

Newsletter Number 22



This week sees two new Festivals showing different aspects of the local cultural scene:

Paint the Town from Wednesday 23 until Sunday 27 March and will be opened by the Mayor on Wednesday at 12noon in the Market Place opposite the Fishermen's Hospital. It aims to show many aspects of the Yarmouth cultural scene with exhibitions in the Yare and Skipplings Art Galleries, in Primeyarc, in St. George's cafe and in the Town Hall. Gorleston Library will be showing photographs taken by Brian Ollington over 50 years. Art will be shown in shop windows and there will be photographs on display of people's favourite views in the Borough. The public can also join groups of artists in painting various scenes of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston.

There will be music and circus acts in the streets, workshops and musical events in St. George's Theatre and Heritage Walks.



Flavours Food Festival from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 March. There will be a variety of food stalls on St. George's Plaza and a number of well known chefs will demonstrating their cooking skills over the three days. Cafes and restaurants will have special offers.



Full details of the many events happening are on VisitGreatYarmouth website. Do come and support these two festivals. All events are free except for small ticket prices at St. George's Theatre.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday 5 April, In Christchurch at 7.30pm

“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.

Tuesday 10 May in Christchurch at 7.30pm

“The Future of Great Yarmouth and other Seaside Resorts”. **Asa Morrison**, Chief Executive of Greater Yarmouth Tourism and Business Improvement Area.

Unfortunately Covid prevented me from attending the March meeting about developments around the Market Place, Rows and the Outer Harbour. I gather it was excellent and the slides from the presentation may be seen at:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/w98erigzyjvnivjphu2wh/GP22_Presentation_GY-Civic-Soc_20220308.pptx?dl=0&rlkey=ytea2icabgav6pbtucyg74i30

University Learning Centre in the old Palmers building.

The old department store has now been bought by the Council which is working closely with the University of East Anglia, Suffolk University, East Coast College and East Norfolk Six Form College. There is an opportunity for you to have your say and explore how UEA might improve its civic activity across Norfolk and Suffolk with a close look at Great Yarmouth and Waveney. Please come along to share your thoughts on how you think the university might be able to better support the economy, education, culture, wellbeing and sustainability. The event is open to everyone from the simply curious, to people who run regional organisations, and everyone in between. **Saturday 30 April 10am-4pm. Drill House, York Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2LZ**

To register your interest in this and future events: bit.ly/UEACivicUni

Free lunch and refreshments

Any questions contact UEQ Public Engagement and Events via events@uea.ac.uk or 01603 592130

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.
- **Mediaeval Fayre September 10 and 11.** We really need some extra hands to help organise this event. Can you help?

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 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,

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