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June 2024

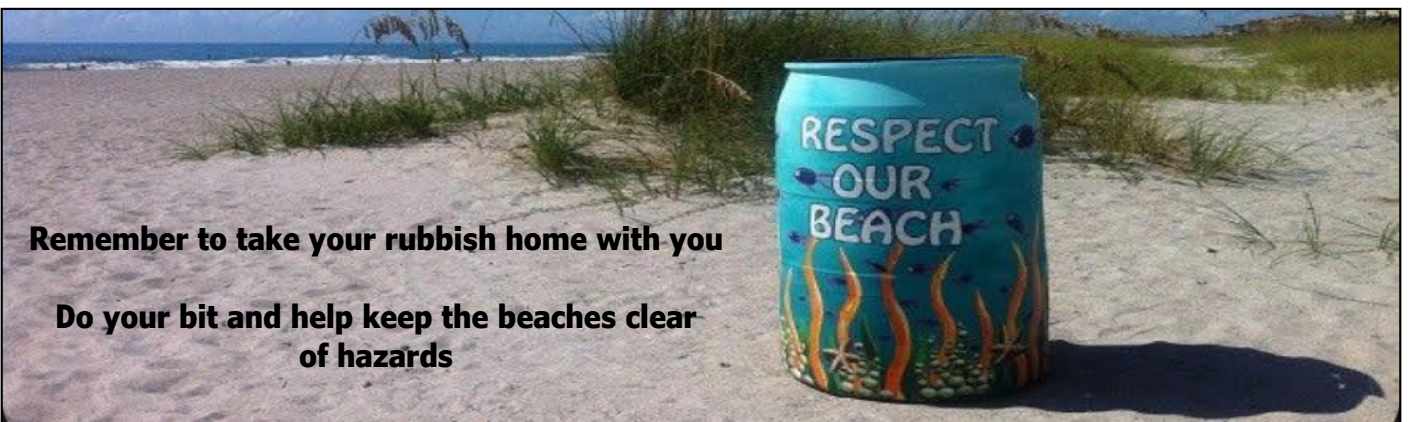


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Readers' LETTERS



Heacham

Dear Newsletter,

World Tai Chi Day

Thank you very much for helping me to promote our "World Tai Chi Day" event on Saturday 27th April at Hunstanton Green. We raised a total of £186 for the RNLI thanks to the hardy supporters of our event, even though it was a very cold day. We had a total of 44 people come along and join in.

Our next Tai Chi fundraiser for the RNLI will be on Saturday 29th June from 10am to 12 noon. We will be running a standing Tai Chi taster session from 10am to 11am and a seated session from 11am to 12 noon. Hopefully the weather will be a lot warmer by then.

Thanks again for all your support.

Allan Howlings



Thank You

What a great day Sunday 5th May was for our 4th Heacham Village Yard Sale.

The weather was perfect, lots of people out and about, looking for a bargain. We had 164 addresses on the map. I believe there were many more that decided to join in on the day. It certainly had a good community feel to our village.

A big thank you to everyone who contacted myself and Janet to be part of this year's Yard Sale. The response we had was amazing.

We hope you all managed to sell and earn a few pounds!

Thank you to my brother Jon Large who spent time designing a detailed map plus a QR code for those with smart phones, Dave Curtis for printing the banner and The Heacham Newsletter for advertising this very popular event.

This year we had a very kind donation given to us towards the cost of printing maps. Thank you to RockBox advertising, it was very much appreciated.

We charged 50p minimum donation for a map, which was located at both ends of the village. I myself raised £80.50 for Prostate Cancer and St Mary's Church raised £22.50 towards the upgrade of the church heating.

We have been organising this event since Covid struck, where people were finding the time to clear sheds, cupboards, garages etc. Realising this, we thought it would be a good idea to hold a village yard sale and a perfect time for people to get out and about outside chatting. It proved so successful we've made it a yearly event!

This, however, was our last one. A lot of hard work goes behind events like this, along with worry and pressure! If you are interested in taking over, please get in contact greef25@aol.com

Thank you once again.

Jemma & Janet



Heacham

Dear Newsletter,

Carnival Photo

It was lovely to see the photos of Heacham Carnival - I would say 1984. The float with the "Robin Hood's men" characters was from the Jubilee Clinic Playgroup. I recognize some of the youngsters and, I believe, Caroline as the Maid Marian. My daughter was on the other side along with "Friar Tuck." Their caps were made of green felt - fun to make.

Thank you for the memory.

Joan Careless

Communita

On a future event notice, may I tell you that a tea party (Communita) is planned at the Heacham Methodist Church on Saturday 6 July (plenty of notice) in aid of the MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) from 2.00pm. There will be a speaker and info from the MHA association as well as a special tea. Anyone wishing further information is welcome to contact me.

Many thanks.

Joan Careless
(01485 570363)



Rugby

Dear Newsletter,

Mercedes Gleitze

I'd just like to say how pleased I was to see the plaque to Mercedes Gleitze, recording her amazing achievement, has now been repositioned at North Beach so it can be read easily.

Thank you.

Christine Edgson

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Heacham

Dear Newsletter

Thank you

I would to say a big thank you to the two men and a lady who helped me after a fall I had near Brays Pit on Monday 13th May.

I only got to know the name of one of my rescuers who was Keith, who took me to Fridhem Rest Home where I volunteer.

Just to let all three of them know I am now recovering at home. Thank you to all of you for helping me.

Marie Rawnsley

HEACHAM IN BLOOM

Heacham in Bloom



2009-2024

What a busy month May was for the In Bloom Team as the summer bedding plants arrived and we got busy planting baskets, troughs and beds. We hope you enjoy the colour scheme and the lovely plants grown for us by Belford's Nursery.

The Plough bed has now been completely renovated with a stepped frame made for us by Steve Needham. The new bed was then filled with over two tonnes of compost. The planting scheme includes Lavender, Russian Sage, Anthemis, Salvia, Rhodanthemum and Nepeta. Our thanks go to Hilary at Hills Garden Designs for her ideas and support.

We were also pleased to be asked to create a display for Heacham Library marking 15 years of Heacham in Bloom. The display can be viewed from early June at Heacham Library in the High Street.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17 June at 7.00pm at the Parish Council Office, Pound Lane.

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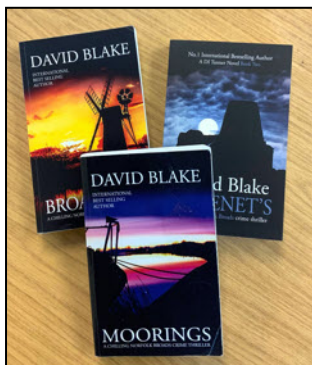
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Monthly Feature

The popularity of crime fiction is definitely not waning and this month sees us feature the crime fiction writer, David Blake. David has written 24 books to date and is currently working on his 25th. These fast-paced crime thrillers are based predominantly here in Norfolk, and in particular the Norfolk Broads, and we are sure that the series 'DCI Tanner' will become a firm favourite with customers. Currently we only have the first three books to tempt you but more will be on the way!



Book - "Elly Griffiths Norfolk"
 - Now that our own display 'Explore Norfolk with Elly Griffiths' has finished, this beautiful and captivating book will be available to lend to our customers. There may be a waiting list!

Library News

New Display - Our next free display features local volunteer organisation, **Heacham in Bloom**. The 'Bloomers' have now been hard at work beautifying the village with permanent planting and summer bedding displays for the last 15 years. The fruits of their labours can be seen from the A149 through Heacham and down to North and South beaches and are there for everybody to enjoy. This entirely voluntary group, has previously won gold in Anglia in Bloom (as well as a few Heacham Carnival cups) and is an affiliated member of the RHS. Do come and have a look at the many photos taken of the Group and its work over the years – if you have been a past volunteer, you might be pictured too!

Do you need help with technology? We have had a very positive response to this free offer of IT help from Norfolk County Council's 'Tech Skills for Life' Team.' The June date is already fully booked but we will be hosting a further session on Monday July 8th, so if you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible to reserve a space.



Heachamites Recollections Group meeting: Monday 3rd June from 2-4pm. An opportunity for local people to come together and share knowledge on past life and lives in Heacham. Attendance is free.

Finally, launching in July, we will be holding our very own **Summer Reading Quest** for children aged 4-8 years old. Full details next month.

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Do you remember before the days of chip and pin existed?

Heacham Parish Church

I can recall a moment when I purchased a cup of coffee from a coffee house in London and I had to sign my name on the sales receipt. And in that moment it dawned on me that our days are full of transactions, with every person we meet and interact with, we leave some kind of expression. We are constantly leaving a signature.

For those of us who follow Christ we are in fact Jesus' signature in the world. In every place we find ourselves, whether it's at the gym, the office, school gates when we drop off or collect our children, or indeed inside a coffee shop, we are a signature, an expression, a hallmark of Jesus himself.

For all of us, whether a Christian or not, think through your interactions over the past 24 hours.

What sort of signature did your lifestyle leave behind?

Where did you get it right?

Where do you think there is room for improvement?

Think, learn and adjust.

Steve Cook
Licensed Lay minister
Heacham Parish Church

Save the date: 10th September 2024

Please see the exciting bell and cupola update elsewhere in this Newsletter and watch out for more details for the Thanksgiving Celebrations for the Coronation bell and Cupola in September.

Church Opening Times

The Church is open from 10am to 4pm every day.

Church Services

There will be a service in church every Sunday at 10am. Services are live-streamed on Heacham Parish Church YouTube channel. We also have a recording of the service on our YouTube channel which will be available each Sunday, after the service has taken place.

June 2024

2nd June: Morning Worship

9th June: Holy Communion

16th June: Morning Worship

23rd June: Holy Communion

30th June: Morning Worship

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on Heacham Parish Church You Tube channel

HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH in church

At 10am every Sunday morning

Everyone always welcome

Bereavement Support Group

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is on 6th June from 10am till 12 noon, at the Pine Residents Hall. For more information contact the Church Office.

Chit Chat and Coffee

Everyone is welcome to this monthly coffee morning at St Mary's Church, Heacham.

