

Newsletter Number 39



NEXT MEETING. To be held at Christchurch, King Street, NR30 2HL

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER at 7.30pm

THE PLACE, THE NEW UNIVERSITY LEARNING CENTRE IN THE OLD PALMERS
Illustrated Presentation by Natasha Hayes, Executive Officer of GYBC

RECENT MEETING. Held on Tuesday, 15 October at 7.30pm

REVISITING EMPLOYMENT

By Sarah Flindall, General Practitioner.

In a stimulating talk Dr. Flindall covered the importance of a good start in life and how to improve the chances of getting a job. Making an analogy with gardening she said that where plants grow in poor soil they become sick plants. Similarly children growing up need to feel safe and to be cared for. They need a good home, good food and to feel loved.

Where this is lacking it affects brain development and by the age of eight this cannot be rectified. These children begin to worry and are unable to sort things out. This affects their behaviour and can lead to alcoholism, drug taking, gambling etc. These poor experiences as a child can lead to heart attacks at a young age, early onset dementia, weight gain, diabetes in children and the incidence in our population is increasing.

These impoverished childhood experiences have been made worse by the cutting of local authority services, particularly to children's services. Children are missing out in their schooling and where they leave school without qualifications and do not participate in sporting activities there is a high increase in their chances of ending up in prison.

Right to Succeed (<https://righttosucceed.org.uk>) is working in Nelson Ward to try and improve conditions for children and has received a large grant for the Youth Endowment Fund. Already there have been big improvements in literacy skills in children at Great Yarmouth Charter Academy and Great Yarmouth Priory School. When asked what would they most like to see change in the town they said "For the town to be clean and safe".

Right to Succeed is looking at:

- Mental health
- Work experience
- Vulnerable groups
- Job application process

She mentioned the work of Trevor Saunders who has a sports shop under Market Gates where he is working with people who have come out of prison or who are homeless. He is linking these people with sportsmen and is helping them to get jobs.

Work on job applications has shown that many people are turned down for interviews because of the poor quality of their applications. These people are being helped to re-write them.

During question time many people gave examples of how their businesses had helped poorly qualified people and the importance of having influential teachers was stressed. There appeared to be a shortage of apprenticeship posts many of which were poorly paid.

It was decided to hold another meeting for members who wished to discuss the matter further and see what could be done to improve the upbringing of children and helping people to get jobs.

LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS.

Great Yarmouth was one of 51 towns and cities awarded £20M over 10 years to improve town centres and we were required to submit our plans by the end of July. Unfortunately, the new government put a hold on this scheme but after further thought and receiving letters from members of the Town Board - including the Civic Society of Great Yarmouth - the scheme is to go ahead. Our submission consists of five parts:

1. Redevelopment of empty buildings in the town centre and on the seafront. This will include turning some of the spaces into housing accommodation.
2. Making the town feel safer, tackling antisocial behaviour, prosecuting fly-tippers and encouraging the improvements of shops and business fronts.
3. Keeping the town clean and tidy by street scene operatives and education officers working with schools and businesses to encourage no litter, proper recycling, taking pride in the town and giving greater publicity to our great heritage.
4. Improving access to health services. One of these projects will be to have a training school for dental technicians in The Place and hopefully to provide five NHS dental chairs there.
5. Provision of a youth centre and facilities for children and young people

WINTER GARDENS

I have received the following. If you would like to be involved please contact Rachel Daniel directly.

The Winter Gardens' Roots: Researcher Volunteer

***Fortnightly on Thursdays 1.30 – 3.30pm
Beginning at GY Library***

Help us tell the story of the Winter Gardens

The Winter Gardens is a much beloved Victorian glasshouse which has sat on Great Yarmouth's seafront for over 100 years. Throughout its rich past the Winter Gardens has been host to tropical planting, ballroom dances, artistic roller-skating, orchestras, and DJs ... even an Austrian beer hall!

The Winter Gardens has been awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to undergo an exciting project which will restore the building, recapturing its past grandeur, and provide new services for the community.

We are looking for people to take part in a volunteer project which will dig further into Winter Gardens' past, uncovering forgotten stories, collecting images and ephemera, and helping us develop resources that will bring the building's history to life.

What will you do?

You will be part of a small research group who will help to gather stories about the Winter Gardens. This will involve:

- Visits to local museums and archive centres to explore the collections and uncover more about the building's heritage*
- Working with local people to document their memories of the Winter Gardens*
- Developing important content for the Winter Gardens, including timelines of key events and online resources, which will be used to share the story of the building with visitors*

This is a great way to meet new people, build your research and communication skills, and be part of an inspiring project bringing an important part of Great Yarmouth's heritage back to life.

How do I get involved?

You don't need any prior experience to take part. Involvement is free and refreshments are provided. If you would like some more info email the Winter Gardens Engagement & Partnership Coordinator rachel.daniel@great-yarmouth.gov.uk or register at <https://www.getinvolvednorfolk.org.uk/>

Please note spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Best wishes

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