

IN-TOUCH

Great Hockham News Sheet

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Editorial

This last month has been a bit of a damp squib and the weather lacklustre, but hopefully August will see things improve ready for the Summer Show on the 25th August. Hopefully you are all growing things, painting, taking photos or making things from wood or paper ready to enter. We hope for a great turn out and as before there will be an auction at the end of the day held in the Eagle.

Last month's Coffee Cake and Chat morning was a dog ramble finishing at the village hall where people enjoyed a cuppa and a cake and this was popular with plenty of dog owners in the village.

July saw the harvest of the rye crop for the Anaerobic Digester at Snetterton.

Baby birds seem to be everywhere and this year we seem to have a really large number of great tits and blue tits in our garden which are very cute and great to watch. As we go into August the migration passage of a large number of our summer visitors will have started so keep an eye out for different species passing through on their way to the wintering grounds.

Coffee Cake Chat

Need a lift?
Call Bev
Plummer
on 07741
270204
or 01953
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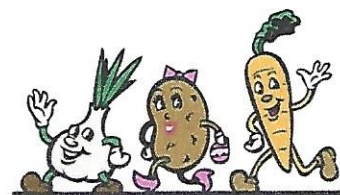
This month...
Amanda and
Pedj will thrill us
with their stories
of diving with
sharks



17 August, Village Hall, 10.30 am



Hockham Summer Show
Sunday 25th August 2024
The Eagle, Great Hockham
See inside for details



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

Worship in August 2024

Sunday 4th August, Tenth after Trinity

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion
St. Peter and St. Paul, Griston

Sunday 11th August, Eleventh after Trinity

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

Sunday 18th August, Twelfth after Trinity

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion
St. Martin's, Thompson

Sunday 25th August, Thirteenth after Trinity

10.30 a.m. United Holy Communion
St. Margaret's, Breckles

Sunday 1st September, Fourteenth after Trinity

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

Rector's Letter



We've arrived! And what a warm welcome we've received in Wayland. Thank you!

My induction and installation service held on the 4th July in Holy Cross church, Caston, led by the Right Reverend Graham

Usher, Bishop of Norwich, and the Venerable Catherine Dobson, Archdeacon of Lynn, was wonderful. The church was decorated beautifully, full of people, and the joy of such a happy occasion was felt both inside and outside the church. The church bells rang out and the roof lifted with the sound of music and song. So many worked hard to make the service so special, and the party afterwards was lots of fun too. I've eaten so much cake in the last few days, my waistline is suffering already!

I am excited about my ministry here in Wayland, and I'm looking forward to working with the local community, both inside, and outside the church buildings. During my first week I commenced building bridges with the locals. I attended the fete at Lower Stow Bedon Hall, visited all three primary schools, Thorpe House, the residential care home in Griston, led a marriage blessing service, met wedding and baptism couples and led a Holy Communion service.

I even visited the pubs 😊!

Thank you to all of you for your hard work over the last eight years, and in preparation for my arrival. Even as I write, I'm looking at the numerous cards, flowers, and gifts we've received. You are so kind and generous. I feel very blessed to be here and proud of everyone already.

Do say hello if you see me about and do come and find me if you'd like to meet with me, or drop me a line at The Rectory, 4 Hunters Ride, Caston, Attleborough, NR17 1DE.

I am available to help you in all sorts of ways including the usual baptisms of adults and children, weddings, and funerals etc. Additionally, if you'd like a pastoral visit, or just a friendly chat, I'm here for you.

Our service of Holy Communion is held each Sunday at 10.30. Please do come. It would be lovely to see you. As well as a warm welcome, cake and coffee is served after each service. An added bonus, I think!

With love and prayers

Vanessa.

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THE EAGLE

Harling Rd, Great Hockham, Thetford IP24 1NP
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August Dates for your Diary:

1st August – Dirty Fryer Boys 5-8pm

8th August – Dabbawalla 5-8pm

10th August

Crab Night (Pre-book only) £14pp

15th August - Papas Locas 5-8pm

22nd August - Surfing Sombrero 5-8pm

25th August – Summer Show

29th August – Patron Norwich 5-8pm

31st August – Christine Woodsford celebration
Everybody welcome

For more information please call us on
01953 498893

Every one of the trucks serves food ready for takeaway
but if you would like to eat at a table, please call 01953
498893 to reserve a spot.

