



Newsletter

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Great Yarmouth Local History & Archaeological Society



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GYLHAS Autumn Conference Norfolk & the North Sea: the past million years

Great Yarmouth Local History & Archaeological Society is delighted to present a one-day conference on 15 October 2022 with visiting speakers who will share their expert knowledge as we explore this fascinating topic.

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Dr Rob Davis, Project Leader, Pathways to Ancient Britain, Dept. of Britain, Europe and Prehistory at the British Museum to speak on Early Man in Norfolk and surrounding counties.

Professor Vincent Gaffney, Anniversary Chair in Landscape Archaeology, School of Archaeology and Forensic Sciences, University of Bradford to speak on sea levels in the North Sea Basin.

Professor Adrian Lister, Research Leader, at the Dept. of Vertebrates and Anthropology at the British Museum to speak on the Natural History of the Region.

Booking:

The conference will take place from 10.00-16.30 at the Imperial Hotel, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1EQ. Places for this event are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Delegate fees are per person and include refreshments on arrival, a buffet lunch, and tea and coffee throughout the day.

Online booking at <https://onemillionyears.bpt.me/>
Option 1: by BACS payment £35.00
Option 2: by cheque payment £35.40
Option 3: by debit/credit card £38.09

Alternatively, the booking form on the next page can be used.

The event is supported by Sheringham Shoal Off Shore Wind Farm and Dudgeon Off Shore Wind Farm (Equinor) who will finance a free entry to a limited number of full time students and those under 21 years of age.

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Norfolk & The North Sea

The Prehistory of the Past Million Years
Imperial Hotel NR30 1EQ
Saturday 15 October 2022 10 am to 4.30 pm



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Booking Form

LIMITED free spaces for full-time students under 25 years

Address of contact:	Tel:
	email:
	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a FT student under 25 yrs

Attendees

Name	Dietary requirements (please tick)			
	vegetarian	vegan	gluten free	none

I wish to pay by: (price shown is per attendee)

	tick option	paid
BACS - £35.00 (please use the reference NSEA)		
Cheque - £35.40 (payable to GYLHAS, please enclose)		
Online card payment - £38.09 (https://onemillionyears.bpt.me)		
Card reader at a meeting - £38.09 (please see Dr. Paul Davies)		

Return this form to: Andrew Fakes, 72 Lawn Ave, Gt Yarmouth NR30 1QW (01493) 843811
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Please note: If paying by BACS or cheque your place has not been registered until the transfer has been confirmed.

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Account name: GYLHAS, Bank: HSBC, Sort code: 40-22-22, Account No: 00401331

Next Meeting - September 16th – 7.30pm

'The Yellow Caravan: a trip round Norfolk in 1912' The adventures of three young ladies before the First World War by Juliet Webster - Author and Research

Unveiling of the Society's 106th plaque

The Society's 106th plaque will be unveiled by the rector of Great Yarmouth parish, Canon Simon Ward, on Thursday 8th September at 3pm at St Paul's Lodge (Now YMCA) opposite St. Paul's Church in Salisbury Road. The subject is Rev'd. Marcus Morris, a sometime curate at St. Paul's Church who founded the Eagle comic and other comics. All are welcome.

Meetings of other Local History Groups

Andrew Fakes has provided the information below which may be of interest to members.

September 10th at 2 pm the Town Close Room Norwich Castle Museum Norfolk & Norwich Archaeological Society has a lecture by Dr Benjamin Redding of UEA on 'H.M.S. Gloucester: Norfolk's Royal Shipwreck'.

The Lowestoft Archaeological & Local History Society meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm at the South Lowestoft Methodist Church, London Road South, Lowestoft

8th Sept. 'The Elizabethan House, Great Yarmouth: if walls could talk' by Stuart Burgess

22nd Sept. 'The Voyages of Captain James Cook' by Sue Pearce

13th Oct. 'The Lincolne Letters: Life, Love Loss in Halesworth 1816-1850' by David Wollweber

27th Oct. 'Travellers' Tales: East Anglia through the eyes of writers over the centuries. Sarah Doig

Martham Local History Group meet on Tuesday Evenings at 7.30 at the Methodist Church, Martham.

