Heritage Open Day
in King’s Lynn
Sunday 10 September 2017, 10am - 4pm
HERITAGE OPEN DAY IN KING’S LYNN

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017 10AM - 4PM

Join in England’s annual celebration of local history and architecture. This is your chance to have a wonderful FREE day out exploring King’s Lynn’s historic buildings. The King’s Lynn Civic Society working with the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk, the Red Badge Town Guides, businesses, residents and Friends groups have arranged a great programme so you can visit houses, offices, gardens, churches, chapels, interesting cemeteries, towers, tunnels not normally open to the public. Look out for special events, colourful re-enactors, children’s activities, music, dancing, miniature trains, boats, classic cars and exhibitions. Heritage Open Day is England’s most popular grassroots cultural event.

Veteran Buses
We have veteran buses FREE for everyone. So if some places seem a bit far to walk, Hardwick Cemetery perhaps, then hop on the bus. See bus stops and timetable on back page or request stop where safe.

Please note remarks in purple as they indicate warnings, variations or restrictions on opening times or visitor numbers. † indicates there will be a religious service in the morning so after midday visitors will be welcome.

These symbols may help to guide you through the wonderful heritage of King’s Lynn:

- Refreshments available from this venue
- Children welcome
- Pleasant garden

King’s Lynn Civic Society
Heritage Open Day is organised by the King’s Lynn Civic Society which was formed over 60 years ago as a society dedicated to protecting the built fabric and monitoring new build to ensure high architectural and design standards. All our historic buildings were new once and the Civic Society works with the planning system to ensure that future generations will admire the buildings of today as we admire the buildings from the past. We also want Lynn to remain prosperous and believe that an attractive, clean and busy town contributes to a healthy and happy local population and also attracts visitors. Heritage Open Day is our invitation to you to enjoy our lovely town and have an interesting and fun day.

We say “only the best is good enough for King’s Lynn”. See the best of our town today and if you would like to join our society contact Sandra Coleman on info@kingslynnamicsociety.co.uk
**Boats, Bus and a Train**

Visit the pontoons to see Baden Powell and the King’s Lynn Rowers Club alongside EIFCA boats.

Take a ride on the miniature train at the Walks.

Visit the Classic Car Rally on the Tuesday Market Place.

Tour the town in a vintage bus.

Hop on the ferry for a river trip.

**Dancing and Music**

Music at the Hanse House.

See Baroque Dance Unmasked at the Town Hall.

Watch the Massed Morris Dancers.

Listen to Wyldes Noyse and Agitato.

1940s songs brought to life by Rachel Bea.

Saxophone live from Steph and Erin

**Tunnels and Towers**

Explore the wine vaults at Bank House.

Climb the tower and visit the crypt at Clifton House.

Go back in time at the Tuesday Market Place WWII air raid shelters.

Visit the newly restored tower at the Pilot Office on Common Staithe.

Join a bell tower tour at Lynn Minster. See page 23.

**Walks, Talks & Exhibitions**

Book a historic walk with a Town Guide. See page 15.

Dr Paul Richards "Pirates and the Hanseatic League" in the Hanse House, Ceremonial Room.

Watch artists at work at Greyfriars Gallery, St James Street.

Bird after Bird at the GroundWorks Gallery. Contemporary art works.

**Drama and Acting**

Meet Mrs Edward Everard.

Phoenix Medieval Re-enactors & The Knights of Skirbeck have set up camp in The Walks. See page 6.

Civil War soldiers are at the South Gate, with fun activities.

Muskets are in action with the Eastern Counties Militia at the Custom House.

**And Also**

Mermaid tales and summer games at True’s Yard Fisherfolk Museum.

Tastes of Norfolk on the Saturday Market Place.

See a bee hive buzzing and watch a blacksmith at work.

Children’s crafts in the Vancouver Quarter and at St Nicholas’ Chapel.

See programme for details of these events and many more
The South Gate

Seige! The Civil War re-enacted times. Learn about firearms and drill 10am-12pm. Gruesome surgery 12-2pm. Be a siege soldier 2pm-4pm. Take the bus - see timetable page 13

It is good to enter an old town by a gate. It is stone fronted brick of three storeys with polygonal corner turrets. The side passages are 19C. The gate as we see it is largely 1437. Upstairs is a spacious room with a fireplace, privy hole and gun ports.

The Hardwick Cemetery

Guided walks at 12pm & 2pm to meet the bus. Enjoy tea and cakes.