All ages welcome.

Tuesday @ 10 – 11.30am

18th June



Prayer Tree

We have a prayer tree in church on which you can write a name or situation that you want to pray for, and you would like the church to pray for, by writing and hanging it on the tree. God hears your prayer, and we will pray for you. If you cannot get to church and would like a name added, contact the church office.

Morning Prayer

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am on Zoom.

Tuesday and Thursday 9am in church.

Everyone is welcome (Zoom link from the church office.)

We pray for all who live and work in our village community, for our shops and businesses, our schools, residential homes, surgery, amenities, etc.

If you would like us to pray for you specifically, or someone or a situation on your heart, please contact the church office.

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HEACHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Station Road, Heacham



Minister: Rev. Dr Richman Ncube
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June 2024

We extend a warm welcome to all

Sunday Morning Services: 10.30am unless otherwise stated

2nd June: Terry Martin – Trinity Sunday

9th June: Marianne Baguley – Methodist Homes for the Aged Service.

16th June: Marianne Baguley – Father's Day

23rd June Rev Dr Richman Ncube – Refugee Sunday and the Holy Communion

30th June: Local Arrangement

Midweek Communion

10.30am - 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Bible Study

10.30am - 4th Thursday of the month.

Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2.45pm

Other Important Dates

Saturday 6th July 2.00pm – Afternoon Tea in aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA)

Open Church (Tuesday mornings.) 10am-12 noon.

Noah's Ark Toddler Group

Wednesdays – 1.30–3.00pm (term time.) Heacham Methodist School Room. c/o Marianne Baguley (07880 364326.)


Coffee Morning – Saturday 15th June, 10.00am

Again – ALL are welcome to join us. For further information, please contact Marianne Baguley (07880 364326) Senior Steward.

Charities we are supporting this year: Water Aid, Action for Children, Matjinge – Zimbabwe water project.

We think of all our friends whose absence we notice on Sunday mornings – prayerfully- along with members of our community, especially those feeling unwell or isolated.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

1 Peter 1:3

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Heacham Methodist Fellowship

Tuesday 25th June at 2.30pm

Speaker:- Emma Wordsworth

‘Confessions of a Carer’

Coronation Bell and Bellcote Update

The bellcote project is moving on at a pace with efforts intensifying to have the work completed by late June or early July.

Much of the major structure has now been completed and is in position on the tower. Many of the smaller intricate pieces have been painstakingly hand crafted which is time consuming when the craftsmen strive for that perfect fit.

The last few weeks have seen three important visitors climb the tower to view the progress. Firstly the architect came to sign off the completed work and allow the next stage to begin. Next came Neil Thomas, “the bell man”, who needed to decide the exact positioning of the Coronation bell prior to its installation. Then finally, and possibly the most significant visitor to date, was our very own Vicar! Braving the steep climb and narrow steps she confronted the dizzy heights and was able to view for herself the work being undertaken.

A Day of Thanksgiving is being planned for TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, which will include the opportunity to view the oldest and newest bells in Norfolk alongside each other before the Coronation bell is installed in the new bellcote; displays, refreshments and a Service of Thanksgiving with The Rt Revd Jane Steen, The Bishop of Lynn. More details to follow next month about this special celebration day to which all will be welcome.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in so many ways with helpful ideas, practical help, financial input and continued interest...without your support this project would never have been possible.

But, it's not over yet so watch this space for further details!

Debra & Chris Wright



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Sallywags Parent, Baby & Toddler Group



It was lovely to see Theo pop back to Sallywags following a hospital stay recently - he loves to paint and draw and I thought I'd share his gorgeous smiley masterpiece! Thank you Theo!



And how cute are Neicia and Eliah's teddy peg badges?



And this one too!



Sallywags Parent Baby & Toddler Group
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Jo
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Heacham Parish Council invite you to celebrate the anniversary with the lighting of the village Beacon at 21:45pm in the Millenium Wood.

Bring stout shoes and a torch.

Plenty of grass parking.

Cllr Robert Pritchard

General Knowledge Quiz

Fruit Cocktail

1. The popular cocktail Tequila Sunrise uses Grenadine syrup to obtain the distinctive layered redness in the glass. From which fruit is Grenadine made?
2. Which fruit gave The Stranglers a top-ten hit in May 1977?
3. The Wimbledon Men's Singles Trophy, first awarded in 1887, has which fruit on its top?
4. During the D-Day landings, what code-name was given to the huge temporary portable harbours towed across the Channel to facilitate off-loading of materiel?
5. The song "Play that Funky Music" reached No.7 in the U.K. Charts in 1976. Which U.S. band took it there?
6. According to Greek mythology, the giant serpent-like dragon Ladon protected which fruit in the Garden of the Hesperides?
7. Which absent-minded academic character in Cluedo has the first name Edgar?
8. If you ordered a dish in a French restaurant that was described as "Veronique", which fruit would you expect to find in the sauce or garnish?
9. Which small citrus fruit shares its name with a province on the Japanese island of Kyushu and a type of porcelain work?
10. What fruit is used to make a tapenade?
11. During the Vietnam war, the Americans sprayed a toxic herbicide on jungle areas to act as a defoliant - its dreadful effects are still being experienced today! What was its code name?
12. What is the name of the carpenter in Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream?

Answers on page 35



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Another Recipe from The Prudent Pensioner

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Ingredients:

1 Banana
Honey
Greek Yogurt

Method:

Peel banana and slice diagonally making slices a petal shape. Arrange slices into shape of flower on base of dish.

Drizzle honey over.

Pour over 2 tablespoons of Greek yogurt.

Drizzle more honey over yogurt and it is ready to serve and enjoy.

“Less Waste more Soup” 30 easy, budget friendly recipes for nourishing soup is available in Kindle format from Amazon. The updated book “Less Waste more Soup” 45 easy, budget friendly recipes for nourishing soup is available from Ridouts Bakery in Heacham, Docking Farmers Market, By The Book in Hunstanton and Hunstanton indoor market and Robert & Christine home shopping.

A search in Amazon for Doreen Reed will find both books (together with my books of light hearted poems & tales.)

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Heacham Walking Football Club

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Competing were Sheringham, Redwell and King's Lynn.

Manager Steve Watson was very happy to see his team win with Sheringham coming second. This cup will be played for annually. Everyone had a great day with tea, coffee and cake in the pavilion. Donations of £82.50 were collected for this year's charity - Heacham Minors football kit.

If you would like to know more about walking football, contact Steve on 07931 383401. Practice is every Monday 5.00-6.00pm on Heacham 3G pitch near Heacham's sport and social club.

Heacham's next match at home is on 29th June. Why not come along and support us.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Heacham are pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Hunt, from 1st May, as 1st team Manager. Paul has a wealth of experience at this level, not only having played in this league but also has twice been the manager of Swaffham Town in The Thurlow Nunn Premier Division.

2. The Club will be running 3 teams next season:-
- 1st Team in Thurlow Nunn Premier Division
 - Reserve Team in Fosters Solicitors Anglian Combination Division 5
 - Thurlow Nunn U18 League. (This will hopefully see a number of our current U16 players move up to this level).

THE TEAMS

1st Team

The team completed their fixtures with two very hard away games, which resulted in a 4 nil loss at Walsham Le Willows and a 6 nil defeat at Thetford Town. Although it wasn't the end of the season that everyone connected to the club wanted, the main aim was to stay in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division, and that was achieved. A lot has been learned in our debut season at this level (step 5) and I am sure that next season will see the team climb up the division, with possibly some cup runs to add to the excitement of the 2024/25 season.

Further information on all this season's fixtures/results and the final league table can all be found on The Thurlow Nunn League website.



END OF SEASON AWARDS NIGHT

This was held on Saturday 18th May, in the Public Hall. A full list of winners will appear in next month's Newsletter.

Heacham F.C. U16s

They compete in The Norfolk Combined Youth Football League (Under 16 Premier League).

There are two games to report on, firstly a narrow 3-2 defeat away to Champions Blofield United Youth F.C. U16 and a very good away win at Old Catton Juniors F.C. U16 by 4 goals to 1. There is still one more league game to play (home 26th May v Mulbarton Wanderers F.C. U16 Falcons k.o. 10am) but the team can be very proud of their league position (4th) and also what an achievement to reach the final of the County Cup in their first season.

Further information on all this season's fixtures/results and the final league table can be found on The Norfolk Combined Youth Football League website.

U18 Player Recruitment

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Please get in touch to confirm your place in one of the trial dates.

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Ground Upgrades and Club Development Fund

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Voluntary Treasurer

The Club are pleased to announce that George Rawlings has now agreed to take on this role.

Sponsorship / Advertising News

The Football Club offer various forms of sponsorship/advertising and if you are interested in getting involved with the Club next season, then please contact the club for further information of the packages available, by email at: commercial.heachamfc@gmail.com

Pin Badges

The Official Heacham F.C. pin badge and the Anglian Combination Premier Champions 2021/22 pin badge are now priced both at only £3 each and both can be purchased on match days but they are also available from behind the bar at The Heacham Sports & Social Club.

Match Day Programmes

Did you miss collecting any programmes? There are a limited number of programmes still available from some games for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons. Please get in touch (email address shown below) with any requirements you have and I will check our stock.

The 2024 "50/50 Club"

Results for May, June and July draws will be published in next month's Newsletter.

Supporters Club News

Supporters Club Membership is now closed but details will be in the July issue of The Heacham Newsletter for next season with Membership for the 2024/25 season being available from 1st August.

If you require any further information on any of the matters mentioned, then please contact me on the email address shown below. You can also keep up to date with all the latest news on our Facebook page:- Heacham F C Supporters Club.

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Heacham at Night

by Terry Parish

I missed last month's as I was on holiday and didn't have time to sort it beforehand. I was in Texas on a short tour organised to see the total eclipse of the Sun at Waxahachie, Texas. Despite threatening storms and early morning fog, the clouds cleared, and the eclipse was seen in all its glory.

