

Newsletter Number 27



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

All to be held at Christchurch, King Street, NR30 2HL at 7.30pm

Tuesday 28 February: Design Code for Great Yarmouth

By Hanna Loftus and Chrissy Cheung of HAT Projects.

HAT Projects have been commissioned to produce a Design Code for the Borough of Great Yarmouth. After an initial meeting with some Civic Society Committee members and representatives of many other organisations HAT Projects will present their report and would welcome comments before it is published.

Tuesday 21 March: The Renovation of the Venetian Waterways

Lee Brown, Events Coordinator at Waterways and cafe, and Ian Guest, gardener at the Waterways and Boating Lake, will cover the history of the building of the Waterways and Boating Lake and their recent renovation.

Tuesday 18 April: 'Great Yarmouth the Number One UK Green Town'

By Rob Haslam, RIBA, MSCD, MBA, Architect and owner of the Old Vicarage and Old Priory. He will talk about some exciting projects to make Great Yarmouth the UK's greenest town.

RECENT MEETINGS

Tuesday 10 January : The Winter Gardens: History and the Future.

By Kate Blakemore, Stacy Cosham and Rachel Daniel of Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

Our three presenters gave a history about how the Winter Gardens were built in Torquay over a hundred years ago but proved a financial disaster. The building was purchased by Great Yarmouth and brought here by barge in the hope of providing a new type of venue and to extend the season.

Over the years it had had several functions but was eventually closed over ten years ago for safety reasons. Fortunately, a large grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and several other grants have enabled the last Victorian seaside Winter Gardens to be refurbished and, at the moment opinions are being obtained from the community and various plans are being drawn up.

Following the meeting arrangements were made for members to visit the Winter Gardens and below are two of the photographs taken by Dr. Ajay Kumar.



Photos taken by Ajay Kumar

Tuesday 31 January: Equinor in Norfolk – Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Wind Farms; Innovation, Green Growth and Collaboration – maximising the positive societal impacts from Offshore Wind.

By Sue Falch-Lovesey, Stakeholder Manager, Business Development for Equinor.

This was an inspiring presentation covering many aspects of energy production. Her firm, Equinor, has a vision to turn natural resources into energy for people and progress for society and plans to be carbon net zero by 2050.

Equinor has recently opened its Operations and Maintenance base in Great Yarmouth from which it controls the Sherringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farms as well as the floating wind farms off the Scottish mainland. Next year it will open the Dogger Bank wind farm which will supply 10% of the UK's domestic market.

The firm still produces oil but is reducing its carbon footprint. It is also capturing carbon dioxide from the oceans.

Equinor is very keen to encourage young people into the industry by providing work experience and apprenticeships. To compensate communities for the disruption caused by laying cables across the county it is providing community benefit funds.

We hope to arrange a visit to Equinox's base in Great Yarmouth later in the year.

On Saturday 7 January a number of Society members attended St. George's Theatre to see two interesting plays in Alan Bennett's series of "Talking Heads".

REPRESENTING THE CIVIC SOCIETY

Below are a number of events where I have represented the Civic Society.

Thursday 5 January gave a talk to Gorleston Rotary Club about the Civic Society

Wednesday 11 January. Attended a meeting of the Community Partnership for Great Yarmouth and northern villages to discuss how to tackle the problems of health, education and violence in the area.

Monday 16 January Attended a meeting of the Community Partnership for Gorleston and southern villages to discuss how to help resolve problems with education, health and violence in the area.

Tuesday 17 January Online discussion about the development of the old Palmers building into a University Learning Centre and new library.

Friday 27 January. Selection Committee to appoint a new Executive Director of Place for the Borough Council.

Tuesday 31 January. Town Deal Board meeting.

Tuesday 31 January. Leader of the Council's Reception in the Town Hall in which he presented many of the achievements and successes which have occurred in the last three years.

Tuesday 7 February. Meeting with Borough's Events Team to discuss events to celebrate the Coronation.

MIDDLEGATE PROJECT

Unfortunately, no Civic Society members have come forward to help with the gardens on the Estate and no-one living on the Estate is prepared to attend a meeting to discuss how the work could be done. I have three volunteers from the Herring House Trust who are keen to be involved. Gardening is extremely therapeutic and neat and tidy gardens will make the whole estate look so much better. This work will hopefully bring the community together.

If you would like to help in this project please contact me. hsturzaker@icloud.com

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fee of £10 was due at the end of September. Many people have paid their annual subscription and I trust that those who have not will consider doing so. Details about paying are on the attached form below or you can pay when you attend the next meeting.

Non members may attend our meetings for £2 each and hopefully they will be encouraged to become full members.

Best wishes,

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Civic Voice, which is an umbrella organisation for Civic Societies, is running a series of meetings which you can join on line. Details are below:

- **Feb 20th 2023:** In conversation with Matt Colledge, The High Street Task Force [Register here](#)
- **Feb 21st 2023:** APPG for Civic Societies: APPG for Civic Societies: What does 'local consent' in planning mean? [Register here](#)
- **March 6th 2023:** Membership Monday: Civic Societies playing a crucial role in saving important buildings [Register here](#)
- **March 21st 2023:** APPG for Civic Societies: Levelling Up our Heritage High Streets [Register here](#) (Civic Voice members only)

You can book your place for these events using the links above.



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