



heritage **open** days

King's Lynn

Sunday 8 September 2024
10am–4pm



Routes - Networks - Connections

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Join in England's annual celebration of local history and architecture. This is your chance to have a wonderful 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 King's Lynn Town Guides, businesses, residents and Friends Groups have arranged a great programme so you can visit houses, offices, gardens, churches and chapels not normally open to the public. Look out for special events, colourful re-enactors, children's activities, music, dancing, miniature trains, boats, vintage buses and exhibitions. Heritage Open Day is England's most popular grassroots cultural event.

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 15 or request a stop where safe.



King's Lynn Civic Society

Heritage Open Day is organised by the King's Lynn Civic Society, which was formed over 75 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.



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 that, visitors will be welcome.

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



Routes - Networks - Connections is this year's Heritage Open Days theme. Look out for this icon for related events.



Refreshments available from this venue



Children's activities



Pleasant garden



Live music

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, come and see us at the Custom House or contact our secretary on info@kingslynncivicsociety.co.uk

This year's theme: Routes – Networks – Connections

Visit the Classic Car Day on the Tuesday Market Place.

Tour the town in a vintage bus.

Go to the pontoons for a river trip.

Visit the Baden Powell at the pontoons.

Take a ride on the miniature train in The Walks.

Hop on the ferry to visit St Peter's, West Lynn.

Visit the Borough Archives to see Vancouver's Legacy: Connections to the American north-west

Visit the Hanse House for an exhibition on railways in West Norfolk.

Dr Paul Richards gives a talk at the Hanse House about Pilgrimage in Medieval England & Europe.

Music & dancing

Watch the Massed Morris Dancers.

Listen to Regis Saxophone Quartet, Rachel Bea, the King's Lynn u3a Shanty Singers and Hilgay All Stars.

The Breakaways ukulele band are in the swing at the Hanse House.

King's Lynn Town Band are in the Bandstand.

Tunnels & towers

Explore the wine vaults at Bank House.

Climb the tower at Clifton House.

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

Walks, talks & exhibitions

Take a historic walk with a Town Guide.

Visit the exhibition by King's Lynn and District Camera Club at St Nicholas' Chapel

Drama & acting

Knights of Skirbeck have set up camp in The Walks.

King's Lynn Under Siege are in The Walks.

East Norfolk Militia are at the Custom House.

Norwich & Norfolk Medieval Association are at the South Gate.

And also...

Tastes of Norfolk on the Saturday Market Place.

King's Lynn Civic Society exhibition at the Custom House.

Children's activities at True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum.

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.



Hardwick Road Cemetery



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Hop on the bus to meander in peace and tranquillity. Short guided walks and the opportunity to search for ancestors' graves 10am–3pm.

When the King's Lynn churchyards were full, the Corporation laid out this fine Victorian cemetery, which opened in 1856. It was 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 five Scottish fishermen are buried, having drowned from 'The Beautiful Star'. A haven for wildlife.

South Gate

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Take the bus – see timetable page 15

Norwich and Norfolk Medieval Association. Meet an Archer from the 100-years war, a Man at Arms (town-militia man), a Benedictine Monk (Pardoner), and a Tradeswoman, with local craft.

Visit the South Gate for interactive elements, displays of replica furniture, and food inspired by archaeological food remains discovered in the 1980s and dated to the 17th century – it will bring the history of the South Gate to life. 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.



Live and Let Live, Windsor Road



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Open from 11am

Proper 'back street boozers' with traditional pub games and a pianist on the old joanna

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.



The Church of our Lady of the Annunciation



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All are welcome at the 11.30am Mass or the 4pm Vespers and Benediction

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. (One of Lorenz Beha's clocks is now in Lynn Museum.) The church is celebrating 125 years of Our Lady's this year and there will be a new Shrine of St. Felix (who landed at Babingley, which is in the parish). (Lavatories available. Disabled access.)



London Road Methodist Church



Open from 12pm. There is a service at 10.30 which everyone is welcome to join.

1pm Agitato: Agitato are a harp & mandolin instrumental duo performing many original pieces as well as their own arrangements of classic rock and pop songs. An atmospheric blend of acoustic styles & improvised meanderings!

3pm u3a Shanty Singers: The King's Lynn u3a Shanty Singers started singing together in April 2023. We sing a broad range of shanties and songs of the sea and enjoy sharing their origins. We thoroughly enjoy singing together and encourage audiences to join in with choruses, believing that singing is good for us all. We sing mainly at community and social events in and around King's Lynn, raising money for charity.

Built in 1854 with a Gault brick façade, round arched windows in three bays and known in the past as the 'Clock Chapel', this is a very fine example of a Victorian Non-Conformist Preaching House and mentioned in Pevsner's *Buildings of England*. Several Methodist chapels were built in Lynn and outgrown, so in the relatively affluent mid-Victorian era, this larger preaching house was built on land purchased on the site of the St James' Workhouse, which had just fallen down. The basic structure of the main building has remained unchanged and follows the typical layout of a non-Conformist chapel, with an upper gallery. The organ dates from 1891.

