

What to see and do in October 2023

With Autumn very much here its time to enjoy wrapping up warm and exploring the coast and countryside, not forgetting finding cosy pubs and caf  s along the way! Then onto    term and Halloween Fun at the end of the month

The Seals & The Beach

The seals at Horsey are starting to group together on the beach in advance of pupping in the coming months, over 4000 were born last Winter. There are some great walks that incorporate the beach and Horsey Mere which is the home of the National Trust Mill. Alternatively walk from Sea Palling to Waxham on the coastal path, you can walk on the beach to Waxham or Horsey and then follow the coastal path through the Dunes back to Sea Palling where you will find cafes and doing great hot chocolate, coffee and seaside style donuts! When you see the seals on the beach or swimming in the sea, please always respect their space as they are a wild animal.

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. For details of who is open where head to their website

Pathmakers Walk Norfolk Festival throughout October

<https://pathmakers.org.uk/events/>

The 2023 festival launches on Sunday 1st October and spans the entire month with over 40 walks. The month-long festival programme offers walks in every corner of Norfolk: from Biofluorescent night walks, family-friendly minibeast hunts, and walks exploring the history and heritage of Norwich. There are walks about the history and nature to be found along the River Waveney, the history of the Fisherman of Cromer, explorations into the microcosm of nature, and fungi foraging. The festival is a great way to discover parts of Norfolk you may have never visited before, the closest events to us are below and head to the website for a full list. 7 October Night Discover Walk 7pm @ Barton Broad * * 10 October Poppyland History Walk @ Cromer * * Find out about Fungi Walk 22 Oct 10.30am @ Blickling Hall **

14 October East Ruston Gardens Open as part of the National Open Garden Scheme 12 – 5.30 <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/12923/east-ruston-old-vicarage>

Large garden with traditional borders and modern landscapes inc Walled Gardens, Rose Garden, Exotic Garden, Topiary and Box Parterres, Water Features, Mediterranean Garden, a monumental Fruit Cage, Containers to die for in spring and summer. Cornfield and Meadow Gardens, Vegetable and Cutting Gardens, Parkland and Heritage Orchard, in all 32 acres. Rare and unusual plants abound.

Broadland Villages Community Heritage Group of Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf

10th anniversary event 13 – 15 October <http://nibchg.org.uk>

3 villages ; 4 churches ; 3 days

We look forward to welcoming you to our 10th Anniversary Event to celebrate all we have achieved over the past 10 years. Historic Exhibitions, displays, films, photographs and cake!

Where? Barton Turf Church NR12 8YU, Irstead Church NR12 8XS, Neatishead Church NR12 8BT, Neatishead Baptist Chapel NR12 8YF

Boat Trips on the broads

There are so many different types of trips to choose from, we suggest the following organised trips and there are plenty of day boat hire companies if you want to captain your own ship!

Broads Tours River trips running daily from Wroxham <https://www.broadstours.co.uk/norfolk-broads-river-trips/>

Southern Comfort luxury River Trips running from Horning <https://www.southern-comfort.co.uk/>

Ross' Wildlife Boat Trips from Horsey Mere, a real Norfolk Experience in a beautiful wooden boat, lots of local knowledge on the area and wildlife from Ross to book message 07791 5216440

Hickling Broad Nature Reserve Boat Trips, sail to two bird hides and the tree tower
<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/boat-trips>

Halloween Fun for the family 🎃🎃

Bewilderwood Glorious Glowing Lantern Parade

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

Hirstys Halloween Hoot

<https://hirstysfamilyfunpark.co.uk/events/hirstys-halloween-hoot/>

PYO Pumpkins at Tacons Farmshop Rollesby

<https://www.facebook.com/thetacons>

Museum of the Broads Broadland Ghosts Halloween Trail

<https://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk/whats-on/special-events/>

Other ideas

Weekly Monday auctions at Keys Sale Ground Aylsham, 9.30 plants and yard sale and 11am antiques and collectables <https://www.keysauctions.co.uk/>

Greyhound Racing at Great Yarmouth Stadium

<https://www.yarmouthstadium.co.uk/greyhoundracing>

Greyhound Racing every Monday and Wednesday, first race 6.30pm, doors open at 6pm, along with Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, doors open at 6.30pm,

This month's choice for a lovely lunch or coffee and cake

Dunes Café, Waxham Barn NR12 0DZ

Open 7 days a week 10 til 4 NR12 0DZ