

Great Yarmouth Key dates in History

1800 - Horatio Nelson was granted the freedom of Great Yarmouth.

1800-11 - The Naval Hospital was built.

1801 - In March, the British Fleet gathered in Yarmouth Roads. Nelson joined the Fleet at Yarmouth and sailed to the Baltic, winning the Battle of Copenhagen on 1 April.

1814-19 - Nelson Monument built on South Denes.

1820 - Anna Sewell was born in Yarmouth. She wrote *Black Beauty* in 1877 when living in Norwich.

1834 - The Turnpike Act was passed to build a road across the marshes – this is now known as the Acle Straight.

1838 - New Yarmouth Workhouse built. It later became the Northgate Hospital.

1844 - The Yarmouth-Norwich railway was opened.

1849 - Charles Dickens visited Yarmouth, staying at the Royal Hotel and also at the Feathers Inn in Gorleston. A large part of his book *David Copperfield* is set in Yarmouth.

1853 - Wellington Pier was built and the seafront begins to take on its present appearance.

1857 - Britannia Pier was built.

1858 - The Shipwrecked Sailors Home opened: in its first 25 years nearly 4,000 sailors stayed there. It is now the Maritime Museum for East Anglia.

1878-92 - Town Hall built: the architect was John B Pearce.

1887 - Gorleston lighthouse built.

1890 - Runham Vauxhall was brought into the borough and the whole borough was assigned to the county of Norfolk.

1902 - First electric trams in Yarmouth.

1903 - The Hippodrome was opened - one of only two purpose-built circus buildings in England.

1903 - The Winter Gardens were brought to Yarmouth from Torquay

1913 - A record year for the herring industry – 1,163 boats used the port and more than 1,200 million fish were caught.

1924 - Mrs Leach became Yarmouth's first woman mayor.

1933 - Trams in Yarmouth were replaced by buses.

1938 - St Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic church is built in Gorleston: the only church designed by the sculptor Eric Gill.

1950s - The fish finger was invented at the Bird's Eye factory in Yarmouth.

1953 - Yarmouth Town beat Crystal Palace in the FA Cup, their only victory over Football League opponents so far.

1978-81 - The James Paget Hospital at Gorleston was built.

1981 - The Marina Leisure Centre opened on the seafront.

1985 - The Breydon High Bridge opened, with the longest lifting section of any bridge in Britain.

2009 - The Great Yarmouth Outer Harbour opened.