When the King’s Lynn churchyards were full, the Corporation laid out this fine Victorian cemetery opened in 1856. It is one of the first municipal burial grounds in the country and has remained true to its original plan and planting. Some of the most noteworthy locals are buried here. Frederick Savage for example. Note the monument in the shape of a boat which is where 5 Scottish fishermen who drowned from the “The Beautiful Star” are buried. A haven for wildlife.

The Church of our Lady of the Annunciation

The Roman Catholic Church in London Road. 1896 by W. Lunn replacing a church of 1845 by Pugin but there is still some stained glass designed by him. Built of local carrstone with a turret carrying a spirlet. On the north side a single-storey shrine has a painted roof and is a replica of the Holy House at Loreto established by Pope Leo XIII. From 1897 to 1934 this was the official shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. See also the tomb of Lorenz Beha, Lynn clockmaker and jeweller, murdered in 1853. Ambo to celebrate commemorate the 950th Anniversary of the Shrine at Walsingham.

Live and Let Live, Windsor Road

Traditional “back street boozer”.

These pubs were common in every town and city until 30 years ago. They have centuries old configuration of snug and bar. Experience a modern welcome in this increasingly rare style of English Public House. See Tripadviser for top reviews of this pub.

The West Norfolk Islamic Association

On the east side of London Road is a fine terrace of buildings culminating in The Queens Arms, established as a pub in 1839 and named for the young Queen Victoria. Like many pubs in the 21st century the Queen’s Arms failed to thrive and closed in 2010 but has found a new use the home of the WNIA. The building is one of the two finalists in the category “Best Public Service Building” LABC awards 2015. Volunteers will show you around and tell you about the work they do.

All Saints’ Church

The parish church is closely surrounded by the Hillington Square flats. This is almost certainly the first church in the town but the actual date of its foundation is unknown although early parts are Norman. It has an anchorite cell at the east end of the chancel. Mostly Perpendicular, the Victorian bellcote was built after the tower collapsed in 1763. There is a screen painted with 6 apostles and another, Jacobean, was brought from West Lynn. A memorial window commemorates young men lost in WWI from this parish.
Hillington Square

**Follow signs at the site**

An effort in 1969 to improve housing for local people led to the building of these flats known as Hillington Square after the old housing built on land owned by the Ffolkes family of Hillington Hall was demolished. Over the years these have become tired and outdated. Now a refurbishment scheme by Freebridge Community Housing is underway and you are invited to view progress in one of the flats.

The Jewish Cemetery

In the Millfleet next to Hillington Square is a little brick compound with 16thC brick in some walls. The original function is unknown. There are headstones 1811-46. A local curiosity. Chat to the stewards about the Jewish traditions you can see in this cemetery.

The Library

10am to 1pm

King’s Lynn library will be open in the morning only for an opportunity to see some of the books and archives not normally available for public viewing. Not only will some of the books from the library’s older collections be on show, such as the original Stanley collection, but some parts of the building itself, normally closed to the public, will be unlocked for viewing! Come along to find out more about the history of the library, from its opening in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish-American industrialist who donated the money to establish it.

St John the Evangelist Church

**Refreshments, Quiz for children with little prize, bric-a-brac stall, home made jams & chutneys**

1844-46 by Anthony Salvin. It is called “The Poor Mans Church” and was built by subscription with the intention that poor people would not have to pay for a pew which was the practice in the other town churches. It is in the early English style.

The Walks

**Pick up a “Walks Tree Trail” from the Tourist Office at any time and get tree spotting.**

An historic urban park in the heart of the town. The Walks is the only surviving listed grade II 18C park in Norfolk and important in a national context.

King’s Lynn Town Band - The Walks Bandstand. 2pm

There have been brass bands in Lynn since the 1830s and over 20 bands have existed in the town at various times. Lynn Town Band was formed by enthusiastic amateur musicians in 1894. By the mid-twentieth century it was one of the leading brass bands in the area. It first won the title Champion brass band of East Anglia in 1954. The band’s busy schedule sees it giving around twenty-five performances annually, in West Norfolk and beyond. Musical Director: Bob Betts Website: www.kingslynntownband.co.uk

Miniature train

Take a ride on a model train courtesy of the King’s Lynn Model Engineers Society. A small charge to support the club.
Phoenix Medieval Re-enactors & The Knights of Skirbeck have joined forces to bring you a spectacular day of medieval military life.

10am  Cannon to start event. Encampment open for public show and tell (interactive displays of amour, weapons and talks on medieval life) opportunities to try on and take photos, also stocks for those who are misbehaving!! Have-a-go archery.

