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Welcome to Heritage Open Days 2025

Heritage Open Days (HODs) is England's largest community led festival of history and culture. Run by hundreds of local organisations and volunteers, you can discover unique stories, fascinating places, hidden gems and have experiences to remember by visiting hundreds of amazing **FREE events across Norfolk from Friday 12 – Sunday 21 September.**

HODs offers everyone the opportunity to explore our local history, traditions, community and cultural heritage through talks, tours, workshops, open days, exhibitions and much more.

This year's theme is **Architecture**, exploring how we've designed and built the world around us.

Norfolk HODs is a collaboration between all the venues, organisers, community partners and volunteers who work to bring the festival to life for thousands of residents and visitors. The Forum Trust funds the coordination and promotion of Norfolk HODs each year as part of its charitable purpose and the programme is managed nationally by the National Trust with support from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

How to use this listings brochure

The brochure is designed to give you a taster of the programme at a glance. Many events are drop-in and you can just turn up on the day.

Due to limited capacity, some events must be booked in advance and you'll find the booking details underneath each listing of applicable events.

There's also a clash-finder calendar at the back of the brochure for Norwich events. For full event details and updated information, visit the What's On page at norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk or contact the venue directly.



Family Friendly Activities



BOOK Pre-book event

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How to book

Bookings open 10am Wednesday 27 August for the majority of pre-book events. Most tickets can be booked online via norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

For some events you need to book directly with the venue online, by phone or email. Please check individual event listings for details. Meeting points and venue addresses will be confirmed with your booking.

Please note: tickets are not available from The Forum office by telephone, post or email.

If you can't use your ticket:

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

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Silver Wings: The US Army Air Forces in WWII Norfolk

80 years after the end of WWII, a new project comes to Norfolk honouring the history of our local community, and the influence of the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during the war. Presented by The Forum in partnership with the American Library, Silver Wings: The US Army Air Forces in WWII Norfolk puts a spotlight on the untold stories of American servicemen and women stationed in Norfolk – and the British communities that welcomed them. Read on for programme highlights.

For the full Silver Wings programme including all of the drop-in events, pre-book talks and film series visit theforumnorwich.co.uk/silver-wings



448th Bomb Group

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Exhibition and Events

The Forum, Millennium Plain, NR2 1TF

Exhibition

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10am-4pm

A thoughtful look at community, memory, and shared heritage, this exhibition showcases oral histories, rare film footage, and creative work produced by local schools and communities. From the influence of American culture to the vital roles of women and life on an airbase, discover hidden stories behind the 'friendly invasion'. For a calmer, less busy experience, visit from 9am-10am on Sun 14 and Fri 19.

Silver Wings Street Party

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

Join us outside The Forum for a street party with heart, history and plenty of swing! Expect family activities, delicious food stalls and a USAAF military vehicle display as we step into the spirit of the 1940s. You can enjoy live music from the fantastic Skyliner Band and even try your hand at a Lindy Hop with drop-in taster dance classes from Fine City Swing. Come as you are or dressed in your vintage best.

Pop-Up Museum Day

Thu 18: 10am-4pm

Explore collections and stories from City of Norwich Aviation Museum, American Women in WWII East Anglia and more!

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Talks and Tours at The Forum

The Forum, Millennium Plain, NR2 1TF

Building Norwich: How the Centuries Have Shaped Our Fine City

Wed 17: 10am

TALK – From flint to intergalactic superheroes, Norwich has a multitude of stories to tell. Join Vanessa Trevelyan who looks at the various building materials, architects and styles that have created the Norwich that we know and love today.

From Blickling to Bayt- al-Razzaz: Architecture and Adaptation Across Continents

Wed 17: 12pm

TALK – What connects a Jacobean mansion in Norfolk with a Mamluk-Ottoman palace in the heart of Cairo? In this talk Heather Jermy, General Manager at Blickling Estate, explores an inspiring international twinning project that links two historic sites facing the shared challenge of climate change.

8th Air Force Ground Support: The Men Who Kept the Planes Flying

Sat 13: 2pm

TALK – Discover how aircraft maintenance crews prepared planes for missions and kept the aerial armada in the sky in this fascinating lecture by Dr John Curatola, National WWII Museum, USA.

Unbroken (2014)

Sun 14: 11am

FILM – Followed by a panel discussion featuring Dr Graham Cross and Dr Sam Edwards.

A Walk Through Wartime Norwich

**Various dates Sun 14-Sun 21:
10.30am**

WALK – Step back in time on a guided walk through key wartime sites in the heart of Norwich. You'll hear stories of resilience, daily life under threat and community spirit.

BOOK TALK, FILM AND WALK AT
norfolkxhods.ticketsolve.com

Some tickets are available to book on the door (for talk and film only) subject to availability

SAVE at 50! Campaigning for New Life for Threatened Buildings

Wed 17: 2pm

TALK – This year, SAVE Britain's Heritage celebrates its 50th anniversary. Join SAVE's Conservation Officer, Lydia Franklin, for an insight into their campaigns both past and present to bring new life to threatened historic buildings of all types and ages across the UK, including Norfolk.

Behind the Scenes at The Forum

**Wed 17 & Thu 18:
10am & 1pm**

TOUR – A wonderful opportunity to see behind the scenes of this Millennium building, including the Millennium Library Stacks Room and get an insight to the building's operations and history.

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City Walking Tours



Enjoy this programme of guided walking tours delivered by the Association of City of Norwich Tour Guides, Paul Dickson Tours and independent tour guides.

Address and meeting point for bookable events will be confirmed with your booking.



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Gothic Revival and the Western Enclaves

Fri 12: 10am & Tue 16: 2pm

Discover more about the Gothic Revival with this interesting round walk from The Forum to the Roman Catholic cathedral and back, looking at some quieter parts of the city centre.

Catholics, Anglicans and Dissenters

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10.30am

Step back in time and discover the tumultuous tales of Norwich's religious history. This walk visits a number of churches to illustrate the basic issues in the religious, social and political conflicts that arose in the days of the Reformation and afterwards.

Fire and Water

Sat 13: 2pm & Wed 17: 11am

Three major fires in the city centre took place on the same date within 100 years of each other. On this tour you will discover the unlucky date and learn more about the many fires that have ravaged Norwich.

Concrete, Conscience and Conservation: The Story of the Scott Family in Norwich

Sun 14: 10.15am

Join Judith Merrill, a direct descendant of A.F. Scott, to walk across Norwich exploring the legacy of four generations from the family of non-conformists A.F. Scott & Sons, architects. Hear about the pioneering work in architecture, and their contributions to the religious, social and political fabric of Norwich.

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Book tickets from Wed 27 Aug

Norwich Over the Water

Sun 14: 10.30am & Thu 18: 2pm

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

Elm Hill

Tue 16: 2pm & Sat 20: 11am

Discover the history of the buildings, the people who lived there and the events that shaped what we see today on one of Norwich's oldest streets.

King Street: Growth, Decline and Regeneration

Wed 17: 2pm & Thu 18: 10am

This tour takes you around King Street, focussing on how it became such an important street for Norwich, and how it changed from a street of the wealthy to an area of factories and slums.

King Street History

**Fri 19 & Sat 20: 2pm,
Sun 21: 11am**

Join this guided stroll along King Street to explore the street's chequered past with local guides. Hear about the street that has been trodden by wealthy merchants and religious communities, by those who came to work and those who made it their home.



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Paul Dickson Tours

Boardman and Skipper Walking Tour

Thu 18 & Fri 19: 10.30am

This tour celebrates the architectural legacy of the great Victorian/Edwardian Norwich architects Edward Boardman and George Skipper.

St Martins Walk

Tue 16: 1.30pm

For this walk Norwich-based homelessness charity, St Martins, has teamed up with tour guide Paul Dickson to explore Norwich's history and commitment to supporting people in need throughout the ages, highlighting the origins and current work of St Martins. The walk will finish with tea and cake.

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Norwich Events Calendar
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Norwich Castle

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155 Years of Continuous Play

Victoria Bowling Club,
30 Trafford Road, NR1 2QW

Fri 12: 10am-3.30pm

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Learn about the history of ‘The Victoria’, and how it is linked to the history of our city. Meet some of our members and try your hand at bowls.

The 25th Norwich Print Fair

St Margaret’s Gallery,
St Benedict’s Street, NR2 4TU

Fri 12 & Sat 13, Mon 15-Fri 19:
10am-5pm, Sun 14 & Sat 20:
10am-4pm

EXHIBITION – After an absence of 6 years, The Norwich Print Fair returns to the beautifully renovated, Grade I listed St Margaret’s Church, allowing visitors to enjoy the fabric of the building and the art.

Above, Below, and Built to Last: The Hidden Street Tour

The Shoebox Experiences,
21-23 Castle Meadow, NR1 3DH

Tue 16 & Wed 17: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, & 3pm

TOUR – Explore Norwich’s ‘Hidden Street’, with a focus on its architectural story. Discover how this historic building was designed, adapted, and evolved over the centuries – and how, piece by piece, it eventually went underground.

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The Hidden Street Tour

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Adat Yeshua Messianic Synagogue

Essex Street, NR2 2BL

Sun 14: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Tour the Messianic Synagogue and learn about the history of the building. There will be plenty of Messianic Jewish artefacts to view and hear about their history and use in the synagogue.

A.F. Scott the Individualist and His Architecture

Swedenborgian Chapel,
64 Park Lane, NR2 3EF

Mon 15: 7pm

TALK – Hear how Architect A.F. Scott (1854-1936) designed from the traditional to reinforced concrete. Hosted by his great granddaughter, learn how his religious beliefs, independent travels and fantastic knowledge of structural engineering informed his work in Norwich and beyond.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Architectural Visions: A Journey Through Film Archives

East Anglian Film Archive,
The Archive Centre,
Martineau Lane, NR1 2DQ

Tue 16: 2pm

FILM – Join us for a special screening of archive footage capturing the evolution of urban design. At the heart of the event is Anglia Square, Norwich – a landmark of Brutalist architecture that has sparked debate, nostalgia, and visions of renewal.

