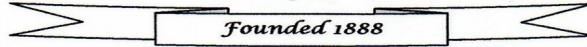




Newsletter



Great Yarmouth Local History & Archaeological Society



July 2019

Paston Symposium

The Society has been fortunate to be able to host the symposium, *“The Pastons of Great Yarmouth”*, as part of the national Paston600 celebrations.



Margaret Paston

This will be held on Saturday 19th October 2019 at the Imperial Hotel, North Drive, Great Yarmouth from 9.30am to 4.15pm.

The nationally acclaimed speakers and their topics are:

Henry Cator, the High Steward of Great Yarmouth: *Introduction*.

Dr. Rosemary Horrox, Fellow and Director of Studies in History at Fitzwilliam College at

Cambridge University: *“The Pastons in a Medieval Setting”*.

Professor Tom Williamson, Landscape Historian at the University of East Anglia: *“15th Century Landscape around Great Yarmouth”*.

Dr. James Wright, Senior Buildings Archaeologist at the University of Nottingham: *“Tattersall and Caister Brick Castles”*.

Dr. Robert Knee, the Chairman of the Paston Society: *“Great Yarmouth and the Pastons”*.

Tickets for the Symposium will be £25 each, which includes a buffet lunch and tea/coffee breaks.

Participants will be limited to 80 people. Initially, preference will be given to Society members. If you wish to attend, please contact Andrew Fakes soon before the tickets are released for the general public: 01493 843811 or andrewfakes79@gmail.com

Paul Davies

GYLHAS Officers & Committee Members

As from the 2019 AGM the Officers and Committee members of the Society are as follows:

President: Andrew Fakes

Chairman: Paul Davies

Secretary: Patricia Day

Treasurer: Kevin Mace

Committee Members:

Ann Dunning (*Excursions Organiser*)

Alan Hunt (*Plaque Erector*)

Peter Jones (*Membership Secretary*)

John Smail (*Journal Editor*)

Stuart Burgess (*Field Walking*)

Dr Ben Milner

Gareth Davies

Glen Johnstone

Patricia Nelson

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Society Meal

River Room of the Star Hotel, Friday

27th September, 7.00 for 7.30

At recent meetings nearly 30 people expressed an interest in holding a Society meal, so I have booked one, details as above. I do hope the time and place will suit those already interested and also others who may have been undecided up to now. The Star Hotel has a small car park at the back and parking will be free in Palmer's Car park in the evening.

The cost for three courses, including tea or coffee, will be £21.50 each. Wines, spirits and soft drinks will be available to purchase if you wish. Please would you include a £10 deposit, per person, with the Booking Form and send it to me by Friday, 16th August, making cheques payable to the Society, GYLHAS. No one will be officially booked until they have returned the Form and paid the Deposit. The Balance will be due one week before the meal at the latest, Friday 20th September, which is the date of our September meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please would you be sure to send me a cheque for the balance before 20th September. Thank you.

Could I also ask you all to pre-select your choice of food for each course. The Cheeseboard has been added as a dessert choice, not an extra course, and will be an additional £2 should anyone choose it.

Pat Ashbourne, 4 Barnard Crescent, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 4DR Tel: 01493 850202

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- Starters: Roast Plum & Rosemary Soup;
Salmon Fishcake with Rocket, Shaved Fennel,
Capers & Lime Dressing;
Tomato & Mozzarella Salad with Lovage Pesto
& Spiced Gazpacho
- Mains: Braised Lamb Shank, Champ Mash, Creamed
Savoy Cabbage, Parma Ham Crisp;
Seaweed Butter Cod with Pea & Lettuce
Fricasse, New Potatoes, Mint Hollandaise;
Mushroom & Ricotta Cannelloni with Parmesan,
Butter & Nutmeg
- Desserts: Chocolate Brioche Bread & Butter Pudding;
Crème Brulee;
Fresh Fruit Salad;
Cheeseboard with Artisan Biscuits & Quince
Jelly (£2 supplement)

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Names and meal choices of those attending in your party –

Starters, Mains & Desserts, please.

Contact details for person signing Deposit cheque.

Thank you.
Pat Ashbourne

2019 Trafalgar Dinner

The Trafalgar Dinner will be held on Saturday 26th October 7pm for 7.30pm at the *Imperial Hotel*, North Drive, Great Yarmouth. Details will be available later.

The Picture of Yarmouth: 200 Years of Built Heritage Project

Those who attended last December's meeting will be aware that the committee were intending to apply to the Lottery Heritage Fund to gain finance for a project to celebrate the bicentennial of the publication of John Preston's "*Picture of Yarmouth*". The committee are pleased to announce that they have been successful in their submission with a grant of £7200 being awarded.

