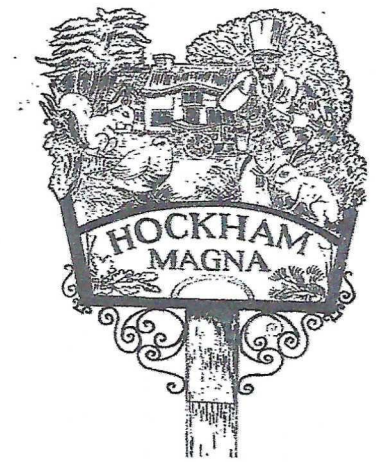


IN-TOUCH

Great Hockham News Sheet

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Editorial

We know this is the July edition of In-Touch, and the Hornfair was in May, but the event was too late to be reported in the June issue and, because it was such a huge success, we make no apologies for this report. The weather played a big part in attracting the massive crowd who all enjoyed the attractions which included Dad's Army volunteers, Maypole dancers, Clodhoppers, World Stick Balancing Championship and Wood Chopping Challenge Match. The trade stalls seemed to do quite well, but the biggest winners seemed to be the food and drink stalls.

In-Touch's second-hand book and jigsaw stall took over £200 on the day, and with a few more sales after the event, the total for our funds ended at £227.11. Many thanks to all who donated books and jigsaw puzzles. All left-overs will be given to charity shops and fund-raising organisations.

A special thank you to the organisers and helpers of the Fair for their hard work in making this a wonderful day.

We need to remind you that the Flower Show is scheduled for Sunday 20th August, so all would-be exhibitors are busy nurturing their fruit and vegetables through this unpredictable summer. Let's make this year's show as successful as the Hornfair.

We are halfway through the year, and it's time to thank the kind people who deliver a total of nearly 400 copies of this newsletter every month. We do appreciate what you do. Many thanks.

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

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



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Worship in July 2023

Sunday, 2nd July, Trinity 4

10.30 a.m. Songs of Praise, St. Margaret's
Breckles

Sunday, 9th July, Trinity 5

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion, Holy Cross
Caston

Sunday, 16th July, Trinity 6

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion, Holy
Trinity, Great Hockham

Sunday, 23rd July, Trinity 7

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion, St. Peter &
St. Paul's, Griston

Sunday, 30th July, Trinity 8

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion, St.
Botolph's, Stow Bedon

Sunday, 6th August, Trinity 9

10.30 a.m. Songs of Praise, St. Martin's,
Thompson

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

*The Churchwarden for Great Hockham is
Jamieson Plummer, Tel: 01953 498243
Or 07436 044330*

Churchwarden's Letter

By the time this letter goes to publication we should all be experiencing better weather and looking forward to the holiday season. I always think of Trinity Sunday, which fell on June 4th this year, as the start of summer. It has particular significance at Gt Hockham where the church is dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The word Trinity comes from the Latin *trinus* meaning "threefold" and expresses the nature of God as existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son (Jesus

Christ) and God the Holy Spirit, a concept far from easy to understand. I once heard a vicar present it in layman's terms quite helpfully by likening it to water that is one substance but has three different forms: ice, water and stream.

The Trinity derives from the early Christians' attempt to understand the relationship between Jesus and God. I remember having a doorstep exchange with a Jehovah Witness (a sect which does not believe in the Trinity) when he questioned where in the Bible it mentioned the Trinity. I took issue with him because there are several references to this doctrine both in the Old and New Testaments, perhaps one of best known being Paul the Apostle's blessing. You may recognise it:

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all".

May you have a pleasant month, and do look out for the main church based event in our group: The Book Fair in Thompson Community Hall on 8th July.

Jamieson Plummer,
Churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Great Hockham

Hockham Church

Very many thanks to all of you who supported our Cake and Savoury Stall at the Horn Fair this year. We made £165.76.

The next fund raising event planned is a Mexican Evening to be held at the church on Saturday 9th September. Please save the date!

Proceeds of all our current events are to go towards the proposed church nave roof repairs.