BOOK
eaafa.org.uk

Assembly House

Theatre Street, NR2 1RQ

Sun 14: 10am-1pm

OPEN DOORS – See the house through the eyes of 8-14 year olds, who have worked and played hard to find the juiciest details from the house’s past, launching their own paper guide. Meet this team to chat the house’s history, join talks and see a display of original guide materials.



The Orangery

Carrow House

King Street, NR1 2TG

Tours of Carrow House

Fri 12, Sat 13, Tue 16, Thu 18, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 11am & 2pm

TOUR – Join Norwich Unity Hub and explore Carrow House! Step inside this beautiful Grade II listed building, once the elegant home of the Colman family. Discover its rich history and see how we're breathing new life into this treasured landmark.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Design Your Own Historic Tile



Sat 13 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

WORKSHOP – Design and decorate your own tile inspired by Norfolk's rich heritage in this fun, hands-on workshop. Learn traditional patterns and techniques, and take home your unique creation after firing. Perfect for all ages – no experience needed!

Tetra Pak and Relief Printmaking



Mon 15: 6pm & Sat 20: 11am

WORKSHOP – Visit Level 5 Creative Studios to try your hand at printmaking! Be inspired by the house and orangery as you explore carton (Tetra Pak) and relief printing using a craft press. Beginners welcome.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

The Architectures of Grief

Wed 17: 7pm

WORKSHOP – Join this thought-provoking, interactive session exploring questions about grief and how it shows up in our lives and cultures.

A Sensory Home

Sat 20: 9am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit the Frozen Light and Musical Keys Sensory Home! Explore the theatrical Museum of Spirals, enjoy a cuppa, and experience a musical wonderland. Fully accessible and open to all.



Design Your Own Historic Tile

Exploring Architecture Through Physical Theatre



Sat 20: 10am

WORKSHOP – Discover how bodies and buildings interact in Reflex Theatre's playful workshop. Blend movement, space, and story using physical theatre – no experience needed, just curiosity and creativity. Ideal for performers, dancers, designers, and dreamers.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Design a Treehouse



Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am & 2pm

WORKSHOP – Join Carrow House Creative Studios for a family-friendly drop-in craft session! Use collage, stamps, drawing, and found materials to create your 2D or 3D dream treehouse or den. From garden hideouts to fairy kingdoms, imagination is the only limit!



The Architecture of Chocolate

The Architecture of the Self: Building the Brain Through Relationships

Sat 20: 10.30am-2.30pm (Sessions every 15 minutes)

ACTIVITY – Explore Tend Collective's creative therapy spaces and learn how relationships shape young minds. Tour the "upstairs" and "downstairs" brain rooms and join in a hands-on activity celebrating the people who support us.

The Architecture of Chocolate

Sat 20: 11am

TALK – This talk by Lynn Lockwood explores the hidden history of Norwich's chocolate industry, colonialism, trade, and labour, through storytelling and visuals. Uncover the global systems behind local architecture and industry.



Britons Arms

Backstage Past: Talks and Tours at Norwich Theatre

Theatre Street, NR2 1RL

Fri 12: 10am-3pm (start times vary)

TALK & TOUR – We are pulling back the curtain, revealing the heritage of our building through a history talk, a display of archival posters, programmes and playbills, and an opportunity to tread the boards on a backstage tour.

BOOK

norwichtheatre.org

Behind the Scenes at The British Archive for Contemporary Writing

The Library, UEA, NR4 7TJ

Tue 16: 2pm

TALK & TOUR – Celebrating ten years of The British Archive for Contemporary Writing (BACW), enjoy a talk and tour with a display of original writers' archives. Hear about the stories behind the stories and the plans to save writers' archives for future generations.

BOOK

archives@uea.ac.uk

Bishop's House Garden

Bishop's House, St Martin at Palace Plain, NR3 1SB

Wed 17 & Thu 18: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover this historic private four-acre garden, which has belonged to the Bishops of Norwich for over 900 years, with long herbaceous borders, roses, the hosta walk, the meadow labyrinth, a jungle walk, bamboos and extensive shrubberies.

Britons Arms

9 Elm Hill, NR3 1HN

Dates & times vary

TOUR – This remarkable building dates back to the 14th century and is one of the last thatched buildings in the city. Now a coffee shop, it has one of the largest used roof spaces, and is of national importance.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Building Pattern: Designing Textiles for and Inspired by Architecture and Place

Millennium Library, The Forum, NR2 1AW

Wed 17: 3pm

TALK – Textile Designer Kate Farley shares her experience of designing textiles and surface pattern for the Barbican Centre and Birmingham Airport to show how heritage aesthetics inform her design practice.

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Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Unthank Road, NR2 2PA

Hidden Places at Saint John's

Fri 12, Mon 15 & Fri 19: 11am, Sat 13: 3pm

TOUR – Discover the hidden trails within, beneath, and above the cathedral, while exploring areas not usually open to the public.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

'Tongues of Fire': The Windows of the South Transept at Saint John's

Fri 12 & Tue 16: 1pm

TALK – Join this talk to learn about the stained glass in the windows of the South Transept. Designed by Dunstan Powell in the early 1900s, these windows depict a wide variety of subjects, from the Old and New Testament, as well as from English history.

Let's 'Clay' Marbles

Sat 13: 10.30am-1.30pm (Last entry 1pm)

WORKSHOP – Children of all ages are invited to join artist and creative practitioner Donna Thompson to discover the beautiful Frosterley marble at the cathedral, and will get to make a clay tile to take home. (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Nothing Fills a Hole Like a Double Decker

Sat 13 & Fri 19: 1pm

TALK – In 1988 a bus fell into a hole in Earlham Road, around 120 yards from the cathedral. Join this talk to find out the history of this event, and how it relates to the story of the cathedral site from the medieval period to the present.

The Victorian Gothic Revival at Saint Johns

Wed 17: 11am

TOUR – This guided ground floor tour explores the Victorian Gothic Revival movement, and the place the cathedral had in that movement.

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City of Norwich School

Eaton Road, NR4 6PP

Sat 20: 10am-2pm

OPEN DOORS – The school was established in 1910 and the original building is still in use today. There will be archive photos, portraits and treasured memorabilia dating back to the school's founding on display. Current students will be giving guided tours.

Creative Custodians: Arts Organisations and Heritage Buildings of Norwich

The Guildhall, Gaol Hill, NR2 1JS

Wed 17: 5pm & Thu 18: 11am

TALK – Join local architect Hannah Wooller at this important landmark building, now home to Norfolk & Norwich Festival, to hear stories of historic Norwich buildings being cared for and opened to the public by arts organisations.

BOOK
nnfestival.org.uk

The Creative Wellbeing Project

The Garage, 14 Chapel Field North, NR2 1NY

Sat 20: 10am-2pm

ACTIVITY – Come and take part in a heritage themed print making workshop, have a tour of our building and join us for tea and cake.

Curat House

3-4 Haymarket, NR2 1QD

Fri 12 & Fri 19: 10am & 2pm

TOUR – This 15th century merchant's house, now the shop Fat Face, is perhaps most fondly remembered as Backs Wine Merchants and Bar. A behind the scenes tour of this hidden gem includes the undercroft and upper rooms.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

CWGC Tours: Norwich Cemetery

Norwich City Cemetery, Earlham Road, NR2 3RG

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am, Wed 17: 5pm

TOUR – Join us for a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) tour of Norwich City Cemetery.

BOOK
cwgc.org/visit-us/events

Earlham Hall

UEA, Earlham Road, NR4 7TJ

Sun 14 & Sun 21: 10am, 11.30am & 2pm

TOUR – A stunning Grade II listed 16th century country house, this architectural gem is renowned for its historical significance and unique features, such as the rare donkey wheel and the intriguing 12-sided room.

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East Anglian Air Ambulance Base

Helimed House, Hangar 14, Gambling Close, NR6 6EG

Sat 13 & Sun 14: 9am, 11am, 1pm & 3pm

TOUR – Explore the world of helicopter emergency medical services at our Norwich base. Join a behind the scenes tour to uncover facts about this 24/7 life-saving charity and how every second counts.

BOOK
eaaa.org.uk/opendays

Eaton Park: Beautiful Beaux Arts Buildings in 80 Acres of Green

South Park Avenue, NR4 7AU

Sun 14: 2pm

TOUR – Enjoy a short presentation and visual display of old photographs. Includes a guided walk by the lily pond to the boating lake to view the historic architecture, with roof-top views of the park and a train ride.

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Evelyn Suffield House

45 All Saints Green, NR1 3LY

Sat 13: 10.30am-3.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Built in 1788, this building is now home of the Norfolk Federation of WIs. Visit to tour the house, see an archive exhibition, and enjoy a walking treasure hunt, with WI refreshments.

Jarrolds

1-11 London Street, NR2 1JF

History Tour

Thu 18: 10am & 12pm

TOUR – Explore the often-unseen history of Jarrolds Department Store. See through the changes and additions of this iconic building, which was opened in 1823, including the creation of the distinctive corner which overlooks the iconic marketplace and is a recognisable, historic Norwich landmark.

Norwich Shawls

Fri 19: 5pm

TALK – From the 1790's to the 1870's Norwich Shawls were the 'must have' fashion item. In this talk Norfolk based Helen Kennett presents her current research in Norwich's rich textile history, specialising in Norwich Shawls.

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London Street, 1909



The Flint Room

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The Flint Room

On Ber Street and Finkelgate Junction, NR1 3HB

Tue 16: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover this beautiful medieval building, formerly St John De Sepulchre Church, now known as the Flint Room, one of Norwich's most unusual and historical wedding venues.