See our socials for more information and pictures!

Wednesday evenings we alternate between Bingo and
Quiz Nights. To find out which week we are on or to
book a table see our Facebook or call 01953 498893.

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 12-2.30pm/6-11pm

Friday – Saturday 12-11pm

Sunday 12-10.30pm

Food Available

Monday: 5-8pm Takeaway

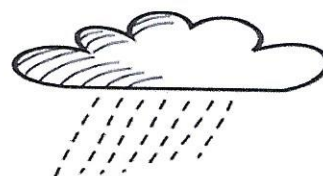
Fish and Chip Fryday: 12-8.30pm
(Takeaway and eat in)

Saturday: Food available 12-8.30pm

Sunday: Food available 12-3pm

June Rainfall

June 2024		31.4 mm
June 2023		31.9 mm
Jan - June 2024		427.9 mm
Jan - June 2023		305.8 mm
Highest June since 1979	1997	148.1 mm
Lowest June since 1979	1996	16.0 mm



Village Hall Bookings August 2024

Regular Bookings

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

August 2024

Sat 3 rd	Sound Bath	3pm
Thurs 8 th	Private Booking	Day
Thurs 15 th	Private Booking	Day
Sat 17 th	Coffee, Cake, Chat	AM

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.

Mobile Library Service

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

Date of forthcoming visits (Thursdays):

15 August / 12 Sept
10 Oct / 7 Nov / 5 Dec



Hockham Summer Show

We are looking forward to the annual Hockham Summer Show which this year will be held on Sunday 25th August. Schedules were delivered to all residents in April, and issued in both the April and May '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

This year there is the new category of a Handmade Scarecrow that must be displayed in your front garden from 17th 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 17th 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 20p 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 25th 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

Summer Show Trophies

Please could anyone with trophies from last year's show please return them to Chris Garrod, Oaklands, Vicarage Road, Great Hockham or leave them at the Eagle pub as soon as possible, ideally before Monday 5th August.

Thank you.

Hockham Summer Show

Sunday 25th 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

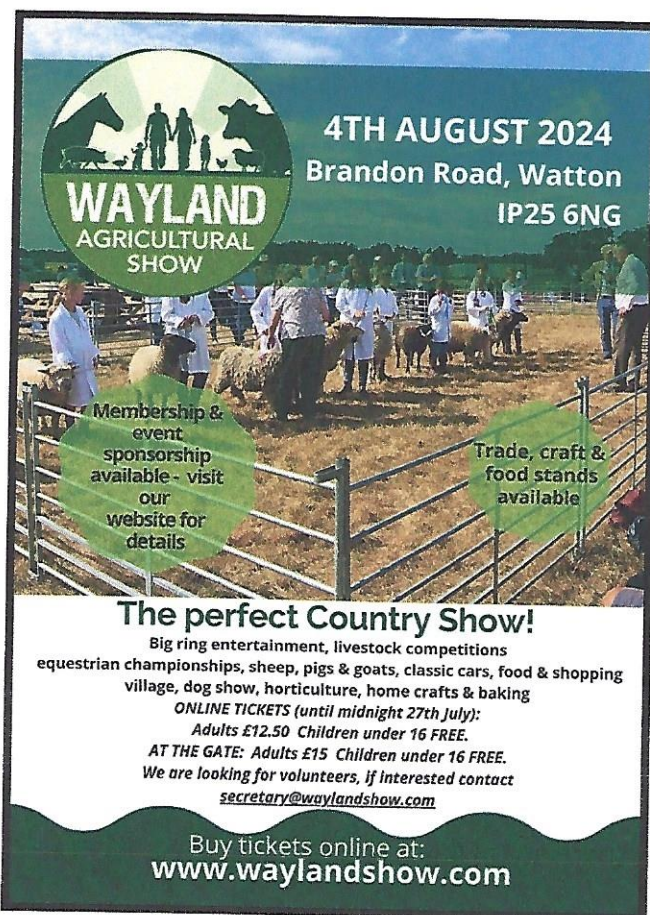
Exhibitors collect exhibits

3:50pm

Auction of Produce

4:00pm

See April or May edition of In-Touch for rules and schedule for exhibitors. Copies also available from The Eagle or can be downloaded at www.greathockham.org



