Heritage Open Days
Thu 7 – Sun 10 September 2017

A celebration of Norfolk’s outstanding heritage...
Opening doors, eyes and minds

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Heritage Open Days in Norwich and across much of Norfolk is coordinated by The Forum, Norwich. For the full list of Heritage Open Days events in Norfolk visit heritageopendays.org.uk and for more info on events in the west of the county visit kingslyncivicsociety.co.uk. The Heritage Open Days programme is managed nationally by the National Trust with funding from players of People’s Postcode Lottery.
Welcome to Heritage Open Days 2017

Heritage Open Days (HODs) is England’s largest festival of history and culture. Every year for four days in September, venues across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It’s a chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it’s all FREE.

Here in Norfolk, this year’s HODs programme is bigger and better than ever before! Coordinated by The Forum in Norwich, there are over 250 events taking place across the county between Thursday 7 and Sunday 10 September. Norfolk is opening up all sorts of wonderful venues, delivering fascinating talks, hosting walks and tours, exhibitions and performances to reveal the very best of our rich heritage.

We hope you enjoy looking at what’s on offer for 2017 and selecting the events you’d like to attend. You can look forward to plenty of the old favourites, but there’s also lots of fantastic new events for all ages and all interests.

For many of the events you can drop-in and just turn up on the day and for those events that require pre-booking, be at the ready for 10am on Monday 7 August when booking opens.

Have a great festival!

Stay in touch

This brochure includes short summaries of over 250 events... but there’s more! Visit heritageopendays.org.uk for full event listings plus details of new events as they come on board. Please note: event information within this brochure may change ahead of the festival – keep checking the website for the latest info.

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Thank you

There are many individuals, organisations and community partners who help make Heritage Open Days possible.

Our special thanks to Norwich City Council and Norwich Tourist Information Centre for being key supporters of HODs. The festival is also supported by Breckland Council, Broadland District Council, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, South Norfolk Council, Thetford Town Council and Visit North Norfolk.

To the team at HODs HQ, your guidance and encouragement is, as always, very much appreciated.

Thank you to all of the venues, event organisers and the army of volunteers who work so tirelessly to help bring this four-day festival to life.

Last but not least, thank you to the thousands of you who visit and enjoy HODs events in Norfolk every year. Your enthusiasm and support has helped the Norfolk HODs programme grow into one of the biggest heritage festivals in the UK!
How to use this brochure

Many HODs events are drop-in and you can just turn up on the day. Due to limited capacity, some events must be pre-booked and booking instructions are included with the event listings. Tickets for some pre-booked events go very quickly... but don’t feel you’ve lost out, there’s still plenty to do and see throughout the four-day festival!

Events within the brochure are listed in local authority areas, in alphabetical order, and split into pre-book and drop-in categories.

How to book tickets

• Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis whether the request comes through the post or online. **Booking opens at 10am Monday 7 August** so act quickly to secure tickets.

• **Tickets can be booked online via Eventbrite, by post, or in some cases directly with the venue by phone or email. Please check the event listing carefully for booking details.**

• If successful in getting tickets for your chosen event(s), the address / meeting point will be sent to you on your ticket.

Online bookings

• Many of the pre-booked events can be booked via the online ticketing system Eventbrite.

• Type the Eventbrite address (ie. norwichhods.eventbrite.com) provided in the event listing into Google, hit enter and select the event you would like to go to.

• Tickets can be printed from the Eventbrite system. Please bring them with you on the day.

Postal bookings

• If you don’t have online access you can write to us outlining your event choices: HODs Bookings, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1TF.

• Tell us your name, address, telephone number, your event choice, the date and time, and how many tickets you would like (6 maximum). Please provide a first and a second choice in case your first choice isn’t available.

• **Remember to include a stamped addressed envelope with the correct postage to receive your tickets.**

• Ticket requests received via post will be opened and processed from 10am on Monday 7 August.

• The closing date for postal bookings is Friday 1 September. Any remaining tickets will only be available to book online via Eventbrite.

If you are allocated tickets that you cannot use, please email hods@theforumnorwich.co.uk or telephone 01603 727950 up to the day of the event so they can be reallocated to those on waiting lists. **No tickets are available from The Forum office either by telephone or email.**

Any other questions?

If you need more info about an event, please check the full event listing online at heritageopendays.org.uk or contact the venue directly.
Welcome to HODs in historic Norwich

For most of the medieval period and into the late 18th century, Norwich was England’s second city, and is now one of the great heritage cities of Europe.

This year, Norwich is once again delivering a fantastic programme of heritage events right across the city.

We hope you enjoy this four-day festival of local heritage.

Pre-book events
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NORWICH Tavern Tales

TAVERN TALES...

Pubs are an important part of our county’s heritage so we’re raising a glass to them in this special programme of events. From the characters and places that kept our county ‘well-watered’ to the story of those who disapproved, enjoy a ‘pint of Norfolk Heritage’ during the HODs festival!

Drop-in events - no need to book

A Pint of Norfolk Heritage
NEW!
The Forum Gallery, Millennium Plain, NR2 1TF

Roll out the barrel and join us in our virtual Norfolk pub in The Forum’s Gallery! The Forum has teamed up with Archant’s extensive photo archive to create an interactive exhibition to celebrate our county’s pub and brewing heritage. Enjoy the sights and sounds and share your memories. Exhibition runs until 30 Sep.

Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

Norfolk Pub & Brewery Heritage Exhibition
NEW!
The Fat Cat Brewery Tap, 98-100 Lawson Road, NR3 4LF

The Fat Cat Brewery Tap has a rich history and is home to many pieces of Norfolk pub memorabilia. Many of the pubs and breweries have disappeared but the communities they built and served live on. This event shows how important public houses and breweries are as sites of cultural heritage.

Thu & Fri: 12:00-23:00
Sat: 11:00-23:00, Sun: 11:00-22:30

Norwich’s Pub History in Pictures
NEW!
Millennium Library, Norwich, NR2 1TF

Drop-in to the ground floor of the Library and explore pub related maps, photographs and other rarely-seen archive material selected from the collections of the Norfolk Heritage Centre.

Sat: 10:30-15:00

Pre-book events

The Evils Arising from Intemperance
NEW!
The Forum Auditorium

Join Elizabeth Walne for an introduction to the 19th century Temperance Movement across the country and here in Norfolk. Includes a timeline of temperance, images from local archives, extracts from a Norfolk woman’s diary and examples of how teetotalism was encouraged locally.

Sat: 16:00-17:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

The Living Heritage of Norfolk Pubs and Breweries Talk
NEW!
The Forum Gallery

A fascinating look at the way public houses bind the past and present. Everything from the emerging field of ‘Heritage Brewing’, to the drinks we order and the turns of phrase we use are examples of living heritage at work in the modern pub. Talk host William Chappell, of The Fat Cat Brewery Tap, will also offer a tasting of some modern takes on classic brewing recipes.

Sat: 19:00-20:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norfolk Record Office: Archive Ambulation – Norwich Pubs
NEW!

Take a stroll past a selection of pubs in Norwich with staff from the Norfolk Record Office. Using copies of documents, find out how the history of the area has been chronicled for future generations, then make your way down to The Archive Centre for a chance to see the original documents.

Fri: 14:00-16:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Events in this section are ticketed and must be booked in advance. Booking opens on Monday 7 August. Please note: addresses for pre-booked events will be confirmed with your booking.
Norwich Pubs Through the Ages Talk
NEW!
The Forum Auditorium
For centuries Norwich’s pubs and breweries have been an integral part of city life. Authors Frances and Michael Holmes will take you on a nostalgic journey to visit some of Norwich’s pubs, inns and taverns. Although many are now closed it will be an opportunity to meet the characters, re-live events and see long-forgotten scenes.
Sat: 12:00-13:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

The Norwich Society Talk: John Moray-Smith – The Eccentric Norwich Pub Artist
NEW!
The Forum Auditorium
John Moray-Smith was an eccentric artist (1930s-1950s) who created extraordinary panels and paintings showing scenes through the ages.
His work can be seen on the exteriors of many pubs around Norfolk. This talk outlines the story of the artist and his feisty wife.
Sat: 14:00-15:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

The Norwich Society Walk: Cathedral Quarter Pubs
NEW!
Walking tour about the history of the pubs in this ancient part of Norwich. Learn about the beers, breweries, patrons, pub names and ghosts, as well as the general history of the area. The walk should create a thirst for more knowledge and possibly some refreshment! Led by Jonathan Hooton.
Not suitable for under 12s.
Fri: 13:00-14:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Pub Research for Beginners
NEW!
Millennium Library, Norwich
A hands-on workshop telling the story of Norwich pubs through archives and/or facsimiles of key records. No digital or historical expertise necessary. Run by local researcher Elizabeth Walne.
Sat: 10:00-12:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Tavern Tales Stack Tour
NEW!
Millennium Library, Norwich
Take a tour through Norfolk Heritage Centre’s ‘stack’ – the temperature controlled store where all our local studies resources and special collections are kept. Experience the conditions, see some of our treasures and pub-themed items and try your hand at answering some tavern teasers in a special HODs quiz.
Sat: 14:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Wensum Lodge: Hungover History
NEW!
In this talk, Norfolk Community Learning Services tutor Colin Howey looks at the city’s history of brewing, drinking and associated misbehaviour, with reference to the Wensum Lodge site. Please note, talk includes drink-related artefacts and some rude language.
Sat: 10:00-10:30, 11:00-11:30, 13:00-13:30 & 14:00-14:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Special thanks to our friends at Archant, The Millennium Library, The Norwich Society, Norfolk Record Office, Wensum Lodge and The Fat Cat Brewery Tap for their additions to the programme.
Assembly House

Early Bird Tour
NEW!
Brimming with personalities from the past and tangible architectural evidence, enjoy the histories of this remarkable site. Hear about the medieval college still visible in the crypt, Tudor spoils, Georgian arts, 19th century dancing, a school and top secret war rooms. Walk involves steps and uneven surfaces.
Sun: 08:30 & 10:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norwich 1945 to 1960 - A Journey from Austerity to Prosperity Talk
NEW!
Join local authors, Frances and Michael Holmes, for a trip down memory lane to cover the rationing of the post-war years to a time when we ‘never had it so good’. A supporting exhibition is being held at the City Bookshop during HODs. Please see page 22 for info.
Sun: 10:00-11:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Early Photography in Norwich Talk
NEW!
Photography was practised by wealthy Norfolk gentlemen amateurs from the early 1840s. In the early 1850s new processes reduced costs allowing tradesmen to displace amateurs. This presentation shows early photographic images in the care of the Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library.
Sun: 13:00-14:00
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Sun: 10:00-11:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Treating and Cooping – Elections and Political Strife in Georgian Norwich Talk
NEW!
Norwich was at times ‘distracted with party rage’ right from the beginning of the Georgian era. Citizens were ‘treated’ with beer, bribed with cash and even ‘cooped’ like chickens to ensure they voted for the right party. Violent rioting was often the outcome. This talk, given by Blue Badge Guide Ian Smith, examines the background and the issues at stake during election time.
Sun: 15:00-16:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Amelia Opie Walk
A guided walk to some of the sites associated with author and radical Amelia Opie (1769-1853). Baptised in the Octagon Chapel and buried in the Quaker Burial Ground, she was the wife of John Opie RA, friend of the Norfolk Gurneys and an anti-slavery campaigner.
Thu: 18:00-20:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Architecture Walking Tour
This tour focuses on the talents of renowned Norwich architects, Thomas Ivory, Edward Boardman and George Skipper. These architects created some of the finest buildings in the city, including the Art Nouveau Royal Arcade, the Assembly House and the conversion of Norwich Castle to a museum.
Sat & Sun: 10:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Beating the Bounds
A guided walk with local historian David A. Berwick, following in the footsteps of our Georgian forebears. See 50 striking parish markers and discover some for yourselves. The tour reveals the customs and rituals associated with beating the bounds in Georgian Norwich.
Thu: 13:00-14:30, Fri: 14:00-15:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com
**Boardman House**

Following a substantial refurbishment, Boardman House reopened its doors in 2015 as home to Norwich University of the Arts’ School of Architecture. Named after its local architect, Edward Boardman, the Victorian-era Sunday School building has undergone a remarkable transformation. Tours led by John Nortcliffe from Hudson Architects.

Thu & Fri: 11:00 & 15:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**The Britons Arms**

This remarkable building was probably originally a Beguinage (small religious community of women). It is one of the last thatched buildings in the city and of national importance. Recently extensively renovated by English Heritage, the tour includes an opportunity to access the unique roof space and a collection of items found during renovation.

Thu: 10:00, 11:00 & 15:00

Fri: 10:00 & 11:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Carrow Abbey**

A rare chance to visit the 16th-century rooms and the 12th-century ruins of one of Norwich’s least known monastic sites. Admittance is strictly for ticket holders and event is unsuitable for children.

