

Wildlife events at Cley

April – July 2019

Nature Reserve Information

NWT Cley Marshes, Coast Road, Cley next the Sea, NR25 7SA

The nature reserve

Entry to the visitor centre is free. Gift aid admission to the nature reserve is £5 and free for NWT members and children. Entry tickets can be bought from the visitor centre. The reserve is open daily from 10am.

Visitor centre

Our award-winning visitor centre is open every day, all year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, 10am – 5pm (10am – 4pm 28 October to 28 February). Our staff and volunteers are always on hand to help you. The café serves excellent coffee, cakes, snacks and lunches and has an outdoor seating area on the terrace with breath-taking views. The gift shop has an outstanding selection of books as well as crafts, gifts and pottery.

The gallery

Our gallery is located in the thatch-roofed, wooden building. From here, explore the wildlife on the reserve using telescopes. Enjoy fantastic artwork – paintings, photography, textiles, printmaking and glass work – from local artists who take inspiration from the natural world. Optics specialists CleySpy are also located in the centre. They are on hand daily from 10am – 4pm to help you find the right equipment.

Simon Aspinall Wildlife Education Centre

Our education centre has been designed for visitors to discover and be inspired by wildlife and includes:

- Films, touchscreens and displays
- Events for all ages and abilities
- Adult learning workshops
- Evening talks and performances
- The Aspinall Centre can also be booked for business meetings and community use.
- Temporary exhibitions

The centre is named in memory of naturalist, Simon Aspinall (1958 – 2011) in recognition of his contribution to ornithology and nature conservation, both in the UK and abroad.

School and college visits

Cley Marshes provides school groups with great opportunities to explore both coastal and wetland habitats. A school day here will reflect the landscape, habitats and history of Cley

Marshes, whilst complimenting school-based learning. We will tailor-make a timetable that suits your group's requirements. We offer a variety of sessions for primary, secondary and university education.

For more information speak to a member of staff at the visitor centre (NR25 7SA, grid ref: TG 054 440), visit our website: www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover-and-learn or contact: Email: davidf@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk • Telephone: 01263 740008

General event information

- A large percentage of our events take place outside on the reserve, please dress accordingly to the changing weather of the North Norfolk Coast. Stout footwear is advised on the nature reserve.
- In the event of adverse weather please ring the visitor centre on 01263 740008 to check event alterations.
- Please inform our visitor centre if you wish to cancel an event as we often have a reserve list for our events.
- All children attending any events must be accompanied by an adult.
- Throughout the year we will be offering free taster events in the afternoon. These are short events, advertised on the day at the centre and will give you a flavour of wildlife on the reserve.
- We may take photos at some of our events. Please let us know if you do not wish to be photographed.

Guided Walks

Binoculars for hire

Available from the Visitor Centre.

The NWT binocular is a perfect first binocular for any age range. It is rubber armoured and weatherproof with fully coated optics using BAK 4 Prisms for a bright, sharp image.

Charge: £3 per binocular (A £60 deposit will be taken for all binoculars hired.)

Walk with the Warden: Cley

Wednesdays: 3 April, 17 April, 1 May, 15 May, 29 May, 12 June, 26 June

10.30am – 12.30pm

Bernard Bishop has been the warden for more than forty years and is the third generation of his family to work at Cley Marshes. Hear about the history of Cley, how the reserve has changed over time and what life is like as a warden on a coastal nature reserve. Suitable for all walking abilities.

Cost: £3.50 NWT members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Beach Clean

Saturdays: 6 April (Salthouse Beach Road),

4 May (Cley Beach Car Park),

1 June (Salthouse Beach Road)

10.30am – 12.30pm

Help us to clean up our shore to benefit coastal wildlife. There is always lots of exciting wildlife and mysterious marine objects to be found on the shore too. In the event of adverse weather please contact the visitor centre in advance to check for cancellations. All equipment provided.

