

Newsletter Number 21



LATEST TALK

Tuesday 8 February, 2022: "Preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee".

Bruno Peek, LVO, OBE, OPR, Pageantmaster said that in November 2020 he had been asked by Buckingham Palace to make arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. He had arranged for beacons to be lit in all capital cities of the Commonwealth and there would be many other beacons lit in other places in each country. In addition many other countries not in the Commonwealth will be lighting beacons. He aims to have 70 beacons in Norfolk and already has 68 signed up. The Beacons will be lit at 9.45pm and this will be preceded by an official proclamation by Town Criers at 2pm, Bagpipers playing a specially written tune at 9.35pm buglers playing at 9.40pm and choirs singing a song - chosen from 500 submitted in a competition - as the beacons are lit.

He hoped these activities will bring communities together.

He also described a commemorative jewel he had had commissioned which will be guarded in the Tower of London from April onwards but would not say when it would be presented to the Queen.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held at Christchurch, King Street, NR30 2HL at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. Non members will be charged £3 to attend a meeting and perhaps you would encourage new members to join.

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 working with the Borough Council and other organisations to organise this event. It will involve music, dance, street circus, exhibitions and displays in art galleries, shop windows, workshops etc. It will be held from Wednesday 23 to Sunday 27 March 2022. The art exhibition in the Town Hall will run for a further week. Details on [Paint the Town web page](#).



Flavours Food Festival will be running from **March 25 to 27**. Go and sample the various foods available and watch some of the cooking demonstrations e.g. Gordon Blackiston on St. George's Plaza on **Saturday March 26**.

Mediaeval Fayre. Being run by the Civic Society 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

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 by attending the meeting on 8 March and 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. This is your chance to have your say.

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

- **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 or click on the link available.

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 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