

Newsletter Number 56



FUTURE MEETING

Tuesday 22 September at 7.30pm in Old Priory, behind the Old Vicarage.

Richard Gallard will talk about **“The introduction of the Railways to Great Yarmouth”**

After this there will be the **AGM of the Society**. Please let me know if you would like to stand for the committee or if you have any motions you would like brought up at the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for future meetings or speakers.

RECENT MEETING

Friday 10 July at 2.30pm in Town Hall Rambouillet Room.

“Presentation of latest masterplan of Re-Development of North Quay”

By Simon Smith, Managing Director of Dunk Ink Ltd.

Simon Smith gave an update on the re-development of North Quay. The area will be called Quayside and the planning application will be submitted in the next 10 days. The land assembly will be completed by 2028 and the site will be opened in 2030. By that time the development of flats and houses on The Conge will be well advanced and there will be signs encouraging visitors to the Quayside to visit the Market and other parts of the town. In other parts of the country the existing shops have benefitted from having a shopping outlet being built nearby.

There will be 70 Outlet shops and all will have a minimum discount of 30%. There will be some restaurants but no fast food places. There will be a hotel, a carpark taking nearly 1,000 cars and an IMAX cinema which can function as a conference centre. In addition there will be some leisure facilities and some housing. The three listed buildings will probably have a community function.

This is a £150M investment taking two years to build. 600 people will be involved in its construction and more than 500 will be employed when it is opened. The shops will be open from 10am to 8pm and leisure facilities will stay open longer.

Sunday 19 July

Visit to Beccles at 12.30pm

A small group of members spent the afternoon in Beccles hosted by the Beccles Society. We started off in the Museum learning about some of the history of the town and its people and then walked through parts of the lovely old town. We then did a more detailed trip along Puddingmoor learning about the history of some of its buildings. We ended at the Waveney House Hotel for tea.



Beccles Museum.

NEW WEBSITE

We have had problems with our old Website and I am pleased to report that Martin Page, our treasurer's son, has very kindly produced a new website which you should be able to see in the next few days at www.civicsocietygy.uk. Note the new address.

GREENING UP

A small group of our members are maintaining the planters in the Market Place and elsewhere in the Town. We would like to do more and it would help to have some more volunteers. We have also noted a number of front gardens in the town which are well maintained and we have given them a letter saying how much they have been appreciated and asking whether they can encourage their neighbours and would they like to join us in our work.



GREAT YARMOUTH LOCAL PLAN

The government appointed Planning Inspectors have found the plan to be sound and it is expected that the Council will consider the adoption of the Plan at its full council meeting on 24 September.

The Inspectors 'Final Report and Schedule of Main Modifications can be accessed on the Council's website at <https://localplan.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/article/9963/Emerging-Local-Plan-2024-2042>, or alternatively, copies of the documentation can be viewed in the reception (during normal office hours) at Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF.

It is currently expected that the Council will consider the adoption of the plan at its Full Council meeting on 24th September 2026.

TOWN OF CULTURE.

It was wonderful news to hear that Great Yarmouth has been short listed to be Town of Culture in a few years time. A great deal of work is needed to achieve this goal and let us hope that the community will work together in achieving it.

SOUTH QUAY

This is now the third year since trees were planted on South Quay and it is good to see that they are still flourishing. In the photo below notice the absence of litter and weeds and the plastic bags which are keeping the trees watered.



Best wishes,

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