I had the same camera and kit that I used in 2017 for that year's Great American Eclipse. This one was longer, at 4 minutes and 20 seconds, than the 2 minutes and 26 seconds I enjoyed at Casper, Wyoming. If you haven't seen one, it is impossible to describe the experience: the gradual diminishing and changes in quality of light, the cooling of the atmosphere – very weird when moments before it was a hot day – birds roosting and a descending stillness. There is still much light right up to the moment of totality which is preceded by the Moon's shadow sweeping towards you (this was not as dramatic from my position in 2017 as, then, there were steep hills which the shadow traversed). The Sun winks out after the diamond ring is seen, a brilliant flash of light escaping around the edge of the Moon.



Then there is a black disc, the Moon, surrounded by the glow of the extended Sun's atmosphere, the Corona.

Photo: Sun nearly gone.



Photo: Totality. The corona, which was extensive, is not shown well. Prominences visible on screen.

Around the edges of the Moon, very small, isolated red lights were visible. These were solar prominences, great flares arcing thousands of miles into space. I used ordinary binoculars to study these. One, near the bottom of the Moon's disc, was tremendous and shaped like a shark's fin. I didn't observe Bailey's Beads this time. They are bits of sunlight which pass through valleys on the Moon's edge. It may be that I wasn't quick enough, but I didn't hear any cries of 'the beads' from any others gathered on the field around me. The Moon was closer to the Earth by a tad than in 2017 so the Sun's disc was a little way inside the disc of the Moon rather than exactly on it so, perhaps that made Bailey's beads less likely to be seen.

I did see both Jupiter and Venus in the 'night' sky but not Uranus which would have needed a telescope. Neither did I see the much vaunted comet which was there somewhere. No-one reported



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seeing that and I have had no sightings of it reported locally either. Four minutes and 20 seconds later, the second Diamond Ring, on the opposite edge of the Moon, appeared and totality was over.



Photo: Second diamond ring.

Of course, preceding and following totality is the gradual eating up and rebirth of the Sun. I have seen partial eclipses a number of times including two at Heacham. There is one due in March 2025 where over a third of the Sun will be covered by the Moon and then, in August 2026, 90% of the Sun will vanish. Enjoy them but realise that a partial of any description is not anything like a total. And to view a partial you must use filters, eclipse glasses or similar. I mentioned my using ordinary binoculars on the total, filters would have rendered invisible the details I and others were there to see. The use of binoculars is frowned upon by safety first people, but I didn't use them until totality and I listened for the warning shout of 'Filters On' which was organised. I also kept half an eye on

time elapsed, otherwise I would have been left with just that, half an eye. My photographs of the event are not as good as those I took in 2017. Don't know why but there we are. I did spend more time looking than fiddling with equipment and that's what you should do, look and wonder.

I went on an organised tour with my son whereas, in 2017, we organised it all ourselves and did a road trip in a much more interesting location than southern Texas. The tour was not great and destinations were, of course, down to the tour operator who relied too much on their American partners to decide what was worth looking at. In brief, we visited the Johnson Space Centre at Houston. The principal reason for going there would have been to enter the control room where Moon missions were directed, 'Houston, we have a problem', is the famous phrase from the Apollo 13 equipment failure. Unfortunately, the organisers, who had two years to sort things, hadn't booked tickets. The shuttle craft perched on the back of a Boeing 747 was interesting though, and you can touch moon rock and look at material brought back from Asteroid Bennu. Other space artefacts had their interest but the rocket park was disappointing if you had seen the one at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, which I have.



Photo: Shuttle on the back of a 747. It was possible to enter both.




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San Antonio, with its partially man-made river through its centre, is well worth a visit. The river walk is busy but pretty and full of places to eat. Its associated attraction, The Alamo, is somewhat a bore though not so to the Americans who flock there. The old film I saw in my childhood shows the Alamo in the middle of nowhere where heroes like Davy Crocket are besieged by the bad Mexicans. William Travis, Texan commander, refused to surrender and so all his men were killed in the ensuing battle (they were warned.) Repercussions led to Texas becoming part of the US of A, hence the veneration paid to The Alamo. The visitor site is part of a church, a bit of wall, and a museum full of old guns etc.

Austin, the capital of Texas, is interesting though, seen from a coach, was a limited experience in the day. However, my son and I ignored the 'attractions' of the designated evening venue at an eatery and club to walk to the Congress Avenue Bridge where, from 1980, a million Mexican Free Tailed bats have made their home. In the season, at sunset, they fly out and several thousand people gather to see the spectacle. There are even riverside boat trips to view them which helps because they bring red flood lights with them. It was one of the best moments in the tour though NOT on the itinerary.



Photo: Awaiting the bats evening flight. We saw them as a fluttering black cloud.

The Fort Worth Stockyards and Championship Rodeo are not so much a disappointment as a con. Fort Worth was the centre of long horn cattle trading back in the day. To celebrate that they have an afternoon cattle drive where thousands line the street to watch them. I was one amongst the crowd, my son sensibly went to the hotel early but not before visiting the John Wayne experience, really interesting. I spent my additional waiting time in a museum run by volunteers, cheap and worthwhile. The cattle drive moment came and four, maybe 5, cattle wondered down the road, nuff said. I have seen rodeos at several places including an excellent one at Casper in 2017. The Fort Worth one is over hyped and suspect in the manner the bucking broncos and cattle are made to perform. Two of the activities involved public participation, children, chasing animals around the arena to pluck off ribbons. The Americans lapped it up.

The last visit was to Dallas, specifically the location of the Kennedy assassination. There are Xs on the roadway where the first shots hit the cavalcade and where the second ones struck the President. That might appear a little weird but people standing on them, in the middle of a busy road, so they can be photographed or take selfies struck me as sick. There is a museum, inside the former Texas school book repository where Lee Harvey Oswald (possibly) fired the fatal shots. I stayed there for about 20 mins of the 2-hour slot and then went walkabout. I still remember where I was on Nov 2nd, 1963, when the news was released, the Birmingham Bull Ring which had an early electronic news screen. Lyndon B Johnson was sworn in as the new president and we are back where the tour started, the Johnson Space Centre. He wanted the NASA bubble to come to Texas. And we must not forget his wife, Lady Bird Johnson, she brought flowers to Texas, encouraging large drifts of native flowers which are still evident today. It is against state law to pick them or even walk amongst them. The towering cities and cleanliness of southern Texas impress but the splashes of colour are welcome.

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Perhaps I should mention astronomy. I have neglected it in the last year, I didn't even see the dramatic display of the Aurora. I intend to use the time I now have to get back into it.

It is the Summer Solstice on June 20th, the longest day and shortest night. Observations at reasonable hours are very difficult. Do look out for noctilucent clouds. These glow after sunset and are found towards the north. They are very high-altitude clouds lit by the sun when it is well below the horizon.

If you get up before sunrise, which is around 4am, on June 2nd and 3rd you will find red Mars close to the crescent Moon. On the 27th, 28th, Saturn will be by the half Moon. You can use the Moon to find a few stars in late evening. On the 8th and 9th around 10pm, the crescent Moon is close to Castor and Pollux. On the 16th, the slightly gibbous Moon almost touches Spica whilst a few days later, on the 19th and 20th, a waxing Moon is close to red giant Antares. Its name means 'The Rival of Mars.' It is 550 light years away, is nearing the end of its life and will one day explode as a supernova.

At the end of the month, Mercury may be visible low in the NW after sunset. It sets about 10.30pm. Scan for a spark close to the horizon and then use binoculars – not before sunset!

Enjoy any sun but remember it is a big nuclear powered entity capable of spitting particles at us which create the aurora and be thankful for the Earth's magnetic field which prevents other harm.

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MONDAYS

Fitsteps 9.45am To book Tel:Jaime 571395 or 07765433100 or email jaimefitsteps@gmail.com (SG)

CHAT Club 2nd Monday of the month 10am – 12noon Hunstanton Community Centre

Hunstanton Community Cafe 10am – 1pm Community Hub, Hunstanton Town Hall

Norfolk & Waveney Mind - Rest in the Community Hub 10:00 - 2:30 Mental health drop in support at 4 Poplar Ave. tel 01485 572707

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Stretch and Relax Classes 10.30 -11.15am Dersingham Village Centre. To book contact Kyra on 07968354431 or kyracruise7@gmail.com

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Walkfit 12.00 noon Contact Jaime (see Fitsteps) (SG)

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Heacham Wives Group – 2nd Monday of most months 2pm at Cunningham Court Community Hall. New members always welcome.

Heachamites Recollections Group 1st Monday monthly, 2-4pm at Heacham Library. Attendance is free. (SM)

Snettisham Monday Sequence Tea dance club at Snettisham Memorial hall from 2 pm to 4.30 pm. Please contact Peter or Jan on 01485543660 for more details.

Heacham Flower Club 2.30pm every 3rd Monday January – November. For info tel Joy Waldron 07594616597 (MC)

Strength & Balance Class 4.40pm Hunstanton Conservative Club.

Walking Football for the over 50s 5pm Astroturf pitch at Heacham Social club. For more information contact Heacham Walking Football on Facebook or Steve Watson on 07931 383401.

Football Under 14's 6-7pm Contact Jason 07867527706 (HSC) playing fields

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Hunstanton Bridge Club 6.45pm for 7pm Online Pairs with RealBridge. See bridgeweb.com/hunstanton for details

Heacham Table Tennis Club 7pm League Matches in the Hall (PH)

Heacham In Bloom 3rd Monday Monthly 7pm (PC)

Hunstanton and District Community Voices 7.00pm every Monday, The Way Christian Fellowship Church Hall, Downs Close, Hunstanton. First week free, no singing experience required. For more information contact lesley.trebbick@btinternet.com or ring 07802 879976.

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Snettisham Art Group 10am - 12noon at The British Legion Hall, Snettisham. Call Les on 01485 572370 for further details.