All Saints' Church



Open from 12pm. The church is also open Saturday 14 Sept 9am–5pm.

1pm Rector's tour

All Saints' Church is the oldest building in the town, with parts dating back to c.1090, although most the church dates from c.1400. It is now surrounded by the Hillington Square flats built following slum clearance in 1968. Come and see the anchorite's cell, the apostles' screen (the only surviving medieval painted artwork in Lynn), the medieval roofs, the fine Victorian and later stained glass including two Great War Memorials. Refreshments available.

The Jewish Cemetery

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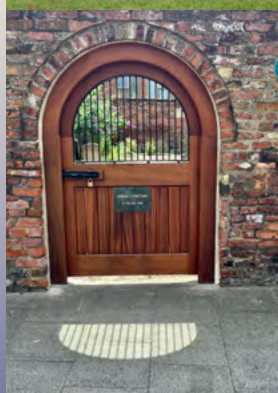
In the Millfleet next to Hillington Square is a little brick compound with 16th-century brick in some walls. The original function is unknown. There are headstones 1811–46. A sign of King's Lynn's rich and diverse history. Chat to the stewards, read the display about Jewish traditions and learn about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

The Library

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Open 10am to 1pm

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.





The Walks



If you would like to be involved in promoting and protecting this unique space, why not consider joining the Friends of the Walks group? They will be on hand at the Red Mount Chapel to tell you more about volunteering opportunities and projects they are interested in developing.

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.

Fens Falconry

12pm & 2pm Flying demonstration

See these majestic birds close up and flying.

Grey Goose Archers

Have a go and see how good your aim is. A small charge to support the club.

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.

King's Lynn Under Siege

In 1643, Marmaduke Rawdon was commissioned to raise a regiment in Oxford to fight for King Charles and in 1977 a group of history enthusiasts reformed his regiment – continuing to fight for 'the King and the Cause.' Our members travel throughout the United Kingdom and Europe re-enacting battles with live cannon fire, musket shotte, pike skirmishes and a range of Living History activities.

Visit the soldiers, officers and townsfolk of 1640s King's Lynn in The Walks and watch Royalist soldiers drill to defend the town and make ready for the impending siege of King's Lynn.

Knights of Skirbeck

Here to bring you a spectacular day of medieval military life.

- 10am** Call to arms. Time to enlist locals to the town militia. 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
- 11am** What would the town militia wear? A talk on the clothing of the period
- 12pm** Military rest and eat. Bring a family picnic
- 12.30pm** Activities restart
- 1pm** Death of a king. Weapons & how they were used
- 2.30pm** Dressing of the knight
- 3pm** Hand-to-hand combat in the arena

2pm King's Lynn Town Band at the Bandstand



The Red Mount Chapel



12pm & 2pm Tom Bryan Lute player Tom is a professional musician from the Cambridgeshire Fens. He will be playing a collection of music from 16th-century England and 17th-century Ireland, Scotland and Wales, on Renaissance Lute, Lute Guitar and medieval English Bagpipes. Musical ambience which resonates beautifully within the stone walls of the Chapel.

Built in the late 15th century, the Red Mount Chapel replicates the Church of Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and must have been built by people who had completed pilgrimages there. This 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 walls of the chapel have been inscribed with graffiti dating back to the English Civil War. Over the centuries since the Reformation, the Red Mount has had many uses including a stables and a gunpowder store.



St John the Evangelist Church



Open from 12pm

In 1843 John Motteux, then the owner of Sandringham, was forbidden to sit in a pew at St Nicholas' Chapel because he had not paid for it. He therefore offered £1,000 for a new church where seats would be free. The building was designed by Victorian architect Anthony Salvin in the Early English style, and was completed in 1846. St John's was the first Anglican church built in King's Lynn since the Reformation, and contains interesting corbels, stained windows and organ.



Majestic Cinema

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Open 10am–1pm. Tours of the projection rooms

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



Free admission, plus a fun family trail

Exhibition: The Moon: Meet Our Nearest Neighbour

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. 'Seahenge', the Holme timber circle, is now in the former school room and highlights from the museum collection are on display in the Chapel.





King's Lynn Town Hall and Guildhall



The Mayor is At Home. Teas and coffees in aid of the Mayor's Charities.

11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm Chanter's Jigge Songs, ayres, jiggs and jollies from around the world and across the centuries, played and sung with ancient, traditional and modern instruments (shawm, crumhorn, hurdy gurdy, rauschpfeife, mandola, recorder, whistle, ukulele, chalumeau, accordion, guitar, saxophone, keyboard, percussion and voice). Folk songs, Tudor dance music, Morris tunes, sea shanties and foot-tapping country dance medleys.

