

The Leaning Tower of Lynn

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk received the following ode to Greyfriars Tower, from local resident Kathy Jordan, in support of the Tower's bid to win the final of the BBC Restoration programme.

THE LEANING TOWER OF LYNN BY KATHY JORDAN

Majestically it towered above
A grand friary of renown,
Now encased in ugly scaffolding
It could all come tumbling down:

Legend says to land on royalty,
In the theatre down below,
Now a million pounds is needed,
To make its glory glow.

Its counterpart in Italy,
Enjoys such worldwide fame,
But this ancient 'gem' of Bishop's Lynn,
Deserves the same acclaim.

Were secret, scandalous sculptures?
The masons jolly joke?
Did that 'page three' lookalike lady
Give Grey Friars fruitless hope?

Now perching so precariously,
Are revamps pipedreams too?
Or will this sensational seamark,
Soon be repaired anew.

With only three such monuments,
Its loss would be a sin,
So stop the tilt, for a stronger built,
Leaning Tower of Lynn

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