King’s Lynn
Sunday 15 September 2019
10am-4pm
Heritage Open Day in King’s Lynn

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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, towers and 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.

King’s Lynn Civic Society

Heritage Open Day is organised by the King’s Lynn Civic Society, which was formed over 70 years ago as a society dedicated to protecting the built fabric of the town 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@kingslynncivicsociety.co.uk

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

- Discover King’s Lynn Discount Vouchers available from this venue
- Refreshments available from this venue
- Children’s activities
- Pleasant garden
- Live music

Vintage Buses

We have vintage buses FREE for everyone. So if some places seem a bit far to walk, St Faith’s in Gaywood, perhaps, then hop on the bus. See bus stops and timetable on page 14 or request stop where safe.

Please note remarks in purple as they indicate warnings, variations or restrictions on opening times or visitor numbers. † indicates that there will be a service in the morning so check opening times.
Walks, talks & exhibitions
Book a historic walk with a Town Guide. See page 8.
Melissa Hawker talks about Fanny Burney.
'Fragile Nature: from control to freedom' GroundWorks Gallery. Contemporary art works.
Margery Kempe: Pilgrim of Lynn in the Stories of Lynn.

Music & dancing
See Baroque Dance Unmasked at the Town Hall.
Watch the Massed Morris Dancers.
Listen to Wyldes Noyse and Nelson's Shantymen.
FLUKES (Fenland Ukuleles) are in the swing at the Hanse House.
King’s Lynn Town Band are in the Bandstand.

Boats, cars, bus, train & ferry
Visit the Baden Powell at the pontoons.
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 and to visit St Peter's Church, West Lynn.

Tunnels & towers
Visit the tower at the Pilot Office on Common Staithe.
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.

And also...
Visit Lath Mansion in Nelson Street to see Georgian splendour.
Tastes of Norfolk on the Saturday Market Place.
Whales and all about whaling at the Greenland Fishery.
Children’s activities at St Nicholas’ Chapel.

Drama & acting
Knights of Skirbeck have set up camp in The Walks. See page 5.
East Norfolk Militia are at the Custom House.

See programme for details of these events and many more, or go to the Heritage Open Day page on the King's Lynn Civic Society website.
The South Gate

King’s Lynn under Siege! Civil War costumed characters. Activities for children. Take the bus - see timetable page 14

The South Gate has recently had an interpretation renewal with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Interactive elements, displays of replica furniture, and food inspired by archaeological food remains discovered in the 1980s and dated to the 17th century will bring the history of the South Gate to life. 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 19th century. The gate as we see it is largely 1437. Upstairs is a spacious room with a fireplace, privy hole and gun ports.

The Church of our Lady of the Annunciation

The Catholic Church in London Road. Built in 1897 to a design by W. Lunn and replacing an earlier church of 1845 by A.W.N. Pugin. Much of Pugin’s work is included in the new church especially the stained glass window designed by him and executed by William Wailes (the oldest stained glass window in Lynn). In the church is the restored Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham established by Pope Leo XIII in 1897. It is a copy of the Holy House of Nazareth. See also the tomb of Lorenz Beha, Lynn clockmaker, horribly murdered in 1853. (Lavatories available. Disabled access.)

Live and Let Live, Windsor Road

Traditional ‘back street boozzer’ with traditional pub games

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

West Norfolk Islamic Association

On the east side of London Road is a fine terrace of buildings culminating in The Queen's 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 as the home of the WNIA. Volunteers will show you around and tell you about the work they do.

All Saints’ Church

Open from 12pm. Rector’s tour at 1pm

The church is also open on Saturday 10am-5pm

The parish church is closely surrounded by the Hillington Square flats. This is almost certainly the first church in the town. 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 six apostles and another, Jacobean, was brought from West Lynn. A memorial window commemorates the young men lost in WWI from this parish.