If you would like to know more about the many fascinating instruments that are being played Chanter's Jigge are very happy to talk about them and answer questions.

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.



On the Saturday Market Place



Norfolk Heritage Market

Norfolk food, drink and crafts

11.30am Massed Morris 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'.

2.45pm Rachel Bea

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!



Stories of Lynn



Exhibition: Retro Games: A Gaming Journey from Arcade to Xbox

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.



FREE Guided Town Walks

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11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm. Meet outside Stories of Lynn.

Each walk will last about an hour, concentrating on the old town area, and finishing near the Custom House. No need to book.



King's Lynn Borough Archives

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Vancouver's Legacy: Connections to the American north-west

View a selection of paintings by John Horton showing scenes from George Vancouver's exploration and surveying of the American north-west during the early 1790s. See the route he took from a copy of one of the charts made and read descriptions of the voyage in his own words from letters to the Admiralty.

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.

King's Lynn Minster



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Open from 11.30am

Bell Tower Tours at 12.15pm, 1.45pm & 3.15pm. Including a brief history, chiming and swinging bells of different weights, the ringing chamber and weather permitting the tower roof. Groups limited to 12 people at a time: timed tickets may be obtained from the Minster from 11.30am (not in advance). Suggested donation: Adult £5, 11–16s £4, no under 11s and 11–16s must be accompanied by an adult. Sensible footwear must be worn.

1.30pm Organ recital

A stately cruciform church founded in 1101 by bishop Herbert de Losinga and forming part of a Benedictine Priory. Built in limestone with the unusual feature of two western towers 82ft high. The south-west tower is still largely of the 12th, 13th & 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, and the moon clock on the south-west tower. The south chancel houses the two largest memorial brasses in England. Across the churchyard are the remains of the priory, now used as housing. Throughout the day many church treasures will be on display, including the Beryl Dean Altar Frontals, the four 'Pelligrini Panels', statues of the four apostles and various items of church plate. The Minster café will also be open.

White Hart



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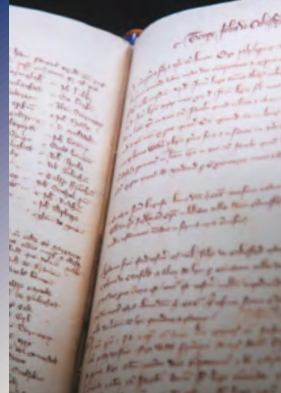
Open from 12pm

1pm Regis Saxophone Quartet. Since its debut performance at the Hunstanton Festival in 1993, the Regis Saxophone Quartet has performed many concerts around King's Lynn. With different players coming and going, the current line-up is now Eddie Seales – Soprano, Suzie Mitchell – Alto, Emily Savage – Tenor, Chris Dixon – Baritone. Their repertoire spans 5 centuries of music from the Renaissance period, arranged and adapted for saxophone quartet, to Modern classical/jazz and pop specifically written for saxophones.

3pm Agitato: See page 5

A display of historic photographs

The White Hart is a Grade II listed traditional English pub situated in the Medieval Quarter of King's Lynn on the edge of the historic Saturday Market Place facing The Minster. It is King's Lynn's longest continuously licenced public house and has 13th- and 14th-century brickwork on show.





Lath Mansion, Nelson St

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An imposing mansion, that is a fine Grade II* listed mid-17th-century house re-fronted circa 1730 for the 'Samuel' Browne dynasty of rich merchants. Six bays in two-and-a-half storeys of brown brick with quoins and a big pedimented doorway. Grand hallway and impressive staircase with chandelier suspended from a fine ceiling. The house was converted to apartments in 1989.

Hampton Court secret garden



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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



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Open from 12pm

Temperance pub for the day – try a selection of international non-alcoholic beers

The Quaker Meeting House was formerly The Hulk public house, restored in 1967. Early 18th century, of rendered and colour-washed brick (with inclusions of stone probably from the former Carmelite priory nearby) with a clasped purlin-type roof, a late example. The main meeting room has been enlarged, making an attractive peaceful space with French doors leading into a courtyard with raised bed planters.

Greenland Fishery

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Visits at Greenland Fishery will be interspersed with short informal concerts of Renaissance and original music inspired by Greenland Fishery and its frescos. Performed by composer Stevie Wishart (hurdy-gurdy and violin) and renaissance flute-player Anne Heemskerck with explanations about our music and musical instruments and future plans for this special building as a small music centre for early and contemporary music linked by the coastal environment of this very special building.

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. After three generations of the Atkins, the house has had many uses: a whaling pub, a bakery and a museum. It is still a fine example of 17th-century domestic architecture, and a great rarity in King's Lynn. Highlights of the building are the early 17th-century wall paintings and painted wood panelling.