Fri: 10:00, 11:30, 14:00 & 15:30

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Carrow Hill and the River**

**NEW!**

A guided walk from the top of Carrow Hill down to the river. See an impressive stretch of medieval city wall, hear about Norwich Pleasure Gardens, encounter a site of wartime tragedy and discover a lost port.

Thu: 13:30-14:30

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Cathedral Quarter Walking Tour**

Cathedral Close is one of the largest and loveliest in England. In the shadows of the Cathedral, its buildings cluster around the greens and along its narrow lanes. Nearby cobbled Elm Hill is one of the most picturesque streets in the country.

Fri: 14:30, Sun: 11:30

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Cathedral Quarter Riverside Walk**

**NEW!**

Norwich Cathedral Quarter is hosting a Riverside walk with Jonathan Hooton. Discover the importance of the River Wensum in Norwich’s historic development from Anglo-Saxon times onwards.

Sat: 12:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**The Cathedral of St John The Baptist**

**Hidden Places Tour**

An exclusive opportunity to visit places not open to the public, ranging from some of the upper reaches of the Cathedral and down to the lower depths. The tour lasts one hour and requires climbing stairs. Appropriate clothing and footwear advised.

Thu & Fri: 11:00, 12:30, 14:00 & 15:00

Sat: 11:00, 12:30, 14:00 & 14:30

Sun: 12:30 & 14:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Tower Tour**

Visit the highest vantage point overlooking Norwich, with views as far as Happisburgh to the north and Great Yarmouth to the east. The tour lasts 35 minutes. Appropriate clothing and footwear advised.

Thu & Fri: 11:30, 12:00, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:00 & 16:00

Sat: 11:30, 12:00, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30 & 15:00 Sun: 12:30, 13:00, 14:00, 14:30 & 15:00

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**Change Minds at Norfolk Record Office**

Join Change Minds to explore and imagine mental health issues in Norfolk 100 years ago using records of patients at St Andrew's Hospital (Norfolk County Asylum) in the 1880s. Using original books, investigate the lives of local people in the records. Reflect on mental health treatment then, now and in the future.

Thu: 15:00-16:30, 17:30-19:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**City Hall**

A chance to explore one of the finest municipal buildings of the inter-war period. Opened by King George VI in 1938, the interior is a fine example of Art Deco craftsmanship. The three pairs of bronze doors leading into the entrance hall have 18 plaques illustrating the city’s history and connected trades. Please note: the clock tower is not included on the tour.

Thu: 10:00, 11:30 & 14:00
Fri: 10:00 & 14:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Colin & Susan Ticktum Charitable Trust Early Silver Collection**

NEW!

Visitors can view the Trust’s nationally important collection of early silver spoons and East Anglian silver. The collection has been recently redisplayed to enable visitors to view and handle items not normally available to the public.

Fri: 10:30 & 14:30
Sun: 11:00 & 14:30

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Earlham Hall**

Tour of the Grade II 17th and 18th-century house. Learn about Elizabeth Fry and the Gurney family, former residents of the building.

Sun: 10:00, 11:30, 14:00 & 15:30

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**The East Anglian Film Archive: Screening and Tour**

A screening of old favourites and unlocked film from the vaults including archive film recently digitised as part of a national project called ‘Britain on Film’. See colour amateur films re-discovered as part of ‘The Eastmancolor Revolution and British Cinema, 1955-85’ an academic project at UEA. Includes a short talk and Q&A session by a member of the Film Archive team.

Thu: 10:00-11.00, 13:00–14:00 & 15:00-16:00

**PRE-BOOK ONLINE:** norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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**Eastern Daily Press Tours**

NEW!

The Eastern Daily Press has been at home at Prospect House, Rouen Road since 1902. Have you ever wanted to visit the EDP office, see where the daily news stories are written, take a look at some of the historic archives or see Mustard TV in action? Join Archant as they open their doors and offer an exclusive tour of the building.

Fri: 10:00-11:00, 13:00-14:00 & 15:00-16:00

**PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:** Archant on 01603 628311

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**Amelia and John: The Opies in Norwich: Talk**
*NEW!*
Illustrated talk by Ann Farrant, biographer of the novelist and poet Amelia Opie (1769-1853). Amelia was the daughter of a doctor and married the Royal Academician John Opie in 1798. John painted portraits of their friends including John Crome, members of the Gurney family, a Noverre brother and sister and Robert Southey, the poet.
Thu: 12:00-13:00

**Building with Timber in the 15th Century**
*NEW!*
Film and discussion about how Dragon Hall was built, featuring timber expert, Richard Darrah. Presented by the Dragon Hall Heritage Volunteers.
Thu: 12:00-13:00

**Costume and Textile Association: Fashion Through the Decades Fashion Show**
*NEW!*
This fashion show illustrates the wide variety of fashion worn by many of us over 60 years, from the Roaring Twenties to the ‘power dressing’ of the 1980s: six decades of incredible social changes, cultural trends and advances in technology. See displays that include timelines from these diverse decades.
Fri: 15:00-16:30 & 19:00-20:30

**King Street in Khaki Talk**
A talk from the Dragon Hall Heritage Volunteers about how the King Street community was affected by the First World War using personal and often poignant stories.
Thu: 14:00-15:00

**The Life of Robert Toppes: Talk**
*NEW!*
A talk about the Life of Robert Toppes: builder of Dragon Hall, 15th-century mercer, mayor and MP of Norwich, and benefactor of St Peter Mancroft. Dragon Hall is a 15th-century merchant’s hall and is now the home to the Writers’ Centre Norwich.
Sun: 14:00-15:00

**Thomas and Anne Drummond: Talk**
*NEW!*
Thomas Drummond (b. 1764) was a Unitarian Minister who devoted his life to teaching and promoting science. Drummond gained local acclaim for his exciting public lectures on scientific subjects and gave evening classes for working men, and later, women. Ahead of his time, Drummond created The Rosary Cemetery, born of a mission to provide a burial place for all religious groups.
Fri: 10:00-11:00
The Enterprise Centre, UEA
The multi award-winning Enterprise Centre is home to a vibrant community of businesses and students. Built to the highest sustainability standards and one of the greenest buildings in Europe, this is one of the largest thatch-clad buildings in the world. The Centre is also open for drop-in visits, see page 22 for info.
Tours: Thu: 11:00 & 15:00
Fri: 11:00 & 14:00, Sat: 10:30 & 12:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Explore Eaton Park
A short talk on the history of the park, the work of Captain Sandys-Winsch, and details of present day developments. Then enjoy a guided walk taking in the pavilions, lily pond, rose garden and the Norwich Model Boating Clubhouse by the boating lake.
Sun: 11:00-12:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

F. J. Zelley Undercroft and Amber Museum
An introduction to the 18th-century Grade II* listed building and visit to the 15th-century undercroft. There is also access to the amber room museum, and free amber and antique jewellery appraisals. Not suitable for children under 12.
Fri & Sat: 11:00 & 14:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

The Great Hospital
A tour of The Great Hospital founded in 1249 to care for retired clergy and the poor. The tour includes the Church of St Helen and associated cloisters, Eagle Ward and the medieval refectory. This event is unsuitable for children.
Fri: 11:00-12:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Flintspiration Reprised
NEW!
FLINTSPiration AND PERSpIration RUNNING Tour
A 5k sight-seeing run around some of Norwich’s marvellous medieval churches and secret places. The run lasts for 90 minutes (including stop offs along the way) and is suitable for people who enjoy a regular run at a gentle pace.
Sat: 10:00 for a 10:30 start
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

The Guildhall: Guided Tours and Talk
NEW!
GUIDED TOURS
The Guildhall is open for tours run by Guildhall Volunteers. Built between 1407 and 1413, Norwich Guildhall is the largest surviving medieval civic building in the country outside London and central to civic and judicial life for over 600 years. See the former courtrooms - one is a virtually intact Victorian court room - the cells, the Mayor’s Court Room and the 14th-century undercroft.
Fri: 11:00 & 15:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: Michael on 01603 629364

TALK
This illustrated talk covers the history of the Guildhall, from its building between 1407 and 1413, its role as the centre of civic and judicial life until 1938, and some of the important events that have occurred here.
Sat: 11:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: Michael on 01603 629364
The Halls
A chance to explore the most complete medieval friary complex surviving in this country. Comprising of St Andrew’s and Blackfriars’ Halls, it was saved by the city during The Reformation and bought from the King. Now used for conferences, fairs and concerts it has been welcoming visitors since passing into civic hands in 1538. Not suitable for children under 10.
Thu: 10:30 & 12:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Jarrold Department Store
A tour around the store looking at the history of the building and visiting areas not usually seen by our customers. Jarrold opened in 1823 and has seen many changes and additions over the years including the creation of the distinctive market place corner that makes Jarrold an iconic city landmark.
Thu: 10:00 & 12:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: 01603 660661 or marketing@jarrold.co.uk or at Customer Services Floor 2 Jarrold 1-11 London Street Norwich NR2 1JF. Please note this tour is not suitable for wheelchair users.

Historic King Street Walk
This guided walk explores the street’s chequered past as great houses jostle side by side with forgotten industry and brand new developments.
Thu: 11:00-12:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Inanna’s Festival
A triple crossroads leads to the medieval thoroughfare of St Andrews Hill. You are invited into a 17th-century weaver’s flint-walled house with timbered beams for a talk on the history and architecture of the building, including the very fine weaver’s window above. Allow 30 minutes.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 18:00
Please note that there is no level wheelchair access to the shop
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

John Innes Centre Talk: From Hot Toddies to Corpse Mimics – How and Why Some Plants Generate Heat
NEW!
An illustrated talk by scientist Kirsten Bomblies and a tour of our rare botanical books. How and why have some plants evolved to be able to generate heat, just like we do? Using images from JIC’s historical collections, we’ll discuss some of the early descriptions of these remarkable plants as well as what we know now about their biology today.
Thu: 14:00-16:00
Fri: 10:00-12:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

John Lewis: Georgian Cottage Tour
History of the shop and behind the scenes tour of the Georgian cottages. There is also a heritage wall of the shop in the Place to Eat restaurant on the second floor. Allow up to 40 minutes.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 09:15 & 16:15
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Maddermarket Theatre Tour
Enter the theatre for a behind the scenes tour including backstage highlights, history of the building and the Norwich Players, as well as a tour of the costume department.
Sat: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 15:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

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The Magdalen Walks Group: Talk – The Barbarous Murder of Mr Bryant Lewis

Magdalen Walks is a group committed to discovering and sharing the history, archaeology and architecture of the inner North Norwich area. The group is offering a talk about the story of an unsolved killing of a Norwich man, who was ‘barbarously murdered’ on Thetford Common in 1698, and buried in St George’s Church, Colegate.

Fri: 14:00-15:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

The Magdalen Walks Group: Walk – The Architecture of Colegate

The Magdalen Walks group is leading a walk exploring the wonderfully rich architecture around the Colegate area.
Sat: 10:30-12:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Maids Head Hotel

A guided tour of the oldest hotel in England, including the Maids Head Bar, in constant use since 1287. Please note there are many stairs.

Thu & Fri: 15:00-16:30
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: 01603 272008 or events@maidsheadhotel.co.uk

The Missing Kind: Hidden History

Do you want to see the underside of Norwich? Journey deep beneath The Missing Kind (formerly Ponds shoe shop) to the hidden basement; a fabulous layer of forgotten Norwich!

Down two flights of stairs, out of sight and hidden from time, lies a mystery waiting to be solved. What can you tell us about our basement, old tunnels (now sealed) and the two ‘prison’ rooms within? Sensible footwear advised.

Thu, Fri, & Sat: 10:30-11:00, 14:30-15:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Mousehold Geology and Landscape Walk

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 people.

Thu: 11:00-13:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Mousehold Heath Past and Present Walk

Join a local historian 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.

Sun: 14:00-16:15
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell: Undercroft Tour

Uncover the secrets of what lies beneath the museum. Join us for a guided tour of our magnificent medieval Undercroft.
Sat: 11:00, 13:00 & 15:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: 01603 629127

The Norfolk Club Tour

The Norfolk Club is a private members club founded in 1770. In 1882 the members moved into this elegant Georgian town house close to the Cathedral. Enjoy tours of the Georgian interiors as well as the Victorian extension of the club and on Saturday a pre-booked lunch in our dining room is available.
Fri: 11:00 & 15:00
Sat: 12:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: 01603 626767 or bar@thenorfolkclub.co.uk

Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society Talk: Caleys Before Mackintoshes – From Mineral Water to Chocolate with Added Cider

A. J. Caley started a mineral water business in his London Street Chemist’s shop in 1863 and soon expanded into premises in Bedford Street and then Chapelfield. Further expansion was followed by recession and debt, and the business was sold to Mackintoshes in the 1930s. This talk gives a fascinating insight into a family business.

