

# EASTERN ENGLAND & HOME COUNTIES

Bd= Beds; Bk=Bucks;  
Cb= Cambs; Ex= Essex;  
Ln= Lincs; Nf= Norfolk;  
Sf= Suffolk

**1 The Abbey**  
*Coggeshall, Ex*  
May 13; June 24; July 1;  
Aug 5, 10; Sept 9

**2 Assington Mill**  
*nr Sudbury, Sf* June 28;  
July 26; Aug 23

**3 Belle Grove**  
*nr Halesworth, Sf*  
June 10, 24; July 8, 22;  
Aug 5, 19; Sept 2, 16

**4 Braxted Park**  
*nr Witham, Ex*  
Apr 13; May 11; June 8

**5 Brinton Hall**  
*nr Holt, Nf* Mar 5;  
Apr 16; May 21; June 18;  
July 16; Aug 6, 20

**6 Bruisyard Hall**  
*nr Framlington, Sf*  
Apr 21; May 19; June 23;  
July 21; Sept 8; Oct 6

**7 Buxlow Manor**  
*nr Saxmundham, Sf*  
Apr 25; May 21; June 25;  
July 23; Aug 20; Sept 12

**8 Castor House**  
*nr Peterborough, Cb*  
June 23; Aug 21

**9 25-27 Church Street**  
*Saffron Walden, Ex* June 22; July 4, 14,  
24; Aug 1, 11, 15

**10 Clifton House**  
*King's Lynn, Nf*  
June 5, 19, 26; July 10;  
Sept 11, 18

**11 Columbine Hall**  
*nr Stowmarket, Sf* May 9; June 13; July  
9, 17; Aug 4, 26

**12 Copped Hall** *nr Epping, Ex*  
May 17; July 19; Aug 16

**13 Cressing Temple Barns**  
*nr Braintree, Ex* June 24

**14 Crow's Hall** *nr Debenham, Sf*  
Apr 21; May 11

**15 Earsham Hall** *nr Bungay, Sf*  
Apr 16; May 11; June 11; July 18;  
Aug 27; Sept 14; Oct 15; Nov 26

**16 The Emplins** *Gamlingay, Cb*  
Apr 26; May 18; June 9; July 1; Aug 6;  
Sept 4

**17 Finchingfield Guildhall** *Essex*  
Apr 28; May 22; June 19; July 21;  
Aug 21; Sept 15; Oct 6; Dec 15

**18 Glemham Hall** *nr Woodbridge, Sf*  
Apr 12, 26; May 17, 25; June 10;  
July 14, 22, 26; Aug 18, 31; Sept 6, 9;  
Oct 14; Dec 9