The poster for the Wayland Agricultural Show features a central image of a sheep pen with people and animals. Text on the poster includes:

- WAYLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW**
- 4TH AUGUST 2024**
- Brandon Road, Watton IP25 6NG**
- Membership & event sponsorship available - visit our website for details
- Trade, craft & food stands available
- The perfect Country Show!**
- Big ring entertainment, livestock competitions, equestrian championships, sheep, pigs & goats, classic cars, food & shopping village, dog show, horticulture, home crafts & baking
- ONLINE TICKETS (until midnight 27th July):
Adults £12.50 Children under 16 FREE.
- AT THE GATE: Adults £15 Children under 16 FREE.
- We are looking for volunteers, if interested contact secretary@waylandshow.com
- Buy tickets online at: www.waylandshow.com

Hockham's History

Hockham Sports and Flower Show

From 1892 Hockham held an annual sports day and flower show in July. For some years it took place on the hall park and included swing boats and merry-go-rounds as well as the more serious competitive side.

Races included cycling and running for a variety of ages plus, high jump and "tilt the bucket".

Prizes were substantial for the senior races, with the winner able to collect over a week's wages for winning and competitors came from far and wide. Horse classes were last held in 1950.

The Flower Show was an open event for competitors from the other local parishes, as well as from Hockham. Entries had to achieve high standards, with the categories very difficult to achieve. The programme shows a different age when many families kept chickens and bees.

The Flower Show still runs and has been going since the early 1800's.

Class.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
34. Wild Flowers (for Women and Girls over 14 years of age and made up by Exhibitor) 1st Prize, 5/-; 2nd, 4/-; 3rd, 3/-; 4th, 2/-; 5th, 1/-; Prizes given by Mr. Stokes.			
35. Best Two Exhibits of Geraniums in Pots (Exhibitors own growing) Prizes, 1st (Garden) 1st Prize given by Messrs. W. H. Pidd & Co.			
36. Best Collection of Fruit, Special Prize, 2nd (Garden) 1st Prize given by Messrs. W. H. Pidd & Co.			
37. Best Collection of Vegetables, 6 varieties, 1st Prize, 7/6; Mr. J. W. Brewster's Prize, 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 3/6.			
38. Show of Honey (run)	4/-	3/-	2/-
39. Show of Honey (bottle)	4/-	3/-	2/-
40. Twelve White Eggs, from Hen the property of the Exhibitor, Exhibitors to supply glasses for testing.	3/-	2/-	1/6
41. Twelve Brown Eggs, from Hen the property of the Exhibitor, Exhibitors to supply glasses for testing.	3/-	2/-	1/6
42. Bouquet of Wild Flowers (for Children under 14 years, gathered and made up by any Child, 1st Prize (Rev. W. H. Pidd, 2/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/-; 4th, 1/6; 5th, 1/-).			
43. Best Loaf of Bread (made and baked by Exhibitor) Mr. A. W. Finney's Special Prize (Flour) 1st, 3/-; 2nd, 2/-; 3rd, 1/-; 4th, 1/2; 5th, 1/4.			
44. Best Loaf of Bread, 1st prize, 5 Baps (4/-; 2nd, 4 Baps (3/-; 3rd, 3 Baps (2/-; 4th, 2 Baps (1/-; 5th, 1 Bap (1/2).			
45. Best Ginger Cake (made and baked by married women)	7/6	5/-	3/6
46. Best Collection of Bees	4/-	3/-	2/-

NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION.
Open to all children of 14 years of age and under in the Flower Show Area. NO ENTRANCE FEE.

