

Newsletter Number 50



Next meeting

Tuesday 14 October in the Priory (behind the Old Vicarage next to the Minster, NR30 1NW.)
7.00pm not 7.30pm. Coffee and tea available before the meeting

Rob Haslam, Architect and owner of Old Vicarage and Priory.

“Curing Energy Poverty Together”

Come and see what Rob has achieved since he bought the Old Vicarage and Priory.

LAST MEETING

Tuesday 30 September 2025. The Place (The old Palmers) in the Market Place. 2.30pm

Judi Newman, CEO of St. Elizabeth Hospice.

“St Elizabeth Hospice: improving palliative and end of life care in Great Yarmouth today and looking to the future.”

Great Yarmouth and Waveney is thought to be the only health district in the country not to have a hospice. St. Elizabeth Hospice was founded in Ipswich in 1989 and grew to have 18 beds. It has facilities for in patients and out patient care with 80% of patients being treated in their own homes.

There are 200 hospices in the country on average, the NHS pays for about 30% of the running costs. The rest of the money is raised by charitable activities. There is no charge to the patients.

In 2019 St. Elizabeth's won the contract to provide palliative care services for the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Health District. In March 2023 St. Elizabeth's merged with East Coast Hospice. There are six beds for palliative care in Beccles Hospital and there are community care teams in Beccles, Halesworth, Gorleston and Martham.

With an aging population it is expected that our local population will have increased by 110,000 by 2040.

The new hospice has been designed by Lambert Scott and Inness and will have out patient facilities with 16 beds. At the entrance there is an atrium containing a cafe and shop. There is a bereavement and counselling suite as well as office accommodation. There are therapeutic gardens. Two weeks ago full planning permission was granted and Barnes Construction have been appointed the builders. The cost of the build is £15M. £10M has been raised and now the remaining £5M is being sought from trusts, large organisations and the general public.

Construction will start early in 2026 and is expected to take 18 months prior to fitting out and opening the building.

The AGM Minutes

1. Several people had sent their apologies for not being able to make the meeting

2. Minutes of the AGM for 24.9.24 were accepted
3. Annual Report for 2024-2025 had been circulated electronically and was accepted
4. Financial Report ending June 30 2025 was accepted. See below.
5. Henry Cator voted to remain President with acclamation
6. Present committee re-elected
7. Gavin Hetherington and Colin White voted to the committee
8. Plans for the coming year were discussed and it was hoped that members would help in the various projects
9. Hugh Sturzaker thanked the many people who had helped in many ways during the year and urged each member to enrol one or more people to join the Society
There was a discussion about the timing of future meetings and it was decided that during the winter months meetings should be held on the afternoon and resort to evening meetings in the lighter months

THE OCEAN ROOM, GORLESTON

Gorleston is outside the Civic Society's area but many of our members live in Gorleston. Many people are concerned about the future of the Ocean Room and the fear that it may be pulled

CIVIC SOCIETY OF GREAT YARMOUTH			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025			
		2025	
INCOME			
Subscriptions	640.00		890
Talk Income	12.00		60
Donations	0.00		12
The Scott Family Brochure Printing Donation	0.00		200
Donation re placque Dr Kumar	100.00		100
Towncentre Awards Donations towards costs	150.00		250
Norfolk Community Foundation Donation Michael & June Fuller	1,000.00		1,000
GYBC Grant re Safer Streets used to date	765.61		714
GYBC Grant re Children Awards	400.00		
Gift Aid	160.65		227
EXPENDITURE			
Civic Voice	99.20		114
Hall Hire	320.00		585
Speakers costs	316.10		187
Printing	260.88		253
Insurance	161.19		157
Award costs	163.45		204
Children's Awards costs	195.12		
Bank charges	18.04		0
Web site costs	255.00		70
Safer Street payments	765.61		714
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,554.59	
Excess income over expenditure		673.67	

CIVIC SOCIETY OF GREAT YARMOUTH					
BALANCE SHEET					
30TH JUNE 2025					
		2025			2
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank	7,326.96			7,397.36	
Petty Cash	20.00			0.00	
Insurance Prepayment	151.79			130.83	
Debtor Gift Aid	160.00	7,658.75		222.50	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
GYBC Grant re Safer Streets not yet used	3,520.09			4,285.70	
Donations re July 2025 Awards	150.00	3,670.09		150.00	
		3,988.66			
Balance 1 July 2024		3,314.99			
Excess income over expenditure		673.67			
30th June 2025		3,988.66			

concern about what they plan to do with the building and there has been talk about their previous financial difficulties. Many people are keen to have the building listed which would save the building and if you feel the same way please go to the Historic England's website and complete the onsite form for listing a building of importance.

Willing to volunteer?

We could do with some more help with the following projects:

- Litter picking on Tuesday mornings
- Greening up Great Yarmouth. This would involve growing plants and establishing planters and window boxes around the town
- Assessing interesting buildings and places around the town which are not listed

Please let me know if you are able to help with any of these functions and I will give you more details of what is involved or come to the next meeting in the Old Priory when we can discuss what is involved.

Best wishes,

Hugh Sturzaker

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