Cost: Free

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Walk with the Warden: Salthouse

Tuesdays: 9 April, 21 May, 4 June

10.30am – 1.30pm

Explore the new land in this circular walk along Attenborough's walk, up the iron road and back along the shingle ridge with our warden George Baldock. This walk will help you to discover a new walking route in the Cley to Salthouse living landscape and take in the spectacular wildlife along the way.

Cost: £3.50 NWT members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Walsey Wander

Tuesdays: 23 April, 28 May, 18 June

10.30am – 12.30pm

Discover the huge variety of wildlife and habitats in the North Norfolk Living Landscape. This walk starts at the visitor centre and heads east, up and along Walsey Hills with spectacular views across the marshes before heading down to Babcock hide and back along the Attenborough Way.

Cost: £3.50 NWT members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Birds and Breakfast

Sundays: 28 April, 19 May, 16 June

7 – 10am

This is one for the early birds! Come and join us for an early morning walk around the reserve to experience Cley Marshes at a truly special time of the day. After the walk, you will head back to the visitor centre for a cooked breakfast.

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes breakfast)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Dawn Chorus Walk with Breakfast

Sunday 5 May

5 – 8.30am

As part of International Dawn Chorus Day, Join the NWT's Head of People and Wildlife, David North for a guided walk around the reserve. Along the way, you will stop to soak in the sounds of spring. After the walk, you will head back to the centre for a cooked breakfast. Walk length approximately 3.5 miles, includes 1 mile walk along the shingle ridge.

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes breakfast)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Beginning with Binoculars

Monday 6 May

10.30am – 12.30pm

Experience a guided walk around NWT Cley Marshes, accompanied by one of Cley Spy's optics experts. Learn the basics of binocular use and how you can use them to get the very best out of your time viewing Norfolk's amazing wildlife. Cley Spy will provide a range of different binoculars for you to try, from brilliant beginner's bins, through to the very best birdwatching binoculars available.

Cost: £3.50 NWT members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Evening Stroll and BBQ

Tuesdays: 21 May, 25 June

6.30 – 9pm

Join us for an evening wander on the reserve, led by one of our knowledgeable guides, followed by a barbecue on the terrace, which offers fantastic views across the marsh.

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes bbq)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Wildlife Walk with Women

Sunday 26 May

10.30am – 1.30pm

Join one of our friendly guided walks for women, led by a fantastic female reserve guide. In this relaxed event, you will discover the incredible birdlife found at Cley.

Cost: £3.50 NWT members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NNNS/NWT wildlife walk: Plants of Cley

Saturday 22 June

10.30am

As part of the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalist Society's 150th anniversary celebrations, join Simon Harrap, author of Harrap's Wildflowers for a wildlife walk focusing on the plants of Cley.

Cost: Free

Booking essential: simon@norfolknature.co.uk or 01263 587736

Lunch Talks

All lunch time talks include a light lunch

Time: 1.30 – 3pm

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Penguins and Albatross on the Cheap

Thursday 25 April

Tour guide and ornithologist Carl Chapman shares information on how to see Antarctic species without selling the family silver to fund the trip. Not only are penguins and albatross on the agenda; a whole gambit of species is included as Carl delivers his illustrated talk.

Vibrant Localism: The Story of Common Ground

Thursday 9 May

UEA Lecturer in Contemporary Literature Jos Smith will introduce the work of the arts and environmental charity Common Ground and plot their emergence from the environmental activism of the 1970s to become a significant influence on British conservation in the 1980s and 90s. He will explore the relationship they drew between conservation practice and the arts and the way their founding idea of 'local distinctiveness' emerged from this relationship.

Wading Birds with Richard Chandler

Thursday 23 May

Richard Chandler is the author of the field guide Shorebirds of the Northern Hemisphere and the recently published Shorebirds in Action, and has been photographing birds, particularly waders, worldwide, for over 40 years. He has a long-standing connection with the journal British Birds; he has been a member of its Editorial Board for many years and is a past chairman and trustee.

