

IN-TOUCH

Great Hockham News Sheet

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July 2025



Editorial

Here at In-Touch we have always worked with the problem that we are a monthly newsletter and therefore, at times, our articles are a little outdated. The procedure starts when Angie has collated everything and produced a master copy. Because of Angie's expertise, we have managed to move the deadline for included articles back, after 40 years, from the 15th of the month to the 22nd (Chris Garrod excepted). This helps us to keep a little more up-to-date with events in the village. Then we rely on the school allowing us access to their copier, for which we are extremely grateful. All this has to be done ready for delivery on the 1st of each month.

A classic example of this problem is the Horn Fair, which took place over five weeks ago. It was too late for a report to be placed in our June edition, and seems too far away to include in the July issue. However, it was such a success that it would be remiss of us not to mention it. Despite a damp start to the day, the sun came out, and a very successful day was had by all. It was so good to see quite a lot of newish faces amongst the organisers and helpers. Congratulations to you all. This is what makes Hockham such a great place to live.

Hockham Summer Show

Sunday 24th August 2024

The Eagle, Great Hockham

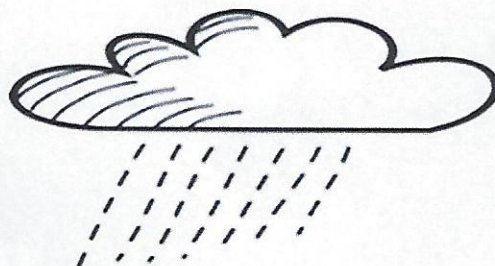
Entries taken	8:30am to 11am
Judging	11am – 1pm
Doors open / refreshments available to the public	1:30pm
Presentation of trophies	3:30pm
Exhibitors collect exhibits	3:50pm
Auction of Produce	4:00pm

See this edition of In-Touch for rules and schedule for exhibitors.

Copies also available from The Eagle or can be downloaded at www.greathockham.org

May Rainfall

May 2025	28.9 mm
May 2024	110.9 mm
Jan-May 2025	100.3 mm
Jan-May 2024	396.5 mm
Highest May since 1979	2017 118.8 mm
Lowest May since 1979	2020 3.6 mm



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

Worship in Wayland July 2025

Sunday 6th July

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

Sunday 13th July

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

Sunday 20th July

10.30am United Holy Communion
St Martin's, Thompson
Rev Adrian Bell

Sunday 27th July

9am Said Holy Communion
Holy Cross, Caston
&
10.30am Family Service
St Margaret's, Breckles

Sunday 3rd August

10.30am United Holy Communion
Holy Cross, Caston



Doesn't time fly when you're having fun?

I can hardly believe it's been a year since my licensing as rector of the Wayland Benefice; and what a joy it is to be here. Thank you for your warm welcome and your support over the last 12 months.

Looking back, I was reminded of the torrential rain we experienced this time last year. Thankfully we've been having some lovely sunny days recently, but some terrific thunderstorms too! As I write, I'm keeping an eye on the forecast for the Breckles and Stow Bedon fete which will be well and truly over by the time you receive this letter.

Where has all the time gone? It has flown by due, I think, to how much has actually happened in our community. This is good news, and shows that

growth is possible, which brings us so much hope for the future. Time flies when you're having fun, so they say, and my prayer this month is that you will be able to rest and play during the holiday season.

Since arriving in the Benefice, I've had the privilege to lead numerous services, and to join with the preparation and participation in social activities and fundraising events such as coffee mornings, musical performances, lunches, curry nights, a harvest supper, VE day celebrations, a medieval banquet, a race night, village fairs, book sales, a tractor run and more.

Looking ahead, on 12th July another book sale will take place; then on Sunday 17th August a treasure hunt and picnic. Between 4th and 7th September our Adventures of the Church Mice Festival takes place in all six churches of the Benefice. Plans are also afoot for a 'songs from the shows' singalong event in August. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community in which to work and share friendship and fellowship.