11am  Archery Display in Have-a-go archery area (long bow talk and history, crossbow history and a shoot off).

12pm  Military rest and eat. Bring a family picnic.

12:30pm  Activities restart.

1pm  Projectiles through the ages display (live weapons and black powder).

2pm  Hand-to-hand combat in the arena (small tourney).

3pm  Dressing the Knight.

4pm  Close.

The Red Mount Chapel

This late 15C Red Mount Chapel was a wayside chapel for pilgrims on their way to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The upper chapel of 1506 has a fan vaulted roof, further decorated with quatrefoils.

The Majestic Cinema

Morning only 9-11am. Note early opening and closing.

This fine original cinema built in 1928 with great attention to detail in the style of the art deco. Stained glass windows and wonderful plasterwork on the ceilings which you never see in the dark! Please leave promptly as a matinee is scheduled for the afternoon. You are welcome to look around the rest of the building which is open all day.

Baxter Plain Children’s fun

To celebrate King’s Lynn Heritage Open Day, we will be holding activities for children including a…

more info here?

The Lynn Museum

Try traditional toys and games.

Exhibition: Shoes. Take our Trail to win a small prize! Complete five trails and get invited to our Trails Stars Party on Saturday 17 September

Built as the Union Baptist Chapel in 1859 it has been the Museum since 1904. Italian gothic in two colours of brick with a tower and short spire. The Holme timber circle is now in the former school room and the best of the museum collection is on display in the Chapel.

The Greyfriars Art Space. 43 St James St.

Exhibition: Gasworks 7. Watch artists work in their studios

An exhibition showcasing the work of the Greyfriars Art Space members. Greyfriars Art Space is an artist-led initiative set up in February 2008 by members of a group of B.A. Fine Art students, based at the College of West Anglia, who graduated from Anglia Ruskin University in October 2007. It is a not-for-profit unincorporated association of members.
The Old Town Hall and Guildhall

The Mayor is At Home. Teas and coffees in aid of the Mayor’s Charity. Dancing by Baroque Dance Unmasked. 11.30, 12.30, 2pm and 3pm. Chant We and Sing it Madrigal group. 12.30pm

West Norfolk Music Centre young soloists 12pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm

A striking group of buildings. This complex comprises the Trinity Guildhall, the 1624 porch and Victorian council chamber. The guildhall was built in 1423 after a fire had destroyed its predecessor. Behind it is a fine Assembly Room of 1767 with distinguished portraits, fine mirrors and the original chandeliers. The whole has a handsome chequer work front of flint and stone.

Stories of Lynn

Pop in to see a wonderful new exhibition of 800 years of Lynn history. The Lynn town treasure including the King John cup, maces and sword are on display. The wealth of King’s Lynn is evident from its rich history. Then in complete contrast, visit the Old Gaol House and experience crime and punishment through the ages. You will want to return at leisure.

On the Saturday Market Place

Norfolk Heritage Market
Norfolk Food, drink, bees and crafts. See page 11

Massed Morris Dancing. 11am
The King’s Morris & their guest teams.

Steph and Erin. 12.30pm
Steph Legg and Erin Sawicka on saxophone and keyboard play a mix of nostalgic jazz classics from the 30s and 40s.

Wylides Noyse: The King’s Lynn Waites. 1.30pm
Providing popular music on authentic instruments and in period dress covering 600 years - from the Dark Ages to The Age of Enlightenment

Rachel Bea. 2.30pm
1940s singer Rachel Bea is a retro artist with a clear, authentic and romantic sound is making her a must to book for vintage festivals this year. Her renditions of White Cliffs of Dover, When the Lights Go On Again, and We’ll Meet Again have brought audiences to their feet and moved them to tears whilst upbeat numbers such In the Mood and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy are guaranteed to get them jiving!

Wenns Public House

Two attractive but contrasting buildings make up the complex known as Wenns. Number 9 is brick, rendered later, an early C18 two storey range. Then no 10, a mid C19 corner to the High Street with Ionic pilasters to the door. The building was first used as a pub in 1872, when the licensee was Simon Claxton Lucky, who was succeeded by James Wenn in 1877 and Lizzie Wenn in 1889. The pub sign shows a typical East Anglian wherry. This once very popular pub had deteriorated over the last two decades and you will see the almost complete renovation by Lucy and Richard Golding from the Market Bistro. Some finance from the Heritage Lottery Fund via the Townscape Heritage Initiative.
Friarscot, Church Street

Friarscot is a modest merchant’s house built in c.1473 during the reign of Edward V but now with a c.1660s facade. Only the main ground floor rooms, which retain their 15th century beams and other architectural details, will be open. The BACK of Lynn Minster is on Church Street.