Carpet Bowls 10.15 for a 10.30 start £2.50 Tel 570460(PH)

Gentle Pilates and Exercise Class (seated) 10.15am and 11.15am Dersingham Methodist Church Hall. Contact Anne on 07717333234, or email activehealthpam@gmail.com

Coastal Stroke & Support Group 10.30am -12.30pm at Hunstanton Methodist Church Austin St

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Friendship Lunches 1st Tuesday of each month. 12.30 pm Two-course meal £7. To book call Shirley on 01485 540644 at Dersingham Village Centre

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Walk and Talk 2pm 2nd Tuesday of the month. Hunstanton Library

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The Fellowship 2.45pm fourth Tuesday of the month (MC)

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Cash Bingo 7.30pm Hunstanton Conservative Club

Village Cinema last Tuesday of the month 7:30pm Dersingham Village Centre. £6 Details 01485 543195

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Midweek Communion 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30am (MC)

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Trefoil Guild 2 - 4pm 1st Wednesday of the month For info please ring Judith on 01485 571311. (NC)

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Heacham Little Dragons Korean martial arts of self defence Ages 5+ 4.30-5.30pm Tel: Ian 07806622154 (SG)

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Tai Chi & Kung Fu 6-7.15pm-Childrens Kung Fu 7.15-8.15pm-Adult Tai Chi 8.15-9.30pm-Adult Kung Fu Tel:Derek 01553 674779 (PRH)

Kundalini Yoga 6.30pm-7.30pm at Ringstead Village Hall. Contact Gail on 07837 761724

Hatha Yoga 6.30 - 7.30pm. Ring Bridget on 07477 335155 or just come along with your own yoga mat. (OFH)

Whist 7pm Hunstanton Conservative Club

Heavenly Honeys of Heacham 7pm 1st Wednesday of the month. For more info contact tracyraby61@gmail.com (HSC)

West Norfolk Singers 7.15 - 9.15pm For info Tel: 571315 Anne Davis www.westnorfolksingers.org.uk/ (MC)

Snettisham Gardening Club last Wednesday of the month 7:30 - 8:30pm at the Memorial Hall. For info call Gail Lees 01485 541279 or Addie Thompson 01485 544754

Men's Fellowship 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham



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THURSDAYS

Kundalini Yoga 9.30am at Ingoldisthorpe Village Hall. Contact Gail on 07837 761724

Table Tennis Club 10am (PH Top Room)

Pop-Up Coffee Shop 10am – 12.30 at Dersingham Village Centre. Hot & cold drinks, quiche & cake.

Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon (1st & 3rd Thursdays) at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham

Bereavement Support In Heacham 10 am till 12 noon on the first Thursday in the month. Contact the church office 01485 572539 / email: heacham.church@gmail.com (PRH)

Oddfellows Get Together 11am, third Thursday of the month at Thaxters Coffee Shop, Dersingham. For further details please contact Alison or Jonathan on 01553 7776030. E-mail: alison.schultz@oddfellows.co.uk

Norfolk & Waveney Mind - Rest in the Community Hub 10:00 – 15:00 Older Persons Group and 14:00- 15:30 Men's Recovery Group at 4 Poplar Ave. tel 01485 572707 **Snettisham Art Group** 10am – 12noon at The British Legion Hall, Snettisham. Call Les on 01485 572370 for further details.

Carpet Bowls 10.15 for a 10.30 start £2.50 Tel 570460 (PH)

Stretch and Relax Classes 10.30 – 11.15am Dersingham Village Centre. Details as on Mondays.

Craft Club 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm - 4pm at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham. Bring your own project if you like.

Norfolk Knitters Cunningham Court 2-4pm. Every 2 Weeks. Contact Suzanne Cameron 03701924796

Craft and Knit and Natter 2 – 4pm Docking Village Hall. A donation required. Call Anne Swift on 01485 518685.

Bingo 2pm at Sunnyside Close (Retirement Housing for 60+) Tel: 570492

50/50 Tea Dance 2 – 4pm at Hunstanton Community Centre, Avenue Rd. £4 inc refreshments. All Welcome

Tea Dance every week. Old time line dancing and sequence 2pm –4.30pm at the Public Hall. Call George 01775 670294

Hunstanton WI 4th Thursday of the month at 2:15pm Methodist Hall, Hunstanton.

Football Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's 4.30 - 6pm U14's 6.30 - 7pm Adults Open Match 8-9pm Contact Jason 07867527706 (HSC) playing fields

Judo 5 - 6pm 3 - 6 year olds; 6 - 7pm 6 - 11 year olds; 7pm-9pm 12years up (including adults). £2 per class (first one free) . Call Josh 07432 586668 (PH)

Hunstanton Bridge Club 'Duplicate Bridge' 6.30pm for 6.45 pm. From Sept 16th at Old Hunstanton Village Hall

1st Heacham Cubs ages 8 – 10yrs Term Time 6.45 –8.30pm Tel: Jemma 07962 611122 (SG)

St Mary's Snettisham, Thursday Suppers - 7pm at Park Farm Visitor's Centre - a good meal, fellowship and Christian teaching - all welcome - cash donations go to the Hunstanton Food Bank

Hunstanton Army Cadets Hunstanton Community Centre 7.00-9.30pm Young people in School Year 8 Contact: Martyn Hannant - 07824184259 / 01485 576388

Hunstanton and District Camera Club 7.30pm, first and third Thursday of the months September to May. Common Room, Orchard Close, Dersingham.

Snooker League 7.30pm Hunstanton Conservative Club

RAO Buffaloes 7.30pm (HSC Top Room)

Poker Games (league)7:30pm United Services Club

Cash Bingo 8pm at United Services Club

Quiz Night Cash Prizes 9pm at Fox & Hounds

FRIDAYS

Friendship Group 10.30 am – 12 noon at Hunstanton Community Centre. Come for a cuppa & a chat & to meet new people. Julie – 07927 467984, Sue – 07891 506912

Pop-Up Coffee Shop 10am – 12.30 at Dersingham Village Centre. Hot & cold drinks, quiche & cake.

Employment Plus pop-in service 10 am – 12 noon at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham

Wool Crafts 11 am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280

Lunch from 12noon - 2pm at United Services Club. Varied menu. To book - 07901 524778

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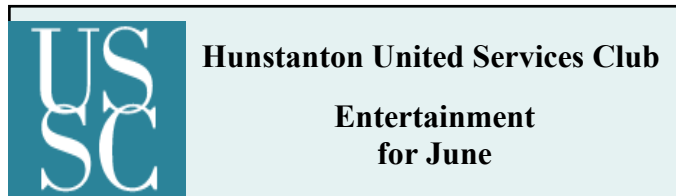


St Mary's Snettisham, Friday Lunches - 12:30pm at Snettisham Church Hall, 100 Station Rd - a light meal, fellowship and Christian teaching - all welcome - cash donations go to the Hunstanton Food Bank

Raffle 1pm Hunstanton Conservative Club

Heavenly Honeys of Heacham 2pm 1st Friday of the month. For more info contact tracyraby61@gmail.com (HSC)

Football Under 10's 'Minors' 5 - 6.30pm on playing fields Contact Jay 07711779415 (HSC)



Hunstanton United Services Club

Entertainment for June

Please note that the Entrance Fee for Non-members on Saturday Night is £5 per person.

SAT 1st DR PHIL. MOTOWN & SOUL MAN. 8.30pm.
SUN 2nd PRIZE BINGO. Eyes down 5.30pm.
FRI 7th PAGAN (Shane Gould) Rock & Roll & 60s. 8pm.

Please note that non-member entrance to see PAGAN is £5 per person.

SAT 8th LAURIE HAYLEY DUO 60s. Former members of The Rubettes. 8.30pm.
FRI 14th CORRIE LEWIS. Motown & More. 8pm

Please note that non-member entrance to see CORRIE is £5 per person.

SAT 15th JOHN CARR. Great Vocals. All eras. 8.30pm.
FRI 21st QUIZ NIGHT. First prize £50. TEAMS up to 4 PERSONS. £4pp including supper. 8pm.
SAT 22nd STEVE MOYSE. All eras. 8.30pm.
FRI 28th DIAMOND PAULS MIXED BAG DISCO. All requests played. 8pm.
SAT 29th MOVE IT BAND. Rock & Roll. 8.30 pm.

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Hunstanton Tang Soo Do Club Korean martial arts of self defence mixed club all ages 6.30 - 8.30pm at Smithdon

Cash Bingo 7pm (PH)

Cash Bingo 7.30pm Hunstanton Conservative Club **Wildfowlers Club** 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm (HSC Top Room)

Poker In The Club 1st Friday each month 7.30pm (PH)

Stepping Out Tea Dance last Friday monthly. £6 inc refreshments at Dersingham Village Centre call Peg Hunter 07930 556675

SATURDAYS

Hunstanton Promenade Parkrun 8.55 for 9am. 5km run, jog or walk. Meet at The Salad Bowl Cafe, Cliff Parade, Hunstanton

Football U13'S 10-11.30am Contact Mike 07804927764 (HSC Sports Field)

Christian Youth Group 3rd Sat monthly 10am-12 noon ages 10-14 Cost £1 at Dersingham Church Hall More info from Karen Creedy 07717231096

Storytime 11am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280

Games Session 11.30am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280

Raffle with 'Open The Box' 1pm Hunstanton Conservative Club.

Indie Arts Club 2nd Sat monthly 1-4pm at Hunstanton Town Hall Basement Entry & Membership free. Book in advance via email: bookings@wattsington.com

West Norfolk Tai Chi Chuan –weekly local Tai Chi classes www.west-norfolk-tai-chi.com for information.

SUNDAYS

Sunday Masses 9am Mountbatten Rd, Dersingham and 11am Sandringham Rd, Hunstanton. Catholic Parish 01485 534675

Sunday Lunch Carvery from 12noon - 2pm at United Services Club. To book - 07901 524778


Sunday Lunch from 12noon – 2pm at Hunstanton Conservative club. Two courses £8.95, please book.

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OTHER EVENTS.

June

June Events at Anmer Social Club

For info see www.anmerclub.co.uk, [facebook.com/AnmerSocialClub](https://www.facebook.com/AnmerSocialClub) or email anmer.club@outlook.com

Club open 30 mins before event start time.