The Great Hospital

Bishopgate, NR1 4EL

Mon 15: 10.30am & 1.30pm

TOUR – Visit our historic site and learn about the fascinating history of The Great Hospital, first established in 1249 and still used today as accommodation for those in need. Go inside the stunning heritage buildings spanning from Norman to modern times.

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If Only Those Walls Could Talk: 900 Years of Norwich's History

St Matthew's Church, Telegraph Lane West, NR1 4JA

Sun 14: 2.30pm

TALK – St Michael's Chapel on Kett's Heights has survived through 900 years of Norwich's history. This illustrated talk by Friends of Kett's Heights will be a journey through time viewing the city's long history through the lens of this modest chapel and its surroundings.

BOOK
kettshights.co.uk

In a Pykerell

Pykerell's House, St Marys Plain, NR3 3AF

Wed 17: 10am, 12pm & 1.45pm

TOUR – Visit Grade II listed Pykerell's House to learn more about its restoration and being one of only six thatched buildings remaining in Norwich.

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The Great Hospital

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John Lewis & Partners Tour

All Saints Green, NR1 3LX

Sat 13: 10.30am & 3pm, Sun 14: 11am & 2pm

TOUR – Discover the buildings history from its small beginnings as Bonds drapers shop in 1879 to the John Lewis & Partners shop it is today. Includes a history of the shop talk and behind the scenes Georgian Cottage tour.

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The Lost Country Houses of Norfolk

The City Bookshop, 10 Davey Place, NR2 1PQ

Fri 12 & Sat 13, Mon 15-Sat 20: 10am-5pm, Sun 14 & Sun 21: 11am-3.30pm

EXHIBITION – Visit this exhibition upstairs at The City Bookshop to see display photos, engravings, and sale catalogues all about the 80 or more mansions and large country houses lost to Norfolk in the past 150 years.

Maids Head Hotel

20 Tombland, NR3 1LB

Thu 18: 2pm

TOUR – Join us for a special tour with Norwich Tour Guide, Paul Dickson, to discover the Maids Head's 800 year old past.

BOOK
eventbrite.co.uk (search Maids Head Hotel)

The Making of Mousehold: From Common to Park

Zaks, Gurney Road, NR1 4HW

Wed 17: 10.30am

WALK – Join us on a walk that will explore some of the people and events which made this special landscape for both nature and humans. The creation of the site as a park in the 19th century was fraught with controversy and conflict, which have left their mark on the Heath as we know it today.

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John Lewis & Partners Tour

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Mousehold Heath Geology and Landscape Walk

Zaks, Gurney Road, NR1 4HW

Mon 15: 10.30am

WALK – Join geologist Tim Holt-Wilson and a Mousehold Heath warden for a guided tour of the Earth Heritage Trail and explore the geodiversity of the site.

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Mousehold Heath History Walk

Zaks, Gurney Road, NR1 4HW

Sun 14: 2pm

WALK – Join to discover and discuss the stories behind the ruins of St William's Chapel, social uprisings of Kett's Rebellion and how historic land use has influenced this unique and important area.

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Norwich Cathedral

65 The Close, NR1 4DH

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Through the Glass: The Colour of Light

Fri 12: 10.30am & Sun 14: 12pm

TOUR – Stained glass bathes the cathedral's surroundings in colourful light that continues to fascinate us. Learn how skilled glassworkers have, through the centuries, used their expertise to make our cathedral glow.

Building a Norman Masterpiece

Fri 12 & Thu 18: 11.30am

TOUR – Taking place around the cathedral interior, this tour will tell you about the extraordinary skills, which were needed in the construction of our city's magnificent Norman cathedral.

Architecture Detectives

Sat 13: 10am, Tue 16: 3.45pm & Thu 18: 11am

TRAIL – Book onto this guided trail of architectural clues to learn more about the history of the building. A self-led trail leaflet is also available throughout the festival from the 'Welcome and Donations Point'.

The Never-Ending Story

Sat 13: 10.30am & Mon 15: 2.30pm

TOUR – This tour will explain some of the cathedral's long history, from its earliest beginnings and onwards, to its intention to remain a beacon of faith in our fine city.



Nine Centuries of Change

Sat 13: 2.30pm & Fri 19: 11.30am

TOUR – Worship has remained a constant at the cathedral since it was built, but that constancy has endured a sea of change. Join this tour to explore how those changes reveal themselves today.

The Architecture of Devotion

Mon 15: 10.30am & Sat 20: 2.30pm

TOUR – Join us as we explore how medieval devotional and liturgical practices shaped the physical form of the cathedral, showing how the architecture met the religious needs of the middle ages.

A Time Traveller's Guide

Tue 16 & Fri 19: 10am

TOUR – Building began in 1096 and continues today. Lightning strikes, fires, political and religious upheavals have all left their mark. This tour of the interior looks at the many ways in which repairs and rebuilding over the last 900 years has shaped what we see today.

Where the Monks Worked, Read, Prayed and Played

Tue 16 & Thu 18: 2.30pm

TOUR – The cloister wasn't just a convenient walkway for monks. This tour outlines its role in monastic life, and looks at the architecture and roof bosses in which their faith was expressed.

Architecture in the Bosses

Wed 17: 2.30pm

TALK – Norwich Cathedral's famous stone roof bosses are unique in that they tell stories. Learn about how these carved bosses illustrate not just the Bible stories they depict, but also how the stonemasons imagined the architecture of the past.

Building a Cathedral by Canal

Wed 17 & Fri 19: 10.30am

TOUR – Discover Norwich's lost canal. A fascinating delve into the history, and surprises, of Cathedral Close and its importance in the construction of the cathedral.



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Broderers' Guild

Fri 12: 10am & 11am

TOUR – Take a 'behind the scenes' tour of the Broderers' Guild and find out about how we care for and repair ecclesiastical textiles, as well as design and make new frontals and vestments.



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Library Architecture: Books and Buildings

Fri 19: 2.30pm-4pm, (tours 2.45pm & 3.15pm)

OPEN DOORS – Drop in and explore the library to learn more about the building's architecture, and of the architecture books in the collections.



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Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell

Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell



Bridewell Alley, NR2 1AQ

Fri 19 & Sat 20: 10am-4.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore the museum to learn the stories of the city from Medieval times to modern day, through the eyes of some of the people who worked in the trades and industries which put the city on the map.

The Norfolk Club

17 Upper King Street, NR3 1RB

Wed 17: 10am, 11am & 2pm

TOUR – Explore this 250 year old private members club not usually open to the public. The building is Georgian and was previously a home, a bank and a school.

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thenorfolkclub.co.uk

Norwich events

Norfolk Record Office: The Archive Centre

County Hall, Martineau Lane, NR1 2DQ

Celebrating Wensum Lodge: A Legacy of Adult Education

Fri 12, Mon 15-Fri 19: 9.30am-5pm

EXHIBITION – Drop in to learn more of the story of Wensum Lodge and its importance as a centre for adult education across an enormous range of subjects from its start in 1966 to closure at the end of 2023.

Behind the Scenes Experience: The Architecture of Archives

Wed 17: 10am

TOUR – Join us to discover the history of the building of The Archive Centre, a purpose built archive for Norfolk's documents. Feel the temperature of our Strongrooms, see our box making machine and have a peak at our digitisation studio.

BOOK

norfolkrecordoffice.eventbrite.com

Norman Doors and Weavers' Windows

Bowerbank Room, Norwich Cathedral, The Close, NR1 4EH

Sun 14: 10am-3.30pm

WORKSHOP – The Costume and Textile Association invite you to take part in a drop-in craft workshop to stitch a bookmark, styled by textile designer Stephen Worth, celebrating architectural features of Norwich related to the textile workers who made the city great.



Northwest Clog Dancing

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Northwest Clog Dancing

All Saints Green, NR1 3LX

Sat 13: From 11am

PERFORMANCE – Local Morris group Fiddlesticks will be dancing around various Norwich city centre sites, starting outside John Lewis.

Norwich Arts Centre

51 St Benedict's Street, NR2 4PG

Fri 12: 1pm-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore this 14th century Grade I listed deconsecrated church, now an award-winning multi-arts venue.

Norwich Castle

Castle Hill, NR1 3JU

Sat 20: 10am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover exceptional collections of fine and decorative arts, archaeology, and natural history. The museum and galleries will be open and filled with family-friendly activities, and there'll be hands-on activities for all ages.



Norwich Guildhall

Gaol Hill, NR2 1JS

Fri 12 & Mon 15: 11am

TOUR – Centered in the city for over 600 years, Norwich Guildhall is the largest surviving medieval civic building in the country outside London. Visit the 14th century undercroft, police cells and Victorian courtroom.

BOOK

nnfestival.org.uk

Norwich High School for Girls

95 Newmarket Road, NR2 2HU

Sat 13: 10am-2pm

TOUR – Take a self-guided tour to discover this school which has been on this site since 1933. A fine example of a suburban Regency Villa, the buildings retain many original features including stunning architrave. There will be an optional talk at 11am by our Archivist Tom Greenwood in Eaton Grove Hall on site.

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Norwich Castle

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Norwich Puppet Theatre

St James, Whitefriars, NR3 1TN

Sun 14: 11am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Learn about the history of the theatre, and see what happens behind the scenes. Find out about the current work, and the history of the church and the surrounding area of Pockthorpe.

Norwich School

69-71a The Close, NR1 4DD

Air Raid Shelter

Tue 16: 2.30pm & 2.45pm, Wed 17: 3.15pm & 3.30pm & Thu 18: 2pm & 2.15pm

TOUR – Step back in time to the Blitz and visit the air raid shelter under our playground, offering a well-preserved insight into Norwich's wartime history.

BOOK

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Chapel

Tue 16: 3pm-4pm, Wed 17: 4pm-5pm & Thu 18: 2.30pm-3.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore the medieval chapel packed full of heritage.

