

NORWICH

Start voting for all things vintage in city

Vintage and vintage-inspired businesses in Norwich are being urged to get their customers to nominate them for an awards ceremony during Norwich Fashion Week.

The Best of Vintage Norwich Awards will take place at Norwich Puppet Theatre on March 11 and organisers from Norwich-based website Vintage Norwich are asking people to vote for their favourite vintage shops, cafés, stylists, designers and events.

"The Norwich vintage scene is one of the most vibrant in the UK," said Gemma Seager from Vintage Norwich. "There are a number of quirky independent shops, bars and restaurants, and with two universities and a college there are a lot of creative people in Norwich. The area's links with second world war air bases means we have a lot of re-enactment events and dances as well.

"The awards aim to uncover those hidden gems; the businesses, people and events that really make Norwich a great place to live, shop and socialise in. Nominating your favourite vintage or vintage-inspired business, shop or

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event shows the world what a fantastic place Norwich is to visit."

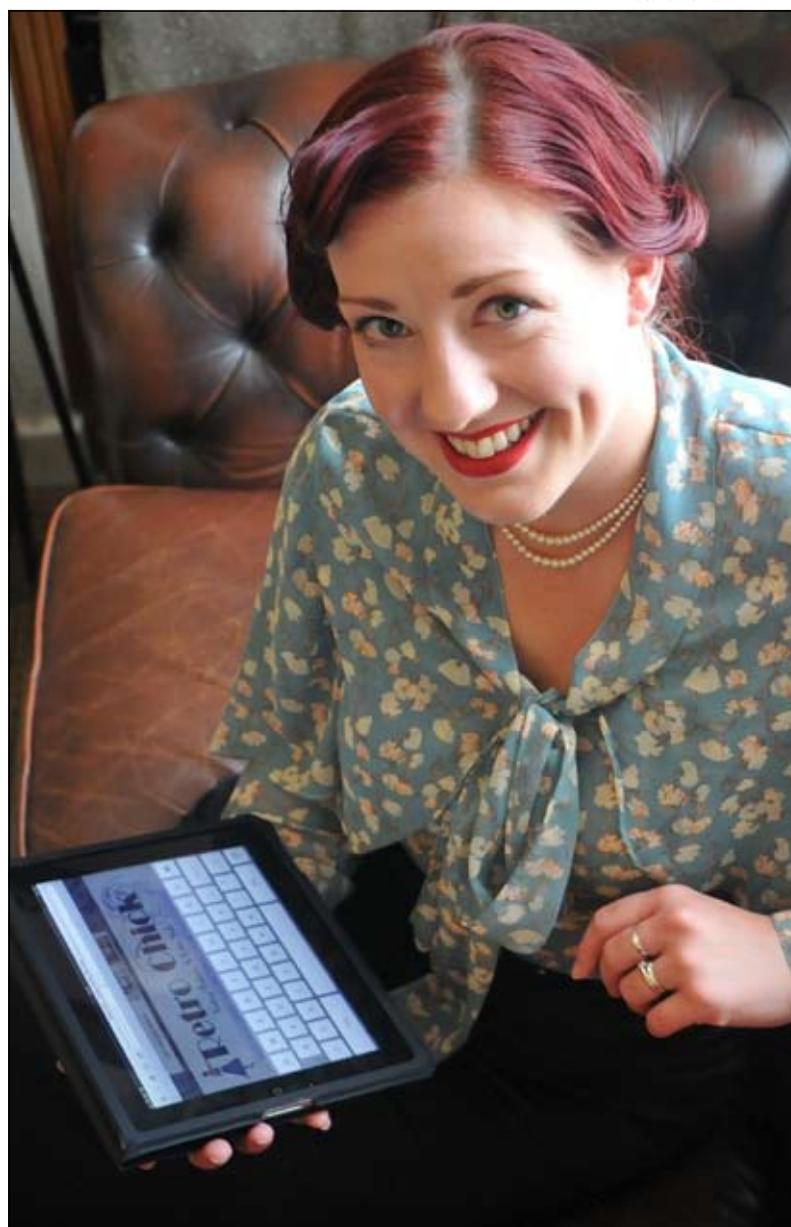
Last year's winners included vintage hair expert Flamingo Amy who works at Flint on Bridewell Alley, who won the best hair and make-up category and Bo Nanafana which won best club night.

"It was brilliant to be recognised for doing something that I love and it was fantastic to win," said Flamingo Amy.

Helen Stoneley, co-organiser of the Bo Nanafana club nights, said: "We were delighted to win, it was affirmation that people like what we are doing and gave us the motivation to keep doing it bigger and better.

Voting at vintagenorwich.co.uk ends on January 28 when people can then vote for their favourites from the shortlist. The winners will be announced at the Best of Vintage Awards on March 11. Tickets for the awards ceremony are £12 from the Norwich Puppet Theatre box office from January 28.

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VIBRANT: Gemma Seager says the Norwich vintage scene is one of the most vibrant in the UK.

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Putting the Norwich fashion scene on map

Norwich Fashion Week returns from Thursday, March 7 until Thursday, March 14 with a line-up of catwalk shows, style and shopping events aiming to put Norwich on the map when it comes to fashion.

The launch show at the Forum kicks off the week with independent fashion and big name brands taking to the catwalk in the main atrium.

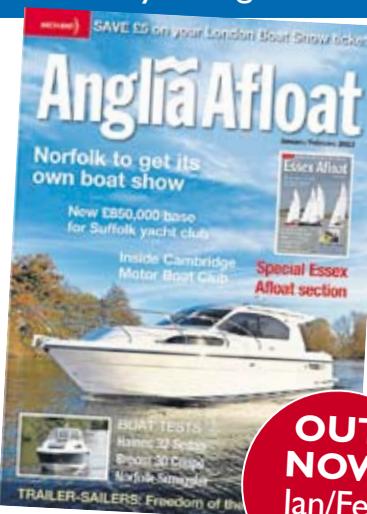
Other highlights of the week include the Norwich Lanes Fashion Weekender, Blue Skies Vintage Old Hollywood Show at Norwich Cathedral, Street style and live fashion at Skin II: On the Street at Norwich Castle and The Designers Show at Epic, which provides a platform for local fashion designers and up-and-coming designers from City College Norwich.

More events will be announced over the next few weeks.

Tickets to the shows will go on sale in February.

■ To see the provisional programme visit the [Norwich Fashion Week Facebook page](#).

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