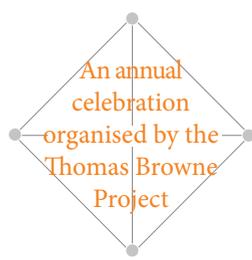


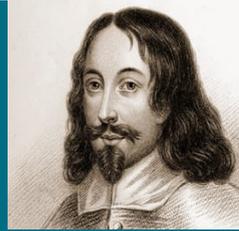
# Sir Thomas Browne Day

Thursday 19 October 2017

[www.sirthomasbrowne.org.uk](http://www.sirthomasbrowne.org.uk)



## What do you know about... Sir Thomas Browne?



*Sir Thomas Browne on Hay Hill photo Sarah Cocks*

Sir Thomas Browne was a 17th century physician and polymath who lived in Norwich for most of his adult life, in the Hay Hill area of the city. He died aged 77 on his birthday in 1682, on 19 October which is now Sir Thomas Browne Day.

There is a statue of him on Hay Hill and also a set of sculptures that relate to his life and work.

He lived where Pret a Manger is now and he is buried in St Peter Mancroft Church alongside his wife and other members of his family, where there is a collection of artefacts, including a replica of his skull.

He wrote books and essays, conducted experiments, invented words and was generally curious about everything he found around him.

In spite of being well-known and respected in his day and also across the world, he is relatively unknown in Norfolk today.

Sir Thomas Browne Day is an opportunity to learn about this brilliant and fascinating man who was so influential throughout England and Europe in his own day and remains relevant and inspirational in the 21st century.

### FREE EVENTS

18-25 October - see [www.sirthomasbrowne.org.uk](http://www.sirthomasbrowne.org.uk) for full details of the programme #thomasbrowne

Flip the flyer to see the line-up of events →→→→→

# ABOUT SIR THOMAS BROWNE DAY EVENTS

Sir Thomas Browne Day is an annual celebration of the life and work of this 17th century physician and polymath, who lived in Norwich for most of his adult life.

The free events on and around his birthday, Thursday 19 October, are a chance to find out more about this interesting and 'curious' man, partnering with the Norwich Science Festival, Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library, St Peter Mancroft, Norfolk Record Office, Norwich Castle, Visit Norwich, The Book Hive and Norwich Research Park. Full details and directions can be found on the website [www.sirthomasbrowne.org.uk](http://www.sirthomasbrowne.org.uk).

## FROM WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

**City of Stories blog** : All about Thomas Browne and his place in the city. [www.cityofstories.co.uk](http://www.cityofstories.co.uk)

**Cley 18 Call to artists**: Curator Dr Caroline Fisher's call to artists is based on a quote from Max Sebald's writings referring to Thomas Browne's *The Garden of Cyrus* – 'The greater the distance, the clearer the view'. Application & full brief on [www.cleycontemporaryart.org](http://www.cleycontemporaryart.org).

## WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

**The Curious Words of Sir Thomas Browne** - a talk by Professor Claire Preston 7pm-8.30pm, Norwich and Norwich Millennium Library in The Forum, Millennium Plain. Free entry

Book your free seat at [www.sirthomasbrownedaytalk.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.sirthomasbrownedaytalk.eventbrite.co.uk)

**New sign on Hay Hill** to mark the brain and the eye public art work by Anne and Patrick Poirier

## THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

**Oxford English Dictionary Word of the Day** - see [www.oed.com](http://www.oed.com)

**Thomas Browne Podcast**: Jonathan Tooke has made a podcast revealing some of his thoughts about Browne's work, which you can listen to and download from the website

**11am-2pm Tell us your Old Wives' Tales : Hay Hill** (St Peter Mancroft if wet)

Sir Thomas was a well-known de-bunker of urban myths or old wives' tales of his day. We are collecting your 21st century Old Wives' Tales in person and you can also submit them online

**11.30am Tour of St Peter Mancroft Church by local expert Barbara Miller**: A tour around the artefacts kept in the church where Browne and his family are buried.

## THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

**Performance 1pm on Hay Hill, 3.30pm in the Forum**

Norwich-born Browne expert Kevin Faulkner performs Browne in costume.

**2-4pm Norfolk Record Office Tour** : Archivist Victoria Draper will lead a tour of the Norfolk Record Office at the Archive Centre, County Hall, Martineau Lane, including Sir Thomas Browne archive material. Please go to the Archive Centre reception by 2pm

## SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

**10am-12pm Sir Thomas Browne at Norwich Castle**

**1pm Mancroft Music Recital with Sistema Norwich in St Peter Mancroft church** with Sistema musical directors Juan Gabriel Rojas and Firdevs Eke, tutors and children from the project.

## WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER

**10am and 3.30pm : Browne's experiments in The Forum** : Science writer and journalist Hugh Aldersey Williams demonstrates some of Browne's experiments.

## DISPLAYS THROUGHOUT THE SCIENCE FESTIVAL 16-30 OCTOBER

**Bookhive Bookshop** in London Street will have a window display plus books in stock

**Library Ground floor & 2nd floor** – display of publications and artefacts held by the Library

**The Forum** : Look in the Atrium for the kingfisher experiment

**Norwich Castle** : In the Rotunda : information about the 'quincunx' and *The Garden of Cyrus*.