**19 Harlington Manor** *nr Luton, Beds*  
Mar 6; Apr 10; May 15

**20 Haughley House**  
*nr Stowmarket, Sf* Apr 9, 22;  
May 3, 11; June 14; July 12; Aug 4;  
Sept 3; Dec 21

**21 Heath Farmhouse** *nr Harleston, Sf*  
Apr 19; June 4; July 16; Aug 25;  
Sept 24; Nov 1; Dec 22

**22 Henstead Exotic Garden**  
*nr Beccles, Sf* May 8; June 6;  
July 3, 25; Aug 14; Sept 5

**23 High Hall** *nr Ipswich, Sf*  
May 6, 27; June 10

**24 Hintlesham Hall** *nr Ipswich, Sf*  
Feb 11; Mar 11; Apr 22; June 10; Aug  
5; Sept 8; Nov 25; Dec 9

**25 Hoses Hall** *nr Halstead, Ex*  
Apr 16; May 29; June 13; July 19;  
Sept 4; Dec 4

**26 Hoveton Hall** *nr Wroxham, Nf*  
May 14; June 4; June 18; July 9, 23;  
Aug 13; Sept 3

**27 Hyde Hall Gardens**  
*nr Chelmsford, Ex* Apr 29; May 14;  
June 25; July 23; Aug 13; Sept 16

**28 Ingatestone Hall** *Ex* Apr 15;  
May 13; July 8; Aug 12; Sept 23

**29 Island Hall** *Godmanchester, Cb*  
Apr 25; May 13; June 16; July 1; Aug  
4; Sept 2; Sept 15; Nov 21; Dec 9

**30 Kirstead Hall** *south of Norwich, Nf*  
May 24, June 28, July 18, 28;  
Aug 11, 27

**31 Langley Abbey** *nr Loddon, Nf*  
May 13; June 10; July 22; Aug 26

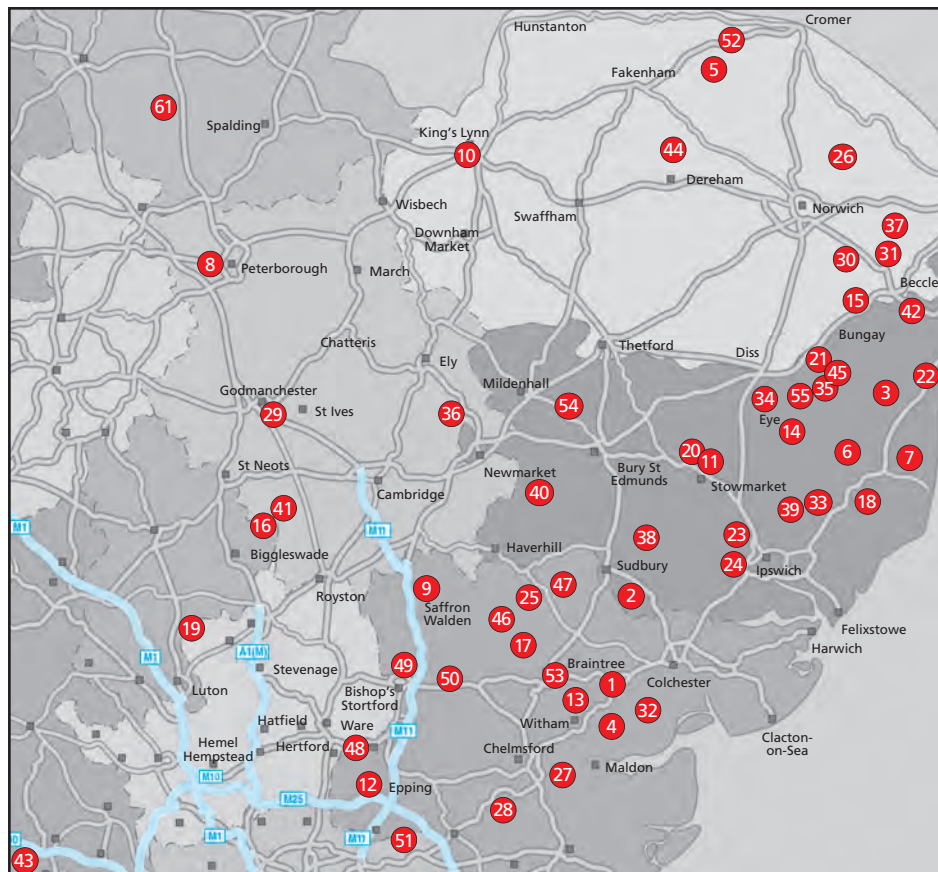
**32 Layer Marney Tower**  
*nr Tiptree, Ex* Apr 29; June 14;  
Aug 13; Sept 23; Oct 29

