

# Beachcombing

What's on, What's good and Where to go!



## 9 Chalk Rivers - North Norfolk is so special!

Chalk rivers are incredibly important for wildlife as the water quality is so good and they are also very rare. There are about 200 in the world and over 160 of these are in England with a definite stronghold in Norfolk.

Some are in very poor condition due to pollution and silt run off from roads and farms, over straightening, abstraction of water and problems with invasive species.

Gemma Clark, Community Involvement Officer for the 9 Chalk Rivers Project explains:

'We were awarded £1.3m from the Environment Agency and over the next couple of years we will be looking at the Glaven, Stiffkey, Babingley and Gaywood with a long term hope that we can apply for more funding for work on the Hun, Mun, Heacham, Ingol and Burn.

We are looking to reinstate the natural bends to allow the rivers to clean themselves, remove non native species to enable native species to flourish, enable flood plains to develop to store water and work to decrease silt and pollution in the rivers.

We also want to bring local communities together to learn about their rivers, tell us their concerns and in time form self sustaining groups that can 'manage' the rivers when the grant cash runs out. We will be running a series of walks, talks, workshops and family events over the next couple of years.'

• **For more about the project on Twitter @9ChalkRivers and on the Norfolk Rivers Trust website at [www.norfolkriverstrust.org](http://www.norfolkriverstrust.org)**



## Threat to Coast Hopper

One of our most important local assets is under threat and as Norfolk businesswoman Sarah Pettigrew from Brays Cottage Pies says:

'Personally I can't think of a single thing that's more important to the economic wellbeing of the North Norfolk coast than the Coasthopper bus service (apart from things like sunshine and birds, which are beyond our control).'

The county council is consulting now about budget plans for 2014-17. One of the proposals is to "Reduce our subsidy for the Coasthopper bus service" by the sum of £150,000 over two years.

Public meetings are being held along the North Norfolk coast to give some explanation, listen to views and answer questions. The consultation closes on 12 December.

The meetings will explain some details about the service: how many people use it, how much it costs to run, ideas for future operation.

• **The last of the meetings will be held on Wednesday 27th November, Hunstanton Community Centre, 16:00-17:30 Please can you confirm your attendance with [Carolyn.ikins@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Carolyn.ikins@norfolk.gov.uk)**



Alongside its extensive A La carte and bar menus, The King William IV in Sedgeford has launched a new great value Monthly Set Menu. Prices start at £15 for two courses and £19.95 for three with a choice of tasty seasonal dishes using quality, local ingredients. With four attractive restaurant areas, the Inn is perfect for an intimate supper or a larger celebration. Throughout December diners and party hosts receive a £2.50 restaurant gift voucher for every £25 spent redeemable within two weeks of issue. All-inclusive short winter breaks are available in the luxury en suite accommodation with the option of relaxing in-room beauty treatments for residents. Special dog-friendly rooms can be requested. Pop in for breakfast, morning coffee or a steaming bowl of Brancaster mussels and enjoy a warm welcome, cosy log fires and the latest art exhibition showing in The Gallery Restaurant.

• **Booking recommended: 01485 571765 [www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk](http://www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk)**

## Sparkling celebration of producers of North Norfolk

SALT glass studios in Burnham Thorpe are celebrating 'The Bounty of the Burnhams Through Glass', the first in a series of exhibitions, from 1 December to 4 January 2014. Working in partnership with local farmers and producers,

glass-print works have been created for December's exhibition looking at the revival of Norfolk Saffron by Dr Sally Francis in Burnham Norton, Nina Plumbe's heritage orchards, Plumbe & Maufe, in Burnham Overy Town, and mussels harvested from Burnham Deepdale and Norton Creek by Jon Brown of Branta Cruises.

The private view, on 30 November from 6-9pm, will include culinary creations by Unthank Supper Club and a unique drink and cocktail bar from The Gin Garden. The exhibition will be opened by Isabel Vasseur, director of Art Office and the guest artist will be Louis Thompson, winner of the British Glass Biennale and Jerwood Foundation 2012. The award winning film company Garrett & Garrett will be collecting guests' memories.

• **Tickets are £35, with a percentage of the proceeds going to Friends of Burnham Market Primary School.**

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