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Welcome to Heritage Open Days 2021

As we continue to re-emerge from what has been the most challenging 18 months for many of us, we are delighted to bring you the 2021 Norfolk Heritage Open Days programme.

The festival offers everyone the opportunity to explore heritage sites, discover some hidden gems not normally open to the public and learn more about the cultural heritage in our communities.

The theme for this year's festival is **Edible England** so alongside tours and open days expect food related events and activities.

Events will explore the customs and quirks that have developed around what we eat and drink, as well as the fascinating history of some of our regional and national specialities.

Festival events will also include a hybrid of in-person and online events, which will reflect current government guidelines to keep visitors and organisers safe.

We hope you have a wonderful festival and enjoy making plenty of fascinating discoveries about Norfolk's rich history and heritage.

The Norfolk HODs team

Event and Booking Information

Some HODs events are drop-in and you can just turn up on the day, there's always plenty to enjoy and experience. Make sure to look out for:

EE Edible England themed events

FF Family Friendly activities

Due to limited capacity and to enable safe visitor management, some events must be pre-booked and tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis.



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STAYING SAFE

To enjoy the festival to the full whilst remaining safe, we encourage visitors to check government guidelines before taking part in HODs and to visit our website and social media channels for up to date information.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to all the venues, event organisers, community partners and the army of volunteers who work so tirelessly to help bring this festival to life.

HODs in Norwich and across much of Norfolk is made possible by The Forum Trust and its Board, which champions and funds the coordination and delivery of the festival each year.

Last but not least, thank you to the thousands of you who continue to visit, enjoy and support Heritage Open Days across Norfolk.

The Heritage Open Days programme is managed nationally by the National Trust with support from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

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WHEN DO BOOKINGS OPEN?

Monday 9 August at 10am.

HOW CAN I BOOK TICKETS?

Most tickets can be booked online via norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

In some cases you will be required to book directly with the organiser by phone, email or online. Please check individual event listings for details.

Meeting points and venue addresses will be confirmed with your booking.

CAN I BOOK TICKETS AT THE FORUM OFFICE?

No tickets are available from The Forum office by telephone, post or email.

WHAT IF I CAN NO LONGER USE TICKETS FOR AN EVENT?

We want to ensure our events are accessible to as many visitors as possible. If you're allocated tickets you cannot use, please let us know by emailing hods@theforumnorwich.co.uk or contact the organiser if you booked directly with them.

For more information about an event please check the full event listings online at norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk or contact the organiser directly.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES

We want to hear from you! HODs wouldn't be possible without the enormous support, enthusiasm and participation of our visitors. We'd love to hear your stories, see your photos and watch your videos - please tag us.

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FEASTIVAL

at The Forum 18-19 Sep

Created to mark the 2021 festival theme of **Edible England**, this special free-to-attend event is a celebration of Norfolk's edible heritage and local food and drink producers, all brought together in one place for two days at The Forum, Norwich for Heritage Open Days.

Festival at The Forum
Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1000-1600

For further event, activities and stallholder updates visit norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Sponsored by **Larking Gowen**

Feastival at The Forum will showcase Norfolk based independent and artisan traders with tasters, promotions and a fine selection of local produce on offer. There will also be a variety of delicious street food stalls, talks, and other food related events and activities for all ages, along with music from local artists to sit back to, listen and enjoy!

Heritage will be weaved through the weekend so whilst wandering through the food stalls, visitors will be able to learn more about the mustard to chocolate, gin to jam that's produced on our doorstep, with local producers telling the fascinating stories behind their produce.

Essence Foods

"Feastival is a fantastic opportunity to really further the knowledge and understanding of the general public. This in particular for us is mustard! As the only single estate mustard powder producers in the UK we really want to connect the county back together again with its mustard pride and heritage"

Sarah Savage,
Essence Foods



Essence Foods

Furry Friends at The Forum!

You can also come down to meet some of our furry friends, with members of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust in residence with their rare breed Norfolk Horn and North Ronaldsay sheep and lambs. Learn about their unique heritage, how we can help preserve these amazing breeds for centuries more, and even have a go at spinning their wool!



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North Ronaldsay

Grow your own!

And if fancy trying your hand at growing your own produce, the Food and Farming Discovery Trust (FFDT) will be hosting 'grow your own potato' drop-in workshops in their trailer and on hand to give you some tips to try at home!



Grow your own potatoes

Discover

So come along and discover the roots of our county's food and drink, learn how and where the produce is grown, and meet the producers, while the little ones explore Norfolk's food history too!



There really will be something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you there!



EDIBLE EAST

ACTIVITY **EE**

Fri 10-Sun 19: 1000-1600

To celebrate this year's national theme for Heritage Open Days of Edible England, we are hosting an exhibition of the new local Edible East community project.



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British Sign Language interpretation will be available for events at set times

For full details of activities and workshop sessions visit norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk



EDIBLE ENGLAND

Born out of a collaboration between artists, scientists, horticulturalists and historians, the Edible East project encourages discussions around the future of our food. Following the creation of a city-wide art trail inspired by world leading science stories from the Norwich Research Park, this exhibition will bring together project partners to run a week of food-themed workshops and events for all ages to explore fascinating food facts from the past with creative activities linked to Norfolk Museums and local heritage gardens.

Explore our diverse history of food by delving into the John Innes Centre's rare books collection.

Try Viji Moorthie's indian dance storytelling techniques to share your own food culture stories.

Experience the sounds and sights of a medieval banquet, and participate in a medieval parade with Hungate Medieval Art.

Explore food and health by making playful animations with Jennie Pedley's shadow theatres.

Discover links between food and medicine in Medieval times at the Museum of Norwich.

Learn new art techniques with local workshop providers such as ArtPocket, The Nest Project and Rach Anstey-Sanders to recreate beautiful historic seed and plant labels inspired by Gressenhall Museums Collection and use contemporary practices to create abstract plant and soil inspired pieces.

Meet members of allotment and community garden projects, bring along some homegrown veg to donate to our display and swap recipe ideas.

Share your stories around food making and growing with Hilary Thomson of the Ministry of Imagination.

Contribute to Chris Jackson's fabulous gigantic mixed media forest garden sculpture.



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Talks at The Forum

All these talks will take place in-person and are approx 1 hour

Tue 14: 1000

ORCHARD HERITAGE: GROWING AND EATING FRUIT IN EASTERN ENGLAND: **EE**

Tom Williamson, of the 'Orchards East' project, will discuss the development of orchards in the region over the last four centuries and focus on how fruit was stored and consumed, paying attention to the history of cider making.

Tue 14: 1200

SHOPPING IN NORWICH: HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?: **EE**

Ian Smith talks about how during the 17th & 18th centuries imports from Britain's growing empire and trading destinations far away, and later the output of Britain's new manufacturing cities increased what Norwich inhabitants aspired to buy.

Tue 14: 1400

HOW ENGLISH IS A CUP OF TEA?: **EE**

Local historian Colin Howey and Curator Francesca Vanke will be exploring the historical routes of tea and how this 'exotic' leaf came to be so closely associated with our sense of national identity.

Thu 16: 1100

CELEBRATING NORWICH'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE OF THE FUTURE:

A talk about Norwich and its architectural gems, which includes buildings of the 20th and 21st centuries. Vanessa Trevelyan, a past Chair of the Norwich Society, reflects back on previous centuries and looks at the modern buildings.

Thu 16: 1400

THE GREAT THORPE RAILWAY DISASTER OF 1874: HEROES, VICTIMS, SURVIVORS:

This illustrated talk from Norwich Writer, Biographer and Public Speaker Phyllida Scrivens, is based on her new biographical take on The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster 1874.

PRE-BOOK VIA: norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk or drop-in on the day

New Wave and Re/Collect 250

Thu 16: 1900

Re/Collect 250 is a collaborative community oral history project that looks ahead to Norfolk & Norwich Festival's 250th Anniversary by gathering stories of Festivals past. Over May 2021, history students from the University of East Anglia interviewed audience members, artists, volunteers and staff to explore the Festival's impact on the social and creative lives of people in Norfolk over the past century.

Now, the history cohort are teaming up with Norfolk Heritage Open Days' New Wave programme, to boldly interpret the material they've collected, asking how oral history can be reimagined as an exciting, tangible and relevant practice for young people today.

Age guidance: 18yrs+

PRE-BOOK VIA: norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk (check website for location)



NEWWAVE

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City Walking Tours

Enjoy this programme of heritage walks delivered by the Association of City of Norwich Tourist Guides and Paul Dickson Tours. All walks approx 1 hour 30 mins-2 hours.

PRE-BOOK VIA: norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk



Fri 10: 1000

TIMBERHILL AND KING STREET: Wonder at the legacy of religious centres and past industries, alongside two of the oldest surviving buildings in the City.

Fri 10: 1000, Wed 15: 1400 & Sat 18: 1400

CITY OF CENTURIES: An introduction to 1000 years of history and heritage in the city. Discover its medieval street plan and some of its 31 surviving parish churches.

Fri 10: 1400 & Wed 15: 1400

TUDOR RELIGION AND REBELLION: The Protestant Reformation saw upheaval and change – some of those who challenged it suffered a terrible fate. However, Kett's Rebellion of 1549 came close to success. Visit some areas and hear of the grim defeat and consequences for the rebel leaders.

Fri 10: 1400

THROUGH THE PAST DARKLY: This tour focuses on the darker events in Norwich's history, from the pre-Norman period to the modern era, hear stories how the city has faced fires, floods, plagues and bombardment.

Sat 11 & Sat 18: 1000

NORWICH DISSENTERS: Step back in time and discover the tumultuous tales of Norwich's religious history, the dissent that gripped the city and the locations where it all took place.

Sat 11: 1400 & Tue 14: 1000

ELM HILL: One of Norwich's oldest streets, discover the history of the buildings, the people who lived there and the events that shaped what we see today.

Sun 12: 1000

OVER THE WATER: The area north of the River Wensum is one of the longest-settled parts of the city. This tour looks at the interesting history and stories associated with the area.

Sun 12: 1000 & Sat 18: 1000

CITY OF CULTURE: Shortlisted for UK City of Culture 2013, many know Norwich punches above its weight for culture but may not be as aware of the history behind this. This walk looks at some of the people and places that played a part.

Sun 12: 1400 & Sun 19: 1400

SHOPPING FOR HISTORY: Discover what today's shops can reveal about the city's past, including its historic trades and industries and explore the development of Norwich as an important shopping destination.

