

## **Ghostly tales for the Baden Powell**

A Halloween celebration on Thursday October 30th at King's Lynn Town Hall is set to boost funds for the restoration of the cockler Baden Powell, the first Norfolk boat built in the town.

The Patron of the Save the Baden Powell project, the Borough Mayor, Councillor David Johnson, will be on hand to hear Alison Gifford reveal ghostly tales from King's Lynn's history – including some only recently unearthed through her continuing research.

Music will be performed by the Norfolk Reeds, a group of clarinet players under the direction of Roger Lines. Their programme will be put together especially for this evening, taking account of the season of the year with all its mystery and spookiness. Spellbinding, in fact.

A major feature of the evening will be an auction of promises. Diners will be able to bid for such diverse prizes as a stylish haircut from one of Lynn's top quality hairdressers; two days pike fishing for two rods at Stadsett Lake: a vintage Lagonda ride for a newly-wed couple: a photographic group portrait as a family heirloom and two days gardening by experts.

Food for the evening will be provided by Graves of Briston – a hog roast with all the trimmings, supported by a full bar service.

The raffle will run all evening, with exciting prizes bound to be a permanent reminder for the winners of a memorable evening.

There is much to celebrate during the evening. True's Yard (owners of the Baden Powell) is starting a programme of work resulting from its successful application for lottery funding, which will eventually bring two more properties into the True's Yard Museum complex. The achievements of Northenders and the continuing commitment of Lynn fishermen to the Wash fishery will gain more recognition as the museum expands.

Progress on the restoration of the Baden Powell will be the subject of a report during the evening, and support from many quarters is bringing the future of the Baden Powell more into focus for the future.

There is still much to decide on how the renovation of the boat will be tackled. But the success of ticket sales for October 30th so far shows that this is a project the town is taking to its heart.

The Town Hall has a limit on the number of people it can accept for an occasion such as this, so anyone interested who has not so far bought a ticket needs to act quickly. Phone 772329 now to see if tickets are still available and how to acquire one.

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