Monday 3rd 7.30pm Bingo. £6.50 for ten cards, £1.50 for a flyer card, £2/card for cash accumulator.

Friday 14th 7.30pm Film Night 'Wicked Little letters'. £4 on the door.

Saturday 15th 7.30pm Summer Fiesta. Strawberries & cream, Pimm, music by Mike Terry.

Music in the Burnhams

For more info go to musicintheburnhams.com or ring 07989 177079. Tickets £20 each under 18 free

Saturday 8th June 3pm at All Saints Church, Sutton cum Ulph, Burnham Market, Henriette Poos (harp)

Saturday 15th June 3pm at Saint Mary's Church, Brancaster, Ben Holland (violin) and Brenda Blewett (piano).

Saturday 29th June 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Sutton cum Ulph Burnham Market, Wild Men of the Baroque (recorders and harpsichord)

Hunstanton carnival -

Friday 21st June from 4pm, live music on the Green.

Saturday 22nd June from 12 noon until late, KL1 Radio with live bands.

Sunday 23rd June from 8am, KL1 Radio and stalls on the Green and Upper Green. The Procession.

June in the Library

This month's display will be celebrating Heacham In Bloom's 15th Anniversary. Free.

Thursday 6th June 2pm, The Reading Room Stanhoe, Stanhoe and Barwick WI. Lizzie Scott 'Life as a 1930s scullery maid at Blickling Hall' £5 includes refreshments. For more details contact Valerie on 01485 576261

Thursday 6th June 9.45pm at The Millenium Wood, lighting of the beacon to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Friday 7th June 7.30 and Saturday 8th June 2 pm and 7.30 Heacham Public Hall, Pocahontas Players present 'Borrowed Love'. Raised seating, £10, Stalls £8. Tickets from Janice 01485 570402 or Jim 01485 571267

Sunday 9th June 10am – 4pm RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre Open Day. Free.

Monday 10th June 2pm Sedgeford Village Hall, The Arts Society Lecture: 'The Divine Sunflower in Art & Culture' . www.theartssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

Saturday 15th June and Sunday 16th June 10am – 4pm Hunstanton Town Hall, Bees by the Sea. All things honey bees. Free

Monday 17th June 7pm Parish Offices, Heacham in Bloom meeting. All welcome.

Monday 17th June 2pm Community Hall, Hunstanton. U3a. Philip Cane will be providing various anecdotes of a Raconteur! For further information please see our website: www.hunstantonu3a.org or call 07443763679.

Saturday 22nd June 2.30pm Heacham Methodist Hall (behind the Chapel, opposite Boots), Words and Music for Matjinge. Admission & refreshments free, but donations invited for Matjinge Water Project.

Saturday 22nd June 7pm Dersingham Village Centre 'Midsummer Musical Miscellany' £4 in advance from Dersingham Post office, £5 on the door, children up to Year 6 free. Food from pop-up vendors will be available.

Sunday 23rd June 10am – 4pm RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre Open Day. Free.

Tuesday 25th June 7.30pm Dersingham Village Centre, film 'Wicked Little Letters' £6, under 16s £3

Wednesday 26th June 10am – noon Community Coffee Morning and More, Old Friends Hall.

Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm Memorial Hall, Old Church Rd, Snettisham. Snettisham Gardening Club, Fay Jones will be talking about Nettles. Further information from Gail 01485 541279 or Addie 01485 544754.

Saturday 29th June 10am – 4pm H DFA Craft Fair, Town Hall, Hunstanton.

Saturday 29th June 17.30pm Amy Robsart Village Hall, Syderstone, Film 'Next Goal Wins'. Tickets £4 (advance booking, pay on door). Call 01485 578171 or syderstonecinema_ARVH@outlook.com.

July

Thursday 4th July 2pm, The Reading Room Stanhoe, Stanhoe and Barwick WI. A talk by Matt Curtis of British Divers Marine Life Rescue. £5 includes refreshments. For more details contact Valerie on 01485 576261

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July 12 noon - 7pm, The Green Hunstanton, Hunstanton Music Festival

August

Thursday 22nd August 2-5pm, Hunstanton Town Hall, A Musical afternoon in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance. Tickets £2.50 from Georgie's Cafe, High St.

Hunstanton Conservative Club

24 High Street, Hunstanton
PE36 5AF
Tel: 01485 532462

Entertainment for June

The Club opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-10pm.

Sunday 11am-10pm.

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10am-11pm.

The club will be open later on entertainment evenings.

Sat 1st: **Quiz Night**
Mon 3rd: **Coffee/Brandy & Scone** - £2.
From 3.00pm
Sat 8th: **Music Night.** Soul/Motown
Food served from 6.00pm
Wed 26th: **Cream Teas** from 3.00pm

Thurs June 20th: Coach trip to Southwold
Thurs July 18th: Cromer for End of Pier Show
Please book both trips at the Bar.

The U3A Spanish class meets every second Monday morning.

Yoga for U3A members on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

Mondays: Strength and Balance Class – 4.40pm
Wednesdays: Scrabble 10.00am. Whist Drive 7.00pm
Fridays: Lunchtime Raffle drawn at 1.00pm
Saturdays: 'Open the Box' draw at 1.00pm

Cash Bingo – Tuesdays and Fridays
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 Facebook: Search for Save Our Studio
 Sign our Petition: change.org/SaveOurStudioat55

Esther Boehm opened Studio @ 55 on the High Street, Heacham in October 2017. In these 6+ years we have watched it grow into a vibrant community art hub.

Sadly, Esther has been told that she will need to *Vacate the Premises*. We don't want to see her go!

We love coming here and hope to get the support of people in Heacham and around to keep Studio @ 55 going.

Esther's work is a definite asset to the community. Not only is she a gifted artist of which Heacham should be proud — but through her courses she helps members of the community come together. We learn techniques, skills and develop our creativity. With her pottery, sculpture and printmaking classes Studio @ 55 has become a place where we come, we learn and are inspired. Also, seeing what others have done has given us the courage to try new things. Things we never dreamt of before.



Let me just share with you a snapshot of how we all feel about Esther and Studio @ 55:

"Wow what a wonderful creative space. The time just flies. Esther brings out the hidden artist within ... so relaxing and therapeutic. A form of creative meditation. A real asset to our village....." GW

"I have been going to classes at Studio @ 55 for a while now. I started with making small things ... Esther is a patient and encouraging teacher. Part of the enjoyment of the class is absorbing the knowledge from a real artist. We all enjoy the chat and the social aspect of getting together. I am currently working on a larger piece and feel thrilled at my progress. I feel that Esther has inspired me to aim higher." SH

And picking up from what SH said, the social side is as important. Studio @ 55 gives us a sense of community. We have made friends here.

"My experience has been so so amazing! I look forward to every Tuesday as it gives me time to escape everyday things and just focus on creating the most wonderful things with the most amazing, friendliest people! Esther has the most beautiful energy and I couldn't imagine going anywhere else!" US

And now I want you to hear what Esther says:
 "I have been at my studio in High Street, Heacham for almost seven years now. This space has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to develop my work and classes, fostering not only creativity but also community. The people who come here have found a place where they can meet, exchange ideas, and let their creative side flourish. It's been amazing to see the work develop."

So — although Esther's hand has been forced the time has now come for Change. A new Studio @ 55 needs to be found.

But fear not — we have a solution!

Our vision is to turn the Old Dairy site into an art hub and community space. Leaving the footprint the same.

We see the barn turned into Esther's studio and 3-D classrooms.

We envisage the Dairy building becoming a venue for local artists to sell their work — a place for the community and those who visit. Ideally, we'd love to open an Art Café.

We will have a painting and printmaking room that could also be used for meetings and by local groups.

Who knows we may even find a space for the Heacham archive. (Wouldn't that be wonderful? We love Heacham.)

We see the Old Dairy coming alive as a meeting place for events — a springboard for cultural community projects, and? ... Over to you. Why not be part of our planned independent committee and have a say?

We realise this is an enormous ask but we hope that the people of Heacham and the surrounding areas will help us find a way to make our vision become a reality— we want to save Studio @ 55 and — we want to save the Old Dairy for the community.

Please show your support for this project by visiting change.org/SaveOurStudioat55 and signing our petition and by following us on Facebook: search for Save Our Studio.

We know it will take some time for all of this to happen. And it's hanging on a whisper and a prayer. In the meantime, can anyone please give Esther and Studio @ 55 a home? If you have any ideas, please contact Esther directly at eb@estherboehm.com.



SJ Featherstone, Mo Laughton, Ann Mccullagh
 on behalf of the Studio @ 55 community.

Email: save.our.studio.55@gmail.com
 Facebook: Search for Save Our Studio
 Sign our petition: change.org/SaveOurStudioat55

Borough Council News Heacham, Sedgeford and Fring

It seems that Heacham is hell bent on maintaining its reputation as the village with the most contentious planning matters. It would likely be cheaper for the planning department to establish an office in the village, maybe the Old Dairy Site?

The saga of the campsite at South Beach continues with unlikely decisions by the planning inspectorate going in its favour. Meanwhile the white smoke on the use of Fenway and nearby applications is still awaited. Let's hope different inspectors are involved. The land next to Lidl has been turned into a scrambling track with associated noise. Complaints about this bypassed me and went straight to planning enforcement. The story told to me by third parties is that there is a plan to sell the land off for development and I await any confirmation of that. There will be few green areas left in Heacham.

The done deal on the 134 homes (or so) off Cheney Hill is lurching ever closer to its two reserved matters applications. Years have gone by but this summer is the new target. I walked over the site recently and a green and pleasant place it is, much traversed by footpaths which someone maintains. Lots of birds and wildflowers too. If the two sites had come forward in the last year, there would probably have been a different outcome.

The sea made front page of the Lynn News, that publication well known for truth and unbiased opinion. Water quality remains poor, and some organisations rate it near the bottom of the pile. A recent public meeting at Heacham, hosted by Anglian Water and the Environment Agency, tried to clarify matters and, I think, those attending realised that the situation is not clear cut, that Heacham Waste Water Treatment Works does not release untreated sewage, and that the matter is under further

investigation. I have been involved in meetings about this matter for several years. My current opinion is that sea water quality will fluctuate for undetermined reasons; the baseline will hover around poor; there will be no 'fix', and the answer will be to designate the beaches non-bathing. This does not mean people will not continue to do whatever they want to, but the requirement for testing will end. In effect, there is no obvious practical solution to remove the contamination identified.

