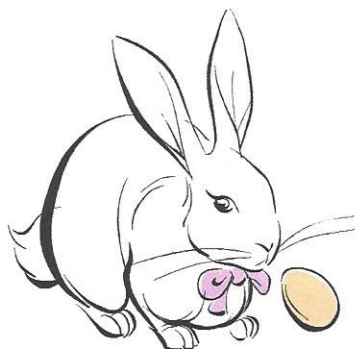


IN-TOUCH

Great Hockham News Sheet

Issue No 571
April 2026



Editorial

1st April is April Fools Day and, over the years, we have had several pranks in In-Touch, ranging from a village photo call that never was, to using the new village by-pass as a trial for driving on the right to abide by EU rules. Another April Fool was turning the area around the green and old school into a traffic free zone. This did not go down well with the local shopkeeper. Just to reassure you, as far as I know, there are no April Fools jokes in this month's issue.

As mentioned last month, we have welcomed two new members to our committee. Mike and Lisa Hawkins have recently moved to Hockham, and will bring new ideas to our newsletter, and be a great help in its production. Let's show them what a great village this is to live in.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS!



This month Chris Garrod will give a
VILLAGE HISTORY TALK

Coffee Cake Chat
Friendly Faces
Yummy Bakes

18 April
Village Hall
10.30am to 12 noon

Fancy baking some cakes or anything else? Contact Tania on 07774 842388 to find out how you can help

Need a lift? Bev Plummer is happy to organise. Call her on 07741 270204 or 01953 498243



Parish Clerk Contact EMail Change

Please note due to government requirements called Assertion 10, the new email address for Hockham Parish Clerk is clerk@hockhamparish.gov.uk

The old email address will be gradually phased out.

Chris Garrod (Clerk)

Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council

AGM

The above will take place on Monday 18th May starting at 7pm.

Chris Garrod, Parish Clerk

The Wayland Group of Parishes
Breckles, Caston, Great Hockham, Griston, Stow Bedon and Thompson
In the Church of England Diocese of Norwich

Worship in the Wayland Group of Churches

April 2026

Sunday 5th April Easter Day

10.30am United Holy Communion
St Margaret's, Breckles

Sunday 12th April

10.30am United Holy Communion
Holy Cross, Caston

Sunday 19th April

10.30am United Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, Gt Hockham

Sunday 26th April

10.30am United Holy Communion
St Peter & St Paul, Griston



“I’ve always been egg-cited for Easter!”

I am one of four siblings. As a child I remember that, on Good Friday, our local baker would open his shop early to a queue of customers waiting to collect fresh hot cross buns. Our grandfather would wake at 5.30am to be one of the first there to collect a dozen in time for breakfast.

On Easter Saturday, Mum would help us to make gorgeous boiled egg creations, which usually involved cracking the shells of hard-boiled eggs and placing them in food dye for 30 minutes before drying them and peeling the shell, revealing a marble effect on the white, or tying string around hard boiled eggs before placing them in dye, to leave a patterned shell when the string was finally removed. On Easter Sunday after church, we always had roast lamb for lunch, followed by the Easter egg hunt in the garden.

But did you know that, long before Christianity, eggs were used in spring festivals by cultures worldwide to symbolise fertility, rebirth, and the start of new life?

It was the early Christians in Mesopotamia who adopted the idea of the egg to symbolise Christ’s empty tomb. In those days, eggs would be stained red to represent the blood of Christ shed at the crucifixion. During the Middle Ages, eggs were forbidden throughout the 40 days of Lent, but preserved by hard-boiling and eaten as a special treat on Easter Sunday. In 13th century England, eggs were decorated and often blessed by the church to be given as gifts, and that tradition continues today.

I’ve always been egg-cited for Easter and I still am. It’s my favourite Christian festival (in part because it doesn’t carry the same pressures as Christmas) but the real significance of Easter is, for me, far greater. We have the wonder, difficulty and depth of Holy Week to journey through before the joy of Easter day when we celebrate Christ’s empty tomb, which proved he’d risen from the dead, just as the Scriptures had foretold. That’s why I’m egg-cited for Easter and, I have to admit, I’m rather partial to chocolate Easter Eggs too!

With every blessing for a joyful Eastertide.

Vanessa

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Reverend Vanessa is the rector for the Wayland parishes of Breckles, Caston, Great Hockham, Griston, Thompson, and Stow Bedon. She is available for baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral visiting.

