

THE HEACHAM NEWSLETTER

November 2026

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Deadline for the next edition is 12 noon, Tuesday 17th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

The Service of Remembrance will take place at Heacham Parish Church at 10:00am.

Tributes will be laid at the War Memorial between 10.45am and 11.20am.



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The Heacham Newsletter
Just a reminder…

The deadline for the Dec/Jan edition of the Newsletter is **Tuesday 17 November**. Please don't forget to bear in mind that the December Newsletter also covers January 2027.

Therefore, where possible, please send us details of events etc., happening in January for inclusion in the December edition.

Thank you.

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Gardening with Aleta

Whether you have an allotment or a garden there is a lot to do during the winter months. At Heacham allotments, October is the start of our new year.

I am still picking tomatoes plus I had a cucumber last week! It's been so warm but I want to start clearing the beds now so I can plant my garlic and spring onions. I am going to try to grow onions from seed this year. I am concerned that something seems to be eating my leeks, which has never happened before, so I will plant some garlic cloves in between in the hope the smell will deter any pests. I am still keeping any brassicas covered.

I still have a lot of nasturtiums and the leaves are delicious in salads. The seeds are also great to use pickled known as poor man's capers. My potatoes are doing well in the greenhouse so I might have some ready for Christmas!

Vegetables: Now is the time to plant garlic, onions, broad beans and there is also quite a variety of winter lettuces you can grow at this time of year although keep them covered when the temperature drops.

Fruit: Now is the time to transplant fruit bushes and I will be splitting my rhubarb, moving it to a cooler, shadier spot as it did struggle in the heat this year.

Flowers: Get those spring flowering bulbs in for a beautiful display early in the new year. If you are starting from seed, sweet peas can be started now in greenhouses and cold frames. Last year I kept losing mine to mice so this year they will be suspended from a rack in the greenhouse which I really hope will work.

Moulam and Horn have a wonderful range of seeds along with all the gardening equipment you need plus various composts.

I buy straw from Moulam and Horn as it is very helpful to lay down on areas that will not be used 'til next year which helps keep those weeds at bay. I also collect a lot of cardboard to cover raised beds / large areas of ground which really help to suppress the weeds and makes life a little easier when you want to prepare the ground before planting in the spring.

Scoop up all the falling leaves from the trees as leaf mulch is excellent for the ground. I will also be pruning the trees and keeping the branches as they are very useful for raised beds and pots reducing the need for a lot of compost.

It's also a good time to start cleaning out the shed and greenhouse ready for next year !

Happy gardening!

Aleta Harrison

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Looking forward to the Spring.

Following on from the Brays Pit update in the October edition, I went along to the bulb planting morning and was so pleased to see so many people, (villagers and visitors), helping to create a beautiful view for us all in the Spring. Barrow loads of new soil and bags of bulbs were added around the edges of the pond so let us look forward to a mass of sunshine yellow daffodils to brighten our days as we pass by or sit for a while to enjoy the view .

There were so many happy smiles as people were planting and chatting together in the sunshine which helped to make the morning feel like a social occasion, with others stopping to ask what had happened over the summer and our Owl friends were there for the children to see too which added interest for all ages.

A big thank you to everyone that planted, cleared and helped in any way possible and let us look forward to happy moments to come in 2027.

Christina Brown











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Star of Heacham Awards

The Nominees!

Christina Brown - Bringing joy to our village through her lens, sunsets in particular! Along with donating her beautiful photographs to Tapping House.

Lorraine White - Selflessly bringing the community together through fundraising and organising events to bring the community together, both young and old, including Bingo and Children's Christmas party.

Nicky Bailey - Tireless effort to help locals with the Heacham beach carpark!

Sue Theunisson - 35 years as a dedicated Guide Leader, influencing the lives of so many girls and families!

Ray Sparvell - Cheering up Heacham with his lovely photos! Along with supporting local groups and events!

David Page - Dedicated over many decades to Heacham Football club, helping them get to where they are today, alongside supporting lots of Heacham events and organisations such as the Heacham carboots & Heacham Charity Shop!

Bernard Lawrence - In all weathers, come rain or shine, litter picking for miles keeping our lovely village tidy!

Lydia Page - Making our Heacham Charity Shop what it is today from day one, helping to run Heacham carboots every Wednesday throughout the summer months and supporting village events and Community!

Theresa McGrath - Founder of 'Theresa's Tiny Treasures' supporting hundreds of families affected by baby bereavement from our local community and beyond!

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News from Hunstanton Croquet Club

The beautiful sunshine continued throughout September and into October providing members with many extra hours of glorious weather to enjoy playing croquet until the end of the season. This winter there is also the opportunity to play indoor croquet at Long Sutton indoor bowling club and a number of members have signed up to compete.



Huge congratulations go to Richard Chipps, who qualified for his first national competition by winning the D Level heat hosted in Hunstanton. He then went on to compete in the D Level final in Eastbourne and was runner up in the plate competition – a testament to what can be achieved in a short time with practice and dedication.

Hunstanton Croquet Club once again hosted its most prominent historic annual Association Croquet Tournament – the 127th!! The weather was chilly and showery on the first day but players soldiered on until 7.30pm to avoid a delayed schedule. There were 5 trophies played for overall – the A Class The Norfolk County Croquet Club Challenge Cup (first introduced in 1912) was won by Phil Eardley (Surbiton Club). Congratulations to Phil and all the trophy winners.



Locally, the Kendal Cup Competition weekend offered both a double and singles competition. Congratulations must go to Colin Spencer who won both the singles tournament and the doubles partnering David Sanderson.

The East Anglian Challenge Series has run throughout the season (one weekend every month) and the golf croquet tournament included 4 teams from Hunstanton Club, 2 from Gt Dunham, and 1 each from Pinchbeck and Downham Market. It is a handicapped tournament and points are accumulated throughout the season. The winners of the GC were slightly ahead going into the final day and were delighted how they performed to maintain their lead.

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Many congratulations to Hunstanton's 'Bee Kind' team - captained by Hazel Denslow. The AC champions were the Great Dunham team led by Duncan Hector.

The season concluded with the AGM, a presentation dinner and the 'putting the clubhouse to bed' session and a good time to thank everyone especially committee members Janet Kendal Chairperson and Grenville Perry Secretary who are stepping down from their roles after many hours of hard work and dedication to the club over a number of years.

Many more members have used the lawns more flexibly this season and arranged to come along for games or practice whenever it suits (outside of club sessions and tournaments) which works much better for those who work or have other commitments during the day. There are a number of exciting new initiatives being discussed for next season especially around opportunities for people to increase their skills, so please look out for information around March next year if you might like to give this sport a try.

For information see our website www.hunstantoncroquetclub News and Events page includes tournament reports.

Zena Penty
Publicity Officer

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Eyes Along the Coast: National Coastwatch Brancaster - September Updates & Chilly Confessions

September was a busy month for the team at **National Coastwatch Brancaster**. We were tracking suspicious shoreline cargo, enjoying sea shanties, and preparing for the cooler months ahead. Here is everything you need to know.



Station News: Welcome
Welcome Aboard, Pete! We are delighted to welcome Pete R, who has just started his watchkeeper training.

The Case of the "Explosive" Building Materials
On **6 September**, a member of the public reported a split bag marked '*Ammonium Nitrat'* on the shoreline east of the station. Our on-duty Watchkeeper located the package 1½ miles out and passed the exact What3Words location to HM Coastguard. The Hunstanton Coastguard Rescue Team investigated and discovered the cargo was actually ordinary building materials, which the National Trust removed. If you find a suspicious object on the beach, **do not touch or move it.** Note the location, stay clear, and let the emergency services handle it.

Shanties, Sunshine, and Local Heroes
Heroes in the Community: On 6 September, our crew joined emergency services at Old Hunstanton. Visitors enjoyed seeing the hovercraft and lifeboat in action and speaking to the local Emergency Services crews.
Sea Shanty Festival: Over the weekend of 12–13 September, Brancaster Staithe and Burnham Deepdale Village Hall welcomed an estimated 6,000 to 10,000 music lovers. The festival was a roaring success! Raffle proceeds are shared equally between NCI Brancaster and Wells RNLI.
Cake Bakers, We Salute You: A massive thank you to the organisers, sponsors, performers, volunteers, and the local saints who baked cakes for our charity stall.



Upcoming Event: Brancaster Festival of the Sea
On Saturday, 24 October, the Brancaster Festival of the Sea will be held at Brancaster Village Hall. This event offers a fascinating look at our local maritime heritage. Displays include the History of Admiral Lord Nelson, the Fishermen of Brancaster, the Harbour at Brancaster Staithe, plus static displays and presentations from National Coastwatch Brancaster and the RNLI. The event is completely **free to enter** - come along and say hello!



Cold Water, Warm Advice: Staying Safe in the Shivering Season

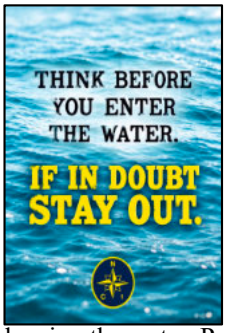
As the North Sea cools down, please review our essential safety guide before planning a swim:

🏊 BEFORE YOU GO: Check the weather, tide times, and sea conditions.

👥 THE BUDDY SYSTEM: Never swim alone.

📱 THE ITINERARY: Tell someone on land your plans and return time.

🎈 THE LOOK: Wear a brightly coloured swim hat and a tow float.



Cold-Water Shock: This can affect even confident swimmers. **Enter the water gradually**, stay close to the shore, and know your limits.

Pack a Lifeline: Keep a reliable, waterproof means of calling for help nearby.

The Golden Rule: If you get into difficulty, **do not panic**. Flip onto your back, **Float to Live**, and call for help.

Beware the "After-Drop": Your core temperature can continue to drop after leaving the water. Pack a flask of hot tea, a windproof jacket, and warm layers for an immediate dry-off.

Follow our Facebook page for local weather and tide conditions (#nationalcoastwatchbrancaster). We are always watching out for you 365 days a year.

To learn more about what we do, visit the official National Coastwatch Institution website www.nci.org.uk/brancaster

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January 2027
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Sat 23rd Jan (2pm & 7.30pm)

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Come along and cheer the Goodies and Boo the Baddies.

Please see advertising poster within this Newsletter for more details of dates, times etc.

Janice Curtis
(ADMIN for Heacham Pocahontas Players)





1st Heacham Scout Group

On the weekend of 2nd October, we held a working party to help smarten up the Scout Hut in Sunnyside. The weather was kind, dry, warm and sunny. We had volunteers from the Scout Group, from scout hut users and even former Scouts!

The work went well and we managed to freshen up the outside, revarnishing the doors and repainting the soffit boards to the front. We made such good time we were able to get a coat of paint on the entrance hall too.

Many thank go to our intrepid helpers: Glenn, Mags, John, Tracey and Julian for all their hard work.

Beth Geraghty
1st Heacham Scout Group Treasurer



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Photo:Matchday Crew *(Photo credit Phill Gwilliam)*

All our teams play at the Heacham Sports Field. The Firsts and Reserves on Saturday afternoons, whilst the U18s play in a floodlit league on Thursday evenings. Keep informed of all things Heacham FC through our, and the HFC Supporters Club, Facebook pages. If you have not been down to see a game yet, please think about coming along and supporting your local teams. A warm welcome to all is guaranteed, with hot and cold refreshments available in a family friendly, and inviting atmosphere.

