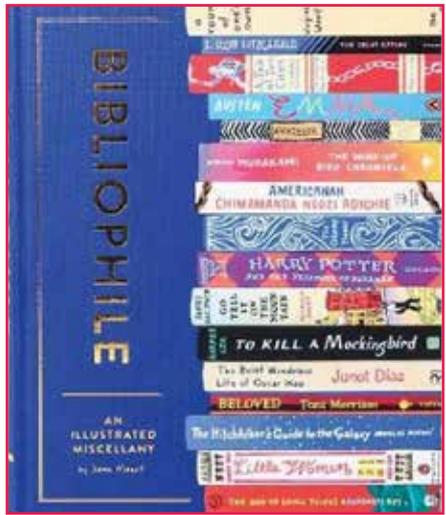
Star Throwers will be taking part in the Wymondham Community Garage Sale on Sunday 4th July – come along to the Star Thrower Centre on Melton Road between 10am and 3pm and grab yourselves a bargain and some cake!



BOOK REVIEW

Bibliophile

By Jane Mount



The absolute epitome of 'coffee table' delight, *Bibliophile: An Illustrated Miscellany* is a gorgeous publication, the receipt of which will make any book-lover's day. Whether used for an occasional escapist peruse or committed daily referencing, this guide is to be recommended to those of all ages, interests, and amounts of time available to read.

Both written and illustrated by Jane Mount, this volume includes chapters on virtually every walk of literary life. Genre - recommendations to peruse from include Coming of Age, Cult Classics, Girl Stars, Historical Fiction, Love and Romance, and more. Those looking to read per period will be satisfied with the sections on Novels of the 1800s, Novels of the Early 1900s, Mid-Century Novels, the turn of the Millennium, and Novels of the 21st Century.

Sections of undeniable importance include the Novel Food Quiz (name the book that features the dish), Writers' Pets, and – of course – Bookstore Cats from around the world. My personal favourite was the list of Top 10 Bestselling Books of All Time: perfect, as I discovered with my two baffled parents, for a "guess-the-titles" game (J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* is at No. 5.)

The design of this volume is utterly stunning. There is not a printed photo in sight: Mount draws everything. Every book cover, every author's face, every snapshot of a library (and even Charles Dickens's pet bird Grip!) are meticulously crafted by hand, just adding to the level of dedication and warmth evident on every page. Though perfect for a dilettante, students of literature will also find use here, as Mount includes a small paragraph of historical or cultural context at the beginning of each section. This will soon ensure your knowledge of literary history is up to scratch.

Ultimately, Mount not only reminds us that books "help us understand each other, reminding us we're all human", but also unapologetically confesses that its goal is to triple the size of your To Be Read pile. Sometimes that is no bad thing.



STAMP DUTY HOLIDAY COMING TO AN END

Written by Ian Taylor, Spire Solicitors LLP

As the stamp duty holiday begins to come to an end on 30th June 2021, many homebuyers could be at risk of missing out on the tax break.

Property buyers in the UK must pay a tax known as Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) when purchasing a property. An SDLT holiday was introduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic which saw the threshold at which buyers must pay this tax increased. In July 2020, the level at which SDLT must be paid was increased from £125,000 to £500,000.

Originally, the holiday was to end at the end of March 2021, but this was extended to 30th June. Although it meant many more people could enjoy the tax relief on their property purchase, it encouraged a wave of new buyers. This now means that there are around 50,000 homebuyers who could still be at risk of missing out on the tax relief holiday according to property website Zoopla.

Due to a surge in property purchases, the average transaction time to complete on a property purchase has increased from three months to four months. Rightmove have reported that one in four buyers would look to renegotiate the purchase price with the seller if they miss the deadline.

From 30th June, the SDLT holiday will begin to taper off before ending completely on 30th September 2021. This means if you exchange on or before September 30 but complete after September 30, the normal rate of SDLT will be owed.

Key dates:

Until June 30, 2021	No SDLT will be due on the first £500,000 of any primary residential property
July 1 – September 30	No SDLT will be due on the first £250,000 of any primary residential property. For first time buyers, this is increased to £300,000
From October 1	The SDLT holiday has ended and the normal stamp duty rates apply as below



SDLT rates from October 1, 2021:

Property Value	SDLT rate
0 - £125,000	0%
£125,001 - £250,000	2%
£250,001 - £925,000	5%
£925,000 - £1,500,000	10%
Over £1,500,000	12%

This means for the current UK average house price of £234,474, from October, the SDLT due will be £2,189.

While there has been a positive surge in the housing market, the SDLT holiday has seen the average mortgage deposit rise across the UK. The East of England has seen an increase of £3,498.

Whilst it certainly seemed like a good idea at the beginning, current homebuyers may wonder whether it was worth it as they may now face a larger financial hurdle to homeownership.

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



From my perspective

By Councillor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon

A couple of issues this month have stirred up quite a bit of discussion in Wymondham and it's interesting to see how these have played out across local community social media groups.

One is about traders at our Friday markets. Councillors had received complaints from some of our retailers that traders were duplicating goods they were selling in their shops (or in the case of one individual, selling refreshments which potentially harmed the numerous coffee shops we have in town)

It appears a rather inflammatory post on Facebook led to the disquiet among retailers that the market traders would in effect shut Wymondham shops, which at best was laughable and at worst a bit sinister.