The Jewish Cemetery

In the Millfleet next to Hillington Square is a little brick compound with 16th-century brick in some walls. The original function is unknown. There are headstones 1811–46. A sign of King’s Lynn’s rich and diverse history. Chat to the stewards and read the display about Jewish traditions.
The Library

10am - 1pm
King’s Lynn library will be open 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

Open from 12pm. Refreshments
Built 1844–46 by Anthony Salvin. It is called ‘The Poor Man’s 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 Information Office in Stories of Lynn at any time and get tree spotting.
A historic urban park in the heart of the town. The Walks is the only surviving listed Grade II 18th-century park in Norfolk and important in a national context.

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 armour, 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 Dressing the knight.

3pm Hand-to-hand combat in the arena (small tourney).

King’s Lynn Town Band at the Bandstand - 2pm

The Red Mount Chapel

This late 15th-century 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.
**Majestic Cinema**

Morning only 9am – 12pm. Note early opening and closing. Times are subject to change.

This fine original cinema was built in 1928 with great attention to detail, in art-deco style. Stained glass windows and wonderful plasterwork on the ceilings, which you never see in the dark! Please leave the screen rooms 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.

**Lynn Museum**

Exhibition: Journey: People, Places and Pilgrimages – an exploration of journeys of faith, journeys of trade, early journeys and journeys of fun

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. ‘Sea Henge’, the Holme timber circle, is now in the former school room and highlights from the museum collection are on display in the Chapel.

**Greyfriars Art Space, 43 St James Street**

Pop-up shop 14 & 15 September 10am – 4pm

There will also be readings of short, Victorian Ghost Stories by 'Lady Chillers', on Sunday 15 September, at 11am and 2pm. The performances will be free. Donations in support of Greyfriars Art Space welcome.

A group of artists will be having a two-day ‘pop-up’ shop at Greyfriars Art Space. Take this opportunity to buy something a little different and individual from local artists.

Greyfriars Art Space is an artist-led initiative set up in February 2008 by members of a group of BA 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.

**Greyfriars Chambers, 31A St James Street**

The former Rummer Hotel (named after a tall, cylindrical, stemmed glass) closed down in the late 70s. Now the home of Towergate Insurance Brokers, the building has been restored as part of the Townscape Heritage Initiative. Fine art-deco styling. Access will be restricted to the front offices of the building and there will be information boards which will describe the history of the property along with photographic records.

**King's Lynn Town Hall and Guildhall**

The Mayor is At Home. Teas and coffees in aid of the Mayor’s Charity.

Dancing by Baroque Dance Unmasked. 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Young soloists from the Norfolk Music Centre.

10-12am and 2-4pm in the Old Court Room:Soraya Pascoe will be talking about the history of the legal system.

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 buildings have a handsome chequer-work front of flint and stone.
Discover the history of King’s Lynn

Saturday Market Place,
King’s Lynn, PE30 5DQ

Open Daily

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storiesoflynn.com
Stories of Lynn

Exhibition: Margery Kempe: Pilgrim of Lynn
Pop-up Police Front Office. If you dare!
The Lynn town treasure, including the King John cup, maces and sword are on display. Then, in complete contrast, visit the Old Gaol House and experience crime and punishment through the ages. You will want to return at leisure.

FREE Guided Town Walks

At 11am & 2pm. Places for the walk must be booked at the Tourist Information Centre at Stories of Lynn. 01553 763044
From Saturday Market Place to the Custom House – Meet outside the Town Hall. Lasting up to 75 minutes.

King’s Lynn Borough Archives

A display on the theme of Crime and Punishment: original records from the King’s Lynn Quarter sessions showing details of some of the crimes committed within the Borough. There will also be minutes from the Watch Committee, which oversaw the Borough Police force.

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 13th century, and minutes of the town’s governing body from the 14th 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.

On the Saturday Market Place

Norfolk Heritage Market
Norfolk food, drink and crafts

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

Nelson’s Shantymen 12pm
Based at Burnham Thorpe, birthplace of England’s greatest seaman, Lord Horatio Nelson, Nelson’s Shantymen are a diverse group of enthusiasts, driven in equal measure by a love of singing and a desire to keep the tradition of the authentic sea shanty alive.