Whilst these activities are welcoming, heartening and joyful, my thoughts and prayers are that our busyness doesn't become a burden. I pray that amid the distractions, we might find some time to focus our minds and hearts on the one who drives us, who is always with us and who is beckoning us to sit down by his feet. For God says "...My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14). I do pray that you'll find time to rest, play and recuperate this summer.

Vanessa x

Reverend Vanessa is the Rector for the Wayland benefice of Breckles, Caston, Great Hockham, Griston, Thompson, and Stow Bedon. She is available for Baptism's, Weddings, Funerals and Pastoral support. You can contact her on 07984 318885 or by email at vanessadlayfield@gmail.com

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July Dates for your Diary:

(Food truck every Thursday evening May –
September 5pm onwards)

1st July

Book Club 7.30pm

3rd July

Chim Chim Vegan Thai 5-8pm

5th July

An Evening of Mediumship

7.30pm start

(Call to book your space £10pp)

9th & 23rd July

Bingo

7.45pm arrival for 8pm start

10th July

The Norfolk Hog 5-8pm

17th July

The Field Kitchen 5-8pm

19th July

Crab Night 6pm

(Call to book, £15pp)

24th July

Pizza Roma 5.30-8.30pm

31st July

Thai Orchid 4.30-9pm

(Booking a table is a must)

Seating is available inside (or outside) the pub for
every truck if desired. To guarantee a table give
us a call.

Join us for Cribbage every Wednesday lunchtime
12.30-3pm except for the last week of the month

when we meet for Whist 1-3pm. Both are £1 to
play each week and have small cash prizes
available.

Fancy joining one of our clubs?

We hold clubs/teams throughout the week
including Crib, 5 Darts Teams, 4 Pool Teams,
Whist and Book Club

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 12-2.30pm/6-11pm

Friday – Saturday 12-11pm

Sunday 12-10.30pm

Food Available

Monday: 5-8pm Takeaway Night
(Eat in available)

Fish and Chip Fryday: 12-8.30pm
(Takeaway and eat in)

Saturday: 12-8.30pm

Sunday: 12-3pm

Mobile Library Service

CHESTNUT SQUARE 10:55 – 11:10

SCOTGATE CLOSE 11:15 – 11:35

Date of forthcoming visits (Thursdays):

17 July / 14 Aug / 11 Sept /

9 Oct / 6 Nov



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

Pool and Darts at The Eagle

Eagle A collecting their Knockout Cup trophy for Monday night Thetford and District Darts Winter League.



Eagle B won the Thursday Night South Norfolk Pool Winter League.



Kirsty Smith

David Peachey

This is to let those who knew him know that David Peachey has recently died.

He lived in Horn Fair Thatch for many years with his wife Patsy.

David used to involve himself in village activities and enjoyed Geoff's organised walks.

An interesting man who has been a pleasure to know.

Barbara Ward

Village Hall Bookings July 2025

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 2025		

Sat 5 th	Sound Bath	3pm
Tues 8 th	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Sat 19 th	Forest Court AGM	
Tues 22 nd	Exploring Drawing	10am-1pm
Sat 26 th	Coffee Cake & Chat	

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.

Great Hockham Yoga Class

Wednesdays 6 - 7.30pm

Spaces are now available. For further information, please contact June Roberts on 07766 108075.

Church Mice arriving in the Wayland Group!

Keep these dates free and join us for a fantastic weekend of fun:

5th, 6th & 7th September 2025

Actively seeking knitters to participate in the creation

For more details, contact:
loisgill@btinternet.com



**Spread the word – don't keep it to yourself
(perhaps keep it secret from the local cat population)**



Wednesday 9th July

Visit to

Porters Lodge, Cavenham

Ponds, fountains and statues

Tea and Cake

Membership fees are £10 per annum

Indoor meetings are held in the Edinburgh
Hall, Harling Road, Great Hockham, IP24

1NT on the 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: Rosemary Martin 07563
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secretaryghgc@gmail.com

Website:

greathockhamgardeningclub.org.uk

School Birthdays



"Happy Birthday" to Harriet C, Sienna P, Ellis,
Bow, Isaac, Abbie, Theodore, Chloe W, Jacob,
Ted S and Athena.