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I would just like to thank all our Sponsors without whom we would not be able to field our sides. Thank you – your support is so appreciated. Anyone interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact hfcadmin@btinternet.com

Come on you Magpies!

Phill Gwilliam

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Christmas Fayre

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Heacham Parish Church

November is a strange month, the clocks have gone back, and the nights are decidedly longer; the weather is usually colder and damper; and the days seem greyer and darker. It can seem like there is little to look forward to, as Christmas still seems too far off and thoughts and memories of our gloriously sunny summer seems ages past.

I also find November a challenging month as we begin with a time to remember the departed; All Saints Day – remembering the saints and martyrs who dedicated or sacrificed their lives to Christianity. Followed by All Souls Day when the 'faithful departed' are honoured and remembered - family, friends and others who have passed away.

Most significantly we have Remembrance Sunday when we will hold our own Service of Remembrance here in the village while the National Service of Remembrance will be taking place at the Cenotaph in London, followed by Armistice Day on the 11th day of the 11th month when a two minute silence will also be held at the 11th hour.

The intention is we stop and remember. Remembering sacrifices made, lives given, people injured and maimed during war. We remember our Armed Forces, men and women who fight for their country and remember those impacted by conflict, the families of those at war, the civilians, the devastation and damage to land and wildlife.

It is hard not to become despondent as we face a world still so torn by warfare and strife. The sad reality is that the 'war to end all wars' just didn't do that, and humankind's ability to destroy one another, still seems frighteningly real despite the passing decades.

But I can't leave it there, it is always darkest before the dawn, but I do believe that 'joy comes in the morning' (Psalm 30:5). "*Remembrance isn't about a glorification of the past, but it is about calling to mind the hope we have during the different circumstances – good and bad – in this world. No matter the darkness, no matter the violence, no matter the suffering, there is always light, there is always peace, and there is always healing in Christ.*" Quote from a Homily for Remembrance Sunday Nov 10, 2019, Father Matthew Perreault.

The story of how the poppy became the symbol of hope for a peaceful future, reminds me that we don't leave these times of remembrance in despair. The seeds that had laid dormant in the fields of Flanders came to life when they found light having been brought to the surface by the very violence of warfare. The millions of bright red poppies gave hope that hostility and death is not the end, as they grew over the war-torn earth. They even inspired a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McRae, to write his most famous poem in May 1915, In Flanders Fields.

So, as this season of Remembrance eventually gives way to Advent and preparation for Christmas – what brings you hope amid the darkness and challenges of life?

Lynda Swain
Licensed Lay Minister Heacham Parish Church



In Flanders Fields, by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Services at Heacham Parish Church: November 2026

1st November - 10am:	Holy Communion
8th November - 10am:	Morning Worship
15th November - 10am:	Holy Communion
22nd November - 10am:	Morning Worship
29th November - 10am:	Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November. There will be a village Remembrance Service in Heacham Parish Church at 10am followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial from 10.50.

Advance Notice – Advent and Christmas Services 2026

29th November- 10am:	Advent Sunday Holy Communion
6th December - 3pm:	Blue Christmas
13th December - 6pm:	Village Carols by candlelight
24th December - 3pm:	Christingle
24th December - 9pm:	Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion (**please note time**)
25th December - 10am:	Christmas Day Holy Communion

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Morning Prayer

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am **on Zoom**
Everyone is welcome (Zoom link available 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 in your heart, please contact the church office.

Bereavement Support Group
Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. **The next meeting is on 5th November 2026** from 10am till 12 noon, at the Pine Mall Residents Hall. For more information contact the Church Office.

Chit Chat and Coffee
Everyone is welcome to this monthly coffee morning at Heacham Parish Church.
All ages welcome.
The next coffee morning is on 17th November 2026 from 10am – 11.30am.

Heacham Parish Church – Christmas Craft Fair – Date for your diary
The Heacham Parish Church Christmas Craft Fair will be held in church on **Saturday 14th November 2026** between 10am and 3pm.
There will be a wide variety of stalls and refreshments will be available. **Everyone welcome.**

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.

Church Open
The church is open from 10am to 3pm**. Everyone is welcome to come in and enjoy our beautiful church, to light a candle, to pause or pray.**

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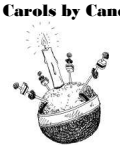
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2026

Sunday 6th December at 3pm
Blue Christmas
for those who have been bereaved or find Christmas hard

Sunday 13th December at 6pm
Village Carols by Candlelight





Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December
3pm Christingle
with Nativity including a real donkey
(Come dressed as a character from the Nativity story)

9pm Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion

Christmas Day
Friday 25th December
10am Christmas Holy Communion

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Heacham Parish Church

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HEACHAM METHODIST CHURCH

NATIVITY DISPLAYS

Friday 4th December, Saturday 5th December 11-3

Sunday 6th December Candlelight Service 4pm

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November 2026

We extend a warm welcome to all

Sunday Morning Services: 10.30am unless otherwise stated

Sunday 1st November:	Terry Martin
Sunday 8th November:	United Service at Heacham Parish Church
Sunday 15th November:	Rev Sorensen – Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd November:	Sikha Ncube
Sunday 29th November:	Sharon Esposito

Midweek Communion: 10.30am 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Bible Study: 10.30am 4th Thursday of the month.

Crafty Crowd: 10-12pm 2nd Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be Friday 13th November.

Lets Do Lunch: 12-2pm 4th Friday of the month. Our next lunch will be Friday 27th November.

Again – ALL are welcome to join us. For further information, please contact Marianne Baguley (07880364326) Senior Steward.

Charities we are supporting this year:
Embrace – a children's charity providing support to child victims of crime.
Action for children.

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.

..."We are grateful for "the light of Christ that shines in the darkest of places and the darkness will never quench it. The land we call holy is a dark place today; so many people being killed or injured, homes lost, hopes shattered……" "We pray with hope for the day when Christ's light will bring peace for all the people of the land." –

Methodist Prayer Book



Hunstanton Catholic Parish

Season Of Creation: We had a special event at St Cecilia's on Saturday 3rd October with a group of parishioners meeting over coffee and cake, with special prayers and thanksgiving for the Lord's gift of creation surrounded by beautiful arts and crafts, provided by members of the parish, to celebrate the Feast of St Francis and bring to a close the season of creation. It was a very thought provoking and lively session, with lots of ideas about how we can all save water by doing various small things every day. We wanted to demonstrate our solidarity with the many people around the world who do not have access to clean running water. We decided to support the Waterwise Project, 'Water Night 2026' which encourages people to turn off non-essential taps for a few hours in order to reflect and experience how much we rely on water every day.

The Pope's prayer intention for ***November 2026: For the proper use of wealth.*** We pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The 'Whybelonely' social club is going from strength to strength. It is held on the first Friday of every month at St Cecilia's Church, Mountbatten Road, Dersingham, 2pm till 4pm, Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this very joyous group.

Rosary prayer meetings are at St Cecilia's every Monday from 2pm.

If you would like to be on the distribution list for the weekly bulletins straight to your inbox, please send your email address to hunstantonparish@rcdea.org.uk Also, if you are a new parishioner, there is a form in both church porches to fill in your details to welcome you to the parish. Feel free to ask if you can't see them.

For Parish news including Mass times and prayer requests, please see the **Parish News** page on our website. For information about live streamed Masses in the Diocese and related matters see the **Links** page of our website at www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org.uk

The Sunday Masses are at 9am at Mountbatten Road, Dersingham, and 11am at OLSE Sandringham Road, Hunstanton. Daily Masses are at 10am at Hunstanton on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays and 10.15am at Dersingham on Wednesdays.

Website: www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org.uk
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The Parish telephone number is 01485 534675.
If you require a Priest urgently, please telephone V. Rev Canon Peter Rollings on 01553 772220 or email: parishpriest763@gmail.com



Heacham Junior School

Lynn Teacher takes to stage for Shakespeare with a twist

It was a question of 'Wherefore art thou, Sir?' when a teacher took an unexpected turn on stage at the Minster during this year's Robert Armin Festival.



Ashley Kirwan, Assistant Headteacher at Heacham Junior School, was accompanying a group of Year 6 children at the annual celebration of Shakespeare's Lynn-born comedy actor.

"We went to watch two Shakespeare plays – A Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet – performed by 440 Theatre," he explained. "Each play was a re-enactment of the story with funny twists and humour throughout."

"Pupils and teachers were even involved in the play. I myself had to 'stab' Juliet, as she couldn't bring herself to do it when finding Romeo!"

It was the second time the school, which is a member of the West Norfolk Academies Trust, had visited the Festival, with 26 children taking part.



Mr Kirwan, who was joined by Teaching Assistant Charlotte Guest on the trip, continued: "The link to the historical local comedian for Shakespeare, Armin, means pupils have that connection to Shakespeare through the local area. He added: "the way that the plays are delivered as well, with 40-minute comedic adaptations, means they are more accessible for the pupils."

"The pupils really enjoyed the humour and funny twists in the plot. It's a way into the world of Shakespeare plays they may not otherwise experience."

Abby Blackmore





Snettisham Gardening Club



RHS Affiliated Club

Our November Meeting on Wednesday the 25th, will be our last of 2026 when van Pelt will provide an excellent Hog Roast (vegetarian option available) and we take our own drinks. There may still be tickets available when you read this and guests are also welcome. As our food order has to be made prior to the event, all payments must be received by Friday 20th November at the latest.

As with all our monthly meetings in the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road, the evening will begin at 7.30pm.

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As I write, rain is diminishing though there is a possibility of it increasing once again (it didn't). I note this as it is a phenomenon far more important than the activities of sundry public agents.

Local matters first: Anglian Water responded well to my complaint about their tardy cleaning up after roadworks and a gutter cleaning vehicle, accompanied by a man with a broom, removed the sand from Broadway. That stretch of gutter, for a time, stood out compared to the debris and weeds found either side and, indeed, in most roadside gutters in Heacham. Gutter clearance apparently rests with the Borough and they have responded positively to complaints made about named roads. So, if the gutters you pass appear hindered in their capacity to take water to nearby drains, please report it to the Borough via their website or me. If me, just send me a straight email giving location and problem; don't embellish it as I will forward your message to the appropriate office. There is also an app, streetreport.co.uk which, apparently, routes any complaint to the correct council. I haven't used it so please tell me if you do and have success.

Recent complaints have been about blocked roadside drains; some packed with soil. Those are the responsibility of the County so report them via their website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39652/report-a-highways-problem (or try the app previously mentioned). Or, contact your County Cllr. With luck, we will have a lot more rain and some predictions are for very heavy downpours. Councils exercising prudence would have cleaned out gutters and drains by now. Give them a nudge.

The case for a unitary council seems underlined by this divided attention to roadside gutters and drains.

Old McDonald had a farm but McDonalds wants a piece of Heacham. Opening lines for a pantomime? Objectors are still around 3 times the number of supporters. Objections from both statutory and non-statutory consultees have appeared on the planning portal: Norfolk Coast Partnership objects; Norfolk Wildlife Trust objects; Parish Council objects; Public Health has a holding objection referring to possible impacts on air quality as predicted traffic movements (1492-3450/day) exceeds criteria for concern; ecology officer objects; Natural England, always hedging its bets, advises the Borough to consider advice from local organisations involved in ecology e.g. wildlife trust; waste management has not added to its initial comment which refers to 'increased fly tipping due to people discarding rubbish on highways'.

Hot off the press, as it appeared as I am writing, the Conservation Officer strongly objects signing off with, 'I therefore object to the proposal and suggest that there is not a way in which it could be made suitable for this location'.

