

## Newsletter Number 47



### FUTURE MEETINGS

**Wednesday 10 July 3pm**

**Conducted tour of Burgh Castle.** This has been cancelled as no-one has applied to attend on this date.

**Thursday 17 July at 5.30pm for 6pm.** Assembly Room of Town Hall.

**Presentation of awards for Shops, Businesses and Market Stalls.**

Light refreshments will be served.

**Tuesday 30 September 2025 .** Time and place to be confirmed as Christchurch is closing from the end of August.

**Judi Norman**, CEO of St. Elizabeth Hospice.

**St Elizabeth Hospice: improving palliative and end of life care in Great Yarmouth today and looking to the future.** The talk will details of the hospice which is to be built here

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

**Saturday 31 May, 12noon - 6pm**

**Up Your Street**

As part of the Out There Festival Up Your Street was organised to try and encourage people living in the town to green up their neighbourhood. This is something which the Civic Society fully supports and we had a stall opposite the Drill House. Unfortunately the footfall was not very great in this position although we spoke to several people about our activities. We are very grateful to the volunteers who managed the stall. Clare Southern, who is one of our regular Tuesday morning litter pickers, had organised a large collection of plants, shrubs and trees in containers she had made from old pieces of wood and cardboard. These were arranged around a large piece of plastic grass.

**Saturday 14 June In the Market Place 9am-1.30pm.** As part of national Civic Day we had a stall in the Market Place to show the work done by our Civic Society.

**Saturday 14 June at 2.15pm .** In The Place, Great Yarmouth Market Place.

**Kathryn Ferry.** Historian and author specialising in Architecture, Design and Seaside Culture.

**20th Century Seaside Architecture.** Launch of her new book which was available to purchase.

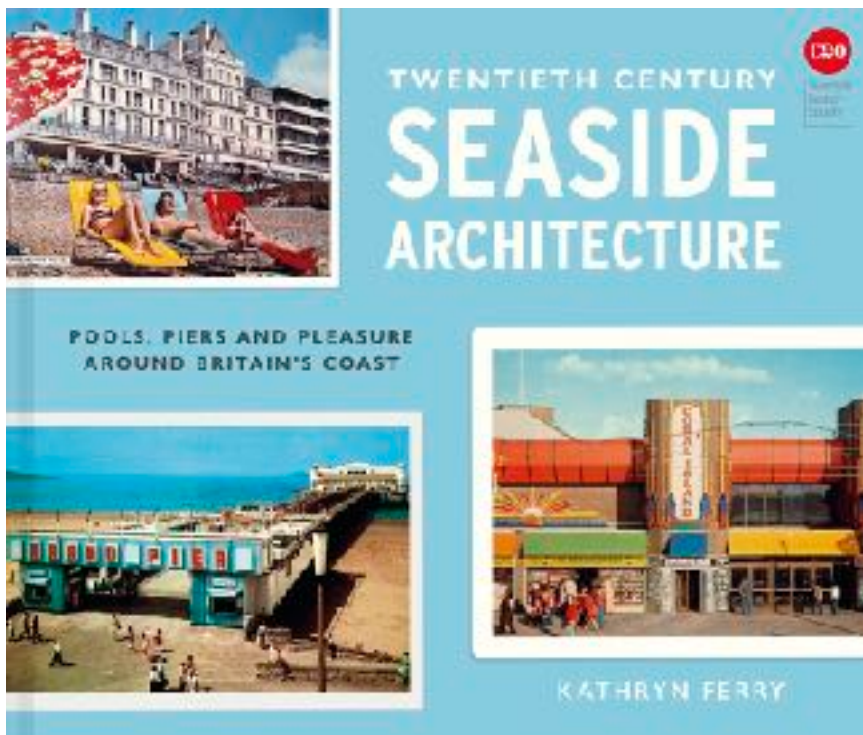
Kathryn's talk was based on her book which was published that week. She commenced by giving a quotation from the Architectural Review in January 1938: " the greatest asset a seaside

town has its character of being a seaside town.” She is always telling people that the best place in the UK for a seaside holiday is Great Yarmouth.

Her talk and the book is lavishly illustrated by postcards which capture a moment in time. From the 1900’s onwards more people were able to go on holiday and most escaped from the industrial towns and cities to the seaside. Victorian architecture was elaborate but buildings became plainer in the next century with a classical feel from the 1920’s with columns for shelters and open air baths e.g.in Blackpool. In the 1930’s there was a tendency for many buildings to look like liners after The Queen Mary was launched in 1935.

During the second world war 53 piers were requisitioned in the south and southeast and some were bombed. The Festival of Britain in 1951 had a great influence on seaside architecture e.g. the abacus screen, the domed roof of the Festival Hall and pointed roofs.

People who missed the talk should consider buying a copy of her book for £20.



## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

### **Cataloguing buildings in the Town which are not listed.**

There are many fine buildings in the town which are not listed Grade 1 or 2 and we feel it would be worthwhile making a record of them and pointing out their important features. Franziska Callaghan, the Conservation Officer, has agreed to give us instructions on how to carry this out and if you are interested in helping with this project please let me know and we will arrange a time to meet up with Franziska.

Best wishes,

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