Blakeney Point: Terns, Waders and Seals

Thursday 13 June

Owned and managed by the National Trust since 1912, Blakeney Point is a site of international significance for its nesting terns and waders and more recently its grey seal colony, which is the largest in England and 11th largest in the world. Blakeney Point Ranger, Leighton Newman gives an insight into the management of the reserve, explores what makes it so special, examines some of the recent history of the site, and shares some of his favourite photographs.

Medieval Graffiti: The Lost Voices of Norfolk's Churches

Thursday 27 June

Our medieval churches are covered in thousands of largely unrecorded inscriptions. Inscriptions that deal with matters of faith, of commerce and of life and death, waiting only for someone to read them. Archaeologist Matthew Champion explores this strange world, and brings to life the lost voices of Norfolk's churches.

Evening Talks

Evening talks include supper

Time: 7pm supper, 7.45pm talk

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or visit

www.wegotickets.com

Mark Cocker – Our Place

Thursday 4 April

Award-winning author and naturalist. His latest book *Our Place* is partly a work of history, partly a personal geographical quest and partly a philosophical inquiry into our relationship with the rest of life in Britain. Described in the *Sunday Times* as 'a sobering and magnificent work'. Ian Birrell in *INews* suggested that "it is fast becoming highly influential... The environment secretary is telling friends he found it 'powerfully persuasive'." Tonight Mark Cocker launches the paperback edition.

Jonathan Ward – Round the Field

Thursday 30 May

Jonathan Ward is a poet and creative writing teacher who leads the Writing Outside courses at Cley. His latest book is *Swallows in Late September*. Much of his work is inspired by walking, place and the natural world. Jonathan will read from his poems and discuss his influences both literary and personal, including his father with whom he first discovered a love of local walks and nature.

Wine and Birds: A Night of Discovery

Friday 28 June

7 – 9pm

Join Master of Wine Mark Lynton of Lynton Wines and ornithologist Richard Porter for an evening of wine tasting and nibbles. Throughout the evening, Mark will discuss his life and love of wines whilst Richard will chip in about some of his favourite bird adventures at home and abroad.

Cost: £12 NWT members, £14 non-members (wine tasting and nibbles rather than a supper included in price)

Natural History Workshops

All workshops are suitable for all abilities.

They are designed as an introduction to the subject.

Unseen Worlds: An Introduction to Underwater Life at Cley

Saturdays: 30 March & 15 June

10.30am – 3.30pm

The lifeblood of Cley is the water which runs through it. Both brackish and fresh, it nurtures the millions of small invertebrates upon which our bird populations depend. In this workshop, recently retired Professor in Water Ecology David Harper will introduce Cley's wealth of aquatic life; its taxonomy, adaptations and importance within food webs. We will also head out on to the reserve to collect specimens to bring back and examine in detail.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Spring Migrants

Monday 1 April & Thursday 2 May

10.30am – 3.30pm

Identify migrant birds that visit Cley in spring. We will begin with an indoor session looking at key identification features and learning about migration patterns, before heading out on to the reserve to look for migrant birds. This workshop is part of a partnership programme between Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the National Trust.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Separating Bird Species

Saturday 6 April

10.30am – 3.30pm

Some bird species are easy to identify, it's those pairs of birds that look very similar that cause identification problems. This workshop will concentrate on how to separate birds such as wood and green sand pipers regularly seen at Cley. You will also be offered advice on where to see these confusion species. The workshop will begin in the Education Centre followed by fieldwork to put our skills into practice.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Bird Songs and Calls

Saturday 4 May

5.30 – 8.30am

Identifying birds by their songs and calls is a great skill to have, is less tricky than you might think and adds a whole new dimension to being outdoors. This workshop is aimed at beginners and sets out to help familiarise the songs and calls of birds most commonly encountered in woodlands and gardens. After an early start to listen to the dawn chorus, we will help you 'tune in' to individual species, before consolidating knowledge over coffee in a short classroom session. This workshop is part of a partnership programme between Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the National Trust.