Heritage Open Days 12-21 Sep 2025



Plantation Garden

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Norwich Synagogue

3 Earlham Road, NR2 3RA

Sun 14: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit our synagogue with beautiful windows, which give the building its feeling of peace. There will be a display about the history of the Jewish people in Norwich and talks at 11am, 12pm & 2pm.

Octagon Chapel

19 Colegate, NR3 1BN

Guided Walk

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 2pm

WALK – Join a guided walk with historian Charles Lewis, starting at the Octagon Chapel.

BOOK

marybeardwood1234@gmail.com

Chapel

Fri 12, Sat 13, Fri 19 & Sat 20: 11am-2pm, Sun 14 & Sun 21: 12-4pm

OPEN DOORS – See the splendid interior of this unique 18th century building and learn more about its architecture and history. Includes a live art performance Fri 12 at 7.30pm.

Plantation Garden

4 Earlham Road, NR2 3DB

Sun 14: 9am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit this restored Victorian garden in the centre of Norwich with a gothic fountain, Italianate terrace, formal planting and woodland walks. Refreshments and music available in the afternoon.

Pull's Ferry

Ferry Lane, NR1 4DH

Fri 12-Sun 14 & Fri 19-Sun 21: 11am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover the history of Pull's Ferry and see the Watergate room. Learn how the stone for the cathedral was transported up the river (now the road) and how people crossed the river before the bridges were built.

Norwich Events Calendar
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St Peter Mancroft Church

Hay Hill, NR2 1QQ

Norwich Regalia and Civic Plate: Symbols of Power

Fri 12: 11am
TALK – Dr Mary Fewster talks about Norwich Civic plate, some of which is on display at St Peter Mancroft throughout the festival.

Baroque Ornaments and French Fancies

Sat 13: 1pm
TALK – Julian Haggett, organist at St Peter Mancroft, explores the expertise of the craftsman’s art when making church, cathedral, or concert organs. Find out what made this pipe organ famous and why 40 years later it still stands head and shoulders above new organs in the UK.

St Peter Mancroft Tour

Mon 15, Tue 16 & Thu 18: 11am, Wed 17: 2.30pm
TOUR – Take a relaxed tour of this wonderful medieval building where you will visit the Treasury, go behind the scenes to the Sacristy, tread The Processional Way, see the Lady Chapel and much more.

Mancroft Ringing Centre Tour

Mon 15, Thu 18 & Sun 21: 2pm, Tue 16: 11am
TOUR – Discover the MRDC gallery, which was completed in 2018 and contains one of only four ‘bell ringing simulators’ in the world and its bell tower, world famous because in 1715 the first ever peal was rung from here.

The “Other” Norfolk Mystic: Margery Kempe and Her Book

Tue 16: 11am
TALK – Margery wrote the first autobiography written by a woman in English. This talk explores Margery’s life, her visions, and the challenges she faced, including her reputation often being outshone by Julian of Norwich.

In Search of My Bishop Ancestor

Wed 17: 11am
TALK – Vicar Edward Carter tells what he discovered on his recent three month sabbatical tracking down a clerical ancestor in Durham.

The Graffiti in Norwich Cathedral

Fri 19: 11am
TALK – Matt Champion is an expert on the extraordinary graffiti to be found in Norwich Cathedral, and in this talk will point us to where we can find it – and maybe some in St Peter Mancroft too!

Samuel Pepys and His Golden Guineas

Sat 20: 11am
TALK – Join Dr Adrian Marsden to hear the story of Samuel Pepys and his buried treasure, why he hid it and the problems he had in recovering it. Hear Samuel’s first-hand account of what it was like keeping money safe in an age before banks.

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Your Chance to Play the Collins Organ

Sat 13: 2pm
ACTIVITY – Following a recital by organist Julian Haggett, take the rare opportunity to have a go on St Peter Mancroft’s Collins organ in its 40th birthday year.

BOOK
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Silver Exhibition

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10.30am-3.30pm
EXHIBITION – This small exhibition explores the owners and lives of some of these objects copies of the Norwich Civic Plate, which were used for celebration by the public in both Civic and Church settings.

Quaker Meeting House

Upper Goat Lane, NR2 1EW

Sat 13: 10am-4pm
OPEN DOORS – This Grade II listed neoclassical building built in 1826 has connections with the Gurney family and was designed by architect John Patience. It’s still used by more than 80 community groups and for Quaker worship.

Rosary Cemetery

Rosary Road, NR1 1RT

Sun 14: 2pm
TOUR – Learn about the history and some of the notable people buried in one of Norwich’s hidden treasures, which is a haven for wildlife and the oldest section being Grade II* listed parks and gardens.

BOOK
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Sainsbury Centre

UEA, Norfolk Road, NR4 7TJ

Sat 13 & Sun 14: 11am
TOUR – Join us for a guided tour of the Sculpture Trail and the Sainsbury Centre, and learn about the history of the architecture of the Denys Lasdun-designed Ziggurats.

Sat 20 & Sun 21: 2pm
TOUR – Join this behind-the-scenes tour of areas of the Sainsbury Centre not usually open to the public.

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sainsburycentre.ac.uk

The Salvation Army, Norwich Citadel: Building on the Past!



34 St Giles Street, NR2 1LL

Fri 12 & Sat 13: 10am-3.30pm
OPEN DOORS – A hidden jewel in the city, visit this beautiful building opened in 1892 and designed by architect A.F. Scott. See original features and amazing artefacts with children’s activities available. Includes an exhibition of photographs and drawings of Scott’s designs. Sat 13 at 11.30am & 2.30pm join a talk about Scott’s work.

Seven Hundred Years in Seven Steps: Lions and Roses on St Andrew’s Hill

St Andrew’s Hill, NR2 1AD

Fri 12, Sat 13, Fri 19 & Sat 20: 5pm
TOUR – Join Naomi of Inanna’s Festival for a ‘noticing the details’ stroll up the medieval alley of St Andrew’s Hill, once known as the ‘Seven Steps’.

BOOK
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St Augustine’s Church

St Augustine’s Street, NR3 3BY

Sat 13, Sun 14 & Sun 21: 11am-4pm
OPEN DOORS – Explore this medieval church with its wealth of memorials, WWI commemorations and the only 17th century brick tower in the city.



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Norwich events

St John Maddermarket Church

Pottergate, NR2 1DS

Sat 13: 10am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit a 500-year old city church in the heart of Norwich Lanes to learn more about its explosive history!

St Mary Magdalene Church

Silver Road, NR3 4TF

Fri 12, Sat 13 & Mon 15: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – See displays including original documents, and a 1950s cine film of church life. Children's activities and refreshments available.

St Michael and All Angels Ruin

Bowthorpe Hall Road, NR5 9AA

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit this 14th century ruin to discover its place in the landscape and history of Bowthorpe. With illustrated guides to points of archaeological interest, displays, refreshments, and a walk to the community garden.

St Peter Parmentergate Church

76 King Street, NR1 1PG

Sat 13: 11am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – With origins in the Saxon period, the building reopened in 2022 as a skatepark and skate school, run by Community East CIC.

Strangers' Club

Paston House, 22-24 Elm Hill, NR3 1HG

Sun 14 & Sun 21: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Paston house, one of the oldest thoroughfares in Norfolk, hosted Queen Elizabeth I in the past! Explore this building, now home to the Strangers' Club, and learn more about its stories.

Strangers' Hall

Charing Cross, NR2 4AL

Wed 17 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Once home to Mayors and Magnates, with a labyrinthine suite of period rooms, 14th century undercroft and Elizabethan knot garden, this amazing building is full of enthralling objects and art.

Thorns DIY Paintings

22 Exchange Street, NR2 1AT

Fri 12-Sun 21: 9am-5.30pm
(Sun 10am-4pm)

OPEN DOORS – Established in 1835, the shop building itself is enriched in history. Visit the Tool Department to see unusual paintings, believed to date back to the 18th century.

Waterloo Park

Angel Road, NR3 3HX

Sat 20: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit Captain Sandys-Winsch's beautiful Grade II listed park, redesigned in the 1930s. Enjoy live music and exhibitions of its history.

Windows, Weaving and Wood: Medieval Norwich's Architecture and Artistry

2 St Andrew's Hill, NR2 1AD

Fri 12, Sat 13, Fri 19 & Sat 20: 6pm

TALK – Hear about a Medieval Weaver's House and its place in Norwich's industrial history.

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Check out these venues too – simply drop in during opening times!

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church

Chapel Field Road, NR1 1SD
Sat 13: 10am-4pm

Norfolk Family History Society

70 St Giles Street, NR2 1LS
Sat 13, Tue 16, Wed 17, Thu 18 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

St Catherine's Church

298 Aylsham Road, NR3 2RJ
Sat 13: 9am-5pm

St Giles Church

75 Upper St Giles Street, NR2 1AB
Dates & times vary

St Mark's Church, Lakenham

Hall Road, NR1 3HL
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Wed 17: 10.30am-12.30pm,
Sat 20: 10am-4pm