Great Hockham Primary School and 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 a dinosaur themed activity week planned where the children will be learning about dinosaurs and prehistoric times. They will be working in mixed aged groups, so the older pupils can support the younger pupils to create some amazing artwork. This year we are lucky enough to have an artist visiting us and teaching us about making puppets who has made puppets for Norwich Theatre. It is a week that the children really enjoy, letting their creative juices flow and working collaboratively with others, building their communication and teamwork skills.

We will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, who we will miss dearly but know they are ready for the next stage in their educational journey. We will be going on an overnight camping trip as a final farewell and taking part in a number of forest school activities. We wish them all the best of luck and know they will do brilliantly at whichever High School they are going to.

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

Lisa Hazard, Headteacher

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Coffee Cake Chat

This month . . .
We are having
another
special doggie
event . . . look out
for our Facebook
posts and special
notices around the
village!



26 July, Village Hall, 10.30 am

Need a lift?
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Plummer
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Last year's 'Strut your mutt' event from the Coffee, Cake and Chat team was a great success and we are hoping this year's event on 26 July will be even better. Have some fun by walking your dog around the village, following the clues. All dogs taking part receive some treats. We have a fun doggie quiz and a pawsome raffle prize worth over £30! But if you don't have a pooch, don't worry. We are still serving lovely sandwiches, bakes and hot drinks at the Village Hall, so you can pop in for a chat. We hope to see you there!

CALLING ALL DOG/CAT LOVERS

BOOK SALE 12th July 10am-4pm

The Book Sale on Saturday 12th July at Thompson Community Hall will have the usual wide range of books and refreshments, and will, for the first time, also feature a stall in aid of Hockham Church.

In line with the overriding theme of this event of 'Reuse and Recycle' our stall will be focusing on DOG/CAT ACCESSORIES, all in good condition but pre-loved and very reasonably priced. In addition to items that puppies/kittens have outgrown or no longer require we will be selling a selection of HOME-MADE DOG TREATS.

You will find us among the outdoor stalls at Thompson Community Hall on Saturday 12th July between 10&4.

Should you have any items that you would like to donate to the cause: harnesses, dog/cat beds, leads, toys etc they will be gratefully received. Please leave bagged items at The Willows on Harling Rd or ring Bev on 01953 498243 to arrange collection.

Bev Plummer

Thompson Grand Second Hand Book Sale

Our next sale is fast approaching – on July 12th. At this sale we have stalls outside for recycled or repurposed items. If you would like a stall that meets this category get in touch or visit the website for a form. Email: info@thompsoncommunityhall.co.uk website: <https://thompsoncommunityhall.co.uk>

Meanwhile we continue to work behind the scenes on this and the remaining sale in November for this year and are beginning to plan the 2026 sales with provisional dates. The originators, Keith and Caroline are stepping back but the team will continue to hold the sales to raise funds for Thompson Community Hall, Thompson's church and Griston's church.

Bronwen Tyler

Local Plan Update from Breckland Council

Due to the government's massive increase in housing target of 45% (from our locally designed number of 625 to 903 dwellings per annum), we paused our review of the Local Plan late last year. After careful consideration of our next steps, we decided to initiate a new call for sites to restart our review process. The call for sites concluded on 28th April 25, resulting cumulatively in over 400 submissions across various categories including residential, commercial/industrial, gypsy and traveller accommodation, renewable energy, and local green space to support our Local Plan (Plan period has to cover Apr 24 – Mar 42, 18 years).

Our planning policy team has developed an interactive map, colour-coded to indicate different site uses. It includes overlays showing ward boundaries, flood risk areas, and land earmarked for road improvements and solar farms. This map is accessible on the Breckland website and is accessible to the public at <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=06a5294b7c654f95a7a3d0855193ed36>

Community involvement is crucial as we move forward with the plan. We are organising a series of meetings over the next month, particularly targeting Parish and Town Councils. These meetings have been redesigned from previous formats. A hybrid meeting was held on 20 May to update all Parish and Town councils on our progress and what lies ahead for the successful conclusion of the Local Plan process.