Thu & Fri: 19:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FROM MON 7 AUG!
Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society: Norwich at Work Walk
A walk through part of central Norwich, looking at some of the sites and relics of its industrial past. Allow up to 2 hours.
Fri: 10:30-12:30
Sun: 14:30-16:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norfolk Record Office: Behind the Scenes Tour
See what goes on behind the public areas, hear how documents are conserved, see where they are stored when not on show and explore a variety of documents.
Fri: 10:00-11:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norwich Dissenters Walk
A guided walk, led by a Blue Badge Guide, tracing the turbulent history of religious dissent in Norwich calling in at some churches, chapels and meeting houses. Allow 1.5-2 hours. Not suitable for children under 12. Partial wheelchair access.
Sat: 10:00 & 14:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Tour & talk – Cathedral Bosses
NEW!
The decorative yet structural carved stones known as bosses that are found in the vaulting of Norwich Cathedral are one of the wonders of this great building. We have more than anywhere else in Europe. This tour will be accompanied by an illustrated talk which will highlight some of the stories they have to tell.
Sat: 11:30 & 13:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Broderers’ Guild Tour
Take a behind the scenes tour of the Broderers’ Guild and find out how we care for and repair ecclesiastical textiles, as well as design and make new frontals and vestments. The Guild workshop is accessible only by a flight of stairs.
Fri: 10:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Monastic Life Tour
NEW!
Norwich Cathedral started life as a Benedictine monastery. Take this tour and hear about the life of these monks over the centuries up to the time of The Reformation.
Thu: 11:00-12:30, Fri: 14:00-15:30
Sun: 13:30-15:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Monuments and Sculptures Tour
NEW!
A tour of the variety of monuments and sculptures found in and around Norwich Cathedral.
Fri & Sat: 11:00-12:30
Sun: 13:00-14:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Stained Glass Tour
NEW!
Explore the remarkable range of stained glass in the Cathedral from medieval times to the present day.
Thu, Sat & Sun: 14:00-15:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com
Norwich Magistrates Court
Tour of Norwich Magistrates Court including a chance to see the well-preserved ruins of a Norman house beneath the undercroft of the courthouse, discovered by archaeologists during building work and now preserved beneath the building.
Thu & Fri: 19:00-20:00 & 20:00-21:00
Please note there is no disabled access to the Norman house ruins.
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norwich Playhouse Backstage Tours
Come and discover the story behind the stage! Take a 30 minute backstage tour of Norwich Playhouse, a theatre developed from a 19th century maltings.
Thu & Fri: 11:30 & 14:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: info@norwichplayhouse.co.uk or 01603 612580

Norwich Theatre Royal Tour
A backstage tour of Norwich Theatre Royal looking at the stage and behind the scenes from technical, business, historical and social perspectives.
Fri: 11:00-12:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norwich Theatre Royal Stage Two: LGBTQ Our Voices - Live Performances NEW!
Stage Two marks the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality and explores the history of LGBTQ people in theatre and our own local LGBTQ history. Live performances and music will capture the experiences of the LGBTQ community in Norfolk. With local organisations and individuals, we will share untold stories that may have been silenced. For further info visit theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk
Fri: 18:00-20:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Norwich Theatre Royal Stage Two: LGBTQ Your Story Creative Writing for Performance Workshop NEW!
Workshop run by local playwright James McDermott. An informal workshop for adults exploring LGBTQ autobiographical writing; how to turn your LGBTQ experiences into stories and the tools and techniques to do this.
Fri: 17:00-18:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

OPEN Youth Trust
Visitors can take a guided tour of the former regional headquarters of Barclays Bank. This takes in the old bank vaults, the former bank managers’ offices and dining room as well as take in the splendour of the former banking hall which used to house the UK’s longest banking counter.
Thu: 16:00, 16:30, 17:00, 17:30 & 18:00, Sat: 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30 & 14:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: opennorwich.org.uk

Over the Water: Walking Tour
Once one of the most populated areas of Norwich, it has seen flood, fire and plague. Discover the history of the people and industries that once flourished here. The tour goes past a great many heritage buildings dating from the medieval to the 18th and 19th centuries. Allow 90 minutes.
Thu & Sat: 14:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Rosary Cemetery
Guided tours of the first non-denominational burial ground in the UK. Set in Grade II* listed grounds, the cemetery encapsulates the history of Victorian Norwich. Internationally-known members of the Colman, Jarrold and Ringer families are buried here with literary notables such as Mottram and Cooper and artists from the Norwich School.
Sat & Sun: 14:00-15:30
Main site is free to explore but tour must be pre-booked.
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FROM MON 7 AUG!
Sir Thomas Browne, the Norwich Polymath: Talk
NEW!
Born two years after Elizabeth I died, Sir Thomas Browne lived through turbulent times. An author, doctor and naturalist and considered one of the most original writers in the English language. He sits on the Haymarket in Norwich, often mistaken for Shakespeare. Talk about his life and work presented by City of Norwich Tourist Guide Barbara Miller.
Thu: 16:00-17:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Surrey House
NEW!
A special guided tour of Surrey House, led by primary school students. The students will have completed an Arts Award at summer school and learnt all about the history of Aviva’s iconic building and founder Thomas Bignold and its architect, George Skipper.
Fri: 09:30, 10.15, 11:00, 13:30 & 14:15
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

St James Mill
This Grade I listed former yarn mill has been called ‘the noblest building of the Industrial Revolution’. Built to regenerate the yarn industry in Norwich, over the years it has had many different uses. It belongs to Jarrold & Sons Ltd and for many years housed parts of the company’s printing and publishing operations. Allow up to 50 minutes.
Sat: 10:00, 11:30 & 13:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Thorpe Hamlet History Group: Walk the Thorpe Hamlet Trail to St William’s Chapel and Mousehold House
NEW!
This walk follows part of the Thorpe Hamlet Trail, first across Mousehold Heath to the site of St William’s Chapel, which has recently been cleared. We return past Mousehold House, Thorpe Hamlet’s grandest house, and Lion Wood, taking in 50 places of interest on the way.
Thu: 14:00-16:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Strangers’ Hall Museum: Walk – Meet the Neighbours
A guided walk exploring the fascinating buildings and stories in the neighbourhood. Trace the route of judges, clowns and dukes and visit an oddly shaped church with its colourful monuments to the cast of characters who inhabited Strangers’ Hall.
Fri: 11:00 & 13:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: Norfolk Museums Service on 01603 493625 or museums@norfolk.gov.uk

Thorpe Hamlet History Group: Walk the Thorpe Hamlet Trail along Riverside and Through the Rosary Cemetery
NEW!
This walk will highlight 50 places of interest in the area. The route follows the Thorpe Hamlet Trail from St Matthew’s Church to the railway station and returns via the Rosary Cemetery, England’s first non-denominational cemetery.
Fri: 10:00-12:00
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com

Wensum Lodge: Faith Along Medieval King Street
NEW!
From being the oldest surviving domestic building in Norwich in medieval times to a bustling brewery during the Victorian period, Wensum Lodge is a site with a rich and varied history. This walk, led by medieval historian, Dr Dominic Summers, begins with the Jewish ‘story’ of Jurnets, moves along King Street, and explores some of the medieval churches.
Sat: 10:30-12:30 & 13:30-15:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE: norwichhods.eventbrite.com
NORWICH drop-in events

Events in this section of the brochure are drop-in. No need to book, simply turn up at the stated time!
heritageopendays.org.uk

Cathedral of St John The Baptist

All NEW events!

**Birds of Prey Display**
Display by Norfolk Wild Encounters, a sanctuary specialising in the rescuing and rehabilitation of wild and captive birds of prey. Visitors can stroke and see these majestic birds in all their splendour in the beautiful Cathedral garden. Suitable for children.
Sat: 12:00–15:00

**Copes, Cloaks and Liturgical Vestments**
A display of liturgical garments worn by the Cathedral clergy during Masses covering the seasons, feasts and events in the liturgical calendar. Other items used in the liturgy of the Cathedral will also be on display.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00
Sun: 12:00-16:00

**The Great Gothic Fane**
A ground floor tour of the Cathedral explaining the inter-relationship between architecture and spirituality in a Gothic church.
Thu & Fri: 12:15, 14:15 & 15:15
Sat: 12:15 & 14:15, Sun: 14:15 & 15:15

**The Hidden Gem**
A talk and presentation on the history of St. John’s Cathedral and the individuals and companies involved in its conception and construction. The talk expands on many of the features described in the Tower and Hidden Places tours. Followed by a Q&A session with light refreshments.
Fri: 16:30

**The Lights of Heaven**
A tour and explanation of the five main stained glass windows in the Cathedral. These are considered some of the finest examples of Victorian stained glass window makers art in northern Europe. The tour also looks at the roof bosses, including their structural and ecclesiastical relevance.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 13:15

**Richard Duckett: Founder of St John’s**
The Duckett Library, is sited off St Joseph’s Chapel in the South Aisle of the Nave. This lending library has around 4,000 religious publications and is hosting an exhibition of books on Illuminated Manuscripts during HODs.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00
Sun: 12:00-16:00

**A World of Cathedrals**
Photographic displays showing many of the 76 cathedrals around the world, from Angola to Venezuela and 32 countries in-between, that are dedicated to St John the Baptist.
Thu & Fri: 10:00-16:00
Sat: 11:00-16:00
Sun: 12:00-16:00

Cathedral House, 1 Unthank Road, NR2 2PA

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Assembly House: Top Secret Camouflage event

NEW!

Theatre Street, NR2 1RQ
Join Oliver Messel, set decorator extraordinaire, on a top secret mission. The Assembly House was once home to government Camouflage Offices during WWII. Come and make your own sets to disguise buildings and landmarks. Suitable for ages 3+.
Sun: 12:30-16:30

Bear Shop Garden

18 Elm Hill, NR3 1HN
Considered to be based on a design by Gertrude Jekyll, a small terraced garden behind a 15th-century house in the historic Cathedral Quarter.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 11:00-16:30
Sun: 11:00-16:00

Bishop’s House Garden

Bishops House, NR3 1SB
This historic private four-acre formal city centre garden has belonged to the Bishops of Norwich for over 900 years. Please note that gravel paths can cause difficulty for wheelchair users and pushchairs.
Thu & Fri: 10:00-16:00

Chapelfield Road Methodist Church

Chapelfield Road, NR2 1SD
This church, designed by Edward Boardman, was opened in 1881 to accommodate 900 worshippers. The church retains its Victorian character, a fine Norman and Beard organ, and is a listed building.
Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00

Flintspiration Reprised

All activities take place or start from St Martin at Palace, 15 Palace Plain, NR3 1RW
All NEW events!

The church of St Martin at Palace is one of the oldest in Norwich. It stands close to the riverbank where, on the site of the present Law Courts, traces of some of the earliest settlements have been found. The church, now repurposed, is the new base for the Norwich Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) and will host activities throughout HODs. No booking is required for these events.
Fri: 10:00-16:00, Sat: 10:00-16:30, Sun: 10:00-16:00 (church open)

Talks

SET IN STONE?
HOW CHURCH BUILDINGS ALTERED OVER TIME
Talk by Dr Nick Groves
Church buildings look as though they have been there forever. Come and find out how they have grown, shrunk, been rebuilt and updated.
Fri: 12:30-13:30

THE CARE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS: A STONEMASON’S PERSPECTIVE
Talk by Mark Wilson, Surveyor of the Fabric for NHCT.
Fri: 14:00-15:00

Short tours of St Martin at Palace
A short tour (c.20 minutes) of St Martin at Palace with some account of its interesting historical associations.
Fri: 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 15:00

Self-guided trails for all ages
Maps available for five historic trails ( Merchants and Monuments, King Street, Anchorites, Across the River, Hungate Ward) and the Heavenly Gardens churchyards trail. A range of children’s trails will also be available.
Fri: 10:00-16:00, Sat: 10:00-16:30
Sun: 10:00-16:00

Set in Stone
Come and join Time Will Tell Theatre Company as we explore the history of Norwich in a journey around one of its oldest churches. As usual, the truth is stranger and more interesting than you might think. Performances last 40 mins.
Sat: 11:00, 14:00 & 15:30

Musical performance
Felicity Devonshire performs medieval songs with lute accompaniment.
Sat: 12:30-13:30

Guide-led trails
Details upon enquiry within the church.
Sat: 11:30, 13:30 & 15:00

Children’s activities
Inside and outside trails, badge making and helping to make a church! St Martin at Palace is a Children’s University participant.
Sat: 10:00-16:30
Sun: 10:00-16:00

Shakespeare – Scenes, Sonnets and Soliloquies
Performances of extracts from Shakespeare’s work will take place during the day.
Sun: 10:00-16:00
City Bookshop: Norwich 1945 to 1960 – A Journey From Austerity To Prosperity
10 Davey Place, NR2 1PQ
In association with authors Frances and Michael Holmes, this exhibition glimpses into Norwich life over an eventful period. Norwich was a manufacturing city, where roads were dominated by bicycles, war-damaged buildings were being repaired and the Samson and Hercules Ballroom rocked to big band sounds.
Thu & Fri: 09:30-17:15
Sat: 09:00-17:45
Sun: 11:00-16:30

