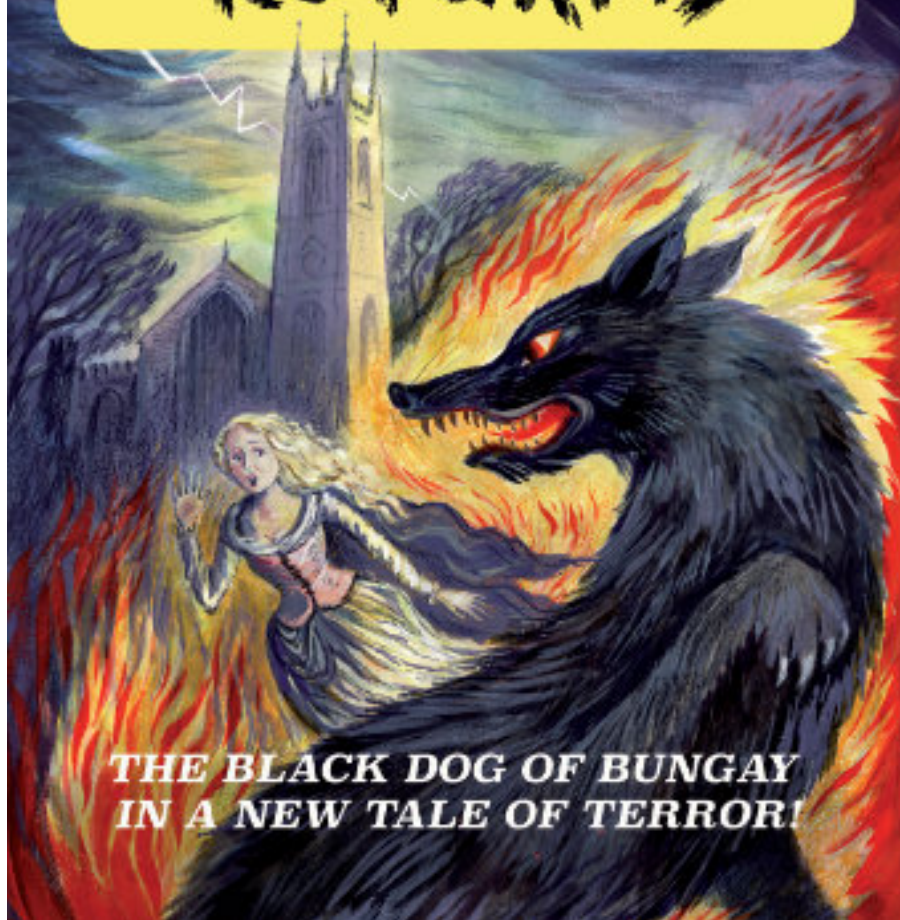


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# BLACK SHUCK RETURNS



THE BLACK DOG OF BUNGAY  
IN A NEW TALE OF TERROR!

## BLACK SHUCK FESTIVAL

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# THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

## ART EXHIBITION BLACK SHUCK & FRIENDS

### THE BELL GALLERY

(Preview evening 31st Jul 6pm - 7pm)

1st - 16th August

Group show of work responding to the theme of East Anglian folklore.

## SHUCK HUNT

### TOWN CENTRE

Base: Fisher Theatre

Friday - Sunday 10am - 4pm

A thrilling adventure awaits those brave enough to embark on a Shuck Hunt. The enigmatic Hidden Dragons Norfolk invite you to find elusive mystical coins hidden around the town centre to exchange for your own unique Shuck.

Age: 15+

## HUNTER MOON GAMES

### FISHER THEATRE CELLAR

Saturday - Sunday 10am - 4pm

Dreaded Wunder is a psychological horror game set in a twisted version of Norwich, featuring local myths and legends with a hint of Eldritch horror. Navigate the contorted world that lies before you and find a way to escape fate by relying on a mobile phone to survive!

Age: 12+ (with parental consent)

## SHUCK SHOP

### FISHER THEATRE BAR

Friday - Sunday, 10am - midnight

The Holloway will be bringing their eclectic mix of zines, vinyl, books and more from their magical shop in the Norwich Lanes, selling alongside this year's selection of Festival goodies.

## ALLENDALE WOLF

### TOWN CENTRE/PARADE/ BUNGAY CARE HOMES/ FALCON MEADOW

See this and other amazing Shuck puppets around the town. The Allendale Wolf will also be visiting Bungay care homes during the festival.

## THE TALE COLLECTORS

Bungay care homes will be showing the film of The Tale Collector's fantastic performance in May at the Fisher Theatre festival.



# FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST DAYTIME



## FAMILY FUN

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

10am - 4pm

All-day drop in creative session for families. Discover how one dog caused havoc in the church, make your own woolly dog to take home and write your own local legend.

**FREE** Age: 5+

## HORRORS & HAUNTINGS

### MEET AT THE BUTTERCROSS

11am - 12.30pm

Join author & historian Christopher Reeve and folklorist Chris Wood to investigate Bungay's historic buildings and sites and the Black Shuck legends.

**Tickets: £10**

## HELEN IVORY WORKSHOP: *Writing the Witch*



### FISHER THEATRE GALLERY

1pm - 4pm (inc. break)

Join poet Helen Ivory (author of Constructing a Witch, Bloodaxe 2024) to explore this enduring archetype. We will explore the witch as healer, as earth-listener, as outsider and dangerous non-conformist. We will listen in to our own witch-selves, channel our own writing power and maybe write a few spells.

**Tickets: £15** pre-booking essential

## CHARLIE HAYLOCK

*An Eccentric Look at Suffolk*

### FISHER THEATRE

11am - 12pm

A unique opportunity to hear Charlie Haylock's hilarious tales of Suffolk life before he retires at the end of the year. He regularly has his audiences in stitches with his characteristic rustic storytelling.

**Tickets: £8**

## CHARLIE HAYLOCK *The Suffolk Dialect*



### FISHER THEATRE

2pm - 3pm

Charlie Haylock taught Ralph Fiennes to speak Suffolk for The Dig. He will show us how he did it so we can brush up on our own Suffolk dialect – and he'll treat us to some 'behind the scenes' stories too.

**Tickets: £8**

## GODRIC WAY CYCLISTS & BLACK DOG RUNNERS

### TOWN CENTRE

6.45pm - 7.30pm

The town's athletes bring the Black Shuck effigy back to Bungay.

## FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST EVENING

### THE OCCULTARIA OF ALBION

*The Filing Cabinet of Fear*

#### FISHER THEATRE

4pm - 5.30pm inc intermission Author Richard Daniels presents an entertaining and occasionally terrifying journey into an alternate realm filled with strange conspiracies, ghosts, UFOs and more! Taken from the author's case files, Richard is joined by the musical mystic known as Linoleum Department who will use synthesizers to create a cone of power throughout the show. For fans of 70's public information films, Uncanny and Inside No.9.

Tickets: £8

### SING-ALONG-A- WICKER-MAN!

#### FISHER THEATRE

7.30pm - 8.50pm

Dust down your best Scottish accent, dress up as your favourite pagan characters and come join in with the songs, bottom-slapping and dialogue of this cult horror and its haunting soundtrack. David Bramwell and Eliza Skelton will get your voices warmed up with some live music, lead you through the actions and words then, at the Witching Hour, you'll be given a goody bag full of mystery items, the film will roll, let the singalong commence and may god have mercy on your soul!

Tickets: £10



### THE GREAT SATANIC SWINDLE

*A bizarre true tale ...*

#### FISHER THEATRE

10.15pm - 11.15pm

Once, a mysterious stranger arrived in a small Sussex village and told a tale of witchcraft, trapped souls and a life-or-death struggle with Satan himself. A group of church-goers, millionaires and aristocrats stepped in to save him, and things got very weird. A raunchy, true-crime folk-horror comedy of 1980s England, The Great Satanic Swindle is a story about two friends who challenged what it means to believe in something – and someone – no matter how irrational. Author and spoken-word artist Justin Hopper tells a story that is at once utterly unbelievable and entirely true...

Tickets: £6

## SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST DAYTIME

### GREEN CHILDREN OF WOOLPIT

*Rust & Stardust*

#### FISHER THEATRE

11am - Noon

In the Suffolk village of Woolpit, two mysterious children with green-tinged skin are found by the wolf pits. Are they from a strange land? Are they fairy folk? Or are they simply, and inexplicably, green? A show for all ages, featuring a magical blend of puppetry, drama and music from theatre company Rust & Stardust.

Tickets: £5 Adults,  
£3 Children  
Under 5's FREE



### JUBILATE CORVO

*William Fergusson, Piano*  
*Katherine MacRae, Soprano*

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

11am - Noon

Ted Hughes considered 'Crow' to be his finest work. In this morning's performance, original settings of excerpts from this darkly inspired sequence will intersperse songs and piano pieces of a contrasting magic.

