

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

30 March 2023

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM MIDDLETON - DEPUTY LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE.

For the period March 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Soap box Derby Hunstanton

Sunday 2nd April will see our post pandemic re launch of the popular soap box derby in Hunstanton. With 48 entrants and thousands expected to watch its sure to be a thrilling event, we also have live music on the green so do come down and join in the fun.

Wild, Dark and Strange, (James Wild MP, Cllr Stuart Dark and Charles Meekin-le Strange) have their kart prepped and ready to go raising funds for the RNLI.

RNLI

You may have seen in recent press a joint project between the council and le strange estate to assist the RNLI in more safety measures installing additional signage and tide times will hopefully build tourist and resident awareness and in turn decrease call outs etc.

Mayors Business Awards

The awards 2023 organised by iLife media was a great success. It was fantastic to see the resilience to the worlds challenges and innovative ways in which our local businesses large and small have coped and shone. Huge congratulations to our Mayor's Business of the year JD Cooling Ltd. I was delighted to again introduce the night with the keynote speech of the evening and network with business owners across west Norfolk.

Guildhall

We are about to advertise to recruit an Engagement and Learning officer to assist in the delivery of these activities (particularly those in relation to schools and CYP). This post has been part funded by a successful grant that the Cultural Officer identified and was successful in obtaining.

Events Already happening.

CYP activities delivered in partnership with NMS – August 2022 to date and ongoing

Creative Business Capacity Building hosted with Collusion (Art/Tech/Play) – Sept 2022 to date and ongoing

School visits to the Guildhall organised with NMS and Stories – 84 CYP in Jan, 84 CYP in Feb 2023.

Volunteer Tours of the Guildhall and bi-monthly free talks for our volunteers (next one April 2023).

Public Art Installation to celebrate the 578th anniversary of the first performance at the Guildhall by a young local artist in Jan 2023.

Shows by KL Players, KLODS, and WN G and S, teched by Alive WN.

Films by the KL Cinema Club.

We will be launching a further range of fantastic events shortly.

2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Public meetings attended

Various meetings with officers and stakeholders