

WILDLIFE EVENTS ACROSS NORFOLK DECEMBER 2019 – APRIL 2020

Exploring Norfolk's wildlife We are lucky in Norfolk to have wonderful wild places and stunning wildlife to encounter and enjoy.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust offers a programme of walks, talks and events throughout the county for adults, children and families. These are organised by staff, visitor centres and our eight Local Groups.

For general enquiries about NWT events call: 01603 625540.

All information is correct at the time of going to print, however occasionally details may change. Please contact the event organiser if you would like to confirm arrangements or visit our website for up-to-date listings.

Visit our website for reserve information, species profiles, news and our full events listings: www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

OUR RESERVES:

NWT Cley Marshes
A149 Coast Road, NR25 7SA, Grid ref: TG 054 440

NWT Pigneys Wood
Hall Lane, Knapton, NR28 0SH, Grid ref: TG 296 321

NWT Thorpe Marshes
Whitlingham Lane, NR7 0QA, Grid ref: TG 267 083

NWT Ranworth Broad
Broad Road, NR13 6HY, Grid ref: TG 358 151

NWT Hickling Broad
Stubb Road, NR12 0BW, Grid ref: TG 428 222

NWT Foxley Wood
Themelthorpe Road, NR20 4QR, Grid ref: TG 049 229

NWT Brett's Wood
Off A148, NR21 0BB, Grid ref: TF 969 327

NWT Weeting Heath
Hockwold Road, IP26 4NQ, Grid ref: TL 757 881

NWT Holme Dunes
Broadwater Road, PE36 6LQ, Grid ref: TF 714 449

FAMILY EVENTS

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Sundays: 1 December, 5 January, 2 February, 1 March
10am – 4pm December to February; 10am – 5pm March

Enjoy free entry to the reserve for every child and their accompanying adult all day. Between 10.30am and 12.30pm, join our volunteer Bradbury family in a hide to experience birdwatching. From 1 – 3.30pm, take part in a variety of crafts and activities in the education centre.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)

NWT

PLAYVAN FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Wednesdays during term time January – April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Have fun and learn through play in exciting and innovative ways. The Cley group runs every Wednesday during term time in the Education Centre. Bring your little ones and enjoy lots of wildlife themed activities using environmentally friendly resources! Snacks for children and hot drinks for grown-ups will be provided.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £2 (no need to book)

NWT

REALLY WILD HALF TERM

Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February, 10am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 4pm daily

Join us in our education centre for a variety of free hands on activities throughout February half term. Activities include viewing items from our natural history collection under microscopes, bird feeder making, plant pot making, decorating your own plastic free bag, plus many more crafty activities. Please note if the education centre is in use for an event, activities may be limited or unavailable. To check the schedule for the day of your visit, please ring in advance.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)

NWT

MEET A HEDGEHOG

Monday 17 February, 10.15am – 2.30pm

Join Hedgehog Haven (North Norfolk), Hodmedods Hedgehog Support and their prickly friends to learn about hedgehog rescue centres, the secret lives of hedgehogs and how you can help protect this endangered species. You will also meet the live hedgehogs which are in the care of Hedgehog Haven face to face. On the day, if demand is high, there will be bookable slots at 10.15am, 12 noon and 1.30pm.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

NOTES IN THE WILD

Tuesday 18 February, 10.30am – 1.30pm

To celebrate the Frank Jarvis Notes in the Wild Exhibition, children will be shown a simple method of creating their own note book. Taking inspiration from the books that Frank Jarvis made as a child and as an adult, children will be encouraged to find something that they would like to research, draw, and document in their own handmade books.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £7 children (accompanying adult free, all materials and equipment included in price)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

BONES AND BODY BITS

Wednesday 19 February, 12.30 – 2pm

Look at our natural history items and learn how to tell the difference between a fox and badger skull, which rodents have eaten which nuts and how to identify what an owl has eaten.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes

Cost: £3 NWT members, £3.50 non-members.

(Reserve fee entry for non-members)

Booking essential: 01603 625540

NWT

FAMILY RAPTOR ROOST

Wednesday 19 February, 3.30 – 5pm

Learn the difference between the raptors; their different behaviours, how to identify them and their life cycle in the Education Hut. Afterwards we'll walk down to the raptor roost and find out why NWT Hickling Broad is so important.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes

Cost: £3 NWT members, £3.50 non-members.

(Reserve fee entry for non-members)

Booking essential: 01603 625540

NWT

CRAFTY CREATIONS

Friday 21 February, 10.30am – 12 noon

Create woodland works of art; look out for wildlife as we collect natural materials, then use these materials together with some clay to create masterpieces.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes

Cost: £3 NWT members, £3.50 non-members.

(Reserve fee entry for non-members)

Booking essential: 01603 625540

NWT

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD BOX

Friday 21 February and 10 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Encourage birds into your garden by building a wooden bird box and making your own bird food concoction. If we have time we will also head out to the reserve to practice our bird watching skills.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £8 children (accompanying adult free, all materials and equipment included in price)

Booking essential: 01263 740008
NWT

FEED THE BIRDS

Friday 21 February, 1.30 – 3pm

We'll be making something to feed the birds that you can take home. It's a fantastic way to encourage birds to your garden and have a closer look with who shares your local area.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes

Cost: £3 NWT members, £3.50 non-members.

(Reserve fee entry for non-members)

Booking essential: 01603 625540
NWT

THORPE MARSHES GUIDED WALKS

Wednesday 15 January, Tuesday 18 February, Friday 27 March, 10am – 12 noon

NWT Thorpe Marshes is a charming mix of grazed and ungrazed marshes, ditches and the open water of St Andrew's Broad. Join local naturalist, Chris Durdin to discover the reserve's wildlife. Bring binoculars and a camera if you have them.

Venue: NWT Thorpe Marshes, pedestrian railway bridge at the end of Whitlingham Lane.