Tickets: £10

## THE FESTIVAL PARADE

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Arrives Falcon Meadow 2pm





SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

## ~ FALCON FAIR ~ at FALCON MEADOW

### BLACK SHUCK FESTIVAL PARADE

Arrives at 2pm

### SONG & DANCE

### FIRE SPRITES

Annual ritual of the burning of the Black Shuck Effigy and the Demon Cards.

### CIRCO RUM BA BA PRESENTS ~BUGS!

### GIANT GAMES

From artist Matthew Harrison and his legendary Actual Reality Arcade.

## ~ TEN FARM MUSIC STAGE ~

### EAST ANGLES BRASS BAND

3pm - Dazzling brass & percussion collective who play foot stomping blend of New Orleans style jazz, covers of classics and original tunes. Guaranteed to get everyone dancing!

### BROWN HORSE

4pm - We are delighted to welcome this Norwich-based country rock band. Brown Horse are an alternative rock and folk guitar-driven six-piece band who will bring our first Falcon Fair to an exciting close.

### FOOD & DRINK

Patron Norwich - Paella  
Society Alive - Caribbean  
The Flying Chef - Hot Dogs  
Boston Travelling Tea Party  
Coffee With Personality  
Jim's Ices  
Norfolk Cider - Bar

### THRIFTLESS SHIFTLESS

Handmade portrait photographs taken on Afghan box camera, printed while you wait. £15

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST  
EVENING

## A STRAUNGE & TERRIBLE WUNDER THE HELLISH HOUND

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

7pm for 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
inc. intermission.

### FORGOTTEN MELODIES THREE RAVENS

Words and music for the dog days of summer from the artists of the Three Ravens Podcast. New arrangements of dark ballads, English folk classics, poetry and performance, specially designed to cast a spell.

### REVEREND ABRAHAM FLEMING

A dramatic rendering of the Reverend Abraham Fleming's 1577 text recounting the terrible happenings of 'the devil in such a lykness' when he visited St. Mary's Church during a violent thunderstorm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August of that year.

### THE HELLISH HOUND

#### *The Ballad of the Black Dog of Bungay*

With its potent blend of ensemble music, poetic narration and live onstage painting, The Hellish Hound is a new commission for this year's festival, with words by James Mayhew & music by Roger Eno. Prepare for a bewitching & wild ride as music, words & visuals combine in a thrilling and beguiling performance in this glorious contemporary new telling of The Black Dog of Bungay. Narrator - James Mayhew  
Musical Director - Roger Eno

Tickets: £12

## *The Holloway Presents...* OFFBEAT FOLK FILM CLUB

### THE MAYFAIR

6pm - 7pm  
Films celebrating British folk and culture heritage.

Tickets: FREE

### STONE CLUB DJ SET

*With Lally Macbeth & Matthew Shaw*

### FISHER THEATRE

9.30pm - midnight  
Join the founders for a special DJ set — a deep, strange, and stomping selection channeling the sacred and the psychedelic, with sounds rooted in earth mysteries, ancient futures, wyrd disco, and sonic ley lines. Come prepared to stomp to stones.

Tickets: £5



# SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

## DAYTIME ~ FISHER THEATRE

### *The Norfolk Folklore Society Presents...* **NEW BLACK SHUCK ENCOUNTERS**

10am - 11am  
Join Stacia and Siofra of the Norfolk Folklore Society as they unveil a series of new and unsettling encounters with East Anglia's most infamous phantom. With eyewitnesses joining them live on stage, and photographic evidence, this is Shuck as you've never met him.

**Tickets: £8**

### *The Hidden History of Romany Gypsies in Britain Folklore...* **JOHN-HENRY PHILLIPS: DIGGING UP THE FORGOTTEN**

11.30am - 12.30pm  
In 2024 archaeologist, author, and filmmaker John-Henry Phillips led the first-ever archaeological excavation of a historic Romany site in Britain. In this revelatory talk, John-Henry will take us from the earliest Romany arrivals in the UK to the landscapes of today, sharing stories of resistance, resilience, and cultural heritage hidden in plain sight.

**Tickets: £8**

### **LUCY WRIGHT:** *Tradition is Good for You!*

1pm - 2pm  
Can reinventing a folk custom be just as meaningful as preserving one? Artist, researcher and self-declared "hedge morris dancer" Lucy Wright thinks so, and in this lively talk, she'll share how folklore can be a powerful tool for connection, creativity and joy.