Wyldes Noyse: The King’s Lynn Waites 1pm
Providing popular music on authentic instruments and in period dress covering 600 years - from the Dark Ages to The Age of Enlightenment.

Massed Morris Dancing 3pm

Goldings

Half-hourly tours – see the accommodation upstairs
Two attractive but contrasting buildings make up the complex formerly known as Wenns. No. 9 is brick, rendered later, an early 18th-century two-storey building. Then no. 10, a mid-19th-century 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 Luckly, who was succeeded by James Wenn in 1877 and Lizzie Wenn in 1889. This once very popular pub has been completely renovated, helped with some finance from Townscape Heritage Initiative. The new accommodation is named after previous licensees such as Wenn and Luckly.

**King’s Lynn Minster**

Open from 11.30am

**Bell Tower Tours:** Minster Tower Tours include brief history, chiming and swinging bells of different weights, ringing chamber and tower roof. **Tours at 12.15pm, 1.45pm & 3.15pm**

Groups limited to 12 people at a time: timed tickets may be obtained in advance from late morning. Suggested donation: Adults £5, 11–16s £4. 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 12th, 13th and 14th centuries on the three succeeding floors. At one time it had a spire and the crossing had 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. Previously St Margaret’s Church, it gained Minster status in 2011.

**Fenland Falcons**

In The Minster churchyard. See these majestic birds close up. They do not fly in this confined urban space. No dogs.

**Lath Mansion, 15 Nelson Street**

An imposing mansion, this is a fine mid-18th-century 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. Impressive hallway and fine staircase with chandelier suspended from a fine ceiling. The house was converted to flats in 1989.

**The Greenland Fishery**

**Living history and whaling heritage**

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, 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.

There will be 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.
Hampton Court secret garden

Take care on uneven steps and ground. Enter from St Margaret’s Lane.
The 15th-century 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 the 17th century when the river moved westwards, but
remains are evident today.

Friends Meeting House

Opens 12pm
Temperance pub for the day – try a selection of international non-
alcoholic beers
Bridge Street begins with the Quaker meeting room, which was formerly
The Hulk public house, restored in 1967. Early 18th-century, 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.

Hanse House

See page 11 for details about activities on the day
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 18th-century street façade is a building of great
interest, the Hanseatic Warehouse (late 15th-century) 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 existing
Hanseatic building in England.
Did you know King’s Lynn is a member of the New Hanseatic League of 195

Marriott’s Warehouse

On the first floor: an exhibition of models by Fred Hall showing Lynn
landmarks in the past. Chat to Fred 12–2 pm
On the top floor: King’s Lynn Community Cinema Club screening of a
couple of short films of King’s Lynn
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. It is Grade II* listed, taking its name from the Marriott brothers who
owned or leased several granaries, including this warehouse, on the South
Quay in the late 19th century. It is administered by a charitable Trust.
If you want to sit down and rest your feet for a few minutes whilst enjoying
some film footage of King’s Lynn in days gone by, come along to the top
floor. The King’s Lynn Community Cinema Club will be screening a couple of
short films of the town, kindly provided by the East Anglian Film Archive, that
will take you on a trip down memory lane. Films will be repeated throughout
the day, with an approximate running time of 15 minutes.
In the Gallery

12.30 & 2.30pm - FLUKES
(Fenland Ukuleles)
Promoting the playing of the ukulele as an enjoyable and social activity. Hits from the 1950s and 60s.

In the Hanse Suite

11am - Melissa Hawker gives a talk on Fanny Burney
Melissa Hawker, Learning Officer at Lynn Museum, will give a talk on Fanny Burney, the satirical novelist, diarist and playwright who was born in King’s Lynn in 1752.

On the South Quay

12pm - King’s Morris Dancers 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; a team formed in a town that does not have a tradition of Morris Dancing. Dances are from the Bledington, Fieldtown, Bampton, Badby, Bucknell and Adderbury ‘traditions’.

