

Newsletter Number 35



FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, 21 May. at 7.30pm.

Crimestoppers by Jim Carter. Great Yarmouth was the first place in the country to have Crime Stoppers which was started on 24 June 1983.

Tuesday 25 June at 7.30pm

Gardline: History of the company and the difficulty in getting recruits.

Samantha Massingham, MBA, Chartered MCIPD, CMgr MCMI., Head of Human Resources at Gardline.

Tuesday 9 July at 7.30pm

Future Paget Programme - New Hospital

Mr Mark Flynn FCCA MAAT, Director of Strategic Projects, James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

RECENT MEETING

Tuesday 23 April. at 7.30pm **Nelson Ward** Presentation about the problems and solutions for this ward by the local councillor Tony Wright.

Unfortunately, Tony Wright's two other councillors for Nelson Ward had to attend a council meeting so were unable to join us. However he gave an impassioned talk about life and experiences in Nelson Ward which runs from Regent Road to the harbour mouth.

Tony was born on Middlegate and grew up in Great Yarmouth. After an engineering apprenticeship he qualified as a mechanical engineer where he became active in trade unions and politics and became an elected local councillor. For two years he was the leader of the Council prior to becoming the borough's MP from 1997-2010.

Nelson Ward was responsible for most of the wealth creation of the Borough from the herring to oil and gas and tourism yet it was in the top 10% most deprived wards in the country. The area has one of the lowest skill levels in the country. More recently many of the productive works in the ward have moved away and cheap holidays abroad have affected the tourism industry. Many of the guest houses and hotels have been turned into homes of multiple occupation - 80% of these in the Borough are in Nelson Ward - many of which are poorly looked after. Rubbish bins, many of which are overflowing, are on the pavements.

He was pleased that the two main parties in local government work together but upset that government support to local councils had decreased so that this year the borough has a £2M

deficit. He walks through his ward daily and is disappointed at the weeds everywhere, the fly tipping and the number of people living in caravans near the harbour mouth.

He felt that Great Yarmouth was still a good place in which to live, to have holidays and for businesses to develop. He was pleased at the number of grants which it had obtained in recent years.

SAFER STREETS.

A small group of members meet on Tuesday mornings to clean up a number of the Rows and some of the alleyways in the town. If you wish to join us details are on the leaflet below.

CLEAN UP OUR STREETS

The Civic Society of Great Yarmouth is weeding and cleaning up some of the Rows and Alleyways in the town. This is being done on a voluntary basis and we hope that you and your neighbours will help in keeping the areas clean and tidy.



If you would like to join us we usually meet on St. George's Theatre Plaza each Tuesday at 10am when all equipment needed will be provided. Meetings are cancelled if heavy rain is forecast. At 11.30am we break for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat to see what else we can do to make the town look better.

The Civic Society exists to preserve and protect our heritage and to promote the town with pride.

Membership costs £10 yearly. There are talks each month on different topics, we make visits to interesting places and each year we run a competition to find the best looked after shops, businesses and market stalls.

Like many towns and cities Great Yarmouth has suffered from closure of shops and businesses but together we can make a difference and we ask for your support.



Help us to develop civic pride
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Volunteer
Today



Part of the project covers safety of women and on Monday 8 April I led a discussion at Feathers Futures - a charity bringing together women in a connected community group. - on anti-social behaviour The anti-litter group will be discussing these issues on a monthly basis.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT GREAT YARMOUTH

The borough has been awarded a grant of £20M to be spent over the next 10 years and in the next few months we are seeking opinions as to how best this money could be spent. No doubt you will have many ideas and below are details of how you can express your views, either by filling in a questionnaire or by attending a meeting. Details are given below.

GREAT YARMOUTH IS INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR BOROUGH.

We want to find out what matters to people that live, work, study, create, visit or do business in the borough.

Be part of designing the Great Yarmouth of the future by sharing your views.

Come along and have your say at a public event:

Thursday 13th June 2-5pm / Cobholm Community Centre
St Luke's Terrace, Cobholm Rd, Great Yarmouth NR31 0AP

Wednesday 19th June 1-4pm / 6 Day Market
70 Market Pl, Great Yarmouth NR30 1LX

Friday 21st June 10-1pm / Marina Leisure Centre
Marine Parade, Great Yarmouth NR30 2ER

Tuesday 25th June 10:30-1:30pm /
Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, Gorleston
Magdalen Way, Gorleston Norfolk, NR31 7BP

You can tell us
what you think by
completing our
digital survey.



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AWARDS FOR SHOPS, BUSINESSES AND MARKET STALLS.

Later this month we will start assessing shops businesses and market stalls to see which look the best from the outside. The area assessed will also include the pavement in front of them down to the gutter. We started these awards some years ago in the hope that they would encourage owners of these premises to improve their appearances and hence the general look of the town. The awards will be given at a ceremony in the Town Hall on Thursday 11 July in the Town Hall.

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 or knows of anyone who might be interested please let me know as soon as possible.

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