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Hockham Summer Show

We are looking forward to the annual Hockham Summer Show which this year will be held on Sunday 24th August.

Please find a schedule attached to this edition of 'In Touch', however, if you need another copy they are available from the Eagle pub or can be downloaded on the website www.greathockham.org

After the success of last years new Scarecrow category, we are having this again. Your Handmade Scarecrow that must be displayed in your front garden from 16th August until at least the show date. Two age bracket entries, 10 years and under and 11 Years and over.

Anyone entering this category will need to advise Donna Lloyd before the 16th August either by email donnalloydhpc@gmail.com or by text, whatsapp, facebook or phone 07736 359643 providing your name, address and which age entry you are entering. If you haven't had a confirmation of entry within 24hours of your message, please get back in contact. You will need to pay your 30p entrance fee on the day between 8:30 & 11am. It would be amazing to see a village full of scarecrows :)

The more entries we have, the more interesting and successful the show will be.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 24th and don't forget to stay for the auction - always some lovely home grown produce to be had, and of course it helps raise funds for the village.

Donna Lloyd

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

The book club meeting took place on Tuesday 3rd of June at The Eagle; the May book being discussed was *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell.

The Family Upstairs is a psychological thriller centred around Libby Jones, who inherits a large, abandoned mansion in London, where she had once been found as a 10 month old baby. In addition to her inheritance, Libby learns who her birth parents were, about their unusual death and what happened to her older siblings.

This is another book that generated a lot of discussion and laughter. The book is quite dark, with little joy or happiness. It concentrates on the key family members, and it was suggested that some of the supporting characters could have been given more attention. Very short chapters that some members loved and others found annoying.

We gave the book 6 out of 10.

The raffle prize was won by Jackie.

Our book for June is *The Girl Before* by JP Delaney.

If you enjoy reading and like the idea of discussing what you have read then why not come and join us - we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

Two ancient dustups in Wretham

As you travel towards Thetford between the Nature Reserve and the level crossing the location of two ancient battles is on the right. The more famous one was fought on 5th May 1010, fifty-six years before the Norman conquest of 1066. This engagement was called the Battle of Ringmere and although there have been attempts to place it south of Thetford, from the limited information available and references to a mere, I am firmly of the opinion that it was fought in Wretham. Who fought the battle? A Viking raiding party led by the splendidly named Thorkell the Tall which had sacked Thetford was attacked by an avenging

Saxon army led by a nobleman named Ulfcytel. The two main sources that provide a record of the battle: the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles and the Old Norse Sagas concur that it was not a great day for the Saxon army in general as most of them, including Ulfcytel ran way after a few minutes. However, the above Chronicles mention that the Saxon men of Cambridgeshire bravely held their ground and did not flee but stood firm and were slaughtered by the Norsemen. Even the Saxon king's brother-in-law died on the battlefield. The Vikings, after their victory, went on to plunder Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire before sailing back to Scandinavia.

In 1004, six years before Ringmere, there had been a smaller, less well-known engagement fought on Wretham Heath which has been referred to by some historians as the 'Battle of Thetford'. At that point a Viking army under Sweyn Forkbeard which had sacked Thetford and was returning to longboats moored in Norwich found themselves confronted by a Saxon army, led by the same Ulfcytel on Wretham Heath. The Saxons did better on that occasion, because although their army failed in their attempt to stop the Norsemen reaching their vessels they won praise from the Vikings for the ferocity of their fighting, although neither side was able to claim a victory.

The next time you pass through the quiet village of Wretham bear in mind that it wasn't always so tranquil!

