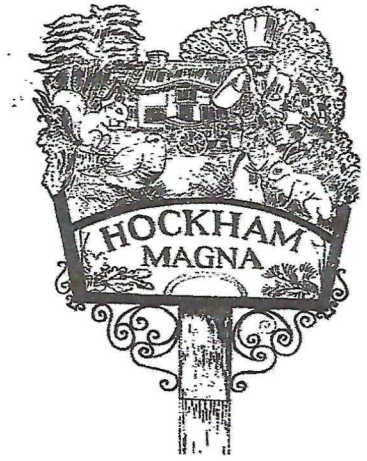


IN-TOUCH

Great Hockham News Sheet

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Editorial

Saturday 6th May 2023 was a day to remember – the day of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

In Hockham the village green was bedecked with union flags and bunting as were many of the houses round about.

On the day itself most of us were watching the televised Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey and the fabulous pageantry in the streets of London.

It was the following day that Hockham celebrated in its own inimitable fashion by turning the Stone on the green. The yellow shirts did their job superbly to the delight of the watching crowds. Then the Community Celebration street party and hog roast rounded off the day in style.

On Bank Holiday Monday Coronation teas were served in the church where a display of Hockham Coronation and other memorabilia attracted a great deal of interest. Also on display was a wonderful knitted representation of the King and Queen together with their entourage, all in Coronation apparel. Amazing!

Our thanks go to all those who organised these historic local events, making it a truly memorable weekend.

David Childerhouse

The Town Lands trustees would like to offer their condolences following the sudden death of David Childerhouse on Saturday 29th April 2023 at the age of 75.

David was Clerk to the Town Lands Charity until 2022 and through his dedication to garnering money from dormant accounts has, as a legacy, left the charity in a healthy financial position.

Message from the In-Touch Team

At the time of writing we are preparing for our second-hand books and jig-saws stall at the Hornfair.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who have kindly donated items for the stall. Your support and generosity has been amazing and is very much appreciated.

We will report in the next issue the amount we have raised for the In-Touch funds.

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

Worship in June 2023

Sunday, 4th June, Trinity Sunday
10.30am, United Holy Communion,
Holy Trinity, Great Hockham

Sunday, 11th June, Trinity 1
10.30 am United Holy Communion,
St. Peter & St. Paul, Griston

Sunday, 18th June, Trinity 2
10.30 am United Holy Communion,
St. Botolph's, Stow Bedon

Sunday, 25th June, Trinity 3
10.30am United Holy Communion,
St. Martin's, Thompson
Archdeacon of Lynn officiating

Sunday, 2nd July, Trinity 4
10.30 a.m. Songs of Praise,
St. Margaret's Breckles

*The Wayland Benefice is now in vacancy.
All requests for Baptisms, Weddings and
Funerals and general queries should be
addressed to the Churchwardens in the first
instance.*

Churchwardens Letter

The Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023 was an historic occasion on an immense scale. For many people watching, the highlight of the ceremony from Westminster Abbey was the actual crowning of Kings Charles with the St. Edward Crown. For some it was the anointing which is thought to be the most sacred part of any Coronation. Behind the screen Charles wore a simple white shirt, representing that he comes before God as a servant and the moment when he accepts his sovereignty under God; when he acknowledges the great burden which is placed upon him to represent and speak

for the people of this country and the Commonwealth, and to lead us; when the outward sign of the anointing portrays the inner working of God's grace to strengthen and enhance him for the task and ministry that lies ahead.

Over time anointing has been a symbol of God's working in and for all his people. This is seen, in varying degrees, in ordination, baptism and confirmation, when individuals offer themselves to the service of God. Through some of these, like King Charles, many have been set apart for different tasks and ministries within the Church and the wider community, demanding and complicated in many, others more general and simple but equally as important. The King suggested that the Nation become involved in volunteering on the Coronation Bank Holiday and we saw many aspects of this from the Royal family on that day. In our Wayland Group of Parishes we witnessed service in our communities as we celebrated the Coronation. Tea parties and picnics, flower arranging and bell ringing. This gave individuals the opportunity to share their skills and give of their time in their parishes. This is happening not only for the Coronation but on a daily basis throughout our communities and beyond. Ordinary people from all walks of life are committed to helping others far beyond the call of duty. Thank you to one and all who contributed to making the Coronation memorable and who continue to serve loyally for the good of others and for our environment.

