

# IN-TOUCH

## Great Hockham News Sheet

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### Editorial

July saw the end of another school year and, this year, Hockham Primary School and Nursery held two end of term services in Hockham Church. The first, on the 20th July, was a Final Assembly for the whole school and their families and the second on the 21st, a special farewell on the last day of term to the Year 6 leavers. We wish them all a relaxing Summer holiday and good luck and happiness in their new classes and schools.

We are looking forward to the annual Hockham Flower Show which this year will be held on Sunday 20th August at the Eagle public house. Schedules were issued with the May edition of In-Touch, but if you need another copy they are available from the Eagle pub or can be downloaded on the website [www.greathockham.org](http://www.greathockham.org).

The more entries there are, the more interesting and successful the show will be.

NB. The auction of produce can be quite entertaining!

Great Hockham  
27th August

On the playing field  
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Booking advisable  
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All money raised  
will go towards  
new play  
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*This month...*

Local artist  
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**19 August  
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**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 2023**

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 9**

10.30 a.m. Songs of Praise, St. Martin's,  
Thompson  
*Service of hymns and praise*

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 10**

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

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 11**

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

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 12**

10.30 a.m. United Morning Service,  
Holy Trinity, Great Hockham

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Trinity 13**

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

*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.*

**Churchwarden's Letter**

Lammas Day in the Christian calendar is observed on the first day of August and marks the beginning of the harvest. It celebrates the first wheat crop and derives from an ancient English festival, the Gule of August. This is a pagan dedication of the first fruits of the harvest that the early English church later converted to Christian usage. On Lammas Day, loaves of bread were baked from the first-ripened grain and brought to churches to be consecrated. The Lammas loaf would be broken into four bits and placed at the four corners of the barn, to protect the garnered grain. The word "Lammas" comes from the Old English word "hlaf" (loaf) and "maesse" (mass or feast). Through the centuries, "loaf-mass" became corrupted in spelling and pronunciation to Lammas.

Each country has its own traditions and superstitions associated with Lammas, but many share the proverb "After Lammas Day, corn ripens as much by night as by day." I wonder if this is a superstition our farmers in Wayland believe, or if they are just praying for good weather for their own harvests?

As well as Lammas day, August is also the time most people go on holiday, particularly with schools closed for the month. The word 'holiday' is derived from 'holy day', or a saint's day in the Christian calendar, and many hundreds of years ago people would go on a "holiday" or pilgrimage to places like Walsingham or Canterbury. Nowadays we are lucky that our holidays are often more about fun & relaxation than pilgrimage, but let's not forget the true origin of the word holiday and even if we are lucky enough to be away from home, we can still remember to celebrate holy days and still give thanks for all that is good in our lives.

We are still searching for our new incumbent, and in the meantime the churchwardens are all here to help in any way that we can. We have been fortunate to find priests to take most of our services, but occasionally the churchwardens will lead a service, usually with more hymns and without communion. Perhaps this is a time for people who don't normally come to church on a Sunday to come along and enjoy a less formal service. We are fortunate that Harry is with us for the summer to play the organ at our services in August. Please bear with us if sometimes things go a bit awry. When we are without an organist we have a good system with our speakers and pre-recorded music but occasionally things don't go according to plan. We are all doing our best to cope with the situation and appreciate your support.

With best wishes from all the churchwardens to everyone for a safe & happy summer and to our farmers for a bountiful harvest.

Katharine Wolstenholme  
Churchwarden, St Martin's, Thompson



## Great Hockham Primary School & Nursery

Finally the Summer Holidays are upon us! I would like to say a huge big thank you to all of the wonderful staff at our school, for their dedication and commitment to ensuring our children have the best experience of school life that they possibly can.

I would also like to say a huge congratulations to all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 for their brilliant attitudes to learning and how hard they have worked during the year. Everyone deserves a break over the summer; a chance to relax and then prepare themselves for another fantastic year.

During the holidays we are having our Nursery and Reception toilets refurbished, adding in an additional cubicle, so the children will come back in September to brand new toilet facilities. We are also having our staff room updated, so the staff have somewhere pleasant to grab a drink or bite to eat at lunchtime.

Hopefully the sun will continue to shine and there will be lots of opportunities to enjoy the Norfolk countryside or coastlines.

Happy holidays everyone!