**33 Letheringham Lodge** *nr Woodbridge, Sf* July 4; Aug 1

**34 Linden House** *Eye, Sf*  
Aug 7, 14, 19

**35 Middleton Hall** *nr Harleston, Nf/Sf border* Mar 20, 31

**36 Netherhall Manor** *Sobam, Cb*



Apr 2, 30; July 30; Aug 6

**37 Old Hall South**  
*Burlingham, Nf* Apr 23;  
May 5; June 22; July 7;  
Aug 12; Sept 4; Oct 14;  
Dec 17

**38 The Old Rectory**  
*Great Waldingfield, nr Lavenham, Sf* May 13;  
June 17

**39 Otley Hall** *nr Ipswich, Sf* Apr 29; May  
12; June 16; July 9, 28;  
Aug 24; Sept 10; Dec 15

**40 Ousden House**  
*nr Newmarket, Sf* Apr 23;  
May 14; June 18

**41 Rippington Manor**  
*nr Gamlingay, Cb*  
May 20, 26; June 10

**42 Roos Hall** *nr Beccles, Sf*  
See website for date

**43 St Katharine's**  
*Parmoor, Bk* Mar 26;  
July 16; Sept 25

**44 Silverstone Farm**  
*North Elmham, Nf* May  
17; June 28; Sept 6;

**45 South Elmham Hall** *nr Harleston, Sf/Nf border*  
Apr 6; May 13;  
Aug 12; Sept 16

**46 Spains Hall** *nr Finchingfield, Ex*  
Apr 28;  
May 26; June 23; Aug 25;  
Sept 22; Oct 27

**47 Spencers Garden**  
*nr Sible Hedingham, Ex*  
May 17; June 23; Sept 8

**48 Stanstead Bury**  
*nr Ware, Herts* July 16

**49 Sworders Fine Art**  
*nr Stansted, Ex* May 14; Nov 5

**50 Talliston** *Gt Dunmow, Ex*  
May 16, 17; June 13, 14; Aug 15,  
16; Sept 12, 13

**51 Valentines Mansion, Ilford,**  
*Greater London* Aug 17

**52 Voewood** *nr Holt, Nf* Apr 15;  
May 12; June 10; July 15; Aug 12;  
Sept 9; Oct 7; Nov 11; Dec 16

**53 Warner Textile Archive**  
*Braintree, Ex* Feb 27; Mar 26;  
Apr 30; July 18; Sept 26; Oct 13;  
Nov 26

**54 West Stow Hall** *nr Mildenhall, Sf*  
Mar 8, 24; Apr 30; May 17; June  
17; Aug 11, 27; Sept 27; Nov 8;

**55 Wingfield College** *nr Eye, Sf*  
May 21; June 27; Sept 11

**61 Grimsthorpe Castle**  
*near Bourne, Ln*



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## 1 THE ABBEY

Founded in 1140 on land given by Stephen and Matilda. Restored abbot's stew pond was a feature when Edward II held court here in 1325; in 1293 the vicar was gaoled for poaching the abbot's carp. Tour includes abbot's house, chapel, cloister, guest house and riverside courtyard. Exceptional medieval brickwork.



Tour approx 2 hours, £16 including tea or coffee with home-made cakes and biscuits. [www.theabbeycoggeshall.co.uk](http://www.theabbeycoggeshall.co.uk)

## 3 BELLE GROVE

Extraordinary, memorable house won 2011 Homebuilding and Renovating award. 'Out of a fairy tale,' said *Daily Telegraph* spying a fierce dragon poised on the chimney. Built by owner, Nick Fisher, using materials from demolished farmhouse and straw bales, with exotic additions. Tree trunk staircase and sedum roof.



Tour 2½-3 hours, £20 including tea or coffee and home-made cakes. Accommodation. [www.belle-grove.com](http://www.belle-grove.com)

## 11 COLUMBINE HALL

Medieval manor house sitting in an acre of formal garden inside a spectacular moat. Rescued from near dereliction by the present owners. Much artifice in its restoration using skill, trickery and MDF. Ever-changing collection includes mandarin's silver fingernail guard and lifesize Chinese auspicious deer.