Sommerfeld & Thomas warehouse



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A rare opportunity to look into the entrance of the Sommerfeld and Thomas warehouse, a Grade 2 Listed building from the late 18th century. Sole survivor of an extensive grain storage and processing complex on King's Lynn's historic waterfront, the warehouse has been closed for many years. There will be an exhibition of before and after photos of the extensive recent renovation work along with plans showing ideas for rejuvenating the Devil's Alley area.





IN THE GALLERY

H Exhibition

To mark this year's theme of Routes—Networks—Connections, the King's Lynn—Hunstanton Railway Campaign will be presenting an exhibition illustrating some of the lost railways of West Norfolk, where the town once had direct railway connections to not only Ely but also Sutton Bridge, Hunstanton, Fakenham and Dereham. South Lynn was an important rail interchange, with dedicated spurs and sidings for the port, Cooper Roller Bearings, the Muckworks and the sugar beet factory. The exhibition will also promote ideas for reopening some of these connections in future.

🎵 12pm & 2pm The Breakaways (Ukulele band)

Promoting the playing of the ukulele as an enjoyable and social activity. Hits from the 1950s and 60s.

🎵 1pm u3a Shanty Singers See page 5

the Rathskeller

Serving food
and drink from
10am

IN THE CEREMONIAL ROOM

H 11am Talk by Dr Paul Richards: 'Pilgrimage in Medieval England & Europe'

ON THE SOUTH QUAY

2.15pm Massed Morris Dancers See page 8



Open from
10.30am

Teas, coffees,
delicious home-
made scones
and cakes



Hanse House



Talk, art and music. See page 11 for further details

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 extant Hanseatic building in England. Did you know King's Lynn is a member of the New Hanseatic League of 194 European cities? More information at www.hanse.org



Marriott's Warehouse



On the second floor: a display of Fred Hall's models featuring some of the finest historic buildings in Lynn. King's Lynn Town Guides will be on hand to tell you about the history of the buildings depicted.



Incorporating stone from the demolished friaries of Lynn, this brick warehouse was originally constructed by the Clayborne family to store their corn, salt and wine. It is Grade II* listed and takes its name from the Marriott brothers who owned or leased several granaries on the South Quay in the 19th century, including this warehouse. It is now in the care of Marriott's Warehouse Trust.



At the Pontoons



River trips

Join Richard Stannard for a 30-minute trip up the river. Cost: £7. On the hour and half-hour between 10am and 3.30pm.

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. The boat will be at the pontoon most of the day, except between 10.30am and 12pm when she will be sailing on the river. To book a future trip, go to www.floatourboat.co.uk



T.S. Vancouver



Have a taste of what the Sea Cadets do! Tours of the building throughout the day.

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.

Thoresby College



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Sale of historic books and maps of King's Lynn

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



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Open 10am–12pm

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 boardroom. Good cast iron railings. As these are private homes, access is limited to the boardroom and the archway entrance.

Clifton House



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Open from 12pm. Numbers to tower restricted.

A grand early 18th-century merchant house with an entrance flanked by barley-sugar columns. The five-storey Elizabethan watchtower overlooking the river and with views to the Wash has been carefully restored and incorporates a little museum and rooms showing historic furniture. Refreshments available.

