

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 April 2016

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For the period 25th March to April 18th 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.



The Town Hall was open to the public on Good Friday. There has been some excellent media coverage by the regions press as well as live radio interviews. The comment wall has had many complimentary reports from visitors posted on to it. Many children have commented on being frightened in the Gaol House.

The environment temperature and humidity in the Archive storage/strong room area, where mobile racking has been installed, is expected to be suitable during late May to receive the KL Archives from the Norfolk Record Office (NRO). During the storage at County's Record Office 62 charters and 3 volumes have been cleaned, repaired and prepared for digitization and later to be displayed on the NRO web-site.

The recently appointed Town Hall Marketing officer has joined the Town Hall App working party who is working towards a target of completion in July. The App will include information of all the heritage sites in King's Lynn including the walking trails.

The external pavement up-lighting which will illuminate the Town Hall should be switched on at the end of this month. The lighting will be programmed to

change colour on the hour for short periods. There is also the capability of using them during remembrance of certain charities.

The Lynn Museum will be opening on Sundays from 12midday until 4pm for the 2016 summer season. This will add support to the marketing of King's Lynn as a town to visit during the week-end.

Lynn Museum has adapted Learning Packs for schools following recent changes to the history curriculum. Seahenge is proving popular with schools. Friends of the Museum and other volunteers meet regularly to scan and catalogue many drawing collections by local artists Henry Baines and Walter Dexter .The team have scanned a total of 2000 items from the Museum's prints and drawings collection. In addition to the scanning project a small team of volunteers, supported by Assistant Museum Curator, are undertaking an audit of collections at the museum stores.

Norfolk County Councils Community Clinics at Kings Court will be in operation next month. The aim of the scheme is to provide adult social care to older people and to inform them of their options of maintaining independence in their own home. The Ask LILY co-ordinator will also be in attendance to demonstrate to the attender/carer the LILY website which will inform them of many other options available, including those with Dementia.

Due to the success last year, for the 2016 summer season we have organised many elaborate events in partnership with the Vancouver Quarter, RAF Marham, Norfolk Museums Service and many other community groups. There will be a minimum of one major event fortnightly which will increase to every week-end during August. The first of the events will be during the week-end of May 20th the Hanse Festival and the KL In Bloom Plant Fair with Radio Norfolk.

The second event, held in June, will be the launch of the Tornado Trail and the RAF Marham Freedom Parade who are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. The Council has purchased 2 Tornados. I have invited MIND Charity and Gaywood Scout Cubs, who are also celebrating their 100th Anniversary, to decorate them.

June 12th. celebrations will be held to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday, 1920's event in the town hall garden and the Lions Fun Day in The Walks.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The registration for Bepak GEAR 10K and the mini GEAR is almost full to capacity. At the time of writing almost 2300 for 10K and 1200 for the mini GEAR has registered.

During April – July Alive Leisure are offering a range of 6 week specialist fitness courses at each of the 3 venues across the Borough. At Downham Mkt. a new cycling programme on Wednesdays for young people aged

between 10-16 is starting, which are ran by British Cycling qualified coaches.

The campaign for KL In Bloom has begun. Arrangements are in place for the Front Garden competition and the Allotment Challenge. The KL Horticultural Society is sponsoring both events. It has been decided to raise the awareness of In Bloom by organising a photographic competition for both under 18years of age and over 18yrs. The theme is 'Love my Park' which will coincide with 'Love Parks Week' in July. This competition is sponsored by Wolfys Photography and KL Camera Club.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with;

- Ray Harding Chief Executive
- Chris Bamfield Exe. Director Commercial Services
- John Greenhalgh Environmental Health Manager
- Sarah Moore Allotments & KL in Bloom
- Sarah Dennis Partnership and Funding Officer

Cabinet

GEAR 10k Working Group

Town Hall Marketing Officer

Norfolk Records Committee

Norfolk Joint Museums Committee

Norfolk Cycling & Walking Strategy Working Group

WN Tourists Forum Executive

WN & KL Girls' School Trust

KL Festival AGM

Retired Professional Business Men, Probus, luncheon

Mayors Volunteers Awards evening

IT Training