

Summer Visit Programme

If booking by post, please use the forms provided to book, with a separate cheque for each event.

IF YOU WANT TICKETS POSTED TO YOU, DON'T FORGET the SAE. The default will be to send them by email.

OR

You can reserve a place by email to summerevents.nhbg@gmail.com and pay by BACS, but **NOT UNTIL AFTER APRIL 1st AND ONLY WHEN ASKED TO DO SO, WHEN PLACES ARE CONFIRMED** - in case of overbooking.

The NHBG can now return payments via BACS, but we will need your bank account details to do so.

We have tried to avoid having limits on numbers attending, but at some venues we have no choice. Booking is on a first come, first served basis, but if there is considerable over-demand we will try and run a similar event in the future. *Owen Warnock*

Garlic Farm, Garlic Street Pulham St Mary IP21 4RL

Saturday 18th April 2026

Time: 2:00-4:00
Cost: £10
Limit: 30 (members only)
Contact: Owen Warnock 01508 481822
summerevents.nhbg@gmail.com

A chance to see this magnificent large farmhouse whilst it is undergoing a complete refurbishment. The house has some features which indicate an early date - a 6-bay grand queen-post roof and moulded joists - but its overall size suggests something later. For whom was it built?



Hidden Norwich Walk - Norwich over the water

Sunday 17th May 2026

Time: 2:00-4:00
Meet: **In front of the Norwich Arts Centre
in St Benedicts NR2 4PG**
Cost: £15
Limit: 20 (members only)
Walking: App 1.5 hours
Contact: Owen Warnock 01508 481822
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John Humphrey's guided walk for the group last summer was considerably over booked, so by popular demand, John will rerun the walk uncovering hidden gems in the part of the city north of the Wensum.



Elmham Cathedral (a.k.a. The Ruin) and Elmham & Great Ryburgh Churches

Saturday 6th June 2026

Time: 11:00-3:00
Meet: **At gates of "the Ruin" NR20 5JU**
Cost: £10
Limit: 30 (members only)
Walking: churchyards
Lunch: byo picnic - tea provided
Contact: Owen Warnock 01508 481822
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Peter Wade-Martins will explain the history and uses of the site that has been variously called The Bishops Palace and North Elmham Cathedral as part of the religious use of the site since the Saxon period. Then Peter and Susannah will guide us round North Elmham church with its 15C benchends, recently repaired screen and 17C pulpit.



We will also visit Great Ryburgh church, one of Norfolk's many early round-towered churches, accompanied by Peter Trent, the mason who has been working on the building.



Pykerell's House 7 Rosemary Lane Norwich NR3 3AF

Saturday 11th July 2026
& Sunday 12th July 2026

Time: 2:00-4:00
Meet: Pykerells House
Cost: £10
Limit: **15 each day** (members only)
Contact: Owen Warnock 01508 481822
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Grade II* Pykerells House was saved from slum-clearance demolition by the Norfolk Archaeological Trust.

One of the few remaining thatched buildings in Norwich, it was previously known as Pilgrim's Hall and Old Rosemary Tavern. Since the NAT restoration it has been privately tenanted and only occasionally opens for organised groups. Numbers are limited to 15 on both Saturday and Sunday



Lime Tree Farm, Common Road Shelfanger IP22 2D

Saturday 8th August 2026

Time: 2:00-4:00
Cost: £10
Limit: 25 (members only)
Contact: Owen Warnock 01508 481822
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A chance to see this late medieval common-edge farmhouse with evidence of a smoke bay, including the sooty bressumer. The house was enlarged in the 17C with a range built at rightangles. The medieval range was extended in the 18C, but was it originally a single-room detached kitchen or part of a larger house.



Thetford Town visit - Ancient House and St Cuthbert's church (Dads' Army and Charles Burrell museums are also open)

followed by the AGM

Saturday 5th September 2026

Time: Starts at 11:00
Meet: **Outside Charles Burrell Museum,
Minstergate IP24 1BN**
Cost: free
Limit: no limit
Walking: pavements, some stairs
Lunch: byo picnic - tea provided
Contact: Owen Warnock 01508 481822
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Two tours of the Fifteenth-century Ancient House are available
- at 11:00 and 12:00 -
to be organised on the day



Ancient House, Whitehart St IP24 1AA

A map of Thetford with its large number of listed buildings for a self-guided walking tour will be circulated with the AGM papers

Both the Dads' Army and Charles Burrell Museums are free entry, but rely on visitor donations.

Followed by:-

Annual General Meeting

To be held in the upstairs room in Thetford
Library, Raymond Street IP24 2EA
at 1:30pm.

The room has tea-making facilities and will be
open from 12 noon

The AGM Papers, additional information and maps will be
circulated nearer the day

Appeal for Information

Village Pumps

We have received an appeal from members of the Pulham Market Society who are researching the village pump that once stood outside The Memorial Hall on The Green in the centre of Pulham Market. Despite hours in the Record Office, nothing could be found about it.

The immensely informative website
<http://www.villagepumps.org.uk/pumpsNorfolk.htm>

lists 141 pumps in Norfolk, but unfortunately none in villages beginning with a P.

If you are able to help or offer any additional information, please contact Stephen Hewitt direct - at
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