Preston's "*Picture of Yarmouth*" is an important historical and cultural reference for Great Yarmouth. His achievement was to give, in his own words, "a plain and faithful picture of my native town" which has resonated down the centuries. His illustrations have been constantly reproduced in other works and originals and reproductions adorn the walls of hotels in Great Yarmouth today. Yet their source is hardly known. Many of the buildings he described and illustrated are still with us, and it is these illustrations that provide a historical reference and cultural offering to tourists and residents of the town today.

The aim of the project is to enable the people of Yarmouth to engage in the built heritage of the town through working towards the publication of a new book that not only looks at the buildings which Preston highlighted and still exist, but also those that have been added in the last 200 years to the townscape of Yarmouth.

The committee is keen to involve present and prospective members in the project, as well as the wider public and community (a very important condition of the grant). We secured the support of a number of other bodies in the town in our bid and will be working with them, and others who wish to get involved in the process. As well as the book there will be school material and heritage walks and trails which will ensure a legacy beyond its cover.

Further details of how to get involved will be sent out soon, but there will be lots of opportunities from helping to conduct a survey to identify which buildings should be included, to being part of a research group investigating the history of a particular building or writing chapters for the final book. The idea is to get involved by learning new skills and help yourself and others to find out about the heritage of our wonderful town.

If you want to find out how you can be involved before the launch of the project in September, get in touch with the sub-

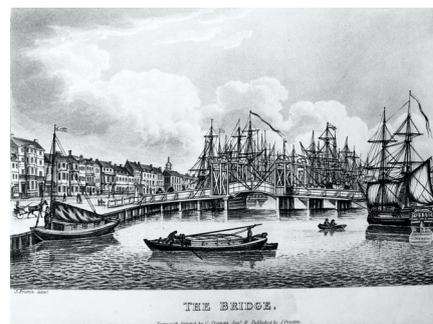
committee by emailing:
gylhasprojects@gmail.com or
contacting a committee member.

Gareth Davies
Project Lead

Images supplied from Preston's book



Fishermen's Hospital



The Bridge

Suffolk by the Sea

This event, being held in Southwold in September, 2019, may be of interest to members.



The Suffolk Institute of Archaeology & History 5th Wheeler Conference

SUFFOLK BY THE SEA

Saturday, 21st September 2019
The Southwold Arts Centre
St Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Road, Southwold. IP18 6JP

A day's conference which will consider the impact of the coast on Suffolk's heritage from prehistory to medieval times

Tickets available to SIAH members at £15 pp
SM&HS members at £15 pp, & non-members £20
(includes tea & coffee)

Brian Ayers: Medieval Suffolk and its North Sea World
Paul Constantine: Scandinavian Ships - Crossing the North Sea
Prof Vince Gaffney: Exploring Doggerland
Prof David Sear: Dunwich Marine Archaeology project
Simon Loftus: History of Southwold in 10 Museum objects
(Southwold - Museum of the Year 2017)

For further information & tickets contact :
www.suffolkinstitute.org.uk

SIAH, 116 Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds IP33 2LE



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YHAC Trip to Overstrand

Members of the Young History and Archaeologist Club recently enjoyed a field trip to Overstrand where, led by Jeremy Moore and in anticipation of the launch of North Norfolk's Deep History Coast, we combed the beach looking for fossils and flints. An early start meant that we got to the beach just before noon low tide and so were able to spend a good couple of hours unearthing rocks and excavating in the sand. Amongst specimens discovered were belemnites, echinoids, fossilised sponges and a very large micraster.



The young members were pleased with their finds and were thrilled to uncover evidence of the creatures which lived on our coastline almost 100 million years ago – what

an addition to their collections!

Many thanks to Una Watson, Glenda Wells and Ann Dunning for their continuing support as without them, the regular meetings and field trips off site could not take place.

Summer Test Pit

Last month I travelled to Oakham to attend a national training weekend for YAC leaders where I learnt how to plan, set-up and record archaeological test pits. The course was run by the Council for British Archaeology and was both informative and inspiring. Subsequently, YHAC members decided that instead of organising a pop-up museum this year, they would run a test pit in the borough over the summer followed by YHAC's own archaeological conference in the autumn to share their knowledge and discoveries.



Watch this space for further details...

Patricia Day

YHAC commended by Historic England

YHAC were recently commended in the Historic England Angels award for their *'time effort and determination... and for the best contribution to a heritage project by young people'*.



The Young History and Archaeologists Club endeavours to educate and inspire young people from the area. Led by members of the Society and in partnership with Norfolk Museum Service and Historic England, the group meets monthly on Saturday afternoons at the Time and Tide Museum.

The club is supervised by fully accredited society members, supported by historians from the Time and Tide and is affiliated to the National Council for British Archaeology. Thanks to funding from Historic England the club is free to join.

YHAC is not taking any new members at the moment but if you are a budding historian or a would-be archaeologist between the ages of 8 and 16, or know somebody who might be, please email the society on infoyylhas@gmail.com for more information.