Heritage Open Day
in King’s Lynn
Sunday 11th September 2016, 10am - 4pm
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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, interesting cemeteries, towers, tunnels and even a temple not normally open to the public. Look out for special events, colourful re-enactors, music, dancing, classic cars and exhibitions. Heritage Open Day is England’s most popular grassroots cultural event. It is also your chance to see good and innovative new build, renovation and plans for the restoration of our historic town.

Be the first to view exciting drawings and projects where you see this logo (left). Your views are also important to the future of the arts project at the Guildhall of St George page 18.

**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@kingslynncivicsociety.co.uk

**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.

**King’s Lynn Civic Society**

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

- 🍵 Refreshments available from this venue
- 🌼 Pleasant garden
- 🎀 Children welcome

- These symbols may help to guide you through the wonderful heritage of King’s Lynn:
Boats, Bus and a Train
Visit the pontoons to see the Pilot boat from the Conservancy Board and the King’s Lynn Rowers Club
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
Ballads at the Hanse House
See Baroque Dance Unmasked at the Town Hall with Chant We and Sing It madrigal singers
Watch the Massed Morris Dancers
Listen to Wydes Noyse, The Nelson Shanty Men and the Fried Pirates
1940’s songs brought to life by Rachel Bea

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
Book a bell tower tour at the Minster and St Nicholas Chapel
Visit the Library Tower

Walks, Talks & Exhibitions
Book an historic walk with a Town Guide see page 16 for details
Was Shakespeare in Lynn? A talk by Dr Paul Richards Marriott’s Warehouse 11am
See the art exhibition at the Custom House
Watch artists at work at Greyfriars Gallery

Drama and Acting
Edith Ward is firewatching at St George’s Guildhall in WWII
The Knights of Skirbeck have set up camp in St Nicholas Chapel churchyard
A Georgian bobby is on the beat
Chat to the Norfolk and Norwich Medieval Society near the Custom House

And Also
Visit the new art gallery “Groundworks” near the Custom House
Nostalgia at the Vintage local films showing at Marriott’s Warehouse
Join in special children’s activities at Baxter’s Plain
Our churches are part of the national Challenge 500 bell ringing event

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

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 room with a fireplace, privy hole and gun ports.

The Hardwick Cemetery

HOP ON THE BUS, MEANDER IN PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY, THEN ENJOY TEA & 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. At 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 commemorate the 950th Anniversary of the Shrine at Walsingham.

Live and Let Live, Windsor Road

Traditional pub piano in the afternoon

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.

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

CHANT WE AND SING IT MADRIGAL GROUP. CONCERT AT 4PM

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 the 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 Fflokes 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.

London Road Methodist Chapel

Join the Lavender Hill Mob 12noon - 1pm at the chapel where they sing and have fun. This theatre club has members of all abilities and is the Mayor’s chosen Charity this year.

1858-9 Gault brick facade, round arched windows on three bays, centre bay projecting. Turning Italianate. Inside a gallery runs around the chapel. Fine building inside and out.

The Jewish Cemetery

In the Millfleet next to Hillington Square is a little brick compound with 16C 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.

MEDEC

In the old St Margaret’s School. Military Experience Day and Education Centre. Rooms chock-a-block with Military History where you can experience the trenches of WWI and all conflicts in which British troops have been engaged through to the sand of Afghanistan. It supports the work at Sutton Bridge of the “Bridge for Heroes”.

The Library

Kings 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

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.
**Miniature Train**
Take a ride on a model train courtesy of the King's Lynn Model Engineers Society. A small charge of £1 to support the club.

**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.

**King’s Lynn Town Band - The Walks Bandstand**
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.kingslynnstownband.co.uk

**The Majestic Cinema**
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.

**Baxter’s Plain Children’s Fun**
This year to celebrate King’s Lynn Heritage Open Day, we will be holding activities for children including a “Make your own Coat of Arms”. Children will learn the symbolism behind a coat of arms and then they will have the opportunity to make their own, Incorporating education and messy play!

**The Lynn Museum**
*Exhibition: Art of the Mart: Savage’s Famous Fairground Makers of Lynn*  
Take our Paintings 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 6. 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 Bank
Built as the Lynn Savings Bank in 1858 by Medland & Maberley. Red brick with ashlar dressings in the Tudor style. The façade is only two bays wide with a four centred doorway right and an oriel window left to the upper floor. The corbelling has a pelican for King’s Lynn. This building is being restored and you will see the plans. A Townscape Heritage Initiative project.

Saturday Market Place

Medieval Market: Sat 10th & Sun 11th September
Food, drink and crafts.

Massed Morris Dancing - 11am. The King’s Morris & their guests
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’.

Nelson Shantymen - 12 noon
Based at Burnham Thorpe, birth place 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 sea-shanty alive. True to the original spirit of the shanty

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

Rachel Bea - 2.30pm
1940’s 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.

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, James and Lizzie Wenn owned it 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 plans for renovation by a local company. Some finance from 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 at 12noon, 1.15pm & 2.30pm and visit the roof

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

There may be scaffolding on some parts of the building.

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.