**Tickets: £8**

### *Dr Kate Cherrell:* **THE BINBROOK WITCH HOUSE**

3pm - 4pm  
In this spine-chilling talk, Dr Kate Cherrell uncovers the unnerving true story of the Binbrook Witch House: a tale of rural superstition, hysteria and inexplicable horror. Drawing from original archives, spiritualist records and folklore, she pieces together a mystery that baffled psychics and terrified clergy alike. Was it a witch? A poltergeist? Or something darker?

**Tickets: £8**

### *Deborah Hyde:* **THE GREEN CHILDREN OF WOOLPIT ~ FOLKLORE OR FACT?**

4.30pm - 5.30pm  
Writer and folklorist Deborah Hyde revisits one of Britain's most enduring and eerie tales: the Green Children of Woolpit. As recorded by two medieval chroniclers, the story of the strange siblings, who claimed to have come from a place of eternal twilight, has fascinated and baffled readers for centuries.

**Tickets: £8**

### *In Conversation with Lally Macbeth:* **THE LOST FOLK**

6pm - 7pm  
Lally sets out to reclaim and re-enchant the folk traditions that have long shaped the rhythms of daily life. From the strange to the sacred, she explores customs that are vanishing or forgotten, reminding us that folk culture isn't confined to the past, it is living, breathing, and waiting to be revived. In conversation with Norfolk Folklore Society's Stacia and Siofra.

**Tickets: £8**



# ~ SHUCK SUNDAY ~ FALCON MEADOW



## WELLBEING TENT

10am - 3pm

A chance to try some relaxing classes from Bungay's professional practitioners including:

YOGA & PILATES  
SOUND BATH MEDITATION  
MEDITATION  
HAND MASSAGE

## CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

3pm - 4pm

Participants will be invited to respond creatively to the themes raised in the Becoming Feral, creating poetry and artwork around the climate crisis and our place within the web of life. Bespoke seed- paper leaves can be planted to grow native wildflowers.

## FEN FARM MUSIC STAGE

CARA ROXANNE  
PETER TURRELL  
THREE RAVENS PODCAST  
PLAY PRODUCE PROMOTE  
STEVE ARLENE TRIO



## BECOMING FERAL GOSSAMER THREAD CIRCUS

2pm

A daring aerial performance featuring cloud-swing, straps, aerial hoop, ensemble movement, narrated prose-poetry and a bespoke soundscape. The show draws on our connection with the land, natural cycles, folklore and ritual, spinning new stories that speak to a possible future of hope connection and community.



## THE RIVER

### COMMUNITY DIP

With Mental Health Swims

10am - 11am

Everybody welcome at this friendly and inclusive community swim in our beautiful River Waveney. Wear what you feel comfortable to swim in. Just make sure you bring a change of clothes for afterwards!

### PADDLEBOARDING

With Norfolk Paddleboarders. For people of all ages - you will be in expert hands!

### CORACLE RACE

1pm

MC Yanny Mac. Bring your coracle & join in!

## CHILDREN'S AREA WAYWARD ADVENTURERS GUILD

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## THE PAGODA FOLK-A-DILLY

Mario & Lesley Price are Folk- a-dilly and they weave together storytelling, poetry, and music. Featuring tales from East Anglia and beyond, they will tell stories throughout the day exploring myths, legends, and mysteries.

## EARTHWAKE & RIVER WAVENEY TRUST

Swish a pond net in the river and discover mini animals that live there. Listen to river sounds using a hydrophone. Sit in our art area and make something special to take home. Nature inspires us all.

## THE SHUCK BUS

FREE bus shuttle from Doctors to Riverside Centre.

From Bungay Medical Centre  
10.30am. 11am. 12noon.

From Falcon Meadow  
12.30pm. 2pm. 3.30pm.



## FOOD & DRINK

PATRON NORWICH - paella  
SOCIETY ALIVE - Caribbean  
THE FLYING CHEF - hot dogs  
BAGEL OR BEIGEL - loaded bagels  
VEG TUBBY - Indian vegetarian  
CHIM CHIM - Thai vegan & veggie  
BOSTON TRAVELLING TEA PARTY  
COFFEE WITH PERSONALITY  
JIM'S ICES  
NORFOLK CIDER - Bar  
FLINT VINEYARD - wine & spritzers

## THRIFTLESS SHIFTLESS

Your photo developed while you wait £15

## GET MEDIEVAL

10am - 4pm

Knightly sword-play workshops throughout the day. Battle it out in duels and team fights! Sports-grade soft-kit swords. Age: 10+

## GIANT GAMES

A new take on traditional games, built especially for the Festival.

## MUMMERS PLAYS

The Mummers perform one of their traditional folk plays.