Hornfair 751

Sometimes you plan a community day, the sun shines and almost the whole village and their families and friends, come out to enjoy the occasion. Sometimes it feels someone up there is overseeing the day. Hornfair 751 was one of those days, arguably one of the best Hornfairs of recent times.

When it was all over, we could reflect on a good day, a good community job had been done. It's hard work for some, yet very rewarding and we will let everyone know when the Channel 5 programme comes out, so we may well see it all again. The film crew said it had been one of the best days they had experienced for a long time. High praise.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, however large or small and came along to enjoy the day. Let's hope Hornfair 752 is just as successful.

The Hornfair Facilitators

School Birthdays



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Common Ground Theatre Company

Common Ground Theatre Company will return this year for both an Autumn and a Xmas play.

The Autumn one is:

Saturday 7th October, 7.30pm

THE HELLGATE CLUB

by Pat Whymark

ENTER AT YOUR PERIL!

Paris, 1905. A series of strange happenings have the authorities baffled. Several men have disappeared under mysterious circumstances, with no connection between them other than that they were last seen in the vicinity of the notorious Pigalle district. With no leads, the police ask retired detective, Jean Tellier to take one last case. Sensing danger around every street corner, in every dimly lit café, in every dark doorway, Tellier begins by interviewing the proprietors and staff of the local bars and nightclubs. Based on a real-life case of the time, Common Ground present a gothic murder mystery, with live music in the style of the period.

A play with music in 2 acts. Suitable for ages 12 and over.

The Xmas one is:

Saturday 30th December, 7.30pm

MISS MIMPLE MEETS THE ICE WOLF

by Pat Whymark

Renowned amateur sleuth and part-time dog trainer Miss Jean Mimple is on a hiking tour of the Italian Alps, sightseeing and collecting the odd alpine to take back to her garden in St Mary Mirkin. In a remote hostelry, she meets Dr Bridges, assistant to the mysterious Professor Ramekin, who lives in nearby Castle Pandoro.

The body of one of the servants at the Castle has been found torn to shreds, and Dr Bridges invites Miss Mimple to help with the investigation. The locals at the inn warn her of The Ice Wolf, or "Bestia Gelato" - half man, half wolf, half frozen dessert - which has terrorised the region for several months? Undeterred, the plucky Miss Mimple sets off to investigate.

Could the terrifying Ice Wolf be linked to Professor Ramekin's experiments? (Spoiler: Of course, it is!) Will Miss Mimple ever return to sleepy St Mary Mirkin, and will the odd alpine be happy there or will he miss his Italian roots?

A festive comedy with songs lasting 2 hours including an interval.

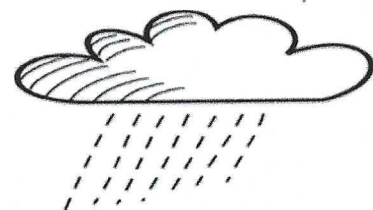
Tickets available from Chris Garrod (01953498447 boxoffice@greathockham.org) or the Hockham Eagle.

Ticket prices:

£13 Adults / £10 Under 21

May Rainfall

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|------------------------|---------------|
| May 2023 | 58.9 mm |
| May 2022 | 31.6 mm |
| Jan-May 2023 | 273.9 mm |
| Jan-May 2022 | 179.8 mm |
| Highest May since 1979 | 2017 118.8 mm |
| Lowest May since 1979 | 2020 3.6 mm |



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 July 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 |

July 2023

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| Sat 1 st | Gong & Sound Bath | PM |
| Sat 8 th | Private Booking | Evening |
| Tues 11 th | Exploring Drawing | 10am-1pm |
| Sat 15 th | Coffee, Cake & Chat | AM |
| Tues 25 th | Exploring Drawing | 10am-1pm |

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.

Community Car Scheme Coordinator

Chris Garrod has decided to step down as the car scheme coordinator after several years at the helm, so a new coordinator is required. The task is not too onerous and requires the person to have a phone contact number and email address, for taking potential bookings and then doing the required administration for the scheme.