Sun 12: 1400

WORDS AND WANDERINGS: In 2012 Norwich became the first city in England to be awarded UNESCO City of Literature status, in recognition of a literary tradition going back over 900 years. This tour looks at sites with literary associations.

Mon 13: 1000 & Tue 14: 1400

NORWICH HERITAGE: This tour highlights some of Norwich's rich heritage enabling you to discover the city from Anglo-Saxon times to the present day.

Mon 13: 1000 & Wed 15: 1000

BRIDGES OF NORWICH: Starting at Norwich's oldest remaining bridge and ending at New Mills, this tour looks at the stories behind how Norwich has connected either side of the Wensum.

Mon 13: 1400 & Sun 19: 1400

THE VISIT OF ELIZABETH I: When Elizabeth 1st visited Norwich in 1578 the city presented its best public face and attempted to put on a lavish welcome. This tour looks at some of the highlights and pitfalls of the time.

Mon 13: 1400

NOOKS AND CRANNIES: A look at some of the lanes and alleyways away from the main streets, which give a picture of how Norwich would have been in days gone by.

Tue 14: 0900

MEDIEVAL BOUNDARY: The medieval boundary is about 4.5 miles long, was completed in 1349 and partly demolished in the late 18th century. This walk looks at some of the Western and Northern sections.

Tue 14: 1400

ARCHITECTS AND ARCHITECTURE: Norwich has a wonderful range of buildings from Castle to Cathedral, medieval and later churches and chapels, houses, factories and shops. This tour looks at some of them and their architects.

Wed 15: 1000

HIDDEN HISTORY: This walk highlights the social history of Norwich including Walls and War; Yards and Yarn; Gates and Graves; Mills and Merchants; Footwear and Floods; Royalty and Religion and more!

Thu 16: 0900

HOW NORWICH GOT SOME EDUCATION: Before the 1870 Elementary Education Act Norwich had a mish-mash of Church, Sunday, Ragged, Charity and Private schools, designed mainly for boys. This tour looks at some of these and how the Act changed Education.

Thu 16: 1000 & Fri 17: 1400

LIFE AND COMMERCE OF THE RIVERSIDE AND PORT: Two walks exploring the history of Norwich as a trading port, discovering some of the sites of interest and the dramatic events associated with the riverside.

Thu 16: covering the river from Fyebridge to Pull's Ferry and The Close.

Fri 17: covering the river from Pull's Ferry to the Lady Julian Bridge, and King Street to Bank Plain.

Thu 16: 1400

NORWICH TEXTILE INDUSTRY: The Norwich Textile Industry started in the 13th century and dominated the economy of the city until the early 19th century when it changed and died. This tour looks at the northern parts of the city related to the 19th century industry.

Thu 16: 1400 & Sun 19: 1000

PUBS OF THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER: On this tour learn about the pubs in this ancient area of Norwich starting at its oldest pub, the Adam and Eve, and ending at its oldest inn, the Maids Head.

Fri 17: 1000

GEORGIAN NORWICH: For much of the Georgian era Norwich retained its position as England's second city. This walk will take in some buildings and sites which recall the sometimes turbulent story of these times.

Fri 17: 1400

HISTORIC ALLEYS, LANES AND PASSAGES: Discover the stories of Norwich's historic alleys, lanes and passageways on this tour from The Forum to the Maddermarket Theatre.

Sat 18: 1400


CATHEDRAL QUARTER: CANONS, COMMERCE AND CANNONS: Norwich Cathedral Close and the surrounding area is today a peaceful place with almost the air of a village within the city. However, discover on this tour that it has often had a more turbulent past.

Paul Dickson Tours

Sat 11: 1000

NORWICH: A BLACK HISTORY
This tour celebrates the diverse contribution of black people to the history of Norwich. It also looks at the important contribution of Norwich people to the abolition of slavery.

Sat 11: 1600

THE HISTORIC PUBS OF NORWICH 
Get a taste for the history of Norwich pubs on this guided tour; there are stories of gruesome murders, sixties music heroes, student sit-ins and much more.

PRE-BOOK VIA: pauldicksonstours.co.uk

NORWICH pre-book events

Events in this section of the brochure are ticketed and must be booked in advance.

See individual event listings for information on how to book tickets. Booking opens Mon 9 August.



The Assembly House

TOUR

Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1100
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

Join art historian Roxanne Matthews for an amble around the fascinating histories of the Assembly House: a medieval college still visible in the crypt, Tudor spoils, Georgian arts, 19th century dancing, a school and top secret war rooms.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Astride a Lowland River

WALK

Sat 11: 1000 & Thu 16: 1300

Explore the history and future of the River Wensum through the city, with local historian and author Matthew Williams. Part of the Water, Mills & Marshes Landscape Partnership Scheme, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Bishop's House Garden

GARDENS

Tue 14 & Wed 15: 1030, 1230, 1430

This historic private four-acre formal city centre garden has belonged to the Bishops of Norwich for over 900 years. See long herbaceous borders, roses, the hosta walk, the meadow labyrinth, a jungle walk, bamboos and extensive shrubberies.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
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Bishop's house garden

Cathedral of St John The Baptist

© David Street

CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

See p.19 for drop-in events

Fri 10, Sat 11, Fri 17 Sat 18: 1100-1600

THE GRAND GROUND FLOOR TOUR: Find out about the spirituality and history of the cathedral through a walking tour of the main features of this stunning place of worship, and see some of the cathedral's historic treasures.

Fri 10, Sat 11, Fri 17, Sat 18: 1100-1600

MAKE YOUR OWN AIR BEE-N-BEE HOTEL: **FF** Come to our wonderful garden and build your own bee hotel while learning about the importance of attracting bees into our gardens. We promise you'll BEE happy!

Fri 10, Sat 11, Fri 17, Sat 18: 1100-1600

THE SECRET GARDEN: **EE FF** Take part in a guided journey around the Garden in the heart of the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. It will be a sensory experience that you'll never forget.

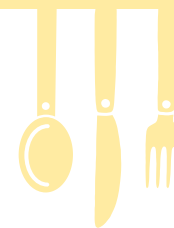
Fri 10, Sat 11, Fri 17, Sat 18: 1100-1600

STAINED GLASS STORIES: Explore the sublime and richly coloured stained glass windows at the cathedral and discover this medieval art form that starts to resonate with the modern imagination!

PRE-BOOK VIA:
sjbcathedral.org.uk or email
heritage@sjbcathedral.org.uk

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ADULT LEARNING NORFOLK

ONLINE **EE**

PRE-BOOK VIA:
email adultlearning@norfolk.gov.uk or
phone 0344 8008020 (option 5) and cite course code
All sessions approx 1 hour 30 mins – 2 hours

Fri 10: 1300 Code: CDXDO0121P
Wed 15: 1900 Code: CDXDO0221P

BREAD BEHIND BARS: THE MEDIEVAL NORWICH CASTLE GAOL: Exploring some individual cases of prisoners confined within the medieval gaol. In keeping with this year's Heritage Open Day theme of 'Edible England' we will have a particular focus on the part played by food and drink in this fascinating story.

Mon 13: 1330 Code: HEPHO0221P

COOKING FOR A MEDIEVAL ROYAL TABLE: In the 1390's the Master Cooks in the household of King Richard II wrote down their recipes in a book called, 'The Forme of Cury'. One of our 'Joy of Food' tutors will cook up a recipe from this book: a dish called a 'Sambocade'.

Tue 14: 1600 Code: CDXDO0421P

THE CURIOUS QUINCE: IN ART: A look at the history of the quince in art and design. As well as offering an artist's insights into how to draw or paint the fruit, learn a few facts about it as a kitchen ingredient over time.

Thu 16: 1000 Code: HEPHO0121P

NORFOLK BAKES: 'MOLLY'S SHORTCAKES' AND 'PAULINE'S BONFIRE CAKE': Join one of tutors to discover these recipes from local Norfolk cooks that can be traced back to the end of the Second World War.

Thu 16: 1900
Course code CDXDO0321P

THE PERUVIAN POTATO: The humble potato has become a staple part of the British diet and yet it came from South America. In this session we will learn about the Peruvian roots of the Great British 'spud'.

PARENTS/CARERS check out these Edible England themed fun activities to do at home with children aged 2-11yrs: **FF**

Sat 11: 1300 Code: FLATO0321P
Sat 18: 1300 Code: FLATO0821P

BREAD BOWL: Trenchers were used in medieval times to serve stews in. You will also learn how to prepare and cook a medieval stew to enjoy with your trencher.

Sat 11: 1300 Code: FLATO0721P
Sat 18: 1300 Code: FLATO1021P

FEEL GOOD FOODS: Discover how certain foods release chemicals that help you feel better. Children will be asked to draw their favourite food or suggestions for healthy swaps, so have materials to hand.

Sat 11: 1300 Code: FLATO0221P
Sat 18: 1300 Code: FLATO1221P

HEALTHY MEDIEVAL FOOD: What did Knights and Ladies have for dinner and as a snack compared to a modern diet? Along the way you will learn interesting historical facts about food stuffs that we take for granted today.



Bread Bowl

Sat 11: 0930 Code: FLATO0621P
Sat 18: 0930 Code: FLATO1121P

HELPFUL HERBS: Discover and make a 'tussie mussie' (small flower bouquet) and explore the different properties of herbs and their uses today. Children will be asked to draw herbs and flowers, so have drawing materials to hand.

Sat 11: 0930 Code: FLATO0421P
Sat 18: 0930 Code: FLATO0921P

MEDIEVAL CAKE: This fantastic session will guide you to prepare and make a medieval cake using ingredients that were available at that time, learning interesting historical names and facts about them.

Sat 11: 0930 Code: FLATO0121P
Sat 18: 0930 Code: FLATO1321P

PAPER COLLAGE: Make a paper collage of a medieval meal and along the way you will learn interesting historical facts about food stuffs that we take for granted today.

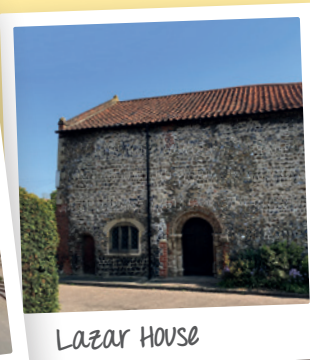
Fri 10: 1000 Code: FLATO1421P

WARTIME RATIONING: Learn about wartime rationing and about measuring and wrapping your ration allowance, and making carrot cookies to enjoy later.

