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Suffolk to Feature in Celebrated Artists Sketchbook

Recently featured in the Telegraph, celebrated artist Tessa Henderson is planning to sketch in Suffolk in October. Renowned not only for her heritage – her father was architect Sir Hugh Coxson, famous for many landmark buildings including the Elephant House at London Zoo, but also for her sketch book holidays to exotic locations across Europe, in October Tessa comes to Suffolk to sketch the delights of the Heritage Coast. As a child she would follow her father's example by keeping sketchbook diaries of her travels and it's something she's continued to do throughout her life. Now she's using her skills to teach others the delights of sketchbook making. Monday 12th – Friday 16th October sees Tessa staying in Suffolk and she is inviting others to join her to learn the intricacies of sketchbooking. The course will be structured to ensure each student has some one-to-one tuition with Tessa, plus there'll be group sessions and each afternoon an excursion to some of Suffolk's most beautiful locations. Each evening it's time to gain valuable feedback on your talents and enjoy a spot of socialising with a like-minded group of creative souls.

This fully catered course is based in Orford at two luxurious houses managed by Big House Holidays – Marshlands and the Pump House. Marshlands is a recently converted barn with en suite facilities to each room and a large open plan ground floor for the sketchers to work together. Once three adjoining cottages, The Pump House is now a 5-star holiday cottage with a stylish interior to match, and broadband access. Both properties are close to the A12 Estuary with woodland walks down to the river.

A short sail away is Orfordness, full of flora and fauna and cared for by the National Trust. The pretty village of Snape is just 5 miles away. Tessa has planned daily excursions along the heritage coast for her students to gain more inspiration for their work.



Sketch by celebrated Artist Tessa Henderson who's inviting others to join her for a sketchbooking holiday on the Suffolk Coast in October

One of those is an outing to Walberswick - a sketcher's paradise – with the opportunity to meet the artist and writer, Richard Scott (Artists at Walberswick, Walberswick Enigma) who will be telling more about the artists who lived and worked in the beautiful seaside village. Renee McIntosh finally decided to lay aside his career in architecture and began work in Walberswick sketching flora to create his renowned ornamental and furniture designs. Find out why he was arrested in Walberswick for spying – more on that during this fascinating yet relaxing four-day break with Tessa as your Suffolk sketchbooking guide and mentor.

Booking is essential: for more details of both the course and the accommodation log onto www.bighouseholidays.co.uk or call them directly on 01394 412305.