# SUN 3RD AUGUST 10AM ~ 4PM



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# SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST EVENING



## FIRE! FIRE!

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

7pm for 7.30pm - 9.30pm inc. intermission

## WILLIAM BASS CELLO JS BACH: 2ND SUITE IN D MINOR

Bach's Suite no. 2 for unaccompanied cello evokes a world filled with shadowy rooms and melancholy dance evenings... William Bass performs here by candlelight.

## WILLIAM DREW-BATTY FIRE! FIRE!

Commissioned for this year's festival, William Drew-Batty's exciting original new score for large community choir, instrumentalists and narrator tells the dramatic story of the great fire of Bungay 1688.

Tickets: £10

## THE HOLLOWAY PRESENTS...

FISHER THEATRE

7.30pm - Midnight

## FENLAND DRONE WORKSHOP

Improvisations and field recordings from the heart of the Fens, Fenland Drone Workshop is a haunting ambient project rooted in the sprawling marshes and ancient ruins of East Anglia.

## THE FEATHERED THORNS

With their perceptive balance of tender and grit, the songs are startling and emotive in their atmosphere and drama, producing an authentic raw tonal palette over a haunting collage of lo-fi soundscapes, created using voices, guitar, piano and sampled sounds.

## THE BREEDLING

Emerging from the murky swamps and folklore-haunted fenlands, The Breedling is Chris Spalton's sonic alter ego—a solo project steeped in industrial folk horror, doom laced drones, and ritualistic noise.

## SPLIT APEX

Split Apex are Jussi Palmusaari (guitar and drum machine) and Peter Blundell (voice and bass). Together, they combine restless sonic textures, oddball phrasing within barely-contained song structures held together by moth-woven threads.

## MILKWEED

Possibly the most curious group in the currently burgeoning British folk re-revival, MILKWEED are an enigmatic duo making what they call "slacker-trad"—a genuinely strange brew of lo-fi sampling, traditional instrumentation and jarring cut-ups, stitched together with a strong flavour of folk horror and found sound.

Tickets: £10





# BLACK SHUCK FESTIVAL

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### VENUES

The Friends of St. Mary's  
Brian Moore  
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Cathy Edwards-Gill - Fisher Theatre  
Peter Holmes - Fisher Theatre  
Fisher Theatre Staff & Volunteers  
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The Falcon Meadow Trust  
The Waveney River Trust  
Bungay Town Trust - The Butter Cross  
Jackie Bell - The Bell Gallery  
Luci Bedwell-Lee - Owles Warehouse  
Jon Fuller - Maltings Pavilion  
Bungay Medical Centre

### OUTREACH

Ditchingham Primary School  
Earsham Primary School  
Bungay Primary School  
St. Edmunds Primary School  
Castle East School  
Musical Lifelines  
Bungay Community Support  
Fisher Youth Theatre Group  
Lorna Collins - Bungay Youth Club



### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TEAM OF SHUCKETEERS

Thanks to local businesses for your support and to all of the brilliant performers, practitioners, production companies and artists who have helped make the Black Shuck Festival such a special event for Bungay and its visitors.

Thank you to Dog Eared Creatives & Christopher Reeve for sponsoring the schools art prizes. Thank you to Flint Vineyard, Fen Farm & the Art Trading Company for prizes for the Art Exhibition.

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Also - a special shout-out to all those who provided accommodation for our visiting artists.

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### USEFUL INFORMATION

#### PARKING

Three main public car parks in Bungay:

Wharton Street: (near the Library)

Priory Lane: (behind St. Mary's Street)

Scales Street: (behind Earsham Street)

These are all free from 6pm - 8am.

But pay and display during the day or pay  
using the Ringo app.

The Maltings Pavilion Sports Ground  
(Pirnhov Street) - FREE

There is also a small free public car park near  
the golf course by Outney Common.

On-street parking is very limited during the  
day with one hour stays.

#### TOILETS

Cross Street (near the Butter Cross  
open 6am - 6pm, til 10pm Sat)

Priory Lane (in the car park open  
6am - 6pm)

#### TICKETS

Fisher Theatre events: [fishertheatre.org](http://fishertheatre.org)

All other tickets: [blackshuckfestival.com](http://blackshuckfestival.com)

No tickets available on the door unless  
otherwise stated. Sadly we cannot issue  
family/group tickets or weekend tickets -  
but we do provide many free events!

#### DOGS

Several Bungay cafes/pubs and  
restaurants welcome dogs. But only  
guide/support dogs are permitted at  
Festival indoor events. And because of  
the nature of our outdoor events we  
advise you to leave your pooch  
at home.



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