Bank House

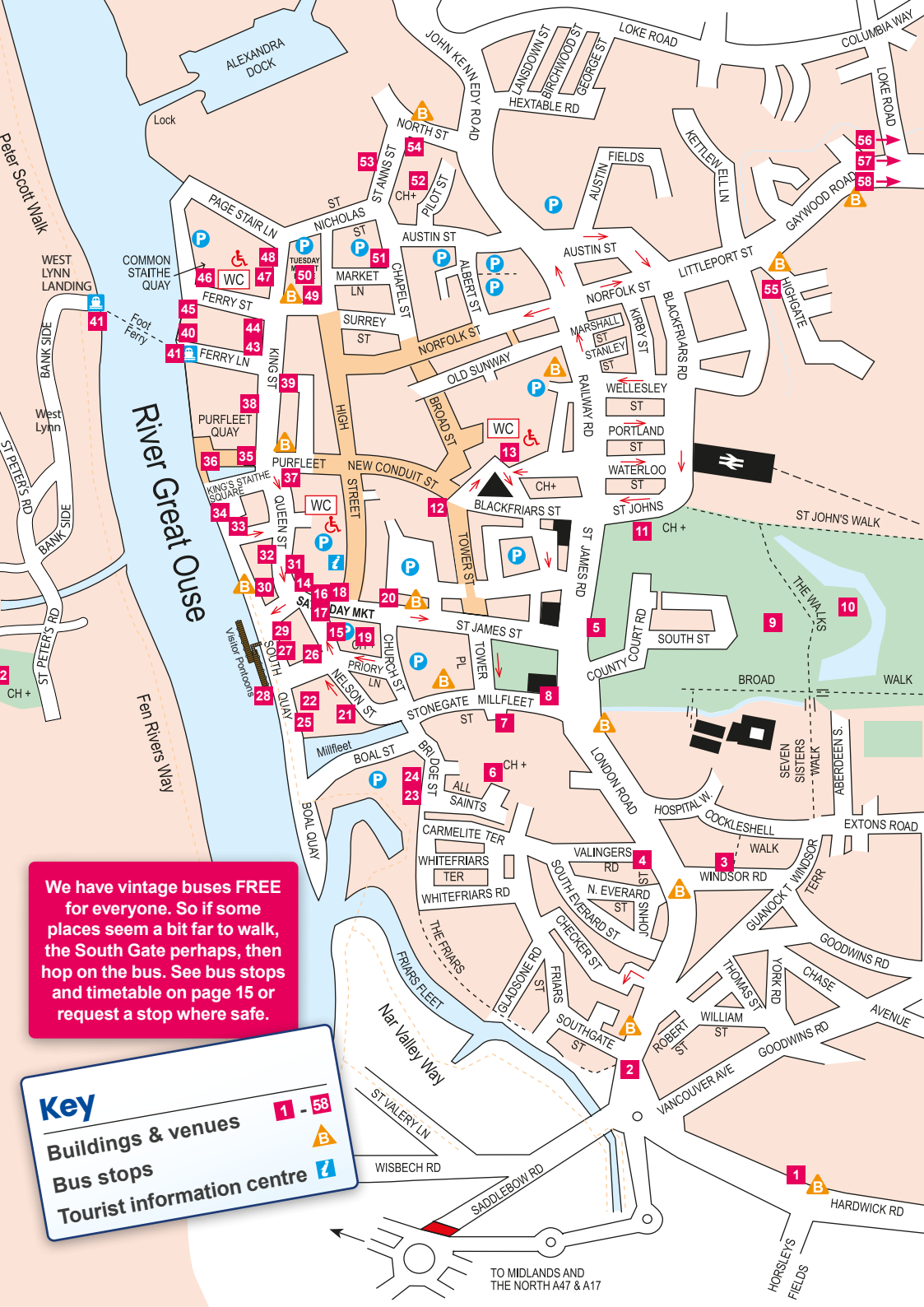


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Rough steps and ground in tunnels

Stunning Grade 2* listed Georgian merchant's house on the quayside in the heart of historic King's Lynn, now a unique 12-bedroom hotel. Adjacent is the Counting House, now a bar and restaurant, built in 1789 to take advantage of trade to and from Europe. Became first branch of Barclay's bank. Spectacular vaulted wine cellars join a network of tunnels and cellars under King's Staithe Square. Statue over front door of Charles I. Magnificent wrought iron gates. Beautiful views from riverside terrace. Downstairs public rooms and cellars (uneven steps and floor) may be visited. Open for meals, teas, coffee and cakes and bar. Bank House famous afternoon teas must be pre-booked.





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 15 or request a stop where safe.

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TO MIDLANDS AND THE NORTH A47 & A17

Free Vintage Bus Service

Supporting Heritage Open Day in King's Lynn



King's Lynn service (bus number 38)

Bus Station, Bay H	09:50	10:05	10:20	10:35	15:05	15:20	15:35	15:50	16:05
True's Yard	09:52	10:07	10:22	10:37	15:07	15:22	15:37	15:52	16:07
Tuesday Market Place	09:56	10:11	10:26	10:41	15:11	15:26	15:41	15:56	16:11
Custom House	09:58	10:13	10:28	10:43	15:13	15:28	15:43	15:58	16:13
Saturday Market Place	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	15:15	15:30	15:45	16:00	16:15
Millfleet, Library	10:02	10:17	10:32	10:47	15:17	15:32	15:47	16:02	16:17
London Road RC Church	10:05	10:20	10:35	10:50	15:20	15:35	15:50	16:05	16:20
South Gate (southbound)	10:07	10:22	10:37	10:52	15:22	15:37	15:52	16:07	16:22
Hardwick Cemetery	10:09	10:24	10:39	10:54	15:24				
Hardwick Rd, McDonalds layby	10:12	10:27	10:42	10:57	15:27				
South Gate (northbound)	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	15:30	15:40	15:55	16:10	16:25
Millfleet, opposite Library	10:17	10:32	10:47	11:02	15:32	15:42	15:57	16:12	16:27
Marriott's Warehouse	10:20	10:35	10:50	11:05	15:35	15:45	16:00	16:15	16:30
Custom House	10:22	10:37	10:52	11:07	15:37	15:47	16:02	16:17	16:32
Saturday Market Place	10:25	10:40	10:55	11:10	15:40	15:50	16:05	16:20	16:35
Bus Station, Bay H	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	15:45	15:55	16:10	16:25	16:40