Tour 2 hours, £15 including tea and home-made cakes. Picnic in grounds. Plants and owners' books on sale. Accommodation. [www.columbinehall.co.uk](http://www.columbinehall.co.uk)

## 14 CROW'S HALL

A double avenue of oaks leads to a Tudor building with fine detailing, surrounded by large, fish-filled moat. It has won an award for its restoration. Adjoining barn, C16 or earlier, is longest in the county (possibly an early court hall.) The site dates from the Anglo-Saxon period. Fine garden setting.



Tour approx 2½-3 hours, £15 including tea or coffee, cakes and biscuits. [www.crows-hall.com](http://www.crows-hall.com)

## 30 KIRSTEAD HALL

Grade I Elizabethan house with three stepped gables. Unspoilt redbrick house of E-shaped plan, built ca 1560, has diaper patterns in blue. Witchcraft symbols in porch and elsewhere. Former studio for Edward Seago (1910-1974). Partly walled gardens with grade II\* dovecote. Antique restoration on site (part of tour).



Tour 2½ hours, £15 including tea, coffee or soft drinks, fruited scones with cream and jam and selection of cakes. Antiques for sale. [www.kirsteadhall.co.uk](http://www.kirsteadhall.co.uk)

## 37 OLD HALL

Small Elizabethan manor (one of Simon Jenkins's Thousand Best Houses) rescued from dereliction by present owners. Three-storey decorated porch, grisaille hunting scenes in the small long gallery. Good fireplaces, fragments of wall decoration, pleasant garden. A house full of books and pictures.



Tour 2-2½ hours, £15 including tea and cakes; mince pies; festive tea in December.

## 40 OUSDEN HOUSE

Georgian building, formerly a stable and coach house, converted to an elegant and delightful house. Remarkable eight-acre garden includes herbaceous borders, rose garden, water gardens and long double crinkle-crankle yew hedge. Small lake and ornamental woodland. Courtyard, also clock tower and dovecote. Proceeds to church.



Tour 2 hours, £15 including tea with sandwiches, home-made cakes and biscuits.

## 50 TALLISTON

Once an ordinary house, Talliston House and Gardens have been transformed into a series of locations, each set in a different time and place. Over 25 years, the project has taken a three-bedroomed, semi-detached ex-council house and transformed it into what *The Sunday Times* calls 'Britain's most extraordinary home.'



Tour 2½ hours, £15 including tea, coffee, cake and snacks. [www.talliston.com](http://www.talliston.com)

## 52 VOEWOOD

Arts and Crafts house by E.S. Prior for Percy Lloyd 1903-5. 'Violently idiosyncratic ... reminiscent of Gaudi,' Pevsner. Restored by rare book dealer, Simon Finch over six years to fulfil his loves of architecture, art and books. Winner of *Country Life*/Savills 2011 'most favourite house' in the East of England.



Tour approx 2 hours, £18 including tea or coffee and biscuits. Opportunity to visit Garden Room gallery. [www.voewood.com](http://www.voewood.com)

## 54 WEST STOW HALL

C16 hall built either by the last abbot of Bury St Edmunds or by wealthy merchant John Croft. Downstairs, heavily timbered, perhaps from earlier manor, has one of the largest inglenooks in Suffolk and great reception hall. Gatehouse, c1520, has terracotta figures and very rare C16 wall painting of the four ages of man. 1570 colonnade joins the two.



Tour 2-2½ hours, £15 including tea, coffee and cakes. [www.weststowhall.com](http://www.weststowhall.com)

## 55 WINGFIELD COLLEGE

Georgian façade hides a 1362 chantry college with medieval great hall, cloister, Tudor and Georgian rooms. 'Every inch of the interior is interesting' (Simon Jenkins). Four acres with fishponds, walled kitchen garden and eccentric topiary. Tour includes de la Pole tombs in Wingfield church.



Tour 3 hours including the garden, £15 including tea and home-made cakes. [www.wingfieldcollege.com](http://www.wingfieldcollege.com)