



NEWSLETTER 3

We had 60 people attending the last meeting on Tuesday 6 March in spite of a Norwich City home match! Darren Barker gave an inspiring talk about the Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust. It covered the work done in the past and what was planned. He also mentioned the work he did in Europe and the large number of people who had been trained in conservation techniques some of whom are now in full-time employment.

Folklore and Superstition. Darren Barker is planning to collect folklore and superstitions from Great Yarmouth which he plans to put on a website and to write a book about it. If you have information about these topics would you please pass onto Darren at darren.barker@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

Roundabouts. The Borough Council will be responsible for their upkeep from April. We have a meeting with Council officers on 10 April to discuss the roundabouts and the Market Place. Any suggestions to me.

Litter Picking. This is being organised by Pat Harlow but we are awaiting a response from the refuse and cleansing department. She will send out details as soon as we have a reply.

Activating Communities. I had a successful meeting this week with Tracey Read of Business in the Community and Neighbourhoods that Work. She covers St. Peters Road and King Street south of St. George's Theatre. We discussed ways in which we could involve the local community.

Walk around Town Wall. Jackie Cole and colleagues have arranged the first walk on Wednesday 11 April starting at 10.30am. (Previously 11am) Meet outside the front of the Minster. Cost £3.50 each. If you have not booked already just turn up.

Attracting Youngsters. 60 youngsters are going to look after 4 streets in Yarmouth and will produce models of the entrances to 10 heritage buildings which will be displayed in them. They are producing a leaflet for this heritage trail. I have had meetings with East Norfolk 6th Form College and there is interest from Lynn Grove School. Please let me know if you think any other schools would like to be involved.

Greening up the Town. A group of five members is to meet shortly to discuss plans.

Town Centre Master Plan. No news but there is a talk to the Society about it on 5 June

Awards. We have been discussing the types of awards we could make and means of financing them. We hope to present some ideas at the next meeting.

Planning Applications. A discussion took place at the last meeting about Homes of Multiple Occupation. Many are poorly maintained and lower the tone of the surrounding neighbourhood. It was felt that HMOs should not be allowed in tourist or heritage areas and that they should be inspected and have their licences revoked if they do not meet acceptable standards.

Hi-Viz Jackets. We have bought 30 and Ian McCreadie of SPP Digital has kindly arranged to print our logo on the back of the jackets. He is also producing car stickers which will be available free of charge at the next meeting.

Pudding Gate. Paul Patterson suggested the rebuilding of Pudding Gate but on reflection we are considering two other possibilities: Market Gate and Garden Gate. Such a project would create a great deal of interest and publicity but there are many hurdles to be crossed!

Future Speakers and events

April 10 Tuesday 7.30pm Christchurch. Henry Cator on his work as High Steward

April 21 Saturday 11am-2.30pm. Civic Trust East of England Regional Meeting in Norwich at St. Andrew's Brew House, St. Andrew Street. Admission Free. Book on line through Eventbrite. Afterwards a tour round part of Norwich.

May 23 Wednesday Visit to Kings Lynn for a guided walk around the town followed by a light lunch and a talk by and discussion with Alison Gifford, the Chair of Kings Lynn Civic Society. Michael Muskett is organising this and full details will be available at the next meeting.

June 5 Tuesday 7.30pm Talk about the Town Centre Master Plan by David Glason, Director of Development for the Borough and Graham Plant, Leader of the Council.

We would welcome suggestions for speakers and places to visit.

Membership is now up to 110 but please encourage new people to join. The more we have the more effective we can be.

I look forward to seeing you on 10 April. Henry Cator is a great speaker, he is the Society's President and it will be fascinating to hear of his work as High Steward of Great Yarmouth.

Best wishes,

Hugh Sturzaker
Chair