Lisa Hazard – Head Teacher

## School Birthdays



“Happy Birthday” to Daisy, Reggie (Rabbit Class), Sienna, Noah, Evayah, Isabella (Owl Class), Reggie (Owl Class), Osiris, Larna-Rose, Isabella (Deer Class), Kate and Esmæe.

## **HOCKHAM FLOWER SHOW**

**SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023**

### **THE EAGLE, GREAT HOCKHAM**

Entries taken	8 to 11am
Judging	11am to 1pm
Doors open/refreshments available to public	1.30pm
Presentation of trophies	3.30pm
Exhibitors collect exhibits	3.50pm
Auction of produce	4pm

See 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](http://www.greathockham.org)

## Flower Show Trophies

Please could anyone with trophies for the Flower Show, won last year, return them to either Chris Garrod, Oaklands, Vicarage Road, Great Hockham or leave at the Eagle pub, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## Bottle Bank

The parish council are pleased to announce, that in the last year £414.60 has been raised through recycling via the village bottle bank and we encourage everyone to use the bottle bank, as the money can be used to spend on village improvements.

Parish Council Clerk

***Please use the village bottle bank***



## Common Ground Theatre Company

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

The Autumn one is:

**Saturday 7th October, 7.30pm**

### **THE HELLGATE CLUB**

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The Xmas one is:

**Saturday 30th December, 7.30pm**

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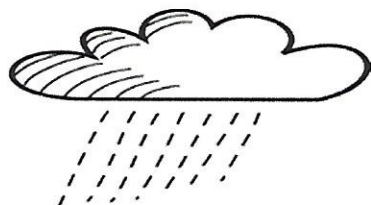
Tickets available from Chris Garrod (01953498447 [boxoffice@greathockham.org](mailto:boxoffice@greathockham.org)) or the Hockham Eagle.

Ticket prices:

£13 Adults / £10 Under 21

### June Rainfall

June 2023		31.9 mm
June 2022		19.0 mm
Jan-June 2023		305.8 mm
Jan-June 2022		198.8 mm
Highest June since 1979	1997	148.1 mm
Lowest June since 1979	1996	16.0 mm



## Mobile Library Service

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

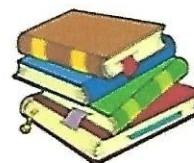
From July the day of the mobile library visit changed to THURSDAY. The times remain unchanged.

Date of forthcoming visits:

17 Aug / 14 Sept / 12 Oct / 9 Nov /

7 Dec / 4 Jan / 1 Feb / 29 Feb / 28 March /

25 April / 23 May / 20 June / 18 July



## Village Hall Bookings August 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

### **August 2023**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gong & Sound Bath	PM
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee, Cake & Chat	AM
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Pasquale Shows	

### **Sept 2023**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gong & Sound Bath	6.30-8.30pm
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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](mailto:chris@oaklands4.co.uk).



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Secretary: Ed Szczepanowski 01760 751465

[secretaryghgc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryghgc@gmail.com)

Website: [greathockhamgardeningclub.org.uk](http://greathockhamgardeningclub.org.uk)

## 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

### Defibrillator

The defibrillator is located in the telephone box by the Village Green.

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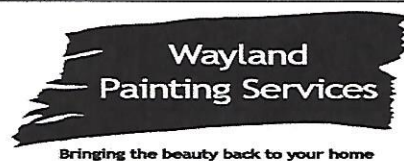
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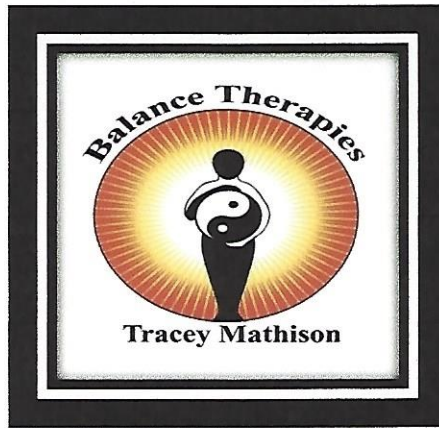
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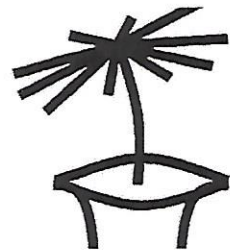
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
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