King’s Lynn Minster

Bell Tower Tours  
Minster Tower Tours include brief history, chiming and swinging bells of different weights, ringing chamber and tower roof. **Tours at 11.15am, 12.30pm, 13.45pm and 15.00pm**

Groups limited to 12 persons at a time: timed tickets may be obtained in advance from late morning. No under 11s; 11-16s must be accompanied by an adult. Sensible footwear must be worn.

A stately cruciform church in limestone with the unusual feature of western towers 82 feet high. The south-west tower is still largely of the 12C, 13C and 14C on the three succeeding floors. At one time it had a spire and the crossing a central lantern 132 feet high. The spire fell in the great storm of 1741 greatly damaging the nave and aisles. Note the flood marks near the door, the two famous brasses and the moon clock. Across the churchyard are the remains of the priory, now used as housing. St Margaret’s Church gained Minster status in 2011.

Priory Cottages private garden

Priory Cottages comprise the remains of the Benedictine Priory founded circa 1100 and attached to St Margaret’s church. It was a cell to the Monastery at Norwich, with 3 to 5 monks at any one time including the Prior, and part of the existing remains of the building include the Prior’s refectory with crown post roof. Margery Kempe the medieval mystic of St Margaret’s Church mentions the Priory in her book. Restoration was carried out by The King’s Lynn Preservation Trust in 1974 to form six cottages. Entering the courtyard through the archway, which was the original gateway to the Priory.

Lath Mansion, Nelson Street

Retuning to Heritage Open Day after several years is this imposing mansion. This is a fine mid 18C house rebuilt in 1788 for the Browne family of rich merchants. Six bays in two-and-a-half storeys of brown brick with quoins and a big pedimented doorway. Spacious hallway and today access to the state rooms of two private residents. The house was converted to flats in 1989.

2 Hampton Court

**A private residential complex. Please respect their privacy.**

See inside one of these historic flats. This part of Hampton Court is the oldest, built as a hall house in the 14th century. The flat is at the buttery end of the hall and has 3 stone gothic arches within it. It is undergoing renovation.

Hampton Court secret garden

**Take care on uneven steps and ground. Enter from St Margaret’s Lane.**

The C15 riverside warehouse forms the western range of Hampton Court and is accessed from St Margaret’s Lane. The river was where the garden is and the open arcaded front gave access to the warehouses. These arcades were filled in during C17 when the river moved westwards but remains are evident today.
The Greenland Fishery

The guides will be dressed in period costume. There is also a whale craft display.

The Greenland Fishery dates from 1605, originally the property of a wealthy trader and Mayor of Lynn, John Atkin. He had the house built for his family and it was designed to be a place for lavish entertaining. Three generations later the house was sold and has since had many uses: a whaling pub, a bakery and a museum. It is a very fine example of 17th century domestic architecture because it has had relatively few alterations to it, compared to many buildings of its age. Costumed guides will be on hand to explain features of the building including the early 17th century wall paintings and painted wood panelling.

This year there will be a new feature: displays of leather whales handcrafted at the Greenland Fishery, keeping the whaling heritage alive and offering a chance to find out which whales were hunted in Greenland and why.

The Friends Meeting House †

Opens 12pm

Bridge Street begins with the Quaker meeting room which was formerly the Hulk public house restored in 1967. Early C18, of rendered and colour washed brick with a clasped purlin type roof, a late example. The meeting house main meeting room has recently been enlarged and is a very nice peaceful place with new French doors leading into a yard behind brightened up with raised bed planters and colourful climbing plant trellis.

On the South Quay behind Hanse House

King's Lynn Rotary Club Beer Festival

The Rotary Club of King's Lynn is proud to hold its annual Beer Festival on 9, 10 & 11 September in the grounds of the Hanse House in aid of McMillan Cancer Support. Try guest beers from the wood and local artisan bottled beer. See page 23.

Rachel Bea. 11am

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Wylde Noyse. 12pm

Providing popular music on authentic instruments and in period dress covering 600 years - from the Dark Ages to The Age of Enlightenment

Rachel Bea. 1pm

Massed Morris Dancing. 2pm

The King's Morris & their guest teams. 2pm followed by an afternoon of folk music in the Rathskeller Bar.