39. PLAIN NEEDLEWORK—Children under 11 years of age. Children may win for Competition any article of Plain Needlework made entirely by themselves.

40. FANCY NEEDLEWORK—(One Section only). All ages from 14 years downwards. Any article of Fancy Needlework made entirely by the Competitor.

41. KNITTING—Senior and Junior Sections as in Plain Needlework Competition. Needlework made entirely by the Competitor may be entered in either section.

In all sections Prizes will be—
1st, 4/-; 2nd, 3/-; 3rd, 2/-; 4th, 1/-.

Awards in all sections will be made solely upon the quality of the work done.

Harvey & Sons, Princes, Wales.

PROGRAMME

Hockham Sports

July 24th, 1924.

Judges: Mr. B. Bussey.
Mr. J. W. Stokes.
Referee: Mr. C. Pettitt.
Starter: Mr. E. W. A. Sayer.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. In all events there must be at least one male competitor for each number of prizes awarded.
2. The Name will be at the time shown on the race card and competitors must bring their own programme.
3. While every care will be taken to have the ground in good condition, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for any accidents that may occur.
4. The Committee reserves the right to make any alterations to the programme which may be deemed necessary.
5. The decision of the Judges to be final and subject to appeal.
6. Prizes for the Sports will be distributed directly after each event.
7. Any competitor guilty of foul play will be disqualified.

R. R. FORDHAM, Sports Secretary.
PRICE—TWO PENCE.

30. One Mile Cycle Race, Handicap, open.	40 yards
1st, Mr. E. C. Pender's Prize, 1/-.	40 yards
2nd, Messrs. B. E. Turner's Prize, Pair of Caneons, 3rd, 7/6.	40 yards
31. S. Farrow	scratch
32. F. Crook	scratch
33. D. Morgan	scratch
34. J. Taylor	scratch
35. J. Chivers	scratch
36. G. Cooper	scratch
37. W. Dwyer	scratch
38. G. Greaney	scratch
39. V. Pearce	scratch
32.0. Three Lap Cycle Race, Handicap, Youth under 18.	120 yards
1st, Messrs. W. & G. Lambard's Prize, value 10/-.	120 yards
2nd, Mr. E. A. Adcock's Prize, 1st, 10/-.	120 yards
3rd, 5/-.	120 yards
33.0. Two Miles Cycle Race, Handicap, open.	120 yards
1st, Messrs. Oldham & Son's Prize, 25/-.	120 yards
2nd, 15/-; 3rd, 10/-.	120 yards
34. F. Hadden	scratch
35. H. Wright	scratch
36. B. Hargrave	scratch
37. P. Ruffell	scratch
38. D. Farrell	scratch
39. J. Chivers	scratch
40. A. Warran	scratch
41. A. Mann	scratch
42. L. Taylor	scratch
43. L. Shaw	scratch

HOCKHAM FLOWER SHOW

AND
Athletic Sports,

ON
Thursday, July 24th, 1924.

Schedule of Entries for
Fruit, Flowers, and Vegetables,
Also Needlework & Knitting Competitions.

JUDGES—

Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables, &c.—Mr. BENJAMIN BERRY, West Wingham; Mr. A. F. WIGGOTT, West Hasting.
Bread, Eggs, Honey, &c.—Mr. J. MOORE, Wotton.
Needlework & Knitting—Mrs. Wm. MORGAN, East Hasting; Mrs. G. H. LAWRENCE, Hasting.

CONDITIONS.

1. All entries must be for Exhibition to be entered in the Owner's Name and shall have been grown on land in his or her occupation.
2. All specimens to be on the Show Ground by Ten o'clock.
3. Intending Exhibitors in Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables to make their entries, stating Class and number of Articles to be shown, as follows—Laying N. HINGHAM, Mr. E. FAYNE, Wingham, Mr. D. W. DAVY, Swan Bottom's, Wingham, Rev. W. H. EGGLELL, Hockham; Mr. J. W. BAWCROFT, either personally or by post, on or before Monday, July 14th.
4. Only such prizes will be awarded as in the opinion of the Judges are merited.
5. Prizes for Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, &c., will be distributed in the Show Tent at 4 p.m., immediately before the removal of Exhibits.
6. No Exhibits to be removed from the Show Tent before Seven o'clock.
7. Anyone breaking any of the Conditions will be disqualified from receiving a Prize.
8. Where not more than one Exhibit is shown in any Class the 1st Prize will be withheld.
9. Exhibitors of Flowers and Vegetables grown from Messrs. James Carter's seeds are required to produce receipt for the purchase of Carter's seeds in order to secure designation of Cash Prizes, also to clearly state on exhibit "grown from Carter's Seeds".

Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, &c.

Open to all Cottagers in Hockham, Wingham, Liding, Stow Bezon, Breckles, & Illington.

Class.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1. Twelve White Potatoes	1/-	2/6	3/-
2. Twelve Coloured Potatoes	3/6	2/6	2/-
3. Best Dish of Potatoes, 14 or number	6/-	4/6	3/-
4. Three Cauliflowers	3/-	2/6	2/-
5. Three Cabbages	3/6	3/6	2/-
6. Three Cus Lettuces	2/-	1/6	1/-
7. Twelve Spring Onions	3/-	2/6	2/-
8. Nine Spring Onions (prickles)	4/-	3/-	2/-
9. Six Autumn Onions	3/-	2/6	2/-
10. Twelve Spring Onions	3/-	2/6	2/-
11. Six White Turnips	3/-	2/6	2/-
12. Six Carrots (intermediate)	4/-	3/-	2/-
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30. One Mile Flat Race, continued.	2 yards
11. E. Walcott	scratch
12. W. Sutton	scratch
13. A. Smith	scratch
14. J. Smith	scratch
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Celebration for Christine Woodsford

Christine passed away late January 24 but left some money for a large celebration to be held.

On Saturday 31st August, in accordance with her wishes, there will be a celebration of Christine's life at the Hockham Eagle. The road will be closed, marquees brought out and some entertainment laid on. Anyone can come along but only those with invitations will get the free food (fish & chips plus dessert) and drinks on offer. Invitations will be forthcoming in early August, however if you think that you want to be there and no invite has dropped through your door, then it may just be an oversight so do contact Chris Garrod (07770710307) chris@oaklands4.co.uk, or talk to Aaron. It's not easy second guessing whose lives Christine had touched!

The celebration begins at 1.30pm; food will be served from 2pm to 4pm. Drinks from 1.30pm until all the money has gone. We do not expect to run out of cash till quite late on. Invitations will explain the format of the day.

Any assistance erecting marquees etc would be appreciated and will begin at 10am that day. A plan on taking the marquees down has yet to be decided, but likely we will move everything to the Eagle car park and sort the next day.

If anyone has any photos of Christine then please will you share them on the day? Thanks.

Chris Garrod

School Birthdays



"Happy Birthday" to Evayah, Daisy, Noah, Reggie, Isabella, Osiris, Larna-Rose, Maisie and Esmae.



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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



The Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm at The Eagle.

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MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON 15TH JULY 2024 IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attending; Councillors Bennett, Lambert, Guppy, Thomas, Leech, Lloyd & Loft and the clerk C Garrod, plus 7 members of the public.