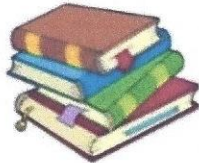
You can contact her on 07984 318885 or by email at vanessadlayfield@gmail.com

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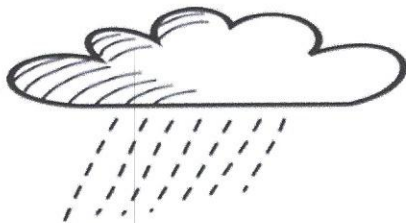
Date of forthcoming visits (Thursdays):

23 April / 21 May /
18 June / 16 July / 13 August /
10 Sept / 8 Oct / 5 Nov / 3 Dec



February Rainfall

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| February 2026 | | 58.6 mm |
| February 2025 | | 22.0 mm |
| Jan-Feb 2026 | | 125.6 mm |
| Jan-Feb 2025 | | 42.4 mm |
| Highest Feb since 1979 | 2024 | 126.2 mm |
| Lowest Feb since 1979 | 1985 | 5.6 mm |



School Birthdays



“Happy Birthday” to Harrison, Luna S, Grayson B, Liam, Sienna T, Riley and Harriet B.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is located in the telephone box by the Village Green.

Press the button to the right of the unit to connect to the emergency services who will give the code to unlock the cabinet.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A

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Easter in Church

The final short Compline service of prayer and meditation will be held at Hockham at 6pm on Wednesday 1st April. Good Friday will then see the church open between 10 and 4 on Friday 3rd April for visiting and private prayer.

The Easter Sunday 10.30 group service will be held at Breckles church on Sunday April 5th. There will not be an Easter Day service here in Hockham.

Between April and October summer openings will apply with Hockham church unlocked and open to visitors between 10 and 4pm every Saturday with the exception of 27th June, when it will be prepared for the Midsummer Masquerade Ball. Details of this fundraiser can be found elsewhere in this issue.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter, and as part of the Wayland group of churches join in wishing our rector, Vanessa a speedy return to good health.

Bev Plummer

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Dates for your Diary:

1st, 15th & 29th April

Bingo arrival for 7.45pm 18+

2nd April 5-8pm

Hoggies Hog Roast

Good Friday 3rd April

Fish and Chips served 12-8.30pm

Easter Saturday 4th April

Food Served 12-8.30pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

Food Served 12-3pm

Bank Holiday Monday 6th April

Food Served 12-3pm

7th April

Book Club 7.30pm

9th April 5-8pm

Purple Pepper (Mexican)

16th April 4.30-8pm

Thai Orchid

23rd April 5-8pm

Bootiful Buckets (Loaded Potatoes)

30th April 5-8pm

Grab a Burger

7th May 5-8pm

Surfing Sombrero

Ladies Darts still meet every Tuesday night
and are always looking for more ladies
looking to try it out. No pressure to be a

superstar, it's just a fun night with lots of
giggles!

Crib is every Wednesday lunchtime 12.30-
3pm (only £1 to play) except for the last
Wednesday of the month which is Whist 1-
3pm (also £1 to play)

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 12-2.30pm/6-11pm

Friday – Saturday 12-11pm

Sunday 12-10.30pm

Food Available

Fish and Chip Fryday: 12-8.30pm
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Saturday: 12-8.30pm

Sunday: 12-3pm

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Book Sale – Caston Village Hall

There will be a Grand Second Hand Book Sale at **Caston Village Hall** on **Saturday 25th April 10am-4pm.**

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Refreshments are available including bacon rolls, cheese scones, sausage rolls and a selection of yummy cakes. Why not come along for lunch and enjoy a tasty jacket potato? Put the date in your diary and see you there.

Lynsey Doughty



On Tuesday 3rd March it quickly became clear that this month's book 'A Year of Sitting Dangerously' by Simon Barnes had found favour with fewer members than usual, due largely to its unvarying format and rather repetitive content. But despite the unflattering mark of 5.5 /10 awarded, Carol's questions brought to mind some gems that had inspired us within the narrative: echoes of birdsong, glimpses of butterflies and rare birds of prey which had motivated several readers to consult the RSPB website for further enlightenment. We then considered whether the author's overarching aim might have been to stimulate his readers' curiosity for the natural world, and if so, was it a case of mission accomplished? We wondered if perhaps we had underestimated the effect of this unassuming little tome...