Agitato. 3pm

A local duo who play an atmospheric blend of acoustic styles - rock, jazz, blues & melodic fusion.
The Hanse House

For the first time in centuries there is good public access with various activities, a restaurant, meeting rooms and bar. A lovely wedding room of the 15th century. Behind the 18C street façade is a building of great interest, the Hanseatic Warehouse late 15C running down to the river. There is a quadrangle formed by two parallel warehouse ranges closed by a shorter range. The Hanseatic League owned these buildings which were demanded as part of the Treaty of Utrecht in 1474. The only extant Hanseatic building in England. Visit www.hanse.org for more information.

Inside the Hanse House

Dr Paul Richards. 11am
A talk “Pirates and the Hanseatic League”. Ceremonial Room

Sing We and Chant It. 11am & 2pm
Madrigals and recorders from the Renaissance. Blue Room

Waywood. 1pm
Harp and Spoken word duo. Norfolk characters from history in word and sound. The Gallery

Lavender Hill Mob Theatre Company. 12noon
Every member of this popular group fulfils their potential by singing and acting in this multi-talented local group. The Yard.

Marriott's Warehouse

St German’s Art Club Annual Exhibition. 2nd floor.
On the first floor is an exhibition of local landmarks by Fred Hall.
This brick warehouse was built in the 1580s by the Clayborne family, using some stone from the demolished friaries in Lynn, to store their corn, salt and wine in the cellar. It is Grade 2 listed taking its name from the Marriott brothers who owned or leased several granaries, including this warehouse, on the South Quay in the late 19C. It is administered by a charitable Trust.

At the Pontoons are visiting boats

Eastern Fisheries Inshore Conservation
will bring three boats to the pontoons. The Three Counties, the John Allen and the Sebastian Terelink with their aquarium and information tent

King's Lynn Coastal Rowing Club
Building, rowing and racing of traditional coastal skiffs on the Great Ouse. Come down to the town's pontoons and see our St Ayles skiffs. These have been built by club members. New members are always welcome, whether you want to row or learn some boat building skills.

The Baden Powell
The Baden Powell Project is the restoration of a unique local fishing smack. She is the only double-ended vessel of her type in existence. The Baden Powell is now seaworthy, and this is her first move to the waterfront of King’s Lynn. This is a wonderful opportunity to see this historic local fishing boat restored.
NORFOLK HERITAGE MARKET
ON THE
SATURDAY MARKET PLACE

Music & Dancing:

Massed Morris Dancers
The King’s Morris &
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Popular music on authentic
instruments, in period dress

Steph and Erin
A mix of nostalgic jazz classics,
on saxophone and keyboard

Rachel Bea
1940s singer with an
authentic, romantic sound

Stalls:

Cross Keys Bees
Norfolk Saffron
The Norfolk Large
Black Banger Co.

Smiths Bakers
The Nip and Growler
Fransham Forge
Take advantage of the FREE veteran bus as it circles the town. See timetable on page 14.
Buses will stop at any safe or recognised stopping place on request.

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On the river today

From Ferry Lane
The Lynn Ferry

At the pontoons
The Baden Powell
The Three Counties
The John Allen
The Sebastion Terelink
King’s Lynn Coastal Rowing Club

Buildings with special river connections
The new Ferry Lane Club
The Pilot Office and Tower
TS Vancouver - Sea Cadets HQ
T.S.Vancouver

The Training Ship Vancouver is the home of the King’s Lynn Sea Cadets. It is not actually a ship but as near to a ship on land that can be devised. An interesting gable ended warehouse added as the river retreated westward. Well worth a visit to see what the young sea cadets do.

King’s Lynn Archives

See some of our wonderful documents from the past and meet the archivist. Find out your family history.

King’s Lynn has one of the finest collections of borough archives in the country. They include royal charters from 1204, deeds and accounts from the thirteenth century, and minutes of the town’s governing body from the fourteenth century onwards. A Heritage Lottery Fund grant has enabled the installation of state of the art archive stores to keep our heritage safe for future generations.

Thoresby College

A 16 minute film will run during the day about the work of the Preservation Trust. In the undercroft.

Founded in 1500 for 13 chantry priests attached to the Trinity Guildhall. It has a courtyard, Great hall and residential flats. The roof of the hall and perpendicular archway with a heavy linenfold door remain but the rest of the building is mainly 17C. Note the line of the medieval quay now very landlocked.

Burkitt Homes

Almshouses set in a quadrangle around a little garden. 1909 of red brick in a Tudor style with a two-storey gatehouse which contains an interesting board room. Good cast iron railings.

