TOM PAINE 200 Celebrations

Thetford in Norfolk, birthplace of the best-selling radical author and activist, marks the bicentenary of his death.

Telling the story of the son of a Thetford corset-maker whose life and writing helped shape the democracies of two continents.

Tue 26th May - Sat 7th November 2009
Displays | Talks | Music | Sports | Theatre

Sat 6th June - Sun 7th June 2009
Reenactment and Heritage Weekend

Introducing the Celebrations

A hundred years ago, Paine's centenary was marked in Thetford by a single civic dinner. The more extensive Celebrations planned for 2009 reflect in part a wider recognition today of Paine's significance in the creation of the world we know.

They also give us a chance to discover another world, that of Georgian England - deceptively familiar in many ways but in harsh reality providing living conditions in Thetford for the young Tom Paine which we should find uncomfortably alien. Some understanding of this Georgian world gives us a way in to seeing just what Paine achieved in his lifetime and why he went about it in the way he did.

So Tom Paine 200 embraces the Man, the Place and the Age and aims in so doing to provide an enjoyable and stimulating experience for all: whether the commited expert travelled from afar or the casual visitor intrigued to find out who and what all the fuss is about. We welcome you all warmly to the anniversary party.

John Weeks

John Weeks Celebrations Coordinator

Programme details are accurate at the time of publication but for confirmation and for news of additional events, go to www.tompaine200.co.uk

TOM PAINE (1737 - 1809)

Born the son of a Thetford corset-maker, Thomas Paine through his life and writings played a significant part in the development of the modern world.

He was a man who from an early age recognised injustice and challenged authority. He sought to redress grievances and gave voice to the aspirations of the ordinary man.

Paine was actively involved in both the American and French revolutions and through his pamphleteering and his major works *Common Sense*, *Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason* drove the radical challenge to the eighteenth century order which has shaped the democracies of the modern world.

DISS MUSEUM

Funded by Awards For All.

Diss Museum is also commemorating Tom Paine, who worked as a staymaker in the town in 1765-6, with a series of events in the early part of 2009.

For details, contact Basil Abbott 01379 650618

TAKING PART

Tom Paine 200 is not just a programme of events to visit and observe. Where you see the King George's seal (shown here) throughout the brochure you will find opportunities for active participation.

We are looking for volunteers to join groups, societies and task forces during the year to make the Celebrations a true community achievement.

If this is for you, do go to page 15 and find out how to get involved now.

OUR SPONSORS

The Celebrations have been made possible by the real generosity of our local and national sponsors. In addition to those whose names are recorded against specific events, we gratefully acknowledge the support of the British Trust for Ornithology, Lovewell Blake, Pearsons of Thetford, Searle Electrics, Thetford Buildbase, Thetford Extended Schools Partnership, Thetford Grammar School, Thetford and District Rotary Club and the Thomas Paine Society

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Norfolk County Council at your service

The Thetford Society

Why not become part of the event by joining the Tom Paine 200 Celebrations Group on Facebook?

Tue 26 May - Sat 13 June

Upstairs in the Guildhall, Market Place.
Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 1.00

THETFORD ARTS CENTRE SUMMER EXHIBITION: PAINE AND HIS AGE

Local artists explore the life and times of Thetford's famous son through a variety of media and approaches.

Tue 26 May - Sat 6 June

Thetford Library, Raymond Street. Mon, Tues & Thurs: 8.30-6.00; Wed 8.30 - 1.00; Fri 8.30 - 7.00 Sat: 8.30-4.00

PAINTING PAINE

Local artist **Ned Pamphilon**, who attended Castle Street Nursery School in 1966, is well-known for his portrayals of Ataturk in Turkey and, in 2008, for painting publicly at venues in East Anglia including the Cornhill Walk Shopping Centre, Bury St. Edmunds (St Edmund) and St Mary's Church, Redgrave (John Constable). Now he turns his attention to Tom Paine.

See and meet the painter in action during library opening hours as his painting develops.

Saturday 30 May

Garboldisham Village Hall at 7.30

THE MEN THEY COULDN'T HANG

Supported by Magic Folk

Jointly promoted by Diss Museum and Tom Paine 200

"I was woken to my misery/ By the words of Thomas Paine" ('The Colours'). TMTCH bring their brand of roots, rock and rebellion to East Anglia to get the festival off to a strong start, supported by local band Magic Folk. Unmissable. Tickets £10 unreserved.

