

## NORWICH AREA MUSEUMS COMMITTEE

16 June 2008     Item No.12

### Norwich Castle Flag: REVIEW

Following discussions at the February Norwich Areas Museums Committee on the subject of reviewing the image on Norwich Castle's flag, members were invited to forward their ideas to Rachel Kirk, Norwich Museums Manager who would collate and present them at the June 2008 meeting.

#### SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

**St George** was proposed in the meeting and again via e-mails by Ian Mackie (suggestions/doodles attached) and Stuart Dunn. However, George Nobbs and Janet Bearman did not support this proposal.

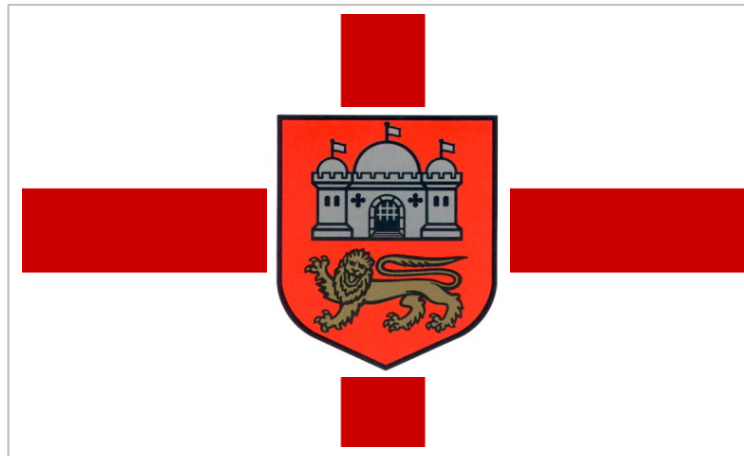
George Nobbs proposed a holding a **design competition** among schools, including the Norwich School Art and Design and perhaps other bodies. This was supported by Janet Bearman who thought it might however be sensible to limit the competition to NSAD or just a couple of institutions in order to avoid it becoming something too big to cope with. Janet proposed that we agree a brief at the forthcoming meeting outlining the message the flag needs to communicate. Ian Mackie also indicated support for a competition, again to be limited to NSAD, but that the brief should focus on St George and the Dragon. Barbara Hacker supported the idea but thought the competition should be more open.

John Gretton's proposal, endorsed by Jenny Lay is for a '**gonfalon**' square Italian flag rather than the British rectangle with bold images from both the **County and City armorials** to celebrate the Joint Museums Agreement and its continuation in the Unitary framework. Ian Mackie indicated he liked the idea of a larger square flag.

Things to take into consideration:

- Visibility is limited, therefore the message and image needs to be simple
- Competitions can be resource intensive, e.g. require substantial setting up and administrative support and will therefore take time to implement.

Ian Mackie's suggestions/doodles:



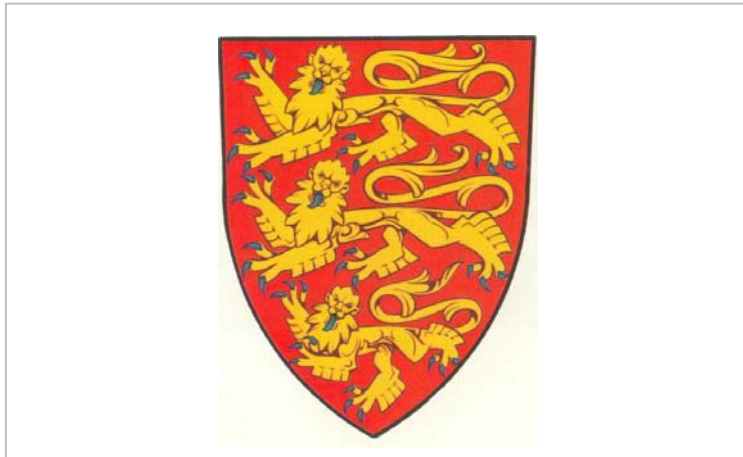
St George and Norwich Coat of Arms.



NJMC -  
Norfolk &  
Norwich Banner  
Flag.



St George and Royal Coat of Arms, King Richard 1<sup>st</sup>, Lion Heart.



The Royal Coat of Arms for England and King Richard the Lion Heart, during his Reign Norwich was granted City Status in 1194.



St George flag with Norwich Civic Mayoral arms, including Chain of Office.