Clifton House

Open from 12noon. Queues. Numbers to tower restricted.

A grand early 18C merchant house with an entrance flanked by barley-sugar columns. It has a brick undercroft c.1350 and a five-storey Elizabethan watchtower overlooking the Wash which has been carefully restored and incorporates a little museum. A magnificent Queen Anne staircase rises to elegant rooms.

21 Queen Street

This is the drop-in centre of the King’s Lynn Civic Society. Join here. Maps, programmes, information, future events, comments. Donations welcome!

Two flats are being returned to one house. Once the Three Crowns Pub and later an office of the Borough Council, this building was split into two flats in 1984 and will be once again a modest town house.

Bank House

Rough steps and ground in tunnels.

A really fine town house late 17C. Two storeys with a dormer attic, large bay windows but most striking is the statue of James II over the door. Attached is the bank counting house of 1789 with three arched windows. The whole of this square is riddled with brick cellars of 17C where imported wine was stored. Tunnels run under King Staithe Square. Now a superior hotel and restaurant.
On King Staithe Quay

**Wylde Noyse. 10.30am**
Providing popular music on authentic instruments and in period dress covering 600 years - from the Dark Ages to The Age of Enlightenment

**Agitato. 11.30pm**
A local duo who play an atmospheric blend of acoustic styles - rock, jazz, blues & melodic fusion.

**Massed Morris Dancers. 12.30pm**
The King’s Morris and their guest dancers. The Morris Dancing team of King’s Lynn, The King’s Morris was formed in 1978. Like most modern teams, they are a revival side; that is; a team formed in a town that does not have a tradition of Morris Dancing. They are a Cotswold Men’s team who perform jigs and dances mainly from the Bledington, Fieldtown, Bampton, Badby, Bucknell and Adderbury ‘traditions’.

**Steph and Erin. 2pm**
Steph Legg and Erin Sawicka on saxophone and keyboard play a mix of nostalgic jazz classics from the 30s and 40s

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FREE Guided Town Walks

**At 11am & 2pm. Places for the walk must be booked at the Tourist Information Centre at the Custom House. 01553 763044**

From Saturday Market Place to The Custom House – Meet outside the Town Hall. Lasting up to 75 minutes.

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**Custom House**

**An exhibition of art by Emily Chapman. Engaging & quirky local scenes.**

Henry Bell’s Custom House of 1685 is a gem of a building. It uses the grammar of classical architecture perfectly with two orders of pilasters, Doric below and Ionic above and very fine carving of garlands and grotesques. There is a statue of Charles II over the entrance, a hipped roof and dormers and gallery surmounted by a tall and graceful cupola. It was built as a merchants’ exchange with all the arcading originally open except on the eastern side which were filled in 1742.

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**Groundworks Art Gallery**

**Bird after Bird – an exhibition of contemporary art work with the theme of birds.**

Groundworks is a new space in the historic centre. It shows the work of contemporary artists who care about how we all experience the environment. Exhibitions and creative programmes explore how art can enable us to respond to a changing world and imagine how we can shape its future. A plain and unattractive 1930s building has been given a proper roof and a new lease of life. An example of imaginative regeneration.

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**On Purfleet Quay**

**The East of England Militia**
A small group of militia are sent to Lynn in response to the Napoleonic threat of invasion from the Wash. Listen to their stories of army life and see the equipment they have. Hourly musket demonstrations.
The Studio of Andrew Schumann

Near the Custom House. Follow the signs past the Probation Office, turn right, then into the yard.

Local sculptor, Andrew Schumann, opens his studio today. You will be familiar with some of his public work in the town; The Fathom on South Quay, the Angel in King Staithe Quay and the Vancouver Arch in New Conduit Street. In his studio are masterly crafted works of shape and colour to intrigue the viewer. He says "The making 'art' is a blessedly useless activity than can inspire wonder, love and insight. No notions, no challenging, just looking intensely and wondering".

11 – 13 King Street

A stately two storey house of six bays early 18C with two elegant doors flanking a wide carriage way. There is some evidence that assemblies or dances were held here before the Assembly Rooms were added to the back of the Stone Hall. Inside is a sweeping staircase with nice windows and some original details. The Girls Grammar School was here before moving to custom built premises also in King Street.

28 – 32 King Street

One of the most interesting of all houses in Lynn. A very early survival. Clad in an early 19C brick skin and a medieval timber framed house, although a stone house of about 1180 can be found inside. You can see the arches remaining from this Norman house. The chimney stack was pushed in c.1550.