The City Club
Bacon House, 33 Colegate, NR3 1BN
Private gentlemens’ club founded in 1897. The building dates from around 1560 and has wonderful old beams and panels. A club is situated on the first floor up the winding staircase.
Sat & Sun: 11:00-16:00

City of Norwich School
Eaton Road, NR4 6PP
City of Norwich School was established in 1910. Archive photos, portraits and CNS magazines will be on display and current students will give tours around the school. Former students known as ‘CNS Old Boys and Girls’ often come along to reminisce about their school days.
Sat: 10:00-15:00

The Enterprise Centre, UEA
University Drive, University of East Anglia, NR4 7TJ
The multi award-winning Enterprise Centre is home to a vibrant community of businesses and students. Built to the highest sustainability standards and one of the greenest buildings in Europe, this is also one of the largest thatch-clad buildings in the world. The Centre is open to visitors. Pre-bookable guided tours are also available, see page 14 for info.
Thu & Fri: 09:00-17:00
Sat: 09:00-15:00

Greenhouse Gallery: Future Heritage Exhibition
42-48 Bethel Street, NR2 1NR
This Future Heritage exhibition by local artists and writers explores how we can adapt existing buildings to meet the climate change challenge. Artists, architects and writers are invited to submit work for inclusion in the exhibition. Visit greenhousetrust.co.uk for details.
Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:30

Hungate
St Peter Hungate Church, 12 Princes Street, NR3 1AE
Hungate is a centre for medieval art, located in Britain’s most complete medieval city, and based in the church of St Peter on historic Elm Hill. During HODs, we will be open for family activities and participating in the Norfolk Churches Bike Ride.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

Go Walkeez: Family fun walk with special culture dogs
NEW!
St Peter Hungate Church, 12 Princes Street, NR3 1AE
Take a Go Walkeez dog* for a fun walk and discover Norwich’s heritage buildings. This event is specially designed for culture-inspired families with children. Visit us at Hungate Church, borrow a dog, receive a special pamphlet, cultural sniff list and other goodies.
Sat & Sun: 11:00-16:00 (last dog check out at 14:00)
*Go Walkeez dogs are not real, but equally adorable

John Jarrold Printing Museum
St James Mill, Whitefriars, NR3 1SH
A working printing museum, with a fascinating collection of printing machines from the 19th and 20th centuries. Not suitable for children under 5.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 14:00-16:00
Norwich Heritage Hunt – a city trail of discovery

Norwich is a Fine City. Centuries of work, trade, creativity and faith have made it the place it is today.

Everywhere we look there are buildings with stories to tell about how Norwich came to be.

On Saturday 9 September, join us on our Heritage Hunt and meet some of the people who helped to shape the city.

The Forum's Atrium, Millennium Plain, NR2 1TF

Start your adventure in the Atrium at The Forum to pick up your trail map and make your way through the city to Norwich Cathedral.

Which historical costumed characters will you meet along the way and what stories will they tell?

This fun heritage hunt is suitable for all ages. We’d love to see your photos as you meet our historical VIPs. Share them on social media using #NorfolkHODs and tell us what you learnt!

Sat: 10:00-16:00
Children must be accompanied at all times

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This event is brought to you by The Forum and is funded by the Norwich Heritage Fund administrated by the Norfolk Community Foundation. With thanks to the performers and participating trail venues; 2nd Air Division Memorial Library, Maddermarket Theatre, Hungate and Norwich Cathedral.
Kett’s Heights: A Guided Tour
Kett’s Hill, NR1 4EX
Kett’s Heights is one of Norwich’s best-kept secrets providing one of the finest views overlooking Norwich. From here, Robert Kett and his 10,000 followers besieged the city in 1549. It is steeply wooded and contains the ruins of a medieval chapel. Follow the labyrinthine paths and steps around the site as part of the tour until reaching the stunning panorama.
Thu: 10:30, Fri: 14:00, Sat: 10:30 & 14:00, Sun: 14:00

Marble Hall and Surrey House
8 Surrey Street, NR1 3NG
Surrey House was built as the headquarters for Norwich Union (now Aviva). Opening in 1905, it is still a working office today. The building boasts a grand entrance hall, decked out in marble originally destined for Westminster Cathedral and is a spectacular piece of Edwardian architecture, designed by local architect George Skipper. Pre-book tours also available see page 19.
Thu & Fri: 09:00-17:00

Lazar House
219 Sprowston Road, NR3 4HX
This former Leper Hospital dates back 900 years and has had a varied history! It was an almshouse and more recently Norwich’s first branch Library which closed in 1989. The Assist Trust charity currently use the building. Visitors can look around and view a historical timeline, enjoy a cream tea, buy a second hand book in a nod towards the building’s past as a Library and visit the plant sale. Aftermath Gaming Club will also be present on the day.
Sun: 11:00-15:00

Maddermarket Theatre
St Johns Alley, NR2 1DR
Take a look inside this fascinating building, originally built as a Roman Catholic chapel in 1794, then used as a factory, a warehouse and a Salvation Army Hall. It was converted into an Elizabethan style playhouse in 1921 and has been home to the Norwich Players ever since.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell
9 Bridewell Alley, NR2 1AQ
THE MUSEUM
The Museum tells the story of the city from medieval to modern day. Ten galleries over two floors packed with interactive displays show how Norwich has been a thriving city for centuries made wealthy on wool, shoes and chocolate.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:30

THE LIFE OF A CRAFT GUILD
Find out about Norwich based Gildencraft Stone Masonry which supports the recruitment and training of apprentices to become stonemasons, training them according to tradition. Discover how the Master teaches his apprentices as part of an oral tradition dating back 900 years.
Thu: 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 15:00

The Missing Kind Charity: Celebrating the Old Ponds Shoe Shop
NEW!
21 Castle Meadow, NR1 3DH
Visit the collection of memorabilia left from the owners of Ponds Shoe Shop and see the changes since The Missing Kind moved in! Watch a video with photos of the old shop and an interview with the original owner. Kids and big kids alike can also colour in a shoe picture to take home!
Thu & Fri: 10:30-14:30
Sat: 10:30-16:30

The Murderers
2-4 Timber Hill, NR1 3LB
One of Norwich’s most historic pubs will have a display and documentary about its diverse history, with stories of past landlords. The finishing times of this event on Saturday and Sunday are dependent on football fixtures.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 11:30-16:30
Norfolk Family History Society
Kirby Hall, 70 St Giles Street, NR2 1LS
Open day for the library and facilities to assist visitors with family history research.
Thu: 10:00-16:00

Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery
Castle Hill, NR1 3JU
Norwich Castle is one of the city’s most famous landmarks, built by the Normans as a royal palace 900 years ago. Discover what life was like when King Henry I came to visit in 1121. Drop-in talks and demonstrations on arms and armour, and life in a castle.
Sat: 10:00-16:30

Norwich Cathedral Library: Books and Buildings
The Close, NR1 4DH
An interactive drop-in event at Norwich Cathedral Library. Find out about the library’s collections and historic buildings within which they are housed, and learn how you can use the facilities for study and research. Our Librarian and Parish Outreach Officer will be on hand to answer questions and show you around.
Fri: 14:00-16:00

Norwich Puppet Theatre
St James Church, Whitefriars, NR3 1TN
Peek behind the scenes and delve into the history of the theatre and the medieval church it is housed in. Seek out memorials to mayors and sheriffs, the rood staircase and other architectural features. Learn about our 37 year history and enjoy puppet-making in the drop-in workshop. Last admission 15:40.
Thu & Fri: visitors welcome during office hours, but no workshop
Sat: 10:00-16:30, Sun: 12:00-16:00

Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library
Millennium Plain, NR2 1AW

Discover Sunday: Celebrating Libraries Old and New
NEW!
Join us for library-themed stories and crafts for children aged 4-11. Find out what the old Central Library used to look like and how the library has changed over time.
Sun: 14:30-15:45

Norwich Time Travellers
NEW!
Reminisce with the Norwich Time Travellers. A chance to share stories of Norwich’s past over a cup of tea, explore some of our heritage collections, and contribute to our community archive of local tales.
Fri: 10:30-12:00

2nd Air Division (USAAF) Memorial Library: The Friendly Invasion on Film: American Airmen in Norfolk
NEW!
Seventy five years ago, the US 8th Army Air Force (USAAF) arrived in Norfolk. Between 1942 and 1945 there were at any one time around 50,000 USAAF personnel stationed within a 30 mile radius of Norwich. This ‘Friendly Invasion’ introduced big band music, peanut butter, jitterbugging and Coca Cola. See archive film footage from the East Anglia Film Archive, plus a selection of films from the Memorial Library’s collection.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:30-12:30 & 14:30-16:30
NORWICH drop-in events

Old Meeting House Congregational Church

Colegate, NR3 1BW
Built in 1693, the chapel is one of the most important examples of Free Church architecture in the UK. It is of Dutch influence where the separatists fled to escape religious persecution. See and hear the 17th-century organ and enjoy the unique Victorian furnishing.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 09:45-16:45

Christian Heritage Service
Sing traditional hymns to our ancient organ and learn about the hymn writers. There will also be a short talk about Christian Heritage.
Sun: 18:30

Emma Nuule Concert
Concert by award-winning soprano Emma Nuule. Emma gave a concert at the chapel last year and was so appreciated that we have invited her back.
Thu: 19:30

Organ Talk & Concert
John Plunkett, the restorer of our 17th-century organ, will give a talk each day on its history. Each day various organists will be playing.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 11:00

Tinkers Tales: John Bunyan’s Imaginative Quest
NEW!
Dr David Perry is a lecturer at Cambridge University and has published research on the literature and history of the 16th and 17th centuries. David will be presenting a talk on the life and work of John Bunyan.
Fri: 19:30

Norwich Quaker Meeting House
Upper Goat Lane, NR2 1EW
This Grade II listed neoclassical building built in 1826 was designed by architect John Patience. Elizabeth Fry was born into the Gurney family in 1870 and attended the Meeting House, where she later married Joseph Fry. She will appear “in person” to talk about the Meeting House and her pioneering work in prisons.
Sat: 10:00-17:00, Elizabeth Fry 11:00-11:20 & 14:00-14:20

Norwich School Chapel
The Close, NR1 4DD
Norwich School dates back to the foundations of the Cathedral. Come and see the Chantry Chapel of St John the Evangelist, founded by Bishop John Salmon in 1316, dissolved in 1547 and since then the chapel of Norwich School. Located just inside the Erpingham Gate, on the left. Access is via a steep narrow staircase.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

Norwich Synagogue
3 Earlham Road, NR2 3RA
See a display about the history of the Jews in Norwich, the Jewish religion and its customs and festivals. Talks will be given during the day on local Jewish history, rituals and festivals.
Thu: 10:00-16:00 (Talks: Local Jewish history – 11:00 & 13:30, Jewish festivals and rituals – 12:00 & 14:30)

Norwich Theatre Royal: Stage Two, LGBTQ Our Story Exhibition
NEW!
Explore the history of LGBTQ throughout the world of theatre. Celebrate our local history with LGBTQ communities and organisations to mark the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality. This exhibition has been put together by a variety of LGBTQ groups from across Norfolk.
Fri: 11:00-18:00
Sat: 10:00-16:00
**Octagon Chapel**
**Colegate, NR3 1BN**
Built in 1756, the Chapel was designed by Thomas Ivory. An elegant building, with attractive fittings and displays about the Unitarian tradition. On Saturday there is a special performance of 'Harriet Martineau – The Little Deaf Woman from Norwich' by Georgette Vale. The Martineau family worshipped here and are an important part of its history.
Thu: 14:00-16:00
Fri: 10:00-16:00
Sat: 10:00-16:00 & 13:00-14:00
Sun: 12:00-16:00

**Plantation Garden**
**4 Earlham Road, NR2 3DB**
Visitors can explore the new woodland pathway, enjoy the formal flower displays and herbaceous borders. See the working Gothic fountain and a walk to the top of the Italianate terrace will provide a wonderful view of the garden. Learn the garden’s history and the story of its restoration. There is a full day of music in the garden, plant sales and refreshments.
Sun: 10:00-16:00

**Princes Street United Reformed Church**
**Princes Street, NR3 1AZ**
Since renovation and re-opening in April 2015, the church has been nominated for several architectural and design awards. Visitors can hear the only Father Willis Organ in Norwich being played which is usually not possible during normal church open days.
Thu: 10:00-16:00, Organ playing 11:00-13:00, Fri: 10:00-16:00, Organ playing 13:00-14:00, Sat: 09:00-17:00, Organ playing 11:00-12:00 & 13:00-14:00
Sun: 12:00-16:00