Bicentenary Friday 5 June

Thetford Grammar School, Bridge Street at 8.00

A THEATRE ROYAL BURY ST EDMUNDS PRODUCTION: A REHEARSED READING OF *DUPLICITY*

A comedy by Thomas Holcroft, first performed on 13 October 1781
Directed by Colin Blumeneau.

Mr Osborne, a young gentleman, is to be married to Melissa and Sir Harry Portland, long-standing best friend of Mr Osborne, has fallen in love with Clara. Yet what seems to be the perfect recipe for a domestic idyll takes a turn for the worse when Osborne turns on his friend and pushes him to the brink of suicide. Interspersed with some laugh-out-loud funny scenes, this is one of the most interesting of Holcroft's satirical contemplations of a gambling-obsessed society with self-destructive tendencies.

Novelist, playwright, translator and critic, Holcroft assisted in the publication of Thomas Paine's *Rights of Man* and was later tried for treason over his association with the Society for Constitutional Information. After a day's rehearsal, the play will be performed, script-in-hand, by a cast of professional actors. A talkout at the end offers the opportunity to discuss the play with its director and cast.

Sponsored by Rudlings Wakelam. Solicitors
Tickets £6.00 unreserved.

PAINE IN SCHOOLS

The Celebrations Programme includes the provision of materials and workshops in support of Citizenship, Art, Dance, Design Technology and Music. Teachers are invited to contact John Weeks 01842 820060 for further information.

Reenactment and Heritage Weekend

Bicentenary Saturday 6 June

Against the background of a modern market day Saturday in East Anglia, displays, exhibitions and street theatre combine to create a Hogarthian panorama of life in Georgian Thetford and show us the world inhabited by Thomas Paine and the ideas he championed.

Displays and Exhibitions 10.00 - 4.30 admission free

ANCIENT HOUSE MUSEUM White Hart Street

Thetford's Thomas Paine A new exhibition featuring the Dabos portrait of Paine, on loan from the National Portrait Gallery.

Busts, Bodices and Bum-rolls A demonstration of 18th century underwear (continuous through the day). *Sponsored by Baxter Healthcare.*

Display of 200 mittens Inspired by Tom Paine and produced at the Museum's Knit and Knatter sessions.

GUILDHALL MARKET PLACE

Arts Centre: Summer Exhibition: Paine & his Age.

Large Court: 12.00 and 3.30pm **Mr Paine Declined to Dance.**

Dances, words and songs from the times and places of his life. An entertainment presented by Norwich Early Dance Group and children from Thetford Schools Workshop. *Sponsored by the Shadwell Estate.*

Small Court: The Animation Project See the short films made by young citizens of Thetford working with a professional animateur.

Small Court: The Life and Times of Tom Paine Launch of Travelling Display from the Thomas Paine Society with supplementary material from the Archivist of the Euston Estate and the Thomas Paine Cottage, Sandwich.

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Archive Display Featuring items from the library's Thomas Paine Collection and the Norfolk Records Office with *Local Heroes Project Display* from pupils of Charles Burrell Humanities School.

A Revolutionary Tale: The story of Thomas Paine 2.30 to 3.30pm Storytelling for children under 12 (all children must be accompanied by an adult). *Sponsored by Thetford Garden Centre.*

CHARLES BURRELL MUSEUM
Minstergate

Paine the Engineer
Display celebrating Paine as a bridge-builder, with a fun technology challenge for school-age children (12.00 - 1.30pm). *Sponsored by the Old Thetfordians Association.*

ST CUTHBERTS Well Street

The Life and Words of Thomas Paine
A Paine-themed Flower Festival, with organ music and refreshments, throughout the day.

THETFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL Bridge Street

Paine's Schoolroom
A display in Old School where Paine was educated as a boy.

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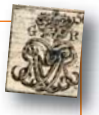
Georgian Trades and Crafts

OUTSIDE CARNEGIE ROOM Cage Lane

Reflecting the working world of Paine's youth in Thetford, working and static exhibits include those of:

Anglian Flint
Peter Beales Roses
Brandon Brewery
Bulmer Brick & Tile Company
Diss and District Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers
Hendry and Sons, Foulsham
Matt Wrant, traditional woodsman
St Mary's Forge, Haddiscoe
Thetford's Forgotten Garden
Walnut Tree Garden Nursery, Rocklands.