The next novel promises to be quite different: a ghost story entitled 'Dark Matter' by Michelle Paver, and it will be the subject of discussion at our next Book Club meeting on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30pm at The Eagle.

This month's raffle prize was won by Lisa.

Bev Plummer

Village Hall Bookings April 2026

Regular Bookings

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Monday | Reserved for Parish Council | Evening |
| Tuesday | Carpet Bowls | Evening |
| Wednesday | Yoga | 6.00-7.30pm |
| Thursday | Taekwondo | 6.00-8.00pm |

April 2026

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| Sat 4 th | Sound Bath | PM |
| Wed 8 th | Gardening Club | PM |
| Sat 11 th | Private Function | |
| Tues 14 th | Exploring Drawing | 10am-1pm |
| Sat 18 th | Coffee Cake & Chat | AM |
| Mon 27 th | Parish Council | Evening |
| Tues 28 th | Exploring Drawing | 10am-1pm |

Dog training Monday and Friday evenings (earlier on Parish Council days).

For Yoga information ring June on 07766 108075

For Taekwondo contact Dave Robb 01953 882848 or 07710 666133

For Sound Bath contact Tracey Mathison 07748 213397

For Hall bookings contact Chris Garrod 07770 710307 or e-mail chris@oaklands4.co.uk.

Shropham Road Allotments

Fees are due from 6th April 2026 for the Shropham Road Allotments.

Fees are £5 for a full allotment and £2.50 for a half and should be paid to the parish clerk, Chris Garrod.

Any queries email clerk@hockhamparish.gov.uk or call 07770 710307.

Great Hockham Carpet Bowls

The Carpet Bowls Club meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm - 9pm in the Village Hall either for matches in the Spring and Autumn and / or for practice games between ourselves.

For more information - Tel 07737 046121

Robin

Shropham Road History

Made famous for the fact that seven of the In Touch team currently live on it!

In mediaeval times, leaving the current green at Newport St, the road was called Hingham Way and where it forks at Plum Lane, the left fork continued to Hingham and the right was called Buckenham Way or Bretche Way or also known as "the road that leads to Shropham Bridge". This passed through fields with the interesting names of Bretche, Whitehand and Croyle according to the 1599 survey. Today we refer to the area as the Flats.

On the right as you leave the green were some thatched cottages that were demolished in the 1960's being classed as unfit for human habitation and on the left was the Crown Pub, that closed in the 1930's and the then Lord Walsingham of the time had several entries in the sales ledgers, buying spirits and cigarettes.

The Crown is one of the few buildings in the village with a cellar, the fact that the barrels were reputed to have floated in the cellar, shows one of the reasons why. The Crown also became a dairy for a while.

Past the Crown sits a small building which was Mr Chenery's cobbler's shop with Briardene next door. Briardene was originally three properties, and Geoff Stuart was born in one of them, he hasn't gone far! Briardene has some good wall paintings that are noted in its listing.

Chestnut Square was built in the 1950's as were the other properties that line the road on the right from the green. They were built as replacements for the properties lost in what is now STANTA, as people were not allowed back after the war.

North Farm and its barn are unusual. The farmhouse is bricked around a 15th century building, likely one of the oldest left in the village, with many period features including Julian Carter and the barn is made from shuttered earth/clay an unusual modification on clay lump and it is listed.

Just past Parliament Lane on Town House Field was situated the former Town House, a poor house and orphanage for the village and just past that is the village Observer Corps post, manned for WW2 and beyond, 24/7.



Chestnut Square just after completion

Chris Garrod



Great Hockham Gardening Club



Wednesday 8th April

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Outdoor visits are subsidised by the club but members may have to pay a small contribution for some visits

Secretary: Stacey Smith

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Website: greathockhamgardeningclub.org.uk

Sir Robert Baldock and the "Road to Obscurity" in Great Hockham

In the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Great Hockham lies the grave of a prominent seventeenth century lawyer and judge, Sir Robert Baldock. He was also the Lord of the Manor of Great Hockham.

Sir Robert had a steady rise in the legal profession being called to the Bar in 1651 and eventually being appointed a judge and duly knighted.

What seemed a promising career was soon to unravel following the change of monarch. In February 1685 James II succeeded his brother Charles II as King of England. James was a Roman Catholic, which was a predicament for him in a protestant country where members of his faith could not hold any public office by law.