**Pull’s Ferry Watergate Room**
**The Close, NR1 4DZ**
Pull’s Ferry dates back to the 15th century and is a scheduled monument. The Watergate Room is situated over the archway which leads to the west bank of the River Wensum. It is the HQ of Girl Guiding in Norwich. See a display of historic pictures and information about Pull’s Ferry.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 11:00-17:00

**St Andrew’s Church, Norwich**
**St Andrews Street, NR2 1AQ**
Martin Luther’s protest of 1517 in Germany, grew into a movement which affected the course of history in the 16th century and beyond. View its impact on the life of the church of St Andrew’s in a display about The Reformation in this fine late medieval church.
Thu: 10:00-16:30, Tour 14:30
Fri: 10:00-16:30, Sat: 10:00-16:30, Tour 14:30, Sun: 12:00-14:30, Tour 13:30

**St Augustine’s Church**
**St Augustines Street, NR3 3BY**
Explore this medieval city church, the most northerly in the city. St Augustine’s is one of Norwich’s churches ‘over the water’. You can discover more about the local history via a display in the base of the tower.
Sat: 09:00-17:00, Sun: 10:00-16:00

**St Catherine’s Church**
**298 Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2RJ**
Grade II* listed building consecrated in November 1936, with carved stone reredos, elaborately carved communion table and six bells – the oldest made between 1425 and 1513.
Sat: 09:30-15:30

**St Clement’s Church: The Stonemasons’ Craft**
**Colegate, NR3 1HZ**
The apprentices of the stonemasons’ Guild of St Stephen & St George will demonstrate carving skills and talk about the craft to visitors. On the hour, senior Guild members will offer short talks about our history and traditions, which stretch back in an unbroken line to 1096.
Thu, Sat & Sun: Church open 10:00-16:00 (talks 10:00-15:00)
Fri: Church open 13:30-16:00
NORWICH drop-in events

St Edmund’s Church
Fishergate, NR3 1SE
Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00

St Etheldreda’s Church
King Street, NR1 1QH
This round-towered medieval church managed by NHCT, is in use as artists’ studios. There are some fine original features, including a Jacobean family monument and a Norman arch in the porch. See ongoing artwork in the artists’ spaces and an exhibition in the foyer.
Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00

St Giles-on-the-Hill
Upper St Giles Street, 41-45 St Giles Street, NR2 1AB
This medieval parish church has the tallest of the city’s church towers. Come and see the fine hammerbeam roof with carved angels bearing the shields of England and France. Harvest Festival Sung Mass at 10:30 on Sunday.
Thu & Fri: 10:00-16:00
Sat: 09:00-17:00
Sun: 10:00-14:00

St John de Sepulchre
Ber Street/Finkelgate, NR1 3HB
A repurposed medieval church which is now in the care of the NHCT. It has a stunning medieval font and an unexpected late Victorian reredos by J. Oldrid Scott.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

St Mary Coslany Church
St Mary’s Plain, NR3 3AF
This medieval parish church with Saxon/Norman round tower is in the care of NHCT and is used as artists’ studios, workshops, and a book depository.
Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

St Mary’s Works
St Mary’s Plain, NR3 3AF
A chance to see inside the former St. Mary’s Works Shoe Factory, which currently houses the performance space “The Shoe Factory Social Club”. Originally built for shoemakers Sexton, Son & Everard, the company went into receivership in 1972. Visit both floors of the factory, with images and memories of Norwich’s shoe making past and see site regeneration plans.
Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00

St Matthew’s Church: Talk – History of Kett’s Heights and its Surroundings
NEW!
Telegraph Lane West, NR1 4JA
John Trevelyan of Thorpe Hamlet History Group gives an illustrated talk about the history of Kett’s Heights and its surroundings. Learn about Kett’s Rebellion in 1549, St Michael’s Chapel, St Leonard’s Priory, the Gasworks, the pubs and the history of this area.
Fri: 19:30-21:00

St Margaret’s Church
St Benedicts Street, NR2 4PG
The Norwich Print Fair celebrates its 22nd year with an exhibition of artists’ original prints set within this medieval parish church. The church is now in the care of the NHCT and is notable for its 14th-century tower and 1960s stained glass window.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-17:00
Sun: 11:00-16:00

St Mark’s Church Lakenham
Hall Road, NR1 3HL
A Victorian church (1844) extensively restored after receiving grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It contains a gallery with the striking Temple Moore rood screen and fine sculpted Stations of the Cross donated by the Bignold family.
Thu, Fri & Sun: 11:00-16:00
Sat: 10:00-17:00

St Martin’s At Oak
The Wharf, St Martins Hall Church, Oak Street, NR3 3AQ
Explore this medieval church currently home to The Wharf Academy of Music. Although St Martin’s was still in use until World War II, it was destroyed by bombs in January 1942, only its truncated tower and walls of the nave and chancel surviving.
Sat: 10:00-15:00

St Laurence’s Church
19 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PE
The Churches Conservation Trust are delighted to open the church with the assistance of NHCT. Discover the inside of a prominent Norwich landmark with its exquisite Edwardian paintings of saints and angels.
Sat & Sun: 11:00-15:00

St Laurence’s Church
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Sat & Sun: 11:00-15:00
St Michael’s and All Angels Ruin, Bowthorpe
Bowthorpe Church, Bowthorpe Hall Road, Bowthorpe, NR5 9AA
See displays of archive material and enjoy family-friendly short trails around the ruin. Suitable for all ages and abilities.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

**BOOK LAUNCH**
In celebration of modern Bowthorpe’s 40th year, a book launch will be attended by the authors. *The Bowthorpe Book* features newly researched local history with input from current residents.
Sat: 15:00-16:00

St Michael at Plea Church: Revelation Christian Resource Centre and Café
Redwell Street, NR2 4SN
A mainly 15th-century medieval church with chancel possibly dating to the 13th century. Few interior furnishings remain except a late medieval font with 17th-century covert and an oak screen erected in 1908. Now used as a café, bookshop and resource centre. A children’s quiz with prizes will be available for 7-10 year olds.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 09:00-17:00
Sun: 10:00-16:00

St Peter Mancroft Ringing Chamber
Millennium Plain, NR2 1RD
Visit the most historic and atmospheric ringing chamber in the country. Learn how bells are rung and see ringing in action. Have a go at chiming an 18th-century bell and make one of the loudest noises in the city! The church is open for visitors throughout HODs.
Thu & Fri: 14:00-16:00
Sat: 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00
Sun: 11:30-13:00

St Saviour Church
Magdalen Street, NR3 1AA
See inside this small, low medieval parish church which is normally closed to the public.
Sat: 10:30-15:30

St Swithin’s: Norwich Arts Centre
St Benedicts Street, NR2 4PG
This medieval parish church (originally built in 1349) is now the home of Norwich Arts Centre. Part of the building has been converted into a multi-functional auditorium but many of the church’s original features remain intact. The building is associated with the Paston family.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 13:00-16:00

The Salvation Army, Norwich Citadel
34 St Giles Street, NR2 1LL
Visit this Victorian building, dating from 1892 and designed by Gilbert Scott. See an exhibition of the beginnings to the current day of The Salvation Army in Norwich. On Sunday at 18:00 enjoy a concert of Salvation Army music through the ages.
Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00
Sun: Concert 18:00

The South Asia Collection
The Old Skating Rink Gallery, 34-36 Bethel Street, NR2 1NR
A unique collection of around 6,000 objects and artworks from all over South Asia. On Friday, there is an Adivasi Art Film screening: following the story of a mural artist from rural Jharkhand. On Saturday, there is an architectural tour of the Old Skating Rink: a history that begins with roller skating Victorians and ends in South Asia.
Fri: 09:30-17:00, Film showing 11:00 & 14:30
Sat: 09:30-17:00, Tour 11:00 & 14:30
**Stronemasons’ Guild Procession**

Starting at Norwich Cathedral (West front), NR1 4DH

With drum beating and banners held high, the Stonemasons’ Guild of St Stephen of St George will be processing through the city as part of HODs. All are invited to join. We will process around the Norwich Castle mound, into the city centre and past the Guildhall, before finishing at the riverside park behind Elm Hill at c.12:35.

Fri: 12:00

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**The Strangers’ Club**

22-24 Elm Hill, NR3 1HG

Elm Hill is one of the oldest thoroughfares in Norwich. The earliest known record of occupation of a building situated where the Strangers Club is, was in 1303, when merchant John Butt resided there. John and Margaret Paston followed in the 15th century, authors of the Paston Letters written around 1479. The property is owned by the Norwich Corporation and on the first floor has one of the finest oak beam ceilinged rooms in the city.

Sun: 10:00-16:00

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**Strangers’ Hall Museum**

4 Charing Cross, NR2 4AL

Journey around this home of former wealthy merchants as rooms furnished with period pieces will give you a sense of travelling through time. Highlights include a beautiful garden, 14th-century undercroft and the Great Hall.

Thu: 10:00-16:00, tours 10:15-12:00 & 13:00-15:00, Fri: 10:00-16:00, Sun: 13:00-16:30

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**Trinity United Reformed Church**

1 Unthank Road, NR2 2PA

This church was built by Bernard Feilden, and opened in 1956 on the site of the former Unthank Road Baptist Church. It is an outstanding example of post-war architecture.

Fri: 10:00-12:00, Sat: 09:00-17:00

Sun: 10:00-12:00

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**TS Lord Nelson**

Foundry Bridge, Riverside, NR1 1EE

TS Lord Nelson is the HQ of the Norwich Sea Cadets who will provide tours of the ship. Visitors can see the training area, experience life on board and view historical photographs.

Sat: 10:00-16:00
Welcome to HODs in North Norfolk

North Norfolk is a unique and special place, with a rich natural, social and cultural heritage. Home to important historical figures, as well as some of the earliest evidence of human British civilisation with footsteps left by the UK’s first tourists nearly one million years ago. Take a look back at the past as shown through our museums, churches and historical buildings, and find out why north Norfolk is a fascinating place to visit.

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All Saints Church,
Church Lane, Edingthorpe,
Bacton, NR28 9TJ

Come and view the inspiring Quilt Exhibition by Sew Spiritual and enjoy the local crafts on display and for sale. There are plants, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and a children’s treasure hunt too. A concert with Emma Nuule is planned for Saturday evening and on Sunday a pet service will be held at noon with church tours in the afternoon.

Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00
Sun: 12:00, Pet Service

These two events are ticketed and must be booked in advance. Please see individual event listings for information on how to book tickets. Booking opens Monday 7 August!
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Please note: addresses and meeting points for pre-booked events will be confirmed with your booking.
Congregational Church
18a Cromer Road, North Walsham, NR28 0HD
Built in 1856, the church is the town’s third Congregational Church. The stone building has a knapped flint covering and its high structure gives wonderful acoustics and an imposing position over the immediate area. The shepherd stained glass window is from the first Congregational Church at Bradfield which closed in the early 1960s.
Sat: 09:00-17:00

Cromer Baptist Church
Church Street, NR27 9ES
Grade II listed independent Baptist chapel built in 1901 by the architect A. F. Scott. It retains most of its original features, some of which are believed to be unique, including a large leaded skylight. There will be a presentation from 14:30-15:30 on the Protestant Reformation.
Sat: 10:00-16:00, Presentation 14:30-15:30

Cromer Railway Signal Box
Off Holt Road, NR27 9ST
This Grade II listed railway signal box was built in 1922. Visitors can operate a Midland and Great Northern Railway 35-lever frame and see signals and points work. Renovated by local volunteers, it is now an outpost of the North Norfolk Railway. Ask us any railway-related question or spend some time watching the trains go by.
Fri & Sat: 10:30-15:30

Edwardian Pleasure Wherry
How Hill House, How Hill Road, Ludham, NR29 5PG
Hathor is the magnificent Edwardian Pleasure Wherry built in 1905 for Ethel and Helen Colman, the daughters of the Colman’s Mustard founder. Hathor will be moored at the staithe at How Hill, the equally magnificent home of her designer, famous Norfolk architect Edward Boardman. Hathor will be moored at the staithe at How Hill, the equally magnificent home of her designer, famous Norfolk architect Edward Boardman. Now part of the last fleet of Norfolk Wherries and cared for by the Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust, Hathor was relaunched in 2015 after several years of restoration work.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00

Museum of the Broads
Poors Staithe, The Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA
Visit Broadland’s only waterside museum in its picturesque location on the Museum’s 21st birthday! Discover Broadland’s heritage, board a wherry yacht and enjoy our exhibition, ‘Broadland in Pictures’ to see how this unique landscape has inspired artists, photographers and holiday-makers through the centuries. Take part in the interactive WWII ‘Rescue from the Skies’ and discover the story of this bizarre lifeboat. Trail and activities for all ages. Dogs welcome.
Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

Norada is a 53 foot wherry yacht built in 1912 by famous Wroxham boatbuilder Ernest Collins to join his fleet of hire craft. The boat was hired out, complete with skipper and steward, until the 1950s when she passed into private ownership. Norada will be open for visitors and to meet the volunteers from the Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust who sail and maintain her.
Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00

Wherry Norada at the Museum of the Broads
NEW!