The Coronation Anointing Screen was designed by iconographer Aidan Hart and made by the Royal School of Needlework. The central design is the Commonwealth tree and was selected by The King. The quotation of inspiration, hope and reassurance from Julian of Norwich features on a scroll at the base of the screen and reads "ALL SHALL BE WELL AND ALL MANNER OF THING SHALL BE WELL".

May king Charles III and Queen Camilla be blessed with a long life and be faithful servants to all.

God save the King.

Bridget Hall
Churchwarden, Caston

School Birthdays



“Happy Birthday” to Ezra (Rabbit Class), Joey, Ezzie, Alba, Hannah (Owl Class), Isla, Ezra (Owl Class), Hannah (Deer Class) and Grace.

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Facebook Melodie Cook Artist



Great Hockham Gardening Club



Wednesday 14th June

Holme Hale Hall

Simon Broke will introduce the garden

Membership fees are £10 per annum

Indoor meetings are held in the Edinburgh Hall,
Harling Road, Great Hockham, IP24 1NT on second

Wednesday of the month

Doors open 1.30 pm / Speakers start at 2 pm

Indoor meetings free to members / £3 to visitors

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

Secretary: Ed Szczepanowski 01760 751465

secretaryghgc@gmail.com

Website: greathockhamgardeningclub.org.uk

Mobile Library Service

CHESTNUT SQUARE 10:55 – 11:10
SCOTGATE CLOSE 11:15 – 11:35

Date of forthcoming visit: TUESDAY 13 June

From July the day of the mobile library visit
changes to THURSDAY. The times remain
unchanged.

Date of forthcoming visits:

20 July / 17 Aug / 14 Sept / 12 Oct / 9 Nov /

7 Dec / 4 Jan / 1 Feb / 29 Feb / 28 March /

25 April / 23 May / 20 June / 18 July



Coronation Celebrations

Thank you to each and every one of you, that
helped make banners, put bunting out, set up
and take down marquees and chairs, announce
toasts, play music, cater for both the helpers and
the villagers, make a cake, take photos and
organise games, (plus anything I have missed) to
give our Coronation Celebrations an absolutely
wonderful community feel and to the Stone Turn
team, that did the village so proud. Thanks for
the weather too. Several people were likely
looking down on us and smiling.

Two people went above and beyond any
expectation, in their attempts to ensure a smooth
day. Alex and Kim, we hope you slept well Sunday
night!

The Stone Turn Organisers

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.

Village Hall Bookings June 2023

Regular Bookings

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

June 2023

Thurs 1 st	Private Booking	Daytime
Sat 3 rd	Gong & Sound Bath	2.30-4.30pm
Tues 13 th	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Sat 17 th	Coffee, Cake & Chat	AM
Mon 19 th	Parish Council	Evening
Sat 24 th	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Tues 27 th	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm

July 2023

Sat 1 st	Gardening Club	AM
Sat 1 st	Gong & Sound Bath	2.30-4.30pm

For Yoga information ring June on 01953 498343

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.



Great Hockham Primary School & Nursery

We have had a very busy start to the Summer Term here at Great Hockham Primary School. Our Year 6 children have completed their SATS, remaining calm and composed and trying their hardest. They had a special breakfast in school every morning during the assessment week and went to the local Woodlands as a treat when they finished. We are extremely proud of their attitudes towards the assessments and how they all wanted to show all they had learnt during the year.

Our Nursery and Reception class went on their first school trip to the Playhouse Theatre in Norwich. They behaved impeccably and really enjoyed watching The Smeds and the Smoos.

Years 3 and 4 have started their swimming lessons at Thetford pool, with many children either becoming more confident in water or making great progress with their swimming skills and learning to swim the different strokes more accurately.

We celebrated King Charles III's coronation with a whole school picnic. Unfortunately, due to the thunder and lightning storm, this was in the school hall decorated with bunting and on picnic blankets rather than on the school field. Despite this everyone had a lovely time!

We are now planning our Sports Day for the middle of June – fingers crossed for more sunny weather than we had in May!


Lisa Hazard – Head Teacher

This month...


