# IN-TOUCH

# Great Hockham News Sheet

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#### **Editorial**

This time of year is one of my most favourite. First we have the forest changing its appearance with the warm look of the yellows, reds, browns and golds as the leaves change colour; you can't beat a walk in the forest with the damp smell of autumn. At this time of the year small birds flock together and great, blue, coal and long tailed tits are in abundance. We are lucky to have a regular flock coming to our feeders in the garden. Goldcrest are very often found in the flocks and are a real treat. With most of the summer visitors now left for the wintering grounds we watch for the first arrivals of fieldfare, redwing or brambling all of which arrive in the UK ready for the winter and in recent years we have been treated to the appearance of the glorious waxwing, a real eye catcher. Lately, we have also heard the owls starting to call as territorial activity increases in early autumn, when young birds seek to establish territories of their own.

The youngsters in the village will be looking forward to Halloween with the hope of filling their bags with lots of sweets as trick or treaters stalk the village, and with that in mind the dark nights mean taking more care when out and about - be bright, be seen, stay safe.

This year's firework display will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (see details below). Enjoy this month and all it has to offer.



# <u>Fireworks and Bonfire</u> Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

The annual fireworks and bonfire will take place on the playing field on Saturday  $2^{nd}$  November.

There are some timing changes this year.

BBQ & Refreshments

Start 5pm

Bonfire lighting

Starts 5.30 pm

Fireworks

Starts 6.30 pm

Please note the fireworks are free entry, but please give generously, as this year's donations pay for next year's fireworks.



### The Wayland Group of Parishes

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

### Worship in November 2024

Sunday 3rd November

10.30am United Holy Communion

St Botolph, Stow Bedon

Sunday 3rd November

6.30pm All Souls Memorial Service

St Margaret's, Breckles

Sunday 10th November

10.30am United Holy Communion

St Martin's, Thompson

Monday 11th November

Act of Remembrance at Holy Trinity, Gt Hockham

War Memorial

Armistice Day 10.50am

Led by Jamie Plummer

Monday 11th November

Act of Remembrance at Caston War Memorial

Armistice Day 10.50am

Led by Reverend Adrian Bell

Sunday 17th November

10.30am United Holy Communion

St Margaret's, Breckles

Led by Reverend Adrian Bell

Sunday 24th November

10.30am United Holy Communion

Holy Cross, Caston

Led by Reverend David Sixsmith

Sunday 1st December

10.30am United Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Gt Hockham

Sunday 1st December

18.30 'From Darkness to Light'

Advent Service

Holy Trinity Gt Hockham

"Lest We Forget....."



A few days ago, I received a letter from the Rt Rev Hugh Nelson, Bishop to the Armed Forces, and I'd like to share some of the content with you.

In his letter, Bishop Hugh reminds us that the world is a more dangerous place than it has been for some time, with a growing number

of conflicts and threats of conflict, including those that involve the United Kingdom. In this context, and with Remembrance Sunday drawing close, he wrote to thank us for any support that we are offering to our military communities. The Church plays a vital role in helping the nation remember those lost to war, and by praying for peace. We can offer the space, and are familiar with creating the kind of environment where people can bring a huge range of emotions. In the United Kingdom, many Christian ministers have been present during conflicts, with men and women serving as chaplains and padres to the armed forces.

I am also mindful that across the globe, and across time, people have wanted to gather after a time of great loss of life. Sometimes that is as the result of war, or sometimes natural disaster or human tragedy. These kinds of gatherings are often facilitated by local faith leaders, who will help the whole community, of all faiths and none to remember.

This year, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Breckles, you are invited to our All Souls' Memorial Service, where you can come and light a candle for someone you have loved and lost during your lifetime.

If you'd like to attend, please contact me with the name of your loved one, at the address below. I would be honoured to read their name during the service.

On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am in St Martin's Church, Thompson, I shall be leading a Remembrance Day service.

