

Press release
Thurning Hall
Norfolk

Norfolk Hall owners open walled gardens and host artisan craft fair in aid of charity

The owners of a secluded 18th century Norfolk Hall are to host an open garden and bijou craft fair in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association on the 29 and 30 May 2021. Over 21 local artisans will be showing their hand made wares.

Mother and daughter, Pauline Harrold and Lara Lacey who live at Thurning Hall, Thurning between Reepham and Holt have hosted weddings at the Hall for over 26 years as an approved licensed civil ceremony venue. However it is only the second time they have opened the garden to the public.

Pauline who is 85, established the gardens when she moved to the hall in the 1960's. She still loves working in them, planting and designing helped by Lara, her husband George and their three young children. There are over 150 species of roses with largely cottage style planting.

Pauline first saw the hall when her late father, G.W Harrold a member of a well known Norfolk farming family acquired it during WW11. She remembers standing on the bridge which overlooks the lake and it was surrounded by Land Army girls and American Air Force men who were based nearby.

The Hall had previously belonged to the Rev, Whitwell Elwin a direct descendent of Pocahontas and her husband John Rolfe who designed and had built the magnificent Booton Church, near Reepham, Norfolk.

The Hall and grounds have also been used as a location to film “The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot and “A Fatal Inversion” by Barbara Vine as well as appearing as the backdrop for many national newspapers and magazine shoots.

Kelly Boston, community fundraiser for Motor Neurones Disease Association says *“We are delighted to have the support of Lara and Thurning Hall and wish them every success for their garden party. The funds they raise will help us to continue our vital work in providing support for people affected MND, campaigning to raise awareness of the disease and funding research to find treatments and ultimately a cure for MND.”*

Open 29th & 30th May 2021, 10.30am -4pm
Entry £3pp, children under 10 free. Sadly no dogs but guide dogs thanks you.
Refreshments available.

The event is on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/447626439944775/>

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Editors notes.

Thurning Hall is a beautiful 18th century Georgian country mansion house with classical elegance and bohemian spirit. Approached by a woodland drive, the house is set within 14 acres of a hazy mix of informal secret walled rose gardens, woodland and grass parkland leading to a small lake. Lost in North Norfolk, Thurning Hall has been licensed for ceremonies since 1996. Nestled in the heart of the countryside, only 10 miles from the coast and 12 from Norwich, it is perfectly placed to enjoy all that Norfolk has to offer. The grand old house has been in private ownership of the current family since 1947 and is now the family home of Lara & George Lacey. Together with their 3 children they provide a warm and welcoming experience to all who choose Thurning for their special day. As well as being a family home Thurning has wowed and entertained guests for over 20 years. The ‘dry hire’ policy of the venue is perfect for couples and organisers who wish to control every aspect of their wedding or event.



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