LOOK OUT FOR THE KING STREET SOAPBOX



where opportunities for the public expression of cause and opinion in the spirit of Paine will be provided through the day

SATURDAY IN KING STREET - PROGRAMME

10.30 Procession assembles in Market Place and, led by the redcoats of the American Revolutionary War Alliance, Tom Paine makes his way to King's House

11.00 Opening Ceremony rung in by the eighteenth century bells of St Peter's

11.30 Morris Display (Tanner Square)

12.00 Reenactment scenario: Electioneering eighteenth-century-style

12.45 Thetford to Australia in Chains

13.30 Reenactment scenario: A Recruitment Saga

14.30 Reenactment scenario: Electioneering eighteenth-century-style

15.00 Morris Display: Tom Paine's Hey (Tanner Square)

15.15 Thetford to Australia in Chains

15.30 Soldiers of the American Revolutionary War Alliance withdraw

MAPS AVAILABLE OVER THE WEEKEND

SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR ALLIANCE will maintain a Living History presence outside King's House throughout the day.

REENACTMENT SCENARIOS reflecting the practices of electioneering in a rotten borough such as 18th century Thetford and the recruitment of soldiers to fight in the American Colonies are presented by **Nuns Meadows Productions.**

THETFORD TO AUSTRALIA Better than *EastEnders*, the true but amazing story of local couple Henry Cabell and Susannah Holmes sentenced for petty crimes, thrown into gaol (where love blossomed) and transported to Australia on the first fleet. High drama, higher romance and huge fun - all played out on the streets of Thetford by members of the cast of our Community Play *Citizen of the World*.

THE ANIMALS contributing to the street scene have been provided by Gressenhall Museum of Norfolk Life.

Reenactment and Heritage Weekend

In the spirit of Street Theatre, we welcome a number of East Anglian Morris Sides to the town, among them Green Dragon Morris, the Morris Men of Little Egypt and the Haverhill Harlots, to perform Border and Cotswold styles at a variety of locations during the day and come together in Tanner Square to celebrate our local hero.

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE
Tanner House, Tanner Street

War-Gaming Display - The Battle of Monmouth (1778) recreated by the Old Buckenham War-Gaming Society.

Citizens of the World Friendship Quilt
An 18th century craft for today's Thetford. Come and contribute a square for your community.

ST PETER'S CHURCH White Hart Street

Paine the Writer *Sponsored by the John Jarrold Trust*

Printer's Workshop Exhibit With hands-on opportunity to enter the world of the pamphleteering journalist and print Paine's work for yourself.

Paine Readathon Listen or take part in a 24 hour unbroken reading of Paine's works.

MAGDALEN BOOKS OF NORWICH

A large selection of very good quality used and new books covering the Georgian period including History, Sociology, Architecture, Fashion, Religion and books on Thomas Paine himself.

Activities Table for children and adults
Word-games and quizzes based on the words of the best-selling author.

Double Bill: Concert and Ceilidh: Bridging the Divide

Carnegie Room, Cage Lane at 7.30pm (Ceilidh at 9.00)

LAURA CANNELL (RECORDER), CAROLYN GIBLEY (HARPSICHORD)

THE RAMPANT HORSE COLLECTIVE

From the virtuoso recorder and harpsichord music of the eighteenth century salons to the invention and energy of the folk tradition on a single bill. Join us for part of the evening if you wish, but better bridge the Georgian social divide and enjoy one great night.
Hosted by Thetford Festival and Concert Club.
Sponsored by Kester Cunningham John.
Tickets £3 (concert); £3 (ceilidh); £5 (joint event)

Saturday Talks

St Peter's 11.30 - 12.30 & 3.00 - 4.00

TOM PAINE'S PLAIN WORDS

How good a communicator was Thomas Paine? This informal lecture explores the success of Paine's writing in terms of his style and his ability to reach out to a wide audience.

Adrian Barlow is Director of Public Programmes and University Lecturer in English Literature at the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education.

2.30 - 3.30pm Tanner House.

MADE IN ENGLAND: PAINE'S RADICALISM

Critics have seen Paine's life in England up to 1774 as an 'unrelenting failure'. However Ted Vallance argues that his experiences in England were actually fundamental to the development of his radical political philosophy and unique outlook.
Sponsored by Norfolk Adult Education.