Venue: National Trust Felbrigg

Cost: £17.50

Booking essential: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sheringham-park

Spring Flowers

Wednesday 22 May

10.30am – 3.30pm

Simon Harrap of nearby Natural Surroundings in Glanford and author of Flowers on the Norfolk Coast will be introducing the variety of plants that blossom in spring. The day will start with an introductory session in the Education Centre at Cley; we will then head out to search for signs of spring in the North Norfolk Living Landscape.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Swifts

Tuesday 25 June

10.30am – 1.30pm

As part of 2019 UK Swift Awareness Week, Action for Swifts co-ordinator Dick Newell will explore the lives of these amazing birds. He will discuss their behaviour, ecology, migration journeys and the importance of conserving these birds. An illustrated talk will be followed by a guided walk to a swift nest site. This workshop is part of a partnership programme between Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the National Trust.

Cost: £16 NWT members, £19 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Dragonflies

Saturday 29 June

10.30am – 1.30pm

Dragonflies are some of the most colourful and charismatic insects found in the UK and form a fascinating subject for study. At this time of year, most of the British species can be encountered on the wing, and the lake and wetlands at Felbrigg provide excellent habitat for common species, as well as attracting the odd rarity. This workshop will provide an introduction to dragonfly and damselfly identification through a combination of classroom and field sessions. This event is part of a partnership programme between Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the National Trust.

Venue: National Trust Felbrigg

Cost: £17.50

Booking essential: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sheringham-park

Art And Nature

All workshops are suitable for all abilities.

They are designed as an introduction to the subject.

Creative Writing Outside Free Taster

Tuesdays: 26 March, 11 June

10.30am – 12 noon

Experience a taste of the creative writing course with a short walk and writing session. Come along and meet course leader Jonathan Ward and some of the previous attendees.

Cost: Free

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Creative Writing Outside: Spring

Tuesdays: 9 April, 16 April, 23 April, 30 April, 7 May, 14 May

10.30am – 1.30pm

A six-week nature writing course led by local poet and creative writing teacher Jonathan Ward. Each week will include a walk and the opportunity to write outside in a different location within and around the North Norfolk Living Landscape. Time will also be spent in the Aspinall Centre looking at and creating poems and prose inspired by the natural world. At the end of the course, participants will be offered the chance to take part in an event including a reading and a display of a selection of their work in the Aspinall Centre. Beginners and more experienced writers are both welcome. (Note: The sequence of events and the balance of time spent writing out/indoors may vary slightly according to the weather conditions.)

Cost: £16 NWT members, £19 non-members or book all six events for £85 NWT members, £105 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Quilt on the Wild Side

Fridays: 26 April, 10 May & 24 May

10.30am – 1.30pm

Join the ever popular Sally Holman for another fantastic workshop. Make a small quilt/wall-hanging inspired by the wildlife of Cley. Using the classic Storm at Sea Block as a base, you will be adding quilted/embroidered pictures of wildlife to the centre panels. The quilt will be finished with a quilted border. The project can be hand or machine sewn. Some previous experience an advantage but not essential! Materials are not included in the fee; a requirements list will be sent out prior to the class.

Cost: All three workshops £45 NWT members, £50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Finders Keepers, Tales in Textiles! Meet the Artist gallery talk

Friday 31 May

4pm

Join artist Connie Flynn to see the Finders Keepers, Tales in Textiles! exhibition and hear about her experiences of participating in an Artist Residency in a Shetland lighthouse. Connie researched the keepers and their families who lived and worked in the lighthouse, she recorded the stories in her sketchbook and developed this by constructing hand stitched textile wall hangings.

Cost: Free (all welcome)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Water Colouring our Countryside with Steve Cale

Saturday 1 June & Sunday 2 June

10.30am – 3.30pm

Our countryside is a vibrant mix of colours and tones. Stormy skies, flowing streams, fields and woodlands feature in the landscape. Steve Cale has been painting wildlife and its habitat for most of his life. In this two-day course, he will aim to teach you the techniques to capture images of the countryside around you in watercolour. This course is suitable for beginners and more experienced amateur artists alike.