James put himself on a collision course with both the Church of England (the state church) and the protestant populace by publicly declaring his aim to allow Catholics as well as dissenters, to enter public life. Historians are divided on James's motive. Was he trying to restore England to Catholicism? Or did he have a genuine interest in religious tolerance? However, what most historians agree on is that James believed in absolute monarchy, an issue that England had fought a bloody civil war over.

James's attempt to change England's protestant identity culminated in a bizarre incident in April 1688 when he had the Archbishop of Canterbury and six other Anglican bishops imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of seditious libel for refusing to allow a declaration to be read out in Anglican churches which would have removed all legal prohibitions against Catholics (the Declaration of Indulgence).

Archbishop Sancroft petitioned the King of behalf of the Established Church expressing their refusal to allow such a change especially following James's coronation oath to uphold the church of England. As a direct result, the archbishop and his six colleagues were arrested and charged.

Into this constitutional maelstrom entered our own Sir Robert Baldock, who was selected to be one of the prosecuting counsels representing the King.

The trial took place on 29th June 1688, where the bishops were all acquitted, with Sir Robert, in his prosecuting arguments, making what commentators of the time described as a "tedious, irrelevant speech".

Despite the acquittal, Sir Robert did well out of the trial, being appointed by the King to a senior judicial position as a judge of the King's Bench.

Sir Robert's elevated status was short-lived as England soon tired of their Catholic King and replaced him with the protestant William of Orange and his wife Queen Mary five months later.

Being one of James's staunch supporters meant that Sir Robert got sacked as a judge and had to retire, no doubt contemplating what might have been had the King not been deposed.

The Dictionary of National Biography describes him as living his last few years "in obscurity" in Great Hockham, perhaps enjoying the consolation of peace and quiet in this beautiful Norfolk village!

Jamieson Plummer - churchwarden.



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East Harling Surgery – Update

Spring Covid Booster 2026

We are pleased to be offering the NHS Spring Covid Booster at the Surgery.

Covid is still circulating and can cause serious illness in people who are more vulnerable. The spring booster helps strengthen protection for those most at risk and reduces the chance of severe illness and complications.

We strongly encourage you to take up the offer of vaccination if eligible and invitations will be going out shortly with clinic information.

Practice Update: CQC Inspection Report

We would like to provide an update regarding the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection report for the Practice, which has recently been published on the CQC website.

The report refers to the inspection process that began on 31 January 2024, with the on-site inspection taking place on 26 June 2024, when the Surgery was visited by three CQC inspectors and a CQC Medicines Inspector.

Following the inspection, there was a significant delay before the report was produced. During this period, we received only occasional communication from CQC advising that the delay was due to technical challenges, including issues generating reports.

A draft report was eventually received in August 2025, more than 14 months after the on-site inspection.

After reviewing the draft report, the Practice identified a number of factual inaccuracies and submitted a detailed response to CQC. We also raised a formal complaint about the length of time taken to produce the report. Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) supported the Practice during this process and submitted a letter on behalf of our patients.

In January 2026, CQC confirmed that our complaint would be partially upheld following their investigation. Feedback addressing the concerns raised about the report was then received in February 2026, with several of the inaccuracies acknowledged by CQC. However, the final report was published on the same day this feedback was issued, without adjustments for these inaccuracies.

While inspections are an important part of maintaining high standards across healthcare services, we want to reassure our patients that the recently published report attempts to reflect the Practice as it was at the time of the inspection in June 2024, and does not represent the Surgery as it is today.

Since the inspection, we have made significant progress across the Practice. We have strengthened our clinical team by recruiting four Salaried GP's who are now well established alongside our Partners. We also have a highly effective non-clinical support team, and we continue to focus on improving the services we provide to our patients.

Our Patient Participation Group has recognised the positive changes that have been made and continues to share this message within the wider patient community. In particular, they have highlighted the significant improvements in patient access to appointments.

Patient feedback remains extremely positive and we are committed to continuing to build on this progress to ensure we deliver safe, effective and accessible care for everyone registered at the Practice.

Thank you for your continued support.

East Harling & Kenninghall Medical Practice

Great Hockham Events 2026

More events may be added
as the year progresses!