A response from NCC Highways is still awaited but a whisper told me they were/are hanging on for the highways report commissioned by a Heacham resident. That has been on the portal since the 1st October. Its conclusion, on page 22, 'It is recommended that this application is not consented in its current form and that additional evidence is provided to suitably assess the scheme from a transport perspective', emerges from a list of 7 shortfalls identified in the applicant's transport assessment. Paragraph 5.12 states, 'it is clear that the Applicant has not modelled the Lynn Road/A149/B1454/Lynn Road (A149) junction in a robust way and thereby does not provide sufficient

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evidence as to whether the proposed development will have a significance impact on the highway network'. (I think we all know it will do if it is allowed).

Neither this private transport assessment nor the applicant's, comment on the adverse impacts which would be experienced along the unclassified U22202 Ringstead Road that is to the rear of the proposed development. I hope that NCC Highways do not forget this detail as they did refer to it in a pre-application comment.

Perhaps, next month, I can just report that the application has been refused.

Last month I waxed about the first Call for Sites consultation, now ended. This was about the 900 or so sites offered for potential development within the future Local Plan. There are around two dozen within Heacham, or adjacent to it, and more in Sedgeford.

There were 16,000 views on line and 1,500 comments. Though these numbers outclass other consultations the Borough has organised, they do represent the whole of West Norfolk. Some details of this scoping consultation will be revealed on about the 3rd November.

In addition, Officers have completed many 'surveys'. The officer assessment of sites will be made between Sept and Dec 2026 and there will be more public consultation. A significant part of that assessment is consideration of infrastructure close to the proposed sites, e.g. transport, shops, schools and doctors. Each is RAG rated. This is a traffic light system, red, amber green, to signify if the service is bad, worrying, or good.

I was surprised to be told that Heacham Doctors is one of the very few practices green rated as it has a capacity for 131 more patients. Its sister practice at Snettisham has a capacity for 54 additional patients and is amber rated. I questioned these figures and pointed out that, even if true, the Cheney Hill development of 134 houses which, one day, will be built, will likely add 300-400 new patients. Other developments in Snettisham and Sedgeford will also add to the pot. I was assured that the figures are updated every 6 months and that developments coming forward would be taken into consideration. We will see.

I also asked if the potential conflict between housing and tourism – country and coast v housing estates - would be considered. I was, again, assured it would be.

Meetings are going on between planners and Anglian Water about water supply and sewage capacity. An update on the latter is anticipated. My understanding/ belief is that there will be no increases in either for at least another 10 years.

Surprisingly, the supply of gas is also considered. As no new homes are built connected to gas, I found this odd. All new homes rely on electricity for heating, making more demands on the grid. A few data centres will make blackouts more likely. They haven't been mentioned by anyone, yet.

I attended the autumn meeting of the Wash East Coast Management Strategy Stakeholders Forum and found more in the room (above Hunstanton library) or on line than usual. The big agenda item concerned Hunstanton sea defences. As widely reported in the press these are due for major works costing well in excess of £20million. It will take 2 or 3 years to organise plan and do. In the meantime, interim measures placed in front of part of the sea wall are needed. This is in the form of 10,000 tons of granite which will be off loaded from a port yet to be decided. It will then be carried by lorry into Hunstanton. It is hoped this can be done in the off season.

The next agenda item was about the coast between Hunstanton and Wolferton Creek. Significant investigations and computer modelling of this stretch of the coast has taken place and there was a stakeholder consultation, held in Hunstanton, in June. Many options on what to do about future sea water encroachment, flooding, remain in the air after unviable options had been discarded. Spring 2028 will reveal possible remaining options and there will be fresh public consultation. I have asked for Heacham to be included as a location so residents can just walk to the public hall or other local venue.

Annual beach recycling will continue until 2031 (sand etc which is washed down towards Snettisham is brought back to Heacham). I am a little surprised at this as consultation several years ago recommended it was done less frequently. Cost next year is around £127K, over half of which comes from the Community Interest Company which derives funds from caravan owners etc. Heacham beach hut owners also contribute £15/pa. The remainder of the cost is provided by the Environment Agency, 50K, and the Borough £5K.

Talks about the beach hut land and the piece of land off the High St, Heacham, continue.

There is a lot of activity regarding the possible closures of facilities at the QE, A&E amongst them. The Borough is actively involved in challenging such nonsense whilst the Norfolk and Waveney University Hospitals Group (NWUHG) continues with its survey entitled, 'Shaping the Future of Healthcare in Norfolk and Waveney' which closes on Nov 6th. Like most surveys, questions are biased to guide participants to a set of answers which supports the actions the body creating the survey wants.

The findings go to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) on 19th Nov. If the decision about the QE is not what any sane person wants, then, no doubt, Government will say it's down to the NWUHG and they will say it's what the public intimated. Let's hope my cynicism about public bodies is unworthy, this time.

Terry Parish
Borough Councillor for Heacham Ward
which includes Sedgeford and Fring



Celebrations at Sandringham Parkrun

September gave Sandringham parkrun cause to celebrate on three consecutive weekends.

September 26th - it was another TuTu and Cake Saturday morning at Sandringham parkrun as we celebrated and raised funds - £287 for Macmillan by organising a coffee morning, and welcoming our monthly Move Charity 5K Your Way Group. A massive Thank You to everyone who brought cake, ate cake and donated to help Macmillan support the 3.5 million people living with cancer in the UK. Move Charity is a supportive community that inspires and empowers people impacted by cancer, including their family, friends and healthcare professionals, to live an active and fulfilling lifestyle.

We had 381 finishers and there were 122 first timers to Sandringham including 12 first timers to parkrun, and 47 finishers achieved a new PB. Our first runner into the funnel was Callum Stanforth in a time 17.50 and our first lady was Nicola Jones in a time of 23.25.



September 19th - celebration of Sandringham parkrun 5th birthday. After a great deal of planning, Sandringham parkrun launched on 18th September 2021. At that first event there were 126 finishers and 19 volunteers. Our numbers of both finishers and volunteers at each event has gradually increased. We now get well over 300 finishers most weeks; we had our biggest ever attendance of 571 finishers on Easter Saturday this year and have had over 500 finishers on four occasions. We almost always have more than 30 brilliant core team of volunteers, who help out week after week and are so reliable and always have a smile on their faces.

There were 337 finishers, 31 achieved a new PB. We had 74 first timers to Sandringham including 7 first timers to parkrun. In first place was a Sandringham regular Ben Keeley in a time of 18.38 and our first lady was another regular Olivia Ord JW15-17 in a time of 21.30.





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September 12th - Sandringham 250th event. Parkrun consider it's important to reward participation over performance at parkrun, so when a registered participant reach 10 (for under 18s), 25, 50, 100, 200, 250, 300 and every 100 parkruns up to and including 1,000 Saturday 5K parkruns, whether you walk, jog, run or volunteer, they automatically enter a milestone club. Events can also celebrate these milestones.

Sandringham parkrun celebrated its 250th parkrun with a good turnout of 349 participants. In first place was Sam Garforth, Headington RRC in a time of 18.59. Our first lady was Poppy St Lawrence, with 24 parkrun finishes, all at Sandringham, in a time of 22.04, a new PB. A total of 87 first timers to Sandringham including 8 first timers to parkrun, with 43 PBs. Well done to all finishers and especially to Sara Clynch who finished in 250th place.



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CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday November 14th 2026
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We have stalls selling candles, Christmas handicrafts, celebration teddies, Holy Land gifts, sweets, and plenty more good quality stalls.

Come and join us for some early Christmas shopping.

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The story begins with an inner need to create: a desire to express something of the soul and to exercise a talent that cannot remain silent. Money may follow, and a few artists have become very rich, but profit is rarely the whole purpose. Art invites thought, introspection, contemplation and reaction. The meaning does not belong to experts alone, although knowledge can deepen appreciation. When more people enter the world of art, the more widely knowledge and understanding can grow. The UK offers some of the world's finest museums, galleries, theatres, cinemas, art societies and cultural venues. When their doors closed during the 2020 pandemic—the longest interruption since the Second World War—the connection between art and its audiences had to take a different route. Through Zoom, YouTube and virtual tours, that connection survived and, throughout 2020 and 2021, often reached people in new ways.

When classrooms closed and familiar routines fell away, many young people lost more than lessons; they also lost daily opportunities to encounter the creative arts. Yet school is often where a lifelong relationship with art first takes root. A child looks, questions and reflects, gradually learning to imagine, communicate and see the world from more than one perspective. As educationalist Elliot W. Eisner observed, 'The arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution and that questions can have more than one answer.' In the 1940s, artists, including Picasso, Henry Moore and Henri Matisse, created prints for schools so that children could meet high-quality art first-hand. Many leading artists have since recalled that their own love of art began in the classroom, and with greater funding and more flexibility in the timetable many more children could continue that journey beyond.

The story of access to the arts is also a story of social mobility. U.S. data dating back to 1850 suggested that family wealth played a major part in determining whether someone became an artist: the greater the family income, the more likely a person was to identify as an artist, musician, author or actor. Yet artists' average income remains typically below the national average, and minority groups are still less well represented in the visual arts and literature than in many other occupations. In 2022, the Government stated its intention to 'tackle cultural disparities and ensure that everyone, wherever they live, can enjoy the incredible benefits of culture in their lives'. For that ambition to become reality, working-class communities need sustained support to produce the makers, musicians, creators, curators and directors of the future. Money in the art market remains distributed just as unevenly: most artists struggle while a popular few command enormous, sometimes eye-watering, sums. Banksy and Basquiat both struggled before their work began to sell for huge sums. If art is to enrich every life, the opportunity to create it must no longer depend so heavily on where a person's story begins.

Have you always wanted to learn more about art? Then start now with the Arts Society North West Norfolk who are hosting a talk by Ray Warburton, an accredited Arts Society lecturer, entitled 'Paintings inspired by Poems', at 2:00 pm at Sedgeford Village Hall. For full details go to our website www.theartssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

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OFH = Old Friends Hall, Sunnyside
PRH = Pine Residents Hall, Wilton Rd
SG = Scout & Guide Hut, Sunnyside
HSC = Heacham Social Club
PH = Public Hall
NC = Neville Court

MONDAYS

Yoga 8.30 - 9.35 Dersingham Village Centre. For info contact Jackie on 07941 468576

Heacham Table Tennis Club 9.15 - 11.15 Friendly table tennis session. tel 01485 570447
(top room PH)

Fitsteps 9.30am Dance Fitness. At Snettisham Memorial Hall. To book Tel:Jaime 07765433100 or email jaime@jpf-movewithme.co.uk. Website jpf-movewithme.co.uk

CHAT Club 2nd Monday of the month 10am – 12noon Snettisham Memorial Hall

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

Coffee, Cakes and Chat 10am - noon Anmer Social club. All welcome.

Cameo Club (Activities for over 50's) 10.30am Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham

Fitness Pilates 10.15 am At Snettisham Memorial Hall. Contact Jaime (see Fitsteps 09.30) (PH)

Seated Fitness 12.00 noon Contact Jaime (see Fitsteps 09.30) (SG)

Lean & Strong 1pm. Conact Jaime (see Fitsteps 09.30) (SG)

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)

Monday Craft Club 2- 4pm (except Bank Holidays) Mixed hand crafts. Please telephone Carole on 01485 572263 with any enquiries. (PRH)

Snettisham Monday Sequence Tea Dance Club 2 pm to 4.30 pm.at Snettisham Memorial Hall. £3 for members, £4.00 for visitors. Please contact Chairman Richard Jessop on 07821 332090 or email richardjesssop7@gmail 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.

