

Yarmouth Times

THE NEWSLETTER OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A new Yarmouth Town Council was voted in on the first of May, saying goodbye to father and son team Steve and Thomas Cowley along with veteran Thorley Councillor Alan Ingram and welcoming in their place Liza Draper from Thorley and Miles Peckham and Bill Freshwater from Yarmouth. Mayor Debbie McCleary paid tribute to the three retiring Councillors for all their hard work over the years for the communities of Yarmouth and Thorley; their commitment and expertise will be much missed.



At his retirement as Thorley Churchwarden on 13th May, Andrew Johnson was presented with the 2025 Yarmouth Town Council Mayor's Award by Mayor Debbie McCleary. For many years Andrew has been a stalwart of St Swithin's Church and his energy and commitment will be much missed in the village. Like many rural churches in the country, St Swithin's is under threat and local residents are urged to do all they can to ensure the continuation of this irreplaceable hub of the community.



On 8th May, Yarmouth Town Council commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE-Day, with a superb display by Medina Marching Band at Yarmouth Green followed by the lighting of the beacon, a repeat of last year's D-Day celebrations. Once again, many

residents turned out to watch the event and enjoy the very professional musicianship of the Medina Marching Band.

The sale of the former Yarmouth School site to Yarmouth Community Foundation is inching nearer to completion after a long and exhausting legal process. Once this has been achieved, there will be much work to be done restoring the fabric of the building and getting it ready for the many purposes the Foundation intends, like affordable housing, a maritime museum and a home for the local scouts and guides. The Foundation has made it clear that there'll be full consultation with the local community before any changes to the site are made.