Ted Vallance is a lecturer in Early Modern History at the University of Liverpool.

Talks are free but tickets should be obtained in advance from the Box Office.

Why not become part of the event by joining the Tom Paine 200 Celebrations Group on Facebook?

Reenactment and Heritage Weekend

Bicentenary Sunday 7 June

Several of Saturday's displays and exhibitions continue while now a French market forms the backdrop in the town centre. Eighteenth century sports and pastimes on Melford Common are followed by military manoeuvres as soldiers of the American Revolutionary Alliance skirmish below Castle Hill. Hymn singing in the old West Gallery way brings this Georgian Sunday to a close.

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10.00 - 4.30 Admission free

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Bandstand

King's House Gardens at 11.30

Thetford Town Council presents **Marrakesh**, Little Big Band Music with an American feel.

PASTIMES FAIR

Melford Common 11.00 - 12.00pm

Learn about the Games and Pastimes of the 18th century - and play them in their modern forms yourself. Interpretative displays and participatory games for children and families.

Presented by Breckland Schools Sports Partnership.

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Reenactment and Heritage Weekend

SUNDAY - TOWN CENTRE, MELFORD COMMON AND CASTLE PARK PROGRAMME

9.00 Brunomart's French & Continental Market (to 5.30)

11.00 The American Revolutionary War Alliance in Camp: Living History display in Castle Park

11.00 Pastimes Fair, Melford Common

11.30 Little Big Band concert, King's House Gardens

12.00 Thetford Rugby Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary with the eighteenth century sport of Camp-Ball on Melford Common

12.15 Castle Park Activities with Georgian Punch & Judy (12.15 and 3.15), Grinning Match and Sedan Chair Racing. Hog Roast and refreshments

2.15 Reenactment scenario: A Recruitment Saga

2.30 The American Revolutionary War Alliance Skirmish Reenactment

4.00 Organ Recital, St Cuthbert's Church

5.00 My Religion is to do good: Norfolk Gallery Quire Open Workshop with concert (6.00) in the Methodist Church, Tanner Street

Folk in the Garden

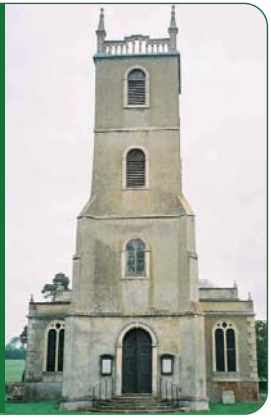
The Dolphin Inn 12.00 - 2.00pm

Drop in on top East Anglian musicians and singers in a session hosted by Wayland Radio's Dave Cooper. Inside if wet.

Tours of Castle Mound

During the afternoon experts from English Heritage and Norfolk Landscape Archaeology will be on hand to lead guided tours of Castle Mound - one of the most important archaeological features in the county.

The elegant late 17th century church of St Genevieve on the nearby Euston Estate, where Paine's parents were married, welcomes visitors during this weekend from 10.00 - 5.00 by kind permision of Euston PCC.



Summer Events

Bicentenary Monday 8 June

Guildhall, Market Place 7.00 for 7.30pm

BICENTENARY DINNER

Commemorate Thomas Paine by joining local people, Paine enthusiasts, parliamentarians and civic dignitaries in a Bicentenary Public Dinner recreating the Centenary event of 1909 "in which any citizen can take part, irrespective of creed or party". With a menu option to eighteenth century taste. Tickets £35 a head from Box Office 01842 751975 or Stuart Wright 01842 754166.

Saturday 13 June

United Reformed Church, Mere Street, Diss (opposite Somerfields) at 7.30pm

TREVOR GRIFFITHS: THESE ARE THE TIMES

Playwright and oscar-nominated scriptwriter Trevor Griffiths, whose musical play *A New World* premieres at the Globe Theatre this Autumn, will talk about and read extracts from his screenplay about the life of Thomas Paine, followed by a discussion with the audience. Tickets £5 from Diss Library, Diss Tourist Information Centre, or phone Diss Museum 01379 650618.