Lift Lean 6pm at Ingoldisthorpe Church Rooms Strength & conditioning.Tel:Jaime 07765433100 or email jaime@jpf-movewithme.co.uk.
Website jpf-movewithme.co.uk

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

Line Dancing 6.30– 8.30pm Hunstanton Community Centre. £5.00. Tel: Louise on 07722124941.
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Fitness Pilates 6.45pm as Lift and Lean above.

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 (OFH)

Hunstanton 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 johnrushmer@hotmail.com or 07742 366385

Watlington Jazz Club 7:30pm 2nd Monday of the month £5 on the door at Watlington Sports and Social Club.

Cash Bingo 8pm United Services Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton

TUESDAYS

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

Snettisham Art Group 10am – 12noon at The British Legion Hall,



Snettisham. Call Les on 01485 572370 for further details.
Hunstanton Indoor Market 10am - 2pm (4pm July - mid-September) at Hunstanton Town Hall.
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
Colour Yourself Calm 11am – 12 noon Hunstanton Library 01485 532280
Friendship Lunches 1st Tuesday of each month. 12.30 pm Two-course meal £8. To book call Shirley on 01485 540644 at Dersingham Village Centre
Heacham Carers Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday monthly 1-3pm at A Piece of Mind, 4 Poplar Avenue. Tea Coffee & a chat For more info Tel: 572707
Cafe for the Bereaved 2pm Fortnightly Hunstanton Library. 01485 532280 or email hunstanton.lib@norfolk.gov.uk
Walk and Talk 2pm 2nd Tuesday of the month. Hunstanton Library
Social 50/50 Dance 2-4pm at Reffley Community Centre PE30 3EQ. Tickets £4 each. 07787966000
Jive Classes 2.15 - 3.45 inc tea/coffee. Contact Val 07789 957071 or info@taketheleaddance.co.uk (PH)
The Fellowship 2.45pm fourth Tuesday of the month (MC)
Pilates (mat) 5pm and 6.15pm Dersingham Methodist Church Hall. Contact Anne on 07717333234, or email activehealthpam@gmail.com
Weight Watchers 5.30pm (OFH)
Slimming World 5.30pm & 7.30pm at Hunstanton Community Centre Avenue Road Tel: Jo 07942 818059
Heacham Brownies 5.30 - 7pm. This group is for girls aged 7 - 10 years. Contact Sara Minns on 07876 564084 (SG)
Football Girls 6-13 YO 6-7pm, Boys U11's 7-8pm Nathan 07811 629910 £1 (HSC)Playing Fields
Norsemans Boxing Gym Jnr 6-7pm £2 and Snr 7-8pm £3 at Unit 12 Heacham Hall Ind Est. geezersales@btinternet.com
Fitsteps 6pm at Ingoldisthorpe Village Hall.Tel:Jaime 07765433100 or email jaime@jpf-movewithme.co.uk. Website jpf-movewithme.co.uk
1st Heacham Guides 7 – 8.30pm Leader Harriet King, Just come along (SG)
Fire Cadets at Hunstanton Fire Station 6.30 – 8.30 pm Boys & Girls 13yrs+ Come along for a fun and interesting evening learning about all aspects of fire safety Tel : 07919492236
Circuit Training 7pm at Ingoldisthorpe Church Rooms. Contact Jaime as Fitsteps above.
Brass Band Practice 7pm Snettisham Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham. Tel: 07436 425118
Parish Council Mtg 3rd Tuesday monthly 7pm (OFH)
Pocahontas Players Drama Group 7.30 – 9.30 pm Tel: 570402 (PH)
Poker Games (friendly) 7:30pm United Services Club
Cash Bingo 7.30pm Hunstanton Conservative Club
Village Cinema last Tuesday of the month 7:30pm Dersingham Village Centre. £6 Details 01485 543195

WEDNESDAYS

Low Impact Aerobics 9am Rudham Village Hall. Tel:Jaime 07765433100 or email jaime@jpf-movewithme.co.uk. Website jpf-movewithme.co.uk
Docking Market 9am-1pm in The Ripper Hall Local Produce, Craft and Gift Stalls Tel: 576233
Scallywags Parent, Baby & Toddler Group term time 9.30 – 11 am £3 Tel: Jo 07395 077622 (SG)
Baby and Toddler Group 9.30 - 11.00 during term time at Methodist Church, Austin St, Hunstanton. £2.50. All are welcome. Call Val on 01485 298316 for more info. www.hunstantonmethodistchurch.com
Stability Ball 9.50am Rudham Village Hall Contact Jaime (see Low Impact Aerobics above)
British Red Cross with Trussell Drop In 10am - noon (last Wednesday of the month) at Heacham Parish Library. email annesipple@redcross.org.uk Tel: 07395 877614
Family History One to One 10 -11am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280

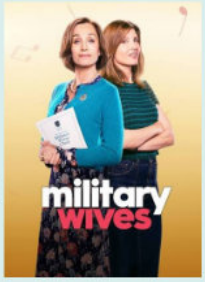


Scrabble 10am Hunstanton Conservative Club.
Seated Tai Chi 10.30 – 11.30 first and third Wednesdays of the month. Contact Allan on 07960229726 for more information. Wheelchair accessible. (PH)
The Old Schoolgirl Friends of Heacham School meet for a 'Coffee and a Chat' the last Wednesday of the month 10.30am at Norfolk Lavender Tel: 570742 or 579126
Midweek Communion 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30am (MC)
Flow Pilates 10.45 Rudham Village Hall. Contact Jaime (see Low Impact Aerobics above)
Just a cuppa 11am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280
Seated Fitness 11.30 Rudham Village Hall. Contact Jaime (see Low Impact Aerobics above)
Trefoil Guild 2 - 4pm 1st Wednesday of the month For info please ring Judith on 01485 571311. (NC)
Job Support 2 – 4pm alternate Wednesdays Hunstanton Library 01485 532280
Book Group 2pm 3rd Wednesday of the month Hunstanton Library 01485 532280
Tea Dance 2 – 4pm Snettisham Memorial Hall £5 Tel Dinky on 07787 966000
Heacham Little Dragons Korean martial arts of self defence Ages 5+ 4.30-5.30pm Tel: Ian 07806622154 (SG)
Heacham Beavers boys and girls aged 6-8yrs, 5.30pm-6.45pm (term time only) call 07788 888921 (SG)
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
Fitness Pilates 6.45pm Rudham Contact Jaime (see Low Impact Aerobics above)
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 or 07900 320612 Anne Davis www.westnorfolksingers.org.uk/ (MC)

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

THURSDAYS

Kundalini Yoga 9.30am at Ingoldisthorpe Village Hall. Contact Gail on 07837 761724
Pop-Up Coffee Shop 10am – 12.30 at Dersingham Village Centre. Hot & cold drinks, quiche & cake.
Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon (monthly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays) at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham. All welcome.
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)
Dementia Support Group first Thursday of the month 10.30 - 12.30 Methodist Church Hall. For info call Sue on 07931 761021
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.
Norfolk & Waveney Mind Social Group 11.00 - 14.00 at TheWay Christiona Church Hall, Downs Close, Hunstanton. No need to book, just turn up to be around others.
Oddfellows Get Together 11am, third Thursday of the month at Thaxters Coffee Shop, Dersingham. For further details please contact Alison or Jonathan on 07564 834292 or email alison.schultz@oddfellows.co.uk
Craft Club 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm - 4pm at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham. Bring your own project if you like.
Craft and Knit and Natter 2 – 4pm Docking Village Hall. A donation required. Call Anne Swift on 01485 518685.
Knit and Natter 2pm at Pine Residents Hall. Call Pat Toppin 01485 779208
Bingo 2pm at Sunnyside Close (Retirement Housing for 60+) Tel: 570492
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Tea Dance 2 - 4.30pmevery week. Old time line dancing and sequence 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
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Hunstanton Bridge Club Duplicate Bridge 6.15pm for 6.30 pm until 9.45pm approx.. All year round at Old Hunstanton Village Hall. Contact bridgehunstanton@gmail.com
Ballroom, Latin and Jive Classes at Dersingham Village Hall. 6.30 Jive, 7.30 Ballroom & Latin beginners, 8.30 beyond beginners. Contact Val on 07789 957071 or www.taketheleaddance.co.uk
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 7 - 9.30pm Hunstanton Community Centre Young people in School Year 8 Contact: Martyn Hannant - 07824184259 / 01485 576388
Slow FlowYoga 7 - 8 pm Dersingham Village Centre. Contact Kyra on 07968 354431
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

Wolf Folk Club 8pm fortnightly from 11th September at Flitcham Social Club. Free. Singaround of a wide variety of acoustic music. More info on their Facebook page - The Wolf Club.

FRIDAYS

Lift Lean 8.45am Rudham Village Hall Tel:Jaime 07765433100 or email jaime@jpf-movewithme.co.uk.
Website jpf-movewithme.co.uk

Fitness Pilates 10am South Creake Village Hall**.** Contact :Jaime as above.

Crafty Crowd second Friday of the month 10am - 12 noon at Heacham Methodist Church. Bring your own craft. For info contact Marianne on 07880 364326

Faith in Community Wellbeing Cafe 12 noon - 2pm at St Faith's Community Hub, Gayton Rd, Gaywood. Every one welcome- drop in for free coffee and friendly chat.

Friendship Group 10.30 am – 12 noon at Hunstanton Community Centre. Come for a cuppa & a chat & to meet new people. Linda - 07359 242337

Wool Crafts 11 am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280

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

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

Hunstanton Bridge Club Supervised Bridge 1.15pm for 1.30 pm until 4.45pm approx.. September to end of June at Old Hunstanton Village Hall. Contact bridgehunstanton@gmail.com

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

Sequence Dance Group 2 - 4pm Alternate Fridays £2.50 -45 mins. Info from Elizabeth Jarred 07709 287318 or elizabethjarreddance@gmail.com (PRH)

Carpet Bowls 2 - 4pm Sedgeford Village Hall. Mature friendly group. Taster session free. More details from 07938442790 or 07708567674.

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

Tai Chi & Kung Fu 6 - 7pm Beginners Tai Chi 7 - 8pm Advanced Tai Chi 8 - 9.30pm Adult Kung Fu Tel: Derek 01553 674779 (PRH)

Norsemans Boxing Club Jnr 6-7pm £2 Snr 7-8pm £3 Unit 12 Heacham Hall Ind Est. geezersales@btinternet.com

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

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. £5 for members, £7.50 for non-members, inc refreshments at Dersingham Village Centre call Peg Hunter 07930 556675

SATURDAYS

Sandringham Royal Parkrun 8.30 for 9am. First Timers briefing at 8.45am. Start and finish on the vista near children's play area**.** Car parking for parkrun is free until 11:00 am. To volunteer or for further information contact: sandringham@parkrun.com

Hunstanton Promenade Parkrun 8.55 for 9am. 5km run, jog or walk. Meet at Salad Bowl Cafe, North Promenade, Hunstanton PE36 6EH email hunstantonpromenade@parkrun.com

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

Coffee Morning first Saturday of the month, 10am. Pine Residents Hall. £1. There is a raffle.

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

Sequence Dance Group 2 - 4pm Saturdays unless hall previously booked £2.50 -45 mins. Info from Elizabeth Jarred 07709 287318 or elizabethjarreddance@gmail.com (PRH)

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



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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.

