

IN-TOUCH

Great Hockham News Sheet

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Editorial

This year May is a busy month. We have the coronation of King Charles III, as well as our own Hornfair.

The coronation is on Saturday 6th, followed by celebrations on Sunday 7th, in the traditional Hockham way, by turning the stone on the village green. This begins at 12 noon, followed by a street party. We have been asked to point out that car parking will only be allowed on the field down Church Lane.

The Hornfair is on Sunday 28th May from 12 noon. All the usual attractions, including the Dad's Army platoon and butcher's van, Molly dancing, maypole dancing, classic cars, bouncy castle, all the usual stalls (including our own second-hand books and jigsaw puzzles stall – many thanks to those who have already donated). Refreshments available to suit all tastes. More details of this event, and the coronation, inside this issue.

It's the local elections on Thursday 4th. It is important that we vote for the District Councillors of our choice. Our polling station is the Edinburgh Hall.

On Friday 19th The Wayland Players are presenting two Alan Ayckbourn plays in the Edinburgh Hall. They are 'Between Mouthfuls' and 'Gosforth's Fete'. Tickets at £5 are available on the door.

We have good news in that, thanks mainly to Ian, we have agreed a deal with the school that will enable us to print each month's issue of In-Touch at an affordable cost. Our grateful thanks go to the Headteacher and staff of Great Hockham Primary School for their co-operation.

We would also like to thank the Parish Council for their donation to our funds.

District & Parish Council Elections

4th May 2023

The District Council nominations are now available to view and elections will still take place on 4th May. Note photo ID is required to vote, unless arrangements have been made with the Breckland Council Elections Team, in advance.

Following only seven nominations for parish councillors, that particular part of the 4th May election will be uncontested for Hockham Parish Council.

Hockham Parish Council Clerk

Hockham Church

The church will be open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 6th, 7th and 8th May with flags and flowers to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Also, at the Horn Fair on 28th May there will be the traditional Church cake stall. Any donations of home-made cakes and savouries would be gratefully received on the day. Incidentally, we plan to have more than just cakes this time, but all edible!

The Church is open 10am - 4pm every Saturday through the summer till the end of October.

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

Worship in May 2023



The Coronation of King Charles III

Sunday, 7th May, 5th Sunday of Easter
10.30 am United Holy Communion,
St. Botolph's, Stow Bedon

Sunday, 14th May, 6th Sunday of Easter
10.30 am United Holy Communion,
St. Martin's, Thompson

Sunday, 21st May, Sunday after Ascension Day
10.30am United Holy Communion,
St. Margaret's, Breckles

Sunday, 28th May, Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
10.30 am, Service of Songs & Praise,
Holy Cross Church, Caston

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

*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. The Churchwarden for Hockham is
Jamieson Plummer. 01953 498243*

Churchwarden's Letter

As I write this, the sun is shining, the daffodils are blooming and the days are getting longer. Easter was a glorious sunny day and Breckles church was completely full. We (the church wardens) are still moving forward with our plans to find a new priest, but in the meantime we are doing our best to find priests to take our services each week and to offer pastoral support to everyone in our group. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact any of the church wardens who will be happy to help in any way that we can.

We have a special service coming up on Sunday 28th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles – a new beginning for us all with a new monarch, as well as new beginnings with the season of Spring.

This service will take a different form from the normal pattern of worship and will include hymns and readings to reflect on the recent Coronation of King Charles III. Come along and sing some of your favourite hymns. We hope you can join us for this service of celebration. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please put the date in your diary and come along to what will be a lovely, joyful service.

Katharine Wolstenholme
Churchwarden,
St Martin's, Thompson

Coronation Stone Turn for

King Charles III

Sunday 7th May 2023 12 noon

At 12 noon a brave bunch of villagers will attempt the 13th Turning of the Hockham Stone. First turned in 1887 for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria, for the first time in 86 years it's being turned for a coronation, as at the Queen's coronation it did not get turned, so the last was in May 1937 for George VI.

Now not wishing to appear morbid, and simply stating the facts, there are some of us that are wondering just how many more Stone Turns we will see. King Charles III is 73 and it's possible he may get a Silver Jubilee celebration when he is 98 and after that it would be Prince William's Coronation. So, the next turning after this one may well be quite a way off. That means we should try and make the most of the day and celebrate in a local way.

There will be a street party outside the Eagle, in association with the Coronation Big Lunch, with a heavily subsidised village hog roast. Plus, hopefully some games to try and get everyone in the right mood.