Cost: £60 NWT members, £70 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Creative Writing Outside Performance

Saturday 8 June

2 – 3pm

Join us for a reading of works created by attendees of the creative writing outside course.

Cost: Free

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Weave a Willow Bird House

Monday 17 June

10.30am – 4.30pm

Learn how to weave a hanging willow birdhouse. In this workshop, you will make a small base using a pairing weave. You will then add extra willow stakes to this and weave the sides, learning how to shape the work and create an opening for the door. The stakes will be at the top to create a loop that will be secured with a binding knot. All materials and equipment provided.

Cost: £46 NWT members, £52 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Make a Pottery Wading Bird with Dr Tim Willey

Saturday 29 June

10.30am – 3.30pm

After practicing some essential slipware techniques using specially prepared coloured slips, we will make some basic sketch-book observations out on the reserve. This will be followed by studio work, to construct and decorate our birds. The finished work will be left at the centre for drying, glazing and firing, to be collected at a later date.

Cost: £32 NWT members, £36 non-members (price includes materials, glazing and firing)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Family Events

Capturing Cley

Wednesdays: 10 April, 29 May

10.30am – 1.30pm

Explore and film exciting coastal wildlife at Cley using handheld cameras. Then watch your films on the big screen in our education centre. All equipment provided. If you would like to take away a copy of your films, please bring a USB memory stick.

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Nature Detectives

Friday 12 April

10.30am – 12.30pm

Explore skulls, bones, beaks, pellets, fossils and footprints to discover the bizarre and beautiful animals living in Norfolk. Dissect an owl pellet before wandering on the reserve to hunt for clues to the wildlife which calls Cley its home.

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Signs of Spring

Monday 15 April

10.30am – 12.30pm

The reserve is alive with wildlife in the spring, with birds singing and dancing in the sky, and plant and insect life beginning to emerge from the undergrowth.

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Pond Dipping

Tuesdays: 16 April, 28 May

10.30am – 12.30pm

Join us at our custom-built platform and learn about the wildlife found in ponds and dykes. We will help you tell your boatman from your beetle larvae.

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Coastal Creations

Wednesday 17 April

10.30am – 12.30pm

We will be searching the strandline for natural treasures washed up by the sea. Using natural materials on the beach, we will create beach art inspired by the coast. Meet at Cley Visitor Centre before driving to the beach (own transport required).

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Landscape Seascape Felt making Workshop with Connie Flynn

Friday 31 May

10.30am – 12.30pm

Be inspired by the Finders Keepers, Tales in Textiles! exhibition and learn the process of felt making. Join Connie to experience the fascinating process of using fibres to make felt fabric. The landscape and seascape outcome possibilities are endless. This workshop is aimed at children, with family members supporting.

Cost: £10 children (price includes materials) Accompanying adult required – free of charge

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Big Wild Weekend – 30 Days Wild

Sunday 16 June

11am – 4pm

Make room for nature this June – no matter where you are or how busy your life is, take part in the challenge and embrace random Acts of Wildness. We will have nature-inspired activities running all day in the centre and on the reserve to help you with your 30 Days Wild adventure!

Cost: Free

Health & Wellbeing

Movement and Meditation with the Marsh

Sunday 14 April

10.30am – 3.30pm

Join local body based therapist, Red K. Elders in a day of guided meditation and gentle movement exercises in our education centre and on our reserve. This workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Solstice Yoga

Wednesday 26 June

9 – 10.30am

Celebrate the beginning of Summer with a rejuvenating yoga session on Cley beach. Local yoga teacher, Eva Edwards will guide a session aimed to rebalance and revive body, breath and mind. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Please arrive at Cley Beach car park 10–15 minutes before the session. In the event of poor weather, the session will take place in The Aspinall Centre.

Venue: meet at Cley Beach car park

Cost: £8

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Cley Calling!: Changing Tides

Thursday 18 July – Sunday 21 July

A festival of writing, art, photography, music and performance all inspired by the natural world.