**Hornfair – Sunday 24th
May**

(Anyone wanting a stall for the Hornfair
please contact Vicky Sercombe on 07900
676389)

**Summer Show – Sunday
30th August**

**Fireworks – Saturday 7th
November**

Please look out for specific details of events
nearer the time which can be found in the
'In -Touch', on Facebook, Village notice
boards and on the website:
www.greathockham.org

Money raised at these events is in support
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events, but any and all help is very
much welcomed.

If you can help, please message or call
Aimie on 07930 158911

Hockham Hornfair – Looking Ahead to a Great Village Year

This year's 754th Hockham Hornfair will take
place on **Sunday 24th May 2026**, and we're
looking forward to another fantastic community
celebration throughout the village. The day will
feature **maypole dancing** from the village
schoolchildren, a **taekwondo demonstration**,
Wacky Races, classic cars, alpacas, our annual
wood-chopping competition, a **BBQ**, **bouncy
castle**, stalls with **local produce**, and plenty of
other activities. It's a great day out for all ages, and
we hope to see the whole community joining in.
Parking will be available at the playing field if
conditions allow.

This month's edition of *In Touch* also includes an
advance copy of the Summer Show schedule, so
do take a look and start planning your entries
early.

And finally, please make a note in your diaries: our
Annual Fireworks Night will take place on
Saturday 7th November 2026. More details will
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Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery

I can hardly believe how quickly this year is passing, and that we have already reached the end of the Spring term. It has been an incredibly busy and productive few months in school. The children have worked exceptionally hard, and they should be very proud of the progress they have made across all areas of their learning.

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day across the school. The children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing colour, creativity and plenty of excitement to the day. Throughout the school, pupils enjoyed listening to a variety of short stories and took part in engaging, story-themed activities.

A highlight for many was sharing a book with their younger buddies, helping to foster a love of reading across year groups. There was a fantastic atmosphere all day, with a real sense of reading for pleasure shining.

Children from Nursery right through to Year 6 proudly led our Curiosity Café, welcoming parents in to explore the exciting learning taking place in our Science and Design & Technology curriculum.

Our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception impressed everyone by building their own boats and exploring which materials float or sink. Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed demonstrating the catapults they had designed and built, testing how far a pom pom could fly through the air. They also showcased their moving pictures, cleverly created using sliders.

Further up the school, Year 3 and Year 4 shared the packaging they had designed for chocolate teacakes, explaining how they tested how well their products protected the treats when dropped

from different heights. Year 5 and Year 6 demonstrated the bridges they had built and investigated which structures were the strongest.

Parents enthusiastically joined in with the investigations, working alongside their children and asking thoughtful questions. It was wonderful to see pupils speaking so confidently about their learning and clearly explaining the science and design principles behind their work.

Have a lovely break during Easter.

Lisa Hazard - Headteacher

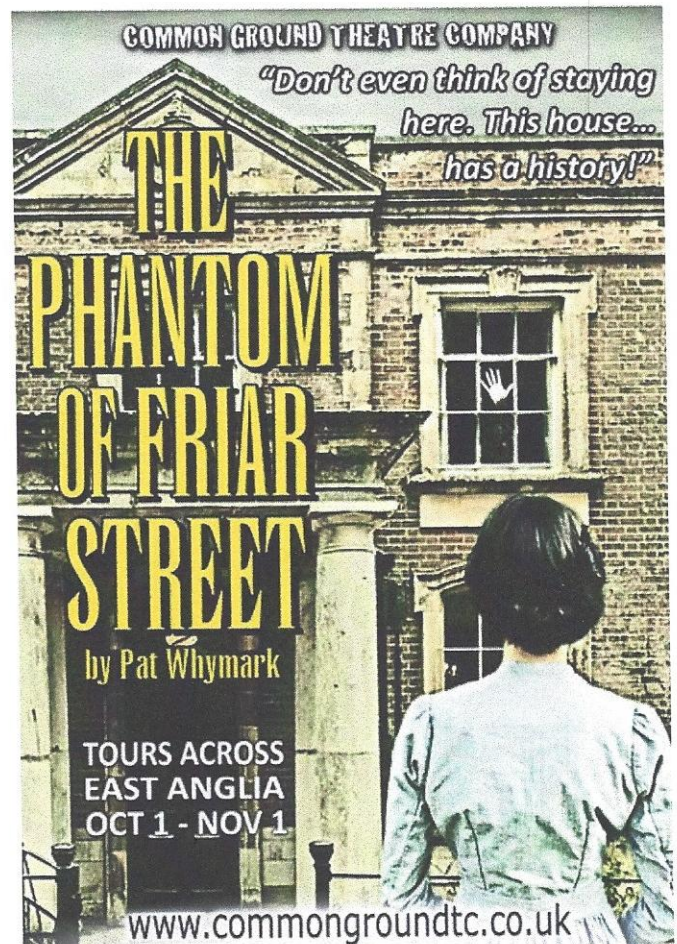
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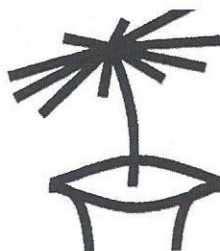
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SUMMER SHOW 2026