1pm - Nelson’s Shantymen
Based at Burnham Thorpe, birthplace of England’s greatest seaman, Lord Horatio Nelson, Nelson’s Shantymen are a diverse group of enthusiasts, driven in equal measure by a love of singing and a desire to keep the tradition of the authentic seashanty alive.

2pm - Wyldes Noyse
Providing popular music on authentic instruments and in period dress covering 600 years – from the Dark Ages to The Age of Enlightenment.
At the Pontoons

The Baden Powell
Built by Walter Worfolk in 1900 at his boatyard on the River Nar, the Baden Powell is a beautiful and historic double ended vessel; the only one of its kind in existence. Come on board and talk to the crew and trustees about how it was saved and restored; visit the stall or book a future trip to see King’s Lynn waterfront from a unique perspective.

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 as 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.

Thoresby College

A short film celebrating the work of the Preservation Trust will be shown in the Lower Hall throughout the day
Thoresby College was built just after 1500 by Thomas Thoresby, wealthy merchant and former mayor. Originally called ‘Trinity College’, it housed a community of 13 or so chantry priests appointed by the town’s Trinity Guild. In 1547 it was sold into private hands. Despite many uses over the ensuing centuries, the footprint of the medieval building remains unchanged with many original features surviving, including the fine roof of the Great Hall and the grand oak door with Thoresby’s name carved into it. The building was saved and restored by the King’s Lynn Preservation Trust 1963–8.

Burkitt Homes Boardroom

Almshouses set in a quadrangle around a little garden. Built in 1909 of red brick in a Tudor style with a two-storey gatehouse which contains an interesting board room. Good cast iron railings. As these are private homes, access is limited to the boardroom and the archway entrance.

Clifton House

Open from 12pm. Queues. Numbers to tower restricted.
A grand early 18th-century merchant house with an entrance flanked by barley-sugar columns. It has a brick undercroft c.1350 and a magnificent Queen Anne staircase rises to elegant rooms. The five-storey Elizabethan watchtower overlooking the Wash has been carefully restored and incorporates a little museum and rooms showing historic furniture.

Bank House

Rough steps and ground in tunnels
A really fine late 17th-century townhouse. Two storeys with a dormer attic and large bay windows, but most striking is the statue of Charles I over the door. Attached is the bank counting house of 1789 with three arched windows. The whole area of this square is riddled with 17th-century brick cellars where imported wine was stored. Tunnels run under King’s Staithe Square. Now a superior hotel and restaurant.
We have vintage buses FREE for everyone. So if some places seem a bit far to walk, the South Gate perhaps, then hop on the bus. See bus stops and timetable on page 14 or request stop where safe.
Free Vintage Bus Service
Celebrating 10 years supporting Heritage Open Day in King’s Lynn

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Lynxbus operate Sunday services into town from a number of villages; see https://www.lynxbus.co.uk/bus-times-fares/

For the benefit of visitors from Hillington, East Rudham and Fakenham, a free return vintage bus will leave the Bus Station at 1700.

Please note that vintage buses do not have the facility to carry child buggies and do not have disabled access.
**On King’s Staithe Square**

**Wyldes Noyse 11am**  
Providing popular music on authentic instruments and in period dress covering 600 years – from the Dark Ages to the Age of Enlightenment.

**Massed Morris Dancers 2pm**  
The King’s Morris and their guest dancers.

**Nelson’s Shantymen 3pm**  
Based at Burnham Thorpe, birthplace of Lord Nelson, these enthusiasts keep the spirit of the shanty alive.

**Custom House**

**A demonstration by Lavender Lace-makers**  
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.

**On Purfleet Quay**

**East Norfolk 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.

**GroundWork Art Gallery**

**Fragile Nature: from control to freedom by Paca Sanchez, Elspeth Owen, Lotte Scott, Emma Howell**  
GroundWork 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 neglected 1930s industrial building has benefited from a contemporary conversion and a new lease of life. Winner of 2018 Mayor’s award for conversion – in recognition of a design of special quality which enhances the surroundings in this borough.