Jamieson Plummer

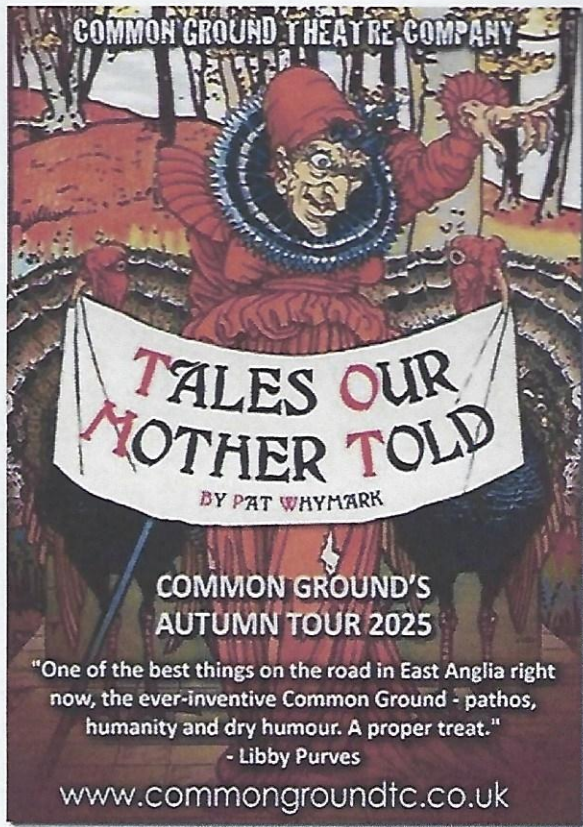


Wayland Show – Sunday 3rd August 2025

Held at the Showground in Brandon Road, Watton.

Please look at the website for all the details:
www.waylandshow.com

Autumn Play



At their mother's wake, two brothers start to piece together a sense of who she was from the stories she told them as children, and as adults.

Some were hilarious, some terrifying and some downright baffling. Did they help the brothers in their life path, or did they make the forest darker and the way less clear? Was their mother to be found in her yarns, like the old woman spinning in her gingerbread cottage, or were they a smokescreen, an enchanted mist that took you to strange realms and left you thrilled but faintly bewildered.

Common Ground are committed to keeping small-scale theatre alive and well in East Anglia, presenting shows that are, first and foremost, entertaining. Featuring live music, performed by our company of skilled actor-musicians, our productions are theatrically inventive, character-based and always emotionally engaging.

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Tickets available soon.....

Keep the Date

TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER for Common Ground's Xmas Show in Hockham.

More details to follow.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Breckland Local Group

At the time of writing we haven't had our June event at Cavenham Heath. But we look forward to seeing all the heath has to offer.

On July 6th we are having a Dragonfly ID morning with county recorder, Pam Taylor at Thompson Water. There are a few places left.

This starts at 10.30 am, cost is £2 members £3 non members.

A not to miss opportunity is our booked walking tour at Wild Ken Hill, home of Springwatch in 2021 and 2022. Join us on Sunday 3rd August at 10 am for a 2 and a half to 3 hour guided tour with emphasis on their wildlife.

Cost is £28 per person with a suggested donation of £2 per person to NWT. This is a saving of £7 per person if booking individually.

Places are limited to 15 so get in quick.

For either of these events contact roatfiona@gmail.com.

Fiona Roat

Dear Reader

If you know of somebody who has recently moved to the village who may like to receive a paper copy of In-Touch, please ask them to email us or contact any committee member (details on last advert page).

Thank you.

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.

Launceston Immigration Aid Society

In 1853 a Reverend Benjamin Drake was invited to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) and at the meeting he attended, the Launceston Immigration Aid Society (LIAS) was formed. Tasmania needed experienced farm workers and Drake knew that those in the Eastern areas of England were deprived, with large families, low wages and would need to be spoken to about the LIAS as most could not afford a newspaper. (In Hockham newspapers were read aloud at Parliament Lane to those gathered there, and they were read the affairs of Parliament hence the street name).

Drake returned to Eastern England and began a recruitment drive amongst the local villagers. Anyone agreeing to uproot and head to Tasmania were granted free passage, a sum of money and some land when they got there. The journey was into the unknown, first to catch the appropriate boat and then to sail with few stops. So, Rev Drake recruited and took 335 immigrants on the Whirlwind ship arriving in Launceston, Tasmania, literally the other side of the world. Further ships took more passengers, the Southern Eagle and Trade Winds ships being but two.

Locally the numbers who were recruited were large and the following table shows the immigration effect.

