

## Newsletter Number 20



### LATEST TALK

**Tuesday 18 January, 2022**

#### **“Ambassador Programme and Community Champions for Great Yarmouth”**

**Jade Martin**, Ambassadors Programme Lead;

**James Dudley**, Community Champion Programme Co-Ordinator

Unfortunately a few days before the meeting the Ambassadors Programme, which was appointing people to publicise the new developments and events happening in the Borough, was stopped so Jade Martin was unable to give her talk.

James Dudley spoke about the **Community Champion Programme** which was set up in February 2021 to reach out to various ethnic communities to encourage them to be vaccinated against Covid and help them with other health issues. Over 100 Champions have been appointed and their job is to talk to their friends and contacts about these issues and to have weekly webinars. They spread information about fraud and help people who are lonely. They also have a part to play in referring people to the local mental health service. They work closely with the multicultural and faith network.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held at Christchurch, King Street, NR30 2HL at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

**Tuesday 8 February, 2022**

**“Preparations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee”**. **Bruno Peek, LVO, OBE, OPR**, Pageantmaster. Details at [www.queensjubileebeacons.com](http://www.queensjubileebeacons.com)

**Tuesday 8 March**

**“Market Place Development, Rows, Trees, Operations and Maintenance Hub and Incubation Unit in Great Yarmouth”**. **Jon Barnard**, Director and **Steve Logan**, Project Manager of Greyfriars Project Management.

**Tuesday 5 April, 2022**

**“A future for our great historic buildings**. **Kit Martin, CBE**, British Architectural designer and country house property developer who converted the old St. Nicholas Hospital site into housing.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Paint the Town**. The Civic Society has been asked to oversee this event along with the Borough Council. It will involve music, dance, street circus, exhibitions and displays in shop windows etc. It will be held from Wednesday 23 to Sunday 27 March 2022.

**Mediaeval Fayre.** Suggested by the Civic Society it will be run in association with the Borough Council and will take place on 10 and 11 September 2022. Anyone interested in helping organise this please get in touch with me.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **The Rows**

Two years ago the Civic Society carried out several audits around the town. One of them was on the lighting of the Rows which we did for the Preservation Trust in which we made suggestions about how the lighting in the Rows could be improved. Consequently we were delighted to learn that the Government's Safer Street Fund had awarded £240,000 to the Borough Council to clean up, light up and improve many of our Rows. These improvements will come with a specialist machine for cleaning the Rows and a Community Safety Officer who will work with people who live in, work in and use the Rows.

### **Trees**

Since the Civic Society was founded we have been campaigning for more trees in the town and nearly two years ago we carried out an audit of where the trees were and where we thought more could be planted. Unfortunately many of the places we suggested were on land owned by Norfolk County Council who raised objections to some of the places and said there was no money for planting them. Fortunately, the Borough Council has obtained £75,546 from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund to provide 505 mature trees over the next two years and last week the first few were planted.



There is also money for looking after the trees and we hope that local residents will take part in doing this. It would do so much to improve community spirit and civic pride.

### **A safer, cleaner, greener town centre for Great Yarmouth**

Great Yarmouth town centre is at the heart of life in the Borough. Thanks to funding from the Future High Streets Fund, Great Yarmouth Borough Council has a unique opportunity to create a safer, cleaner, greener space for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The work will bring together a multi-million pound programme which also includes the new covered market, a new library and learning hub in the former Palmers building, and fresh investment in restoring and repurposing our historic buildings.

The aim is to create an active and flexible town centre that has the potential to adapt to host both daytime and evening events, such as market days, theatrical performance, seasonal activities, and art displays.

You can learn more about the proposals at <https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/new-town-centre> and give your views there using the online survey. The consultation runs until Monday, March 14, 2022.

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Can you spare some time to help with the following projects? If so contact me.

- **Awards for shops, businesses and market stalls.** Involves judging the fronts of these properties on 2-3 days lasting 2-3 hours each plus a few committee meetings.
- **Awards for private homes in the town.** Similar work as awards for shops etc.
- **Gardening and maintaining some planters.** Anyone interested contact [annhacon@icloud.com](mailto:annhacon@icloud.com)
- **Planning applications.** Assessing planning applications submitted to Council and advising your committee whether we support the applications.

## **CIVIC VOICE WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS**

We are members of Civic Voice which is an umbrella organisation for Civic Trusts.

To book onto any event, please email [info@civicvoice.org.uk](mailto:info@civicvoice.org.uk) or click on the link available.

**Feb 8th: APPG for Civic Societies:** The Value of Civic Societies in Planning: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/appg-for-civic-societies-value-of-civic-societies-in-planning-tickets-249111036817>

**March 15th: APPG for Civic Societies:** A Review of Statements of Community Involvement: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/appg-for-civic-societies-a-review-of-statements-of-community-involvement-tickets-249130605347>

**March 23rd:** Join Civic Voice and Clive Betts MP to discuss the "Supporting our high streets after COVID-19" inquiry. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/join-ian-harvey-and-clive-betts-to-discuss-high-streets-after-covid-tickets-253022937417>

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The annual membership fee of £10 was due at the end of September. The majority of members have paid and for those who have still to do so details are on our website. [www.civicsocietyGY.co.uk](http://www.civicsocietyGY.co.uk) or you can pay when you attend the next meeting.

Non members may attend our meetings for £3 each and hopefully they will be encouraged to become full members.

Best wishes,

Hugh Sturzaker