Cost: Free (no need to book)
NWT

REALLY WILD EASTER

Thursday 2 to Sunday 19 April, 10am – 12.30pm, 1.30 – 4pm daily

Join us for a variety of free activities throughout the Easter holidays. See Really Wild Term Half on page 4 for activities on offer. To check the schedule for the day of your visit, please ring in advance.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)
NWT

BACK TO THE WILD:

DISCOVERING MINDFULNESS OF NATURE FOR FAMILIES

Monday 6 April, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Our disconnection from nature is the root cause of so many well-being issues we are facing today. For children and adults alike, it is time to reconnect with the wild! Join Claire Thompson, author of Mindfulness and the Natural World and The Art of Mindful Birdwatching for a family morning discovering mindfulness and exploring our relationship with the natural world.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £10 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

CAPTURING CLEY

Wednesday 8 April, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Film exciting coastal wildlife using handheld cameras, then watch your films on the big screen. All equipment provided. To take away a copy of your films, please bring a USB memory stick with at least 2GB of memory per child with you.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £6 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

FANTASTIC MINIBEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Monday 13 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Join us at our custom-built platform and learn about the wonderful wildlife that can be found in ponds and dykes. From here, we can help you learn your boatman from your beetle larvae.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

BONES, BEAKS AND BODY BITS

Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Join us to explore the bones, beaks and body bits of some of Cley's resident wildlife. We will be dissecting owl pellets looking for bones, exploring the lives of bats and examining the bones and body parts of a variety of creatures.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

COASTAL CREATIONS

Friday 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 then create beach art inspired by the coast. Meet at the Visitor Centre before driving to the beach (own transport required).

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4 children (accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WILDLIFE WATCH CHILDREN'S EVENTS

TRACKS AND TRAILS

Saturday 11 January, 10.30am – 12.30pm

The winter months are the best time to look for the tracks and trails left by mammals and many other animals. The trees are bare and the grass is short, perfect for spotting signs.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes, NR12 OBW

Cost: £4 Watch members, £6 non-members (one accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01603 625540

NWT

RAPTOR ROOST

Saturday 8 February, 3 – 5pm

Learn the difference between the raptors; their different behaviours, how to identify them and their life cycle in the Education Hut. Afterwards we'll walk down to the raptor roost and find out why NWT Hickling Broad is so important.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes, NR12 OBW

Cost: £4 Watch members, £6 non-members (one accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01603 625540

NWT

PONY CHECKS

Saturday 14 March, 10.30am – 12.30pm

The ponies help the wardens manage many of our reserves. The ponies are not pets but they still need looking after. Join the warden today as we search for the ponies and carry out a health check.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes, NR12 OBW

Cost: £4 Watch members, £6 non-members (one accompanying adult free)

Booking essential: 01603 625540

NWT

NWT LOCAL GROUPS

Our eight Local Members Groups are organised and run by NWT members on a voluntary basis, raising awareness and funds and making a difference in their local area. All are welcome at our events and you do not need to be a member of the Trust. To find out more contact your Local Group:

Breckland
Peter Roat: 01953 886756

Broadland
Jerry Simpson: 01692 630674

Fakenham
Robin Parker: 01328 864399

Mid Norfolk
Ina Zweiniger: 01362 822047

North Norfolk
Andy Clarke: 01263 821259

Norwich
Jon Shutes: 01263 735799

West Norfolk
Adrian Winnington: 01485 534747 / 07775 643877

Wymondham
Ann Carpenter: 01508 488337

Or email NameOfGroup@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk
Please contact the organiser if you would like more information.

SOCIAL EVENTS

BONES AND BITS NATURE QUIZ

Tuesday 3 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

A quiz evening with Cliff Maidstone

Venue: The Meeting Point, Withburga Lane, Dereham, NR19 1ED

Cost: £2 NWT members, £2.50 non-members

MID NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY

Thursday 12 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Members of the group will give a short presentation or just show a few of their favourite wildlife images. There will also be a 'just for fun' wildlife quiz and seasonal refreshments.

Venue: Hunstanton Methodist Church Hall, Austin Street, Hunstanton, PE36 6AL

Cost: £2.50 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

CLEY BIRD CLUB RACE

Saturday 11 January, 10am – 6pm

Cley Bird Club hold their second Winter Big Bird Day. If you enjoy a challenge, you can take part in the Big Bird Race to see who can achieve the highest total of species for the day. Come and help us to record bird diversity in the Cley Square. For further details see: www.cleybirdclub.org.uk or come to Cley Visitors Centre from 10am onwards on the day. All abilities welcome.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free, no need to book

NWT

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 21 March, 7.30 – 9.45pm

Quiz night with fish and chip supper to include tea/coffee in the interval.

Venue: Ingham Village Hall, NR12 9TD

Cost: £10 per person – £5 deposit per person required in advance

Booking essential: Teams of 6 maximum. Preferably by email to pauline761@btinternet.com or 07818 599303

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

GUIDED WALKS ACROSS NORFOLK

HOLME NATURE WALK

Thursdays: 2 January, 6 February, 5 March, 11am – 1pm

A guided walk around the reserve exploring its wildlife and habitats. Subjects will vary depending on weather and season but may include butterflies and moths, flora, birds, and reserve management and history. Binoculars can be provided.

Venue: NWT Holme Dunes

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

Booking essential: 01485 525240

NWT

WINTER WALK AT POTTER HEIGHAM

Sunday 5 January, 10am – 1pm

Morning walk on the south side of Hickling Broad. Led by Jerry Simpson and Andy Beaumont.

Venue: Meet at Potter Heigham Village Hall

Cost: free, donations welcome

Booking essential: Preferably by email broadland@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk
(or tel: 01692 630674)

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

HICKLING RAPTOR ROOST WALK

Sunday 5 January, 3.30 – 5.45pm

Sunday 19 January, 4 – 6.15pm

Sunday 2 February, 4.30 – 6.45pm

Sunday 16 February, 4.45 – 7pm

Sunday 1 March, 5.15 – 7.45pm

Sunday 15 March, 5.45 – 8pm

(Please note timings are approximate and will be confirmed when booking)

A guided walk to watch one of Norfolk's greatest wildlife spectacles. From the raptor roost viewing area visitors can see birds of prey fly into roost before nightfall. Patrick Barkham in the Guardian listed it as one of the best guided nature walks in the UK. Binoculars can be provided.

Venue: NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes

Cost: £3 for NWT members and children, £3.50 for non-members plus nature reserve entry fee

Booking essential: 01692 598276

NWT

BURNHAM OVERY STAITHE, MARSHES AND DUNES

Wednesday 22 January, 10am – 12 noon

A walk along the coastal path from the Staithe car park to the dunes near Gun Hill looking for birds of estuary, grazing marsh and beach.