OTHER EVENTS

November

November Events at Anmer Social Club

For info see www.anmerclub.com, facebook.com/AnmerSocialClub or email enquiries@anmerclub.co.uk

Club open 30 mins before event start time.

Monday 2nd 10am- noon Coffee Morning . Info from farmboy24@sky.com or 07899 872351

Monday 2nd 7.30pm Bingo Night.£6.50 for a book of 10 cards, £1.50 a 'Flyer Card' £2 a 'Cash Accumulator'

Saturday 7th 7.30pm 'Rooted In Song' Music Night. Folk and acoustic music. Free. Info from events@appeyard.info

Friday 13th 7.30pm Film Night 'The Christophers'.

Monday 16th 10am - noon Coffee Morning.

Friday 20th 7.30pm Acoustic night. Come and join a collective of like-minded musicians and singers to perform, jam or just listen. For more info email events@appleyard.info

Friday 27th 7.30pm Quiz Night. £3/person.

Monday 30th 10am - noon Coffee Morning.

Saturday 7th November from 10am, town wide in King's Lynn the Dragon Festival. For info visit stgeorgesguildhall.com

Saturday 7th November 7.30pm at Dersingham Village Centre a Barn Dance with Whirligig. Tickets - adults £12.50, under 16s £7 from Dersingham News. No on-the-door admission. Enquiries:- 07943 499786.

Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Sunday) 10am - 4 pm Bircham Newton Heritage Centre last open day of the year.

Monday 9th November 10am - 2.30pm at Heacham Library, free tech help sessions with Janie.

Monday 9th November 2pm Sedgeford Village Hall, The Arts Society Lecture: 'Paintings Inspired by Poems' by Ray Warburton. www.theartssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

Saturday 14th November 10am - 3pm Heacham Parish Church, Craft Fayre.

Saturday 14th November 10am - 3pm at the Village Hall in Holme-next-the-Sea, Christmas Craft Fair.

Monday 16th November 2pm at Hunstanton Community Centre Avenue Rd, PE36 5BW, U3A open meeting. Jim Stebbings on sentiments of Christmas - aspects of the traditional Christmas season conveyed through music, stories, humour ,images and pictures.

Saturday 21st November 10am - 4pm at Hunstanton Town Hall, Craft Fair. Free. Dogs welcome.

Sunday 22nd November 10 am - 3pm at Dersingham Village Centre Christmas Craft & Gift Fair. Details 07952 229796

Tuesday 24th November 10.00 - 12.00 The George Hotel, Swaffham Veterans support. For info contact ops@veteranscentral.co.uk or 0771 3860040.

Tuesday 24th November 7.30pm at Dersingham Village Centre a film 'Military Wives'. £6, under 16s £3 includes tea/coffee/squash.

Wednesday 25th November 10am – noon Heacham Library, British Red Cross in partnership with Trussell will be there to help with adult social needs. annesipple@redcross.org,uk

Wednesday 25th November 10am – noon Old Friends Hall, Coffee Morning and More.

Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm Memorial Hall, Old Church Rd, Snettisham. Snettisham Gardening Club. van Pelt will provide a Hog Roast (vegetarian option available). BYO drinks. Payment must be made by 20th November & food ordered in advance. For info call Gail on 07899 933840 or Addie on 01485

Saturday 28th November 6pm in St Nicholas' Chapel the King's Lynn Festival Chorus present Handel's Messiah. Tickets £23, under 16s free from 01553 764864

Saturday 28th November 8.45 am for 9.00 am Sandringham Royal Park. 5K Your Way – Move Charity For anyone affected by cancer, friends and healthcare professionals to come and walk, talk, run or simply have coffee and cake and be part of the lovely parkrun community. For further information email: sandringhamgroup@5kyourway.org





Saturday 28th November 2 - 4pm at Regency Manor, Hunstanton a Christmas Fete.
Saturday 28th November 2 -3.30pm at Heacham Scout Hut, Sisterhood Drumming Circle. £10, pay on the day, for the Nelson's Journey charity. To book contact Margaret on 07951 402717, or tranquilitytobe@hotmail.com

December
Wednesday 2nd December 6.30pm to 8pm at Dersingham Village Centre, Sacred Sisterhood Drumming Circle. £12. To book contact Margaret on 07951 402717, or tranquilitytobe@hotmail.com
Wednesday 2nd December 7pm (doors open 6pm) at Heacham Public Hall, Christmas Charity Prize Bingo, in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Trust.
Friday 4th & Saturday 5th December 11 am - 3pm at Heacham Methodist Church there will be Nativity Displays.
Saturday 5th December 2 - 4pm at Fridhem Rest Home, a Christmas Fayre.
Sunday 6th December 4pm at Heacham Methodist Church, a Candlelight Service.
Saturday 12th - Sunday 20th December Christmas Tree & Lights Trail around Heacham.
Saturday 19th December 5pm in St Nicholas' Chapel the King's Lynn Festival Chorus present their Christmas Carol Concert. £15, under 16s free.
Monday 21st December 7pm at the Fox & Hounds, Heacham Parish Council present Carol Singing with the Pocahontas Players and Friends.
Tuesday 22nd December 10.00 - 12.00 The George Hotel, Swaffham Veterans support. For info contact ops@veteranscentral.co.uk or 0771 3860040.

January
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd January at 7.30pm and **Saturday 23rd January** at 2pm and 7.30pm in the Public Hall, The Pocahontas Players present 'Jack and his Amazing Magic Beanstalk'. Tickets from 01485 570402 or 07340 276559



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Events for November 2026

Sat 7th:	**Bingo**
Sat 14th:	**Disco – Steve Reed. All Eras**
Sat 21st:	**Jimmy James – Vocalist**
Mon 23rd:	**Coffee & Brandy – 10.00am-12.00 noon**

Regular Events

Mondays:	9th & 30th Nov – U3A Spanish
"	Strength & Balance Class - 4.30pm
Wednesdays:	Scrabble 10.00am. Whist Drive 7.00pm
"	U3A Chess – 10am
Thursdays:	Strength & Balance Class 1.00-2.00pm
Fridays:	Lunchtime Raffle drawn at 1.00pm
Saturdays:	'Open the Box' draw at 1.00pm

U3A Yoga – Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Bingo – Fridays. Eyes down 7.30pm

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Heacham at Night

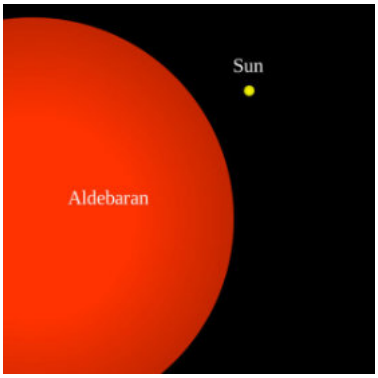
Remember, remember the 5th of November, dark skies await and you don't have to stay up late.



Parish

Having got that out, I refer you to October's issue for planet watching notes as not a lot has changed. Saturn remains the easiest planet to find. Start looking about 8pm when, on the 5th, the ringed planet will be in the SSE about half way up the sky. As time ticks by, the Earth's rotation will bring the planet closer to the south and it will be due south at 10pm. As the calendar marches on, Saturn will move further towards the south and beyond it

Uranus is closest to the Earth (a mere 1,700 million miles) on the 26th and, on the 27th it is directly opposite the Sun so shining as brightly as it can with a magnitude of 5.6. It's high in the sky so atmospheric pollution is minimised and it is potentially visible all night long. Uranus is located in the region between the Pleiades and the star Aldebaran. The Pleiades are a close star cluster and appear as a fuzzy patch of white to the naked eye.



A red giant. Internet.

At 8pm on the 5th, look due east and the bright star fairly low in the sky is Aldebaran. A fist or so above that and a tad to the right are the Pleiades. In between, a little closer to the star cluster, is where to look for a faint blue dot, Uranus. Unless you are under 20 and standing in a dark sky area, you will need steady binoculars or a birding 'scope. The turning Earth will move Uranus further south and higher as the night progresses. The orbiting Earth will move objects in the sky further south as the month moves on.

On the 26th, at 8pm, look for Uranus in the ESE. Its position relative to Aldebaran and the Pleiades is similar but, from the 14th, Betelgeuse has been creeping up and occupies the position Aldebaran had at the beginning of the month. The orange / red giant Aldebaran, the eye of the bull, is higher in the sky and well to the right of red supergiant Betelgeuse.

Jupiter and Mars will greet you later. They are close together in the sky and the bright star Regulus accompanies them. Best to wait until 1am when, on the 5th, Jove and his son will be in the ENE, Mars above Jupiter. The gas giant will shine brightly with a magnitude of minus 2, ten times outshining Mars, magnitude 0.6.

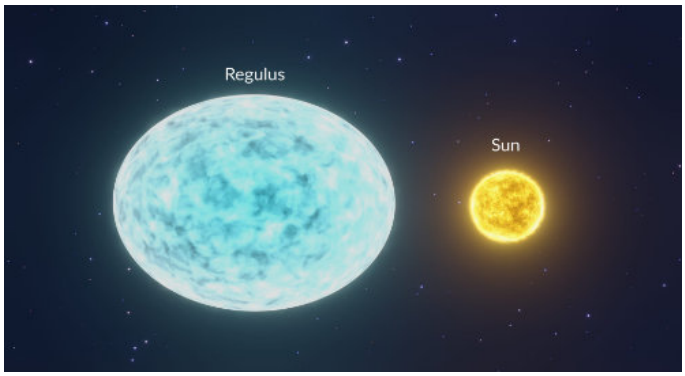
As the month progresses the pair appear more towards the east, due east on the 14th/16th when the two planets are in conjunction, as close together in the sky as they will come. By the 26th Mars has moved below Jupiter and appears very close to Regulus. This is an anticipated event as Mars will glow red

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adjacent to the blue white of this star. Jupiter will still be nearby and all three celestial objects will be observable, together, in binoculars.

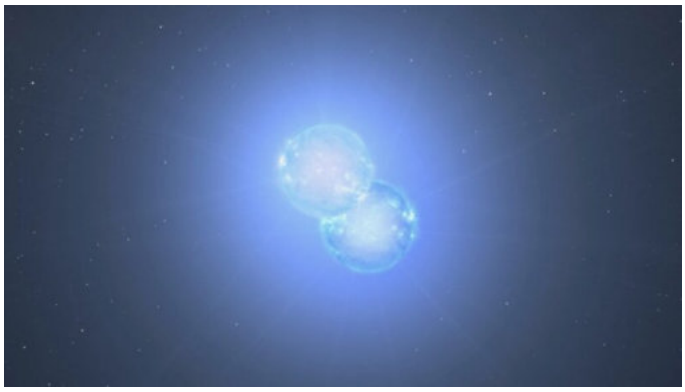


The primary star of the Regulus system spins so fast it is egg shaped. Internet

On the 30th, a waning Gibbous Moon joins the trio. If you are an early riser, the best time to see this and the events on the 14th/16th described above, is between 4am and 6am when they are all higher in the sky.

If you are about in these pre-dawn hours then you will catch Venus and Mercury, though the latter needs a very good ESE horizon.

At 6am on the 5th, Venus pops up in the ESE attended by the star Spica. By the 12th the pair are, perhaps, high enough to observe and Mercury pops up to their east. Up to the 19th, Mercury climbs a little more but then it starts falling back towards the horizon, Venus is still moving up and appears in the SE, Spica is still in attendance. On the 27th, Mercury has gone. You won't miss Venus as it has a magnitude of minus 4.9, a searchlight in the sky, almost.