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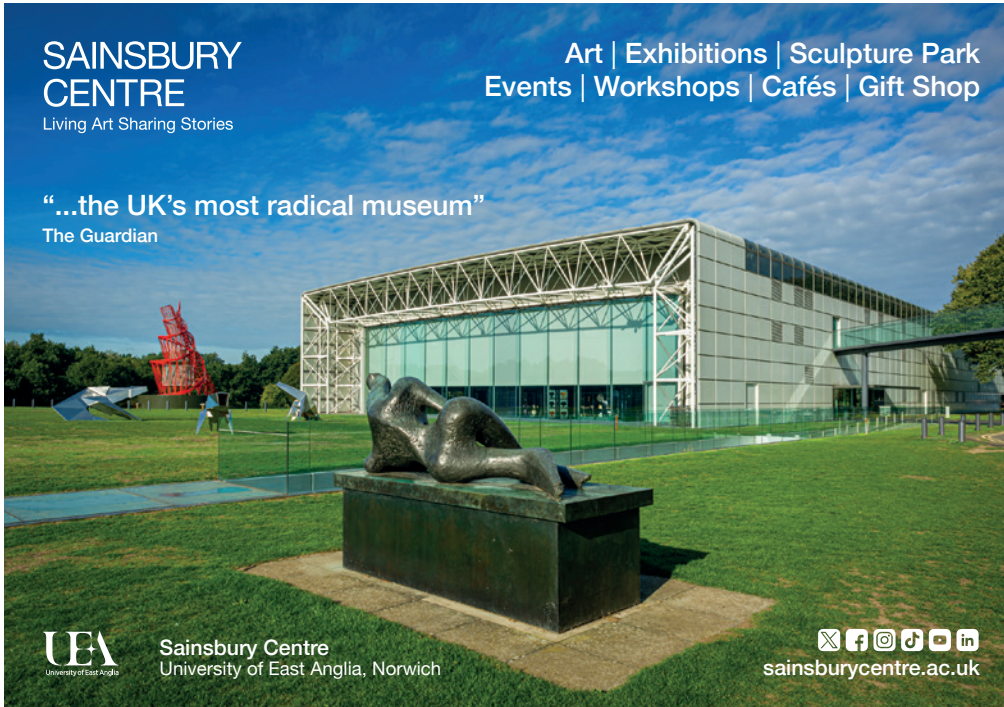
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Elizabethan House

4 South Quay, NR30 2QH



Thu 18, Fri 19, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Built around 1596, this charming quayside house has been home to wealthy families and prominent Great Yarmouth figures through the centuries. With its immersive, hands-on experiences, the museum is a must-visit for all ages.



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Anna Sewell House

Anna Sewell House

26 Church Plain, NR30 1NE



Fri 12, Mon 15, Wed 17 & Fri 19: 10am-2pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore the building in which Anna Sewell was born, learn about its history and the book's influence on horse welfare, which the building guardians, Redwings Horse Sanctuary, are continuing today. New for 2025 – enjoy the beautiful statue of Black Beauty that has been recently installed outside Anna Sewell House.

The Beatles: Yare! Yare! Yare!

St George's Theatre,
King Street, NR30 2PG

Tue 16: 7pm

TALK – Reminisce about The Beatles sell-out shows at the ABC, Great Yarmouth in 1963 and learn about the local locations featured in the 2019 Danny Boyle and Richard Curtis movie 'Yesterday'.

BOOK

stgeorgestheatre.com

Building Great Yarmouth Seafront

Marine Parade, NR30 3JF

Wed 17: 10.30am

WALK – Learn about some of the significant buildings along Marine Parade that have contributed to the town's holiday industry – and not all are as they seem!

BOOK

heritage-walks.co.uk

The Fishermen's Hospital

Church Plain, NR30 1ND

Fri 12-Sun 14 & Fri 19-Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Drop in to visit these splendid almshouses built in 1702 for 'decayed' fishermen, with a courtyard almost exactly as it looked over 300 years ago. Talks at 11am and 2pm.

Gorleston Pavilion Theatre: A Tour of Stagecraft and Structure

Pier Gardens, Gorleston,
NR31 6PP

Dates & times vary

TOUR – Go behind the scenes at this 1901 Edwardian theatre exploring its architecture, backstage secrets and stories from over a century of performance. A rare chance to step onto the stage and into the building's past.

BOOK

paytheatre.com/hods

Great Yarmouth and District Local History Fair

Great Yarmouth Minster,
Church Plain, NR30 1NE

Sat 13: 10am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – The fair brings together groups and societies from throughout the region to celebrate the history and architecture of the area.

Horsey Barns

Horsey Barns, Horsey,
NR29 4AD

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore the charm of Horsey Barns and discover their unique history featuring vaulted ceilings, wooden beams, and flint walls.

Horsey Windpump

Somerton Road, Horsey,
NR29 4EE



Sun 14: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover the rich history of the windpump, from when its story began in 1912, with costumed characters and children's activities.

The Jewel in the Crown of Great Yarmouth Seafront

The Royal Assembly Rooms,
Marine Parade, NR30 3JH

Fri 12-Sun 14, Fri 19 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover the royal connections on a tour of The Royal Assembly Rooms with its stunning high ceilings, crests and masonic heritage.

Great Yarmouth events

Lydia Eva YH89 Steam Drifter



20-21 South Quay, NR30 2RG

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10am-3.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Built in 1930, Lydia Eva acts as a floating museum of the town's herring fishing industry and is still capable of going to sea. Come aboard and discover how the fishermen lived and worked.

The Norfolk Naval Pillar

Monument Road, NR30 3PX

Fri 12-Sun 14 & Sun 21: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Known locally as Nelson's Monument, it was completed in 1817 and is a tribute to the life and achievements of Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson. Climb the 217 steps to take in the breathtaking view from the top.

Norfolk Wherry Trust



Horsefen Road, Ludham, NR29 5QG

Sat 13 & Sun 14: 10am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit the Norfolk Wherry Trust boatyard, home of Albion, a 125 year old 'black-sailed' trading wherry. It remains only one of two trading wherries still sailing today.

Quaker Meeting House

Howard Street South, NR30 1LN

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore this 19th century Quaker Meeting House, in a walled garden which was once the burial ground. Beneath the building are the remains of a 14th century cell occupied by Augustinian Friars, connected to Gorleston Priory, until c.1536.

Reconstruct The Ruins



Burgh Castle Fort, High Road, NR31 9QQ

Sun 14: 11am-3pm

ACTIVITY – Join us at this Roman site where you can follow a specially designed trail that brings ancient times to life. Along the way, you'll find storyboards with fascinating details about Roman engineering and daily life, plus friendly guides ready to answer your questions.

The Repair of Nelson's Monument

Great Yarmouth Minster, Church Plain, NR30 1NE

Sat 13: 1pm

TALK – Learn of the restoration of this Grade I listed monument, which took place in 2005, the bi-centenary of Admiral Lord Nelson's famous seas battle which hastened the end of the war with France.

BOOK
heritage-walks.co.uk

St Andrew's Church, Gorleston

Church Road, Gorleston, NR31 6LR

Dates & times vary

OPEN DOORS – Drop into this historical, Grade II* listed church, see a slide show of the church history and many interesting features.

St George's Theatre

King Street, NR30 2PG

Mon 15: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Drop in to visit our beautiful Grade I listed building, a former chapel built in 1715, to backstage areas, and hear more about the building and its fascinating history.

Time and Tide Museum



16 Blackfriars Road, NR30 3BX

Sat 13 & Sun 14: 10am-4.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Housed in a beautifully converted Victorian herring curing works, the museum offers an immersive experience where history lingers in the air – along with the unmistakable aroma of the smokehouse.

Tolhouse Gaol



Tolhouse Street, NR30 2SH

Thu 18, Fri 19, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Once home to pirates, robbers, murderers, and those accused of witchcraft, this building has a turbulent past. Originally built as a merchant's house, it later became a courtroom, a gaol, and even a police station.



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Cromer Pier and Pavilion Theatre

The Pier, Cromer, NR27 9HE

Open Day

Sun 14: 10am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit this stunning 151-metre-long Victorian landmark. Marking the pier's historic beginnings, enjoy a brass band (1pm-3pm) and step inside the Pavilion Theatre to see a special short documentary created for HODs and narrated by Norfolk's own Olly Day.



Backstage Tours

Sun 14: 10am-3pm, every 30 mins

TOUR – Guided by theatre staff, explore refurbished backstage areas and discover the theatre's rich history, with a rare behind-the-scenes look at The Cromer Pier Show 2025.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

A.F. Scott: The Individualist and His Architecture

Cromer Museum, Tucker Street, Cromer, NR27 9HB

Fri 19: 2.15pm

TALK – Architect A.F. Scott designed from the traditional to reinforced concrete. His great-granddaughter tells how his religious beliefs, independent travels and fantastic knowledge of structural engineering informed his work in Cromer and beyond.

BOOK

cromermuseum.norfolk.gov.uk

Architecture of George Skipper and A.F. Scott

Cromer Museum, Tucker Street, Cromer, NR27 9HB

Sun 21: 12.30pm-3.30pm

EXHIBITION – Architectural photographer Robert Bilbie showcases his work of two architects, George Skipper (1856-1948) and A.F. Scott (1854-1936) who have left a legacy of prominent buildings in Cromer.

Cromer Museum

Tucker Street, Cromer, NR27 9HB



Sat 13 & Sun 14: 12pm-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Set inside a converted row of original fishermen's cottages, the Museum offers a fascinating insight into the area's rich maritime heritage and geological history. Discover Cromer's history as a Victorian seaside resort and the scandal of its mixed bathing.

Cromer Signal Box

North Norfolk Retail Park, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9ST

Fri 12-Sun 14: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visitors can operate the levers and watch the points and signals change position outside and learn about the basic principles of signal box working. Includes sections of railway and signalling history and artefacts on the grounds.

East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre

Buddells Lane, Wighton, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1PG

Sat 13: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Drop in to learn about the history and impact of the Methodist Church in East Anglia with short talks throughout the day. Includes a 30 minute Hymn sing-a-long at 2pm.

Edwardian Pleasure Wherry Hathor

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

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10am-4pm

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

The Fakenham Gasworks Museum

Hempton Road, Fakenham, NR21 7LA

Fri 12, Thu 18, Fri 19: 10-1pm, Sat 13 & Sun 14, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – One of the last intact gas works left in the world, see how 'Town Gas' was made. The new exhibition space will be devoted to looking at Fakenham's architectural history, other displays from local artists and organisations.

Felbrigg Hall

Felbrigg, NR11 8PR

Felbrigg Walled Garden Open Day

Thu 18: 10am-4.30pm (last entry 4pm)

OPEN DOORS – Drop in to this delightful garden with double flower borders, vegetable beds and trained fruit trees. See artist blacksmith Toby Winterbourn's work and say hello to our chickens.