18th Oct. Thomas Fowell Buxton of Northrepps: Anti-slavery campaigner and African Explorer. By Dr Rob Knee

15th Nov. The East Norfolk Regiment's involvement in the Anglo Sikh Wars 1845-1846 by Nigel Amis

New free History magazine

A new online, free and monthly magazine reports the news from 200 years ago as if it was happening now, and in today's language. **200 Magazine** makes use of contemporary newspapers, magazines, diaries and images from the 1820s. The front section contains news coverage from then, and the back pages link them to now, highlighting related visitor attractions, websites, books, magazines, organisations, and TV/film/radio output. News stories in the first three editions have included the (shocking for some) marriage of Thomas William Coke MP ('Coke of Norfolk') to a woman 50 years his junior, the impact of the rural recession on Norfolk, an election riot in King's Lynn, employers in Norwich dropping planned pay cuts for weavers, and John Constable's latest painting. This is a [link to the August edition](#), and archived editions can be found [here](#). At the magazine's website - www.200livinghistory.info/ - you can sign up to receive an alert when future editions are published.

Historic Photographer of the Year 2022

Sponsored by HistoryHit.com, the 2022 Historic Photographer of the Year Awards celebrate the very best historic places and cultural sites across the globe, offering a window to history that exists all around us. Historic England is a partner of the Historic England category, which

was won in 2021 by Sam Binding for the atmospheric view of the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge, captured during a misty sunrise.

Entries were judged on composition, originality and technical proficiency alongside the story behind the submission and its historical impact.

Historic Photographer of the Year calls on photographers to explore and capture the very best historic places that the world has to offer.

Whether it's a ruined medieval fortress, a secluded religious sanctuary or an Iron Age earthwork, historic sites are among the most stunning and provocative places to photograph on Earth.

The **Historic England** category, run in partnership with Historic England, celebrates the best of England's heritage. The **World History** category recognises sensational photographs of sites around the world.

Entries will be judged by a panel of five judges based on their originality, composition and technical proficiency alongside the story behind the image and its historical impact.

The Historic Photographer of the Year competition opened for entries on 1 August 2022. The competition is open to amateur and professional photographers over the age of 18 and resident in the UK. The overall winner will see their work showcased on the official competition website and will receive a cash prize of £250, while category winners stand to win a cash prize of £50. The Historic England category winner will also receive up to £100 worth of books selected from the Historic England imprint.

Entries close at 18:00 BST on 16 October 2022. Winners will be announced on 24 November 2022. All images must be of historical significance and taken in England with an accompanying explanation of the significance. All photographs must be submitted in high resolution JPEGs, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi and a maximum size of 3000 x 3000px. No photograph uploaded may be larger than 15 MB. For more information, see the terms and conditions that can be found at <https://photographer.historyhit.com/>.

Great Yarmouth's High Street Heritage Action Zone

The High Street Heritage Action Zone is a scheme put together jointly by the Great Yarmouth Borough Council, the Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust and Historic England. It's aim is to improve Great Yarmouth's centre by conserving and repairing historic buildings, help develop a greater understanding of the area's heritage amongst the local community, aims to facilitate training and skills development as well as supporting the creative use of vacant spaces by helping to develop spaces for both residential living and retail opportunities.

It is a four year project with grant funding of £2.3m, of which Historic England provided £980,743 and is running alongside with the projects run by the Future High Streets Fund (which has funding of £13.77m) and the Town Deal (which has funding of £20.1m). The area covered by the High Street Action Zone includes the Market Place, the Rows and the northern end of King Street.

Projects that have been funded by the Action Zone are the consolidation of the section of medieval Town Wall alongside the Market Place, the restoration of the wrought iron railings at St Nicholas Priory Primary School, the repairs and improvements to historic buildings in Market Row, the repair and reuse of 145 King Street and 6 Market Place, the landscaping of the Market Place which runs alongside the existing Market Place redevelopment, grant schemes for historic shopfront improvements and historic building repairs and the historic digital mapping of the Action Zone area.

As part of this programme, Cotswold Archaeology were involved in leading a team of volunteers from Great Yarmouth, which included the Society's Young Archaeologists, in a project which involved seven test-pits at selected locations inside and outside the town walls.