Big Butterfly Count 2019

Thursday 18 July – Sunday 21 July

10am – 5pm

A nationwide survey to assess the health of our environment. Collecting your recording sheet from reception and submit your results online.

Cost: Free (no need to book)

Butterfly Walk with Patrick Barkham

Thursday 18 July

11am – 1pm

North Norfolk is a butterfly hotspot. On this relaxed ramble in search of butterflies on the reserve, Patrick Barkham will share his best butterflying tips and infectious love for these insects. Patrick is Natural History Writer for the Guardian and an award-winning author of The Butterfly Isles.

Cost: £16 NWT members, £19 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

The Wonder of Butterflies with Patrick Barkham

Thursday 18 July

1.30 – 3pm

In this illustrated talk Patrick recalls the pleasure – and pain – of trying to find all 59 species of British butterfly in one summer.

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes lunch)

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or visit www.wegottickets.com

A Bigger Marsh: Rewild Yourself with Simon Barnes

Thursday 18 July

4.30 – 6.30pm

I lost nature – and then I got it back. As a result I have written millions of words trying to help everyone else get it back. Which is why I wrote Rewild Yourself. We're losing the wild world, sure, but we're also losing our ability to notice it: to see it, hear it, smell it. So join NWT Wildlife Evangelist, Nick Acheson and me on a walk and rewild yourself just a little.

Cost: £16 NWT members, £19 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Simon Barnes in Conversation with NWT's Nick Acheson

Thursday 18 July

7pm supper, 7.45pm talk

I was viewing a house when I heard a Cetti's warbler in the garden. "We'll take it!" An exaggeration but not by much. As a result we live alongside eight acres of Norfolk marsh, all for the wildness of it. It's become a family thing, especially one I share with my younger son Eddie, who has Down's syndrome. I wrote a book about a year in the life of the marsh: which is really about the privilege of living with vulnerability.

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes supper)

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or visit www.wegotickets.com

Circuit of Cley

Friday 19 July

10.30am – 1pm

A guided walk around the reserve and along the shingle ridge. Approximately 3.5 miles.

Cost: £3.50 NWT members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Wildlife and Nature Photography: Beginning with the Basics

Friday 19 July

10.30am – 3.30pm

Workshop led by Paul Richards with a theory session covering the essentials of good nature photography followed by time on the reserve practising techniques to improve your landscape, abstract nature, wildlife and close-up photography. Note: please bring your own equipment.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Kitty Macfarlane

Friday 19 July

6.30pm doors for food and bar, 8pm performance

A songwriter and guitarist whose music is rich with visual imagery and written with an eco-eye. Her debut album covers themes such as rewilding, migration, and woman's historical relationship with textiles and the land.

Cost: £10 members, £13 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or visit www.wegotickets.com

Jess French's Fascinating World of Butterflies

Saturday 20 July

Talks at 11am, 12 noon and 1pm

Join NWT Children's Ambassador, Jess French – vet, zoologist, minibeast expert and presenter of 'Minibeast Adventure with Jess' on CBeebies – to learn all about the fascinating world of butterflies. In an interactive talk Jess will explain all about butterfly life cycles, the differences between butterflies and moths and some fun ways you can make friends with those in your garden.

Cost: Free

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Butterflies for Beginners

Saturday 20 July

10.30am – 3.30pm

Led by county recorder, Andy Brazil, with a morning of classroom tuition and an afternoon of practical fieldwork. No less than 27 species can be seen in and around the reserve. You'll learn how to identify them, where they are and when to see them.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Brilliant Butterflies

Saturday 20 July

11am – 4pm

A day of activities led by the Norfolk Butterfly Conservation Trust, including crafts and free guided walks.

Cost: Free, no need to book

Poetry, Pizza and Pimms

Saturday 20 July

6.30pm doors and food, readings from 7.30pm

A relaxing evening of poetry and prose readings inspired by our stunning coastline, its landscape wildlife and culture. Poetry readings from Kevin Crossley Holland, Jade Cuttle, Jonathan Ward, Jos Smith and Elizabeth Cook.