As we remember those who died in service and all those that we have loved and lost, I ask that you spend a few moments offering prayers for the peace of the world, as well as for those who are mourning, those who've been injured in mind, body, or spirit, for those who still serve in the armed forces or as civilians supporting them. For I believe that a sense of solidarity with others in a moment of stillness reminds us that we are never alone!

With every blessing to you all.

Reverend Vanessa

Reverend Vanessa is the rector for the Wayland parishes of Breckles, Caston, Great Hockham, Griston, Thompson, and Stow Bedon. You can contact her on 07984 318885 or by email at <a href="mailto:vanessadlayfield@gmail.com">vanessadlayfield@gmail.com</a>

# Royal British Legion Wretham and Hockham Branch

#### Poppy Appeal 2024

This year the door to door volunteers will be out and about collecting for the Appeal from the 24th October. If you would like to help with this year's door to door collection please get in touch

If they miss you and you would still like to donate please visit me at Tanglemead, Shropham Road where I will have the poppy items set up in my garage from the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please ring the door bell and we will open the garage door.

I will also have the Poppy Appeal items at the bonfire night fireworks.

#### Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance Day Service will be at Larling Church on Sunday  $10^{th}$  November at 10.45am.

Miles Howard

### **Holy Trinity Great Hockham**

There will be a short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in Gt Hockham Churchyard on Armistice Day, Monday 11th November. Meet at 10.50 by the gate.

**Bev Plummer** 

## Mobile Library Service

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

Date of forthcoming visits (Thursdays):

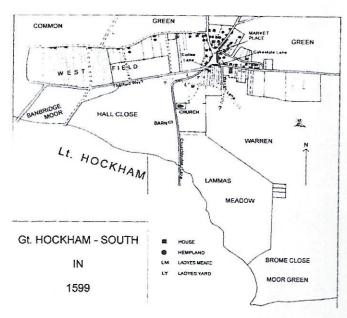
7 Nov / 5 Dec / 2 Jan / 30 Jan / 27 Feb / 27 March



# Hockham's History The Street Names of Great Hockham

In 1599 a survey was done of the manor of Great Hockham. Though now too fragile to be viewed it was transcribed by Alan Davison in the late 1980s and gives a vision of life then.

The street names were very different from today. Harling Road was called Cokestole Lane, likely derived from a reference to the Cucking Stool, an instrument of torture. Shropham Road was called Newport Street leading to Hingham Way, Wretham Road was Colle Lane, leading to Brandon Way and Thetford Way. Vicarage Road was also likely Brandon Way. West End or Town Street left the village where Watton Road is today and in later years this was also known as Chapel Street. A road called Ladysmere, has since disappeared but likely ran south of today's Wretham Road and Little Hockham Lane was called Warren Lane, extending just to the Warren and not to Little Hockham as we know today. Churchbridge Lane went to the side of the church and past the front of the hall once it had been built, heading to Little Hockham. This was diverted in 1790 and Warren Lane made into Little Hockham Lane along with the hall park being extended. The green or marketplace, was called le Markettsted of forum de Hockham.



Chris Garrod

# THE EAGLE

Harling Rd, Great Hockham, Thetford IP24 1NP 01953 498893

### November Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Fireworks (Fire lit at 5.30pm)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Book Club 7.30pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Breakfast Club 9am onwards (Pre-book)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November Village Olympic Event No 3 Air Hockey 8pm start

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November Thai Orchid Food Truck 4.30-9pm (Pre-booking a table is essential)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Village Olympic Event No 4 Eating competition 3pm start

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November Breakfast Club 9am onwards (pre-book)

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday – Thursday 12-2.30pm/6-11pm

Friday - Saturday 12-11pm

Sunday 12-10.30pm

#### Food Available

Monday: 5-8pm Takeaway

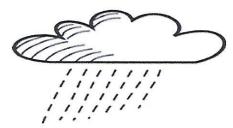
Fish and Chip Fryday: 12-8.30pm (Takeaway and eat in)

Saturday: Food available 12-8.30pm

Sunday: Food available 12-3pm

### **September Rainfall**

61.5 mm
43.0 mm
578.1 mm
556.6 mm
118.8 mm
11.6 mm



### Village Hall Bookings November 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

#### November 2024

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sound Bath	3pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bonfire & Fireworks	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council	Eve
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exploring Drawing</b>	10am-1pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	PM
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Private Booking	Eve
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee, Cake, Chat	AM
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Private Booking	Eve
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exploring Drawing</b>	10am-1pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	AM

#### December 2024

Sun 1st	Private Booking	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.