Vince Thurkettle will talk about his 30+ years in gold prospecting

Coffee Cake Chat

Friendly Faces
Yummy Cakes


Fancy baking some cakes or anything else?
Contact Mandy on 07712 445477 to find out how you can help

17 June
Village Hall
10.30 am to 12

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

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 498694

Jane Dalton

Village Charities

Hockham Town Lands Charity

Origins

On 5th April 1798 King George III signed the Inclosure Award which provided the people of Hockham with 16 acres of land on the East of the Parish opposite Poplars Farm on the B1111.

On 6th December 1911 the Churchwardens and the Overseers of the Poor of Great Hockham applied for registration with the Charity Commission who approved a scheme giving the Parish Council the power to appoint trustees to administer the Charity allowing income from rents to be used "for public purposes in Great Hockham or the public benefits of the inhabitants thereof".

On 1st September 1936, following an application by the trustees of the charities for "The site of the reading room and institute", "the Playground" and the "Site for a Hearse Shelter", their administration was transferred to the trustees of the Hockham Town Lands charity. The Playground and Site for a Hearse were sold in the 1970s and the proceeds invested initially in a Post Office savings account but subsequently transferred to a Charities Investment Fund. The site of the "Reading Room", the fenced off area of land behind the telephone kiosk on The Green, was refurbished by the Charity in 2018.

The Charity generates funds through a farm tenancy, shooting rights and income from an easement with the UK Power Networks in addition to the Charities Investment Fund.

Projects the Town Lands Charity Has Funded in the Village

In accordance with the Charity's aims of using its income "for public purposes in Great Hockham or the public benefits of the inhabitants thereof" the following projects have been funded by the Town Lands Charity in recent years: -

2017 - Contribution to a memorial seat.

2017 - 2022 - Grass cutting of the Village Green.

2018 - Refurbishment of the Reading Room site

2018 - Provision of the Defibrillator.

2019 - 2022 - Provision and operation of a community truck.

2021 - Provision of fencing around the children's play area on the recreation ground.

2022 - Refurbishment of the Village Sign on The Green.

2023 - Contribution to the production costs for the village newsheet In-Touch.

Four trustees, including a clerk, run the charity and report their finances and progress at the Annual Parish Meeting held each May. The current Clerk is Ian Knott (knottianknott@btinternet.com or 07747 611890).

Hockham Fuel Allotment Charity (also known as the Fuel & Furze)

The Hockham Fuel Allotment was begun in 1798 as part of the Inclosure Act for the village. It consisted of much of Hockham Fen and another plot of land by the North exit as we know today, onto the A1075.

In the 1960's Hockham Fen was sold to what is known today as Norfolk Wildlife Trust, the charity retaining the sporting rights. In 1985/86 the other plot of land was bisected by the A1075 bypass and a land swap was negotiated. Currently land ownership is the triangular wood opposite Scotgate Cottage, the woodland opposite the A1075 North junction and the field on its right. Note all the land is private access, though guided access may be requested from the clerk. The school use part of the woodland for their weekly Woodland Club and income is by letting of the field, wayleave, lease of sporting rights and through gifts, plus interest from invested monies. Its turnover is low, so it does not report financially to the Charity Commission. All lands are vested with the Charity Commission.

Each year (usually Nov/Dec) applicants may apply for fuel allotment, usually (but not exclusively) to the elderly and those who are considered in need. Four trustees, with a clerk, run the charity and report their finances and progress at the Annual Parish Meeting held each May. Current Clerk is Chris Garrod (chris@oaklands4.co.uk or 07770710307)

Hockham Village Hall

Hockham Village Hall was built in 1956/57 and has been a Charity since then, known as the Edinburgh Hall. It's run by a set of trustees and its finances are publicly reported through the Charity Commission.

Liz Truss Questions, Answered

Liz Truss, our current local MP, has visited the village and met with the parish council.

Several questions were asked and several redacted questions from parishioners were handed over for answering later.

Here are the answers to questions asked:

Highways:

In relation to the Highways matters raised, Liz has asked Norfolk County Council to review the speed limit on the A1075 passing Great Hockham, noting your concerns about fatalities and access to new development, homes, and nature reserves along this stretch. She has also asked Norfolk County Council for clarity on the expense of consultation for reducing the village speed limit and how you can go about this.

Liz has asked for a highways officer to visit Great Hockham if they feel this is necessary. They will be in contact directly if so.