The weather and particularly all who attend, usually makes these events, so we hope the sun shines, but do please come out and celebrate whatever the weather.

Chris Garrod

Hockham Flower Show

Sunday 22nd August 2023

Attached to this In-Touch is a comprehensive schedule and set of rules for Hockham Flower Show. More information will be provided later in the year.

March Rainfall

March 2023		98.1 mm
March 2022		40.0 mm
Jan-Mar 2023		162.8 mm
Jan-Mar 2022		94.3 mm
Highest Mar since 1979	2001	105.7 mm
Lowest Mar since 1979	2011	6.7 mm

The 751st Anniversary of the Hockham

Hornfair – Sunday 28th May 2023

The annual Hornfair, originally granted to the village by Henry III in 1272, will take place on Sunday 28th May 2023 starting at 12 noon.

We have all the stalls sold out but can add a gazebo or two, should anyone still have need for a pitch. Stalls include, Plant Sales, refreshments, vintage goods, venison sales, metal work, cards and pictures, paintings, pottery and jewellery plus jams and chutneys, books and jigsaws, plus lots lots more.....

The Clodhoppers should be performing once again along with the antics of the Dad's Army platoon and Jones Butchers Van from the Dad's Army Museum in Thetford in attendance.

The stick balancing World Championships will be held on the green and the school will be Maypole dancing. There will be classic vehicles on Chestnut Square and the Woodchop Challenge will hopefully drum up a bit of local rivalry.

There will be a BBQ near the pub and chips and topical real ale at the Eagle, with a bouncy Castle for the younger ones.

Come along and enjoy the day. Let's hope the sun shines.

All help to both set up and take down the stalls, is very much appreciated. Stalls go up at 8.30am.

Chris Garrod

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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 16 May



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.

BOOK CLUB



Great Hockham Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is being held at
The Eagle on Tuesday 9 May at 7.30 pm.

The book we are reading is The Confession by Jessie
Burton.

New members welcome.

This month...

We will be at the
Great Hockham
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Come and see
us there!

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some cakes or
anything else?
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you can help

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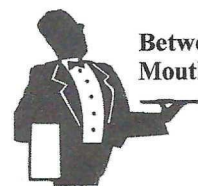
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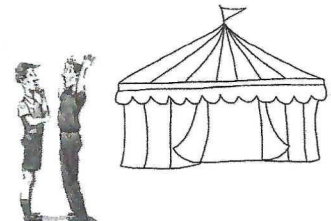
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Village Hall Bookings May 2023

Regular Bookings

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

May 2023

Thurs 4 th	Local Election	All Day
Tues 9 th	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Mon 15 th	Wayland Players Rehearsal	6-9pm
Fri 17 th	Wayland Players	7.30pm
Sat 20 th	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Mon 22 nd	Parish Council	Evening
Tues 23 rd	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Sun 28 th	Hornfair	All Day

June 2023

Sat 3 rd	Gong & Sound Bath	PM
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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.

Hockham Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of Hockham Parish Council

The above are on Monday 22nd May 2023 starting at 7pm. Details of the agendas can be found a week before the date on <https://www.greathockham.org/parish-council> or on the village notice board.

Hockham Parish Council Clerk

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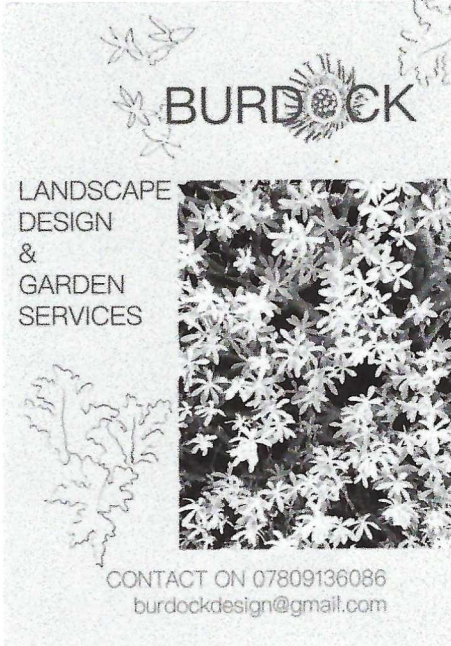
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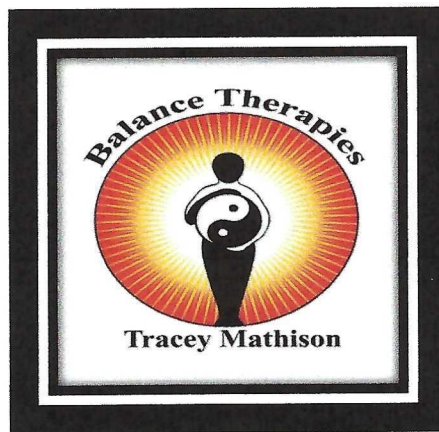
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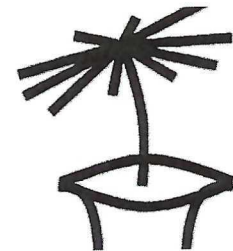
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SUMMER SHOW 2023