NORWICH pre-book events



Eaton Park



Lazar House



Museum of Norwich

© Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell

Eaton Park

TOUR

Sun 12: 1430. Approx 1 hour
Starting with a short talk in the Friends room at the Bandstand, explore the park with a guided tour, covering the work of Captain Arnold Sandys-Winsch, who designed and built the park in the 1920s.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Inanna's Festival

TALK

Fri 10 & Sat 11: 1800
Approx 30 mins

Discover the history of this 17th century weaver's flint-walled house with timbered beams. The talk includes a chapter on the life of the weavers and their place in the history of Norwich. Access to the ground floor shop and front exterior of the building only.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Lazar House

TOUR & TALK

Sun 12: 1100. Approx 30 mins
A former Leper Hospital dating back 900 years, this building has had a varied history, including as an almshouse and more recently Norwich's first branch Library which closed in 1989 and is now home to the Assist Trust. Join our tour led by local author and historian Trevor Nuthall. See p.19 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Mousehold Heath Geology and Landscape Walk

WALK

Fri 17: 1030. Approx 2 hours 30mins
Join Tim Holt-Wilson and a Norwich City Council Mousehold Heath warden for a guided tour of the Earth Heritage Trail. Travel back in time to explore the unique and undulating landscape and discover how this has been sculpted by natural processes and humans.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Mousehold Heath History Walk

WALK

Sun 19: 1400
Approx. 2 hours 30 mins
Join local historians Trevor Nuttall and Colin Howey and a Norwich City Council Mousehold Heath warden, to discover the stories behind the ruins of a chapel, social uprisings and how historic land use has influenced this unique and important area.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Museum of Norwich

MUSEUM FF

Sat 11 & Sat 18: 1000, 1030, 1100, 1130, 1400, 1430, 1500, 1530
Discover the stories of the city at the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell. Step back in time and uncover the past through the lives of those who have worked in the trades and industries which made the city rich and powerful.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolk-museums.arttickets.org.uk

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Norwich High School

Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library

ONLINE EE

Wed 15: 1800
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

BEHIND THE SCENES AT NORFOLK HERITAGE CENTRE EDIBLE NORFOLK: From the comfort of your own home, see collections in the stack at the library, which boast a wide range of items that testify to the central role food and drink has played in the county's history.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
eventbrite.co.uk (search Norfolk Heritage Centre, Norwich)

ONLINE EE

Thu 16: 1830
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

FOOD AND THE FORCES: THE US 8TH AIR FORCE IN WWII A panel discussion on food and the 8th Air Force in England and the Stalag Lufts 1943-1945.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
americanlibrary.eventbrite.com

ONLINE

Sat 11: 1800
Approx 1 hour

INTRODUCING THE AMERICAN LIBRARY: Discover The American Library - a war memorial and public library with its roots in the United States Army Air Forces presence in World War Two East Anglia.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
americanlibrary.eventbrite.com

Norwich Arts Centre

TALK

Fri 10: 1300

Join Norwich Historic Churches Trust who will give a talk on the venue's history and the recent restoration project, including the uncovering of the large church windows for the first time in 40 years. See p.19 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norwichartscentre.co.uk/event/heritage-open-day-talk

Norwich High School for Girls

TOUR

Sat 18: 1000
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

A fine example of a suburban Regency Villa. Set within 14 acres of grounds the school has been situated here since 1933. Having grown rapidly since then four period properties and a range of remarkable extensions now house the school.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

NORFOLK RECORD OFFICE: THE ARCHIVE CENTRE

ONLINE EE

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

ARCHIVE AMBULATION: KINGS STREET'S BEER TRADE

Walk in the footsteps of previous Norwich citizens to take a trip down King Street whilst enjoying the sights and sounds of the past.

ONLINE EE

Mon 13: 1300. Approx 45 mins

SUPPER FROM THE SOUND ARCHIVES:

Join us for a lunchtime talk that will make your stomach rumble, exploring our regional sound archives to uncover reminiscences of the heart of the home, the kitchen.

ONLINE EE

Fri 17: 1300. Approx 45 mins

FOOD FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Join us for a talk on food included in the archives from old recipes to a surprisingly diverse range of ingredients.

TALK EE

Fri 17: 1400, 1430, 1500, 1530

A FOODIE'S DREAM:

Find out about Norwich's role in the food and drink industry and some of the people who worked within it by seeing some of the original documents in The Archive Centre.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
archives.norfolk.gov.uk/events



NORWICH pre-book events



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NORWICH CATHEDRAL

TOURS & TALKS

Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1400
Approx 1 hour 15 mins

THE CLOISTER: This tour will outline the role of the cloister in the main aspects of monastic life and will look at some of the magnificent sculptures and carved roof bosses which are unique to Norwich.

Sat 11 & Wed 15: 1430
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

CATHEDRAL CLOSE EE
Here the Benedictine monks lived and worked, baking their bread, brewing their beer. When the monastery was dissolved the materials used for the monastic buildings were recycled to build some of the grand houses we see today.

Tue 14: 1100 & 1400
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

SOUTH FAÇADE: Although it took the Norman builders 49 years to construct the cathedral we can view and attempt to summarise their magnificent achievement during this tour. It would be an advantage if you could bring a pair of binoculars.

Tue 14 & Thu 16: 1430. Approx 1 hour
EDITH CAVELL, A NORFOLK HEROINE:

The tour will detail the life, career and death of Edith Cavell, illustrated, where possible, with photographs and other images and beginning with her birth here, in the Norfolk village of Swardston.

Tue 14 & Thu 16: 1130
Approx 1 hour

THE HERB GARDEN, INFIRMARY AND HEALTH IN MONASTIC TIMES: EE

A visit to the cathedral herb garden to hear about the culinary uses of various herbs and particularly focusing on those used for medicinal purposes within the infirmary.

Thu 16: 1100 & 1400
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

THE MEDIEVAL STONE BOSSES:

A digital slide presentation revealing the astonishing beauty of the 15th century stone-cutters' art in close up detail. Discover why some of the bosses in the nave and cloister are unique and of national and international importance.

Fri 10 & Mon 13: 1030
Approx 45 mins

WORKING FOR THE MONKS: Spend some time with Martha the Monastery Maid, who will be coming from the 1200s at Norwich Cathedral to tell you about her life there working for the Benedictine monks.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

TOUR

Fri 10 & Fri 17: 1400 & 1500
Approx 45 mins

Join Head of Technical services Roger Bishop for a special behind the scenes tour of the building, exploring areas not usually open to the public.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Phone 01603 593199

The South Asia Collection

TALK

Mon 13: 1400. Approx 30 mins

EAST MEETS EAST AT THE OLD SKATING RINK: In the heart of the city is one of Norwich's hidden treasures, a beautifully preserved Victorian skating rink. Join us to discover its story and how it found a new life as home to the unique South Asia Collection.

WORKSHOP & ONLINE

Sat 18: 1100-1500
(8 sessions available)

SUSTAINABLE FASHION FROM TRADITIONAL TEXTILES: Join us for a hands-on workshop and discussion day exploring how the traditional textile crafts of South Asia can inspire new ideas surrounding sustainable fashion.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
email info@thesouthasiacollection.co.uk or phone 01603 663890

pre-book events

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Strangers' Hall Museum

MUSEUM FF

Sun 12 & Sun 19:
check website for times

Discover room displays from the 16th to the 19th centuries in this beautiful historic house museum. Don't miss our wonderful hidden garden.

Wed 15: check website for times

DAINTY DISHES EE FF
Meet our Tudor cook to discover what delights would be prepared for the top table. Find out how to be on your best behaviour at the feast.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
events.museums.norfolk.gov.uk

St Stephen's Church

WALK

Sat 18: 1400. Approx 2 hours

RICHARD OF CAISTER MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE: Take this Guided Medieval Pilgrimage walk around the city.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
email biddycollyer@hotmail.com

PERFORMANCE

Sat 18: 1930

AFTER THE STORM: Take time to reflect and consider the impact of the pandemic, through an art exhibition, interactive space and musical concerts with Norwich Community Gospel Choir.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
email hello@ncgc.org.uk
See p.22 for drop-in events

ST PETER MANCROFT CHURCH

TALKS

Approx 1 hour

Mon 13: 1130

PEAL AWAY: TALES OF BELLRINGING, BELL RINGERS AND ITS ANCIENT HISTORY

Learn more about the story of bell ringing and ringers - have you ever wondered how long people have been ringing bells? Do you know about how they are made and did you know that St Peter Mancroft bells are world famous?

Tue 14: 1130

OF TOKENS AND TRADERS:

Dr Adrian Marsden returns with "More Tales behind the Tokens" issued by traders here in Norwich during the 17th century. From grocers, gardeners and cutlers to candlestick makers. Learn the fascinating history of these tokens together with the men and women who issued them.

Wed 15: 1130

THE MARKET, MANCROFT, AND MORE!

The Normans set a new borough in the "Magna Crofta" or big field, in sight of their castle and so the church and market have seen so much history. We hear about the connections with St Mary's in the fields, The Assembly Rooms, The Great Blow and more!



Thu 16: 1130

THE TABLE SET BEFORE US: EE

Dr Mary Fewster takes us on a journey as we explore how our dining habits, the introduction of tea and coffee and the cutlery we use has changed over the years from the Middle Ages to 20th Century.

Fri 17: 1130

TALES OF NORFOLK AND THE NATION:

Dr Tim Pestell (Senior Curator of Archaeology at Norwich Castle Museum) will present an illustrated journey through Norfolk's history, looking at a selection of objects that reflect both our national story and Norfolk's often prominent place in that.

Sat 18: 1130

THE PLAYING OF THE MERRY ORGAN AND SWEET SINGING IN THE CHOIR

Enjoy this talk and organ demonstration. With large pipes and small bells this will be a great introduction into the world of music making here in St Peter Mancroft.

Visit norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk to also live stream these talks. See p.22 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

NORWICH drop-in events

Enjoy these events in person and from the comfort of your living room. No need to book, but you may wish to check the website for updates before visiting and taking part.



Adat Yeshua
Messianic Synagogue



Plantation Garden



The Bear Shop Garden

Adat Yeshua Messianic Synagogue

Essex Street, NR2 2BL

OPEN DOORS

Sun 12: 1100-1500

Take a tour of the synagogue sanctuary and the building and hear short talk from the Rabbi about the synagogue community.