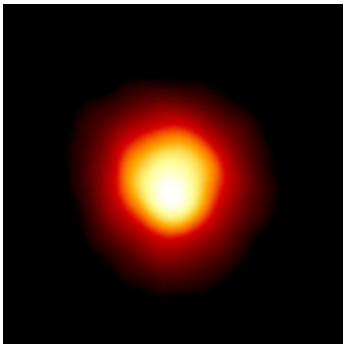


An artist's impression of the Spica System. Two similar paired stars. Internet

On the 7th, at 6am, the Moon forms a close triangle with Venus and Spica. This blue white star is a pair of stars which orbit each other every 4 days. They are so close they cannot be separated by observation and spectroscopic analysis is necessary. They are both egg shaped due to the intense gravitational attraction between them. There is a third star orbiting the pair, only detected this year. Spica is 250 light years distant

Further notes on the stars encountered above: Regulus is a quadruple star system arranged in two pairs. It is 79 light years from Earth. Aldebaran is just 67 light years distant and over 6 billion years old. It is another binary star system though its companion is much fainter. Betelgeuse, top eastern shoulder of Orion, is a young star, less than 10 million years old. However, it is due to explode as a supernova anytime in the next 100 000 years. It will then shine as bright as the half Moon for 3 months or so. That will give me something new to write about. It is between 400 and 600 light years distant – there have been difficulties pinning it down. Betelgeuse is truly big, if placed where our Sun is, the red supergiant would extend past the orbit of Mars.

The Leonid meteor shower, debris from Comet Temple Tuttle, is due to peak on the night of 17th/18th. The moon sets at 11.30pm so take a look after that.



So, plenty of planets to see if you stay up late or get up early and their proximity to each other or bright stars is a bonus. Colours add a little celestial firework which may reach a climax with the Leonids. Enjoy the dark and hope for frosty clarity.

Betelgeuse from the Hubble space telescope. NASA

Terry Parish





Heacham in Bloom

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Once again, Heacham in Bloom is proud to support Remembrance. Our large poppies will be displayed in two key locations around the village to honour those from Heacham who gave their lives. We would like to thank Terry Clay and Robert Pritchard, who originally made the poppies for HIB, and Mark Sewell, who has carefully repainted them ready for this year.

We know committee meetings are not everyone's cup of tea, but there are plenty of other ways to get involved. If you would like to join our friendly summer monitoring and watering team for 2027 - no meetings required - we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch by email or through the Heacham in Bloom Facebook page.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 16 November at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

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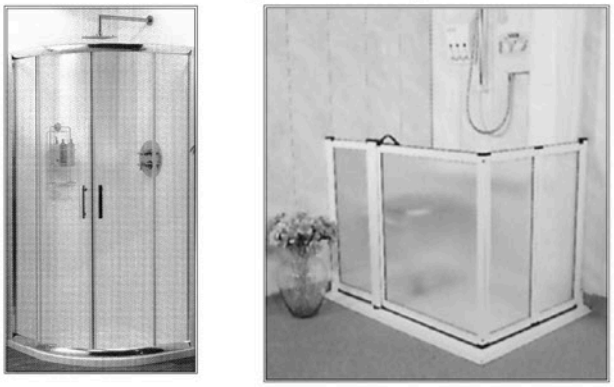
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THE HOMEMEAD
(Part 2)

In the last issue, we left 'The Homemead' at more or less the time that Eustace Neville-Rolfe left for *la dolce vita* in Italy. Before Holcome Ingleby came to Heacham and the life of a country squire, village theatre impresario and husband of a member of the Neville-Rolfe family, he had been a solicitor. There is a vague possibililty that he knew the gentleman who is shown as the tenant of the house in an 1896 directory – one George Brace Colt whose practice and most of his life appears to be spent in and around London. He occupied the house between 1895 and 1898 and would become well known to the Neville-Rolfes as his sister Maude married widower Charles William Neville-Rolfe in 1895 and would continue to live in the village at 'The Windmill'. (Last month a 'typo' on my part named him as 'Cole' and the caption under the photograph should have identified Eustace Neville-Rolfe in his consul's uniform).

Ingleby certainly knew the next tenant who would be there long enough to hang a few pictures on the walls and no doubt consider his wife's comments about the need for redecorating. In fact Australian-born James Jackson had been a friend of Eustace Neville-Rolfe at Eton and then at Cambridge. He had certainly never been dogged by the financial worries suffered by Eustace, spent a good deal of his early life travelling around the world, somewhat half heartedly training in the legal profession. In 1875, still unmarried himself, he had persuaded Eustace, his wife Emily and Amy, one of their daughters, to accompany him to South Africa. This was no long weekend in an Airbnb but in fact lasted about eighteen months with the gentlemen doing what Victorian and Edwardian men of a certain class often did when in Africa – depleting the numbers of native wildlife. Maybe there were some 'trophies' from those days to hang on the walls along with the pictures when he moved in. While Eustace was there he made a special journey to see where the house an uncle, ordained in South Africa, had built and called 'Homemead.'

The name of James Jackson is shown at 'The Homemead' in a directory of 1900 and he would not have been alone. He had returned home from South Africa separately and met Grace Blaine on board the ship and would marry her in Natal in 1877. They would have six children; two sons went on to farm in South Africa, naming the farm 'Homemead', daughter Grace Monica married in Rangoon but the youngest daughter Isobel 'Bee' married in London. A son Bertram grew up in Heacham it seems before joining the Coldstream Guards. He was killed in action in France in 1916 and St Mary's church opposite to his home bears a memorial on the south wall. The same memorial bears the name of his sister Grace who died and was buried at sea on a voyage from Burma to Britain. The First World War came to 'The Homemead' for a time when it was used as a command post for soldiers stationed there – and when an unexploded bomb dropped by a Zeppelin was carried there!



L-R: Charles Neville-Rolfe, James Jackson, Holcombe Ingleby. (Children unknown).

The Jacksons lived at 'The Homemead' for nearly three decades. His friendship with Eustace Neville-Rolfe extended to other members of the family and their friends and they socialised and were included in family gatherings long after Eustace had moved to Italy. His son Bertram had been given Rolfe as a middle name. James was known to have used his knowledge and influence to have assisted villagers outside this 'rank' of society. He died in 1926, his wife Grace having died two years earlier.

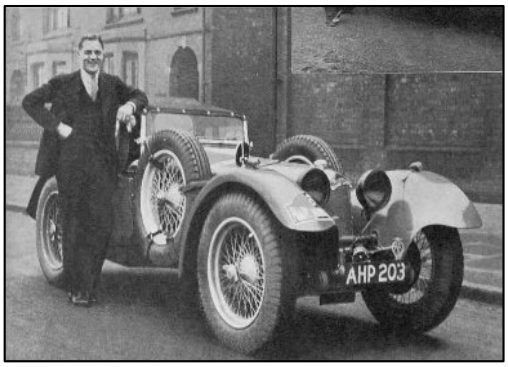
In their time at 'The Homemead' the Jacksons would have had a change of landlords from Eustace Neville-Rolfe to Holcombe Ingleby and then Charles Strachan, the successful Ceylon tea and rubber planter. After the Jacksons, he or his Estate Manager and then executors following his death in 1929 would see a number of changes in the thirties and forties and with available documentation rather scarce round about the war years, some tenants also present something of a puzzle. After a year in which the house may have been empty, Mary Hamilton Bedingfield was the occupant and it is her family's presence in the village that presents something of a mystery – to this writer, anyway! It also leads to the danger faced by the amateur of creating a story to fill in some of the gaps!

Mary's mother Katherine was born in Canada to a career Royal Artillery officer who would retire as an honorary Major-General and, although Mary was born in England, her brother was born in New York City. Her father Philip had not followed the military route, had been employed in some clerical position and died as a young man when Mary was an infant. The Bedingfields must have been known to Eustace Neville-Rolfe as in 1899 Mary acted as a five or six year-old bridesmaid to Audrey, the daughter of his sister when she was living at 'The Homemead.' As an eleven year-old in 1904 she had been a successful candidate for a charity school in Redhill that catered for *'Children of those who have once moved in a Superior Station of Life- Orphans or not – of any Nation'.*



In Mr Strachan's time at Heacham Hall, censuses show Mary at various estate properties: 'Rose Cottage' (through the arch on the Green), the Lodge and 'The Archway' in 1921. Electoral Registers show Mary living at 'The Homemead' in the years 1928 until 1931; it is her brother's name that is listed in a directory of 1929. Space does not allow for the facts and conjecture following 'sidetracked lines on enquiry' into the Bedingfields beyond their immediate links with 'The Homemead.' Suffice it to say that Mary was employed as a 'lady chauffeur' by Charles Strachan and then as his secretary and was clearly held in high esteem as, when he died in 1929, she was remembered amongst the bequests in his Will. In addition to receiving £1,000 she was to receive 5,000 shares in one of his tea estates with detailed instructions in a codicil as to how these might be used by his executors as investments. It would seem more than likely that Strachan helped her brother Philip became a manager of a tea estate in Ceylon. The 1929 auction catalogue for the Hall Estate shows that Mary Bedingfield held a 21 year tenancy of 'The Homemead' as from June 1926 which is the year before some building and modernisation work took place. She is also shown as having the option of renewal for a further 21 years plus a lifetime tenancy of 'Thornton Lodge.' She lived at 'Thornton Lodge' from 1932 until about 1937 before moving on to London and living in Kensington hotels or apartments. ('Thornton Lodge' became the vicarage).

In a village newsletter, Holcombe Ingleby had written a local history article and expressed horror that 'The Homemead' – '*that exceedingly snug private residence'* - had once housed a shop. I wonder what his reaction would have been to the fact that for a couple of years between 1933 and 1935 it was a private hotel boasting of *'hot and cold running water to bedrooms'* and run by a Miss Edith Foulkes. Maybe the washing arrangements were not a sufficient draw and it closed with a sale of contents organised by a Mr Toplis. He may well have kept a close eye on the cash flow and Miss Foulkes as the 1939 Register shows him to have been an accountant – recently married to Edith Foulkes and living in Sussex. 'The Homemead' then had a brief clerical interlude and a link with the family of the original lords of the manor – the le Stranges of Old Hunstanton. The Reverend Austin le Strange, the retired rector of Ringstead, moved in and saw his daughter marry Rev. Meakin, vicar of St Mary's, Heacham with the couple and guests mingling on the lawn after the service. Following his death in 1936, his widow left and with war clouds looming it was perhaps appropriate that 'The Homemead' was for a short period the home of Brigadier-General Rupert Farquar Riley C.M.G., D.S.O. until his death in 1941. A veteran who had seen service on the North-West Frontier, India and been awarded the D.S.O. in South Africa, rather than complete retirement, he was Air Raid Precautions Sub-Controller in the different war of the twentieth century. 'The Homemead' hosted regular groups of ladies knitting for the troops at this time. Riley's son Rupert, before the war a rally driver for Riley Cars appropriately, is listed at 'The Homemead' in 1937 and had maybe a more exciting war working with the Resistance movement and also on plans for invasion transport.