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The Hoste Hotel: Remember Nelson Exhibition and Nelson’s Room Tour NEW!

The Green, Burnham Market, PE31 8HD
This exhibition showcases artefacts from Nelson's life, career, life in Norfolk and famous battles. It is one of the largest displays of Nelson artefacts in Norfolk. In his early years he frequented The Hoste – formerly the Pitt Arms. Before being recalled to service in 1792, he stayed in Room 5 and tours of Nelson’s bedroom are available on Thursday.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00, Drop-in exhibition
Thu: 13:00-15:00 (tour)
To pre-book call 01328 738777 or email reservations@thehoste.com

Paston Sixth Form College
Grammar School Road, North Walsham, NR28 9JL
Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was the School’s most famous pupil. The Nelson Room was used as a school room, linked to the Paston School which was founded by Sir William Paston in 1606. See memorabilia, a large portrait of Nelson and the Roll of Honour.
Sat: 09:30-12:30

St Benet’s Abbey: Guided Walks
By the bridge, Ludham Bridge, Ludham, NR29 5NX
Enjoy a guided walk from Ludham Bridge to St Benet’s Abbey. Find out about medieval life at the Abbey, how monks changed the Broadland landscape and enjoy breathtaking views. Allow 3 hours (approx 3 miles, 4.8 km). Wear stout shoes. Weather permitting.
Sat: 11:00 & 15:00

Walsingham Methodist Chapel
NEW!
High Street, NR22 6BY
John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, visited Walsingham in 1781. Subsequently construction of a meeting place started in 1793, and this was opened as the present chapel in 1794. It has been used for worship ever since and is the oldest Methodist Chapel in use in the East of England. Its imposing pulpit, balcony and original pews gives a fascinating insight into the past and of the centuries after The Reformation.
Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00
Sun: 10:00-14:00

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust
Ebridge Canal Lock, Happisburgh Road, White Horse Common, NR28 9NH
Walk along 2.5 miles of canal banks and explore the restoration of this industrial archaeological site. View photographs, exhibits and discover how the restoration has benefitted the canal’s flora and fauna. Staff and volunteers will share memories and invite you to bring photos of the canal.
Sat: 11:00-17:00
Sun: 10:00-16:00

St Benet’s Abbey: Guided Tours of the Abbey
St Benet’s Road, Ludham, Ludham, NR29 5NU
Find out about medieval life at St Benet’s Abbey, how the monks changed the Broadland landscape and enjoy breathtaking and panoramic views. Guides on site to provide 45 minute tours. Weather permitting.
Sat: 11:00 & 15:00
Sun: 15:00

Wherry Albion
Norfolk Wherry Trust, Horsefen Road, Ludham, NR29 5QG
Tours by knowledgeable volunteers around this 118 year old heritage vessel – only one of two ‘blacked-sailed trading wherries’ still remaining of the original 300. For many years they were the ‘lorries’ of the region carrying all types of goods and normally sailed by a crew of two. Visitors can also see where the Albion is moored and maintained.
Thu: 10:00-16:00

Events in this section are drop-in. No need to book, simply turn up at the stated time!
East Anglian Heritage in an International Context

From footprints left by the earliest inhabitants of northern Europe on Norfolk’s coast to the buried prehistoric landscapes of the Fens, from the Neolithic flint mines of Grimes Graves to the Anglo-Saxon burial mounds of Sutton Hoo, East Anglia boasts some of the finest remains from the ancient past, of great importance for both British and world history.

Global Perspectives on British Archaeology presents research into East Anglia’s heritage in a broad international context, encouraging us to think about the place of our region in the world, in the past, present and future.

A series of public events through the summer and autumn of 2017 at key sites in East Anglia, including a travelling exhibition and interactive online resources will unlock the global significance of the region’s rich heritage.

Heritage Open Days activities

On 7th September, we team up with the British Museum, the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain project, and Norfolk Museums Service, to offer a day of tours at Happisburgh, the oldest archaeological site in northern Europe.

On 10th September, join us at Caistor Roman Town for a guided tour with the Norfolk Archaeological Trust and the Caistor Roman Project.

The Global Perspectives pop-up exhibition featuring interactive digital resources about the sites will be at both locations.

See Heritage Open Days events listing for further details.

Further information on the project

In addition to Heritage Open Days, other related events will be held at Grimes Graves Prehistoric Flint Mines, Flag Fen Archaeology Park, and the Anglo-Saxon burial mound complex of Sutton Hoo.

For full details and access to interactive web material, visit www.global-britisharchaeology.org
Welcome to HODs in South Norfolk

South Norfolk boasts a wealth of vibrant market towns, each with its own distinctive character and rich heritage. Among South Norfolk’s many historic highlights are the Edwardian and Georgian facades of Diss, the 15th-century twin-towered Abbey and 17th-century Market Cross of Wymondham. Harleston is a charming market town, and Loddon has been a centre for trade since Norman times. All have much to offer, and a tour of these towns is the perfect way to discover South Norfolk.

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**pre-book events**

**Diss Corn Hall**

Explore a Greek Revival corn trading building dating from 1854 which has recently undergone extensive refurbishment. Find out more about its history and the local area with new heritage displays and objects from Diss Museum on Tour.

Thu & Fri: 10:30-11:15

**DOORWAYS TO THE PAST TALK**

Discoveries from recent investigations of buildings in the Diss Heritage Triangle.

Fri: 11:30-12:30

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS FROM MON 7 AUG!**

Meet Ethel Gooch - Walking Tour

**NEW!**

Travel back in time on this walking tour of the town on the theme of Wymondham’s ‘First Lady’ Ethel Gooch. Ethel was the first woman councillor in the town and a pioneer figure in the story of women in politics in Norfolk. Part of the Vintage Day celebration.

Sun: 11:00-12:00 & 14:00-15:00

**PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:**

Georgette Vale 07867 681839 or georgette@valemail.eu

**Ravensingham Hall**

A short tour of the public rooms at Ravensingham Hall, given by the owner Sir Nicholas Bacon. This will include some of the art collection.

Fri & Sat: 11:00, 14:00 & 16:00

**PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:**

01508 548480 or barbara@ravensingham.com

These four events are ticketed and must be booked in advance

Please see individual event listings for information on how to book tickets. Booking opens Monday 7 August!

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SOUTH NORFOLK drop-in events

**All Saints Church, Hethel:**
The Branthways, the Beevors, Hatchments and Hethel

**Church Lane, NR14 8HE**
What is a hatchment? When were they used? Our four Beevor hatchments have come back from restoration – discover whose they were, decipher the hidden codes and have a go at designing your own. The church is also home to an 18th-century alabaster monument, life-size effigies and the Branthwayt family underground vault. Quizzes and trails on offer for younger visitors.
Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00
Sat: 19:30, Hexachordia medieval music performance, booking required via 01508 570557 / hethel@allbelievers.org

**Caistor Roman Town:**
Discovering Norfolk’s Lost Capital

**Stoke Road, Caistor St Edmund, NR14 8QL**
Take a tour and hear the story of the town’s rise and fall told by our volunteer guides. There is also a new exhibition on East Anglia’s archaeological sites at Caistor St Edmund Church. Before you visit, download the free Caistor Roman Town app at norfarchtrust.org.uk/caistor and see the town come to life!
Sun: 14:00 & 15:00, Tours meet by shelter in Roman Town car park
Church open: 11:00-16:00, Exhibition

**Diss Corn Hall**
NEW!

**St Nicholas Street, IP22 4LB**

**BUILT TO LAST**
Compare old photos of local people and places with Lucy Kayne’s modern recreations using the original locations and today’s residents.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00

**FAMILY DROP-IN WORKSHOP**
A workshop to make a cardboard reconstruction of the Corn Hall.
Sat: 11:00-15:00

**LOCAL ARCHIVE FOOTAGE OF DISS**
Catch a glimpse of what Diss was like in the 1940s and 1960s.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 14:00-14:30

**Diss Ironworks**

**7 St Nicholas St, IP22 4LB**
Diss Ironworks includes a 17th-century rear, once a dwelling, that shows very good timbering including ovolo mullioned windows. The building lies in the entrance to Cobbs Yard, one of the hidden treasures of Diss.
Thu & Fri: 11:00-14:00

**Diss Museum**

**4-5 Market Place, IP22 4AB**
Exhibitions include: the Brush Factory, local connections with the characters in the film *A United Kingdom*, a history of the cemetery, a Community Cabinet, WWI events of 1917, the Heritage Triangle and much more.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 11:00-15:00

**Forncett Industrial Steam Museum**

**Kingsmuir, Low Road, Forncett St Mary, NR16 1JJ**
See some giants of our industrial past, including the steam engine that used to open London’s Tower Bridge and the 600 horse power triple expansion engine that pumped all the water for Dover. Visit a complete Victorian engineers’ workshop and a large collection of model steam engines. Hear stories about the engines and try lifting our heaviest spanner.
Thu, Fri & Sun: 11:00-15:00

**Francis Cupiss Limited**

**The Wilderness, The Entry, Diss, IP22 4NT**
Visitors will be given a presentation of the firm’s history from 1830 including the production of horse medicine and the progression to printing. Visitors can use the firm’s historic printing presses to print a souvenir of their visit.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00

**Harleston Museum**

**King George Hall, off Broad Street, IP20 9AZ**
Description and pictures of Harleston’s schools going back many centuries. This includes both private and national/state supported schools up to the present day. Relive your school experiences and much more!
Sat & Sun: 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00
Harleston’s Industrial Past

NEW!
The Swan Hotel, 19 The Thoroughfare, IP20 9AS
A display in the reception area of the Swan Hotel invites visitors to examine some fascinating documents and pictures of the development of the industries and professions of the town.
Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

The Heritage Triangle

NEW!
Diss town centre
The historic centre of Diss, the Heritage Triangle, is set within a conservation area with over 80% of its buildings listed and has recently been transformed through a £3.2m investment programme. Tour the Triangle and search shop windows for old fashioned camera style ‘peepshows’ which bring the history of the buildings to life using objects from Diss Museum and old photographs.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: All day

Imagined Land at Tasburgh: The Rehearsal

NEW!
Tasburgh Village Hall, Grove Lane, NR15 1LR
Watch the people of Tasburgh as they gear up for a pageant and celebration of the ancient hill fort site at the centre of the village – the final performance will be the following weekend. The Village Hall will play host to open rehearsals and a community-created exhibition inspired by the archive and archaeological research findings for the Heritage Lottery Funded Imagined Land Project https://sites.google.com/site/imaginedlandprojectnorfolk/
Sat & Sun: 14:00-16:00

Norfolk Tank Museum

Station Road, Fornsett St Peter, NR16 1HZ
Visit the Norfolk Tank Museum, an independent museum housing a collection of Cold War armoured vehicles, weaponry and tanks; many in working order!
Sat: 10:00-16:00

Wymondham Abbey

Church Street, NR18 0PH
One of England’s 100 best churches, this 900 year old parish church is a former abbey. See the Norman nave, flying angel roof, two Georgian organs, medieval graffiti and glittering golden altar screen designed by Sir Ninian Comper. Twenty minute tours will run on the hour on Saturday and Sunday, the Abbey archive will be open on Saturday and bell tower tours will be available on Sunday afternoon. Activities and trails for children every day.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-17:00
Sun: 12:00-17:00

Wymondham: Becket’s Chapel

Wymondham Arts Centre, 2 Church Street, NR18 0PH
A 14th-century chapel, founded in the 12th century with unusual and original 15th-century false-hammerbeam roof and 15th-century fleuron decorated arch. It has connections with Kett’s Rebellion (1549). Visitors can take part in a history detection trail and a pattern-making workshop. Art Gallery also open.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-17:00
Sun: 12:00-17:00
The site is free to explore but activities must be pre-booked via: Andrew Carpenter 07736 685363

Wymondham Vintage Day

Wymondham Town Centre, Market Place, NR18 0AG
Join in the retro fun as Wymondham Town Centre steps back in time. Appreciate the classic cars and motorcycles, join the guided walk around the town, indulge in a proper vintage tea and listen to live music in the Market Place.
Travel on a steam train ride between Wymondham and Dereham, dance the day away at a tea dance at Central Hall, bake a cake for the Vintage Bake-off, watch local archive films at the Ex-Services Club and take a ride on a 1950s red double decker bus. Visitors can browse vintage-themed stalls and admire collections from the 1920s to 1980s. There’s plenty of fun for younger visitors – vintage-style games are on offer throughout the day at Priory Gardens. Come along in your best vintage outfits - this is a day to dress to impress!
Sun: 10:00-16:00

Events in this section are drop-in. No need to book, simply turn up at the stated time!
Welcome to HODs in Broadland

This year’s HODs in Broadland offers something for everyone, including an exciting mix of living heritage. There’s a folk fair in Aylsham, family history searches in Acle and even a chance to explore the Hindu Temple in Tunstall. Come and discover our beautiful district, with its unspoilt villages and market towns that have provided the inspiration for a number of writers, including Black Beauty author Anna Sewell, who spent time in both Old Catton and Lamas near Hautbois.