Thomas Paine & Lewes
Revolution & Reason

The Sussex town of Lewes in which Paine lived for six years before leaving for America holds its own major festival this year from

4th - 14th July

For full programme details visit www.thomaspaineandlewes.com

Saturday 20 June

Carnegie Room, Cage Lane at 7.30pm

THETFORD SINGERS CONCERT

Thetford Singers celebrate 35 years of music-making with a concert in honour of Thomas Paine whose travels and ideas are reflected in a programme of British, French and American music to include Karl Jenkins' Mass for Peace *The Armed Man*, Charpentier's Te Deum in D, the Canticle of Freedom by Aaron Copeland, excerpts from the Peace Mass by Bob Chilcott and a selection of American Folksong - including a rare contemporary setting of Paine`s own words on the death of General Wolfe. With the participation of Thetford youth choirs and an orchestra of NYO players and local professionals. Conducted by Christopher Wray. Tickets £7 (concessions £6; children free).

Guided Tours of Paine's Thetford

Chad Goodwin, Chairman of the Thomas Paine Society and local historian, shares his unique knowledge of the man and the town in a one hour walking tour of Thetford which ends with lunch at *The Mulberry,* a charming restaurant adjacent to the town stocks and the site of the Quaker Meeting House in Paine's time.

Tours begin in King Street (assemble under the Thomas Paine statue) at 11.30 on Saturday 4 July, Sunday 26 July, Sunday 23 August and Sunday 13 September

Please book at least one week in advance (limited to 12 walkers). Tickets £2 exclusive of lunch menu sent to ticket-holders in advance of walk).

Summer Events

Wed 15th & Thur 16th July

Old School, Thetford Grammar School at 7.30pm

FACE TO FACE WITH THOMAS PAINE

The Paine Players

An interview, using the words of Tom Paine, to present the diverse interests, opinions and beliefs of this extraordinary man. A new version of the two-hander by former Thetford history teacher Wendy Serjeant, first written in 1987, which brings Paine to a television studio and the attention of the probing 60s interviewer John Freeman. Tickets £3 with refreshments in Cloisters.

Mon 10th - Sat 22nd August

Thetford Arts Centre, Guildhall, Market Place

EXHIBITION: ANNUAL JACK PILLING COMPETITION ENTRY

With special additional classes: Tom Paine and his Age
Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 1.00

Thurs 20th & Fri 21st August

Thetford Grammar School, Bridge Street

SINGERS' WORKSHOP *Thetford Voices*

TV's annual summer workshop for 8-14 year olds will focus on songs with varied associations with Paine and his age and include preparation for those joining the chorus of *Citizen of the World,* our Community Play. *Sponsored by the D'Oyly Carte Trust and Thetford Music Project.* For further information, contact John Weeks, Thetford Voices Adminstrator (01842 820060)

Sunday 30th August

Thetford Cricket Club Ground 1.00pm

A GEORGIAN CRICKET MATCH

Reversing the pattern of the occasion in 1806 on which 11 men of Hilborough played 25 men of Thetford, 11 of Thetford Cricket Club will play a challenge match against 25 All-Comers to the rules and with the equipment of the eighteenth century. Collection in aid of the Thetford Youth team *Sponsored by Kybirds Builders.*

AT THE ANCIENT HOUSE

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 4.30PM
Introduction to Thomas Paine Talk Museum Admission Fee Applies, £2.50 / £2.00 Museum Pass Holders

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, 11AM - 1PM
Fan-tastic Fans Workshops Museum Admission Fee Applies, £1/ 50p Friends/Museum Pass Holders

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 11AM - 1PM
Silhouette Puppet Workshop Museum Admission Fee Applies, £1/ 50p Friends/Museum Pass Holders

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST, 11AM - 1PM
Make Your Own Card Game Workshop (Georgian inspired) Museum Admission Fee Applies, £1/ 50p Museum Pass Holders

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST, 11AM - 2PM
House Alive: Gorgeously Georgian Museum Admission Fee Applies

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 1 - 4PM
The Big Draw: Portrait Drawing Master Class With inspiration from a model in 18th century costume. Course cost: £12/ £10 Museum Pass Holders

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 5 - 8 PM
House Alive: Georgian Christmas Free

For further details contact the Ancient House, Museum of Thetford Life, White Hart Street, Thetford, IP24 1AA 01842 752599
www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk

Why not become part of the event by joining the Tom Paine 200 Celebrations Group on Facebook?