### **School Birthdays**



"Happy Birthday" to Holly F, Scarlett, Theo, Cameron, Isabelle C, Charlotte and Lucia.



Our October gathering revealed that all but two of us had managed to finish "Woman of a Certain Rage" by Georgie Hall. This menopausal, comic romp was perhaps hampered by some unlikeable characters, and the main protagonist seemed especially annoying to most of the group.

Georgie Hall is the pseudonym of Fiona Walker, an author better known for her rather racy chick-lit, and certainly this book was a little spicier than some of our previous offerings.

There were glimpses of very poignant life observations, and some laugh out loud moments, but the middle-aged angst of a couple who may have to lose their precious narrow boat, felt somewhat entitled at times. However, the well-researched 1980s references provided great nostalgia.

Our monthly raffle was won by Leonie and the winning ticket drawn by Pete. (Another fix!) The prize was a jar of local honey, which after the beeless summer was considered a top-notch trophy.

"The Zigzag Girl" by local author Elly Griffiths is this month's book read, and we will meet in the Eagle 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to discuss.

Let's hope it goes off with a bang!

Kirsten Parker

### The Ghost of the Toll Point Light

Thank you to the huge crowd that came out to see Common Ground's latest production touring East Anglia (not quite but close to a sell-out). The cast always say that Hockham is one of their favourite venues because we come out in numbers and are tight to the stage and we were not disappointed at all with the latest performance. It always ceases to amaze that our village hall can be turned into an amazing performance space by the Common Ground team.

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## **Great Hockham Carpet Bowls**

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For more information - Tel 07737 046121

Robin



# **Great Hockham Gardening Club**



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November Bob Coutts

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1NT on the second Wednesday of the

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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 505020

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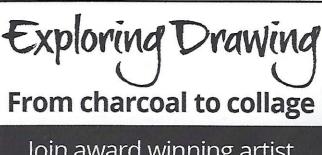
greathockhamgardeningclub.org.uk

# Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

We are organising another Christmas wreath making workshop this year. It will take place on Saturday 30th November, in the Village Hall. There will be a cost associated, but some of the materials will be provided. If you might be interested, contact Rosemary Martin. All are welcome even if not club members

Apart from that special, extra, event, the club meets once a month. In the winter months the meetings are in Great Hockham Village Hall, where a speaker is provided followed by tea, coffee, biscuits, time to

chat with friends, a raffle, and a flower or produce competition. In the summer months garden visits are arranged. The club is very friendly, and also very happy to welcome new members.



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### **Christmas Tree Wildflowers**

I am often asked what are the wildflowers in the Christmas tree field - and how did they get there?! The spring starts with carpets of yellow cowslips, and these are soon followed by the pink and purple shades of sweet-smelling Dames Violet. Liquorice scented Sweet Cicely shelter beside the trees. As summer approaches tall yellow spires of Dark Mullein are striking beneath the tracery of Wild Parsnip. Summer ends and it is the turn of the unpleasantly sounding Soapwort to grace the field with a mass of pink flowers, and, much rarer, the pink flowers of the Narrow-Leaved Everlasting Pea climb delicately amongst the old reddish stems of Upright Hedge Parsley. And this is only a few - the field is blessed with dozens of other flower species growing on these few acres.

But, whilst as full of wildlife as a healthy nature reserve, this is a commercial Christmas tree plantation. It just shows what can be done. I have worked in Christmas trees since I was 16 years old and have always enjoyed the seasons and then the excitement as Christmas approaches. The field is my workplace, and how wonderful to have turned it into a garden for wildlife and me, and those who work with me. I am now wondering what other wildflower I could add next?!