- 1) **Apologies for absence;** District Councillor Cowen
- 2) **Declarations of Interest;** Cllrs Lambert as owner & landlord of the eagle, Cllr Leech as a farmer from Little Hockham, Cllrs Bennett & Loft as allotment holders.
- 3) **Requests for Dispensation;** Cllr Lloyd had been granted a dispensation.
- 4) **Approval of the minutes from 17th June 24;** These were unanimously agreed and signed.
- 5) **Progress Report.**
 - a) Wheelchair ramp. It was agreed to get more information on this subject. It was noted planning permission would be needed for a permanent structure.
 - b) Info board. The clerk would contact the artist
 - c) Website. The new PC only website was under construction at www.hockhamparish.gov.uk The current village site would remain and both sites would have links to each other.
 - d) Drainage. Cllr Eagle had been advised as asked, along with Matt Lines from highways. Cllr Eagle would need to be chased again as drainage was raised by many at the recent local plan meeting.
 - e) Road signage for the village hall. Mr Stebbing was investigating potential locations and following a debate over signposts, it was agreed to use those we had and to also ask a resident of home Farm Park for assistance.
 - f) Parliament Lane. The clerk was requested to send a letter of thanks to Kerrie Jackson for sorting this matter so well.
 - g) Sign For village hall. The village hall committee would investigate.
- 6) **Public Participation.** The meeting was adjourned for public views to be aired.
- 7) **County & District Councillor reports.** Cllr Cowen had sent a district report, which highlighted the local plan consultation progress and the potential impact of a new government on planning, the Breckland Council budget, the move to potential car parking charges in the local towns and that capita no longer runs the planning and building control services and the employees affected were now employed by Breckland Council. There was no County Council report.
- 8) **Highways and Road Safety. (Cllr Thomas)** Works on Harling Road & Vicarage Rd had been completed. An issue on Parliament Lane was being address by NCC. Sam 2 had still yet to be approved and a new parish partnership grant application was in with a December closing date. The A1075 access issue had also been raised again.
- 9) **Planning. (Cllrs Lambert, Lloyd & Leech)** Application 3PL/2024/0488/HOU, 10 Harling Road, had been approved. 3PL/2024/0402/HOU Sunny Nook, Vicarage Rd had not been decided on yet, 3PL/2024/0383/0 Springfield, the PC would stick with the comments made on the previous application following amendment.

FOI Chief Exec. Breckland Council had raised a corporate complaint regards the handling of the Smithy Cottage planning issues and were investigating. Enforcement. Two matters were with Breckland Council regards street trading at No 1 Harling Road and transport and dumping of imported soil to a site off the A1075 between the village junctions.

It was agreed that outside of full meetings the three councillors allocated to planning would be joined by a fourth so comments could be made. Other councillors would need to make any views known (outside of meetings) to those parties. This was to address the fast-moving local plan issues and the very short notice periods for comments recently experienced. Authority was duly delegated.

The Local plan comments had been received and the Parish Council were supporting Larling & Roudham Parish Council where they could.

10) **Finances.** The clerk appraised councillors of the bank situation.

Parish Council Bank balance £15288.15

Paid DD Savills Allotment lease £175

Pearce & Kemp £45.60 July and August approved. (Please note since the change to LED we have had no call outs). Clerk's salary for July and August £179.40 each month approved. There were no known new bills for July /August except N power Direct debit at £111.81 and a Direct Debit for N power expected for August.

SAM 2 has yet to be approved but will be actioned on approval.

Playing Field Finances; Current Account balance £14226.76

Expenses £1100 to HSCA for purchase of 2 new marquees

Expected energy rebate (being sorted by CW & CG)

Payments due fireworks app £2000 (This is a July outlay for maximum discount).

Cllr Lloyd and the clerk will be sitting down to sort out the cash and events monies soon, that have been taken since April. This will increase the bank balance.

11) **Allotments.** (Cllr Bennett). It was noted there was still a demand for allotments.

12) **Footpaths & Rights of Way.** (Cllr Loft) The trod was being cut by a third party but not weed killed. Maintenance by NCC was frankly poor to non-existent.

13) **Playing Field.** (Cllr Lloyd) There was a car boot planned, weather dependant on 28th July. Thanks were given to Frank Batt, Aimee Taylor and Paul Taylor for repairs to the slide. There was soon to be a working party meeting to discuss future events and the Summer Show.

Thanks were extended to Tony Loft for mole control and to Chris Wiltshire and Chris Garrod for negotiating a £700 discount on two new marquees. Fireworks planning was progressing.

14) **Councillor Updates.** Comments had been made regards the lack of bees this year. Cllr Leech said that Leech Farms were planting a considerable amount of wildflower and wild bird mix, which might help. Messrs Garrod and Wiltshire were looking at hives and bees on a personal level.

15) **Correspondence.** Breckland Council would be conducting a survey with the Parish Council on open space and play provision.

16) **Next meeting** Monday September 9th 2024.g

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