Autumn Lecture Series

All lectures begin at 8pm. Entry is free - tickets in advance from the Box Office or on the door.

Friday 18 September

Williamson Hall, Thetford Grammar School, Bridge Street

ROYALTY AND REVOLUTION: THE WORLD OF THOMAS PAINE

Brian Way

Sponsored by Gerald Jones & Co, solicitors

An introductory survey of the 'Age of Enlightenment' which saw the painful birth of the modern world and the interwoven growth of industry, science, capitalism and socialism.

Suffolk-based lecturer **Brian Way** served in the Colonial Office. He is a qualified Blue Badge Guide and author.

Friday 2 October

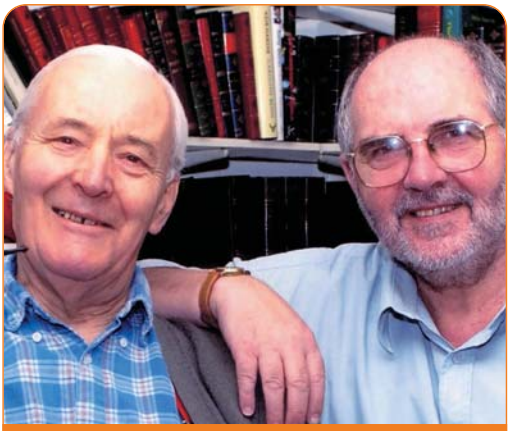
Carnegie Room, Cage Lane

THOMAS PAINE & THE ROLE OF VISUAL SATIRE

Martin Rowson

The *Guardian*'s scathing graphic satirist explores the nature of his artform from Paine's day to this.

An award-winning visual journalist whose cartoons appear regularly in the *Guardian, Spectator, New Humanist* and many other publications, **Martin Rowson** is also a novelist, Honorary Associate of the National Secular Society and Chairman of the British Cartoonists' Association.



Sunday 11 October

Carnegie Room, Cage Lane at 3.00pm

THE WRITING ON THE WALL
Roy Bailey & Tony Benn

Tony Benn and Roy Bailey's BBC Radio 2 award winning programme is a history of dissent in words and music - a history they don't teach you in schools. Tony provides the words and Roy the songs.

"a hugely entertaining, and inspiring, show"

Tickets £5 unreserved *sponsored by SERTUC*

Wednesday 7 October

Williamson Hall, Thetford Grammar School, Bridge Street at 2.00pm

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE

Local High Schools explore the application of Paine's ideas today in the debate format before an invited audience. For further information, contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Thetford Grammar School 01842 752840

Autumn Lecture Series

Friday 9 October

Old School, Thetford Grammar School, Bridge Street

THOMAS PAINE AND RIGHTS OF MAN: AN EARLY DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

Simon John

Co-founder of the law firm Cunningham John, **Simon John** is Chairman of the Thetford Amnesty International group and today works as a consultant on International Development and Human Rights Law. In his talk he responds to Paine as a 'visionary and uncompromising seeker of justice' and examines his zeal for a globally just society.

Friday 16 October

Old School, Thetford Grammar School, Bridge Street

PAINE AND THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Dr Ruth Scurr

Cambridge scholar and author of *Fatal Purity - Robespierre and the French Revolution,* Dr Scurr assesses Paine's contribution to the pursuit of Liberty across the channel. Aside from her academic work, **Ruth Scurr** is in demand as a book-reviewer for a range of publications which include *The Times* and in 2007 was a Booker Prize judge.

Friday 23 October

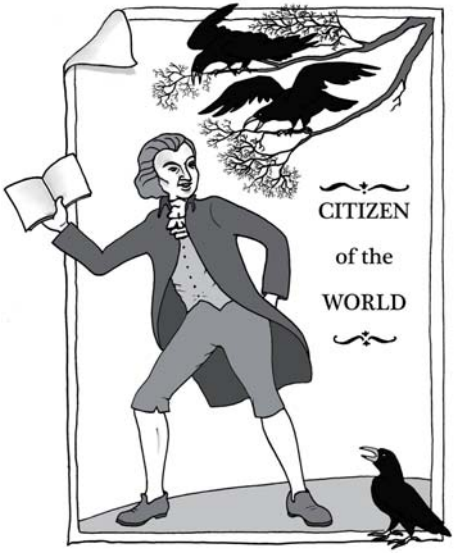
St Cuthbert's Church, Well Street

A CLOSET COSMIC TORY? THE DEISM OF THOMAS PAINE

Professor Timothy Gorringe

The Age of Reason made Tom Paine well known as a theological controversialist. Paine was a radical, but might his theology have led in more conservative directions? Professor Gorringe weighs the arguments of one of Paine's best known texts.