Whilst at the seaside, the shingle ridge at Heacham is always good for a headline. Results of the EA investigation might be known by the time you read this. Now that I am free to say more than I could, I will take a gamble on what it will state or suggest: 'The ridge is secure for now and, barring severe storm events, it will protect the land behind it from sea water flooding in the near and mid-term, say 10-20 years. However, predicted sea water level rise and increasing frequency of storm events will weaken the ridge in the long term and there is no reasonable solution to this. Consequently, coastal realignment will ensue which will affect properties and businesses along and just inland of the shingle ridge. To prevent problems moving further inland, improvements will be made to the secondary flood defence and extensions to it considered.' I will be happy if the prognosis is better than this.

Sedgeford has its own issues. Housing development on the school site is one that continues. Its Neighbourhood Plan is clear on the need for smaller houses which are in the financial reach of those needing to live and work in the area. The developer, via the County Council, is pushing at the boundaries of that requirement. The second, continuing issue, is the Heacham River, not pollution but viability, as extraction of water reduces flow too much. Extraction increases in the summer months when the population doubles and rainfall is at its lowest.

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There is no effective consideration given to water supply issues when new developments are built, or caravan and other holiday sites expand. Anglian Water are intending to build at least one new reservoir which should be functioning in around 10 years' time. I am unsure what impact they will have on West Norfolk as sites are over the border. Cambridge will likely have priority as development there is on hold until its water supply is greatly increased. However, the problem is now on the agendas of AW, the EA, government, and local politicians. You will be asked, one way or another, for the money needed to enable the actions needed.

Fring had significant local flooding issues which affected toilets as well as roads. I imagine they will be forgotten about until the next time or is someone doing something about it?

The A149 has continuing quarry sand problems around the Snettisham island. A road sweeper appears more regularly but this does not touch the pavement nor the traffic bollards. A wet day means cars get coated in slurry. Wheel washing is needed on the quarry site. Can any interested County Cllrs take note?

A potential good news story at the Lamsey Lane junction. At the last meeting of the West Norfolk Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group, which I chaired, County officers informed us that money had been found for the junction improvements talked about when Wild Ken Hill got permission to extend its operations. Work will be done either next year or in 2026. Whether it is an island or traffic lights is yet to be confirmed.

The Borough


I am no longer Queen of the May but will likely hold another position which will tax my ageing brain. The administration is very well set up to move forward on policies and projects and there may be more stability in the structure with a formal arrangement with Labour. Whatever, the 10 Labour councillors (now without Charles Joyce) are a dedicated group who want the best for their Wards and the Borough as a whole so they sit well alongside the 21 members of the Independent Partnership. A change in the Tory Leadership is welcomed and I hope those 21 councillors in his group can now be more easily accommodated. However, it's not up to me any more. Those of you who count councillors will find 3 left out, 2 who, I think, are the Progressive Party, and Charles Joyce, independent Independent. I wish him well.

There is much going on and much to emerge soon: Council housing companies; Alive Leisure; the Guildhall, and public engagement. The latter is our promise to ask the public what they want about all sorts of things so look out for opportunities to engage. A new Chief Executive should soon be appointed. I remain heavily involved in that process as I began it. From that appointment emerges opportunities to restructure the Council if deemed necessary. The financial plughole inherited last May has not gone away but it is now more controlled, and it is clearer about how to proceed. Increased council tax on second homes will help and negotiations

to improve the Borough's share of that money are proceeding at a pace. I have received letters and emails complaining about this increase which I sanctioned. I can only say, again, that national government allowed it because they know local government is underfunded and this source does not impact the exchequer. A change in government will not remove it.

The Local Plan Review continued either side of Easter. The two inspectors were rigorous and seemed to pursue lines out of kilter with views expressed by Michael Gove MP who exudes charm towards local communities whilst sending in the dogs. I was disturbed by the influence developers appeared to have on the proceedings and will await the dictats that emerge in the report. Similarly, there was a proposal which would potentially impact on Neighbourhood Plans which I did not like, and I discussed that with our Local Plan team to ensure a case for moderation was made. I will furnish details when I know the bad, poor, or good news about that.

Terry Parish
Borough Cllr Heacham Ward



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At our meeting at the Community Centre, Avenue Road, Hunstanton on Monday 17th June at 2.00pm, we will hopefully be welcoming Philip Caine.

Philip will be providing various anecdotes of a Raconteur!

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FURNISHED HOLIDAY LETTINGS – WHAT IS CHANGING...AND WHEN?

By Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

The development of the Furnished Holiday Lettings (FHL) market in recent years has been remarkable. From a fairly low base in the 1970s, the market has grown rapidly in recent years, and it is thought that there are over 250,000 properties let on this basis. The reasons for the growth are manifold, but probably reflect a combination of inheritance, partial use of existing second homes and the investment of increasing personal wealth in an asset which is tangible, linked to the housing market and reasonably lucrative (as well as providing a “bolt hole” for periods when it is not let). The growth was no doubt also encouraged by the 1984 tax legislative changes which recognized that a commercial FHL bears many of the characteristics of a trading business, and therefore whilst not actually bringing it within the definition of a “trade”, extended the trading advantages of Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax to a FHL which met certain conditions as to the availability, duration and frequency of short-term lettings.

One of the adverse consequences of this growth is that some parts of the country have seen a disproportionate number of properties used as FHLs with the result that local people feel priced out of the housing market. With this in mind the Chancellor announced in the Spring Budget that, with effect from April 2025 the special FHL tax treatment will be withdrawn.

What does this all mean? Certainly, on the face of it there will be a number of changes aimed at making FHL ownership less attractive from a tax point of view. For Income Tax purposes the profit will no longer be treated as pensionable earnings, mortgage interest will only be partly allowable and Capital Allowances will no longer be

claimable on furniture, fixtures and fittings. For CGT purposes any gains on sale will no longer be eligible for the deferral reliefs of rollover or holdover, and on the cessation of the business will pay the full residential CGT rate (now reduced to a maximum of 24%) rather than the Business Asset Disposal Relief (BADR) rate of 10%.

Following the Budget announcement, a number of questions have been raised. No detail was provided regarding the implementation of the new rules, nor any concessionary treatment on the consequences of the changeover, or how, in detail, one might distinguish a “trading” operation from one which is primarily rental (although there have been several decided cases on this from an Inheritance Tax viewpoint, which now may be re-examined through the Income Tax perspective).

Specifically, we do not know:

- What allowances, if any, will be available in the future for fixtures, fittings and equipment used in an FHL
- How any brought forward or ongoing losses will be relieved, and whether these can be set against other forms of property income
- Will the FHL be treated under the “cessation” rules for Income Tax resulting in a claw back of previous Capital Allowances?
- Will FHLs become exempt from VAT (and if so will there be a VAT claw back on assets used in the property?)
- How the “anti-forestalling” rules announced in the Budget will be implemented.

The matter is further complicated by the fact that no technical note or consultation document has been published, nor is there any draft legislation available. Any measures to achieve the government’s objectives in reducing the tax attractiveness of holiday lets will apparently therefore not be legislated until after the general election and not much before April 2025. Given this legislative timescale it could even mean that any changes in the rules move back by at least a year from April 2025 (if it ever actually happens?) On the basis of recent polls and local elections we might have the unusual scenario of a new government implementing fiscal policies set out by its predecessor. (But will they?)

However, it would probably be unwise to rely on a governmental change of heart, but in the absence of draft legislation, it is now (perhaps intentionally) difficult to plan. For those wanting to leave the industry or hand over to the next generation there may be a window of opportunity over this summer, but risk of anti-forestalling legislation is in the background (although this is not expected to catch simple sales, since the aim of the legislation appears to be to encourage them). Other options include simply keeping the property as a second home, selling and rolling over the gain into another business or simply moving it into existing long term residential lets (although the forthcoming Renters’ Act may discourage that possibility). Whatever the case, it will be wise to decide on a strategy sooner rather than later.

For advice regarding Furnished Holiday Lettings please contact us at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800 or kate@kathryngigg.co.uk

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N.B. Article written in May 2024.

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CHARLES EDWARD STRACHAN A Biography

Part 2

(NB: Continued from Part 1 which appeared in the May edition of this Newsletter.)

The most notable legacy of Mr Strachan's residence in the village came about shortly before the onset of war. Holcombe Ingleby had seen the need for a suitable venue for all manner of activities in a growing village which attracted holidaymakers and was the driving force behind the formation of a Public Hall Company and the erection of the hall in 1896. It had been built on land given by the le Strange estate and paid for by local shareholders but it struggled financially. It was perhaps not uncommon at the time for wealthy estate owners to establish an 'Institute' for their estate workers or villagers but the new occupant of Heacham Hall and the estate with his wealth and business background excelled himself. He purchased all the shares from the company and also about 11 acres (just under 4½ hectares) of adjoining land from the landowner which was cleared and sown with grass seed. A cricket pitch and tennis courts were created on that land and a bowling green to the east of the Public Hall. To the north of this the Social Club was built. Knowing that the first year of such an undertaking would be the most difficult, he made himself responsible for everything with the assistance of a committee and then handed over the land and buildings to trustees to be self-supporting for the benefit of the village. 1925 the wonder that was wireless (i.e. radio in those pre wi-fi days) was installed in the Public Hall and the building was extended courtesy of Strachan two years later.

Agneta Strachan formally opened the tennis courts and joined a foursome for the first match to be played on 29 May 1913. On the same day, Charles's brother William bowled the first wood to formally open the bowling green. It was on New Year's Eve of that year that Charles Strachan joined a large number of villagers to declare the Social Club open. He gave a short speech before winning the first game of billiards with the vicar. Mr Nourse, the secretary of the Head Committee nominated by the benefactor busily enrolled members at a subscription of 2d per week. When later it was realised that a motor mower and roller would be useful, the cost was quickly forthcoming and it seemed common knowledge that, if something in the village was needed, mentioning the matter to Mr Strachan would often lead to it being forthcoming.

