



**CIVIC SOCIETY
GREAT YARMOUTH**

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Roundabouts Gemma Manthorpe and I met with two council officers on 10 April and learnt that the maintenance of the roundabouts had not been handed over to the Council on 1 April as originally planned as the person from Highways England was off sick. All of us agreed that it was essential that the design should be low maintenance along the lines of the White Horse Roundabout which is maintained by the Council and shown here.



We also discussed the **Market Place**. Hudson Architects has been appointed to re-design the Market and Market Place and it was good to learn that since the rental cost for the two day market had been reduced, the number of stalls had increased from 16 to 26-28 stalls on Wednesdays and Saturdays. European funding is providing music in the Market Place on Wednesdays once a month and a hawk is to be present twice a week to try and deter seagulls.



Litter Picking. Pat Harlow organised the first litter picking on Friday 13 April when eight of us cleared litter from along the town wall, its associated streets, part of South Quay and St. George's Park. The next litter picking will be on 25 May and then fortnightly for the following few months. We are also looking at trying to cover the whole town as part of a national campaign covering 11-13 May. To do this we plan to link up with other groups.

Greening up the town. The first meeting of this group takes place on Thursday 19 April at 10.30am in St. George's Pavilion. Anyone interested is welcome to come along

Town Wall Walk. Fifteen members joined a very successful walk along the Town Wall on Wednesday 11 April. Further walks are planned.

Talk by Henry Cator. An inspiring and amusing talk was given by Henry Cator on Tuesday 10 April and a summary of it is at the end of this newsletter.

Car Stickers advertising the Society have been donated by Ian McCreddie and may be obtained at future meetings and events. He is also arranging the printing of our logo on our 30 Hi Viz jackets. We are most grateful to his generosity.

Yarmouth Minster Clock. This has not been working for many months and at the last meeting Jane Freeman said she planned to raise £3,000 to complete the £10,000 needed. That evening £750 was donated by two very generous members and subsequently a further £600 has been raised.

It is important that this very prominent clock is working again and support for it would be good publicity for the Society. If you would like to make a donation please send it to Jane Freeman, 10 Balmoral Avenue, Great Yarmouth, NR30 4DZ. Please make cheques out to Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust where the money will be ring-fenced. This will enable us to claim Gift Aid of 25% and a form for this is at the bottom of this newsletter.



Pudding Gate We have decided it would be better to try and rebuild New Gate adjacent to the old nurses home and just between St. George's Theatre and St. George's Park. The photo of how it would look is from Paul Patterson's book: The Great Wall of Yarmouth.

Visit to King's Lynn. Michael Muskett has arranged this for Wednesday 23 May and he has emailed the arrangements. It will cost £5 and will include a conducted tour of Kings Lynn and a talk with the Chair of their Civic Society. A Pub lunch will be paid for separately. Mike is happy for you to email him at michael.muskett1@gmail.com or phone him on 07887 601001.

Talk by David Glason on the Town Centre Master Plan on Tuesday 5 June at 7.30pm in Christchurch.

"It is easier to say yes than no"

Henry Cator, OBE. FRICS. DL. High Steward of Great Yarmouth, gave an amusing, stimulating and uplifting talk to the Civic Society of Great Yarmouth on Tuesday 10 April. He spoke of his great passion for Great Yarmouth and that he was here to serve and this has been seen many times since he was installed as High Steward in 2013 to give his patronage and protection following the death of his predecessor Michael Falcon. It is a non-political and unpaid position and an appointment for life.

He explained that he is dyslexic but that this was not known until his mid thirties and as a boy he was regarded as rather a problem. The making of him was being sent to Alberta, Canada by his father and working on a farm. It was the time of the miners' strike and the farmer asked him what he thought about the future of Britain. He explained that it was rather gloomy, to which the farmer asked what would be the reaction of the fighter pilots who fought to protect and save the country from the Nazis if they heard this. The farmer asked him "What are you going to do about it?" Since then he has found it has been easier to say yes than no.

On his return to Britain he was asked by the boss of his new firm "What are you going to do for the community?" As a result he became involved in various community projects and became a steward of the Royal Norfolk Show. This led to the Dean of Norwich Cathedral asking him to help raise two million pounds for the cathedral. He explained that he had no experience of raising money but in the end he spear-headed an appeal which raised ten million pounds from the people

of Norfolk and there was a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for £2.3M. One of his money raising stunts was to drive a 1914 Rolls Royce into Beijing and it made him realise how fortunate we are to have freedom of speech in the United Kingdom.

During his year of office as High Sheriff of Norfolk in 2012-13 he decided to raise money for disadvantaged youngsters and last year he was appointed Chair of the Norfolk Community Foundation which raises money for communities and distributes 2-3 million pounds annually to good causes.

Henry Cator is tired of people running down Great Yarmouth. He feels it has a great future and quotes President Obama "Together we can". He said it is passion from the heart which drives him and he is like a chisel on a bench. There it is useless, but put it into the hands of a craftsman and it can do great things. He is there to be used and his effectiveness can be seen in many situations throughout the Borough. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and thoughtful person as High Steward of Great Yarmouth.

Future speakers and events. If you have any suggestions for speakers, visits to places of interest or other ideas what the Society could do please let us know.

Pirates of Penzance. If you are a lover of Gilbert and Sullivan you have the opportunity of seeing this performance at St. George's by Opera Anywhere on Saturday 21 April at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 and just £6 for students and under 16 year olds.

Hugh Sturzaker.

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