Vince Thurkettle

# Norfolk County Council Recycling Centre Information

From 18 November 2024 you will need to book a slot to visit a Norfolk recycling centre.

You can do this online or by telephone.

Visit <a href="www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingbooking">www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingbooking</a> or call 0344 800 8020 for more information (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm).

You can book up to seven days in advance by selecting the date, time and recycling centre you wish to visit. You will be asked for the registration of the vehicle you will be using to visit the site. You will also need a booking if you are visiting on foot or by bicycle.

Booking slots are every 15 minutes. You will be asked to select a 15-minute slot and you should arrive within this time.

Bookings can be made on the day right up to the time of the booking slot.

There is no charge to make a booking and you can make as many bookings as you need. Charges still apply for trade waste and DIY waste over the free limit.

You do not need a booking to solely make a purchase from, or donate to, a reuse shop.

# Norfolk Wildlife Trust Breckland Local Group

We are now into our talks season, having finished our walks with a Fungus Foray at East Wretham Heath. Due to it being early in Autumn and the weather conditions, there weren't too many fungi species to find, but we still found some more unusual ones for Dr Tony Leech to take home and confirm their identity for us. At least the weather was dry, unlike last time when we got soaked!

The talk this month is Lynne and Tony Fry giving a talk on Sustainability and Conservation on their Sussex Friary garden.

On 11th December Will Russel NWT Lead Officer Woods and Heaths will give a talk on Adders.

Both talks are at The Methodist Centre, High Street, Watton. IP25 6QU. They start at 7.30pm. Cost is £3 non-members, £2 NWT members. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be served.

Please note that in other publications you may see the start time as 6.30pm. This is incorrect. All our talks start at 7.30pm. Apologies for the mistake.

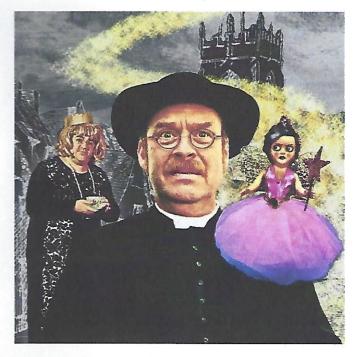
Fiona Roat

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# Father Brown & The Curse of the Christmas Fairy

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025
7.30 pm / Doors open at 7 pm
Hockham Village Hall



Tickets are on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November at £14 each for this traditional festive comedy spoof from Common Ground.

The Suffolk village of Dangleford is hanging by a thread! Father Brown must use all his wits to stop the midwinter madness.

Tickets available from the Hockham Eagle during opening hours, or from Chris on 01953 498447 or email <a href="mailto:boxoffice@greathockham.org">boxoffice@greathockham.org</a>.

Tickets are limited, but if the evening performance sells out quickly, we may be able to put on a matinee.

For more info www.commongroundtc.co.uk

### **Defibrillator**

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## **Grand Secondhand Book Sale**

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For more information contact <a href="mailto:info@thompsoncommunityhall.co.uk">info@thompsoncommunityhall.co.uk</a> or phone 01953 488508.

Bronwen Tyler

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

Attending; Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Lambert (Vice Chair), Thomas, Lloyd and Loft plus the C Garrod (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