To Be Held at The Eagle, Great Hockham

On Sunday 30th August 2026 - ADMISSION FREE, ENTRIES 30p

OPEN SHOW

Timetable of Events

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| Entries to be taken | 8:30am to 11am | Presentation of trophies: | 3.30pm |
| Judging takes place from: | 11am to 1:00pm | All exhibitors collect their exhibits (please): | 3.50pm |
| Doors open at the Eagle / refreshments available to public: | 12:00pm | Auction of produce: | 4.00pm |
| Marquee and access to the exhibits from: | 13:30pm | | |

Rules For Exhibitors

The show will be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards contained in **The Royal Horticultural Show Handbook** unless otherwise stated.

- A fee of 30p will be charged for each exhibit (except children's).
- Exhibitors shall not enter more than one exhibit in each class.
- An individual and not a group must enter exhibits.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- Exhibitors must provide their own containers, plates and saucers or bases. Plates must be placed under pots.
- Exhibits must be free from pests and diseases.
- Only the show manager, secretary and stewards will be present while judging takes place.
- Hockham Playing Field cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
- The show is an open one, so may be entered into by people outside of Hockham.

Standards And Times

- Every exhibit must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and with the exception of floral art should have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months.
- Domestic and handicraft must have been made or grown by the exhibitor.
- Handicraft items must not have been exhibited in a Hockham summer/ flower show before.
- Awards of points scored for each successful entry will be:-1st Place - 3 points
2nd Place - 2 points
3rd Place - 1 point
- No points for other places.
- Exhibits must be staged between 8:30am and 11:00am on the morning of the show.
- Any prize may be withheld by the judges.
- Trophies owned by Great Hockham Playing Field may be retained by the successful winner, for one year. All trophies to be returned prior to the next show.
- Although there are classes specifically for children, they are welcome to exhibit in any category.

We are not specifying recipes or tin size, for the cakes in Home Produce, however, for the Victoria Sandwich, bakers are asked to stick to a traditional two-layer Victoria Sandwich, filled with jam (buttercream optional) and finished with a simple sugar dusting.

PLEASE NOTE THE AUCTION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US AS IT'S THERE THAT WE GET TO COVER THE COSTS FOR THE TROPHIES AND OTHER COSTS INCURRED, AS WELL AS RAISE FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELD AND EQUIPMENT.

PLEASE LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN AND BID ON ANYTHING THAT TAKES THE EYE.

To download a schedule, use our web site.

www.greathockham.org

Entrants Name _____

Age if a child _____

Tel: No: _____

Entry Number _____

Summer Show

On Sunday 30th August 2026, held at the Eagle.
Open to all, however, exhibitors can only enter each class once.

All Entries (except Children) are 30p
Entries are accepted from 8:30am – 11am on the day.

Copies of schedules can be located at the Hockham Eagle or downloaded from the website
www.greathockham.org

