

Winter Events Programme

OCT 2018 - MAR 2019

OCTOBER

**Friday
12 October**

Members - Free of charge
Non-members - £5

Booking Open Now

Winter Lecture: The Old Courts and Yards of Norwich

Speaker/s: Frances and Michael Holmes
Starts: 7pm
Venue: The Music Room, The Assembly House

'The Old Courts and Yards of Norwich' A Story of People, Poverty and Pride: At the turn of the 20th century more than 10% of Norwich's population lived in its old courts and yards. Using a combination of archive material and recorded interviews Frances and Michael Holmes will tell their fascinating history. An account which is about more than bricks and mortar, it is also the story of the communities and individuals who called them home.

NOVEMBER

**Tuesday
20 November**

Members - £18
Member Guests - £20

*Booking Open
20 August 2018*

Site Visit: Old Hall, South Burlingham

Starts: 2:30pm
Venue: The Old Hall, South Burlingham

Old Hall is an Elizabethan lawyer's country house, with a decorated porch, wall-paintings of hunting scenes and many original features; the present owners rescued it from dereliction and have filled it with colour and a hugger-mugger of books and pictures. A house included in Simon Jenkins' Thousand Best Houses. Grade II* listed. The whole house and gardens (weather permitting) can be seen, from cellar to attic gallery to tree-house to shepherd's hut. Tea and cake refreshments included.

DECEMBER

**Tuesday
4 December**

Members - Free of charge
Non-members - £5

*Booking Open
4 September 2018*

Winter Lecture: From Purgatory to Feminine Heaven The Commemoration of Women in Norfolk Church Monuments From the Reformation to the 20th Century

Speaker: Richard Cocke
Starts: 10:30pm
Venue: St Martin-at-Palace Church

A wide range of examples drawn from Norfolk's outstanding church monuments illustrate the profound effect of the reformation on commemoration. While women were often simply added besides their husbands, later many were commemorated in their own right. Richard will provide an illustrated talk that will delve into the history of the commemoration of woman over time.

FEBRUARY 2019

**Thursday
28 February**

Members - Free of charge
Non-members - £5

*Booking Open
28 November 2018*

Winter Lecture: The Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich

Speaker: Phyllida Scrivens

Starts: 7pm

Venue: The Music Room, The Assembly House

Norwich writer and biographer Phyllida Scrivens reveals the diverse and remarkable lives, both private and civic, of the seventeen women to have held the role of Lord Mayor of Norwich since Ethel Colman in 1923. Drawing on in-depth research and interviews with the nine surviving ladies, *The Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich 1923-2017* (Pen and Sword Books, 2018) gives a unique insight into a world full of tradition and ceremony.

MARCH 2019

**Tuesday
26 March**

Members - Free of charge
Non-members - £5

*Booking Open
26 December 2018*

Winter Lecture: Healing Bodies and Curing Souls – the Great Hospital in the Middle Ages

Speaker: Carole Rawcliffe

Starts: 7pm

Venue: The Music Room, The Assembly House

The Great Hospital, known during the Middle Ages as the hospital of St Giles, is a place of real historical importance. Its archives are now so valuable that in 2012 they were accorded UNESCO Memory of the World status. Learn what life at the Great Hospital would have been like and how it might have differed from the experience of institutional care today. Carole Rawcliffe is Professor of Medieval History at UEA.

Correct as of 30/07/2018 - Programme subject to change.

The Norwich Society Historians

The Historians group meet in the Vernon Castle Room, The Heritage Centre, Millennium Library, Forum. Each event a different presenter will provide a talk on an element of Norwich History. All sessions start at 10:30am with a tea and coffee honesty pot arranged from 10.15am.

2018 Historians Talk Dates:
Wednesday 24 October 2018
Wednesday 21 November 2018

2019 Historians Talk Dates:
Wednesday 16 January 2019
Wednesday 20 February 2019
Wednesday 20 March 2019

Discussion topics are released on the Society website: www.thenorwichsociety.org.uk once known. To find out more about the Historians please view the website, join the facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/nshistorians or contact the office on 01603 765606.

How to Book

The quickest way to book is online via the Society's website:

www.thenorwichsociety.org.uk/events

Bookings can also be made via the office. Please call 01603 765606, email: admin@thenorwichsociety.org.uk or write to The Norwich Society, The Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich, NR2 1RQ.