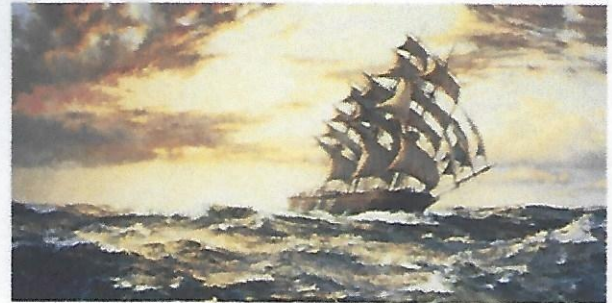
<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>VILLAGE</u> <u>POPULATION</u> <u>(1851)</u>
HOCKHAM	61	9.4%
WRETHAM	2	0.9%
ILLINGTON	18	16.2%
LARLING	37	16.9%
BRECKLES	4	2.5%

We can only imagine what hard times people were having, when 9.4% of this village up and go into the unknown, with a promise they did not know would be kept. Rev Drake must have been highly believable. Promises were kept.

Sadly, ships conditions were not good and not everyone made it to Tasmania, however there are

still families with connections to Hockham who have relatives in Tasmania and there is a museum there dedicated to those who made the trip.

There is insufficient room to explain the complete story, but what brave souls these people were.



The Whirlwind.

Chris Garrod



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Take reading to the great outdoors with The Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Children can grow their imaginations with this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, which launches in Norfolk libraries on Saturday 5 July.

Developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge is a free activity for children aged 4-11. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence over the summer holiday. Children can read anything they like and collect free rewards for their reading. For under 5s there is a mini challenge, so they don't miss out.

This year's theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. They can also join in with free Story Garden activities at their local library.

To sign up to the challenge, just pop into your local library or visit the website. Children will need to be library members - you can do this in a library or online. It's free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.

Find out more at:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Daniela Wisniewska, Library Manager
Attleborough, Hingham, and Watton Libraries

Children's Trivia Quiz Answers

- 1 What type of creature is Ariel in the Disney movie? MERMAID
- 2 What is the highest mountain on Earth?
MOUNT EVEREST
- 3 How many strings has a ukelele? 4
- 4 In which language does "Bonjour" mean hello? FRENCH
- 5 Which country was Cleopatra the ruler of?
EGYPT
- 6 When is Bonfire Night in the UK?
5TH NOVEMBER
- 7 Which three colours are on the flag of Italy?
GREEN, WHITE AND RED
- 8 What is the largest continent on earth?
ASIA
- 9 On which continent can you find the Sahara Desert? AFRICA
- 10 What is the name given to the nose of elephants? TRUNK
- 11 What are the names of Harry Potter's two best friends? HERMIONE GRANGER AND RON WEASLEY
- 12 Which language is spoken in Mexico?
SPANISH
- 13 Who invented the telephone?
ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL
- 14 In which part of the body can you find the pupil? EYES
- 15 How often are leap years? EVERY 4 YEARS
- 16 In which country can you find the Great Wall?
CHINA
- 17 In which city can you find the Statue of Liberty? NEW YORK CITY
- 18 What is the capital of Scotland? EDINBURGH
- 19 What is the name of the river that flows through London? THAMES
- 20 There is more water than land on earth – true or false? TRUE

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 12TH 2025 AT HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attending Cllrs, Bennett, Lambert, Leech, Wiltshire, Thomas, Lloyd and Loft. The clerk C Garrod and 11 members of the public.