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

This year there will be re-enactment guides who will share their knowledge and bring to life the history this evocative historic 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, although the house only stayed in the Atkin family for three generations.

Since then its uses have been varied. It was a pub when Lynn was one of the towns on the East coast which took part in the whaling trade in the 17th and 18th century, which is how it got its name. This beautiful timbered residence has had a chequered history, but has nevertheless survived with few alterations to it compared to many buildings of its age. Notable are the early 17C wall paintings on the first floor.
The Friends Meeting House

Bridge Street begins with the Quaker meeting room which was formerly the Hulk public house restored in 1967. Early 18C, 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.

The Hanse House

“Doin’ Different” Lynn in Ballads by Gareth Calway 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Blue room. King’s Lynn Camera Club Exhibition

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.

Did you know King’s Lynn is a member of the New Hanseatic League of 187 European cities? Visit www.hanse.org for more information.

On the South Quay behind Hanse House

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

Marriott’s Warehouse

• “Shakespeare’s Lynn 1593”. A talk by Dr Paul Richards 2nd floor. 11am
• Community Cinema Club. Vintage Lynn films showing 12.30 and every half hour. 2nd floor • On the first floor is an exhibition of models by Fred Hall showing Lynn landmarks in the past.

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 19th century. It is administered by a charitable Trust.

At the Pontoons are visiting boats

A pilot boat from the Conservancy Board will visit the pontoons today. Find out about their work in the Wash guiding in ships through the changing channel into the docks.
and also The King's Lynn Coastal Rowing Club

who are building, rowing and racing 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 and are rowed not only in the Great Ouse but farther afield on the Norfolk North Coast. We also have a workshop for building and repairing. New members are always welcome, whether you want to row or learn some boat building skills.

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.

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, 1.30, 2.30 & 3.30.
Chant We and Sing it Madrigal group. 12.30pm

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 building 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.

King’s Lynn Archives

Explore some of our wonderful documents from the past and meet the archivist

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.

Hello, Hello, Hello

Watch out – there’s a peeler about. Be entertained by a Victorian bobby. He’s armed to the teeth as well. A veteran policeman looks back on his years in the police, recounting some famous murders and murderers of the past and training children in the use of the cutlass.
A Medieval Market

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11
September, 10am – 4pm

Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn

food & drink
crafts
Take advantage of the FREE veteran bus as it circles the town. See timetable on page 14.
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Thoresby College

A display of the work of the King's Lynn Preservation Trust

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 11.30am. 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 over looking the Wash which has been carefully restored and incorporates a little museum. A magnificent Queen Anne staircase rises to elegant rooms.

New Build Baker Lane

All buildings were new once but it is unusual to have new buildings on an historic street today. This residential complex pleasantly continues the street scene on the old street pattern where for many years an unsightly car park interrupted the view.

15 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!

A handsome modest town house with an intriguing rounded corner. 18C. Two storeys nicely proportioned and good period features.

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 area of this square is riddled with brick cellars of 17C where imported wine was stored. Tunnels run under King's Staithe Square. Now a superior hotel and restaurant.

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 Dancing - 12noon
The King’s Morris & their guest teams.

Nelson's Shantymen - 1.30pm
A diverse group of enthusiasts, with a love of singing and a desire to keep the tradition of the sea-shanty alive.
Guided Town Walks

Places for the walk must be pre-booked at the Tourist Information Centre at the Custom House 01553 763044

At 11am & 2pm. From Saturday Market Place to The Custom House - Meet outside the Town Hall. Lasting up to 45 minutes - FREE

Custom House

Saturday & Sunday. A wonderful exhibition by the King’s Lynn Art Club, the oldest art club in town, A fine selection of paintings in all media to suit all tastes. Well worth a visit.

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

Norfolk and Norwich Medieval Association

It is the 14th Century and Edward III is King of England leading his army on a campaign across France with his 16 year old son, the Black Prince of Wales. Somewhere in the midst of this new and formidable fighting force is a small band of people recruited from the wealthy city of Norwich, and its outlying areas. Soldiers, tradesmen and their associated families march to war. Some in loyalty to the monarchy, others seeking their fortune. Watch re-enacting and fighting! Activities for children (there may be a small charge). Watch a medieval illuminator at work in the Custom House.

Groundworks Art Gallery

Groundworks is a new space in the historic centre. It show 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 very plain and unattractive 1930’s building has been given a proper roof and a new lease of life. An example of imaginative regeneration.

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. Although clad in an early 19C brick skin and a medieval timber framed house. 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 Ouse Amateur Sailing Club

Open at 10.30am

Great views from the over water terrace. Real Ale.

At the end of Ferry Lane is the headquarters of this private sailing club. 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. Consider becoming a member.

Here is the Ferry

River trips from 10am to 3.30pm today, every 30 minutes

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. A small charge of £1.10 (child), £1.50 (adult) to keep the ferry running.

25 King Street

Open morning only 10am - 1pm. Enter through Ferry Lane gate.

Early solid 18C façade of three storeys and five bays. Superb restoration by King’s Lynn Preservation Trust. Surprising light, bright interior with original detailing retained. Note also the stepped Hanseatic back gables of the early 17C. Little garden.

