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FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 16 April in the Hive, at The Place (The old Palmers) at 2.30pm

Gavin Hetherington, Retired Engineer.

"Non Designated Heritage Assets in Great Yarmouth." He will be describing many of the interesting buildings and places in the town which are not listed.

RECENT MEETINGS

Tuesday 24 February in the Old Priory at 2.30pm.

James Wilson, Head of Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Services, GYBC .

"Improving the Environment in Great Yarmouth."

James Wilson said that the Council was keen for people to develop a sense of pride in their town. Great Yarmouth was the only place in Norfolk enforcing the Public Space Protection Order which hoped to curb antisocial behaviour such as alcoholic drinking in public spaces, urinating, defaecating and spitting in public spaces. People committing these offences could be given temporary exclusion orders or be fined up to £1,000. So far 40 fixed Penalty Notices had been issued, there had been 12 prosecutions, 9 successful fines of over £1,000 and one person ended up in prison for 16 weeks.

A Task force of 4 Council Enforcement Officers, 3 dedicated Police Officers and 3 Cleansing Officers are being recruited. They will be tackling fly tipping, speaking to people who have dirty front gardens and dealing with Caravans which are illegally parked. They will be liaising with the Homeless Outreach Team and Mental Health Workers.

The council is drawing up plans to improve Market Row and is developing plans to turn empty shops into affordable homes, bringing empty buildings back into use and is working closely with the Town Centre Partnership.

Tuesday 21 March, 2026 in the Old Priory at 2.30pm

John Stephens, Organist and conductor, Musical Director of the Inspiration Trust.

"Great Yarmouth and Rambouillet Twinned for 70 years."

This year marks the 70th year since Great Yarmouth and Rambouillet were twinned. Rambouillet is a wealthy small town 35 miles southwest of Paris with a population of 27,000. It lies on the edge of a forest which houses an ancient chateau which until recently was the summer residence of the French President.

In the early days many schoolchildren were involved in the yearly exchange between the two towns and sports clubs were often involved. This year part of the Dusmagrik group will be performing in Rambouillet.

John first went to Rambouillet when he was 14 years old and has made many friends there. He has also played the organ for the weddings of his hosts children. Most people travel to Rambouillet in a coach which costs £200 per adult and £100 for children. People stay in the homes of their French hosts who speak good English and

when the French come to Great Yarmouth they stay in people's home. The next trip to Rambouillet is between 27 and 31 May.

GREENING UP GREAT YARMOUTH.

In the last few months we have been buying planters and planting them with daffodils, primroses and pansies which have been distributed around the Market Place with the help of pupils and teachers at East Norfolk Sixth Form College and the Priory Primary School in the Market Place. Geranium and trailing petunias plug plants have been planted in the College's greenhouse and in the next few weeks will be planted in the planters.