Tim Gorringe has worked in parishes, taught in South India and was Chaplain of St John's College, Oxford before becoming St Luke's Professor of Theological Studies at the University of Exeter. His interests focus on the interrelation of theology, social science, art and politics. He is the author of *Furthering Humanity: A Theology of Culture* (2004).



Saturday 31 October

Performances at 2.30 and 7.30pm

CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

A community play to celebrate the life and ideas of Thetford's famous son. With the help of **Keystage Company,** the townsfolk of Thetford will present a theatrical spectacle on a man with spectacular ideas and a life to match.

How did this Norfolk stay maker change the world? What was he doing stirring up not one, but two national revolutions: in America and France? Why was he almost lynched in England and his effigy burnt throughout the land? How did he escape death by guillotine in revolutionary Paris?

This specially written musical play will chart the exciting events of Paine's extraordinary life and ideas which still resonate in the world today. *Sponsored by Norfolk Community Foundation Grassroots Grant Fund & Norfolk County Council Arts Project Fund.* Tickets £6 (concessions £3)

Why not become part of the event by joining the Tom Paine 200 Celebrations Group on Facebook?

Sat 7 November Festival End

Forgotten Garden,
Ford Street at 3.30

TREE PLANTING

Professor John Keane marks the 2009 celebrations by planting our own 'Liberty Tree' for posterity.

Carnegie Room, Cage Lane at 8.00

OLD AGE WITHOUT WRETCHEDNESS: PAINE'S VISION OF GROWING OLD

John Keane

In the final lecture of our Autumn series, **John Keane,** biographer of Paine and Professor of Politics at the University of Westminster, explores Paine's pioneering vision of a new politics for the elderly. Its relevance nowadays demonstrates clearly that Paine's spirit is very much alive and that he still speaks meaningfully to us across two hundred years.

Followed by…

CLOSING RECEPTION

Sponsored by the Shadwell Estate

Free entry but tickets required.

THE THOMAS PAINE SOCIETY

The Thomas Paine Society was formed as a consequence of the controversy that followed the 1963 offer to erect a statue in Thetford of the town's most famous son. It continues to work to promote the recognition of Thomas Paine's contribution to the cause of freedom and democracy. For more information, visit www.thomaspainesocietyuk.org.uk

Saturday 28 March

Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London 12-4pm

THE THOMAS PAINE SOCIETY

The 2009 Eric Paine Memorial Lecture
Paine at 200: Greg Cleays & John Keane

Two major historians and biographers of Thomas Paine assess his legacy on the 200th anniversary of his death. Admission is free.

GEORGIAN GEM 2009

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009

For two consecutive years now, Bury St Edmunds has celebrated its Georgian heritage with a range of events including open days, theatre performances, talks, walks, costume trials, food tastings and more.

Many organisations will again open their doors and put on Georgian-themed events during this Autumn.

For more information. look out for the Georgian Gem logo or check the website on www.georgiangem.com.

How to book your tickets

EVENTS YOU CAN TAKE PART IN...

P.6 To take part in Opening Ceremony as authentically costumed reenactor call 01842 820060 by May 11th

P.6 To offer a contribution for the King Street Soapbox, telephone 01842 820060 by May 11th

P.7 Readathon: telephone 01842 820060 by May 11th to book a reading spot

P.7 Friendship Quilt call 01842 755492 for further details

P.9 To join Gallery Quire in the robust country hymn singing of the 18th century as musician or singer telephone Chris Gutteridge 01760 755993.

p.10 To join Thetford Singers (rehearsals Wednesday evenings) call 01842 890995

P.11 For application forms for the Jack Pilling Competition (to be submitted by 10 July) call 01842 766599

P.11 To take part in Singers' Workshop - as shown on page 11

P.11 To apply to play in the All-Comers' Team call 01842 753132 (mornings, please)

P.13 To take part in the Community Play, acting or back-stage, call 07816 468760. Introductory meetings 2pm on 18th &19th April; auditions 16th to 19th May