Venue: Meet in Staithe car park. Grid Ref: TF 845 443

Cost: free

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

HOE BIRD WALK, HOE COMMON

Sundays: 15 December, 19 January, 16 February, 15 March,

8 – 9.15am or 9.15 – 11.30am

A monthly walk to record and observe birds and wildlife. New members always welcomed.

Venue: Meet in the lane to Hoe Common at Grid Ref: TF 989 173

Cost: free

MID NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

VISIT TO RSPB OUSE WASHES

Sunday 9 February, 10am – 3pm

A walk with the Fakenham Local Group

Venue: Meet at RSPB Ouse Washes Visitor Centre, Manea, Welches Dam, March, PE15 0NF. Grid Ref: TL 470 560.

Cost: £3 for non-RSPB members

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

COURTYARD FARM, RINGSTEAD

Wednesday 19 February, 10am – 12 noon

A winter walk around the fields and woods of this organic farm.

Venue: Meet in Burnham Road car park by cattle barn, Grid Ref: TF 722 405

Cost: free

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

WALK AT HUNSTANTON CLIFFS

Sunday 15 March, 10am – 12 noon

A walk with the Fakenham Local Group.

Venue: Meet by putting green café, Grid Ref: TF 673 415

Cost: Free

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

SANDRINGHAM COUNTRY PARK

Wednesday 18 March, 10am – 12 noon

A morning walk to look at the wildlife in this large area of woodland and scrub.

Venue: Meet at far end of main visitor centre car park, Grid Ref: TF 689 290

Cost: Free

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

VISIT TO BARROW COMMON

Sunday 19 April, 10am – 12 noon

A walk with the Fakenham Local Group.

Venue: Meet at pull-in at top of hill, Grid Ref: TF 790 434

Cost: Free

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

SNETTISHAM COASTAL PARK

Wednesday 22 April, 10am – 12 noon

A spring coastal walk searching for early summer visitors in this area of scrub, dunes and seashore.

Venue: Meet at RSPB car park, Beach Road, Snettisham. Grid Ref: TF 654 334

Cost: Free

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

GUIDED WALKS AT CLEY MARSHES

RAMBLE AND ROAST

Sundays: 8 December, 26 January, 23 February, 29 March, 10am – 1.30pm

A guided stroll around the reserve taking in the sights and sounds of winter wildlife on the North Norfolk Coast. Warm up with a home cooked Sunday roast and delicious pudding.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £17 NWT members, £20 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WALSEY WANDER

Tuesdays: 10 December, 28 January, 25 February, 31 March, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Discover the huge variety of wildlife and habitats in the Cley to Salthouse Living Landscape. Head east along Walsey Hills with views across the marshes before heading down to Babcock hide and back along the Attenborough Way.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WALK WITH THE WARDEN: CLEY

Wednesdays: 11 December, 8 January, 22 January, 5 February, 19 February, 4 March, 18 March, 1 April, 15 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Bernard Bishop has been the warden for more than 40 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.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIRDS OF CLEY

Sundays: 15 December, 19 January, 9 February, 15 March, 12 April,

10.30am – 1pm

New to birdwatching and want to learn more about birds? Join us for a walk onto the reserve with the chance to see the wide variety of species Cley has to offer.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

RAPTOR ROOST

Tuesday 17 December, 2 – 4pm

Tuesday 21 January, 3 – 5pm

Tuesday 4 February, 3.30 – 5.30pm

Just before sunset in the winter is a great time to observe raptors as they soar above the reed beds. Hear about our efforts in preserving the reserve for these beautiful birds.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

BREW WITH A VIEW

Wednesday 18 December, 1pm – 3pm

A social wander with like-minded friends and strangers before retiring to our visitor centre for a hot drink and piece of cake.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £7 members, £9 non-members (price includes hot drink and cake)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

NEW YEAR'S DAY WANDER

Wednesday 1 January, 10.30am – 1pm

A refreshing amble around the reserve and along the shingle ridge, before returning to the centre for a mince pie and hot drink.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £6 NWT members, £9 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

BEACH CLEAN

Saturdays: 4 January, 7 March & 28 March at Cley beach car park;

1 February & 4 April at Salthouse beach road

10.30am – 12pm

Help us to clean up our shore to benefit coastal wildlife. In the event of adverse weather please contact the visitor centre in advance to check for cancellations.

All equipment provided.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

CIRCUIT OF CLEY

Thursdays: 9 January, 13 February, 19 March, 16 April, 10.30am – 1pm

A guided walk around the reserve and along the shingle ridge, taking in the wildlife and habitats of the North Norfolk coast along the way.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LANDSCAPE

Fridays: 10 January, 7 February, 6 March, 3 April, 10.30am – 1pm

Monthly longer walks, led by retired conservationist, David North. Immerse yourself in North Norfolk's coastal landscapes with plenty of opportunity for conversations about what the landscape is telling us. The route will be determined by weather conditions on the day.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

NWT

WALK WITH THE WARDEN: SALTHOUSE

Tuesdays: 14 January, 11 February, 10 March, 7 April, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Explore the new land in this circular wander with our warden George Baldock.

Discover a new walking route and take in the spectacular wildlife along the way.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WALKING ON THE EDGE OF NORFOLK

Fridays: 24 January, 21 February, 20 March, 10.30am – 1pm

David North will lead you on a circular walk to discover coastal wildlife whilst discussing the impact the periodic storm surges and flooding events have on the wildlife and landscape of Cley. This walk includes 1.5 miles of walking on shingle.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

NWT

LEG-STRETCH TO SALTHOUSE

Wednesdays: 29 January, 26 February, 25 March, 10.15am – 1pm

A longer walk exploring the less well visited parts of our reserve whilst taking in the wider living landscape. This walk offers a history of the landscape from the perspective of both the people and wildlife which inhabit it.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

TALKS ACROSS NORFOLK

BATS AND CHURCHES

Wednesday 11 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Philip Parker will give us a talk on the relationship between bats and the churches in the local area.

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, Watton IP25 6AB

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members including seasonal refreshments.

BRECKLAND LOCAL GROUP

HOW HILL

Wednesday 11 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Simon Partridge, Director of the How Hill Trust talks about the Broadland treasure that is How Hill and its connection with Norwich Architect Edward Boardman.

Venue: Alec Bussey Scout Centre off Rowington Road, Norwich, NR1 3RR

Cost: £2 including festive refreshments

NORWICH LOCAL GROUP

THE WONDER OF BUTTERFLIES

Thursday 12 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Norfolk resident Patrick Barkham is a prolific journalist for The Guardian and author of critically acclaimed wildlife books.