The Ferry Lane Club.

King’s Lynn Camera Club Exhibition in the Boathouse. Bar with the best views from the over water terrace. Real Ale.
Open at 10.30

At the end of Ferry Lane is the headquarters of this private club. It was the Ouse Amateur Sailing Club but is now independent. It used to be the Ferry Boat Inn where the Cambridge boat crew would stop for refreshments after their training row up the Ouse. The Club has a special licence for today so the bar is open.

Here is the Ferry

River trips from 10am to 3.30pm today every 30 minutes
A small charge of £1.70 to keep the ferry running.

Take part in living history. There has been a ferry across the Great Ouse since at least 1285 which was vital as the nearest bridge was at Wiggenhall St German’s. It has changed ownership over the years from private to public. The Trinity Guildhall owned it in 1392, followed by the Corporation in 1649 and Norfolk County Council in 1973. Today it is owned by Kingston Marine Services who carry on this unique tradition.

27 King Street

One of the outstanding Georgian town houses in Lynn. The finely detailed mouldings on its five bays and two and a half storey façade mark it out in a street where almost every building repays attention. This stone front is 1739. The western range of red brick behind is 1700 and built by a Dutch merchant.
The Guildhall of St. George

The site was acquired by the guild in 1406 and the hall built 1410-20. The building was restored as a theatre in 1948-51 with fund raising patronised by HM The Queen Mother. It is the largest surviving guildhall in England and has an outstanding scissor-braced roof of sixty-one trusses in the auditorium. Probably the building with the most continuous use for drama in the country from Shakespeare to the present day.

Meet Mrs Edward Everard at the Guildhall

I am Anna Everard. This was our wool warehouse. We make money from wine, timber and banking but forget wool, cotton from India is all the craze now. When we were first married we lived in town with all the noise and bustle of the river but now we lead a much quieter life at Congham Hall. The horrible smelly railways have ruined the river trade and we are hoping to sell or let this warehouse. I have been to my dressmaker this morning and Mr Everard should be along any minute with the carriage. Would you like to buy this fine warehouse?

The Pilot Office and tower

Fantastic views from the Victorian tower. Restricted numbers. May be queues. A display in the Buoy Store on the Wash and Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation.

This is the home of the King’s Lynn Conservancy Board who are responsible for the shipping in the river and the Wash approaches. It was built in 1864 in red brick, with a little three-bay loggia to the ground floor and a tower, square below octagonal above. The first King’s Lynn baths were here.

The Corn Exchange

Tours and events including print-a-ticket and bouncy castle.

Built in 1858 as a market hall for farmers to meet grain merchants. Pevsner called it “Jolly but vulgar”. One of the first Heritage Lottery grants made it into a modern concert hall.

Bishops Lynn House

Here was a late 14th century merchant’s house with a warehouse at the. In the late 16th century the house was divided into two and then re-fronted in 1725 by William Bagge. The handsome bow window, large staircase hall and Kentian fireplace are all fine features of this house. Unfortunately the back range was demolished in 1975. Refurbished and renovated in 2010. The fine undercroft is now inaccessible because used for heating and air conditioning services.

19 Tuesday Market Place

Art throughout by Andy Williams

Converted into Hawkins solicitors office is a late 18C house of five bays and two storeys with a further two bays to the north rebuilt c.1840 to match. The cantilevered staircase in the N extension sits happily in its oval well lighted lantern dome. Fine features retained.
11-12 Tuesday Market Place

Renovated by Ring Associates this building also comprises no 17 St Nicholas Street. This is two buildings. Both have 16C origins. No 12 was completely rebuilt in 1830 of brown brick of 2 storeys in 7 bays. The corner plot is no 11 where you can see part of the facade of the public house "The Victory" (1822 - 1961) and some of these interior features from the pub remain.

World War II Air Raid Shelters

These shelters were re-discovered during upgrading of the Tuesday Market Place. The stewards are from the Bridge for Heroes at Sutton Bridge and any donations collected are for them.

Classic Car Rally on the Tuesday Market Place

The third King's Lynn Classic Car Day. See page 21

St Nicholas’ Chapel

Tea, coffees, snacks and homemade cakes served by the Air Cadets who have the Freedom of the Borough. Children’s crafts and trails. Bell tower tours. Part peal to be rung

Explore the history of the Chapel and Medieval King’s Lynn through our interactive interpretation; follow 1 of 3 trails around The Chapel, Inside you will find repaired doors and altered pews, limewashed walls, new lighting, heating, toilets and kitchenette, with new visitor displays and information.