TO BOOK TICKETED EVENTS:

BY PHONE OR IN PERSON:

Celebrations Box Office, Tourist Information Centre, 2newhorizons Travel Agency, Pal House, Market Place, Thetford IP24 2AH

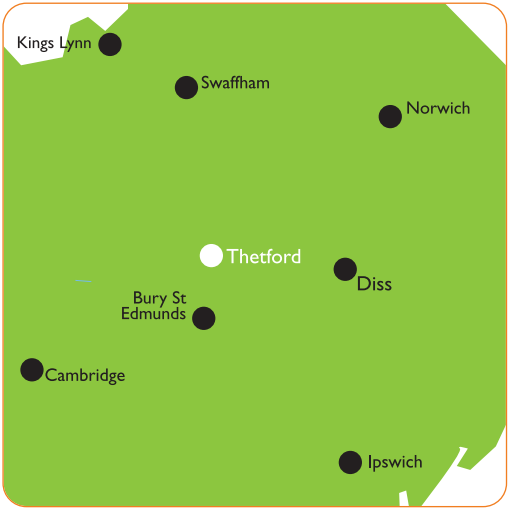
Telephone 01842 751975
Email david@2newhorizons.co.uk

VIA THE WEBSITE:

www.tompaine200.org.uk

BY POST

Write to the Box Office (above) with SAE for return of tickets. Cheques should be made payable to 'Thetford Society - Thomas Paine A/C'



Visitors seeking accommodation in and around Thetford over the period of the Celebrations are invited to telephone Thetford Tourist Information Centre (01842 751975) or go to www.explorethetford.co.uk

Why not become part of the event by joining the Tom Paine 200 Celebrations Group on Facebook?

FESTIVAL DIARY

TICKETS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS IN BOLD

Tues 26 May	Daily	Art Exhibition opens (to 13 June)
Tues 26 May	Daily	Painting Paine begins (to 6 June)
Sat 30 May	**7.30**	**The Men They Couldn't Hang (£10)**
Fri 5 June	**8.00**	**Duplicity (£6)**
Sat 6 June	10.00	Reenactment and Heritage Festival (to 4.30)
Sat 6 June	**11.30**	**Tom Paine's Plain Words (free)**
Sat 6 June	**3.00**	**Tom Paine's Plain Words (free)**
Sat 6 June	**2.30**	**Made in England (free)**
Sat 6 June	**7.30**	**Double Bill - Concert only (£3)**
Sat 6 June	**9.00**	**Double Bill - Ceilidh only (£3)**
Sat 6 June	**7.30**	**Double Bill - combined ticket (£5)**
Sun 7 June	10.00	Reenactment and Heritage Festival (to 4.30)
Mon 8 June	**7.00**	**Dinner (£35)**
Sat 13 June	**7.30**	**These are the Times (£5)**
Sat 20 June	**7.30**	**Thetford Singers (£7/£6/free)**
Sat 4 July	**11.30**	**Guided Tour (£2)**
Wed 15 July	**7.30**	**Face to Face (£3)**
Thurs 16 July	**7.30**	**Face to Face (£3)**
Sun 26 July	**11.30**	**Guided Tour (£2)**
Mon 10 Aug	Daily	Jack Pilling Exhibition opens (to 22 August)
Thurs 20 Aug	Daily	Singers' Workshop (two day)
Sun 23 Aug	**11.30**	**Guided Tour (£2)**
Sun 30 Aug	1.00	18th century Cricket Match
Sun 13 Sept	**11.30**	**Guided Tour (£2)**
Fri 18 Sept	**8.00**	**Brian Way (Free)**
Fri 2 Oct	**8.00**	**Martin Rowson (free)**
Wed 7 Oct		Inter-School Debate
Fri 9 Oct	**8.00**	**Simon John (free)**
Sun 11 Oct	**3.00**	**Bailey and Benn (£5)**
Fri 16 Oct	**8.00**	**Dr Ruth Scurr (free)**
Fri 23 Oct	**8.00**	**Professor Timothy Gorringe (free)**
Sat 31Oct	**2.30**	**Citizen of the World (£6/£3)**
Sat 31Oct	**7.30**	**Citizen of the World (£6/£3)**
Sat 7 Nov	**8.00**	**Professor John Keane (free)**

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