He will talk about the challenge of seeing all 59 species of British butterfly in a single summer, as described in the best-selling book The Butterfly Isles.

Venue: Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members

NORTH NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

BOTSWANA'S OKAVANGO: AFRICA'S GREATEST WETLAND

Thursday 12 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Illustrated Talk by Nick Acheson about one of Africa's truly great landscapes and the impressive populations of wildlife that live there.

Venue: Town Green Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW

Cost: £2

WYMONDHAM LOCAL GROUP

THE NATHUSIUS' PIPISTRELLE BAT PROJECT

Friday 13 December, 7.45 – 9.30pm

AGM followed by an illustrated talk by Eilish Rothney. The Nathusius' Pipistrelle Bat Project aims to improve our understanding of the ecology, current status and conservation threats for Nathusius' pipistrelles in Great Britain and determine their migratory origins.

Venue: Ingham Village Hall, NR12 9TD

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members, includes seasonal refreshments

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

FILM VIEWING

Monday 16 December, 7.30 – 9.30pm

A wildlife film viewing, topic to be confirmed

Venue: Hempton Memorial Hall, NR21 7LG

Cost: £2.50

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

THE LITTLE TERN PROJECT

Tuesday 7 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Emma Witcutt, RSPB.

Venue: The Meeting Point, Withburga Lane, Dereham, NR19 1ED

Cost: £2 NWT members, £2.50 non-members

MID NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

WILDLIFE OF BORNEO

Wednesday 8 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An evening of stunning wildlife photography by Martin Hosier taken on his recent trip to Northern Borneo.

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, Watton IP25 6AB

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members including refreshments

BRECKLAND LOCAL GROUP

CALLING IN THE DARK – SOUND IDENTIFICATION OF NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE IN NORFOLK

Wednesday 8 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Stuart Newson, BTO Ecologist, talks about developing a tool for the sound identification of nocturnal wildlife in Norfolk

Venue: Alec Bussey Scout Centre off Rowington Road, Norwich, NR1 3RR

Cost: £2 including refreshments

NORWICH LOCAL GROUP

BUTTERFLIES OF HUNGARY

Thursday 9 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Ann and Bob Carpenter about the butterflies they saw in the Aggtelek National Park in the North East, the Uppony Mountains and the Bukk National Park in the West of Hungary.

Venue: Town Green Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW

Cost: £2

WYMONDHAM LOCAL GROUP

CONSERVING THE WORLD'S SWALLOWTAILS

Friday 10 January, 7.45 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Dr Mark Collins, Chairman, Swallowtail and Birdwing Butterfly Trust.

Venue: Ingham Village Hall, NR12 9TD

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members includes refreshments

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

TITCHWELL: BIRDS, WILDLIFE AND MANAGEMENT

Thursday 23 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Lizzie Bruce is the North West Norfolk Reserves warden covering Titchwell Marsh and Snettisham. She will provide an oversight into the history, the management and the wildlife of RSPB Titchwell and will share some plans for the future.

Venue: Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members

NORTH NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

BIRDING THE HIGH ANDES OF COLUMBIA

Thursday 23 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Allan Hale will take us on a trip to see hummingbirds, tapaculos, ant-pittas, mountain tanagers and much more.

Venue: Hunstanton Methodist Church Hall, Austin Street, Hunstanton, PE36 6AL

Cost: £2.50 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

AN UPDATE ON SCULTHORPE MOOR & THE NORWICH PEREGRINES

Monday 27 January, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Illustrated talk by Zoe Smith, Urban Peregrine Project Officer

Venue: Hempton Memorial Hall, NR21 7LG

Cost: £2.50

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

OWLS: A CULTURAL HISTORY

Tuesday 4 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Mike Toms, BTO.

Venue: The Meeting Point, Withburga Lane, Dereham, NR19 1ED

Cost: £2 NWT members, £2.50 non-members

MID NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

WHAT DO NWT'S CONSERVATION OFFICERS ACTUALLY DO?

Wednesday 12 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Helen Baczkowska of Norfolk Wildlife Trust, about work on County Wildlife Sites and in the wider countryside. This talk will be preceded by the group AGM at 7pm.

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, Watton IP25 6AB

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members including refreshments

BRECKLAND LOCAL GROUP

AGM & WATER VOLES

Wednesday 12 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

AGM followed by a talk by Sophie Hall on the identification, ecology, surveying and future of water voles

Venue: Alec Bussey Scout Centre off Rowington Road, Norwich, NR1 3RR

Cost: £2 including refreshments

NORWICH LOCAL GROUP

THE GREY SEALS OF NORFOLK

Thursday 13 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Gemma Walker about the Grey Seals of Norfolk as part of Friends of Horsey Seals. She will update us about the life of the seal colony, human interaction and how the 2019/2020 pupping season is progressing.

Venue: Town Green Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW

Cost: £2

WYMONDHAM LOCAL GROUP

TALK – TOPIC TO BE CONFIRMED

Friday 14 February, 7.45 – 9.30pm

Speaker and topic to be confirmed.

Venue: Ingham Village Hall, NR12 9TD

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members, includes refreshments

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

GARDEN BIRDS

Thursday 20 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Mike Toms is Head of Communications at the British Trust for Ornithology and author of the newly published New Naturalist book Garden Birds. He will talk about the importance of gardens to birdlife. This is a joint meeting with Cley Bird Club.

Venue: Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members

NORTH NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

TRAVELS OF A NATURALIST –
THE U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TO CENTRAL EUROPE

Monday 24 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Illustrated talk by Gordon Follows, Naturalist and wildlife photographer.

Venue: Hempton Memorial Hall, NR21 7LG

Cost: £2.50

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

MANAGING FOR WOODLARK, STONE CURLEW &
WIDER BIODIVERSITY IN BRECKLAND

Thursday 27 February, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Our usual very brief AGM followed by a presentation by Robert Hawkes. He is a PhD student researching management to support Breckland birds for other groups of organisms.

Venue: Hunstanton Methodist Church Hall, Austin Street, Hunstanton, PE36 6AL

Cost: £2.50 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

CALLING IN THE DARK – SOUND IDENTIFICATION
OF NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE IN NORFOLK

Tuesday 3 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Stuart Newson, BTO.