St. Ann’s House

In reality this is Nos. 14-18 St Ann’s Street dating from the 17C but dressed up in a late 18C skin, two and a half storeys, nine bays including the central porch bay with a Venetian window over a Doric door case. Sensitively renovated; now rented out as offices.

True’s Yard Fisherfolk Museum

Ice cream stall. Have-a-go Victorian washing at 11am & 3.30pm. Mermaid Tales - listen to stories at 11.15am & 1.15pm. Summer Games - Hook-a-duck, coconut shy and potluck etc, all day.

A Community Museum that celebrates the story of the North End fisher folk. 2 Georgian cottages are made out in 19C period with a museum, fishing smack, smoke house, shop and café. The local volunteers are essential to the running of this Museum and have given their time today. The Museum celebrates 21 years telling the story of the North End

The King’s Lynn Masonic Centre

Open 9.30am until 4.30pm

Talks on the hour by senior members in the Temple, providing insight into its history, origins and meanings, plus the various Masonic regalia items including aprons will be displayed and explained. Complimentary tea/coffee and a cash bar. Ample car parking.

Although the Masonic Centre was only opened in 2004, there are various craft lodges resident at the centre, the oldest going back to 1906 and there are various side degrees resident at the centre, the oldest going back to the 1860’s – so in all a great deal of masonic history on offer.
Tour the old gaol cells, try on mayor’s robes, see the magnificent King John Cup and more!

Free admission to Stories of Lynn and King’s Lynn Town Hall on Heritage Open Day.

Open: Daily Tel: 01553 774297
Find us: Saturday Market Place, King’s Lynn, PE30 5DQ
For more information visit www.kingslynntownhall.com/storiesoflynn

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To coincide with Heritage Open Day, Tuesday Market Place will once again host King’s Lynn’s Classic Car Day. Over 200 vehicles are expected to take part in this year’s event, representing a wide cross-section of motoring history.

Amongst many booked to appear in the headlights for 2016, is a 1904 Oldsmobile Curvedash that once featured in the musical Genevieve and has recently completed the world famous London to Brighton vintage car run.

Alongside, there will be a display of vehicles that have become synonymous with the 1930’s including a Riley Monaco, a Morris Isis Coupe, and several other vintage Austin Morries, plus a variety of Fords from the era.

Iconic examples from the 50’s and 60’s, such as Wolseleys, Vauxhalls, Singers, Hillmans and Sunbeams will adorn the Tuesday Market Place for all to view their splendour.

Many of the cars on display are over eighty years old, and each and every one comes with a tale to tell. Stories of forgotten wrecks recovered from barns, and painstakingly restored to their former glory, pay testament to the passion and dedication of the car enthusiast, making Classic Car Day a day of motoring nostalgia.

Once again the Les Daubney Memorial Trophy, personally sponsored by Councillor Nick Daubney in memory of his late father, will be presented to the car considered to be Best In Show, and the public will be invited to cast a vote too! (collect a voting slip from the information tent on Tuesday Market Place)
Discover more of King’s Lynn

Pick up a FREE copy of Discover King’s Lynn which features an illustrated map to help you explore this fascinating town.

Visit the King’s Lynn Tourist Information Centre in the Custom House for help and guidance to make the most of your visit to King’s Lynn and West Norfolk.

Join a guided walk with the King’s Lynn Town Guides to learn more about the people, stories and historic locations throughout King’s Lynn’s history. (Walks available May-October)

Explore the stories of sailors, fishermen, explorers and merchants on the King’s Lynn Maritime Trail. The Trail guide costs 50p from King’s Lynn Tourist Information Centre or True’s Yard Fisherfolk Museum.

After dusk, look out for the spectacular Lynn Lumière light projections, on some of King’s Lynn’s most prominent buildings.

More information: www.visitwestnorfolk.com

Tourist information: 01553 763044
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A History of England in 100 Places

If you’ve enjoyed the town’s heritage, why not submit a nomination to Historic England’s ‘A History of England in 100 Places’? Each of the 10 categories will have 10 finalists from across the country. To nominate go to historicengland.org.uk/get-involved/100-places or search for Historic England 100 places. Choose the category and nominate your historic place. It would be great if we can get one of King’s Lynn’s heritage sites in the 100 Places handbook.

For more information about visiting King’s Lynn and West Norfolk visit the website; www.visitwestnorfolk.com or contact King’s Lynn Tourist Information Centre
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