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Gaywood service (bus number 39)

Bus Station, Bay H	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	15:40	16:10
Highgate Methodist Chapel	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	15:43	16:13
Gaywood Road, opp. King Edward VII Academy	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47	15:47	16:17
Gaywood Hall Drive for St. Faith's Church			11:20	11:50	15:50	16:20
Gaywood Hall Drive for St. Faith's Church			11:25	11:55	15:55	16:25
Gaywood Road, King Edward VII Academy	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	15:58	16:28
Highgate Methodist Chapel	10:32	11:02	11:32	12:02	16:02	16:32
Bus Station, Bay H	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	16:05	16:35

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Vehicles kindly supplied by private preservationist, local independent operators, Lynxbus and by Eastern Transport Collection, a registered Educational Charity. Please note that buses do not have the facility to carry child buggies and do not have disabled access. Lynxbus operate Sunday services into town from a number of villages; see www.lynxbus.co.uk/bus-times-fares/



On King's Staithe Square



The Naval Children's Charity

The Naval Children's Charity has been helping Naval Children since 1825. They are based in Portsmouth and help Naval families and children all around the UK and the Commonwealth. The Eastern region of the charity will have a stall on the South Quay.

West Norfolk Sub-Aqua Club

The Club was founded in the mid-1970s and currently has 30 members. It is an active group meeting once a week, with regular training taking place at the Alive St James pool.

The club is lucky to have its own compressor and 2 RIBs for local coast diving. They also arrange overseas trips for warmer diving! Come and meet them on King's Staithe Square.

11.15am Hilgay All Stars The All Stars Quartet is made up of four musicians from every corner of West Norfolk and beyond. They perform music in a vast array of musical genres including Dixieland Jazz, Blues, Swing, Easy listening, pop, film and TV themes, and classical music amongst many others.

1.15pm Massed Morris Dancers. See page 8

Custom House

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An exhibition of the work of King's Lynn Civic Society

Venue for Greyfriars Art Space, who will be putting on a Members' Exhibition, opening on Heritage Open Day

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

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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

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A drop-in workshop for families & general visitors, offered by Heavy Water Collective, the exhibiting artists

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.

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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.

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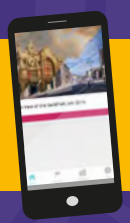


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WhataHoot, 7a King St



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Open from 9am for Coffee, Cakes, Drinks and Tasting Boards

10am–3pm: Gin-making demonstrations with Q&A. Upstairs at the Distillery.

WhataHoot Distillery is a 16th-century warehouse, packed full of original features including beams and exposed brickwork, which has been sympathetically restored and converted to create a home for WhataHoot. On the ground floor you will find the distillery which is the main hub for all WhataHoot products as well as our shop. On the first floor you can find the WhataHoot bar serving an array of spirits, cocktails, draft beers and lots more. Everyone is welcome, including children and dogs. Also upstairs is our amazing Experience Lounge which houses our very own Gin School.



28–32 King St

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One of the most interesting of all 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.

Ferry Lane Social Club



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Open from 10.30am

Great views from the over water terrace. Real ale.

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.



West Lynn Ferry



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River crossings from 10am to 3pm today every 30 minutes

A small charge of £3 return 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 Wiggshall 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 West Lynn Ferry Ltd who carry on this unique tradition.



St Peter's Church, West Lynn



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The church was rebuilt further inland c.1271 after its predecessor was washed away. It is a cross-shaped building with a short lead-covered spire. Come and see the seven-sacrament font, the stunning east window of the three Marys at the tomb, the fine medieval roof with statues of the apostles, and the memorial brass of the priest Adam Outlaw. Why not catch the ferry and enjoy the views across to the riverfront of Lynn on the short walk along the riverbank to the church? Please note that St Peter's is now open daily to visitors.





Evershed House, 23–25 King St

43

Open 10am–1pm

This former merchant's house dates from the late 17th century. In the early 17th century, there were malshouses, 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



44

2pm Rhythm Travellers in the courtyard

3.15pm Mased Morris Dancers in the courtyard. See page 8

Trail for children

The Magic of Middle Earth: an amazing exhibition linking the Guildhall's dragon history with the world of JRR Tolkien

The White Barn will be open to share the Majestic project by Collusion

The site was given to the already existing Guild of St George by Royal Charter in 1406 with a second Royal Charter confirming this in 1461. The present Guildhall was built between 1410 and 1430. It is the largest extant medieval Guildhall in the country with two outstanding ceilings still intact. It has an unrivalled history of theatre with the first performance being in 1445: new research supports local tradition that William Shakespeare's company performed in the Guildhall in 1592/3. It is the oldest working theatre in the country and the only one still surviving in which Shakespeare performed. The famous original stage floor on which Shakespeare's players played will be on display. Scenery was made there for Queen Alexandra, Queen Mary and King George V and HM The Queen Mother patronised the fundraising to restore the theatre in 1948–1951. Guided tours will take place throughout the day with exhibitions in the gallery spaces. New, previously unseen heritage and archaeology will be explained so if you've come before there's something NEW to see.