Felbrigg Walled Garden Tour

Tue 16: 11am & 1pm

TOUR – Join this tour to get up close and breathe in the scent of lavender, sage and mint. Learn about the history of the gardens, and of Felbrigg's past inhabitants. Find some modern surprises within this traditional garden, including one of the few octagonal working dovecotes in the country, dating back to the early 1750s.

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RNLI Happisburgh

Lifeboat Station,
Cart Gap Road,
Happisburgh, NR12 0QL

How to Save a Life at Sea

Sun 14 & Sun 21: 10am

DEMONSTRATION – Book a place to see an exciting training session not normally available to the public, giving you a picture of how the RNLI continues to save lives at sea in its 201st year of operation.

Station Tours

Mon 15 & Thu 18:
10am & 2pm

TOUR – Book a guided tour to areas of Happisburgh Lifeboat Station not normally open to the public and meet some of the sea going and shore crews, on hand to show how operations have developed over the centuries.

An Audience with the Crew

Tue 16: 7pm

TALK – Meet the lifeboat crew, look in detail at some of the rescues carried out from the station and hear about the development of the Lifeboat Service in Happisburgh through fascinating and inspirational stories.

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Museum of the Broads

From Sewers to Seaside Splendour

Cromer Museum, Tucker Street, Cromer, NR27 9HB

Sun 21: 10.15am & 2.30pm

WALK – Cromer surveyor and architect A.F. Scott left a legacy of hotels, houses, shops, public works and churches. Hear fascinating stories, explore his architectural styles on a walk with his great granddaughter, holder of the Scott archive.

BOOK

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George Skipper in Cromer

Cromer Museum, Tucker Street, Cromer, NR27 9HB

Sun 21: 10.15am & 2.30pm

WALK – Book this walking tour led by Paul Dickson exploring Norfolk architect George Skipper's Victorian/Edwardian legacy in Cromer including the notable Hotel de Paris, overlooking Cromer Pier, along with lost hotels, The Grand and The Metropole.

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eventbrite.co.uk (search Paul Dickson Tours)

Holkham Estate Temple

Holkham Estate, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1AB

Sun 14: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Nestled in a woodland in Holkham Park is a hidden Temple. Drop in to take a peek inside and learn about its architecture and uses.

Museum of the Broads



Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA

Sun 14: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover the people, landscape and wildlife of the broads, and take part in craft activities, traditional games, a self-guided tour and a museum trail for children.

Sheringham Masonic Centre

36 Cromer Road, Sheringham, NR26 8RR

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – The building went from the towns' first Electric Cinema, to roller-skating rink, casino, shoe factory, and now houses Masonic Lodges.

Sheringham Park: Tumuli Walk

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

Sun 14 & Tue 16: 11am & 2pm

WALK – Join Assistant Ranger Rupert Eris on a guided walk to Howe's Hill, a Neolithic oval and Bronze Age round barrow.

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St Benet's Abbey

St Benet's Road, Off Hall Common Road, Ludham, NR29 5NU

Reconstruct the Ruins



Sun 21: 11am-3pm

ACTIVITY – Drop in to visit Norfolk's Icon of the Broads, hear the stories behind the ruins and enjoy some family-friendly crafts and trails.

Beyond the Ruins: The Architecture of St Benet's Abbey

Sun 21: 10.30am

WALK – Learn about the area's wildlife and architectural history on this guided walk starting at Ludham Bridge, walking along the River Ant towards the remains of the Abbey.

BOOK

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St Joseph's Catholic Church, Sheringham

58 Cromer Road, Sheringham, NR26 8RT

Sat 20: 10.30am-4.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore this masterpiece of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. Aside from the town's war memorial, it's Sheringham's only listed building.

Walsingham Methodist Chapel

High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY

Fri 12 & Sat 13: 10am-4pm,
Sun 14: 1pm-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Drop in to see this 18th century chapel, with displays and artefacts highlighting Methodists in Norfolk over the years.

West Raynham Control Tower and Historic Collection



Blenheim Way, West Raynham, Fakenham, NR21 7PL

Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20 & Sun 21:
10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit the tower's heritage collection, telling the fascinating story of the Former RAF West Raynham Station. See the Hawker Hunter F1 with cockpit viewings and take part in family-friendly activities. Guided tours available, book on the day.

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Wymondham Abbey

Church Street, Wymondham, NR18 0PH



Fri 12 & Sat 13, Mon 15-Fri 19, Sat 20: 10am-4pm
Sun 14 & Sun 21: 12pm-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Wymondham Abbey is among the most magnificent churches in East Anglia. Admire the magnificent interior, browse displays on the church’s fascinating history from the extensive archives. Sat 13 & Sat 20 take an Abbey and bell tower tour.

BOOK

pa@wymondhamabbey.org.uk / 01953 605671

The Beauty of Nature



Market Place, Harleston,
IP20 9AD

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Harleston welcomes everyone to town with a celebration of nature’s architects and natural products. Visit market stalls promoting nature conservation and recovery with groups offering advice and food and drink using natural products.

Behind the Scenes Corn Hall!

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

Fri 12 & Fri 19: 10.30am & 11.30am

TOUR – Join a guided tour of this award-winning arts and heritage venue, learn about the history of the building and see the hidden parts not normally open to the public.

Build a Mini Town



Harleston Library, Swan Lane,
Harleston, IP20 9AW

Fri 12, Mon 15, Fri 19: 11.30am-7pm,
Sat 13 & Sat 20: 11.30am-4pm,
Wed 17: 10am-7pm

ACTIVITY – Drop in and help create our own Mini Town with our ongoing papercraft activity, suitable for all ages. Wed 17 at 3.30pm is a family time construction special. The mini town will evolve and be on display throughout HODs.

Celebrate Heritage Making at designermakers21

21 St Nicholas Street,
Diss, IP22 4LB

Thu 18-Sat 20: 11am-4pm

EXHIBITION – See this exhibition of heritage crafts including brush making, paper making, and lithographic printing, all within a former ironmongers. Fri 19 & Sat 20 include workshops and demos. Exhibition is drop-in, workshops and demos are bookable.

BOOK

delaltprint.com/bookings

Community Nature Recovery

The Swan Hotel,
19 The Thoroughfare,
Harleston, IP20 9AS

Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

EXHIBITION – Drop in to see a celebration of ‘natures architects’, charting the evolution of community nature recovery from idea to a concept, which has been adopted across the country.

The Death of Wattle and Daub

Caistor Roman Town, Stoke Road, Caistor St Edmund,
NR14 8QN

Fri 12, Sat 13 & Sun 14: 1pm & 3pm

TOUR – With the arrival of the Romans came new building techniques, never seen before by the native population. Our guides will share the story of how to build like a Roman.

BOOK

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Celebrate Heritage Making at designermakers21

Diss Museum

The Shambles, 4 Market Place, Diss, IP22 4AB

Fri 12, Sat 13, Mon 15-Sun 21: 11am-3pm

TRAIL – Explore the wonderful Tudor and Georgian architecture of Diss, and an ancient pub with a saucy royal secret. Follow this self-guided trail of buildings dating back to the 1600s and discover more about the people behind the buildings. Collect a trail guide from Diss Museum.

The Doors of Harleston

8 Exchange Street,
Harleston, IP20 9AB

Fri 12-Sun 21: Times vary

EXHIBITION – This unique exhibition will showcase the rich history and craftsmanship of the town’s historic doorways, highlighting their architectural significance and the stories they tell about Harleston’s past.



Eco Challenge



Open Art Show

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Eco Challenge



King George's Hall, Broad Street, Harleston, IP20 9AZ

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

ACTIVITY – Along the theme of Architecture, try a challenge to build a bug house out of recycled products, and a safe way for frogs to cross the busy roads.

The Evolution of Buildings

Town Centre, Harleston, IP20 9BP

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, Sun 14 & Sun 21: 10am & 2pm

TOUR – Join this tour visiting private houses and businesses, which are not normally accessible to the public. A great opportunity to look beyond what may be an anodyne façade into unexpected and usually unseen interior jewels.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Finding the Hall Houses

Market Place, Harleston, IP20 9AD

Fri 12-Sun 21: 9am-5pm

TRAIL – Pick up a map at Harleston Information Plus or find a QR code and discover the medieval Hall Houses, which have seen many escapades of their occupants over the years.

History of Railways around Wymondham



Wymondham Abbey Station, Becketswell Road, NR18 9PH

Sat 13: 10am-3.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit the station and see displays of historical pictures, memorabilia, talks and children's activities. The Mid Norfolk Railway (MNR) train service to Dereham will be operational – watch heritage steam or diesel locos in action!

The Iconic Hall House

The Swan Hotel, 19 The Thoroughfare, Harleston, IP20 9AS

Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

EXHIBITION – Drop in to see the evolution and adaption of a medieval hall house over the centuries. Featuring a 1:25 scale model showing typical construction, interpretation boards and images of well disguised examples.

Meet the Anglo-Saxons

St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Winfarthing, IP22 2EA

Sat 20: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit a mini Anglo-Saxon camp with experienced living historians to discover what life was like for ordinary people around the time the Winfarthing Woman was buried with her fine golden jewellery.

Natures Architects at the Common



Brockdish Common, Common Lane, Brockdish, IP21 4LA

Sun 21: 10am-4pm

ACTIVITY – This 'hands-on' event includes displays and a mix of practical activities, all connected to natural and man-made homes for wildlife.

Open Art Show

The Swan Hotel, 19 The Thoroughfare, Harleston, IP20 9AS

Sat 13, Sun 14, Wed 17, Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

EXHIBITION – Drop in to see an exhibition of local artwork on the theme of 'architecture: human and natural', and vote for your favourite!

Raveningham Hall and Gardens

Raveningham, NR14 6NS

Fri 12: 10am, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm, Sat 13: 10am & 12pm

TOUR – Tour the public rooms, with the owner Sir Nicholas Bacon. Includes some of the art collection.