Venue: The Meeting Point, Withburga Lane, Dereham, NR19 1ED

Cost: £2 NWT members, £2.50 non-members

MID NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

RETURN OF THE OSPREY

Wednesday 11 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Ralph and Brenda Todd will give an illustrated talk on the history, changes and developing story of the osprey's return to Scotland as a breeding bird, including their protection and conservation issues.

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, Watton IP25 6AB

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members including refreshments

BRECKLAND LOCAL GROUP

A HISTORY OF BEESTON COMMON

Wednesday 11 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Francis Farrow, Honorary Warden, talks about the history and management of Beeston Common, a hotspot for flora and fauna in Norfolk.

Venue: Alec Bussey Scout Centre off Rowington Road, Norwich, NR1 3RR

Cost: £2 including refreshments

NORWICH LOCAL GROUP

WILDLIFE AND MANAGEMENT OF STRUMPSHAW FEN

Thursday 12 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Illustrated talk by Ben Wilson about the wildlife and management of RSPB's Strumpshaw Fen. Their nearest reserve to Norwich, you can see thousands of starlings leaving the city to roost on the fen at nightfall.

Venue: Town Green Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW

Cost: £2

WYMONDHAM LOCAL GROUP

LOOKING FOR THE GOSHAWK

Friday 13 March, 7.45 – 9.30pm

A personal, narrative account of the natural history of this mystery-shrouded bird of prey; how and where it lives, and why it might be missing from our lives, by Conor Jameson BBC Wildlife Nature Writer of the Year and whose book received a Roger Deakin Award

Venue: Ingham Village Hall, NR12 9TD

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members, includes refreshments

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

BLAKENEY POINT: A RANGER'S PERSPECTIVE

Thursday 19 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Leighton Newman is Head Ranger at Blakeney Point (National Trust) and will talk about the history, management of ground nesting birds, grey seal breeding colony, and bird migration at this famous Norfolk location. Preceded by a short AGM.

Venue: Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members

NORTH NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Monday 23 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Illustrated talk by Geof Lee, naturalist and speaker.

Venue: Hempton Memorial Hall, NR21 7LG

Cost: £2.50

FAKENHAM LOCAL GROUP

BUGS ON THE MOVE

Thursday 26 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Talk by Dr Ian Bedford. Insects and other invertebrates use a number of different signals to find mates, food and habitats. What are these signals and how do they work? Are there winners and losers in our changing climate?

Venue: Hunstanton Methodist Church Hall, Austin Street, Hunstanton, PE36 6AL

Cost: £2.50 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments

WEST NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

THE WILDFLOWERS OF NORFOLK

Tuesday 7 April, 7.30 – 9.30pm

An illustrated talk by Simon Harrap, Natural Surroundings Wildlife Gardening and Discovery Centre

Venue: The Meeting Point, Withburga Lane, Dereham, NR19 1ED

Cost: £2 NWT members, £2.50 non-members

MID NORFOLK LOCAL GROUP

THE ART OF BIRDS

Wednesday 8 April, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Professional wildlife artist Steve Cale talks about the art of birds.

Venue: Alec Bussey Scout Centre off Rowington Road, Norwich, NR1 3RR

Cost: £2 including refreshments

NORWICH LOCAL GROUP

AGM & TALK – TOPIC TO BE CONFIRMED

Thursday 9 April, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Group AGM followed by talk Speaker and topic to be confirmed.

Venue: Town Green Centre, Wymondham, NR18 0PW

Cost: £2

WYMONDHAM LOCAL GROUP

TALK – TOPIC TO BE CONFIRMED

Friday 10 April, 7.45 – 9.30pm

Speaker and topic to be confirmed.

Venue: Ingham Village Hall, NR12 9TD

Cost: £2 NWT members, £3 non-members, includes refreshments

BROADLAND LOCAL GROUP

LUNCH TALKS AT CLEY

CRANES AND RUFF SEX IN NORTHERN NORWAY

Thursday 12 December, 1.30 – 3pm

Local photographer, Paul Richards will discuss his time spent photographing the birds of Northern Norway. He will tell the story of the end journey, the breeding stage for many waders and other birds that visit the Norfolk Coast. He will also give tips on improving your photography.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WAKING THE DEAD: THE ANGLO SAXONS AT GREAT RYBURGH

Thursday 16 January, 1.30 – 3pm

While excavating waterlogged land beside the River Wensum, archaeologists discovered a previously unknown Anglo-Saxon cemetery containing dozens of rare timber coffins in an unprecedented state of preservation. Join Matt Champion as he attempts to answer questions about these people; who were they and how did they come to be buried beside a small river in north Norfolk?

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

NORFOLK'S WILDLIFE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING CLIMATE

Thursday 6 February, 1.30 – 3pm

We hear a lot about the global impacts of climate breakdown, but what will it mean for local wildlife? In this talk Charlie Gardner, a Lecturer in Conservation Biology at the University of Kent, presents the latest science on how Norfolk's birds, bees and other biodiversity have been responding so far, and what we can expect in the future. The talk will also highlight what we, as individuals, can do about it.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

THE LANTERN MEN: ELLY GRIFFITHS

Friday 7 February, 1.30 – 3pm

Elly Griffiths discusses the latest book in her award-winning mystery series and how she became a full-time writer. The Lantern Men is the twelfth book in the series, and everything has changed for forensic archaeologist, Dr Ruth Galloway – she has a new job, home and partner and no longer calls North Norfolk home.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

FACTS OF LIFE: EXPLORING THE CURRENT GLOBAL CRISIS FOR BIODIVERSITY AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

Thursday 27 February, 1.30 – 3pm

David North has worked in Norfolk for the RSPB, National Trust and most recently NWT, as well having written several books on Norfolk's wildlife. This talk will explore why nature matters, the reasons why biodiversity is under threat, both globally and locally, and the pressing need for action. Environmental issues are at long last going up the political agenda, but how can we make the changes needed to restore nature and create a sustainable future?