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The Heacham Hall Estate or a large part of it was finally sold by Strachan's executors in 1938 to Benjamin Culey who made a name and profit for himself by buying land and properties and selling them on again as quickly as possible – in parts, in this case as there were unlikely to be many would-be purchasers of large country estates. 'The Homemead' was Lot 3 in an auction just one year later but, along with other lots, was withdrawn when, with a final offer of £1,925, it failed to reach its reserve. Eventual sale details are unknown to this writer but the family that became the new occupants of the house are remembered still by some in the village. William Parker, wife Annie and then his daughters lived at the house over the next four decades from about 1945, moving on from Babingley Hall where he farmed much of the land on the royal Sandringham estate before investing in the huge Blankney estate in Lincolnshire.



William Parker

Billy Parker did not inherit vast family estates but moved from Wales as a seventeen year-old with 16 shillings in his pocket to work with a cousin who was a Leicester butcher. In 1893 he and his brother Joseph then bought the shop and their 'empire' grew and spread beyond the butchery business. He became arguably the single biggest farmer in the country with 32,000 acres across four counties with his sons William junior, 'Jimmy' and Eric and grandsons continuing in the family farming and wholesale butchery businesses. Family companies linked with the industries changed over the years and now W & J Parker Holdings is a family business with investments in the food industry and commercial and domestic land and property development ranging from supermarket supplies to a holiday resort in Antigua.

Some older villagers will remember him driving out from 'The Homemead' in his Bentley driven by 'Tud' English, his chauffeur or maybe the Parkers' cattle at Church Farm (sold on from the Hall estate). His two daughters Dorothy and Annie continued to live at the house after the death of their parents. Annie died in 1991, having lived at 'Millbridge' for the last seven years.



The Parkers with 'The Homemead' in sight.

Not wishing to overstay my welcome and take up more space, not wanting to intrude into the lives of more recent occupants – and having limited information – I will draw this article to a close. Some will perhaps know more of the Parkers or more recently of the Buchers or the Hampsons. I must also acknowledge with thanks the invitation from the current owners to view their house on the Green: 'The Homemead.'

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MAKING TAX DIGITAL EXPANDS FROM APRIL 2027: WHAT SOLE TRADERS AND LANDLORDS NEED TO KNOW

By Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

Thousands more sole traders and landlords will come within Making Tax Digital for Income Tax from 6 April 2027, as the qualifying income threshold falls to £30,000.
From **6 April 2027**, Making Tax Digital for Income Tax (MTD for Income Tax) will become mandatory for individuals whose qualifying income is **more than £30,000** for the relevant tax year. Sole traders and landlords with qualifying income of more than £30,000 will need to prepare for a significant change to the way they keep records and report their income to HMRC.

What should sole traders and landlords do now?
Anyone who may fall within the £30,000 threshold should start preparing well before April 2027.

1. Check your qualifying income
The first step is to establish whether your qualifying income is above £30,000. Remember that the test is based on **gross income** from self-employment and property, rather than simply the profit shown on your tax return.

2. Review your bookkeeping
If records are currently kept on paper, in spreadsheets or through a mixture of systems, now is a good time to review whether they will work under MTD.



3. Choose compatible software
Taxpayers should identify suitable MTD-compatible software and consider whether it will integrate with their bank account, invoicing system and existing bookkeeping arrangements.

Businesses and landlords that currently rely on spreadsheets do not necessarily need to abandon them completely. HMRC recognises software solutions, including **bridging software**, which can allow certain spreadsheet-based record-keeping arrangements to meet the requirements where the necessary digital links and functionality are in place.

Other MTD compatible software is available, such as Quickbooks, Sage, Xero and property-based packages such as Hammock.

4. Start using the system before it becomes compulsory
Moving to digital bookkeeping shortly before the first quarterly deadline could create unnecessary pressure. Starting earlier gives taxpayers and their accountants time to identify errors, establish procedures and become familiar with the software.

Planning is key.

5. Speak to your accountant
For taxpayers using an accountant or tax adviser, it is worth discussing MTD well in advance. Taxpayers need to establish who will maintain the digital records, who will submit the quarterly updates and who will complete the year-end tax return. This is essential given that there is a penalty regime which will come into force from 6 April 2027 for any late submissions.

For those affected from April 2027, the key message is simple:

MTD should be treated as a bookkeeping change as much as a tax-return change.
With the first quarterly deadline for the 2027/28 tax year falling on **7 August 2027**, businesses and landlords have time to prepare — but those who need new software or changes to their bookkeeping processes should not leave it until the last minute.

One of the most significant changes for taxpayers is the move away from providing information to HMRC just once a year. Instead, HMRC will receive regular updates throughout the year.

The system can also provide taxpayers with an **estimate of their tax bill** after quarterly information has been submitted. HMRC cautions that the estimate may not represent the final liability because other income, reliefs, allowances and year-end adjustments may affect the final calculation. Nevertheless, this system could help taxpayers understand their developing tax position and avoid an unexpected liability at the end of the tax year.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Nicola Slegg FCA at Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP, Hunstanton office on 01485 534800 or nslegg@mapus.co.uk

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Heacham pupils get hands-on at Holkham

Pupils from two schools came together for an action-packed trip that brought their classroom learning to life and saw them get hands-on in nature.

The 54 children from Year 2 at Heacham Infant School and Year 3 at Heacham Junior School spent the day at Holkham nature reserve, where activities supported topics they have been covering in class.

Year 3 Class Teacher Harriet Munson accompanied the groups, along with Year 3 Teaching Assistant Harriette Pateman, Year 4 Class Teacher Katie Cornwell, and Year 4 Teaching Assistant Stephanie Johnson.

"The trip linked to Year 2's current Science unit 'Living Things and their Habitats' from our knowledge-rich curriculum, and Year 3's current Science unit on life cycles in nature where we have been focusing particularly on plants," she explained.



"In the morning, Year 3 spent time in the Walled Garden where they explored the wide range of flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables that grow there. The children were given two big buckets of compost to have a feel of and learnt about its use. Picking up some trowels, we then had the chance to do some digging in one of the planters. The children loved seeing what they could dig up – particularly worms.

Next we grabbed some mini glass bottles to make our 'magic potions' using herbs and flowers from the garden. The children were fascinated by the array of choice and aroma. Our last activity before lunch was to take some of the compost from earlier and plant our own seeds, including wildflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, and peas in little trays for each child to take home."



The Year 2 children had an equally active time hunting for bugs in the woodland area of the historic estate. Ms Munson continued: "With brushes and magnifying pots in hand, the children got busy turning over logs, searching in the soil, and scrambling through the leaves to see what living organisms they could find. The children then matched their findings against the bug identifier sheet to see what kinds of things we had caught – we had some fantastic discoveries from snails and spiders to some rather large and colourful ground beetles. The pupils rounded off the session by making clay models of their discoveries, before releasing their catches and swapping activities with the Year 3 group.



The trip is a regular for the schools, which are both members of the West Norfolk Academies Trust – although this was the first time the two year groups had visited together.

Ms Munson added: "We try to go to Holkham every year, this year being the first we have visited across both Heacham Infants and Junior schools. The benefit to the children is that they get to explore a wide range of hands-on workshops outside of the classroom, and the opportunity to take home their creations, such as their planting trays, magic potions, and clay bugs – plus a wealth of knowledge on how plants grow and where bugs live."

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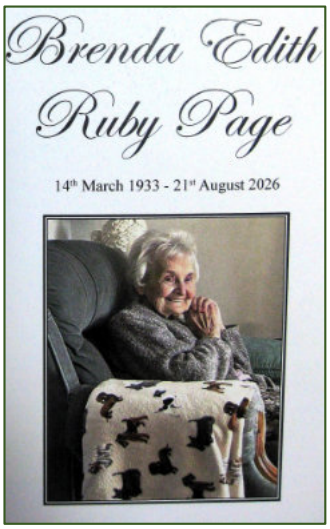
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- Dementia - Conversation & reminiscence to provide mental stimulation and support and encouragement to enjoy physical activity to enhance wellbeing and fitness
- Local Sandringham walks, cups of tea, grass cutting service

Recommendations & Enhanced DBS available on request
Call Paul 07741 568023

Mrs Brenda Page the Heachamite



As we said our final goodbye to yet another 93 year old Stalwart of Heacham, to most folk in the village and Hunstanton, she was known as Auntie Brenda.

Brenda was my auntie. She came to Heacham to stay with her sister May (my mum) and her husband Jack (my dad), Landlord of the Greyhound Inn, High Street, Heacham, only intending to stay for 2 weeks, back in the late 1940s. I believe she was 16 years old. She then had to travel back to tell her parents in Briston, Melton Constable (my Gran and Grandfather) that she was moving to Heacham. No home phones or mobile phones in those days! Auntie Brenda then got a job as housemaid in The Garden House Hotel, Hunstanton. She would always have it that she wasn't a housemaid but a corridor girl. I used to giggle at this. In her spare time she would help mum and dad in the pub. Taking trays of 'pints' to the men drinkers in the pub. This is where she met the handsome Reggie Page. They married in 1953 and lived in a 2 bed caravan on Sonny Raine's field along South Beach Road (no electric, no running water!).

Auntie Brenda loved 'fashion' and she used to tell me how she used to spend most of her wages, when single, on clothes but living in a non insulated caravan, her beautiful clothes soon turned mouldy with the damp. The couple then rented a little 2 bed cottage, opposite The Fox and Hounds, where they had their 3 sons Paul, Mark and David (Crocky). Again, no real running water with a toilet up the garden but Auntie Brenda kept her little house and boys spotless. Reggie worked long hard hours for Jacobs as a digger driver, to keep his family fed and clothed but still loved a relaxing pint or two across the road.

They then had the offer of renting a brand new-build, of a 3 bedroom council house along Folgate Road but the rent was going from something like £2.00 per week for the cottage to £8.00 per week. They took the offer, which we are now talking 55 years ago? This is when Auntie Brenda started working at Heacham Doctor's Surgery in Poplar Avenue, to help with household bills etc. She kept the surgery spic 'n span, that's for sure. She moved with the Doctors and staff, over to where the Surgery is now, on Station Road. Again, loving every minute of her work and with the staff all loving her too.

I will just tell you one of many stories I could write about my Auntie - I had been her hairdresser for years. I kept saying to her every week when she used to pop to our house to have her weekly wash 'n set. "You need a dark dye on your greying hair Auntie Brenda?" Brenda "Oh no I don't" she used to answer! So one day as I washed her hair, I told her that I was conditioning her hair and it had to stay wrapped in a towel for 30 minutes. I knew this 30 minute wait would be okay because she loved to play with our 3 young children whilst there. Anyway, the time had come to have the so-called conditioner washed off. After it had been rolled up, dried, brushed and sprayed, I showed her the results! She took one look in the mirror at her now PURPLE hair and chased me around our living room with a can of spraying hair spray!!! I kept saying "It said Dark Brown on the box but it WILL wash out Auntie Brenda" She went to the surgery the next day. All was good until Dr Hugh Ford asked "Going PUNK are we Brenda?!"

Yes, I shall miss my Auntie, who had always supported my mad ideas. Heacham Heritage had an open day several years ago now. In the photo we see Auntie Brenda standing close to the tiny jacket she wore on her wedding day. The dress on the model also belonged to her. These she donated to my Retro Room, along with many other pieces of her retro fashions of years gone by, and was delighted to see them again. Saying "This is one of your better ideas Jazzy!"