- Apologies for absence. Cllr Leech, County Councillor Eagle and District Councillor Cowen.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest**. Cllr Lambert as owner and landlord of the Eagle Pub, Cllrs Bennett & Loft as allotment holders.
- 3) Requests for Dispensation. None.
- 4) The minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 24 were unanimously approved.
- 5) Progress Report.
  - a) Wheelchair ramp. The clerk had the quote and would action once confirming the price still stood.
  - b) Info Board. No further progress.
  - c) Website. Still under construction.
  - d) Drainage. The sludge gulpers had been round recently. It was noted Vicarage Road had received thorough drain attention. More heavy rain was predicted, and photos would be taken of any problem areas.
- 6) **Public Participation.** The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to ask questions.
- 7) **County & District Councillor Reports.** The Government had cancelled Norfolk's Devolution deal, and it was unlikely the £20m for economic projects would be allowed.
- 8) **Highways and Road Safety.** (Cllr Thomas) Six items had been reported since the last meeting. a) Wretham Road Surface Repairs; b) Little Hockham Lane Road width and repairs; c) Watton Road Grips and ditch needed cleaning. d) Watton Road A1075 junction, drain needed cleaning. e) A1075 Mud and stone debris (rain issue) on the road needed cleaning. f) Name plate for the village sign was repaired by the engineer.
  - The new SAM 2 unit had been purchased and would soon be installed. The clerk was chasing the NCC payment for this.
- 9) **Planning.** The local plan had been paused awaiting changes to the national planning policy framework. The latter would affect Hockham. With an expected regional rise of 39% on properties to build.
  - 3PL/2024/0737/HOU la Finca cart shed, no objections.
  - 3PL/2024/0402/HOU Sunnynook, this application had been refused.
  - The two enforcement issues were still being dealt with.
- **10) Finances.** The PC current account had £18575.87, with the second parish precept instalment having been received.
  - Payments due were Locks for the SAM 2 £6.39; Clerks salary £179.40, Pearce & Kemp £45.60; CPRE subs were due soon; British Legion Poppy Appeal £250; Community car £36.50. It was noted that David Sumbler was doing an excellent job coordinating the car scheme.
  - Some harling Rd allotment rents were still due. The clerk would chase.
  - Playing Field accounts stood at £10651.60 in the bank but with some substantial cash to be banked.

There was a lively debate about In Touch and the communication loss and the clerk agreed to speak to the committee about the distribution.

A finance committee meeting would be convened.

The clerk was given permission to sort the new electricity contract.

- 11) **Allotments** (Cllr Bennett). It was asked if the hedges at Harling Road could be trimmed. The clerk would ask. Rents were being chased.
- 12) **Footpaths & Rights of Way.** There was tree down opposite the sewerage works. A hornet's nest had been spotted and signs put up by the Forestry Commission. A tree was reported down on Puddledock Lane.
- 13) **Playing Field** (Cllr Lloyd). The cricket strips had been cleaned (£ 90) and were ready for the benches. A working party was being convened. 21 moles had been relocated. Some play equipment works had been completed. Fireworks were 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Family quiz on 27/10/24. It was suggested a "what's been done" list should be done and circulated.
- 14) **Maintenance & Improvements to Public Areas.** This would be discussed after the finance committee meeting.
- 15) Councillor Updates. The clerk would discuss the maize cutting and removal with Larwood Farms. It was suggested that safety posts should be put on the pavement by the Eagle. The clerk to talk to Highways. It was agreed to allow up to £200 to pay for dog fouling signs. The dog wardens may visit the village and out up CCTV cameras to catch the offending dogs. Townlands were getting the garden railings and telephone box painted.
- 16) **Correspondence**. The clerk announced that there were now two village defibrillators, the new one being at Forest Court.

The next meeting is on November 4th at 7.30 pm.



# **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th**

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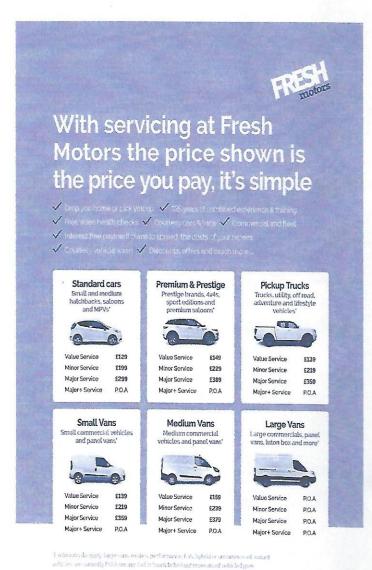


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