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

SILENT SPRING REVISITED

Thursday 12 March, 1.30 – 3pm

Conor Jameson discusses how the controversy surrounding *The Peregrine*, by J A Baker, led him to the killing fields of post-War lowland Britain, and the legacy of the oft-cited but poorly remembered Rachel Carson, and her game-changing book, *Silent Spring*.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

EARTHWORKS OF NORFOLK

Thursday 26 March, 1.30 – 3pm

A surprising number of Norfolk's archaeological sites have survived earthworks, from prehistoric burial mounds, mines and forts to medieval castles, moats and monasteries. For the last fifteen years David Robertson of Archaeology East Anglia has been helping land owners look after earthworks, and in this illustrated talk will explore some of the county's best sites and ways to conserve them.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

NORTH NORFOLK'S DEEP HISTORY COAST

Thursday 9 April, 1.30 – 3pm

Over the past 20 years local discoveries have helped to change our perception of when and why our distant relatives first arrived on our shores. Deep History Coast is a new and exciting initiative, integrating some of the county's most significant archaeological and fossil sites with museum collections, using information points and an innovative mobile app. Join one of the creators of the project, Dr David Waterhouse, Senior Curator of Natural History at Norfolk Museums Service, to find out more.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

EVENING TALKS AT CLEY

WHEN BIRDS SING

Thursday 23 January, 7pm supper, 7.45pm talk

Musician and Sound Artist, Saffron Summerfield presents a digitally illustrated talk with recordings of bird songs and calls, sonograms (a picture of sound) and music. In her talk, Saffron will be exploring a multitude of compelling questions – How does a bird sing? What is happening inside a bird's brain when it sings? Why does the Dawn Chorus have such an emotional and calming effect on some Humans and why did Mozart keep a pet Starling?

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

THE LANTERN MEN: ELLY GRIFFITHS

Friday 7 February, 7pm supper, 7.45pm talk

See Lunchtime talks

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

LOVING THE LOCAL WITH MARK COCKER

Thursday 13 February, 7pm supper, 7.45pm talk

Author and naturalist, Mark Cocker has been writing about wildlife in his Norfolk parish of Claxton for 20 years. He has also published two highly acclaimed books, Claxton and A Claxton Diary. Both explore the remarkable in the everyday world around us. Tonight he explains why the best way to understand and celebrate our living planet is to love the local.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

VISIT NWT CLEY MARSHES

Our Flagship Nature Reserve

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

Come along to our exciting programme of events, workshops, exhibitions and taster activities in the Simon Aspinall Wildlife Education Centre and The Gallery at Cley Marshes nature reserve. Also enjoy our award-winning visitor centre, book & gift shop and café, plus one of the best views in Norfolk. Open from 10am.

Located on the A149 coast road just east of Cley village NR25 7SA. Most events need booking: call the centre on 01263 740008 www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/cley

ART AND NATURE AT CLEY MARSHES

CREATIVE WRITING OUTSIDE – FREE TASTER

Tuesday 7 January, 10.30am – 12 noon

A taste of the creative writing course with a short walk and writing session. Meet course leader Jonathan Ward and previous attendees.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

CREATIVE WRITING OUTSIDE – WINTER

Tuesdays: 14 January, 21 January, 28 January, 4 February, 11 February, 18 February, 10.30am – 1.30pm

A six-week nature-writing course led by local poet and creative writing teacher, Jonathan Ward with the opportunity to write outside within and around Cley and Salthouse Marshes. Time will also be spent in the Education Centre reading and creating poems and prose.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

REED SCULPTURE WORKSHOP WITH DR. TIM WILLEY

Saturday 25 January, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Create wildlife sculpture using versatile and sustainable Norfolk reed, starting with a short walk over Cley Marshes to look at the material in situ and discuss some of its working characteristics. Learn how to handle, grade and prepare the reed and practice some simple construction methods before creating a final piece.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

CREATE A SUCCULENT DREAM CATCHER

Saturday 1 February, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Workshop leader Kerri Norton, owner of Leslie Terrance Home Gift and Garden, has been growing and caring for plants from a young age. After a walk on the reserve to gain inspiration, Kerri will guide you through the process of creating a succulent dream catcher.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £37 members, £41 non-members (price includes all materials equipment and plants)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

THE WINTER MARSH: PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH SAM ROBBINS

Saturday 8 February, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Sam Robbins creative career has spanned 34 years. In this workshop, utilising three key photographic principles, he will enable you to distil the limitless open space of the winter marsh at Cley into images that encompass a sense of muted beauty. A digital camera or a good quality camera-phone is required to participate in this workshop.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

NOTES IN THE WILD: FRANK JARVIS EXHIBITION PREVIEW

Thursday 13 February, 5 – 6.30pm

Join us for a preview of paintings, sketches and fieldwork forming an Exhibition of work by Frank Jarvis. Further information on the exhibition available on page 37.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)

NWT

ART FROM WILDLIFE

Saturday 15 February, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Sally Newton, a multidisciplinary artist taking influence from the natural world, will lead a workshop aimed at developing observational drawing skills by working from life within a dynamic, outdoor environment.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £32 members, £36 non-members (all materials including drawing boards, charcoal and oil pastels included in price)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

RAGS TO RICHES

Fridays 28 February and 20 March, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Bring along a pre-loved shirt and recycle it into a beautiful stitched, textile cushion. In this two day workshop with Sally Homan, you will be able to choose from making either an applique' cushion depicting the iconic Avocet or take a more free-style approach and make a simple pieced background adding details using a variety of surface decoration.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £28 members, £32 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

CREATIVE WRITING PERFORMANCE

Saturday 7 March, 2 – 3pm

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

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WEAVE A WILLOW BASKET

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March, 10.30am – 4.30pm

A two-day workshop with Karen Lawrence. Make a round shopping basket with a cross handle and learn traditional stake and stand techniques. Exploring this method over two days allows you to learn at least three different weaves, a rod border and still have time to create a beautifully wrapped handle.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £110 members, £130 non-members (price includes all materials and equipment)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

NORFOLK FESTIVAL OF NATURE: NATURE WALK AND WRITING WORKSHOP

Saturday 21 March, 10.30am – 3.30pm

The North Norfolk coast is rich in literary heritage and also home to many accomplished contemporary writers including Mike Burrows, Margaret Atwood and Kevin Crossley-Holland. Nature writers Mark Cocker and Jean McNeil will lead a circular walk and writing workshop, looking at both the natural and literary history of the area.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £28 members, £32 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

SPIRIT OF THE MARSH: AN INTRODUCTION TO OIL PAINTING

Saturday 11 April, 10.30am – 3.30pm

An introduction to the world of painting with professional artist Vanda Richards. We will start with a small basic study to familiarise ourselves with the oil paints, medium and solvent, and then go on to paint a Norfolk landscape on canvas that you will be proud to take home.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £32 members, £36 non-members (all materials including oils and canvas included in price)

