

Farmers Markets

For a list of all the farmers Markets and local food producers in the area, please contact the Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre or visit www.bigbarn.co.uk



Regular Events, Clubs and other Events in Suffolk

For a list of regular event, club events and other events taking place, please contact the Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre in Stowmarket, tel. 01449 676800.

Countryside Events

There is a programme of events taking place for all ages organised by Mid Suffolk's Countryside Team and Thornham Walks. For further information or an events leaflet, please contact the Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre.

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WHAT'S ON IN MID SUFFOLK SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2010



EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 30TH JULY TO SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER

'YOU NEED A MICROSCOPE TO LOOK AT THIS' – PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, Beyond the Image Gallery, Thornham Magna, IP23 8HH. Themed project work produces an inspiring group show by the members of Beyond the Image. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am-4pm. **FREE**. Contact: 01508 480477 or visit www.beyondtheimage.co.uk **AA**

WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST – 'WILDLIFE CRIME' talk by Garth Coupland, St Mary's Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, IP14 2AY. Garth will explain how police are fighting the battle against wildlife crimes. These include killing or taking protected species from the wild, collecting their eggs or skins, destroying nests & breeding sites, bat roosts & other protected habitats & the trade in endangered species. 7.30pm. Adults £2.50, Children free. Contact: John Thompson 01449 676471 or visit swt@imago.fsworld.co.uk **A**

FRIDAY 3RD & SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL AUTUMN DAYS, Harveys Garden Plants, Great Green, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3SJ. A vibrant display will demonstrate how to liven up your garden. A wide selection of autumn flowering plants available. 9.30am-4.30pm. Free entry. Contact: Brenda Waller Harveys Garden Plants 01359 233363 **AA**

FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION by GWYN BILBY, Beyond the Image Gallery, Thornham Magna, IP23 8HH. Following her success with 'All That Jazz' earlier in the year, Gwyn is showing new work made during her visits to this year's festivals. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am-4pm. **FREE**. Contact: 01508 480477 or visit www.beyondtheimage.co.uk **AA**

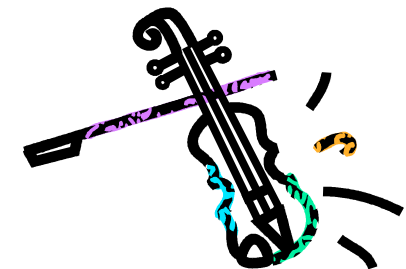
SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

TRADITIONAL MUSIC DAY, Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, IP14 1DL. Live traditional folk music, stepdancing, singing, storytelling and great atmosphere around the historic buildings of the Museum site. Guest artists from all over the UK. Concerts and informal gatherings and plenty for all the family to do. 11am-5.30pm. Tickets for whole event in advance. Various admission charges. Tickets/bookings: 01449 771090 or visit www.eatmt.org.uk **AA**

TRADITIONAL NIGHT OUT IN THE TITHE BARN, Abbots Hall Barn, Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, IP14 1DL. Acoustic concert featuring an eclectic line-up of top name guests from the traditional folk music scene. Optional buffet 6.30pm-8pm £6. Tickets in advance only. Event 8pm-11pm. Admission £12. Tickets/bookings: 01449 771090 or visit www.eatmt.org.uk **AA**

GARAGE SALES, Village of Finningham IP14 4JG. Over 20 garages will be open around the village on this day. 10am-4pm. Contact: 01449 782066.