BOOK
sonya@raveningham.com

Secrets in the Stones

Town Centre, Harleston, IP20 9BP

Wed 17: 10.30am & 2pm

TOUR – Join this tour focusing on what is hidden in plain sight, so you too can decode old buildings around you.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

St John's Church, Harleston



Broad Street, Harleston, IP20 9AZ

Spectacular Bridges

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10am-4pm

DISPLAY – See an amazing display of local school children's artwork about spectacular bridges.

Through the Eyes of a Child

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10am-4pm

DISPLAY – Visit to see the 'Nature's Architecture' artwork created by local school children, also on display in town shop windows. Sat 13 the school choir will perform and children will read their poetry.

St Michael's Church, Langley

The Avenues, Langley, Near Loddon, NR14 6BJ

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am-4.30pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore this Grade I listed, 14th century medieval church with Saxon origins. Unique features include stained glass from Langley Abbey, France and Germany, and medieval and Georgian wall paintings.

Story of The Swan

The Swan Hotel, 19 The Thoroughfare, Harleston, IP20 9AS

Thu 18: 2pm

TOUR – Delve into the history of a 15th century coaching inn, covering tales of treachery, high jinks and general bad behaviour. And all true!

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Tracing the History of Your Home

Harleston Library, Swan Lane, Harleston, IP20 9AW

Mon 15: 1.30pm

ACTIVITY – Learn how to uncover past details of your house, and its site, its previous uses, its owners and occupants.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Tracking the Traces

Town Centre, Harleston, IP20 9BP

Sat 13: 11am & 3pm

WALK – Discover lost buildings and sites of altered purpose on this guided walk, which peels back the current environment to reveal lives and times long gone.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

A Victorian Railway

The Swan Hotel, 19 The Thoroughfare, Harleston, IP20 9AS

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

DISPLAY – Drop in to see an OO gauge running model of the Harleston Railway Station and Yard. The display includes photographs of the line through its history, a film of the last day of passenger steam on the branch line in 1953, and a presentation edited from film from the engine mounted camera.

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All Saints Church, Hemblington

Church Lane, Hemblington, NR13 4EF

Fri 12-Sun 21: Times vary

OPEN DOORS – Discover a delightful Grade I listed, round-towered medieval church, which overlooks the rolling fields that surround the eco-friendly churchyard. Sat 13 open for Norfolk Churches Trust Ride & Stride.

Art Exhibition

Sat 20: 10am-5pm & Sun 21: 11am-4pm

EXHIBITION – View the wonderful array of artwork by local artists in the beautiful and peaceful setting.

Tour of the Internal and External Features

Sat 13 & Sat 14: Times vary

TOUR – Bookable tours available upon request.

BOOK

ancaviniam@hotmail.com

Angels, Flyers and Towers Walk

Haveringland Church, off Norwich Road, Haveringland, NR10 4PW

Sat 20: 10am

WALK – Join this 6.5 mile walk starting at Haveringland Church, visiting historic churches of Brandiston, Booton and Cawston, and following part of the Ten Towers Trail.

BOOK

nbold@live.com



Architecture in Print

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Architecture in Print



Blickling Estate, Blickling, NR11 6NF

Fri 12-Sun 14 & Fri 19-Sun 21: 11am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – See collections of Norwich Printing Museum on display, while student residents will create new printed artworks, and visitors can print a special keepsake around the theme of Architecture.

Discover the Girl Guides Secret Army: 80th VE/VJ Days Commemoration



Girlguiding Norfolk Archive Resource Centre, 14 Great Hautbois Road, Coltishall, NR12 7JN

Sat 13-Mon 15: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Learn about the Guide International Service (G.I.S.); Guide leaders who formed an Army of Goodwill, amongst the first relief workers into Europe, including Bergen-Belsen, and Malaya at the end of WWII. Try out the activities yourself to see if you could make the grade!

Aylsham Heritage Centre

Market Place, Aylsham, NR11 6EH

We're Going on an Architecture Hunt!



Fri 12, Mon 15-Fri 19: 10.30-3.30pm, Sat 20: 10am-2pm

TRAIL – Get your building binoculars on! Unusual bricks, odd-shaped windows and interesting engravings. Follow the trail and see if you can find the buildings where all the photos have been taken. Can you spot all the features? Collect a trail guide during opening hours or visit aylshamheritage.com

A Window on the Past



Fri 12, Mon 15-Fri 19: 10.30-3.30pm, Sat 20: 10am-2pm

TRAIL – Pubs to barbers, outfitters to book shops – discover the shops of yesterday's Aylsham through the windows of the shops today. Some shops are displaying photos of their shops from the past. Pick up a trail guide during opening hours to find them all or visit aylshamheritage.com

History Mystery Walk



Sun 14: 2pm

WALK – Calling all budding history detectives. Eliminate all the suspects and use the information you discover on this illustrated walking tour around Aylsham to find out who committed the crime and solve this 'History Mystery'.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Aylsham Roman Project: The Story So Far

Tue 16: 2pm

TALK – Find out more about the fascinating discoveries unearthed at Woodgate Nursery during annual community digs, which have been exploring this site since 2016. This illustrated talk will give an overview of past digs and explain new finds.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Workhouse Walk

Wed 17: 2pm

WALK – Join this walking tour of Aylsham taking in the Market Place, old railway line and the workhouse site. The walk will be illustrated with a number of archive photographs so that the past and present can be seen in situ.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Blickling Hall and the Tudor-Stuart Age of Symbolism

Fri 19: 2pm

TALK – Blickling Hall is a wonderful collection of obvious and not so obvious symbolism that was itself part of the wider world of Tudor-Stuart symbolism. Historian Dr Victor Morgan reveals some of the meaning that have been lost over the centuries.

BOOK

norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

Rummaging Through Roman Relics



Sat 20: 10am-2pm

ACTIVITY – Drop in and explore some of the finds from the Roman dig at Woodgate Nursery and discover more about what has been found at this fascinating site. Try your hand at mini metal detecting for Roman coins and model your own roundhouse to take home.

Workhouse Walk



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Broadland events

Meet Edward Paston



Blofield Church, Church Road,
Blofield, NR13 4NA

**Sun 14: 2-4pm, Mon 15 &
Tue 16: 10.30am-4.30pm**

OPEN DOORS – Drop in to this large historic church, enlarged in the 14th century from a previous, smaller building, to discover Blofield's connections with members of the famous Paston family. Sun 14 meet an Edward Paston costumed character; Mon 15 & Tue 16 see displays about the Paston family.

Opening Windows on Hellesdon's Architecture



The Vicarage, Broom Avenue,
Hellesdon, NR6 6LG

Sat 13: 12pm-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Set in a beautiful and unique post-war church, enjoy displays of photographs, maps, models and displays with activities for all ages.

Oulton Chapel

Hall Road, Oulton, NR11 6NU

**Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20, Sun 21:
11am-3pm**

OPEN DOORS – Visit this Grade II listed chapel that opened as a non-conformist place of worship in 1731. It is virtually unchanged from how it would have originally looked with its Flemish style red brick exterior and original box pews in the upper gallery.

RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre



Main Guardroom, Scottow
Enterprise Park, Badersfield,
NR10 5FB

**Sun 14, Thu 18, Sun 21: 10am,
12pm, 2pm**

TOUR – A unique opportunity to visit the centre, take part in a guided convoy tour of the former station in your own car to see the many features of this iconic Battle of Britain and Cold War station and get up close to our Jaguar.

BOOK
norfolkhods.ticketsolve.com

The Red Cross in Thorpe St Andrew

Cemetery Gates, Yarmouth
Road, NR7 0EW

Fri 12: 10am

WALK – Book onto this walk covering the four wartime auxiliary hospitals in Thorpe used in 1914-1918 with a special focus on Coonoor at 151 Yarmouth Road. Discover the story of the nurses and the soldiers they cared for.

BOOK
spinney72@aol.com

St Mary's Church, South Walsham

The Street, South Walsham,
NR13 6DQ

Fri 12-Sun 21: 10am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover a medieval church full of interesting aspects. An unusual feature is having St Lawrence's Church in the same churchyard, with a very special Sacristan's garden.

Victorian Churches: Reinvention or Ravaging?



Haveringland Church,
off Norwich Road,
Haveringland, NR10 4PW

Sat 13: 2pm

TALK – Join the launch with a talk and displays about Haveringland Church. An example of a Victorian rebuild and a recent major repair and improvement project to create a 'Festival Church' and Community Hub.

Sun 14-Sat 20: 9am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Explore the heritage hub to find out more about Haveringland's fascinating stories, see displays and enjoy family-friendly activities.

Wed 17: 7pm

TALK – Join us for an evening at Haveringland Church for a talk led by Architectural Historian John Vigar that will focus on conservation and Victorian churches. Misconceptions will be challenged and you will never look at a church in the same way again!

Discover Friendly Invasion Stories from 1943 to 1945

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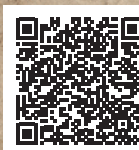
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Ancient House



21 White Hart Street,
Thetford, IP24 1AD

Lino Print Workshops

Sat 13: 10am & 1pm

WORKSHOP – Explore the museum to choose imagery and create your own print.

Maharajah Duleep Singh

Sun 14: 10am-4pm

ACTIVITY – Learn about Maharajah Duleep Singh and his connections with Thetford. Meet costumed characters and handle real artefacts from the past.

Frederick’s Painting Collection

Sun 14 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

TRAIL – Discover a few paintings Prince Frederick Duleep Singh gave to Ancient House and the people of Thetford. Spot all the paintings to win a prize!

A History of Ancient House in 100 Objects

Sun 14: 10am-4pm & Sat 20: 10am-5pm

EXHIBITION – Explore this community-curated exhibition to celebrate the museum’s fascinating and eclectic collection; from a 100,000-year-old hand axe to a 1990s Skid Lid bike helmet!