Crown & Mitre



45

12pm – Rachel Bea. See page 8

3pm – Regis Saxophone Quartet. See page 9

This lovely traditional pub is believed to have origins dating back to the 16th century. First mentioned in records dating from 1743, it was a popular drinking location for the sailors from the many ships docked along the King's Lynn quayside and has a conservatory that opens out right on the edge of the river. Weather permitting, the BBQ will be up and running, serving steak and lobster – bookings advised. Sunday Roasts also available.



The Pilots' Office



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This is the home of King's Lynn Conservancy Board, who are the Statutory Port and Harbour Authority, and are responsible for the safe navigation of all the users of the River Great Ouse and approaches. The Pilots' Office 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.

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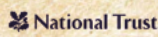
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The Corn Exchange



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Go backstage, do a sound check and rig the lights, see the new cinema screens and take part in activities throughout the day

Built in 1854, its architects, Cruso and Maberley, used the latest technology to construct the Corn Exchange. The façade is baroque and prominently features Ceres, the Goddess of Corn. Although built for local farmers to sell their corn, the Corn Exchange has hosted a variety of events, including celebrations for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, election counts, preaching and, in 1909 '... a most up-to-date roller-skating rink'.

In 1996, the building was restored and refurbished as a 700-seat theatre, which offers a full programme of entertainment and events.



19 Tuesday Market Place



48

An exhibition of art by Andy Williams

Treasure hunt in the secret garden for children

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.

A secluded secret garden can be found full of beautiful plants including lavender and roses.



World War II Air Raid Shelters

49

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 Day on the Tuesday Market Place



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See page 22

The Lattice House



51

Open from 10am

11am Regis Saxophone Quartet. See page 9

1.30pm & 3pm Hilgay All Stars. See page 16

A late 15th-century timber-framed house with various later alterations and extensions. The house was built in about 1480 as a single range fronting the street, probably with shops on the ground floor and domestic accommodation above. In the late 15th century, the south wing was added, followed by the north wing in the early 16th century and the central wing in the 19th century. The façade has a jettied first floor, with a dragon post at the south-east corner. Inside there is an open hall with a crown post roof as well as some original window frames and wall paintings.

By 1714, the south part of the building was being used as an inn, and the 'Lattice' name was first adopted at this time, probably recalling alehouse windows being screened with a trellis or lattice and generally painted red.

A piscina was uncovered at the east end of the south wall, comprising a stone trough, possibly relocated from the Augustinian Friary following its dissolution in 1539.





St Nicholas' Chapel



52

11am u3a Shanty Singers. See page 5

12pm & 3pm The Guildhall Singers The Guildhall Singers were formed in 2019 as an experienced ensemble, singing at a high standard and choosing music more suited to a smaller group. Their repertoire ranges from Early and Renaissance to Contemporary and Jazz. They have performed at a number of venues and events in and around King's Lynn. The group would welcome enthusiastic and skilled new members – guildhallsingers@gmail.com

All day: A demonstration by Lavender Lace-makers

Exhibition by King's Lynn and District Camera Club

This light-filled building is the largest parochial chapel in England – but bigger than some cathedrals – and was built as a chapel-of-ease ('easy to get to') for St Margaret's Priory and parish church, which retained control over it. Most of the chapel was rebuilt between 1380 and 1410. Like many harbour churches, it is dedicated to the patron saint of fishermen and sailors.

The chapel's oldest feature is part of the tower dating back to 1225, incorporated into the 15th-century chapel which has huge windows, an amazing painted main door c.1400, an enormous font canopy, and the first Angel roof in East Anglia. But the slender spire is entirely Victorian, since the earlier one blew down in the 'tempest' of 1741.

Explore the history of the chapel and medieval Lynn through their interactive interpretation, or follow one of the three children's trails around the chapel.



St Ann's House



53

This large Grade 2 Listed house was built around 1670, using stone from an earlier building on the site and there is some speculation that some of the brickwork may also belong to an earlier phase of the building. The house was subdivided in the 19th and 20th centuries, at which time it acquired its current name and is now offices. The site formerly backed onto the banks of the river and could have been the medieval Bishop's House.



True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum



54

Special exhibition: Archaeology of King's Lynn

Archaeology-themed craft activities

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 32 years telling the story of the North End.



Highgate Methodist Church



Back
to
2024

55

Open from 12pm

3–4pm we will be having a Songs of Praise service where 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.