The Bear Shop Garden

18 Elm Hill, NR3 1HN

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10-Sun 12, Fri 17-Sun 19:
1100-1600

Visit this unique hidden terraced garden, considered to be based on a design by Gertrude Jekyll, behind a 15th-century house in the historic Cathedral quarter.

East Anglia Film Archive

ONLINE **EE**

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

EDIBLE EAST ANGLIA

ON FILM: A curated selection of films from the collections of the archive that explore the culinary traditions, practices and ceremonies of a region.

Visit online at: eafa.org.uk/highlights.aspx

The Flint Room

173 Ber Street, NR1 3HB

OPEN DOORS

Mon 13 & Tue 14: 1000-1600

A 12th Century old flint church deconsecrated in the mid 80s now brought back to life as a quirky, bespoke and one-of-a-kind ceremonies venue for Norfolk residents and beyond.

Heigham Park

Avenue Road, NR2 3HW

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1600

Built in the 1920s, explore this park and see an exhibition around its centenary, take an illustrated self-guided heritage walk and children can enjoy self-guided activities.

Kett's Heights

Kett's Hill, NR1 4EX

WALK **EE**

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

Take this self-guided walk to discover the range of food associated with Kett's Heights. This steeply terraced site has been home to medieval monks, Robert Kett and his followers, a Gas Works, "Dig for Victory" and a modern herb garden. Visit online to download the trail: kettshights.co.uk

drop-in events

Lazar House

219 Sprowston Road, NR3 4HX

OPEN DOORS

Sun 12: 1000-1400

A former Leper Hospital dating back 900 years, this building has had a varied history, including as an almshouse and more recently Norwich's first branch library. It is now home to the Assist Trust. See p.14 for pre-book tour and talk.

Norfolk Family History Society

Kirby Hall, St Giles Street,
NR2 1LS

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11, Wed 15, Sun 19: 1000-1600

All are welcome to the library, which provides facilities to assist with family history research.

Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library & Norfolk Heritage Centre

ONLINE **EE**

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

EDIBLE NORWICH WALKING TOUR PODCASTS: Norwich has long had food and drink at its heart. Sharpen your appetite with our podcast walking tours exploring Norwich's edible (and drinkable) heritage. Visit online at: norfolkheritagecentre.wordpress.com

ONLINE **EE FF**

Sat 18: 1200

NORWICH: CITY OF CHOCOLATE: Caley's, Rowntree-Mackintosh and Nestlé once employed thousands of people and filled the streets with the smell of chocolate. This Family Facebook Premiere event will guide you through a creative activity inspired by the Norwich chocolate industry. Aged 7+yrs Visit online at: facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies

Norwich Arts Centre

51 St Benedicts Street, NR2 4PG

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10: 1300-1600

A chance to look around the contemporary arts venue and former St Swithin's Church, built in 1349. Following a restoration project, original features can be seen in natural daylight. See p.15 for pre-book talk.

Norwich Puppet Theatre

St James, Whitefriars, NR3 1TN

OPEN DOORS **FF**

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1600

Housed in the Medieval Church of St James, enjoy a self-guided tour around this unique venue and learn about its transformation into a puppet theatre. Children and families can take part in free activities.

Octagon Chapel

Colegate, NR3 1BN

OPEN DOORS

Sun 12: 1100-1600, Fri 17: 1000-1600, Sun 19: 1200-1600

Built in 1756, the Chapel is a place of worship as well as a venue for concerts and other events. An elegant building, inside and out. Learn more about the Chapel's architecture and history and the people who have worshipped within its walls.

Plantation Garden

4 Earlham Road, NR2 3DB

GARDENS

Sun 12: 1000-1600

Come and visit the Plantation Garden with refreshments and a plant sale throughout the day. A three acre site including Gothic fountain, Italianate terrace and woodland walkways. A haven of peace and tranquillity and a glimpse into a bygone age.

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CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Unthank/Earlham Road,
NR2 2PA

ONLINE

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

HIDDEN PLACES TOUR - THE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE:

See the behind-the-scenes spaces not usually accessible to the public, following spiral staircases, hidden chapels and even see inside the Cathedral House and the Sacristy. This virtual tour will help you discover the fascinating story behind the Cathedral, its characters, and its past.

ONLINE

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

THE BREAD OF LIFE: Take a look at a new series of short faith films by the Cathedral.

ONLINE

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

VIRTUAL TOWER TOP TOUR:

Enjoy the magnificent views of the city of Norwich from great heights on this virtual Tower Top Tour, while learning about the history and architecture of the Cathedral.

Visit online at: sjbcathedral.org.uk

See p.12 for pre-book events.

NORWICH drop-in events

Pull's Ferry Watergate Room

The Watergate Room,
The Close, NR1 4DZ

OPEN DOORS FF

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1400-1700,
Thu 16-Sun 19: 1100-1700

Visit this 15th century building, a scheduled monument, which after its restoration in 1949 became the headquarters of Girl Guiding in Norwich. There will be a display of historic pictures and information about Pull's Ferry.

Quaker Meeting House

Upper Goat Lane, NR2 1EW

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11: 1000-1600 (talk at 1430)

Prison reformer Elizabeth Fry worshipped here, and the banking family the Gurney's largely funded the current Meeting House which was built in 1826. Learn something of the past, present and future of Quaker work in Norwich since the 1670s.

Sound System Walks

Magdalen Gate,
Magdalen Street, NR3 1NF

ONLINE & WALK

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

Sound System Walks is a totally new sonic adventure with art historian Roxanne Matthews. This won't be a history, or a herstory but Roxanne's collected stories as she invites you to take her with you as you walk.

Visit online at:
thefreelancecreative.com



St Augustine's Church

St Andrew's Church, Eaton

41 Church Lane, Eaton,
NR4 6NW

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10, Sat 11, Mon 13-Wed 15,
Fri 17 & Sat 18: 1000-1600

Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1300-1600

Thu 16: 1200 - 1600

Visit this 13th-century thatched church with a 15th-century perpendicular styled tower. There are medieval paintings (c.1370) in the re-ordered church. An award-winning extension was built (1993) on the south side of the original church.

St Andrew's Church, Norwich

St Andrew's St, NR2 1AQ

OPEN DOORS

Sat 18: 1000-1630.

Tour at 1100, Talk at 1400

Visit this fine late medieval church building with memorials reflecting the history of church and nation. Join a guided tour and listen to a talk on John Robinson, assistant minister 1604-5, later a church minister in Leiden and pastor to the Pilgrim Fathers.

St Augustine's Church

St Augustine's Street,
NR3 3BY

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11: 0900-1600

A rare chance to see inside the medieval brick church of St Augustine's - the only one of its kind in Norwich. Owned by the Churches Conservation Trust, it sits in a large churchyard next to a long row of half-timbered cottages. Open for Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride.

ACTIVITY EE FF

Sat 18: 1000-1700 &
Sun 19: 1000-1600

Step back in time with Norwich And Norfolk Medieval Association to experience the sights, smells and sounds of Norwich in the 1300s. Have a go at writing with a quill, feel the weight of items of armour, and you can even strike your own medieval coin.

St Clement at Fye Bridge

Colegate/Fye Bridge Street,
NR3 1HZ

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18,
Sun 19: 1000-1600

Visit this former, Grade I listed church dating back to the 14th-16th centuries, with highlights including the reconstructed tomb of the parents of Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, historically important monuments to the Ives and Harvey families, and 19th-century furnishings.

drop-in events

St Etheldreda's Church

King Street, NR1 1QH

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1700

This Church found a new life in 1981 when it opened as an artists' studios complex. Restored in the Victorian period it still has medieval features. Explore the building and meet the artists.

St George's Church, Tombland

Princes Street, NR3 1AE

OPEN DOORS ONLINE

Sat 11 & Sat 18: 0900-1700

This 13th century church, still in regular use, features stained glass from the 16th to the 19th century as well as monuments, chancel roof angels and one of the city dragons. You can also visit online: achurchnearyou.com/church/6821/

St Giles-on-the-Hill

41-45 St Giles Street, NR2 1AB

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10-Sun 19: 1100-1400

With a 15th Century brass lectern and the tallest church tower in Norwich this striking medieval building is not to be missed. St Giles can be a little elusive, so take the opportunity while you can.

St Margaret de Westwicke Church

2 St Margaret's Street, NR2 4TU

OPEN DOORS

Mon 13-Fri 17: 1000-1630,
Sat 18: 1000-1430

Explore the former, medieval, St Margaret's church; now the Church of Art gallery and exhibition space. Visitors will be able to view the 105th annual exhibition of the Norwich & District Photographic Society.

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St Giles-on-the-Hill



Ghastly Gargoyles!

St Mark's Church, Lakenham

Hall Road, NR1 3HL

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11: 0900-1700, Wed 15: 1000-1200,
Sat 18: 1000-1600

Visit this Victorian church with a spectacular interior, containing a gallery with a striking rood screen by Temple Moore, a war memorial chapel with a Temple Moore reredos and some fine sculpted stations of the cross. Daily virtual tour online at: facebook.com/lakenhamstmark

St Martin at the Oak Church

Oak Street, NR3 3AQ

OPEN DOORS

Mon 13: 1000-1400

Much of the fabric of this church dates back to the 15th century. The unusual layout today is a result of bomb damage in 1942 when much of the tower was taken down and the church was refitted as a parish hall. Today, it is home to the Wharf Academy.

St Martin at Palace Centre

Norwich Historic Churches Trust, 1 St Martin at Palace Plain, NR3 1RW

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11, Sun 12, Tue 14, Thu 16,
Sun 19: 1000-1600

Explore the former medieval church of St Martin at Palace, now home to the Norwich Historic Churches Trust. Discover the impressive Tudor monument to Elizabeth Calthorpe and stained glass by the William Morris Workshop.

ACTIVITY FF

Sun 12: 1200-1600

GHASTLY GARGOYLES! Learn about the fantastic beasts and ghastly gargoyles found in historic churches. Create your own scary beast from clay to take home and design medieval heraldry using animal symbolism. Ages 6-12yrs.

PERFORMANCE

Sun 19: 1100 & 1300. Approx 45 mins
SHAKESPEARE IN THE CHURCHYARD: Join 'Ye Palace Pliers' as they enact scenes, sonnets and soliloquies from Shakespeare's finest works with the beautiful backdrop of St Martin at Palace Church.