Making a Museum!

Sat 20: 10am-5pm

ACTIVITY – Discover behind-the-scenes work which keeps the museum collections safe, and make a mini museum to take home!

BOOK THESE EVENTS AT

museums.norfolk.gov.uk/events

All Saints’ Church, Croxton

Croxton, IP24 1LN

Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Step back in time to explore the hidden treasures of this Grade I listed round tower church not normally open to the public.

Attleborough: Listed Buildings

Town Hall, Queens Square,
Attleborough, NR17 2AF

Sat 13: 10am-3.30pm

DISPLAY – View a display of many of the listed buildings and others in the town. Pick up a plan and get help with researching local and family history.

Bishop Bonner’s Cottage Museum



St Withburga Lane,
Dereham, NR19 1ED

Fri 12 & Fri 19: 10am-1pm, Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit this little gem of a museum housed in Dereham’s oldest domestic building, that survived a town fire in 1679 and a Zeppelin raid in 1915.

Buildings of Dereham

Church Street, Dereham,
NR19 1DN

Sat 20: 10am

WALK – A guided walk around some of the most significant buildings in the town.

BOOK

dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net



Great Cressingham
Victorian School

CQ Icen: Contemporary Textile Exhibition

Croxton Village Hall,
Croxton, IP24 1LN

Sat 20 & Sun 21: 10am-4pm

EXHIBITION – Immerse yourself in colour and pattern to discover the creativity and passion behind each stitch, each piece telling its own unique story.

Dereham Assembly Rooms

Ruthen Place, Dereham,
NR19 2TX

Sat 13 & Sat 20: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Not normally open to the public, visit the rooms to explore the links between Jane Austen and William Cowper, her ‘beloved poet’, who is buried locally in St Nicholas’ Church.



Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Dereham Windmill



Greenfields Road, Dereham,
NR20 3TE

Fri 12, Sat 13, Fri 19, Sat 20:
10am-3pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit this Grade II listed windmill built in 1835. See illustrated explanations on what happened on each of the five floors, when the mill was full of noise and floor dust.

Flower Festival

St Andrew’s Church,
Kilverstone, IP24 2RN

Sat 13 & Sun 14: 10am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit the festival in this 11th century round tower church.

Great Cressingham Victorian School



Old School, The Street,
Great Cressingham, IP25 6NL

Sat 20 & Sun 21: 12pm-4pm

OPEN DOORS – Visit this school and museum to try your hand at writing on slates, using dip pens and take part in a lesson using the school’s extensive natural history collection.

Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse



Beetley, NR20 4DR

Sun 21: 10am-5pm

OPEN DOORS – Discover Norfolk’s rural history over 50 acres of glorious countryside, from the traditional working farm to the lives of the residents of the Victorian workhouse.

Historical Town Centre Free Church

Cowper Memorial
Congregational Church,
36 Market Place, Dereham,
NR19 2AP

Fri 12, Sat 13, Tue 16, Fri 19:
9.30am-11.30am, Sun 14 &
Sun 21: 11.45am

OPEN DOORS – Known locally as “The Church in the Marketplace”, visit this prominent building in the town centre.

Breckland events



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Next Train's Gone



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Oxburgh Estate

Marking the Milestones



Dereham Station, Station Road, Dereham, NR19 1DF

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS - Marking 200 years of the 'modern' railway and 30 years of the Mid-Norfolk Railway, see trains in action, that old station atmosphere, informative displays, and more!

Narborough Bone Mill



Belgrave House, Main Road, Narborough, PE32 1TE

Sat 20 & Sun 21: 11am-4pm

OPEN DOORS - On this 10 year anniversary of the site restoration, view a 16 foot waterwheel turning, original brick floors and remains of Victorian mill buildings and finds uncovered during excavations.

Next Train's Gone



Mid Norfolk Railway, County School, North Elmham, NR20 5LE

Sun 21: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS - Visit the only station on the Mid Norfolk Railway, built in the Great Eastern Railway architectural style. Discover the history of the Watts Naval School and see a miniature railway in action.

Our Village, Our History, Our Story



The Crown Public House, 30 Church Street, Great Ellingham, NR17 1LE

Sat 20 & Sun 21: 11am-4pm

EXHIBITION - Explore some of Great Ellingham's past and present buildings and the owners, occupiers and architects connected to them.

Oxburgh Estate



Oxborough, PE33 9PS

Sat 13 & Sun 14: 9.30am-5pm

OPEN DOORS - Explore Gothic interiors, colourful gardens, woodland walks, plus collections not normally on display. Guided tours bookable on arrival.

Riversdale: Over the years

Tanner Street, Thetford, IP24 2BQ

Fri 12 & Sat 20: 8am-3pm, Thu 18 & Fri 19: 8am-2pm

OPEN DOORS - Step inside this historic gem to explore the rich story that has stood proudly by the river since 1847. Wander through its character-filled halls and take in the beautiful surrounding gardens.

St Nicholas Church, Dereham



Church Street, Dereham, NR19 1DN

Dates & times vary

OPEN DOORS - Explore the muniments room, bell tower and St Withburga's Well, and see an exhibition on the rare Plantagenet painted ceiling.

St Peter and St Paul Church, Scarning



Dereham Road, Scarning, NR19 2PF

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS - Explore this 13th century Grade I listed church and visit the belfry.

Thetford Open Studios



Maker's Cottage, 20 Magdalen Street, Thetford, IP24 2BN

Wed 17-Sun 21: 11am-5pm

OPEN DOOR - Meet the local makers and artists, who will be exhibiting their work. See demonstrations and chat to the artists about their creations.

King's Lynn & West Norfolk events

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Former Hunstanton Lighthouse

Lighthouse Close, Hunstanton, PE36 6EL

Fri 12 & Fri 19: 10.30am-2pm, every 30 mins

TOUR - Explore the dungeon and climb up the tower of the former Lighthouse.

BOOK

andrew.murray1942@gmail.com

Hunstanton Hall

St Marys Church, Church Road, Old Hunstanton, PE36 6JS

Thu 18: 10am & 12pm

TOUR - Discover the grounds of Hunstanton Hall, the moat and Grade II listed St Mary's Church dating from the 13th century.

BOOK

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Lynn Museum



Old Market Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1NL

Sun 14: 10am-4pm

ACTIVITY - Explore the museum's galleries and take part in a fun family trail.

BOOK

lynn.museum@norfolk.gov.uk

St Andrew's Church, Little Massingham

Church Lane, Little Massingham, PE32 2JT

Sat 13: 10am-4pm

OPEN DOORS - Visit this Grade I listed church. Hear from guides about its history, local ecology and future roof restoration.



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King's Lynn



Sun 14: 10am-4pm

Visit King's Lynn for a jam-packed programme. Look out for special events, colourful re-enactors, children's activities, music, dancing, miniature trains, boats, vintage buses, classic cars and exhibitions! For more info visit kingslynncivicsociety.co.uk



Ouse Washes Molly Dancers



Town Clock

Downham Market

Sun 21: 10am-4pm



Cemetery Chapels and Sexton's House Complex

North Cemetery Chapel, King's Walk, PE38 9LF

OPEN DOORS – Visit this complex built in 1856. The North Chapel will be open to explore.

Classic and Vintage Vehicles show

The Howdale, Howdale Road, PE38 9AF

DISPLAY – Get up close to everything from bikes and scooters, vintage and classic cars to lorries and buses!

Coggles: Former Banking Hall

13 Bridge Street, PE38 9DW

OPEN DOORS – See this former banking hall that saw changes throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

Discover Downham

The Old Fire Station, 30 Priory Road, PE38 9JS

OPEN DOORS – Visit this museum with 'Around Downham...Then and Now' photographic display, friendly cafe and Fire Engine.

Discover the Masonic Hall

Masonic Hall, Ryston End, PE38 9AX

OPEN DOORS – Explore this Grade II listed Masonic Hall that embodies a rich tapestry of history, community, and tradition.

Douglas Back Room

Clackclose Conservative Club, Eagle House, Bridge Street, PE38 9DH

OPEN DOORS – See inside Eagle House, once home to important residents of the Downham community.

Downham Market National School

12 Howdale Road, PE38 9AB

OPEN DOORS – Visit this former school and hospital, part of the Union Workhouse complex and now a private home.

Gardens of Bank House

Bridge Street, PE38 9DW

OPEN DOORS – A former bank and now private residence. Drop in to see the garden, enjoy the owners' vision and see a different aspect to the building.

The Old Courthouse

27 London Road, PE38 9AW

OPEN DOORS – Explore this former County Court and Police House, now a private home. See a photographic display of the restoration in 1998.

Ouse Washes Molly Dancers

Town Square, Bridge Street, PE38 9DE

PERFORMANCE – See these traditional molly dancers perform powerful dances and mysterious stories from the depths of the Fens.

Quaker Graveyard

Quaker Cemetery, 71 Bridge Street, PE38 9DW

OPEN DOORS – A hidden gem tucked behind a Carstone wall.

Salvation Army Hall

71 Bridge Street, PE38 9DW

OPEN DOORS – Visit this building, from Quaker Hall to Salvation Army Hall, serving the community for over 300 years.

Town Clock

Town Square, Bridge Street, PE38 9DW

OPEN DOORS – A delightful gothic landmark. Take a peek through the normally closed hidden door, to peer inside.

Town Hall

6 Market Place, PE38 9DE

OPEN DOORS – Visit this Grade II listed building from 1887 and see exhibitions traditional crafts and much more.

Union Workhouse Gate Lodges

North Court Gardens, PE38 9AW

OPEN DOORS – Visit the Grade II listed gate lodges, all that are left after the demolition of the workhouse in the 1960s. Inside see a photographic display of the Union Workhouse.

Vintage Agricultural Vehicles

Market Square, Market Place, PE38 9DE

DISPLAY – Celebrate the importance of Downham Market's Agricultural past from the 1950's to the present day.



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