- 1) **Election of chair for 2025/26;** Tom Bennett was proposed and seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- 2) **Election of vice chair for 2025/26:** Aaron Lambert was proposed and seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- 3) **Representatives for outside bodies:**
 - a) Cheque signatories; The clerk Cllr Lambert and Cllr Leech
 - b) Footpaths & Forestry: Cllr Loft
 - c) Highways and Road Safety: Cllr Thomas
 - d) SAM Speed awareness. Cllr Wiltshire
 - e) Tree Officer: Cllr Bennett
 - f) Battle Area Liaison; Cllr Leech
 - g) Wayland Partnership; Clerk
 - h) Police Liaison; Cllr Lloyd
 - i) Plating Field Committee: Cllrs Lloyd, Leech and Loft
 - j) Finance Committee: Cllrs Thomas, Bennett and Leech
 - k) Planning Committee; Cllrs Lambert, Lloyd and Leech
 - l) Allotments: Cllr Bennett
- 4) **Apologies for absence:** Ward Member Cllr Cowen
- 5) **Declaration of interests:** Cllr Lambert as owner and landlord of the Eagle pub, Cllr Leech as a tenant farmer and Cllrs Loft and Bennett as allotment holders.
- 6) **Requests for dispensation:** None
- 7) **Minutes for 14th April 25:** These were unanimously approved.
- 8) **Progress Report:**
 - a) Dog Fouling: Signs from Breckland Council had yet to arrive. More signs were coming. Thanks to Aimee Taylor for instigating the dog poo bags at all the bins.
 - b) Info Board: The clerk would hand over the details to Cllr Bennett.
 - c) Drainage. No feedback yet from NCC Highways. The clerk would chase with Cllr Eagle.
- 9) **Public Participation:** The meeting was adjourned for public questions.
- 10) **Highways and Road Safety.** No new issues to report.
- 11) **Planning:** No outstanding applications. The local plan new call for sites data would be available soon.
- 12) **Finance;** Payments due Pearce & Kemp £45.60 and the clerk £186.90 inc tax. All approved. The bank had a balance of £25,809.22. Online banking was being progressed.
- 13) **Allotments.** Councillor Bennett would explore a grant for water supply at Harling Rd. J Leech commented about more potential land being available.
- 14) **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** No issues
- 15) **Playing Field:** Hornfair was on 25th May. £16210.54 was in the bank plus some petty cash.
- 16) **3 Year plan.** The clerk would distribute to councillors

17) Councillor Updates: From the public participation is was decided to put an agenda item for the next meeting on for Forest Edge Court.

A water leak on Little Hockham Lane would be tackled as an overnight job.

18) Correspondence; None

19) Next PC Meeting would be: Monday June 23rd. Further meeting dates would be 28th July; Sept; 8th October; 13th, November 24th, 5th January; 9th February; March 16th, April 27th; May 18th

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SUMMER SHOW 2025

To Be Held at The Eagle, Great Hockham
On Sunday 24th August 2025 - ADMISSION FREE ENTRIES 30p

OPEN SHOW

Timetable of Events

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/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 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 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

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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 24th August 2025, held at the Eagle.

Open to all, however, exhibitors can only enter each class once.

All Entries (except Children) are 30p

Entries are 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

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 / Florai 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			

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	40	JAR OF HOMEMADE JAM	
	41	JAR HOMEMADE CHUTNEY	
	42	JAR HOMEMADE HONEY	
	43	1 FRUIT CAKE	
	44	1 VICTORIA SANDWICH	
	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	FRUITED SPIRIT (SLOE GIN ETC) Min 200ml	
Handicrafts	52	1 FRAMED ART	
	53	1 PENCIL, PASTEL OR CHARCOAL DRAWING	
	54	ANY WOOD CRAFT ARTICLE	
	55	ORIGAMI	
	56	HANDMADE ITEM OF CARD OR PAPER	
	57	KNITTED, CROCHET, TAPESTRY OR SEWN ITEM	
Photography up to A4	58	ANIMAL(S) – WILD OR PET	
	59	WITHIN PARISH OF HOCKHAM	
	60	A FLORAL DISPLAY	
Under 5	61	PAINTING OR DRAWING OR COLLAGE-ANY TOPIC	
Age 5-8	62	ANIMAL REAL OR MYTHICAL MADE FROM VEGETABLES	
	63	PAINTING OR DRAWING OR COLLAGE-ANY TOPIC	
Age 9-15	64	PAINTING OR DRAWING OF A DISNEY CHARACTER	
	65	A HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD	
Handmade Scarecrow displayed in your front garden – from 16th August until at least the show date	66	10 YEARS AND UNDER	
	67	11 YEARS AND OVER	