NORWICH drop-in events

St Mary Coslany Church

St Marys Plain, NR3 3AF

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1600

One of Norwich's oldest medieval churches, one of only three to have a round tower. Highlights include a decorative chancel roof and a 16th century pictorial memorial engraved in the chancel wall. Now used as artist studios and online book store.

St Michael and All Angels Ruin

Bowthorpe Church, Hall Road, NR5 9AA

ACTIVITY EE

Sat 18: 1000-1600

Discover ancient and modern recipes, do a food-themed quiz, explore a book fair and do self-guided trails on archaeology, heritage and nature.

St Michael-at-Plea Church

Redwell Street, NR2 4SN

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10, Tue 14-Sat 18: 1000-1600, Sat 11: 0900-1600

Explore this beautiful medieval church via a self-guided tour. Highlights include the 15th century font with a spectacular 17th century cover and wall monument to Jacques de Hem, a 'Stranger' who arrived in Norwich in the 16th century.

St Peter Hungate Church

Princes Street, NR3 1AE

OPEN DOORS EE

Fri 10-Sun 12, Fri 17-Sun 19: 1000-1600

Explore the church and beautiful churchyard garden, with art from Edible East exploring this year's theme of Edible England. Sat 11: take part in Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride activities.

St Peter Mancroft Church

Hay Hill, NR2 1QQ

EXHIBITION

Fri 10 & Sat 11, Mon 13-Sat 18: 1030-1400

SUCCESS IS NOT RESERVED FOR A SELECTED GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SILVER SPOONS IN THEIR MOUTHS:

exhibition highlighting some of the Ticktum Trust collection of about 400 silver spoons and other items, from Middle Ages to the 19th century. See p.17 for pre-book talk.

St Simon and St Jude Church

49 Elm Hill, NR3 1HG

OPEN DOORS

Tue 14: 1100-1600

A rare chance to see this church, now home to Curious Directive theatre company. Highlights include fragments of medieval stained glass and a monument to Thomas and Sir John Pettus.

The Strangers Club

22-24 Elm Hill, NR3 1HG

OPEN DOORS

Sun 12: 1000-1630

Explore this 16th century building, now home to a private members club and not normally open to the public. Part of the Elm Hill restoration in the 1920s, many 'Strangers' have been entertained on the site over the years.

Waterloo Park

Angel Road, NR3 3HX

OPEN DOORS FF

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1300

Visit this stunning 1930s park, with access to the Pavillion balcony. Discover the park's bowling history, see an exhibition of weaving and dyeing in the area and do a guided tree walk.



St Peter Hungate Church

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St Stephen's Church

Rampant Horse Street, NR2 1QP

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10 & Sat 11, Mon 13-Sat 18: 1000-1500

A lively and bustling medieval church, which had stood on this site for nearly 900 years. Highlights include beautifully stained glassed windows, some dating from the 16th century and some replaced after the blitz. You can also start a self-guided Medieval Pilgrimage walk around the city.

EXHIBITION

Fri 10 & Sat 11, Mon 13-Sat 18: 1000-1500

AFTER THE STORM?: take time to reflect and consider the impact of the pandemic, through an art exhibition and interactive space for visitors to participate. See p.17 for pre-book performance.

TALK

Sat 11: 1600. Approx 1 hour 30 mins

RICHARD OF CAISTER - SAINT OR REBEL?:

Rev Madeline Lights gives a talk on conviction, courage and compassion - skills for life after the pandemic? What can Richard Caister, the 14th century 'good vicar' of St Stephen's Church teach us about life in the new normal? See p.17 for pre-book events.

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Meet the Organisers!

Each year around 200 organisers give their time and expertise to showcase the very best of Norfolk's rich history and heritage. Here we meet four of them to tell us why they take part and what they love about Heritage Open Days.



Paul Dickson



Nicola Hems



Colin Howey



Melissa Hawker

Paul Dickson

Why do you take part in Heritage Open Days?

I really enjoy taking part in a festival, helping to celebrate Norwich and Norfolk's history and heritage.

What does your job involve?

I am a tour guide leading tours in Norwich and the Norfolk Broads.

What do you like best about your role?

It's great to be outside and meeting lots of new people; especially visitors on their first trip to Norwich. Visitors are always bowled over by the city and I hope that I help to encourage them to visit again.

What is special to you about Norfolk?

It is such a beautiful county. I love getting out into the fresh air and going for a walk. I particularly enjoy walking along the Bure opposite St Benet's Abbey - wonderful countryside and top heritage combined.

What do visitors gain from taking part in Heritage events?

They get an insight into a what a special county Norfolk is - history, heritage and fascinating stories round every corner.

Describe your Heritage Open Days experience in three words.

Fun, enthusiasm, friendship.

See p.11 for Paul's walking tours and find out more by visiting pauldicksonstours.co.uk

Nicola Hems

Why do you take part in Heritage Open Days?

It's a brilliant way to showcase the Museum of the Broads and it gives us the chance to work with local organisations and individuals involved with heritage and culture.

What does your job involve?

I am responsible for the everyday management of the Museum and for the display and care of its collections.

What do you like best about your role?

It's so varied! I also love working with our large team of volunteers. Their enthusiasm inspires me.

What is special to you about Norfolk?

The rivers, the marshes, the wildlife, the coast, and of course, the Broads!

What do visitors gain from taking part in Heritage events?

We find that most visitors to the Museum during Heritage Open Days are local people. This festival enables us all to discover more about our local communities.

Describe your Heritage Open Days experience in three words.

Busy, inspiring, enlightening.

See p.34 for Museum of the Broads events and find out more by visiting museumofthebroads.org.uk

Colin Howey

Why do you take part in Heritage Open Days?

I've been working in the history/heritage sector for over twenty years and I love helping people connect with stories from our past.

What does your job involve?

This year I am organising the HODs contribution by Norfolk County Council's Adult Learning service, with our tutors offering a varied programme of sessions.

What do you like best about your role?

It pleases me that 'hidden' work of a HODs organiser opens up the past for others to enjoy.

What is special to you about Norfolk?

Norfolk has such a rich history; not only in terms of its historic landscape and built heritage, but also within its remarkable archival records. There are so many 'stories' to tell!

What do visitors gain from taking part in Heritage events?

The events are about opening up access to our local heritage. The HODs festival enriches people's lives and connects them to the historic roots/routes of places that they might otherwise not appreciate.

Describe your Heritage Open Days experience in three words.

Exploration, learning, enriching.

See p.13 for Adult Learning events and find out more by visiting norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/adult-learning

Melissa Hawker

Why do you take part in Heritage Open Days?

Ancient House and Lynn Museum love getting involved as it enables us to reach new audiences and share our fantastic local history.

What does your job involve?

My job is to ensure everyone who visits our museums learns something - babies and school children, through to teenagers and adults. I work in costume representing people from the past, from Iceni warriors to 1960s factory workers.

What do you like best about your role?

Making links with the past, like holding a Stone Age hammer stone and feeling my thumb naturally sit in the same smoothed niche of the Neolithic knapper - and working to help visitors enjoy the same feeling of connection.

What is special to you about Norfolk?

I love the little known pieces of Norfolk history like the secret First World War tank testing, Britain's first Black mayor, Seahenge and that we're home to the first postcodes!

What do visitors gain from taking part in Heritage events?

Museums can change lives - that representation is vital. One of my fondest memories of HODs is when our Teenage History Club opened their *Pride of the People: Helping History Out of the Closet* exhibition, where visitors could see their LGBTQ+ ancestors represented in a museum.

Describe your Heritage Open Days experience in three words.

Joyful, intriguing, discovery.

See p.38 for Ancient House Museum events and find out more by visiting museums.norfolk.gov.uk

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pre-book events

Burgh Castle Almanac Experience

WALK

Tue 14: 1100. Approx 2 hours

Join us for an inspiring walk in the ancient landscape of Burgh Castle Roman Fort. Joined by experts and artists, the project focuses on improving mental health through the beauty of the changing seasons.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Email info@restorationtrust.org.uk

Elizabethan House

MUSEUM FF

Fri 10-Mon 13: 1000-1600

A charming 16th Century quayside merchants home showing life from Elizabethan to Victorian times. This house also contains fascinating collections from Norfolk Museums Service.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
museums.norfolk.gov.uk/elizabethan-house

Great Yarmouth Ice House

TOUR EE

Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1100 & 1400
Approx 1 hour

Join us for a tour of this unique Grade II listed building, rarely accessible to the public. Originally used to store ice for preserving herring, it's thought to be the last of its kind in the country.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Email hello@outtherearts.org.uk

Great Yarmouth Town Hall

TOUR EE FF

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1600 (1530 last entry) Approx 30mins

Book a guided tour to explore and discover the rich heritage of this fascinating historic building. Bookable cream teas available!

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Email events@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

Martham Parish Church

TOUR

Sat 11: 1100, Wed 15 & Sat 18: 1100 & 1500

Grade I listed and recently restored (financed by Heritage Lottery Fund), join us for a special guided tour around one of the tallest towers in Norfolk.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Phone 01493 740379 or email meakin.a@tiscali.co.uk

Pavillion Theatre

TOUR

Fri 10, Sun 12, Tue 14, Thu 16-Sun 19: 1000, 1200 & 1400. Sat 11, Mon 13, Wed 15: 1200 & 1400 Approx 1 hour

This theatre celebrates its 120th birthday this year. Take a tour and see areas usually closed to the public, including backstage!

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Phone 01493662832 or email bookings@pavtheatre.com

Guided Heritage Walks

WALKS

Tue 14: 1400. Approx 1 hour 30 mins

PICTURE OF YARMOUTH: Discover more about the book "The Picture of Yarmouth" which was published in 1820 by John Preston. The walk looks at some of the buildings illustrated in Preston's work and marks the publication of a new book, published in 2021.

Sun 19: 1400 Approx 1 hour 30 mins

WATERWAYS AND HOLIDAYS: Explore Great Yarmouth's Grade II listed gardens and canals, The Venetian Waterways. Learn about the origins of Great Yarmouth as a holiday town and the Victorian beginnings of North Drive.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Phone 01493 846346 or email tourism@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

Time and Tide Museum

MUSEUM EE FF

Sun 12: 1000-1600

Discover the history, rich maritime heritage and story of Great Yarmouth from the Ice Age to the present day. Come and explore this museum housed in a converted Victorian herring curing works and take an exciting journey into the past.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
museums.norfolk.gov.uk/time-tide

drop-in events

Burgh Castle Fort

Burgh Castle, High Road, NR31 9QQ

TOUR EE

Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1400
Approx 1 hour

LIFE AT THE FORT: What was it like to live at Burgh Castle Fort? What did they eat and drink? Our guided tour will explain all!