HOXNE GARDEN AND SOCIAL CLUB FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW, St Edmunds Hall, Goldbrook, Hoxne, IP21 5AL. Flower and produce show, refreshments served all afternoon. Starts 2pm. Prizes and raffle at 3pm. Admission 50p under 16's free. Contact: 01379 669073 **AA**



SATURDAY 4TH AND SUNDAY 5TH
SEPTEMBER

EAST ANGLIAN FALCONRY FAIR, The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT. For novices and experienced alike, this event is the only one of its kind in East Anglia and presents the perfect opportunity to find out more about the art of falconry, by visiting the many and varied trade stands, watching some special raptor, ferret and dog demonstrations, talking to the experts and catching up with old friends and acquaintances. 10am-5pm. Adults £6.50, Seniors £5, Juniors aged 4-14 £4, Family Groups (5) £20, Children under 4 go free. Contact: 08456 807897 or visit the website **AA** (on the Stonham Barns site)

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

COTTON 'GAMES IN THE GARDEN', Dandy Hall, Willow Lane, Cotton. An afternoon of fun & games in a fine village garden. Table Tennis, Badminton, Quoits, Giant Connect 4, Giant Jenga, Shuffleboard from the USA, Shovelhalfpenny, Bagatelle, etc, etc and a giant Jigsaw to finish. 12 noon-5pm. Buffet lunch at 12 noon. Pay Bar, Ample Parking. Tickets: £10 per person, under 14's £5, Contact: 01449 781095.

TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

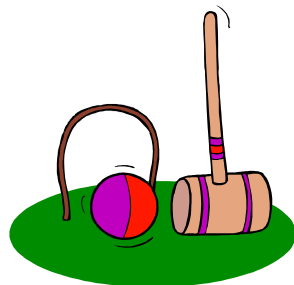
TOUR OF ARMOURY, St Mary's Church Mendlesham, IP14 5RY. St Mary's Church has the most complete set of armoury to survive in any English church. In 1588, with the risk of invasion from the Spanish fleet, every town & village was expected to arm itself. The armoury survives from that time. 2pm. £4 (to include refreshments). Bookings: Marjorie Rousseau, Hon Secretary, The Friends of St Mary's Church 01449 766726 **A**

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

AN EVENING WITH PETER SEABROOK, Ringshall Village Hall, Lower Farm Road, IP14 2JB. Battsford and District Gardening Club invite everyone to an evening with one of the country's best known gardening experts, Peter Seabrook. 7.30pm. Tickets £10. Tickets/bookings: 01449 672168.

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

COMBS VILLAGE FETE, Combs Village. From 1pm. Hageneth Morris Men will perform during the afternoon.



SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

PHOTO DAY with Paul Sawyer, The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT. Our friend Paul Sawyer will once again be hosting a popular wildlife photo day at the Centre. This involves some exclusive opportunities to photograph or video some of our magnificent owls and other birds of prey in sedentary positions and in flight, all in natural surroundings, which offer the opportunity for you to add some stunning images to your portfolio. 10am-5pm. Adults £50. Contact: 08456 807897 or visit the website **AA** (on the Stonham Barns site)

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

CAR BOOT SALE, Wattisfield Village Hall, The Street, Wattisfield. Car boot sale on the Wattisfield Village Hall Recreation Ground. 10am-1pm. No admission charge. Pitches are £5. Bookings: 01359 251696 or brambleyhedge@btinternet.com **A**

SATURDAY 18TH AND SUNDAY 19TH
SEPTEMBER

OPERA GALA EVENINGS, Barrandov Opera, Kennels Farm, Barking Road, Needham Market, IP6 8HG. Favourite arias and popular songs. 6.30pm. Admission: £45 (including buffet supper). Tickets/bookings: 01449 720796 or e-mail johndearlove@barrandov.co.uk **AA**

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

HELMINGHAM HALL AUTUMN PLANT FAIR, Helmingham Hall, Helmingham IP14 6EF (9 miles NE of Ipswich on B1077). This is the eleventh year of the popular plant fair in partnership with Suffolk Plant Heritage. Plant lovers are invited to bring their plant problems and apple queries. 10.30am-4pm. Entry to plant sale £6 which includes admission to Helmingham Hall Gardens. Free parking. Homemade lunches and teas. Contact: 01473 890799 or visit www.helmingham.com AA

MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

STOWMARKET LOCAL HISTORY GROUP – The Life & Times of a Silly Suffolk Shepherd by Will Grey, Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket. 7.30pm. Members £1, Non Members £3. Contact: 01449 615665



TUESDAY 21ST TO SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

FRESSINGFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL 2010, Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Fressingfield, North Suffolk. The Fressingfield Music Festival returns for its sixth year having established a reputation as one of the best small music festivals in the country. All concerts will commence at 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked in advance for £12, or at door for £15. Tickets for Tuesday's concert (21st) cost £15 in advance or £17 at the door. Tickets available: 01379 586459 and from mid-August at Fressingfield Stores. Visit www.fressingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN ON THE FEN – Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Redgrave & Loham Fen, Redgrave, Diss. Join Plantlife's Tim Pankhurst and discover the wonderful world of plants of the fens. Following a short introduction in the morning, spend the day outside looking at a range of plants. In the case of bad weather we will make a collection & examine them inside. 10am-2pm. Age 18 & over. Bookings contact: 01722 342730 or visit www.wildaboutplants.org.uk/events

CINEMA IN STRADBROKE, Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre, Wilby Road, Stradbroke, IP21 5JN. Film to be announced. Doors and bar open 7.00pm. Film starts 7.30pm. Tickets on door £5.50. Bar open during interval, choc ices served. Contact: 01379 388629. A

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

MID SUFFOLK LIGHT RAILWAY MUSEUM – 'PLOUGHING IN THE MIDDY ERA', Brockford Station, Wetheringsett, Nr Stowmarket, IP14 5PW. Steam train, classic ploughs at work. 11am-5pm (last train 4.20pm). Admission: £5 adults, £4 concessions, £2.50 children, £12.50 family (2+2). All tickets are season tickets valid for 2010 (does not include events where booking required). Refreshment room, shop, exhibitions, real ale bar. Contact: 01449 766899 or visit www.mslr.org.uk

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

MUSTARD THEATRE COMPANY will be presenting **'NATURAL CAUSES'** by Eric Chappell. A black comedy from the writer of 'Rising Damp'. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (no concessions). Tickets: 01473 622723 or visit www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk Please contact venues directly for information on facilities available ie for people with disabilities

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER – Mendlesham Community Centre

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER – St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne

SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER – Creeting St Mary Village Hall

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

MEURTRE, MYSTERE ET MUTILATION, Red Lion (rear entrance), Debenham, IP14 6QJ. A new tragic comedy by Alan Huckle, directed by Mark Finbow and staged by Eyeswrite. With Peter Sowerbutts and David Blood. 8pm. £8 and £6 concessions. Tickets/bookings: 01379 873536 or e-mail eyeswrite@aagh.fsnet.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

WEA STRADBROKE BRANCH 'THE FRIENDLY INVASION' – USAAF IN EAST ANGLIA, Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre, Wilby Road, Stradbroke, IP21 5JN. 6 week course of 2 hours beginning 6th October. Tutor is Mr Ian McLachlan. Starts 2.15pm. Course cost £33. Come along for the first week without any obligation to join, pay the second week if you wish to continue. Contact: Branch Secretary on 01728 724746.

SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

MEURTRE, MYSTERE ET MUTILATION, Wingfield Barns, Wingfield, IP21 5RA. A new tragic comedy by Alan Huckle, directed by Mark Finbow and staged by Eyeswrite. With Peter Sowerbutts and David Blood. 8pm. £8 and £6 concessions. Contact: 01379 873536 or e-mail eyeswrite@aagh.fsnet.co.uk Tickets/bookings: 01379 384505.