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 Edith the Firewatcher

Meet Edith Ward. A housewife from Lynn on Fire watching duty in WWII at St Georges. Keen to do her bit but finding the rationing rather hard to cope with - still, it's always easier when you know a few people who can help you out.
The Shakespeare Barn

Your views are important to shape the future of this complex so visit the Exhibition in the Shakespeare Barn.

Behind the Guildhall is a series of warehouses converted into art galleries which were attached end-wise to each other as the river migrated west, so as always to present a gable end to the loading bay from the quay. The sequence begins with an early 15C ashlar-faced building with three doorways. Then late 15C, 16C and rebuilding in the C18. There is an intact watergate at the river.

The Guildhall Yard

**Wylde Noyse** - 12noon
**Rachel Bea** - 1pm
**Lavender Hill Mob** - 2pm

The Pilot Office

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.

19 Tuesday Market Place

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 Northern extension sits happily in its oval well lighted lantern dome. Fine features retained.

Bishops Lynn House

Here was a late 14th century merchant’s house with a warehouse at the rear. 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.

11-12 Tuesday Market Place

Recently sensitively 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.

**The Duke’s Head Hotel**
This is the most prominent house in the square, very attractive and striking. It is nine bays wide and two and a half storeys high topped by a three bay broken segmental pediment. It is now blue painted over red brick. Built by Henry Bell in 1683-9 for Sir John Turner who also built the Custom House. The staircase is impressive and there are original 17C rooms to be seen.

**The Masonic Temple (in the Duke’s Head Hotel)**
A unique temple purpose built in 1729 and still used by local freemasons’ lodges. It is full of the symbols of the masons one of whom was the Prince of Wales, the future King Edward VII. No 5 - 6 Tuesday Market Place, the Duke’s Head Hotel, is the most prominent house in the square and very attractive. It is nine bays wide and two and a half storeys high the whole topped with a broken segmental pediment. It was of red brick but is now colour washed a pale blue. Built in 1683-9 for Sir John Turner by Henry Bell. They also built the Custom House.

**St Nicholas’ Chapel**
Children’s crafts and trails. Bell ringing taster sessions including brief bell and change ringing history, hands on session with bell plates or hand bells. Rope experience includes chiming of bells, managing a swung bell and hopefully a visit to the bell chamber. 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 & 1pm.

Following the repairs and alterations in 2014, come and explore the history of the Chapel and Medieval King’s Lynn through our interactive interpretation. Inside you will find repaired doors and altered pews, limewashed walls, new lighting, heating, toilets and kitchenette, with new visitor displays and information.

**In St Nicholas’ Churchyard**
**The Knights of Skirbeck** are a medieval re-enactment society depicting the life of a medieval household defending England from raids by the French during the early fifteenth century. (The rule of the House of Lancaster). We are based in Boston, Lincolnshire, and our household includes Knights, Squires, Men-at-arms, Militia, Ladies, Cooks, a Wise woman, minstrels and assorted Camp followers.

**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**
The Fried Pirates sing 2.00pm

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.
Visit King’s Lynn’s stunning new attraction this summer holiday.

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

Discover stories of the seafarers, explorers, merchants, mayors, magistrates, and miscreants who have shaped King’s Lynn, one of England’s most important medieval port towns, over more than 800 years of history.

Tour the old gaol cells, try on mayor’s robes, see the magnificent King John cup, visit the King’s Lynn Borough Archives, and more!

Tel: 01553 774297

For more information visit www.kingslynntownhall.com/storiesoflynn
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 Morrises, 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.

Follow the Tornado Trail to find the model Tornados displayed throughout the town and find out more about the history of these amazing aircraft. (Trail available until 30 September 2016)

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 Lumiè re light projections, on some of King’s Lynn’s most prominent buildings.

More information:
www.visitwestnorfolk.com

Tourist information: 01553 763044
CHALLENGE 500

Churches and cathedrals are being challenged to show people the ropes by bringing to life the 400-year old tradition of English-style bell ringing as part of Heritage Open Days this September. The call to the ringing world to open up 500 sites will provide a unique opportunity for ringing bands across England to share the heritage hidden inside their bell towers as well as their passion with millions of visitors who every year venture out to discover the treasures on their doorstep.

Three local Churches will join in. St Faiths at Gaywood will ring with a National Chorus on Thursday 8th September 6pm to 7pm while both Lynn Minster and St Nicholas Chapel will have ringing events and bell tower tours. See programme for details.
And finally, a Concert!

Sing We and Chant It

• All Saints' Church, 4pm •
Sunday 11 September 2016
Madrigals, dancing and recorders

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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Organised by the King’s Lynn Civic Society supported by the Borough Council, Town Guides, Friends Groups, local businesses, private residents and Heritage Open Days National Partnership.

For access information visit www.heritageopendays.org
For general information telephone 01553 763983 or the Tourist Information Centre 01553 763044
kings-lynn.tic@west-norfolk.gov.uk or alisongifford@btinternet.com

While every effort is made to publish accurate information there may be changes on the day beyond the control of the organisers, who are all volunteers.