The Fishermen's Hospital

Great Yarmouth Market Place, NR30 1ND

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10-Sun 12, Thu 16-Sat 18: 1000-1600

Built in 1702, for 'decaied' fishermen, these splendid almshouses are at the north end of the marketplace. A cottage will be open to view as well as photographs from the past.

TALK

Fri 10-Sun 12, Thu 16-Sat 18: 1100 & 1400

Discover the fascinating history of the buildings built in the Dutch style having undergone restorations.

Great Yarmouth Masonic Association

Albert Square, NR30 3JH

TOUR

Fri 10-Sun 12 & Fri 17-Sun 19: 1000-1600

Discover the history of a Masonic building and how the usage has changed over the years. Groups of small families and couples taken on the tour at one time.

Great Yarmouth Town Hall

Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, NR30 2QF

OPEN DOORS EE FF

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1600 (1530 last entry)

A showcase of the history of the building with guided tours, plus vendors of typical local food offerings, fun activities, a quiz trail and colouring competition for all the family to enjoy.

High Street Sound Walk

King Street, NR30 2RD

ACTIVITY & ONLINE

Fri 10-Sun 19: Any time

Artist Oliver Payne's sound walk explores the contrast and diversity of Great Yarmouth's high street. Part of a series of self-guided, immersive sound walks. **Visit online:** HistoricEngland.org.uk/SoundWalks

Lydia Eva

South Quay, NR30 2QF

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10-Sun 12, Wed 15-Sun 19: 1000-1600

Board Great Yarmouth's last working steam drifter and discover how the fishermen worked and lived. Learn about the town's herring industry and see where the fishermen ate and slept in the crew's quarters.

St George's Theatre

King Street, NR30 2PG

TOUR

Fri 10, Tue 14-Fri 17: 1400-1700
Sat 11 & Sat 18: 1100-1500

Explore the history of this Grade I listed building with an audio visual self-guided tour. Scan the QR codes to hear interesting stories about the theatre.



The Waterways

Thurne Mill

The Staithe, Thurne, NR29 3BU

OPEN DOORS

Sun 12, Thu 16, Sun 19: 1100-1600

200 YEARS EXHIBITION: Witness a part of Norfolk's history turning and pumping on the marsh. For 200 years, this iconic wind pump has been part of our local landscape! Read about its history and listen to the tales of our Marshman.

The Waterways

North Drive, NR30 4EW

ACTIVITY FF

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1600

Bring your picnic baskets to The Waterways where you can listen to live music, learn about the heritage of The Waterways, play some vintage games and even watch a Punch and Judy show!

The Yare Gallery

26 South Quay, NR30 2RG

EXHIBITION EE FF

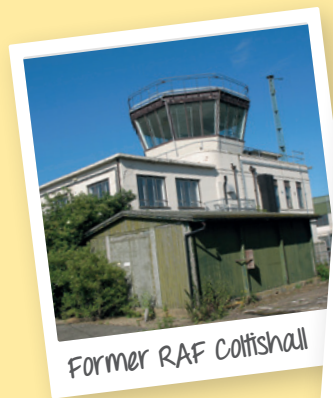
Sat 11, Tue 14-Sat 18: 1000-1600

This new gallery will open its doors with activities including a makers food market featuring locally sourced produce for Edible England, and a family-focused creative drop-in session. Check out yare.org.uk for more details nearer the time.

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Former RAF Coltishall



Polkey's Mill

pre-book events

Former RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre

MUSEUM

Sun 12, Thu 16, Sun 19: 1000-1600
Run by the RAF Station Coltishall Heritage Trust, visit the newly created RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre and see our unique airborne reconnaissance exhibits. From the Spitfires and Hurricanes of the Battle of Britain through to the Cold War and beyond with the Lightning and Jaguar, the Heritage Centre, housed in the iconic former Main Guardroom, tells the story of the only Battle of Britain Station to operate fighter aircraft throughout its 66 years of history. Escorted convoy tours of the Former RAF Coltishall site are subject to booking and availability.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
Email rafscht@btinternet.com

Girlguiding Norfolk Archive Resource Centre (ARC)

ACTIVITY **EE** **FF**

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18, Sun 19:
Exact dates and times TBC, check website for updates
GOURMET GUIDING: The ARC welcomes you to experience outdoor cooking in many forms, bringing traditional methods into the present day. Learn how to cook an easy healthy meal with a slow cooker, or perhaps some sweet treats to try on your next barbeque? Come along with friends to try new foods or tune in online, all are welcome! **For updates visit:** girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk/arc-home/news-and-events

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FROM MON 9 AUGUST!

Heritage Photo Walk - Former RAF Coltishall

ACTIVITY

Sat 11: 1430-1930

This photo-walk offered by Through The Lens Workshops will follow a route that will incorporate some of the stunning architecture and historical points of interest on the site. We aim to photograph the WWII pens, bomb stores, hangers, control towers, blast walls, runway and much more. You will need your own DSLR camera and kit; a relatively good fitness level is required.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
throughthelensworkshops.co.uk

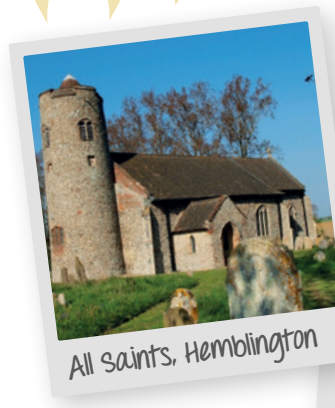
Polkey's Mill & Reedham Steam Engine House

WALK

Sat 18: 1030-1600

Join us on a return guided walk along the Wherryman's Way from Reedham to Polkey's Mill. Tours of the drainage mill will be available. See p.30 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
eventbrite.co.uk
(search Polkey's Mill)



All Saints, Hembington



Blickling Estate



Norfolk Wherry Maud

All Saints Church, Hembington

All Saints church, Church Lane, NR13 4EF

DISPLAY

Fri 10-Sat 18: 1000-1600
Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1100-1600

We are a special church with a peaceful atmosphere where you may stop awhile and if you wish gaze upon our wall painting of St Christopher, or the beautiful font of regional importance. Come and see this delightful building which overlooks the rolling fields that surround the churchyard. All Saints is very much part of its environment as its environment is part of the church.

Blickling Estate

Blickling, NR11 6NF

TOUR

Sun 19: 1100-1500
Approx 1 hour 30 mins

Join us for a guided walk on the Blickling estate, taking in parkland, river and woodland, and learn more about the wildlife that lives here and the work of our passionate conservationists to support the restoration of the River Bure. The striking Jacobean house and beautiful gardens are a classic entry on stately homes 'to visit' lists. With an estate covering 4600 acres, there are many stories this site can tell.

Hathor Pleasure Wherry

How Hill House, How Hill Road, Ludham, NR29 5PG

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18 & Sun 19:
1000-1600

Step aboard a famous Norfolk Pleasure Wherry, built in 1905, learn about her Egyptian themed interior and experience the plush surroundings enjoyed by a wealthy Edwardian family sailing on the Broads at the beginning of the 20th Century.

Norfolk Wherry Maud

ONLINE **FF**

Fri 10-Sun 19: Any time

Maud is a traditional Norfolk Trading Wherry, built in 1899, and one of only two left sailing. Come and learn about her as you will be able to view never-before-seen footage of the Norfolk Wherry Maud sailing on the rivers and broads of Norfolk. **Visit online at:** wherrymaudtrust.org



BROADLAND drop-in events



stracey Arms Drainage Mill



Wherry Albion

Oulton Chapel

Hall Road, Oulton, NR11 6NU

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18 & Sun 19:
1000-1600

This Grade II listed chapel is hidden away in the quiet lanes of the Norfolk countryside. It was built for a non-conformist independent congregation between 1725 and 1731. Inside it has box pews and an upper gallery. Tours, tea and cakes from the Friends of Oulton Chapel.

Polkey's Mill & Reedham Steam Engine House

Seven Mile House,
Reedham, NR13 3UB

OPEN DOORS

Sat 18: 1130-1600

Come have a look around the three-storey tarred red brick tower that lifts water into the River Yare. The mill was probably built on the site of an earlier mill and beams from a smockmill were incorporated into the mill tower when it was built. See p.28 for pre-book event.

St Mary's Church Hellesdon

Low Road, NR6 5AT

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11: 1000-1600

Saint Mary's Church continues to be at the heart of life in Hellesdon after a millennium of use, changing and adapting to the needs of the community. Explore this living site in new ways with the preparation of art inspired by the building.

Stracey Arms Drainage Mill

Mill House, New Road,
Tunstall, NR13 3QE

OPEN DOORS

Sun 12: 1200-1600

Find out about the history of this drainage mill, from the people who ran it to the current project to restore it. This unique site has a brick tower mill and was once used for draining the surrounding marshland. This iconic landmark was built in 1883 between the Acle Straight (A47) and the River Bure. Tours available.

Wherry Albion

Norfolk Wherry Trust,
Horsefen Road,
Ludham, NR29 5QG

TOUR & ONLINE **EE FF**

Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1000-1500

LIVING, FLOATING HISTORY: Experienced volunteers will guide you through The Albion which is one of only two black-sailed trading wherries still afloat. In addition, there will be exhibitions about food carrying wherries as part of HOD "Edible England" theme. Also take the tour online at: wherryalbion.com

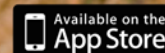
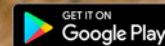
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pre-book events

Francis Cupiss Ltd

ACTIVITIES

Fri 10, Sat 11, Fri 17 & Sat 18:
1000-1600. Mon 13-Thu 16:
1100-1500

Get a hands-on opportunity to ink and print an event souvenir celebrating our 190th year. Your visit also includes a presentation on the firm's history and traditional Letterpress printing.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

Phone 01379 642045 or email info@cupissletterpress.co.uk

Raveningham Hall

TOUR

Fri 10 & Sat 11: 1000, 1200 & 1400

A short tour of the public rooms at Raveningham Hall, given by the owner Sir Nicholas Bacon. This will include some of the Art Collection.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

Phone on 01508 548480 or email sonya@raveningham.com



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Station 146 - Old WW2 Control Tower

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11 & Sun 12: 1000-1700
(tours every 30 mins)

To experience a WW2 airfield, by being in a WW2 Control Tower and walking in the footsteps of those who served there by looking at photographs, artefacts and reading the stories of the 448th Bombardment(H) Group, USAAF, who flew B24 Liberators.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Wymondham: Becket's Chapel

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10 & Sat 11, Mon 13-Sat 18:
1100-1400

Becket's Chapel is the second oldest building in Wymondham. Founded by the Royal Butler to King Henry II, involved in Kett's Rebellion and in the Great Fire of 1615, it retains clues to its past. Explore them and hear our latest thinking.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

Phone 07736685363 or email info@wymondhamarts.org



Station 146 Control Tower

drop-in events

Caistor Roman Town

Caistor St Edmund, NR14 8QN

TOUR

Sun 12: 1000-1600
Approx 1 hour

LIFE IN A ROMAN TOWN:

What was it like living in Venta Icenorum? What did they eat and drink? Guided tours throughout the day will explain all! Visit caistorromanproject.org for tour times.