To Be Held at The Eagle, Great Hockham

On Sunday 20th August 2023 - ADMISSION FREE ENTRIES 20P

OPEN SHOW

Timetable of Events

Entries to be taken	8am. 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/refreshments available to public:	1.30pm	Auction of produce	4.00pm

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 20p 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 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 8:00am 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.

Note unlike other years, we are not specifying recipes or tin size, for the cakes in classes 45 & 46

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

To download a schedule, use our web site.

www.greathockham.org

**SCHEDULE FOR HOCKHAM FLOWER SHOW
STAGED BY HOCKHAM PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION
AT THE MARQUEE HOCKHAM EAGLE ON SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023**

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	
17	POTATO-HEAVIEST	
18	ONION HEAVIEST	

FRUIT		
19	5 APPLES COOKING	
20	5 APPLES DESSERT	
21	3 PEARS ANY VARIETY	
22	A PLATE OF SOFT FRUIT (MIN 15 CM DIAMETER PLATE)	
23	MOST UNUSUAL RARE OR EXOTIC FRUIT	
24	HEAVIEST APPLE	
25	ANY FRUIT NOT LISTED ABOVE	

FLOWERS		
26	4 ROSES HYBRID TEA	
27	4 STEMS ROSES FLORIBUNDA	
28	3 VARIETIES ANNUAL (3 STEMS EACH, 9 STEMS TOTAL))	
29	3 PERENNIALS (3 STEMS TOTAL)	
30	4 CACTUS DAHLIAS	
31	4 DAHLIAS ANY TYPE	
32	1 GIANT DAHLIA	
33	3 MARIGOLDS	
34	JUG OF MIXED FLOWERS FROM THE GARDEN	

POT PLANTS		
35	1 CACTUS	
36	1 SUCCULENT	
37	1 FLOWERING PLANT	
38	1 FOLIAGE PLANT	
39	1 PELARGONIUM-GERANIUM	
40	1 FUCHSIA	

FLORAL ART		
41	FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ANY TYPE AND STYLE	
42	AN ARRANGEMENT IN A TRUG	
43	A WATER BASED ARRANGEMENT	

HOME PRODUCE		
44	JAR OF HOMEMADE JAM	
45	JAR HOMEMADE CHUTNEY	
46	1 FRUIT CAKE	
47	1 VICTORIA SANDWICH	
48	JAR PICKLES	
49	JAR HOMEMADE CHUTNEY	
50	5 SAUSAGE ROLLS	
51	SAVOURY PIE (ANY SIZE)	
52	5 CHEESE SCONES	
53	5 FRUIT SCONES	
54	BEST DECORATED CAKE	
55	FRUITED SPIRIT (SLOE GIN ETC) Min 200ml	

HANDICRAFTS		
56	1 FRAMED ART	
57	1 PENCIL, PASTEL OR CHARCOAL DRAWING	
58	ANY WOOD CRAFT ARTICLE	
59	ORIGAMI	
60	HANDMADE ITEM OF CARD OR PAPER	
61	KNITTED OR CROCHET ITEM	

PHOTOGRAPHY (UP TO A4 SIZE)		
62	WOODLAND	
63	HOCKHAM IN SUMMER	
64	A FLORAL DISPLAY	

SECTION UNDER 5		
65	PAINTING OR DRAWING OR COLLAGE-ANY TOPIC	

AGE 5 TO 8		
66	ANIMAL REAL OR MYTHICAL MADE FROM VEGETABLES	
67	A VASE OF GARDEN FLOWERS	

AGE 9-15		
68	PAINTING OR DRAWING OF RACING CARS	
69	A HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD	

ON SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023. HELD AT THE EAGLE
OPEN TO ALL, EXHIBITORS CAN ONLY ENTER EACH CLASS ONCE.
ALL ENTRIES (EXCEPT CHILDRENS) ARE 20P
ENTRIES FROM 8AM TO 11AM ON THE DAY

NAME

AGE IF A CHILD

TEL NO

ENTRY NUMBER