**28–32 King Street**

One of the most interesting houses in Lynn. A very early survival. Clad in an early 19th-century 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 into the wall c.1550.
Keep Britain’s oldest working theatre, working!

St George’s Guildhall is the largest C15 guildhall complex in England. It has been used as a theatre for six centuries but currently faces an uncertain future.

It is the only working theatre that can claim to have hosted performances by William Shakespeare.

Come along on Heritage Open Day...

for a tour of the Guildhall, meet the Trustees of Shakespeare’s Guildhall Trust and hear about their plans to keep the theatre working.

There will be family activities for all ages in the Guildhall and a chance to dress up and pose on stage in the same space that Shakespeare’s players performed!

Refreshments will be available.

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King’s Lynn Camera Club pop-up exhibition
The camera club is presently enjoying a major resurgence. Photography today offers many different artistic avenues for enthusiasts to choose from. Some of our most popular club meetings are those where members share their photographic insights, displaying their particular interests, styles, interpretations and visions. The exhibition is an attempt to convey the range of our genres and styles.

Ferry Lane Social Club

Great views from the over water terrace. Real Ale.
Open at 10.30am
The former Ouse Amateur Sailing Club, this private club 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.

West Lynn Ferry

River trips from 10am to 3.30pm today every 30 minutes
A small charge of £1.90 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.

St Peter’s Church, West Lynn

Open from 10.30am
Parts of a Norman church can be seen in the arches built into the wall of the east chancel. Mainly early medieval. Decorated and Perpendicular with a general restoration in 1905 and the chancel rebuilt in 1934. It has an unusual small lead spirelet instead of a tower, which makes a distinctive silhouette. Note the large four-light window by W.J. Bolton (1849) and the font with the seven sacraments.
Once you have enjoyed the beauty of St Peter’s, please do go along and enjoy the facilities at the Sports & Social Centre, situated just a short walk away on the Playing Field, PE34 3LB.

Evershed House, 23–25 King Street

Open 10am - 1pm
This former merchant’s house dates from the late 17th century. In the early 17th century, there were malthouses, brew-houses, warehousing and stables behind the main building, extending along Ferry Lane to the river. The narrow court between the two wings was glazed over at second-floor level. This has provided first-floor galleried walkways and a new staircase. This allows the original Georgian structure to be seen and appreciated. Note the Hanseatic gables on the rear elevation.
The Guildhall of St. George

Live performances on stage hourly from 10.30am

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 fundraising 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. The first documented theatrical performance was in 1445, making St George’s Guildhall the oldest working theatre in Britain – by over 300 years! Uniquely, in 1592 William Shakespeare is believed to have performed there – the only theatre in the world that can make such a claim.

St George’s Yard

West Norfolk Artists Association in the Fermoy Gallery. See page 21

The series of warehouses which run down to the river were built attached end to end as the river retreated so as always to present a gable end to the loading quay. The 16th- to 18th-century buildings are now varied exhibition spaces. At the end is a bricked up watergate where small boats came inside the warehouse on the high tide.

The Pilot Office and tower

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, which is 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.

11–12 Tuesday Market Place

King’s Lynn Time Machine Project is here

Renovated by Ring Associates, this building also comprises no. 17 St Nicholas Street. This is two buildings. Both have 16th-century origins. No. 12 was completely rebuilt in 1830 of brown brick of two storeys in seven 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 the interior features from the pub remain.

19 Tuesday Market Place

Art throughout by Andy Williams

Converted into Hawkins Ryan solicitors’ office is a late 18th-century 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 north extension sits happily in its oval well lighted lantern dome. Fine features retained.
KING’S LYNN
CLASSIC
CAR DAY
Part of Heritage Open Day
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019 10am - 4pm

Free to attend
Tuesday Market Place, King’s Lynn
Pre-booked exhibitors only
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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 and any donations collected are for them.