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST – 'AUTUMN AMBLE' with Peter Holborn, Bonny Wood, Barking. Come with Peter on a relaxed walk around Bonny Wood Reserve & enjoy the wonders of autumn, fungus, fruits & colour. **Limited spaces booking essential.** 10.30am. Free – donations welcome. Contact: John Thompson 01449 676471 or VISIT swt@imago.fsworld.co.uk

TOY, TRAIN, MODEL COLLECTORS FAIR & HOBBY FEST, Needham Market Community Centre, IP6 8BB. Swapmeet, Fair & Hobby Exhibition organised by Stowmarket Railway Club. 11am-3.30pm. Admission: £1. Contact: 01449 771360 or visit www.stowrailclub.org.uk AA



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SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER

HUGE CRAFT AND HOBBIES FAIR, Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market, IP6 8BB. Over 50 stalls of crafts including stained glass, paintings, woodturning, scrapbooking, cards, bunting, gifts, fragranced gifts, knitted goods, pickles and drinks, sewn items, pop memorabilia, handbags, scarfs, all sorts of jewellery, wooden doorsteps and seaside crafts and model boats and loads more! 10am-4pm. Admission: 50p for aged 14 and over. Light hot lunches available and tea, coffee and cakes! Contact: 01449 720151.

MONDAY 25TH – SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER (HALF TERM)

PAINT A POT AT THE TEAPOT POTTERY, Low Road, Debenham, IP14 6QU. All ages welcome to the Teapot Pottery. We make & paint our own teapots & that can be seen from the counter during weekdays. Paint your Own Pots can be done in our small ceramic studio (advisable to book in holiday times). We also have a lovely teashop selling light refreshments. 9am-5.30pm Mon – Fri, 10.30am-4.30pm Saturdays. Sundays closed. Admission free, charges for Paint your Own Pot are £5.50 for Studio Fee & cost of the pot you are painting (range £4 - £40). Contact: 01728 860475



SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER

HALLOWE'EN HOOT, The owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT. A special ghoulish half-term treat for youngsters. 10am-5pm. Adults £6.50, Seniors £5, Juniors aged 4-14 £4, Family Groups (5) £20, Children under 4 go free. Contact: 08456 807897 or visit the website **AA** (on the Stonham Barns site)



**MID SUFFOLK TOURIST
INFORMATION CENTRE,**

**AT THE MUSEUM OF EAST ANGLIAN
LIFE, STOWMARKET, IP14 1DL**

As well as having tourist information on Suffolk, London and the rest of the country, we have a shop offering quality goods at excellent prices:

- Cards, stationery and wrapping paper
- Locally handmade jewellery
- Prints by local artist
- Memorabilia from the Robert Opie range
- Pottery
- Toiletries from Norfolk Lavender

- Tea towels, tea cosies, aprons, oven gloves and bags from Ulster Weavers
- Maps, books, DVDs and CDs
- Local jams, honey, chutneys and fruit juices
- Pocket-money toys

We look forward to seeing you!



Our contact details: Tel: **01449 676800.**

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Our opening times: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4.45pm. Sat & Bank Holidays: 10am - 4.45pm. Sundays: 11am - 4.45pm

THURSDAY 9 – SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

This is an annual and national event which gives the public free access to many buildings of historic interest that may not otherwise be open to the public. For information about places to visit locally, contact the Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre at the Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, IP14 1DL, tel. 01449 676800 email tic@midsuffolk.gov.uk or visit the following website www.heritageopendays.org.uk

FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – At the Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre, The Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, IP14 1DL. Take part in the world's biggest coffee morning and help raise money for charity. From 10 am – 12 noon we will be serving tea/coffee and homemade cakes. Please come and help us make it the biggest coffee morning yet! Tel: 01449 676800. Email: tic@midsuffolk.gov.uk **AA**

SPECIAL OFFER ON BOOKS

Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre, The Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, IP14 1DL. This month we are offering special discounts on our books. We have a varied selection of books on local history, farming life, Suffolk railways and airfields. Also there are books on walking, cycling and exploring the county. Opening hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 4.45pm; Sat 10am – 4.45pm; Sun 11am – 4.45pm.

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Welcome

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