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pre-book events

Former RAF Coltishall

Heritage tours led by expert guides from the Spirit of Coltishall Association. Open top bus tours with commentary around the WWII and Cold War airfield, to see the technical area, hangars and control tower, a rare WWII fighter pen and the explosives storage area. This tour includes some stops and possibly access to one or two of the buildings. Also a chance to see Scottow Moor Solar, one of the largest solar farms in Europe, and heritage displays.

Thu & Fri: 09:30, 12:15 & 14:30
PRE-BOOK ONLINE:
broadlandhods.eventbrite.com

Thorpe Lodge

Now the offices of Broadland Council, Thorpe Lodge is a historic Georgian building that was once the home of several prominent Norfolk families, including the Harveys. Visitors will be given a short talk on the history of the building and its former occupants before a tour of some of the more interesting features and the grounds.

Thu & Fri: 14:00-15:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:
01603 438766 or spinney72@aol.com

drop-in events

Acle Library – Family History for Families

NEW!

Bridewell Lane, NR13 3RA

Learn the basics of family history and start creating a family record. Create a family crest, develop a timeline, get together a list of interesting questions and reconstruct your family migration or immigration story line.

Sat: 10:15-11:45

Aylsham Folk Festival

NEW!

Town Hall, Market Place, NR11 6EL

The festival will include dancing by local Morris groups in the Market Place outside the Town Hall, Anam Cara (belly dancers), a Tudor puppet show and workshops by the Fairyland Trust. There will be further performances in the Town Hall in the evening. Please note that some events will have a small charge.

Sat: 10:00-22:00

All Saints Church, Hemlington

Church Lane, NR13 4EF

On Thursday and Friday, see a special series of short films about the architecture and history of All Saints Church as well as the surrounding village and its people. There are also displays about the wildlife and wild plant surveys undertaken in the churchyard in collaboration with Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Thu, Fri & Sat: 09:00-17:00
Sun: 10:30-17:00

The two pre-book events on the left are ticketed and must be booked in advance. Please see individual event listings for information on how to book tickets. Booking opens Monday 7 August!

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Please note: addresses and meeting points for pre-booked events will be confirmed with your booking.
**Blofield Church: Conserving Nature – Enhancing Wellbeing**

**NEW!**

Church Road, NR13 4NA

This medieval church has fine stained glass windows, a unique font and connections to the famous Paston family and John Dryden the first Poet Laureate. The churchyard has been managed for wildflower conservation for over 30 years. See a display of work, a Healing Garden of medicinal herbs and meet a herbalist to explain their history and use. Organised by Blofield and District Conservation Group and Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Sat: 10:00-16:00

**Girlguiding Norfolk Archive Resource Centre**

**NEW!**

14 Great Hautbois Road, Coltishall, NR12 7JN

Girlguiding Norfolk’s new Archive Resource Centre is delighted to open its doors to the public for the first time! Come and see our brand new purpose-built centre and enjoy some of the treasures we have found so far as we begin to sort through the many boxes of items and old uniforms we have – which one did you wear? In true tradition, we’ll also be offering you coffee or tea and homemade cakes!

Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

**Hautbois Activity Centre – Hautbois House Open Day**

**NEW!**

5 Great Hautbois Road, Coltishall, NR12 7JN

A great opportunity for ex-guides with fond memories of camping here! Our Victorian Rectory is rarely open to the public and retains many original features from the Patteson family; the day nursery decorated with a hand-painted frieze of Dutch-style figures, geese and windmills and a blue and white Delft-style tiled fireplace. See interesting Girlguiding Anglia and Hautbois related memorabilia on display. The Girlguiding Norfolk Trillers will be giving mini-concerts for 20-30 minutes in Holy Trinity Church next door to the house.

Sat: 10:00-15:00, Mini concert: 13:00, 13:30 & 15:00

**Indian Mela**

**NEW!**

The Hindu Temple, Acle New Road, Tunstall, NR13 3QE

This event gives a first-hand experience to Indian culture and a gastronomic introduction to Indian street food. Enjoy a touch of art and culture through various clothing, trade, henna and artefacts stalls. There will be some dance performances and workshops for visitors. An event open to all ages and a fun-filled family day.

Sun: 11:00-17:00

**Marriott’s Way Vintage Cycle Rally**

**NEW!**

Start: The Whitwell & Reepham Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, NR10 4GA

Finish: The Marlpit Arms, Hellesdon Road, NR6 5EQ

Join us on The Marriott’s Way Heritage Trail, to celebrate the bicentennial of the earliest form of bicycle, the Draisine or ‘Dandy Horse’ unveiled in 1817. Cyclists will converge at Whitwell Station and ride along a section of Marriott’s Way towards Norwich. You can bring your own modern or vintage bike, wear vintage clothing and enjoy traditional entertainment and activities. Please note: The HODs event is for visitors wishing to see the cycles and enjoy the entertainment. If you wish to ride in the rally you will be asked to register.

Sun: 10:00-16:00 at Whitwell 12:00-16:00 at The Marlpit

For more information see www.marriottsway.info

**St Margaret’s Church, Upton**

Church Road, NR13 6AN

Guided tours of the church and see displays on the Holditch Organ Restoration project. Refreshments will be available. Donations to the organ appeal would be much appreciated.

Sat: 10:00-16:00

**St Mary’s Church, Fishley**

Off South Walsham Road, NR13 6DA

Our pretty Saxon round tower church is set amidst rolling farmland just north of the village of Acle. It is considered to be a little gem hidden in the Norfolk countryside, overlooking the Acle marshes, with glorious views across the river Bure and beyond. Guided tours will be available as well as a historic display of Fishley and the Church.

Fri & Sat: 10:00-16:00

**Stracey Arms Mill**

**NEW!**

Acle New Road, Tunstall, Halvergate, Acle, NR13 3QE

The mill is due to undergo restoration and a new car park built. Come and find out about the project and how you can get involved.

Sat: 10:00-15:00
Welcome to HODs in Great Yarmouth

Great Yarmouth is perhaps best known as a traditional seaside resort, however it is also one of the most important historic ports on the east coast of England between the North Sea and the Broads, with a unique built cultural heritage. The town has a rich history, developing from a 10th century fishing hamlet to a modern seaside town. Come and see for yourself.
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Convicts and Criminals
NEW!
Discover the criminal records held on the FindMyPast genealogy site in this informal workshop. We will bring our journey of exploration closer to home as we take a tour of the Tolhouse Gaol Museum. Basic computer skills required.
Thu: 10:30-12:30, 14:00-16:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:
Great Yarmouth Library
01493 842279 or yarmouth.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

Glorious Memories of the Golden Mile: Guided Walk
NEW!
A seafront walk recounting the story of life here over 250 years. The healing salt waters enticed many to the seaside in the mid-1750s to take the waters at the Bath House. Discover the former jetty from where Nelson embarked and alighted from several voyages into battle. Nearby, Charles Dickens wrote David Copperfield in the Royal Hotel. King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, was a frequent visitor, staying at Shadingfield Lodge while entertaining singer Lily Langtry. Find out how the seafront survived WWI, and how it almost failed to survive WWII.
Sun: 14:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:
Great Yarmouth TIC on 01493 846346 or tourism@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

The Great Yarmouth Ice House
NEW!
Take a guided tour of this building built c.1840. It was used to store ice brought up river, first from the Broads and later from Norway. The ice preserved herring brought in by the fishing fleets. The Grade II listed building has a thatched roof and is thought to be the last of its kind in the country.
Sat: 11:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:
emily@seachangearts.org.uk

Circus, Clowns & Catastrophe: Guided Walk
NEW!
In 1845, jostling for a better view a clown’s stunt turned into a struggle for life when hundreds of spectators plunged into the cold waters of the River Bure. Led by one of our trained guides, visit the places associated with the catastrophe and find out how, where and why it happened, who was involved, how the residents of Great Yarmouth and citizens of England reacted and the legacy it left behind.
Thu: 14:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:
Great Yarmouth TIC on 01493 846346 or tourism@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

Underground at the Library
NEW!
Our local studies librarian will take you on a tour of the basement store rooms at Great Yarmouth Library. See some of the gems from our collection and learn more about Yarmouth’s documentary history.
Thu: 10:00-11:00 & 12:30-13:30
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA:
Great Yarmouth Library on 01493 842279 or yarmouth.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

These five events are ticketed and must be booked in advance. Please see individual event listings for information on how to book tickets. Booking opens Monday 7 August!
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Please note: addresses and meeting points for pre-booked events will be confirmed with your booking.
Caister Volunteer Lifeboat Service Ltd. Heritage Centre: Tours
Tan Lane, Caister-on-Sea, NR30 5DJ
See the fastest all-weather lifeboat in the country. Over 200 years of lifeboat history is told through exhibits and story boards. Also housed in the old lifeboat station is a Liverpool class lifeboat and the service boards of the station that has saved the most lives in the UK. Cinema, games & audio available.
Thu & Sun: Tours at 11:00 & 14:00

Elizabethan House Museum
South Quay, NR30 2QH
The Elizabethan House is probably one of the Yarmouth quayside houses Daniel Defoe described as looking like ‘little palaces’. This handsome 16th-century home invites you to look into the lives of the families who lived there from Tudor through to Victorian times. Meet costumed characters through the ages to tell you the secret histories of the building.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

The Fishermen’s Hospital
Market Place, NR30 1ND
The Fishermen’s Hospital was built in 1702 by the corporation of Great Yarmouth for old or “ decayed” fishermen. It could house up to 40 residents, but now only nine cottages remain with eight residents. HODs visitors can view the cottages from inside the courtyard and see inside cottage No. 8, which will be open especially for HODs.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00, Talk 11:00 & 14:00

The Great Yarmouth Drill House – Celebrating 150 years
NEW!
York Road, NR30 2LX
To mark the 150th anniversary of the Drill House and its first year as a circus and street arts creation and training facility, SeaChange is opening its doors. A Grade II listed former military drill hall, the building was the base for the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment. Take a guided tour and learn about the history of the building. Try decor making workshops, circus skills, or drop-in for a cuppa and cake.
Sat: 10:00-16:00, Tours 12:00 & 15:00, Workshops 12:00-16:00

Great Yarmouth Library
Family History for Families
NEW!
Tolhouse Street, NR30 2SH
Learn the basics of family history and start creating your family record. Create a family crest, develop a timeline, get together a list of interesting questions and reconstruct your family migration or immigration story line. Activities for the whole family.
Sat: 14:00-15:45

Great Yarmouth’s Medieval Town Wall
NEW!
Ferrier Road, NR30 1DL
Learn about the medieval town wall and how it is being conserved in the 21st century. Discover more about its history and learn about the traditional building skills involved. Have a go at conserving the wall under the guidance of our team of professional conservators.
Thu, Fri & Sat: 10:00-15:00
Sun: 10:00-14:00

Maritime Memories at Great Yarmouth’s Maritime Festival
NEW!
South Quay, NR30 2QH
Visit Great Yarmouth’s Heritage Guides at this year’s Maritime Festival. This event has been created for HODs amid the splendour of the Maritime Festival along Great Yarmouth’s historic quayside. Share your family’s maritime tales with the Guides, they are keen to hear local stories and see any memorabilia. Ask them questions about Great Yarmouth’s heritage and a short guided walk is available on Saturday and Sunday.
Sat: 10:00-17:00, Guided walk 11:30 & 14:30, Sun: 10:00-16:00, Guided walk 11:30 & 14:30

Events in this section are drop-in. No need to book, simply turn up at the stated time!
**Masonic Royal Assembly Rooms**

Albert Square, NR30 3JH

A tour of this Grade II listed building and talk on Freemasonry.

Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

**Quaker Meeting House**

Howard Street South, NR30 1LN

An early 19th-century Quaker Meeting House in a walled garden which was once the burial ground. Beneath this building you can see the remains of a 14th-century cell occupied by Augustinian Friars until the dissolution of the monasteries c.1536.

Sat: 10:00-16:00

**Royal Naval Hospital**

Queens Road, NR30 3JU

Built in 1811, learn more about this former Navy hospital built for Nelson’s men. In 1815, 600 soldiers injured at Waterloo were shipped here for treatment. Between 1939 and 1945 the hospital became HMS Watchful. In 1958 it was taken over by the NHS and sold to a housing developer in 1993, leaving the chapel and the empty ward space in their original condition. Escorted tours to the chapel and ward may be available on request on the day.

