

Newsletter Number 34



Since our last meeting we had the sad news that John Burroughs had died after a long illness and it was only a few weeks before then that he handed over the post of membership secretary to Peter Bondi. Many of you attended his funeral in the Minster on Friday 26 January when I think all the recent Mayors of Great Yarmouth were present. John was a lovely chap and did so much for the local community.

FUTURE MEETINGS

to be held at Christchurch, King Street, NR30 2HL

Thursday 28 March, at 7.30pm. Talk by Sir Brandon Lewis, CBE, MP based on his 14 years as MP for Great Yarmouth and his various government posts.

Tuesday 23 April. at 7.30pm **Nelson Ward** Presentation about the problems and solutions for this ward by the local councillors: Michael Jeal, Kerry Robinson-Payne and Tony Wright.

SAFER STREETS. We have been approached by the Borough Council to oversee a project to clean up some of the Rows and alleyways and to lead discussions monthly about neighbourhood crime and violence against women and girls.

We have had three sessions of cleaning the Rows so far. The initial one was to assess the six alleyways in the southern part of the town and for the second two (Tuesdays 12 and 19 March) we tackled cleaning up the Rows that the borough council wanted us to concentrate on. There are ten of these and we have cleaned seven and sprayed the weeds with weedkiller. In addition we have done some litter picking and brushing of the west side of King Street as well as spraying the weeds on this stretch between Barclays Bank and St. George's theatre.

If you wish to join us we meet each Tuesday morning at 10am on St. George's Theatre Plaza when all equipment will be provided. We break for refreshment and discussion at 11.30am. If heavy rain is forecast it is cancelled.

The other half of the project is setting up discussion groups each month about neighbourhood crime and violence against women and girls. I hope the first meeting will take place on Monday 8 April but this has to be confirmed.

TOWN WALL. On Tuesday 6 February Ann Hacon, Angela Powley, Clare Southern and I met with Hannah Woodruff, Cultural Support Officer for Inward Investment and Tracey Read, Project Manager for Inward Investment to discuss the Town Wall. There are two sources of funds from the Town Deal: for the sculpture trail and for the Town Wall. We covered many aspects:

- Destroying the weeds on the Wall
- Litter and weeds along its length
- The Jewish Cemetery
- Need for CCTV to discourage littering and vandalism

- Engaging schools with the wall
- Long term project of knocking down some of buildings on east side of Market Place to expose the Town Wall
- Lighting of Town Wall
- Importance of good signage plus QR codes
- General promotion of the town wall to residents and visitors
- Rebuilding a Town Wall Gate
- Installing markers across roads to indicate where Town Wall had been
- Provision of a greenhouse for growing seeds and plants to populate flower beds, tubs etc.
- Setting up a working group to promote the Town Wall to include GY Services

The photographs below show the good work done by Ann Hacon and Angela Powley on the Town Wall section beside the Sainsbury Carpark.



Town Wall near Sainsbury Car park before and after cleaning and weeding

NEW TREASURER. Having been treasurer since we started, Michael Muskett feels he should step down as treasurer from 30 June. This is a big disappointment and if anyone would like to take on this post please let me know as soon as possible.

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