You also mentioned concerns about the village being used as a pass through for heavy vehicles to and from a new site in Wretham. Liz would be happy to raise this matter with the relevant business, and so can you please confirm who they are. We believe you may be referring to O.C.O Technology who are currently working on turning the Larkshall Mill site in Wretham into a centre for sustainable construction and carbon capture.

Dentistry:

Liz has been assured that if a constituent or their children require *urgent* dental treatment, they can contact the Dental Contract Team at england.dentaleast@nhs.net who should be able to assist with access to the appropriate NHS care. Alternatively, Liz has also been assured that you can contact the NHS Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 2233 for *urgent* care.

Liz has written to the Health Secretary about NHS dentistry access, asking for clarity on the government's short-term and long-term solutions. Liz also confirmed her support for an East of England Dental Training School and would welcome further discussions with the Health Secretary on this.

Liz has asked NHS England for an update on the issues with NHS dental contracts – such as the stringent

opening and closing times attached to contracts in particular – so she can assess what action she may need to take with the Department for Health and Social Care.

Finally, Liz is always happy to raise individual cases with the relevant dental practice. Constituents would need to provide further details if so. For example, the dental practice, name(s), date(s) of birth, etc.

GP Recruitment and Retention:

Currently, the Government is on track to deliver its manifesto commitment of 26,000 more primary care staff to deal with COVID backlogs and there are over 34,170 more doctors and over 44,820 more nurses working in the NHS since 2010.

However, Liz appreciates your concerns about GP recruitment and retention.

The government is taking steps to address this problem, for example, by expanding routes into professional roles in the NHS, particularly through apprenticeships. In areas where there are GP vacancies, the Targeted Enhanced Recruitment Scheme also provides a £20,000 salary supplement to attract GP trainees. The number of which has increased, with 4,032 trainees accepting a place in 2022, compared to 2,671 in 2014. Finally, the Government has commissioned NHS England to develop a long-term plan for the NHS workforce covering the next 15 years.

Work is ongoing with NHS England, Health Education England, and the overall profession to increase retention. As Liz mentioned, in the 2023 Spring Budget, the Government confirmed it will be increasing the pensions annual allowance to encourage GPs to work more hours and abolishing the lifetime allowance entirely so pension tax charges do not act as a driver for early retirement.

GP Access:

Locally speaking, Liz wrote to the Chief Executive of the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board (ICB) about access to GPs and waiting times earlier this year. The ICB say that they are working with GP surgeries that need additional help and support to address concerns with access. This includes supporting Primary Care Networks by increasing the range of services that patients can access from their own practice or another practice nearby. £140,000 of

funding has been granted to 14 practices to support resilience.

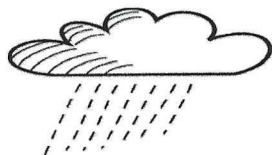
In January 2023, there were over 600,000 appointments in Norfolk and Waveney. Nearly 41% of these were seen on the same day and a higher number were seen in person than the national average. One of the major issues that the ICB highlighted were the 'Did Not Attends', with 83,000 in the last 3 months of 2022 alone. More information can be found here: [Appointments in General Practice, February 2023 - NDRS \(digital.nhs.uk\)](#).

Although the ICB are clear that good progress is being made, they appreciate access can still be disrupted. Liz has since raised concerns about GP access for residents in Great Hockham with the CEO.

Parish Council Clerk

April Rainfall

April 2023		52.2 mm
April 2022		13.9 mm
Jan-April 2023		215.0 mm
Jan-April 2022		148.2 mm
Highest April since 1979	2012	144.9 mm
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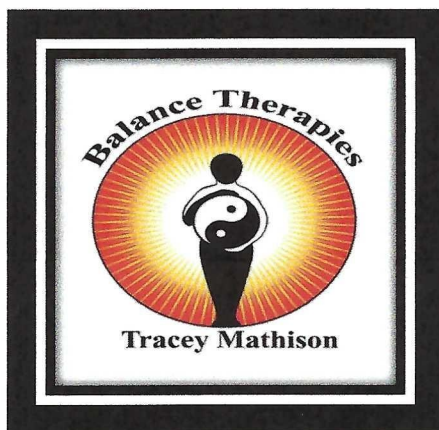
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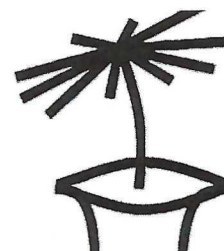
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