This led to a meeting of councillors called by the Mayor to address the issues raised. A two-hour discussion ensued with councillors broadly agreeing that to try to curb traders on the Market Place would be tantamount to preventing competition. As a market town, Wymondham should protect its traders but also be mindful of bricks and mortar retailers who pay business rates etc.

There is room for both the market traders and retailers in Wymondham. Running any kind of business is not as it used to be and owners need to work even harder to promote and market their business, tease out their unique selling point which makes a visit to their business irresistible. Attacking other traders as competition is not how to thrive.

The other issue is about the skate park at Browick Road. A petition was started up by a user of the park and quickly gained support. The petition called for improvements to the skate park and as it is council owned, urged the Town Council to look into it. However good skate parks cost thousands of pounds (and in the case of Loddon skate park, approx. £200k). It is clear funding bids need to be written to secure the kind of money needed to upgrade and repair the park.

But an initial meeting between skate park users with myself and the chair of the Council's LEET committee, has set the wheels in motion. It's not going to be an easy fix and will be a long term cross-party project but with a bit of hard work and determination, I believe we can find the funds to give Wymondham the kind of leisure facility young people desire, as well as provide a draw to visitors.



What's in a photo?

WAR MEMORIAL

By Philip Yaxley



One hundred years ago a large gathering assembled at Town Green on Sunday 24th July 1921 when the War Memorial recording the names of 142 Wymondham men who fell in the Great War was dedicated and unveiled.

A procession, which included the local Voluntary Aid Detachment of Red Cross Nurses, the Girl Guides, the Boy Scouts and Ex-Servicemen, marched from Abbotsford in Vicar Street to the memorial, where Major H.L. Cautley performed the unveiling and addressed the crowd. At the head of the Ex-Servicemen's Section were Major Cautley, Major Charles Ayton, Captain Malcolm Ayton and Captain Sidney Smith. Members of the British Legion were present, though the Wymondham Branch was not officially established until November that year. The prayer of dedication was pronounced by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Martin-Jones, while the Rev. F. C. Oakley, the Rev. J. H. Young of the Baptist Church and the Rev. E. Russell of the Congregational (now United Reform) Church also took part in the service, following which relatives of the fallen placed wreaths at the front of the monument. Whilst Norwich architects Messrs Lacey and Upcher were responsible for the design and the carving was carried out by Messrs. Howard and Sons, also of Norwich, local firm Messrs. H. Bidewell and Co of Wymondham were entrusted with building the memorial.

After World War Two another 43 names of servicemen from local families were added, together with those of three civilians, who were killed as a result of enemy action while on war work.



WHAT'S ON?

Saturday 26th June

Third Anniversary Dog Show & Open Day
10am, 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

Hethersett Hawks Pedal to Paris
3pm, Memorial Playing Fields in Hethersett. Finishes 3pm Sunday

Wymondham Fayre by Clear Company
12noon to 8pm, King's Head Meadow
[www.facebook.com/
events/142519354503328](http://www.facebook.com/events/142519354503328)

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 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.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Wymondham Wellbeing Picnic
2pm to 6pm, Wymondham Rugby Club
[wymondhamcommunitypicnic@gmail.
com](mailto:wymondhamcommunitypicnic@gmail.com)

Wednesday 30th June

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

Thursday 1st July

Read My Mind
7pm, via Zoom. Social book chat for men aged 18+
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Saturday 3rd July

Tool Collection
10am to 4pm, Wymondham Baptist Church
TWAM.co.uk

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig, with guest Murray McDowell
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 4th July

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

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10.30am, by Hope Community Church
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Wymondham Community Garage Sale
10am to 3pm, by North Wymondham Community Association. Various locations
[www.facebook.com/
events/514889739556417](http://www.facebook.com/events/514889739556417)

Tuesday 6th July

Wymondham in Bloom Judging Day
10.15am, Wymondham town centre
[www.facebook.com/
events/836254420621701](http://www.facebook.com/events/836254420621701)

Sunday 11th July

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: Are you satisfied with God?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. Open for worship but with restricted numbers, or via Zoom
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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

Tuesday 13th July

Meet author Alison Weir
7pm, by Kett's Books, Wymondham

Baptist Church
events@kettbooks.co.uk

Thursday 15th July

Read My Mind
7pm, via Zoom. Social book chat for men aged 18+
libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Saturday 17th July

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig, with guest Anto Morra
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

Sunday 18th July

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: Can you trust God with the details?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. Open for worship but with restricted numbers, or via Zoom
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MARKETS

Every Friday

Charter Market
8am to 5pm, Market Place
01953 603302

Third Saturday
(17th July)

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

WHAT'S ON, continued...

Saturday 24th July

Jazz Picnic
5.30pm for 6pm, Becketswell Meadow
www.wymfest.org.uk/events

Sunday 25th July

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

Sunday Worship - 10 lessons from Joseph: How will you be remembered?
10.30am, by Wymondham Baptist Church. 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.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk

Thursday 29th July

Read My Mind
7pm, via Zoom. Social book chat for men aged 18+
libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Saturday 31st July

The Hedge At Home
8pm, by Rob Duhig, with guest Elly Kellner
www.facebook.com/thehedgeathome

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/

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

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