Diss Corn Hall

St Nicholas Street, Diss,
IP22 4LB

TOUR

Fri 10, Thu 16 & Fri 17: 1030 & 1115
Approx 45 mins

Come along on a behind-the-scenes tour of our award-winning arts and heritage venue. Learn about the history of the building and see the hidden parts not normally open to the public.

SOUTH NORFOLK drop-in events

Dragons, Crowns and Queens

Diss Corn Hall, St Nicholas
Street, Diss IP22 4LB

TOUR FF

Fri 17: 1030
Approx 1 hour

Following refurbishment in 2017, the Heritage Triangle showcases Diss' historic buildings in a streetscape that has remained largely unchanged for hundreds of years. Local expert Jess Johnston will lead you on a tour of the area with the opportunity to ask questions and discover the history of Diss.

Farmshare

King Street, NR1 1QW

OPEN DOORS EE FF

Sat 18: 1100-1600

Farmshare has been growing seasonal, chemical-free veg on its site since Spring 2018. This farm is an inspiring example of how to grow as much food as possible on a very small area of land while enhancing the ecology of the area. This HODs come look round the farm, ask questions and see how we operate. There will always be the opportunity of two farm tours at 1230 and 1430.

ONLINE EE

Tues 14: 1100 - 1200

If you can't get to the farm, tune in to this virtual tour from the farm. The Farm Manager will walk round the farm showing you the whole operation and answering any questions you post or send in in advance. Email hub@norwichfarmshare.co.uk with your questions.

The Pennoyer Centre

Station Road, Pulham
St Mary, Diss, IP22 4QT

MUSEUM

Fri 10, Sat 11, Mon 13-Sat 18:
0900-1600

Take a look at the recently revitalised and redisplayed museum which celebrates the achievements of the Royal Naval Airship Station as well as the history of the Pulhams.

ACTIVITIES FF

Sat 11: 1000-1400

AIRSHIPS, PARACHUTES AND STOWAWAYS:

Join us for hands-on experiments and activities which bring to life the brave and pioneering feats of Royal Naval servicemen and women based at RNAS Pulham in the early 20th century.

Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association

Norfolk Showground,
Dereham Road, NR5 0TT

OPEN DOORS FF

Thurs 16: 1000-1600

Visit the Norfolk Showground, home of the Royal Norfolk Show. Enjoy a stroll around or take a tractor and trailer tour depicting buildings and places of interest, such as the King George VI Gate, the Norfolk Arena and the Grand Ring.

TALK

Thurs 16: 1130, 1230, 1330, 1430
Approx 30 mins

Learn about 175 years of RNAA history, highs and lows, with archivist and veteran journalist Michael Pollitt. Talks will be held in the Grand Ring Commentary Box.



Forncett Industrial
Steam Museum

FORNCETT INDUSTRIAL STEAM MUSEUM

Kingsmuir, Low Road,
Forncett St Mary, NR16 1JJ

MUSEUM

Sun 12, Wed 15 & Sun 19:
1100-1600

The private museum, 46 years in the making, tells the story of the development of steam power in Great Britain from 1698 to the present day. Discover an award-winning collection of spectacular stationary steam engines, hidden in the depths of the beautiful South Norfolk countryside.

TOUR

Sun 12, Wed 15 & Sun 19:
1100-1600. Approx 1 hour

Guided tours across a fantastic large collection of stationary steam engines that trace the history of the development of steam power from the beginning of the industrial revolution to the present day.

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pre-book events

Cromer Museum

MUSEUM **FF**

Sat 11: 1000-1600

Explore the history of Cromer town and the local area in these converted fisherman's cottages. Galleries include collections of geological important fossils spanning from millions of years old to contemporary art pieces from the turn of the century.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
museums.norfolk.gov.uk/cromer-museum

Felbrigg Hall

TOUR

Fri 10 & Fri 17: 1000, 1200 & 1400
Approx 1 hour

Enjoy a special tour of the showrooms at Felbrigg Hall. The tour will feature the main rooms on the ground floor along with the Library. This building is a mixture of opulence and homeliness where each room reflects Felbrigg's vibrant history, from the stained-glass windows in the Great Hall to Queen Mary's teapot in the Drawing Room. See p.36 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
nationaltrust.org.uk/felbrigg

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Museum of the Broads

MUSEUM **FF**

Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1030-1430

Welcome to the Museum of the Broads! Discover the history and heritage of the Broads at our waterside museum. Our stories take you from Roman times through peat digging, marsh work and early tourists to the holiday makers, sailors and environmentalists of today.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
museumofthebroads.org.uk

Fiddler's Hill Barrow

TALK **EE**

Sun 19: 1400. Approx 1 hour

At this prehistoric barrow, a small orchard of rare apple and pear trees fruit each autumn. This Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age barrow was partly destroyed during road-widening in the 1930s, find out more in this special talk.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
eventbrite.co.uk
(search Fiddlers Hill Barrow)

Old Honing Station

TOUR

Sat 18: 1000-1500 (hourly tours)

Come join us for a guided tour of this unique rural station site, that was highlighted on Channel 5 series "Walking Britain's Lost Railways". This fantastic station used to transport fruit, vegetables, local grain, herring and cattle, as well as lucky holiday makers from the Midlands to the coast. See p.36 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

West Raynham Control Tower

TOUR **FF**

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18 & Sun 19:
0900, 1100, 1300 & 1500
Approx 1 hour

Join us for a guided tour of one of only three remaining 'Very Heavy Bomber' Control Towers. The West Raynham tower is the only one which is not owned by the MOD and is the only one which may be visited. See p.36 for drop-in event.

PRE-BOOK VIA:
eventbrite.co.uk (search West Raynham Control Tower)



PENSTHORPE NATURAL PARK

Norfolk Heritage Open Days is delighted to be working with Pensthorpe as Headline Sponsors for the 2021 Festival.

FF Mon 13: From 1300

PRE-BOOK VIA:
pensthorpe.merlintickets.co.uk
using code HOD21

With over 700 acres of natural landscape to explore, Pensthorpe has something to offer for all; from the nature lover, to the gardener, conservationist to the explorer, there really is a part of Pensthorpe for everyone.

Whether you are meandering through our four famous gardens, including our world-renowned Millennium Garden designed by Dutch plantsman Piet Oudolf, that offers a magnificent floral display in the summer, uncovering species in one of our seven nature hides or exploring the vast lakes and countryside, there are curiosities to uncover at every turn.

Explore our Discovery Centre to learn more about the unearthed treasures at Pensthorpe, with artefacts including a hand axe believed to date from 8000 BC, tusks and a tooth from a woolly mammoth uncovered whilst excavating the lakes. The old church which once stood where the Courtyard Cafe currently sits is with remnants of the remaining walls and is a glimpse of time gone by. Once the original home of the ever popular programme; Springwatch, Pensthorpe also continues to support numerous conservation projects under its Trust arm, including current projects on both corncrakes and curlews in partnership with Natural England. Pensthorpe is home to a large nature inspired sculpture trail and collaborates with local artists in residence to carry out exhibitions. The park is also home to an eco-award winning indoor and outdoor play area for families to enjoy as well as a well-stocked and locally sourced cafe and large retail shop, offering a stunning range of local food, drink, wildlife products and gifts for all.



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Pensthorpe
Natural Park 

NORTH NORFOLK drop-in events

Felbrigg Estate

Felbrigg, NR11 8PP

WALK

Sat 11: 1030, 1100, 1330 & 1400

Join us for a guided walk across Felbrigg's rolling parkland, woods and lake and learn more about the wildlife and the work of our passionate conservationists to support the ancient trees and restoration of the River Bure. See p.34 for pre-book event.



Old Honing Station

Briggate Old Honing Station, Honing, North Walsham, NR28 9QX

OPEN DOORS

Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1000-1600

Open day to explore the old station buildings and the chance to talk to experts and volunteers about history of the M&GN railway. See p.34 for pre-book event.

Sheringham Park - Pill Boxes

Wood Farm, Lodge Hill, Upper Sheringham, NR26 8TL

OPEN DOORS

Thu 16 & Fri 17: 1100-1600

Come along and see inside these two restored Second World War pillboxes. These historic sites are usually closed to the public, however for HODs you get special access to these defence structures.

St Benet's Abbey

St Benet's Road (off Hall Common Road), Ludham, NR29 5NU

TOUR

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1500. Approx 1 hour

BENEDICTINE HOSPITALITY AND THE ABBOT'S TABLE:

In these special guided tours find out all about the hospitality of the Abbey. This site is the only Norfolk monastery founded in the Anglo-Saxon period which continued in use throughout the Middle Ages and is the only monastery in England which was not closed by Henry VIII.

St Seraphim's Trust

St Seraphims, Station Road, Walsingham, NR22 6EB

TOUR

Sat 18: 1100 & 1430. Approx 1 hour

Situated in the old railway station in Little Walsingham, St Seraphim's is home to an Orthodox Chapel, Icon and Railway Heritage Museum and Quiet Garden. Discover the fascinating history of this unique heritage site with a special guided tour.

Waxham Great Barn

Coast Road, Waxham, NR12 0DZ

OPEN DOORS FF

Mon 13-Thu 16: 1000-1600

This magnificent late 16th century thatched barn is an iconic Norfolk landmark. It is as impressive today as it was when it was first built. The Grade I listed Waxham Great Barn was built around 1590 by the Woodhouse family, one of Norfolk's most prominent families. Come have a look at the rich heritage of Waxham Great Barn for yourself.

