

Festival throws the spotlight on nature

It's time to get back to nature with a festival in Holt.

Gresham's will be presenting the Norfolk Festival of Nature from February 24-28.

The school will host a variety of nationally important writers, conservationists, art historians, poets and musicians with talks being held in the Auden Theatre.

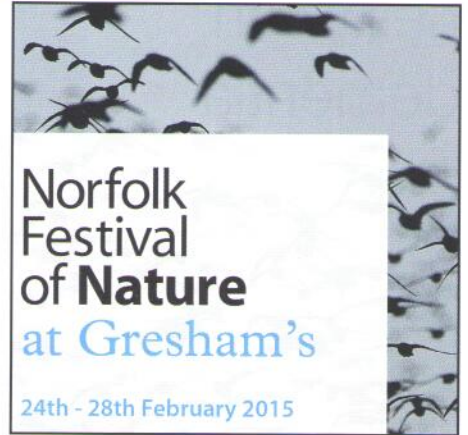
The Festival Lecture will be a joint presentation by the nationally renowned nature writer Patrick Barkham and the National Trust's Matthew Oates who will offer a collaborative reflection on the concept of The Spirit of Place.

However, the festival will only be the first step in a much larger journey. Building

on what has been achieved at Gresham's in 2011 and 2014 a number of like-minded people including representatives from a variety of key organisations have embarked on a ground-breaking project celebrating the central place of nature in our county.

Many of the key participants – Hawk and Owl Trust, National Trust, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Norfolk Museums Service and RSPB – will be represented.

For further details of all the events taking place visit www.greshams.com/NorfolkNatureFestival or contact the Auden Theatre at 01263 71344.



Riders ready to hit their peak

Good friends Charles Graham-Wood and Jack Greenwood have set their sights on achieving The National 3 Peaks Challenge, but by bike.

The feat is a considerable one, involving climbing the three highest mountains in the UK – Mount Snowdon (Wales), Scafell Pike (England) and Ben Nevis (Scotland).

And instead of driving between the mountains, the pair will be cycling.

They have named the trip Pedal the Peaks. It will be a journey of around 470 miles on the bikes and more than three vertical kilometres over 24 miles on foot . . . and they have just four days to do it in.

It's all in the name of charity and they'll be raising as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK as well as local charities including

the Holt and Communities First Responders.

They'll start with climbing Mount Snowdon on April 13 and then it's about 210 miles to Scafell Pike in the Lake District. Then it's back on the road for roughly 260 miles to the bottom of Ben Nevis.

With a bit of luck (and possibly some sleepless nights) they'll be at the summit of Ben Nevis by sunset on the fourth day. This will make them the youngest duo to complete the challenge in such a short time.

They've been in training for the last couple of months, gained support from local businesses and will be officially launched the event last month at Budgens of Holt (see picture).

The boys were there all day with the bikes and information on the trip.

AT THE LIBRARY

NORFOLK AT THE PICTURES

Monday, May 18, 2pm

Do you remember visits to the cinema, where it was, what you saw and with whom? Maybe you worked in a cinema?

Norfolk at the Pictures would love to hear your memories. There will be an illustrated talk, plus refreshments.

Tickets £3 available from Holt Library.

www.norfolkatthepictures.org.uk

AUTHOR RALPH JACKMAN

Thursday April 2, 6pm

Ralph Jackman's debut novel Actium's Wake was released in Autumn 2014. He is now working on the next book in the series. Signed First Editions of Actium's Wake will be for sale on the night. Tickets are £3 each available before the event from Holt Library.

JOBS AT CROMER PIER

It's a new year and a new look for Cromer Pier. The team is in the final stages of getting the new box office, restaurant and gift shop up and running to open in time for Easter. As part of the re-launch, the team is looking to take on new customer service assistants to work in all areas of the business. Jo Artherton, Marketing and Sales Manager, said: "We are looking for positive, friendly and versatile people to join us for the coming season to provide a positive first impression to our customers and potential customers as well as provide excellent customer service." Work is available in all areas. Hours are variable including evening and weekend work but shifts will be allocated as evenly and fairly as possible.

Email BoxOffice@thecromerpier.com for an application form.