Thank you Auntie Brenda for everything. I could write a book…. but I did record a cherished, hour long, DVD interview with her, which I feel very privileged to own, as she talked about her life. Memories are made of this, hey? Xx

Janice Curtis (AKA Jazzy)

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25th November 2026

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN BRIEF

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall, Sunnyside.
The Full Council Meeting for December will be held on Tuesday 8th at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall.
Please see the Parish Council website, Noticeboard at the Old Dairy Site, Pound Lane and on the Noticeboard at the Parish Office on Sunnyside 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 will take place at the Old Friends Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend committee meetings if they wish.

ALLOTMENTS

We are currently without a waiting list for our allotments. Anyone wishing to go on our waiting list can contact the office on the number/email address shown below. We have full, half and quarter plots on the site, the quarter plots (£12 for the year) are a very decent size and we compare very well with prices locally. There is no water supply on site but existing allotment holders manage this well. An allotment is a huge commitment to keep it in good condition but very rewarding. It really is better and cheaper to grow your own!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Service of Remembrance will take place at Heacham Parish Church on Sunday 8th November. Traffic is advised to avoid Hunstanton Road while tributes are laid at the War Memorial between 10.45am and 11.20am on that day. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at the memorial for the wreath laying.

DUCKS

Heacham has an unhealthy population of ducks which have made some areas unhealthy for the people living there and unsightly. We would ask that you **do not feed or water the ducks.** They are wild birds and can fly to find water to drink and can forage enough food to survive. Ducks are producing more than one clutch of eggs per year as they are being fed – this is not fair on the ducks nor the village. This is especially important for areas of the village away from the two ponds.

OLD FRIENDS HALL

The Old Friends Hall is available to hire weekends for gatherings/meetings/parties and costs £30 for 4 hours. Please contact the office if you would like more information or wish to book. We have a well-equipped kitchen and a spacious carpeted hall.

OLD FRIENDS HALL COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning in the Old Friends Hall will be on Wednesday 25th November at 10am. It costs £2.50 per person for unlimited drinks, home baked cakes and a quiz. There is also a raffle. Great place to meet up with old friends and make new! Everyone is welcome!

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

There will be a Councillor available in the Library on 14th November between 10.30am and 12 noon. Come along for a chat.

!!WANTED!!
PARISH COUNCILLORS

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

You would need to be able to commit a few hours each month 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.

HEDGES AND TREES

Just a reminder that to save being asked to… you can now cut your hedges right back. This will allow you to get on top of any of your hedges that are encroaching or do so during the growing season over either a footpath or the highway. Many hedges are planted on the boundary of properties so as soon as they begin to grow half of the shrub is already encroaching over the pavement or road.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRAIL

HPC are running a Christmas lights trail again this year in the hope that it will encourage more people to put up outside Christmas lights to brighten Heacham up.

Last year saw a good turnout of lights, let's make this year even better. There will be three prizes for the best three entrants which will be decided by people getting a judging form and going round the trail and voting for their favourites for first, second and third places.

Entry is free but you need to register with the Parish Office, either by phone or by email. Entries need to be with the Parish Office by the end of November and will be published as soon as they have been formalised by the Community Activities Committee.

HEACHAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The office is open to the public on Monday to Thursday 10am until noon. There is someone in the office afternoons 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 into the office when open with any enquiry you may have.

Please remember that Parish Councillors cannot respond to comments made on social media, the whole Council have to agree to a response and so if you have any questions, please address them to the Council by methods shown below.

Any queries should be addressed to:

Heacham Parish Council Office
Old Friends Hall, Sunnyside, Heacham
King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 7DU
Tel 01485 572142
Email: office@heacham-pc.gov.uk
Website: www.heacham-pc.gov.uk

HELP LINES

HEACHAM GROUP PRACTICE **01485 572769**
Heacham Surgery MON TO FRI 08.30 TO 18.30
Snettisham Surgery MON TO WED 8.30 TO 12.30 14.30 TO 18.30
THURS/FRIDAY 8.30 TO 12.30 Closed p.m.

OUT OF HOURS DOCTOR **111**
For out of hours service, please call the NHS Helpline

HEACHAM CHEMIST (Boots) **570297**
OPEN MON - FRI 09.00 – 18.30, SAT 09.00 - 17.30
DUTY CHEMIST NOTICE DISPLAYED ON DOOR

HEACHAM POST OFFICE, STATION RD **01553 214090**
OPEN MON-SUN 08.00 - 20.00

HEACHAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE **572142**
OPEN MON, TUES, WED, THUR 10:00 – 12:00
STREET LIGHT FAULT REPORT **572142**
BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICE **01553 616200**

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS
TERRY PARISH (IND) **07885 258428**
PAUL POWERS (REF) **UNAVAILABLE**
NORFOLK C C JULIE COSTLEY (REF) **julie.costley.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk**

PARISH LIBRARY (in Church Hall, High Street) **07300 553769**
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HEACHAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME **534777**
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL	**01553 613613**
NHS Helpline	**111**
DENTIST **Emergency only for patients not registered with a dentist**	**01553 223193**
COMMUNITY MIDWIFE HUB	**07788 309201**
POLICE	**101**
SAMARITANS Freephone **116123** or (local charge)	**0330 094 5717**
CHILD LINE	**0800 1111**
SILVER LINE	**0800 4708090**
ELECTRICITY (UK Power Networks)	**0800 3163105**
ANGLIAN WATER	**0800 771881**
GAS ESCAPE	**0800 111999**
24hrs VETERINARY CLINIC (Medivet Heacham)	**01485 570065**

HUNSTANTON LIBRARY **01485 532280**
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SAT 9am-4pm MON & THURS - Closed

HEACHAM RECYCLING CENTRE **0344 800 8020**
Open 9am – 4pm except Wednesdays Slots for visits must now be booked in advance .

HEACHAM COMMUNITY WEBSITES
www.heachamgroupppractice.org
www.heachamnewsletter.org.uk

HEACHAM HALLS

PUBLIC HALL		**570776**
PINE RESIDENTS HALL, Wilton Road	Pat Toppin	**779208**
METHODIST CHURCH HALL, Station Road	Mike Careless	**570363**
ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, High Street	Mon - Fri 10 – 12	**572539**
OLD FRIENDS HALL	Sunnyside	**572142**
HEACHAM SCOUT HUT	Sunnyside	**592041**

DEFIBRILLATOR SITES IN HEACHAM

(Please read instructions and obtain code to activate)

Jennings Store South Beach Road - Located by the staff entrance, available 24hrs
St.Mary's Church – Front Porch. Available 24hrs
Sports Field Pavillion – On the external wall of the pavilion
Chalk Pit Recycling Centre - Outside the gates. Available 24hrs
Pioneer Holiday Park – In yellow phone box adjacent S Beach Rd, 50yds towards beach from main entrance
North Beach & South Beach Toilets – On exterior wall . Available 24hrs
Tesco – Inside by the events board
Fire Station - on the front. Available 24 hrs
Methodist Church – on the front. Available 24 hrs
Palm Beach Holiday Park – half way down in the red phone box

LOCAL BUS SERVICES BETWEEN HUNSTANTON AND KING'S LYNN

Bus Enquiries:- www.lynxbus.co.uk 01553611955

	Service 34 via QE Hospital	35 via Sandringhan	36 Coastliner
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www.wnct.co.uk **01553 776971**

PICK-UP POINTS FOR THE HEACHAM NEWSLETTER
First Saturday of each month except January.

Jennings Store, Tesco Express, Lidl, Heacham Fish Bar, Norfolk Lavender, Parish Library, Riverside, Palm Beach, Tony's Fish and Chips, Silver Sands, Boots Chemist, Heacham Surgery, Station Rd Garage, Fox & Hounds, Social Club, Modern Story, Bliss, Spice Garden, Breakfast & Brownies, Cooper & Elms, Moulam and Horn, Parish Council Office, Pioneer, Parkdean, Heacham Charity Shop, Nisa.

MOBILE LIBRARY
Route DER201 TUESDAY Every Four Weeks

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11:30 SCHOOL ROAD
11:55 COLLINGWOOD CLOSE
12:15 FENSIDE
12:35 JENNINGS CLOSE
12.55 COLLEGE DRIVE
14:25 GIDNEY DRIVE
15:05 NEVILLE COURT
15.55 POPLAR AVE
16:15 SITKA CLOSE
16:40 NORWAY CLOSE
17:00 NEVILLE ROAD

TIDE TABLES
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

HIGH WATER AT HUNSTANTON
Heights above chart datum
Time Zone UT (GMT)

Nov 2026 Date	Morning Time	m	Afternoon Time	m	Dec 2026 Date	Morning Time	m	Afternoon Time	m
1 SU	10 26	6.1	22 32	6.0	1 TU	11 38	6.0	23 31	6.2
2 M	11 55	5.7	23 57	5.8	2 W			12 43	5.9
3 TU			13 20	5.7	3 TH	00 41	6.1	13 47	5.9
4 W	01 21	5.9	14 34	6.0	4 F	01 48	6.2	14 46	6.0
5 TH	02 32	6.3	15 34	6.4	5 SA	02 50	6.3	15 39	6.2
6 F	03 29	6.6	16 22	6.7	6 SU	03 47	6.4	16 24	6.4
7 SA	04 19	6.9	17 02	6.9	7 M	04 37	6.5	17 05	6.6
8 SU	05 03	7.1	17 37	7.0	8 TU	05 23	6.6	17 43	6.8
9 M ●	05 45	7.1	18 11	7.0	9 W ●	06 07	6.8	18 19	6.9
10 TU	06 25	7.1	18 45	7.1	10 TH	06 47	6.6	18 55	6.9
11 W	07 03	7.0	19 15	7.0	11 F	07 23	6.5	19 27	6.9
12 TH	07 38	6.8	19 44	6.9	12 SA	07 57	6.4	19 58	6.8
13 F	08 10	6.5	20 12	6.7	13 SU	08 31	6.3	20 30	6.7
14 SA	08 43	6.2	20 42	6.5	14 M	09 06	6.1	21 04	6.4
15 SU	09 20	5.8	21 18	6.1	15 TU	09 45	5.9	21 41	6.2
16 M	10 07	5.5	22 04	5.8	16 W	10 30	5.7	22 27	6.0
17 TU	11 12	5.2	23 11	5.5	17 TH	11 25	5.5	23 24	5.9
18 W			12 33	5.2	18 F			12 31	5.5
19 TH	00 23	5.5	13 41	5.4	19 SA	00 29	5.9	13 38	5.6
20 F	01 40	5.8	14 42	5.8	20 SU	01 38	6.1	14 44	5.9
21 SA	02 39	6.2	15 32	6.2	21 M	02 48	6.3	15 43	6.2
22 SU	03 30	6.6	16 19	6.6	22 TU	03 52	6.6	16 36	6.6
23 M	04 21	7.0	17 03	6.9	23 W	04 53	6.9	17 26	6.9
24 TU○	05 09	7.3	17 45	7.1	24 TH○	05 51	7.2	18 15	7.2
25 W	05 59	7.4	18 28	7.3	25 F	06 49	7.3	19 03	7.4
26 TH	06 51	7.5	19 11	7.4	26 SA	07 42	7.4	19 48	7.5
27 F	07 41	7.4	19 54	7.3	27 SU	08 30	7.3	20 31	7.5
28 SA	08 31	7.2	20 38	7.1	28 M	09 19	7.0	21 16	7.3
29 SU	09 25	6.8	21 26	6.8	29 TU	10 09	6.7	22 04	7.0
30 M	10 26	6.4	22 22	6.5	30 W	11 00	6.3	22 57	6.6
					31 TH	11 15	6.0	23 57	6.3

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