West Raynham Control Tower

Blenheim Way, Fakenham, NR21 7PL

OPEN DOORS FF

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18 & Sun 19: 0900-1700

An opportunity to visit the Control Tower at the former Royal Air Force West Raynham, Fakenham, Norfolk. Opened in 1938 and closed in 1994, this RAF station has a rich history which is being preserved to be retold at the tower. See p.34 for pre-book event.

BRECKLAND events

norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Welcome to HODs in Breckland

visitbreckland.org.uk

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pre-book events

Georgian Town Walk

WALK

Sat 11: 1030
Approx 2 hours

The walk will take in the significant Georgian sites in the town, based on a map showing the town in about 1757. We will see the many buildings on the map which are still there (even if changed), together with the sites of those which have long since gone.

Industrial Heritage Walk

WALK

Sat 18: 1030
Approx 2 hours

The walk will focus on the industries active in the 1950s, including Hobbies, J J Wrights & Sons (Tractor/machinery department), East Dereham Brewery and many more! Subject to confirmation on booking, we will start and end the tour at Dereham Railway Station.

Dereham Town Walk

WALK

Fri 17: 1030
Approx 2 hours

The walk will start at the Railway Station (now part of the Mid-Norfolk Railway) and take us past historical sites such as: the Memorial Hall, St Nicholas Iron Works and Hill House (home of Sir John and Lady Ellenor Fenn).

PRE-BOOK THESE WALKS VIA:

Phone 07561 813243 or email ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk

drop-in events

Attleborough Heritage Group

Attleborough Town Hall, Queens Square, NR17 2AF

EXHIBITION

Sat 11, Sun 12, Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1000-1400

Attleborough Heritage Group will be exhibiting in a new venue this year, allowing visitors into the historic Town Hall. Our exhibition will highlight the trades and occupations of those that helped sustain the population of a growing market town.

Narborough Bone Mill

Belgrave House, Main Road, King's Lynn, PE32 1TE

OPEN DOORS

Sat 18 & Sun 19: 1100-1600

View a restored 16' waterwheel and original brick floors from extensive Victorian mill buildings, see finds uncovered during excavations, have a guided tour of the site and see our visitor centre which is a mini replica of the original building.



Victorian Explosives Store

Cherry Tree Car Park, Theatre Street, NR19 2AX

OPEN DOORS

Fri 17: 1300-1600

Described as "one of Dereham's best kept secrets", this Grade II listed ammunition store is a rare survivor from the middle of the 19th century. It was built in red brick with a slate roof and was used to house explosives for the Rifle Volunteers who paraded on the adjacent land.



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pre-book events

Ancient House

MUSEUM

Sun 12: 1000-1600
Sat 18: 1000-1700

Explore one of the best examples of an early Tudor house in East Anglia. The house dating from 1490 became a museum of Thetford life in 1924. The building and much of the collection were donated by Prince Frederick, Duleep Singh, second son.

EXHIBITION

Sun 12: 1000-1600
Sat 18: 1000-1700

MAHARAJAH POP-UP EXHIBITION AT ANCIENT HOUSE:

This special pop-up exhibition explores the life of Maharajah Duleep Singh, the last Sikh ruler of Punjab in northern India through images, illustrations and text.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

norfolk-museums.arttickets.org.uk

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Botanical Drawing Workshop

ACTIVITY EE

Tue 14: 1400. Approx 3 hours
Isobel Bartholomew from Icen Botanical Artists will be leading a class in learning to produce accurate and beautiful depictions of plants - in this case some locally grown edibles.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

Email markwebster@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Edible Britain - A Conversation with Richard Mabey

TALK EE

Thur 16: 1930
Approx 1 hour 30 mins
The renowned author of 'Nature Cure', 'Flora Britannica', 'Wild Cooking' and the foraging bible 'Food for Free', talks about our local wild plants and their many uses. This talk will be available online and in person, to access the online viewing visit Thetford Town Council's Youtube Channel.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

Email markwebster@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Former Atomic Weapons Bunker Tours

TOUR

Fri 10-Sun 19: 1030. Approx 3 hours
Join us for a tour of this Scheduled Monument to the Cold War, where the bombs Blue Danube and Red Beard were maintained in the late 50's and early 60's. End with a voluntary climb up a 25ft watchtower!

PRE-BOOK VIA:

Phone 01842 753149 or email kw.eldred@btinternet.com

Little Cressingham Mill

WALK

Sat 11: 1030-1500
Join us on a guided walk of this historic Mill as it celebrates 40 years since it came into the care of Norfolk Windmills Trust. We will stop at the mill with plenty of time to explore the site and tour the building.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

eventbrite.co.uk (search Little Cressingham Mill)

Strolling Through Time - Food of the Past

WALK

Sat 11: 1400. Approx 1 hour 30 mins
Explore a little of Thetford's food and drink history and finish with tea and scones (available to purchase) if desired.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

ticketsource.co.uk/leapinghare

drop-in events



Charles Burrell Museum

Charles Burrell Museum

Minstergate, IP24 1BN

OPEN DOORS FF

Sat 11, Tue 14 & Sat 18: 1000-1500

A home to steam engines. Explore the history of the Burrell family and the museum with three full sized engines and a scale model on display. Experience the steam with engines running as you tour the workshops looking at their exhibits.

King's House: Regalia Display

Kings House, Kings Street, IP24 2AT

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11: 1000-1400

Thetford has 800 years of mayoralty and the regalia will be on display upstairs in the council chamber, along with other civic items. The sword and mace take pride of place within Thetford's Mayoral Regalia.



Little Cressingham Mill

Little Cressingham Mill

Fairstead Lane, IP25 6NT

OPEN DOORS

Sat 11: 1100-1500

Join us for a rare opportunity to see inside this historical Mill. Constructed around 1821, it lost its sails around 1916. However, the mill was still used until the 1950s before the building became derelict.

Sikh Heritage Events

Thetford Guildhall, Cage Lane, IP24 2DS

EXHIBITION FF

Sun 12: 1000-1500

Thetford has a rich heritage of civic links with the Sikhs, which will be celebrated on the anniversary of the Battle of Saragarhi. Join the celebration!

Thomas Paine Hotel

33 White Hart Street, IP24 1AA

OPEN DOORS

Fri 10 & Sat 11, Mon 13-Sat 18: 0900-1500. Sun 12 & Sun 19: 1000-1600

Come in and see our hand painted life size portrait of Thomas Paine. Painted by a local artist Lee Stroble, it is a fascinating piece of unique artwork only to be seen at the Thomas Paine hotel.

EVERYTHING THETFORD INFORMATION CENTRE

20 King Street, IP24 2AP

TRAIL FF

Fri 10-Sun 19: Anytime

DIPPY ON TOUR ADVENTURE

TRAIL: Enjoy a free family trail to celebrate the Natural History Museum's much loved Dippy, who is on Tour at Norwich Cathedral. Easy to join in with - all you need to do is look around Thetford town centre and spot Dippy in shop windows.

ACTIVITY FF

Sat 18: 1100-1400

MEDIEVAL COIN STRIKING:

Thetford had its own mint in the 10th Century and coins have been found as far afield as Scandinavia. Come and see how money was made in medieval times and you can even have one struck just for you in pewter (£1.50) or chocolate (25p).

ACTIVITY FF

Sat 11: 1100-1400

MRS SANDERSON TALKS

WVS: Come and meet Mrs Sanderson and Aunt Dolly. It's 1942, jam making season and Mrs Sanderson is a WVS volunteer and likes to make the most of her rations. She'll show you how to make something from nothing and tell you all about the work of the WVS in Thetford. Look out for Mr Bye from Thetford's Homeguard.

KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK events

King's Lynn town

Sun 12: 1000-1600

As part of your Norfolk HODS visit, make sure you also head over to King's Lynn, which has a jam-packed programme of events taking place in this historic market town. Visit over 50 sites across the town including churches, museums, cemeteries, arts centres, private homes, pubs and restaurants! Enjoy a variety of entertainment and don't miss the vintage buses available to hop on and off throughout the day. For more information visit kingslynncivicsociety.co.uk

Old Hunstanton Hall

TOUR

Thu 16: 1000 & 1200
Approx 1 hour

Tours will go through the grounds of the Hall across the moat and into the courtyard and information will be given about the various features on the route. The beautiful grade I listed church will be open for refreshments.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

phone 01485 532376 or email andrew.murray1942@gmail.com

Hunstanton Lighthouse

TOUR

Fri 10: 1100-1400
Every 30 mins

Visit the dungeon and then climb the stairs to the top of the tower and enjoy the fantastic view over the Wash and adjoining town. The history of the Lighthouses on the site will be described as well as the importance of the adjacent Marconi listening station and its role in the 1916 Battle of Jutland.

PRE-BOOK VIA:

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About The Forum

The magnificent Forum building has become an iconic landmark in Norwich city centre visited by thousands of people every day.

The Forum is managed by The Forum Trust, an independent, self-financing charitable organisation which manages the building. It has a wide-ranging project purpose, designed to ensure The Forum remains a vibrant and inspiring place and an asset which benefits the whole community. We have a broad brief which encompasses lifelong learning, and includes celebrating the region's history, heritage and culture.

Along with Heritage Open Days, we deliver and support a series of other free, year round events including Norwich Science Festival, Norfolk Makers' Festival and Norwich Games Festival.

Stay up to date by visiting theforumnorwich.co.uk



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Are you passionate about heritage, arts and culture? Would you like to gain new experiences, meet new people and learn more about the histories and treasures on your doorstep? Then we want to hear from you!

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Join us to champion our rich and diverse heritage right here in Norfolk.

To find out more visit norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk



Parking at The Forum

The Forum has an underground car park with 204 spaces, open seven days a week. Located in the centre of Norwich it is the perfect location for popping into The Forum, shopping, eating out, visiting museums or catching a show at Norwich Theatre Royal.

Income from our car park helps support The Forum's programme of FREE events, including HODs.

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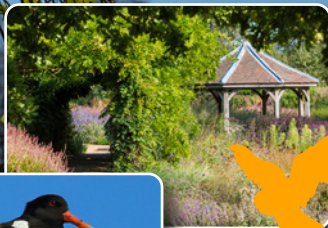
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