

TALKS TO GROUPS

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Alongside our programme of regular Historians Talks available to the public, and those available on our YouTube channel, The Norwich Society is available to give privately booked talks to groups – our most popular options are listed below. We recommend a donation of £50 to the Society per talk. For more details and to find out availability, please contact the Society's Coordinator at admin@thenorwichsociety.org.uk.

TALK	SPEAKER
<p>The Norwich Society A general presentation of the work of the Society and its history.</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooton Peter Threadkell <i>(particularly for younger audiences)</i></p>
<p>The Story of Dragon Hall A history of the medieval trading hall built in about 1427, by wealthy merchant Robert Toppes, as a business complex to display, store and sell Norfolk goods and imports from Europe and beyond. It is one of Norwich's medieval architectural gems and an iconic building in the city.</p>	<p>Richard Matthew</p>
<p>Robert Toppes A look at the life of this medieval Mercer of Norwich as the builder and owner of Dragon Hall.</p>	<p>Richard Matthew</p>

<p>The History of Norwich Guildhall</p> <p>A talk about this historic building. Constructed between 1407 and 1413, it served as the seat of city government from the early 15th century until 1938, when it was replaced by the newly built City Hall. At the time of the building's construction and for much of its history Norwich was one of the largest and wealthiest cities in England, and today the Guildhall is the largest surviving medieval civic building in the country outside London.</p>	<p>Richard Matthew</p>
<p>Norwich's French Borough</p> <p>The Normans established the current market around which the French Borough was established in the late 11th century. It is thought that this land was previously common land for the Anglo- Scandinavian residents of Norwich, and the establishment of this kind of borough is paralleled only in Nottingham.</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooton</p>
<p>St Catherine's Hill</p> <p>The story of a Norwich House built for John Chamber in 1779 that became the Convent of Notre Dame and is now the administration building for Notre Dame School. This talk plots its history and development of the house and takes you on a virtual tour through the inside of the building.</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooton</p>
<p>Notre Dame High School Chapel</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooton</p>
<p>Bridges of Norwich</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooton</p>
<p>Will Kemp & his '9 Daies Wonder'</p> <p>Will was an English actor and dancer specialising in comic roles and best known for having been one of the original players in early dramas by William Shakespeare. In February and March 1600, he undertook what he would later call his "Nine Daies Wonder", in which he morris danced from London to Norwich (a distance of over a hundred miles) in a journey which took him nine days spread over several weeks, often amid cheering crowds.</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooton</p>