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes glass of pimms on arrival. Pizza, additional food and drink available at an extra cost)

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or visit www.wegotickets.com

Fish 'n' Strips Wall-Hanging

Sunday 21 July

10.30am – 3.30pm

Sally Holman will teach us the techniques of foundation piercing and creative embroidery to create a triple fish hanging.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Ben Garrod's Ocean Commotion

Sunday 21 July

11am – 4pm

NWT Ambassador, Professor Ben Garrod hosts a family friendly fun day celebrating everything great about the North Norfolk Coast, its wildlife, landscapes and people! Take part in engaging, hands on activities for the whole family. Ben will be joined by NWT, RSPB, RNLI, Friends of Horsey Seals, Temples Seal Trips, The Coastal Exploration Company, Cley Harbour, Holkham Hall, The Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership, Norfolk Trails and many more.

Venue: Cley Beach

Cost: Free

Capturing Birds Quickly in the Field

Sunday 21 July

10.30am – 3.30pm

A keen birder, Martin Gibbons has an eye for capturing fleeting moments quickly in the field. In this workshop learn techniques for drawing birds, both in the field and from other sources.

Cost: £22 NWT members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Morning stroll with BBQ lunch

Sunday 21 July

10.30am – 1.30pm

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members (price includes food)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Cley Calling! Presents True Stories Live: My Wild Life

Saturday 8 June

A lively, moving event where people tell true stories about their lives – based loosely on the set theme 'My Wild Life' – in front of a warm, supportive audience. If you have a story to share, an informal workshop on Saturday 1 June will help you to find and shape your tale.

For more information or to tell your story visit: www.truestorieslive.co.uk

Cost: £10 NWT members, £12 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

Exhibitions In The Gallery

Free entry to all our exhibitions in The Gallery, which is open daily 10am – 4pm

Next to Nature

Wednesday 3 – Tuesday 16 April

Weybourne artist Julie Brooks returns with another exhibition of studies from nature. Drawings and sketches in pencil, depicting a variety of flora and fauna from garden, countryside and coast.

Cley and Beyond. A Norfolk Landscape

Wednesday 17 – Tuesday 30 April

Atmospheric watercolours by John Hurst depicting the Norfolk coastal landscape, painted from location drawings and seasonal colour notes. Alongside original works there will be quality, framed prints.

Drawn to Norfolk

Wednesday 1 – Tuesday 14 May

Chris Orgill often works in the field gathering as much reference material as possible. This can take the form of quick scribbles or, if time allows, more considered sketches and paintings with accompanying written notes.

The Magic of Light Norfolk

Wednesday 15 – Tuesday 28 May

Landscapes by local photographer Paul Burnham. Paul trained as a photographer but worked in wildlife conservation as a warden throughout England and Wales. Using the 'magic of light', he transforms the everyday scene into something special.

Finders Keepers, Tales in Textiles!

Wednesday 29 May – Tuesday 11 June

During a residency at Sumburgh Lighthouse Shetland, Connie Flynn researched the keepers and their families who stayed, worked and lived at the lighthouse. These experiences in her sketchbook, were developed by using cloth to construct textile wall hangings, each one decorated with different surface effects and hand stitched techniques.

Colours of Coast and Country

Wednesday 12 - Tuesday 25 June

Renowned for painting seascapes, Welsh artist Gareth Jones returns to Norfolk with a collection of works created in the vibrant medium of pastel. This exhibition features original paintings and limited edition prints, depicting the coast and countryside.

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Wednesday 26 June – Tuesday 9 July

Local artist Rosalie Osbourne Gibb's love of coast and countryside shines through her diverse art, from sea and landscapes to sunrises, sunsets, flora and fauna, and from delicate and detailed watercolours to bright, bold acrylics and beautiful soft pastels, often incorporating creative techniques.

In the Field

Wednesday 10 – Tuesday 23 July

An exhibition by Martin Gibbons of field sketches of birds and landscapes based upon the Norfolk Coast.