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| Vegetables | 1 | 4 POTATOES WHITE | |
| | 2 | 4 POTATOES COLOURED | |
| | 3 | 6 PODS RUNNER BEANS | |
| | 4 | 6 PODS BEANS ANY OTHER TYPE | |
| | 5 | 6 SHALLOTS (ANY DIAMETER) | |
| | 6 | 3 BEETROOT (TOPS TRIMMED) | |
| | 7 | 5 CARROTS ANY TYPE (TOPS TRIMMED) | |
| | 8 | 3 COURGETTES | |
| | 9 | 3 PEPPERS | |
| | 10 | 3 CHILLIS | |
| | 11 | 5 ONIONS UNDER 250 GRAM | |
| | 12 | 5 ONIONS OVER 250 GRAM | |
| | 13 | 6 TOMATOES (CHERRY) | |
| | 14 | 5 TOMATOES (NOT CHERRY) | |
| | 15 | ANY OTHER VEGETABLE NOT LISTED | |
| | 16 | RUNNER BEAN-LONGEST | |
| Fruit | 17 | 5 APPLES COOKING | |
| | 18 | 5 APPLES DESSERT | |
| | 19 | 3 PEARS ANY VARIETY | |
| | 20 | A PLATE OF SOFT FRUIT (MIN 15 CM DIAMETER PLATE) | |
| | 21 | MOST UNUSUAL RARE OR EXOTIC FRUIT | |
| | 22 | HEAVIEST APPLE | |
| | 23 | ANY FRUIT NOT LISTED ABOVE | |
| Flowers / Floral Art | 24 | 4 ROSES HYBRID TEA | |
| | 25 | 4 STEMS ROSES FLORIBUNDA | |
| | 26 | 3 VARIETIES ANNUAL (3 STEMS EACH, 9 STEMS TOTAL)) | |
| | 27 | 3 PERENNIALS (3 STEMS TOTAL) | |
| | 28 | 4 CACTUS DAHLIAS | |
| | 29 | 4 DAHLIAS ANY TYPE | |
| | 30 | 1 GIANT DAHLIA | |
| | 31 | 3 MARIGOLDS | |
| | 32 | JUG OF MIXED FLOWERS FROM THE GARDEN | |
| | 33 | FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ANY TYPE AND STYLE | |

Please turn over for more categories

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| Pot Plants | 34 | 1 CACTUS | |
| | 35 | 1 SUCCULENT | |
| | 36 | 1 FLOWERING PLANT | |
| | 37 | 1 FOLIAGE PLANT | |
| | 38 | 1 PELARGONIUM-GERANIUM | |
| | 39 | 1 FUCHSIA | |
| Home Produce All entries must be a home-prepared item (sweet or savoury). Whole or unprepared foods are not permitted. | 40 | JAR OF HOMEMADE JAM | |
| | 41 | JAR HOMEMADE CHUTNEY | |
| | 42 | JAR HOMEMADE HONEY | |
| | 43 | 1 FRUIT CAKE | |
| | 44 | 1 VICTORIA SANDWICH (as per rules on front page) | |
| | 45 | JAR PICKLES | |
| | 46 | 5 SAUSAGE ROLLS | |
| | 47 | SAVOURY PIE (ANY SIZE) | |
| | 48 | 5 CHEESE SCONES | |
| | 49 | 5 FRUIT SCONES | |
| | 50 | ANYTHING GLUTEN FREE | |
| | 51 | ANYTHING VEGAN | |
| | 52 | FRUITED SPIRIT (SLOE GIN ETC) Min 200ml | |
| Handicrafts | 53 | 1 FRAMED ART | |
| | 54 | 1 PENCIL, PASTEL OR CHARCOAL DRAWING | |
| | 55 | ANY WOOD CRAFT ARTICLE | |
| | 56 | ORIGAMI | |
| | 57 | HANDMADE ITEM OF CARD OR PAPER | |
| | 58 | HANDMADE ITEM KNITTED OR CROCHET | |
| | 59 | HANDMADE ITEM TAPESTRY OR SEWN ITEM | |
| Photography up to A4 | 60 | ANIMAL(S) – WILD OR PET | |
| | 61 | WITHIN PARISH OF HOCKHAM | |
| | 62 | A FLORAL DISPLAY | |
| Under 5 | 63 | PAINTING OR DRAWING OR COLLAGE-ANY TOPIC | |
| Age 5-8 | 64 | ANIMAL REAL OR MYTHICAL MADE FROM VEGETABLES | |
| | 65 | ITEM MADE OF LEGO – NOT FROM A KIT | |
| | 66 | PAINTING OR DRAWING OR COLLAGE-ANY TOPIC | |
| Age 9-15 | 67 | PAINTING OR DRAWING OF A FAVOURITE ANIMATED CHARACTER | |
| | 68 | A HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD | |
| Handmade Scarecrow displayed in your front garden – from 23rd August until at least the show date | 69 | 10 YEARS AND UNDER | |
| | 70 | 11 YEARS AND OVER | |