In 1914 he presided over a meeting of villagers to discuss the formation of a Volunteer Training Corps made up of local men not eligible to join the regular Army. He would be made deputy commandant and at the end of the war honorary lieutenant colonel and commandant of 3rd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment. During the war, in 1915, he was appointed High Sheriff of Norfolk. His obituary notes that he was a life governor of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. His wife and daughter were also involved in the life of the village – particularly in the Women's Institute. Agneta married Frederick Waller, a Royal Engineers officer in London in 1920. Having survived the war in France, he died in 1931 from the effects of a throat infection whilst serving in India. She seems to have returned to Heacham and, known by her maiden name, be involved with village events such as the village gymkhana and, following her mother's presidency, took over that role with the Women's Institute, returning to meetings even when she had moved to Sussex.

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As a wealthy property and landowner and an astute businessman, his Will was detailed and would keep trustees involved for many years; Edith, his widow died in 1949 in Ascot and Agnetta in 1980. Mrs Strachan inherited London property and Heacham Hall was hers to live in for the rest of her life, if she so wished. If his daughter had no children which she did not, then substantial bequests would possibly be made to a number of specified institutions and charities in England, Scotland and Ceylon.

It may not be realised that the Heacham Hall estate comprised much more than a Georgian style mansion and parkland. Buildings included all of those 'under the arch', Homestead, the cottages on the Green, The 'White City' cottages, Church Farm, farms in Ringstead and Sedgeford – and even the school in that village, woodland, farmland and building land. Unsurprisingly, when the estate came to be sold by auction, it was split into a number of lots. Charles's death came at a time of great worldwide financial instability and the days of individuals

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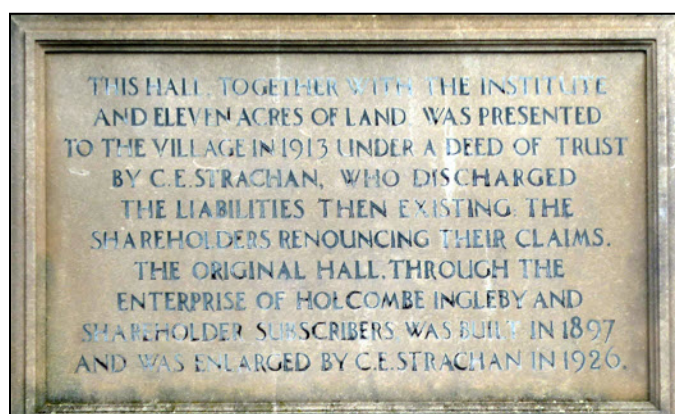
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purchasing vast estates had passed. Attempts were made to auction off the various parts of the estate in the year of his death and then again in 1937 and 1938. After the eventual purchase of Heacham Hall in 1938 (by the owner of the Pilot cinema in Lynn) it was destroyed by fire in 1941. Some buildings and land in the village have however survived to this day as a testament to the generosity of the last squire: Charles Edward Strachan.

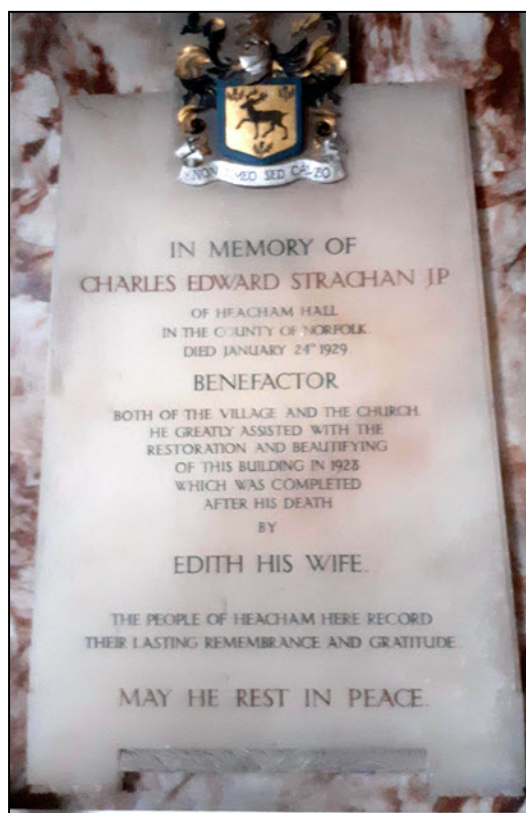
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Heacham Public Hall & Social Club 2024



Commemorative 'stone' above door of Heacham Public Hall



Plaque to Charles E Strachan in St Mary's Church, Heacham

Hunstanton & District Rotary Club

Club Activities – March/April 2024:

Hunstanton & District Rotary Scatter week 18th–22nd March 2024

Once a year we ask club members to attend another Rotary Club to gain a greater understanding of their activities and promote closer relationships between our clubs. We set aside a specific week for the visits to take place Each member will then report back to the club on their visit.

Visits were made to clubs of: King's Lynn Priory, Norwich, Holt, Gorleston-on-Sea, Felixstowe, Swaffham.

Visit to Holt Rotary Club - Our members were warmly greeted by the club and enjoyed a 3-course lunch at the Holt community Centre and treated to superb presentation on 'The birds of Norfolk.' It was a very social meeting which included wives of members and guests, totalling about 35 in all.

Visit to Priory Rotary Club of King's Lynn – A thoroughly enjoyable visit held at the Golf Club in King's Lynn.

A warm welcome was received and an opportunity to put names to faces. Priory was chosen specifically to build on the success of the club's recent Swimathon joint fundraising event for local charities.

This was a Fellowship meeting following a similar format to Hunstanton club with each member invited to share their thoughts including supporting members, current and future events. We look forward to future collaborative ventures between our clubs.

Visit to Downham Market Rotary Club

Our President and his wife received a warm welcome with an introduction to their President and members.

The meeting was held in the back room of the local village pub. The club has a relatively small number of members with attendees of the meeting numbering around 12 members. The meeting was very informal, and business was conducted on an ad hoc basis. The meeting included a two-course meal, followed by a presentation by the "Break" charity which was very interesting.

Presidents Night – Heacham Manor Pavilion - 17th April 2024

Presidents Night is a joint event between Hunstanton & District Inner Wheel and Rotary.

Although this is one of our two annual black-tie events, we were determined that we would make it a very sociable evening with as few formalities as possible.



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The Ebi foundation Charity Masquerade Ball – King's Lynn Town Hall - 20th April 2024

The Ebi Foundation was formed to honour a beautiful young lady, Eboni, who suffered a terminal illness and died far too young. Eboni received support from various charities and organisations to help improve her quality of life and it was Eboni's wish that a charity should be formed in her memory to help fund those in a similar situation to herself including those who provide their support.

Hunstanton & District Rotary Club had assisted Eboni on a number of occasions with funding and had a close relationship with Eboni and her family. We now give an 'Eboni Bunn' award each year at our Changeover Night to either an organisation or individual who has provided support to someone in a similar situation to that of Eboni.

There were 6 of our members who attended the Ball and had a really enjoyable evening. Eboni's mother Lisa and brothers had done a wonderful job in organising such a successful event.

Adrian Evans



Masked Ball



Presidents Night
Dancing



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SNETTISHAM GARDENING CLUB

Our monthly meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road, usually on the last

Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Having said that, there will **not** be a meeting in the Memorial Hall in July.

Our June meeting on Wednesday 26th June will see Fay Jones telling us about the wonderful work of Nettles! Not generally recognised as a gardeners' friend, but perhaps Fay can change our minds!

Schedules and entry forms are still available at Stockley's Chemist for our Open Show on Saturday 13th July. Classes include flowering plants and flower arrangements, vegetables, cookery and preserves, through to crafts and photography.

There are classes for children and adults with prize money for winners. Entries close on Wednesday 10th July so still time to prepare and enter.

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Our 'Come and Try' afternoon took place on Wednesday, 17th April. Although the forecast was dire, 26 lovely people braved the wind and cold to have a go. Fortunately, the rain held off and for the last half hour the wind dropped and the sun came out! We were lucky to have about 15 members who generously gave their time to mentor small groups. I don't want to risk offending anyone by missing out their name, but a special mention must go to Pat who kept the tea and coffee flowing to help thaw out the players.

By the time this goes to print, we will have hosted the first major tournament of the season for 3 days over the early May bank holiday. There will have been visitors from all over competing for the Robert Prichard AC (Association Croquet) trophy. Fingers crossed that it will have warmed up a bit by then!

With twenty-nine tournament days on the calendar, as well as four club sessions a week, we are looking forward to another packed season with something for all abilities - from complete beginners to experienced, skilled players. All are welcome.

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'But What Does it Mean?'

The Arts Society North West Norfolk

The next lecture of the Arts Society North West Norfolk is on Monday 10th June 2024 at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2:00pm. The guest speaker will be Twigs Way who tells us about *The Divine Sunflower in Art and Culture*, casting its golden rays far and wide, worshipped by aesthetes, and cultivated by Impressionists – a history from classic myth to twentieth-century art. Our accredited lecturer is a garden historian, published author and researcher, fascinated by the past and intrigued by the role of flowers, gardens and landscape in art and culture of all kinds.

Art often asks questions and does not necessarily give the answers. Conceptual art is created to get a reaction, appearance is secondary, and ideas matter more than looks. We are now increasingly seeing this form of art in gardens at major flower shows, like the Chelsea Flower Show in May. The results can be powerful and provocative: the designer seeks to portray an idea, rather than a landscape design solution, by merging gardening with art installations. Gardens have always been a form of art, but conceptual gardens, in common with most art installations, will have a specific theme, a message, a narrative, often designed to demonstrate the tension between culture and nature. For example, the disruptive effect of homophobic abuse on our society and the experience of depression.