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERY

Open daily 10am – 4pm

EARLY BIRDS AND BEACHES

Wednesday 8 January – Tuesday 21 January

Paintings celebrating the coastline of North Norfolk and wetland wildlife by local artist Caroline Richmond. Caroline paints with oil on canvas and board and offers a large selection of atmospheric seascapes and beautiful small collectable pieces featuring the wildlife of Cley Marshes.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

WILDLIFE THROUGH THE LENS

Wednesday 22 January – Tuesday 4 February

Stunning photographs by Norfolk farmer and wildlife lover Peter Mallett. Many of Peter's photographs are taken on his Norfolk smallholding which is home to several declining species including spotted flycatchers, turtle doves and bee orchids.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

SEAL

Wednesday 5 February – Tuesday 18 February

Sally Newton is a wildlife artist working with drawing, painting, print and sculpture. She graduated with a B.A (Hons) in Fine Art (Printmaking) from Cambridge School of Art and exhibits regularly. 'Seal' is a multidisciplinary, exploratory body of work considering the life of the grey seal colony local to Cley Marshes.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

NATURALLY RURAL AND WILD NORFOLK

Wednesday 19 February – Tuesday 3 March

Sarah Weston's exhibition captures the many guises of light that can be seen from sunrise to sunset. From the Norfolk Broads to the sun, sea and sand of our coastline, Norfolk at its best.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

NATURAL HISTORY OF NORFOLK

Wednesday 4 March – Tuesday 17 March

Kate and Hannah Breach's Exhibition presents an appreciation of Norfolk's beautiful wildlife, depicted in pastel, oil, gouache and acrylic. Many of the species painted are facing uncertain futures due to environmental changes so it is more important than ever to protect and treasure them.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

COAST AND COUNTRY

Wednesday 18 March – Tuesday 31 March

Boats, birds, beaches, breakfast and backwaters – local artist, Sue Welfare explores her love of the Norfolk coast and countryside in a series of limited edition hand-printed linocuts.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

NATURE AND NORFOLK LANDSCAPES

Wednesday 1 April – Tuesday 14 April

A journey through Norfolk with Vanda Richards and Deanee Clark – from atmospheric landscapes, to the rich flora and fauna of this wonderful county. Deanee has been a bird watcher for over 35 years, with a love for the surrounding landscapes the exhibition reflects Deanee's love of birds, nature, flowers and plants.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

CORNUCOPIA

Wednesday 15 April – Tuesday 28 April

Local artist Rosalie Gibb's love of coast and countryside shines through her diverse art. From delicate watercolours to bold acrylics and beautiful soft pastels, often incorporating creative techniques. Rosalie's work is available as framed originals, limited edition prints and greeting cards, plus bone china mugs and coasters.

Venue: The Gallery, NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free

NWT

NATURAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

WINTER BIRD CALLS

Saturday 18 January, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Winter is usually a time when birds are silent... or is it? Listening to bird calls in winter can give away their identity as well as what they are up to. In this workshop, led by ornithologist and tour leader Carl Chapman, you will gain insights into call identification in the classroom. You will also spend time out on the reserve listening to bird calls.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WILDFOWL AND WADERS

Monday 24 February, 10.30am – 3.30pm

This workshop led by Trevor Williams, will help you identify shorebirds at Cley Marshes with an emphasis on waders and wildfowl on the reserve. Includes an indoor session looking at key identification features as well as heading out to the reserve to look for birds.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

BASIC HEDGEHOG FIRST AID

Saturday 7 March, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Join Paula Pithers from Hodmedods Hedgehog Support to learn about what you can do to help hedgehogs. In this workshop you will learn how and when to help hedgehogs and where to go for further help. You will learn basic hedgehog first aid, enabling you to give the best possible chance of survival to hedgehogs in need. Paula will also teach you how to become a hedgehog champion in your area, helping to promote hedgehog awareness in others.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £13 members, £15 non-members. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

UNRAVELLING THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE

Saturday 28 March, 10.30am – 3.30pm

The interaction of the environment and people over a thousand years has created the Cley Marshes we know today. This indoor and outdoor workshop focuses on the history of the reserve's landscape and will explore historic maps, aerial images and surviving historic features. Participants will be able use the knowledge and skills they acquire to interpret Norfolk's wider historic landscape. This workshop includes approximately 2 miles of walking.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

A COMPARISON OF WOODLAND AND MARSHLAND BIRDSONG

Saturday 4 April, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Birdsong is often the gateway to identifying if a species is present. This workshop, led by Ornithologist and Tour Leader, Carl Chapman begins with a morning walk around Sheringham Park, followed by a walk around Cley Marshes in the afternoon. Compare the songs of difficult to separate species such as goldcrest and firecrest, blackcap and garden warbler. Please note own transport is required and a parking charge at Sheringham Park may apply.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

SPRING MIGRANTS

Monday 20 April, 10.30am – 3.30pm

This workshop led by Trevor Williams, will help you identify migrant birds that visit Cley in spring. Begin with an indoor session looking at key identification features and learning about migration patterns, before heading on to the reserve to look for migrant birds.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

BRINGING OUR AWARENESS BACK TO NATURE – AN INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS OF NATURE

Sunday 5 April, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Curious about your relationship with nature? Interested in mindfulness? Being mindful of life within us and around us is the secret to greater well-being, peace and to bringing forth a sustainable world. Join Claire Thompson – author of Mindfulness and the Natural World and The Art of Mindful Birdwatching – for a day of mindfulness, walking, games and reflections inviting you to explore your relationship with the natural world with others. All welcome, no previous experience of mindfulness/meditation is needed.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £22 members, £26 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

CLEY CALLING PRESENTS

EXHIBITION IN THE EDUCATION CENTRE SAFFRON SUMMERFIELD – WITH THE BIRDS

Thursday 5 December – Sunday 5 January, 10am – 4pm

Part of Cley Calling Footprints. Saffron Summerfield is an international Musician, Songwriter and Sound Artist whose work reflects her strong dialogue with the natural world and rural communities. Working in collaboration with the local community, With the Birds is an digital celebration of bird songs and calls, voices, words with songs and music inspired by NWT's reserves.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free, no need to book

NWT

EXHIBITION IN THE EDUCATION CENTRE EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK

Saturday 30 November – Sunday 5 January, 10am – 4pm

Part of Cley Calling Footprints. Paul Burnham, photographer and conservationist, has specialised in landscape photography with a focus on the North Norfolk Coast. During this time, he has noticed the subtle increase of pollution on our wild and wonderful coast. He has produced a series of images illustrating both obvious pollution and the easily overlooked. All images were taken between Salthouse and Cley nature reserves, a distance of just 3 miles.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free, no need to book

NWT

EXHIBITION IN THE EDUCATION CENTRE

NOTES IN THE WILD

Friday 14 February – Sunday 31 March, 10am – 4pm

An Exhibition of work by Frank Jarvis of his beautifully illustrated field notes and private diaries. These diaries record in detail the bird life he encountered mostly around East Anglia over a 15-year period. As well as the original identification charts that he produced for the hides on Cley marshes, archival material from his childhood and teenage years at Hornsey art school will be on display.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free, no need to book

NWT

CLEY CALLING FESTIVAL: FOOTPRINTS

THURSDAY 5 – SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

Cley Calling Footprints is a festival of writing, art, photography, music and performance all inspired by the natural world and the vital role each of us holds as caretakers of our precious planet. As part of each event involving food, we will endeavour to supply you with a low impact, meat-free option, incorporating local produce wherever feasible.

CAPTURING CLEY – WILDLIFE AND WILD SPACES

Thursday 5 – Sunday 8 December, 10am – 4pm

Head out on to the reserve with one of our handheld cameras to explore and film the wildlife of Cley. We will use your favourite footage in our short film. If you would like to take away a copy of your films, please bring a USB memory stick (min. 2GB capacity) with you.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £5 camera hire and £50 refundable deposit required. No need to book.

(please note, we have a limited number of cameras available to hire, cameras are available for a maximum of 2 hours)

NWT

OCEAN CONSERVATION WALK WITH WILL MCCALLUM

Thursday 5 December, 1.30 – 3.30pm

Join Will McCallum, Head of Oceans at Greenpeace UK for a walk along Norfolk's stunning coastline. We'll be talking about the bigger picture of ocean conservation, looking at some of the detritus washed up and thinking about ways to stop it from getting there.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

WILL MCCALLUM: A PLASTIC FREE FUTURE

Thursday 5 December, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Will McCallum has been working with governments and companies to prevent our plastic crisis, as well as researching what everyday consumers can do to reduce plastic pollution. Will has put everything he's learned into his accessible guide *How to Give Up Plastic*. Come along to discuss how we can come together to tackle some of the world's biggest problems (whilst having fun along the way!).

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £6 NWT members, £8 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or www.wegottickets.com

NWT

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR NATURE

Thursday 5 December, 7pm supper, 7.45pm discussion

Join NWT's Nick Acheson as he chairs a lively and topical discussion around how we as individuals can reduce our impact on the environment. Panel members will include Will McCallum, NWT Chief Executive Pamela Abbott, Conservation Scientist Charlie Gardner, Norfolk County Council Sustainability Manager Dominic Allen and Head of Conservation at Holkham Estate, Jake Fiennes. At the time of booking you will be given the opportunity to submit questions for the panel.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

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

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or www.wegottickets.com

NWT

CIRCUIT OF CLEY

Friday 6 December, 10.30am – 1pm

A guided walk around the reserve and along the shingle ridge, taking in the wildlife and habitats of the North Norfolk coast along the way.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £4.50 NWT members, £6.50 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

HOME COMPOSTING FOR BEGINNERS

Friday 6 December, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Would you like to start composting at home but don't know how? The workshop will cover what you can and can't compost and the types of methods and equipment you can use, including wormies and hotbins.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £3.50 members, £5 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

SAFFRON SUMMERFIELD – WITH THE BIRDS LIVE PERFORMANCE

Friday 6 December, 6.30pm doors for food and bar, 8pm performance

An evening of live music, digital recordings, words and stories inspired by natural sounds and images of Norfolk's wild landscape.

Guest performers will join Saffron for this event to launch the With the Birds exhibition (page 37).

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £10 members, £12 non-members (food and drink available to purchase)

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or www.wegotickets.com

NWT

BEACH CLEAN

Saturdays 7 March, 10.30am – 12pm

Help us to clean up our shore to benefit coastal wildlife. In the event of adverse weather please contact the visitor centre in advance to check for cancellations.

All equipment provided.

Venue: Cley beach car park

Cost: Free

NWT

GREEN FAYRE

Saturday 7 December, 10am – 4pm

One of the best ways to elicit change is with our collective buying power and we can all live a greener life through making informed purchasing decisions. Our first ever Green Fayre will feature local eco-conscious businesses including the Spoon Lady, Natural Surroundings, Jonathan's handmade soaps, Mybmbu and many more. The perfect opportunity for Christmas shopping.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)

NWT

MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES WITH THE NORFOLK BROADS

Saturday 7 December, 6.30pm doors for food and bar, 8pm performance

"Young female quartet the Norfolk Broads are strong storytellers...Their close harmonies brought a witty feminist take to a well-curated set of tales of impotence, greedy landlords, and the joys of a single life." ~ The Guardian

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £15 NWT members, £18 non-members (price includes mulled wine and mince pie on arrival and during interval. Additional food and drink available to purchase)

Booking essential: 01263 740008 or www.wegotickets.com

NWT

RAMBLE AND ROAST

Sundays: 8 December, 26 January, 23 February, 29 March, 10am – 1.30pm

A guided stroll around the reserve taking in the sights and sounds of winter wildlife on the North Norfolk Coast. Warm up with a home cooked Sunday roast and delicious pudding.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £17 NWT members, £20 non-members

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT

SCRAPBOX CHALLENGE

Sunday 8 December, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Join staff from Norfolk's Scrapbox and members of the NWT engagement team as they teach you how to create art and practical items from recycled materials.

Upcycled creations will include bird feeders, plant pots and Christmas themed crafts. Activities are suitable for all ages.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: Free (no need to book)

NWT

FESTIVE TREATS

Sunday 8 December, 2 – 4pm

Join Janine Shea, Cley's catering manager, for an afternoon of festive treat creation. You will make sweetie gifts and decorate biscuits to take home and hang on your tree.

Venue: NWT Cley Marshes

Cost: £6 per child, £3 per accompanying adult.

Booking essential: 01263 740008

NWT