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Welcome to the May 2022 edition of Imagine Norfolk Together's news and prayer letter (Great Yarmouth).

This newsletter is produced to share how local churches are at work in the community, and to provide you with resources which will help you in your own community ventures.

As always I would love to hear from you. Please ring me on 07471 357072 or email me at anna.heydon@togethernorfolk.org.uk

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Spotlight on...

Blue Plaques for pandemic provision

During the difficult times of lockdown and restrictions during the pandemic, the Borough's foodbanks were needed more than ever and they rose to the challenge. Their tireless work and selflessness has been recognised and commended through blue plaques which were commissioned by Lady Dannatt, the Lord Leutenant of Norfolk.

Pictured below are foodbanks run by Martham Churches, The Well at Gorleston Baptist Church, St Mary Magdalene Church, The Salvation Army and the Pathway Cafe and Resource Centre and Belton Church Pantry, Kingsgate Community Church who provided thousands of hot meals during the lockdowns also received one, and another plaque will be presented this summer to the Living Room, who provided food and support for the homeless.

Harry's Leap of Faith - Completed!

Well done to Harry Woods for his skydive! Harry carried out the jump at the end of April to raise money for the Great Yarmouth Salvation Army.

Sponsor Harry

Watch video

Sally's Store

Another exciting opening event this month! This time the opening of 'Sally's Store' at Pegotty Road Community Centre. 'Sally's Store' is a community supermarket / food hub, run by the Salvation Army supported by Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Norfolk Community Foundation. Great Yarmouth residents who sign up to the store are then able to purchase food and household supplies at reduced prices. This may be particularly helpful for some people who have previously accessed foodbanks to be able to regain some independence and choice. There will also be support and advice available on site for those who want it.

The store is open Monday - Friday, 10.00 - 12.00.

Find out more about food hubs

Responsible Car Wash Scheme in Great Yarmouth

Have you seen this sign up near the Beccles Road / William Adams Way junction over the past few weeks? It's part of the Responsible Car Wash Scheme which is organising a big push in Norfolk to eradicate illegal practices at hand car washes. It is also encouraging consumers to download The Clewer Initiative's Safe Car Wash App to help identify whether exploitation is present in a hand car wash and if necessary, report it to the Modern Slavery Helpline. To help support this campaign, please download the Safe Car Wash App today!

Find out more and download the app

Resources

National Estates Churches Network Directory

The National Estates Church Network has put together a really useful list of resources which includes organisations, training courses, books, research, projects and more. It was put together with estates churches in mind, but will be useful to any church looking to show God's love in their community.

Resources

Podcast

I've only just discovered this podcast by Mat Eason, who is an advisor for Cinnamon.Network.UK, but I've so far found it interesting and inspiring as it looks at how God is working in lives and communities across the country. Topics include mental health, community transformation, the traveller community and more.

Listen to the podcast

Photos for publicity

A picture paints a thousand words, but can also create a tangle of pain and trouble if not done in the right way. These two guides from the NSPCC and Resource Centre help understand why this issue is important, and navigate how to ethically and legally take photos for publicity.

NSPCC guidance

Resource Centre guidance

Events

Free Cyber Security Training, 1st July

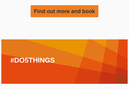
Find out more and book a place

Free Substance Misuse Champion Training - 15th and 16th June

Free 2 day training from the Matthew Project to develop deeper understanding of drugs and alcohol, how they affect physical and emotional health and what you can do to support people experiencing difficulties with substances. The training will cover:

- Myths and facts about drugs and alcohol
- How to spot signs and symptoms
- Identifying the effects of substances on the mind and body
- Drug vocabulary and slang
- How to respond

Find out more and book



5 ways to respond to this newsletter:

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Download the safe car wash app

Book for Cyber Security Training

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Look at NECN resources list

Let's talk about...

I would love to hear from you to discuss any of the following things:

- How you are getting involved in your local community, and good news stories about the difference this is making.
- Events or groups you are running for the benefit of the local community or which equip for community engagement
- If you would like me to visit your church, church meeting or group
- Anything you would find useful in future editions of this letter

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