

What to see and do in September 2023

Happisburgh Lighthouse open day Sunday 3 September

It is great to be able to see inside this iconic building and the views of coast and countryside are fabulous. Prebooking advised but not essential.

<http://happisburgh.org.uk/lighthouse/open-days/>

Holt Sunday Market 1st Sunday of the month <https://loveholt.com/>

On market days Market Place and Star Plain is closed to vehicles for a day of Norfolk's independent best. With over 50 regional makers matched with 6 delicious street food traders, communal dining and buskers Holt

East Ruston Gardens Autumn Plant Fair

9 September 10 – 3 <https://eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk/>

Here you will find A beautiful, 32 acre modern garden containing many garden rooms with herbaceous borders, gravel gardens, sub-tropical gardens, a box parterre, sunken rose garden, Mediterranean garden, Desert Wash and a large woodland garden — there really is so much to explore. At the plant fair you will find rare and interesting plants and vintage garden tools and ornaments. Refreshments are available.

Cromer Pier Show running daily until 30 September

<https://www.wroxhambarns.co.uk/>

This award winning show is an eclectic mix of the finest variety entertainment and runs at the end of the pier theatre until the end of the month

Wroxham Barns Classic Car Show 10 September

<https://www.wroxhambarns.co.uk/>

A variety of Vintage and Classic vehicles on display, alongside the shopping barn and craft units

Sunflower Selfies

AG Meales Farm Shop Sunflower Field

<https://www.agmeale.co.uk/pick-your-own/pyo-sunflower-selfies/>

Wander through the 2.5 acre sunflower field using the cut path. You can take the long route or short route to our viewing platform, there is also a really nice café and well stocked farm shop to enjoy.

Norfolk Heritage Open days 8 – 17 September

<https://norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk/>

The theme for 2023 is Creativity Unwrapped to celebrate creativity in all forms, there will be guided tours, exhibition and special events across the county. This event gives free access to experiences and sites that are normally not open to the public to learn more about our history and heritage. Head to the website for a list of all venues and events

Great Yarmouth Races <https://www.greatyarmouth-racecourse.co.uk/>

This historic racing venue is on the edge of Great Yarmouth, there are 3 fixtures of Autumn Afternoon Flat racing this month, the Eastern Festival runs on the 19,20,21 September

Norfolk Open Studios 23 September to 8 October

<https://norfolkstudios.org.uk/>

Norfolk Open Studios is a well-loved annual event which celebrates the creativity and talent of Norfolk makers and creators. Artists at all stages of their careers take part, from school and college students through to emerging artists and established and professional artists. Each year artists welcome visitors into their

working space – this might be in their own home, studio, garage/shed or garden – to share their work and skills and sell their art. Studios are free to visit and visitors don't need to book in advance, unless they are a large group. All Norfolk based visual artists are invited to take part – painters, sculptors, weavers, furniture and jewellery makers will be involved each year, to name but a few! Many will also offer events, demonstrations, and workshops alongside their open studio, to share skills and offer people the chance to have a go themselves. For full details and a digital Brochure <https://norfolkstudios.org.uk/about/>

Ludham Illuminated Boat Parade 16 September

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ludhamilluminatedboatparade/>

The boats will leave Womack Staithe Ludham at 6.45pm and light up as they approach Potter Bridge around 7.45pm. The bridge is a great spot to view the brightly lit boats and the return to Womack Water at 8.30pm

Horsey Seal Boat Trips

Boats Trips from Sea Palling Beach, dates and times vary depending on the tide. Contact them on 07759331641 or 07968798700. There are a large number of adult seals on the beach at the moment and the boats are a great way to see them without disturbing them. They also offer Angling and Lobster trips

Happisburgh Time and Tide Bell

<https://www.timeandtidebell.org/happisburgh-bell-norfolk/>

If you enjoy a walk on the beach head to Happisburgh, known for its extreme erosion of the soft cliffs and iconic lighthouse. It now has a Time and Tide Bell on the beach, it was installed this summer and which is known as the spirit of Happisburgh.

Ross's River Trips 07791 526440

These trips are friendly and informal so you can relax and enjoy a trip into a landscape largely unchanged since medieval times. Lady Ann can carry up to 12 passengers, is stable, has an open-sided saloon and is perfect for viewing the unique wildlife in all weathers. The wildlife at Horsey includes rare resident birds such as marsh harriers, cranes, reedlings and bitterns. The trips depart daily from Horsey Staithe, next to the NT windpump and can be booked in advance by contacting Ross

Wroxham Barns Makers Market 24 September

Celebrating 40 years of Wroxham Barns with craft and local produce showcased by talented artisans and makers

As Autumn begins my thoughts turn to cosy pubs doing a great roast lunch, below are a few of our favourite places....

The Star Inn at Lessingham 01692 531829

The Recruiting Sergeant at Horstead <https://www.recruitingsergeant.co.uk/>

The Lodge at Salhouse <https://www.salhouselodge.co.uk/>

The Swan at Ingham <https://www.theinghamswan.co.uk/>