Fri, Sat & Sun: 11:00-15:00

**St John’s Church**

Lancaster Road, NR30 2NG

This magnificent church will be open to the public with activities for all ages. Enjoy guided tours and explore the history of the building as well as the important role of women in its development. There will be stained-glass activities, 3D paper-model making as well as the opportunity to see conserved and new kneeler cushions.

Thu & Fri: 10:00-16:00, Tour 11:00 & 14:00, Sat & Sun: 11:00-15:00, Tour 12:00 & 14:00

**St Margaret’s Ruins**

1 Coast Road, Hopton, NR31 9BT

Find out about the history of this Grade II* listed building that has undergone a two year project to stabilise the walls and tower. The ruins are now open to the public and volunteers will be on hand to provide a history of the site and answer questions.

Sat & Sun: 10:00-15:00

**Thurne Windpump**

Marsh Road, Staithe Road, Repps, Norfolk, NR29 5JU

Thurne Windpump will be open to the public and there will be demonstrations of it working and pumping (wind permitting). A Guide will share the history of this 200 year old mill and you can have a go at starting it yourself. The parking is on the Staithe and there is a short walk along the riverbank of 5-10 minutes, the ground is uneven and quite bumpy.

Thu: 11:00-16:00

**Time & Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life**

Blackfriars Road, NR30 3BX

FISHING BOATS: MARITIME DISCOVERY

View three boats that have undergone conservation work and we will be lifting the covers on our shrimper – the Coronation YH671. Our two restored beach skiffs will also be on show for visitors to learn more about the stories of ‘Grace’ and ‘Shipmates’ and their days at sea.

SHOPPING 1940s STYLE

Visit our historic row and step inside our recreated 1940s store to experience life during rationing. No self-service checkouts or scanners but the shelves are lined with products from the past as we transport you back to how shopping used to be 70 years ago.

Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:30

**Tolhouse Gaol**

Tolhouse Street, NR30 2SH

Meet costumed characters through the ages to tell you the secret histories of our buildings.

Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 10:00-16:00

**Wind Energy Museum – Vintage Fete & Family Fun Day**

Marsh Road (off Staithe Road), Repps with Bastwick, NR29 5JU

Enjoy demonstrations showing Norfolk’s drainage history and a new exhibition relating to Norfolk’s mills. Steam and vintage cars and bikes will be on show, with family activities, games, crafts, stalls, refreshments and music.

Sun: 11:00-16:00
Welcome to HODs in Thetford

Thetford rightly deserves the title of ‘Ancient Capital of the Brecks’ – a town rich in history where the land itself has tales to tell, and buildings that bring our heritage to life. A walk through Thetford is a stroll through history covering the 13 Ages of Thetford from Boudica to the 1960s town expansion. Thetford also enjoys a rich natural heritage with beautiful riverside walks through the town.

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Lynford Hall – Tour

Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of our beautiful hotel and meet historical characters as you walk through the history of the Hall. Dating back to 1851, this restored building has played host to many world-famous names from American Presidents to British Prime Ministers.

Sun: 11:00, 12:00, 14:00 & 15:00
PRE-BOOK DIRECT FROM 7 AUG VIA: 01842 878351

The Abbey Centre:

“Our Story”

NEW!

Exeter Way, IP24 1EE
Living history from local residents about the migration from London to the Abbey Estate. Stories, artwork and artefacts celebrating our history.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

Barnham Cross Common:

Meet the Animals

NEW!

Bury Road, car park next to Jet Garage, IP24 3ED
Barnham Cross Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest on the edge of Thetford. Go for a guided walk and meet the sheep and cattle that graze the site. Find out about the special plants and insects that can be found on this exceptional common.
Fri: 13:00-15:00

These three events are ticketed and must be booked in advance. Please see individual event listings for information on how to book tickets. Booking opens Monday 7 August!

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Please note: addresses and meeting points for pre-booked events will be confirmed with your booking.
Ancient House Museum of Thetford Life Open Day

27 Whitehart Street, IP24 1AA
All events: Sat: 10:00-17:00

**Flint Rocks on Tour Pop-Up Exhibition**
**NEW!**
Find out more about flint and how it was used by our ancestors. Exhibition funded by Breaking New Ground, a Heritage Lottery Funded project.

**Maharajah: Sovereign, Squire, Rebel Pop-Up Exhibition**
**NEW!**
Discover the links between Ancient House and the last Maharajah of the Punjab, Duleep Singh. The exhibition explores Duleep Singh’s life in India, his relationship with Queen Victoria and his life as a county gentleman.

**Prince Frederick’s Treasures Family Trail**
**NEW!**
Explore the museum to discover the treasures donated by Prince Frederick Duleep Singh in 1924. Find them all and win a small prize.

**Pulp! Pails, Pin Trays and Pots Exhibition**
**NEW!**
Discover the secrets of Thetford’s unique industry, Pulp and the Pulp Mills role in preserving Britain’s secrets during World War Two.

**British Trust for Ornithology**
**NEW!**
The Nunnery, IP24 2PU

**MOTH TRAPPING AND BAT DETECTING**
As the sun sets, join BTO staff for moth trapping and bat detecting in the grounds of The Nunnery. Learn about the myriad of moths in our local area and listen out for bats.
Fri: 19:30-21:30

**TOUR OF THE NUNNERY AND BUG HUNT**
Discover the hidden architecture and Benedictine history of the BTO buildings on a guided tour. Take time to enjoy the great outdoors with a bug hunt in The Nunnery grounds and check-in at our bug hotel!
Sat: 10:30

**Charles Burrell Museum**
2 Minstergate, IP24 1BN
The museum, housed in the original paint shop, tells the story of the world-famous traction engine manufacturer. Displays about the different areas of the works and three of the impressive Burrell engines are on display, with one in steam for the festival. The Museum also has its own ‘Steamers’ café.
Sat: 10:00-15:00

**The Coffee Mill Masonic Lodge**
Bridges Walk, IP24 2AG
There has probably been a mill on this site since before Domesday. The current 19th-century building ceased to grind corn in the 1920s and was then used as a coffee mill before being converted to a Masonic Lodge in the 1960s.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

**Dad’s Army Museum**
The Old Fire Station, Cage Lane, IP24 2DS
Museum telling the story of this classic television programme, its links with Thetford, and the history of the Home Guard. The Marigold Tearooms will be open along with a special exhibition about Thetford’s WWII defences.
Sat: 10:00-16:00

**King’s House**
King Street, IP24 2AP
Visit King’s House which was used by James I as a hunting lodge and bears the royal coat of arms above the doorway. The town regalia will be on display upstairs in the council chamber, along with new items.
Thu & Fri: 10:00-14:00
Sat: 10:00-15:00
Medieval Massive

**NEW!**

Various Thetford venues

Welcome to Medieval Thetford! Join a Norman Knight on Castle Park and climb the Castle mound using the brand new steps. Marvel at Longsword Historical Martial Arts from Thetford Sword Club in King’s House Gardens; visitors can pick up a sword and try on some chainmail. At Thetford Priory, meet a falconer with a mews of birds of prey and see flying demonstrations. At Ancient House, get hands-on with real medieval artefacts and make some medieval food. Find out about medieval medicine and enjoy a tale from our colourful storyteller.

**Sat:** 10:00-15:00

Thetford’s Historical Characters

**NEW!**

St Peter’s Church, IP24 1AA

The Thetford Players present an historical walk, set in the Grade II* listed church, through a thousand years of Thetford’s history. A multitude of costumed characters will give a snapshot of their lives and how they influenced the times in which they lived.

**Sun:** 11:00-13:00

The Medieval Moneyer

**NEW!**

Thetford’s Great Information Centre, 20 King Street, IP24 2AP

In the 10th century, Thetford had its own mint and Thetford coins have been found as far afield as Scandinavia. Come and see how money was made in medieval times and collect your free information sheet. You can even have one struck just for you in pewter (£1) or chocolate (25p).

**Sat:** 11:00-14:00

Thomas Paine Hotel

**NEW!**

33 White Hart Street, IP24 1AA

Pop in for a free cup of tea and a tour of the hotel packed full of interesting memorabilia and information of the life and times of this influential writer.

**Thu, Fri & Sat:** 09:00-17:00

**Sun:** 10:00-16:00

Vintage Afternoon in Kings House Gardens

**NEW!**

King’s House, King Street, IP24 2AT

Step back to the 1940s and 1950s and enjoy the Apple Blossoms, a trio of singers entertaining us with classics songs from a bygone era. Why not take tea and cake in our very own pop-up Marigold’s Tea Rooms, courtesy of our friends from Thetford’s Dad’s Army Museum. Jones’ van will also make a brief appearance for a great photo opportunity.

**Sun:** 12:00-16:00

Events in this section are drop-in. No need to book, simply turn up at the stated time!
Welcome to HODs in Breckland

As the district at the heart of Norfolk, Breckland is the perfect place to discover the county’s rich history. During HODs, enjoy rare opportunities to uncover historical treasures, explore miles of unspoilt countryside and immerse yourself in vibrant market towns. Go behind the scenes at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, admire stunning vintage cars or browse artisan goods, fresh foods and traditional crafts at a Victorian-themed market.

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Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse
Gressenhall, Dereham, NR20 4DR
A chance to see the amazing objects kept behind the scenes and speak to the people who preserve and record Norfolk’s ancient history. Meet costumed characters as you explore the workhouse. Get creative in Art Attack and discover all that the 50 acre site has to offer including the traditional working farm with its Suffolk Punch horses and adventure playground.
Sun: 10:00-17:00

Attleborough Archive Office
NEW!
Town Hall Car Park, Queens Square, Attleborough, NR17 2AF
Visitors can access the vast resources of Attleborough Archive Office and talk to the knowledgeable Archive officer, Barbara Waters.
Sat: 10:00-15:00

Attleborough Library History
NEW!
31 Connaught Road, Attleborough, NR17 2BW
An exhibition about the history of the library.
Sat: 09:30-16:00

Narborough Bone Mill Tour
Railway tracks behind Narborough Maltings, Pentley Road, PE32 1TE
Come on a guided tour down the riverbanks of the Nar to see the site of a 19th-century watermill that ground bone for fertiliser. Our Heritage Lottery Fund project has excavated, conserved and interpreted the waterwheel and the brickwork ruins. Access to site by walking half a mile along the riverbank. Allow up to 2 hours.
Sat & Sun: 10:00

Mini Historic Trail
NEW!
Soma House, Station Road, Attleborough, NR17 2AS
Follow the trail and find out about many of the historic places of interest in Attleborough. Trail includes the Queens Square and Town Hall, The County School and the Station and signal box.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 09:30-17:00

Family Vintage Film Show
NEW!
Town Hall, Queens Square, Attleborough, NR17 2AF
Parents and children are welcome to join us to relax and watch a vintage family film after school.
Fri: 16:00-18:30

St Mary’s Church, Attleborough History Display
NEW!
Church Street, Attleborough, NR17 2AS
Attleborough Heritage Group presents a display of Attleborough history at St Mary’s, a church whose own history dates back to Saxon times.
Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun: 09:30-17:00
**Themed Charter Market**

**NEW!**

**Town Hall, Queens Square, Attleborough, NR17 2AF**

As a special event to mark Heritage Open Days, visitors are invited to the Victorian-themed market with traditional stalls, barrows and craft stalls selling everything from fish and linens to hand-made treats and artisan goods. Refreshments will be available in the Town Hall.

Thru: 08:00-14:00

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**Vintage Car Display**

**NEW!**

**Queens Square Car Park, Attleborough, NR17 2AZ**

A fun family afternoon looking at a vast array of stunning vintage cars, in the main Queens Square Car Park, being shown by their owners.

Sun: 12:00-16:00

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**Vintage Music and Bar**

**NEW!**

**Town Hall, Queens Square, Attleborough, NR17 2AF**

An adult social event for friends to dance the night away to vintage music. A bar is available.

Fri: 18:30-23:00

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As well as Heritage Open Days, The Forum is also coordinating these upcoming events... save the dates!

**WHAT’S COMING UP**

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**NORWICH SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

21 – 29 OCT 2017

Enjoy hands-on science, sensational shows and inspirational exhibitions for all ages and levels of knowledge.

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**MAKERS MONTH**

12 MAR – 7 APR 2018

Learn a new skill, meet other makers, be inspired by the experts. From knitting and sewing, to printing and pottery.

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**BRICK WONDERS**

1 DEC – 21 JAN 2018

Brick Wonders features recreations in Lego bricks of amazing sights from around the world.

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**NGF**

28 MAY – 2 JUN 2018

A week of gaming fun, learning and creativity via talks, workshops, demos, indie, mainstream and retro games.
Every September, people all over England join together for four days to celebrate what makes their neighbourhoods special.

Thousands of buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors to the public, free of charge.

Stories are told, traditions explored and histories brought to life.

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