Anyone interested should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, on 07770 710307 or email hockhampc@outlook.com.

When a new coordinator is found, the new contact details will be published in In-Touch. Until then the current contact details apply.

Great Hockham Primary School & Nursery

Finally the sun is shining and the weather is nice and warm! July is a very busy month at Great Hockham with lots to look forward to. Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their new High Schools, learning their way around much larger buildings and meeting lots of new friends. Our other children will be spending time with their new teachers and finding out what they will be learning about and what they have to look forward to in September. We will be welcoming our new Reception children into the school, so they get a taste of what life at Great Hockham Primary School is really like!

We have an Oceans activity week planned, where the children will work together with other classes to learn about the different layers of the Ocean and what spectacular plants and creatures live in it. They will be working in mixed aged groups, so the older pupils can support the younger pupils to create some amazing artwork. I will even be dressing up as a different sea creature each day and teaching the children some exciting facts about that animal!

It is also the last month that our office administrator Mrs Jones will be answering our phones and meeting any visitors to our school as she is retiring at the end of the term. She has been working at Great Hockham for 23 years, since October 2000 and has been vital to the smooth running of the school. She will be greatly missed! We wish her all the best in her retirement and hope she enjoys this next exciting chapter in her life.

Everyone at Great Hockham wishes you all a lovely summer holiday and look forward to sharing our news with you again in September.

Lisa Hazard – Head Teacher

The content of the articles in In-Touch is the responsibility of the named contributors, not the Newsletter Committee. Anonymous items will not be accepted.

Overgrown Hedges

The parish council have been approached by several parishioners about hedges that overhang the footpaths in the village, with wheelchair users and pushchair users experiencing most issues.

Please, at the right time, could any of you with overhanging hedges trim them back to avoid these issues.

Thank you.

Hockham Parish Council

Wildlife Trust Breckland Local Group

Unfortunately there was no walk in May and at the time of writing we haven't had our June event.

But on Sunday 2nd July 2-3.30pm, we have a Wildflower Walk in Thetford. Led by the extremely enthusiastic and knowledgeable Jo Jones from Breckland Flora Group, we will explore around Nuns Bridges and Barnham Cross Common to see some of the rare plants of the area.

Meet at Nuns Bridges car park, IP24 2PZ. Cost is £2 members and £3 non-members. Due to the nature of this walk please leave dogs at home. Booking essential 01953 718119.

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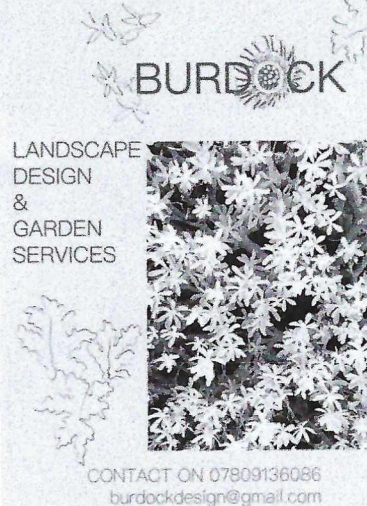
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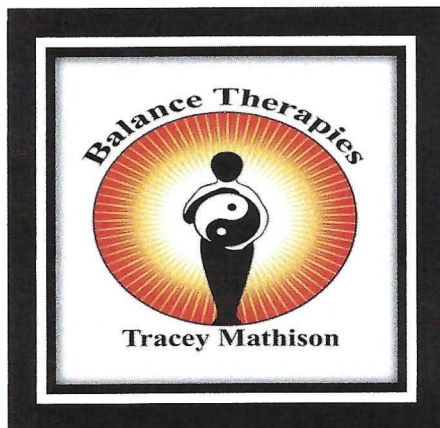
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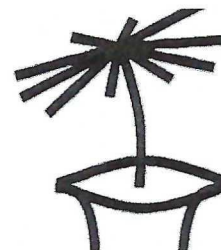
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