Classic Car Rally on the Tuesday Market Place
The sixth King's Lynn Classic Car Day. See page 19.

The Corn Exchange
Go backstage, do a sound check and rig the lights
Built in 1858 as a market hall for farmers to meet grain merchants. One of the first Heritage Lottery grants made it into a modern concert hall.

St Nicholas’ Chapel
11.30am – 12.15pm: Madrigal Singers ‘Sing We and Chant It’, with Elizabethan songs of love, loss and a good time!
12.30pm: Peter Godden will play and talk about the splendid Father Henry Willis Organ.
2pm: Lavender Hill Theatre Mob with their musical playlet ‘Wish Me Luck’, based on evacuees coming to Norfolk in WW2

Children’s activities and trails
Explore the history of the Chapel and Medieval King’s Lynn through our interactive interpretation; follow one of three trails around the chapel. There will be the chance to visit our secret room, the parvais.

True’s Yard Fisherfolk Museum
Pirate Treasure Hunt: Tiny pirates have invaded the Museum and are trying to steal our treasures. Find all the tiny pirates, to save the museum and win a prize!
Victorian Games: Cup and ball, Hoopla and more! An opportunity to play some good old-fashioned games.
A Community Museum that celebrates the story of the North End fisherfolk. Two Georgian cottages are set out as in the 19th-century with a museum, fishing smack, smoke house, shop and Georgian tearoom. The Museum celebrates 28 years telling the story of the North End.
Art Workshops, Drop-ins & Demonstrations
10am - 4pm
West Norfolk Artists Association
Fermoy Gallery, St George’s Yard

All day
Tom Sharp presents ‘Plasticine Mash-Up’: fun for all ages and abilities. Have your creation included in an animated video.

Helena Anderson will be demonstrating the fascinating art of silk screen printing. Come and chat, pick up some hints and tips and give it a go.

10am - 12pm
Maxine Byron will be doing an art demonstration on canvas. She uses oil and acrylic paints to produce texture and colour on canvas, often painting big dramatic skies and sunsets.

Isabelle Wingham will be doing a workshop on drawing in soft pastel including how to blend and building layers of colour and tone. Papers and pastels are provided.

Janette Williams will do a workshop using acrylics and Q-tips for an impressionistic painting. Paper, Q-tips and paint provided.

12pm - 2pm
Lesley Williams invites you ‘into the garden’. Come along and draw a flower using oil pastels to add to a joint collage.
5 St Ann’s Fort

5 St Ann’s Fort appears on maps of Lynn from the 1880s as the ‘Dock Hotel’ and is understood to have been built around 1872 as a music hall and hotel for sailors at the new Alexandra Docks. The North Street frontage has been demolished but the music hall section of the building remains – you can still make out the painted lettering on the front in a good light. It’s a fascinating building with some curious features including a very large walk-in safe and you can see the history of the area in the bricked-up arches of the Watergate entrance to the 1570s fort at the end of the street.

The building is now the home of the King’s Lynn Winter Night Shelter and is doing vital service for some of the most vulnerable people in our town. Tours and cream teas in support of the Night Shelter all day: come and see us!

Highgate Methodist Church

From 3–4pm we will be having a Songs of Praise service when visitors can choose a hymn.

This is a pleasing though unadorned building of 1850. Unchanged on the outside, it is very different inside, simple but comfortable for worship. In 1932, all the Methodists joined to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

St Faith’s Church, Gaywood

Open from 12pm

St. Faith’s Church lies in the heart of Gaywood, which was not part of King’s Lynn until 1937. The tower is a fine local example of early brickwork although no one is quite sure of its date and the whole church was built of brick. Come in through the ancient 12th-century doorway to find two amazingly detailed oil paintings: one of Queen Elizabeth I and the defeat of the Armada, and the other of the discovery of the Gunpowder plot, with Parliament meeting above and the gunpowder and the Devil below! There are beautifully carved oak furnishings from the early 20th century and some much older woodwork as well.
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 at Stories of Lynn 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

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Tourist information:
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