Cleve West, gold medals' winner at top flower shows, has said that 'conceptual gardens are probably the nearest we can get to art, in that they sidetrack nature to focus on a feeling or a theme without always relying on plants.' In 1979 Martha Schwartz created what was probably the first ever conceptual garden, The Bagel Garden, designed to question the lack of artistry in her profession, created in the belief that sustainability is linked to how our environment looks. Inspiration can come from anything - local history, cultural heritage. The intention is to get a reaction which is as much about the abstract artwork as the materials with which the garden is made. Also, the designer can push the boundaries to deliver a very personal message and make the viewer think and see things in a very different way. A conceptual garden has a voice and a message to deliver. It can be heavy with imagery which can be very compelling, as opposed to the beautifully landscaped garden with the perfect colour scheme, planned to perfection for each season but seemingly without a soul. Sometimes beauty is just not enough.

Gardens invite our opinions and criticisms, but art critics are not so forthcoming on the art of conceptual gardens. The late Brian Sewell said: "You dare not say anything about the garden, or the motor car, or their clothes. My advice is, for God's sake, stick to the status quo. Otherwise, no one will send you any Christmas cards." However, the critical art forum: 'Thinking Gardens', believes criticism and analysis are vital to help any art form evolve. Perhaps when visiting gardens, and even when on our own, we should begin to see them with our minds as well as our eyes and perhaps then we will begin to understand what they mean.

'More Art for More People' – this is our aim and now is a good time to join us as an annual member for £45 (less when joining late in the year) and enjoy a range of benefits - nine monthly talks which cover a wide range of subjects, trips and tours in the UK and abroad, interesting in depth study days, regular newsletters and magazines, and a warm welcome from a very friendly society. www.theartsocietynorthwestnorfolk.org.uk

Lesley Nadel
The Arts Society North West Norfolk

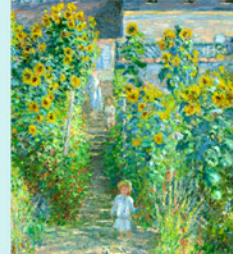


Have you always wanted to learn more about the arts?

Then start now with our next talk at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2:00pm on Monday 10th June 2024

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Saturday June 8th at 3.00 pm

**All Saints Church Sutton cum Ulph
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**Henriette Poos
(harp)**

**Programme includes music from
Baroque to modern**

Tickets £20 each under 18s free

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Saturday June 15th at 3.00pm

St Mary's Church Brancaster PE319AU



**Benedict Holland
(violin)**



**Brenda Blewett
(piano)**

**Programme includes music by
Mozart, de Falla and Ravel**

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Music in the Burnhams

**Music in Brancaster and
The Burnhams in June.**

May saw some great performances from both new performers and some of our favourite ones and June will be no exception.

A few years ago, we welcomed the very young **Henriette Poos** to give a harp recital at Burnham Thorpe. Henriette is a very expressive harpist enjoying success both as a soloist, being part of a chamber music group and working with some of the finest orchestras in the world. We are sure she will impress us again on her return on **June 8th at 3pm to All Saints Church, Burnham Sutton.**

On June 15th at Brancaster church at 3pm, the music of Mozart, de Falla and Ravel will ring out from the expert hands of **Ben Holland (violin)** and **Brenda Blewett (piano)**. Ben is professor of violin at Royal Northern College of Music and Brenda who retired from teaching accompaniment at Chethams, is now making a name for herself in her retirement in Norfolk. A lovely programme for a summer afternoon and tea and cakes after the performance too!

And now for something new..... described as having "superhuman virtuosity, a laughing recklessness and style you can't buy", it can only be **The Wild Men of the Baroque.**

Piers Adams (recorders) and **David Wright (harpsichord)** bring all the energy and freedom into their duo recitals. With their astonishing larger than life range of virtuoso techniques and expressive colours, they walk where others fear to go. They charm their audiences with stories of the Baroque period, with a fascinating insight into both the instruments and composers of the Baroque period. What a perfect name for this world famous duo: **The Wild Men of the Baroque** will be at **All Saints Church Burnham Sutton on June 29th at 3pm.**

All tickets are £20 and under 18s are free.

**More details and how to book on
www.musicintheburnhams.com**



Saturday June 29th at 7.30 pm

All Saints Church Sutton cum Ulph

Burnham Market PE31 8HQ



Piers Adams (recorders)

David Wright (Harpsichord)

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The Wild Men of the Baroque

Programme includes music from John Bull to Debussy

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Poets' Corner

Birds

When birds are flying, they float on high,
They hover, swoop and grace the sky,
Their colours flash far brighter yet,
Down below they see the threat.

Birds are dinosaurs they say,
In their pecking, glaring, aggressive way,
See them look with steely eyes,
That focus on us from the skies.

Then down they spear, a deadly ray
Of blinding terror, night or day
And think what hovers overhead,
A dinosaur, that wants you dead.

Nature built you fierce and strong,
They protect their spaces with a song,
And as they struggle to survive,
We warm the world and they can't thrive.

But we know without a doubt,
We are poorer, when they're not about,
The world would be a sadder place,
Without your shadows on this space.

That bless us each day at the break of dawn,
With songs and a chorus every morn.

John W.
14/2/2023

Summer Fun in the Sun from the HDFA

The Summer programme for the Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts started off in May with the annual Buskers Corner at the Victorian Pavilion.

NEW this year is a Junior Disco for children aged 5 to 12 at Hunstanton Community Centre in Avenue Road on Friday June 28th. It's called The Seaside Shuffle and will start at 6.00pm and end at 8pm. Come along and have some fun. Refreshments available but places must be booked in advance via the website where there is a QR code www.festival3bythesea.org

Other events coming up include the brilliant HUNSTANTON MUSIC FESTIVAL of live local bands. This event is now so popular that it will spread over 2 days on July 20 and 21. The Music starts from 12.00pm till 7pm each day. Please bring seating, weather protection and a picnic for full enjoyment. Headliners are on Day 1 Second Sunset and on Day 2 The Melody Beats. Full line up details will be available nearer the time.

Later in the season there will be some brand-new Arts Workshops at the Community Centre and Town Hall Hub for would-be creative artists of all ages. There will also be a last chance to design a Ceramic Tile for the Sea Wall for all the family in August.

A new brochure is now available to download on the website, printed version will be available soon.

Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts is supported by King's Lynn Borough Council and Hunstanton Town Council but is an independent registered charity no 1044797.



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Heacham Parish Council Notice Board

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN BRIEF

The date of the next Full Council meeting will be Tuesday 18th June at 7.00pm at the Parish Office, Pound Lane. The Full Council Meeting for July will be held on Tuesday 16th at 7.00pm at the Parish Office, Pound Lane.

Please see the Parish Council website, noticeboard at the Old Dairy Site, Pound Lane and the Parish Office noticeboard in the lobby for agendas. Council Meeting minutes will be posted on the Parish Council website shortly after each meeting (these are draft minutes until they are agreed at the next meeting.) The committee meetings are held in the Parish Office. Members of the public are invited to attend committee meetings if they wish.

ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY LANDINGS

There are to be beacons lit countrywide at 9.15pm on 6th June and the beacon at the Chalkpit is also to be lit at this time by Mr Marcus Liddington who is Chairman of Heacham branch of the Royal British Legion. Villagers are welcome to attend the lighting.

STATION ROAD DRAINS

Many of you passing along the road outside what was Witton Funeral Directors premises may have noticed that the drain is full and puddling. These are not true drains and are in effect storage chambers for rainwater to alleviate the flooding problem. We have requested they be pumped.

WILDFOWLERS

The Heacham Wildfowlers will be holding two Saturday afternoon shoots in June – 8th and 29th (members only at this shoot) so avoid the Chalk Pit/Millennium Wood on those days unless you wish to shoot, of course. The Wildfowlers only use fibre wad cartridges and anyone caught using plastic wad cartridges lose their membership. Cartridges are available to purchase. People wishing to become a member should enquire at the shoot.

OLD FRIENDS HALL COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning is back in Old Friends Hall; the next will be on 26th June at 10am. It costs £2.50 per person for unlimited drinks, home baked cakes, a quiz and a raffle. Great place to meet up with old friends and make new! Everyone is welcome!

HEDGES AND TREES

Just a reminder that to save being asked to... please keep your hedges/shrubs and trees trimmed back so that they do not cause an obstruction for footpath users. The emphasis is on trim not cut back as don't forget that birds are nesting and it is against the law to 'cut back' at this time. This also applies to plants/weeds growing from your garden, some of which can grow very large and things like nettles are not pleasant to try and pass if growing into the path. Many thanks!

DOG BINS

PLEASE deposit poo bags in our dog bins which the village pay to empty. Remember these are only for the use of dog walkers and not to put poo cleared from your own garden; this needs to be double bagged and placed in your own black bin.

3 YEARLY TREE INSPECTION

The Parish Council are looking for quotes from a qualified arboriculturist for a tree survey on all trees under the care of the Parish Council. There are trees at Brays Pit, the Recreation Ground, Chalk Pit/Millennium Wood and the Parish Council office Pound Lane. Anyone interested please contact the clerk.

Heacham Carnival Parade and Fete 2024



*** Time to start thinking about your float ***

This year's Heacham Carnival will be held on Sunday 4th August, please make a note in your diary. More details will be provided in the following months.

Groups within the village are invited to request the street collection for this year's parade.

Vehicles taking part in the parade now have to show valid MOT certificates and proof of insurance – this is now a check that we are forced to make.

!!WANTED!! PARISH COUNCILLORS

Would you like the opportunity to put something back into your community? Heacham Parish Council's fourteen Councillors need another three to join them to help look after the village.

You would need to be able to commit a few hours each week to attend meetings and to get involved with the work of the Council.

If you are interested, please call in at the Parish Council Office, or contact the Clerk Sue Eke on 01485 572142 for more details.

HEACHAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The office is open to the public on Monday to Thursday 10am until noon. There is someone in the office Monday to Thursday until 5pm and Friday morning to take telephone calls. It is also possible to make an appointment with the Clerk at other times. Please feel free to pop in with any enquiry you may have.

Any queries should be addressed to:

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