



Aldeburgh & District Local History Society

Visit to Historic Norwich and the exhibition of the wreck of HMS Gloucester

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Members and guests are invited to join the ADLHS coach trip to Norwich which offers a visit the exhibition of the wreck of the Gloucester and an afternoon walking tour of this fascinating historic City.

The wreck of the Gloucester exhibition



On 6 May 1682, the Gloucester ran aground in heavy seas off the coast of Great Yarmouth. James Stuart, Duke of York and Albany survived the ship's sinking, at a time of great political and religious tension, to become King James II and VII in 1685.

For over 300 years, the wreck and its contents lay buried on the seabed. This major exhibition will explore the ship's dramatic discovery and display for the first time some of the fascinating objects recovered from the wreck site. These include the ship's bell and beautifully preserved personal effects that tell stories of the passengers and crew, and of life on board the ship. Alongside the wreck finds the exhibition will include a series of key loans from the UK and Holland - paintings, manuscripts and navigational instruments, to enrich understanding of the historical context

Afternoon walking tour of historic Norwich



Norwich claims to be the most complete medieval city in Britain. It has earned the honour of becoming the first city in England to be admitted to the World League of Historical Cities. Led by an expert guide this tour will explore the intricate network of streets and historic buildings.

The walking tour starts at the Cathedral and lasts approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. It is described as easy paced walking and will cover the fascinating buildings and history of Norwich.

We are offering the opportunity to join one tour or both – and places will also be available for those who would just like the opportunity of a coach trip to Norwich to do their own thing.

Timetable

8.30am. Belles Coach Departs from the Church Car Park Aldeburgh (there is no toilet on board)

10.15am. Tour of the wreck of the Gloucester Exhibition at Norwich Museum

After the visit you are free to make your own lunch arrangements

2pm – 3.45pm. Tour of Historic Norwich led by expert local guides

4pm coach departs for Aldeburgh.

Tickets

Tickets will be priced as follows:

For the full tour, coach, exhibition and walking tour £30

For the coach, and **either** the exhibition OR the walking tour £25

For the coach only £18.

They will be on sale online and by phone from 14th July (or maybe a little earlier).