King Edward VII Academy



56

There will be Old Lennensians and current staff available to provide you the opportunity to tour the buildings and see some of the amazing renovations that have taken place over the last year.

From the grand oil paintings and the gold-leaf embellished clock to the many Honours Boards and War Memorials which adorn the halls of King Edward VII Academy, there is no lack of history within this Edwardian style building. Originally founded in 1510, from a bequest in the will of Thomas Thoresby (1450–1510), former Mayor of Lynn, the current building was donated by Sir William Lancaster, an alumni, in 1906. The former Grammar School has served as a landmark in King's Lynn for more than a century, and has welcomed monarchs and royal visitors on many occasions.

FREE Guided Walk: Gaywood

57

10.30am Meet outside King Edward VII Academy

This walk will last about 45 minutes, starting at KESA, and finishing at St Faith's Church. No need to book. Check the bus timetable on page 15 for an easy way to get there and back from the town centre!



St Faith's Church, Gaywood



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9.45am The church will be open for Sunday worship. Open from 11.15am

Local History Fair at the Church Rooms

Bellringing taster sessions. Guided tours of the church. Children's activities in the afternoon

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 huge amazingly detailed oil paintings of Queen Elizabeth I and the defeat of the Armada and the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot: 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.





Events & activities timetable

Time	Place	Details
10.00 –3.00	WhataHoot	Upstairs at the Distillery – Demonstrations of Gin Making with Q&A
10.00	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: Encampment open for public show and tell, opportunities to try on and take photos, also stocks for those who are misbehaving
10.30	King Edward VII Academy	Free guided walk: Gaywood. Meet at the school gates
11.00	Saturday Market Place	Free guided Town Walk (meet outside Stories of Lynn)
11.00	Hanse House: Ceremonial Room	Talk by Dr Paul Richards: 'Pilgrimage in Medieval England & Europe'
11.00	Lattice House	Regis Saxophone Quartet
11.00	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: What would the town militia wear? A talk on the clothing of the period
11.00	St Nicholas' Chapel	u3a Shanty Singers
11.15	King's Staithe Square	Hilgay All Stars
11.30	Saturday Market Place	Massed Morris Dancers
11.30	Town Hall	Chanter's Jigge
12.00	St Nicholas' Chapel	The Guildhall Singers
12.00	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: Military rest and eat. Bring a family picnic.
12.00	Crown & Mitre	Rachel Bea
12.00	Red Mount Chapel	Tom Bryans playing music from the 16th and 17th centuries
12.00	The Walks	Fens Falconry: flying demonstration
12.00	Hanse House: Gallery	The Breakaways (ukulele band)
12.00	Saturday Market Place	Free guided Town Walk (meet outside Stories of Lynn)
12.15	The Minster	Bell Tower Tour (must be booked in advance after 11.30 at the Minster)
12.30	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: Activities restart
1.00	Town Hall	Chanter's Jigge
1.00	London Road Methodist Chapel	Agitato
1.00	Hanse House: Gallery	u3a Shanty Singers

Time	Place	Details
1.00	White Hart	Regis Saxophone Quartet
1.00	All Saints' Church	Rector's tour
1.00	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: Death of a king. Weapons & how they were used
1.15	King's Staithe Square	Massed Morris Dancers
1.30	Lattice House	Hilgay All Stars
1.30	The Minster	Organ recital
1.45	The Minster	Bell Tower Tour (must be booked in advance after 11.30 at the Minster)
2.00	Guildhall of St. George	Rhythm Travellers
2.00	Saturday Market Place	Free guided Town Walk (meet outside Stories of Lynn)
2.00	Red Mount Chapel	Tom Bryans playing music from the 16th and 17th centuries
2.00	Hanse House: Gallery	The Breakaways (ukulele band)
2.00	The Walks	Fens Falconry: flying demonstration
2.00	The Walks Bandstand	King's Lynn Town Band
2.15	South Quay	Massed Morris Dancers
2.30	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: Dressing of the Knight
2.30	Town Hall	Chanter's Jigge
2.45	Saturday Market Place	Rachel Bea
3.00	The Walks	Knights of Skirbeck: Hand-to-hand combat in the arena
3.00	Highgate Methodist Chapel	Songs of Praise
3.00	St Nicholas' Chapel	The Guildhall Singers
3.00	Saturday Market Place	Free guided Town Walk (meet outside Stories of Lynn)
3.00	Crown & Mitre	Regis Saxophone Quartet
3.00	Lattice House	Hilgay All Stars
3.00	London Road Methodist Church	u3a Shanty Singers
3.00	White Hart	Agitato
3.15	The Minster	Bell Tower Tour (must be booked in advance after 11.30 at the Minster)
3.15	Guildhall of St. George	Massed Morris Dancers

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