



# THE HEACHAM NEWSLETTER

**December 2025 & January 2026**



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### **“We Wish you a Merry Christmas...”**

Another year gone by! The Heacham Newsletter Team would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our readers, our valued contributors and advertisers.

We will now take a short well earned break, but never fear, we will be back again in February 2026. So please do keep sending in your stories, letters, photos, village information, regular events, diary dates etc., by email to [theheachamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:theheachamnewsletter@gmail.com)

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# Readers' LETTERS



Heacham

Dear Newsletter,

## Traffic Incident

On Monday 10th November about 5pm, a friend was driving me home along Lodge Road and went to make a right turn into South Beach Road. Unfortunately, she was unfamiliar with the junction and ended up firmly stuck on the traffic island! The road sign on the island had been knocked down a few weeks previously rendering it invisible in the poor weather conditions.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the drivers who stopped to help us and especially the men who were able to lift up the front of the car so that she could reverse back onto the road. Fortunately, Station Road Garage were able to make time to assess and repair the damage to the underside of the car shortly afterwards.

My thanks also to the friendly Parish Council employee who reported the accident to the County Council on our behalf.

Amanda Peacock



Heacham

Dear Newsletter,

## Safety Concerns at Zebra Crossing on the approach to Boots Chemist (Station Road)

I am writing with grave concern about the safety of the zebra crossing between the junctions of Poplar Avenue/Neville Road and the small shop units including Boots the Chemist on Station Road.

The Zebra crossing can't be very visible to many drivers because drivers time and time again fail to stop coming either way.

It is an extremely dangerous crossing point for as long as I can remember. A simple observance of the area or attempt to cross will highlight this issue to anyone. It's almost every single car! They just want to zoom through, many going over 30mph. Additionally, drivers appear distracted by the opposing junction (which is also a dangerous point) or so focused on getting a parking space outside the shops? Either way drivers seem to treat this crossing as purely optional at danger to life of all ages.

Whilst pedestrians must wait and give time for drivers to see them, this doesn't work at this junction if the drivers are going too fast and don't even look at you, pedestrians seem to be invisible to drivers at this point

I have resolved to taking down numberplates each time and reporting to police, have reported the problem to the Norfolk Council Highways and have emailed Heacham Parish Council and James Wild MP, but I wonder what else can be done to increase awareness and safety of pedestrians at this point in the village? Does the road need to reduce speed as well?

Drivers can be reminded of the rules of zebra crossings (look in the Highway Code). They are there to assist people to cross in high traffic areas where crossing would otherwise be impossible/dangerous.

Concerned Heacham resident  
(Name & address supplied)



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## LIGHT UP HEACHAM

### Christmas Tree & Lights Trail

13th-21st of December 2025

Take part in the village festive trail and register your Christmas Tree/ Lights display with the Parish Council Office

Bring festive cheer to Heacham!

Win prizes for your brilliant display!

Free Entry

Closing date for entries is Monday 8 December to ensure your location is added to the trail map

office@heacham-pc.gov.uk



## Sedgeford

Dear Newsletter,

### The Heacham Hyphen

I read Eric Rhodes' The Heacham Hyphen article (THN Nov 2025) with much interest as I too am researching along a certain path regarding these particular Rolfses, namely Edmund(iv) and his wife Catherine Frances, nee Biscoe, who in July/August 1819 went on a round route of England to Oxford, Painswick and Tunstall (Lancs), calling upon family, friends and acquaintances. This following a devastating thunderstorm that had taken place on Monday evening of 5th July when lightning struck the tower of Sedgeford Church, blowing a metre square hole in the vestry wall where a bible reading class was being held. In the subsequent panic and aftermath, the body of 14 year old Susan Nobes was found behind the vestry door, killed, supposedly by the 'liquid electricity' or falling masonry depending on the story told. Catherine Rolfe was a witness to all that occurred, the story of which was subsequently the subject of a religious tract published by The Religious Tract Society a couple of months later. That, as they say, is another story, but the point is, that I too have become quite familiar with the Rolfe family of this period, but not wishing to tread on any toes I would like to take the opportunity to refine one or two points for clarity:

There was indeed a string of 4 consecutive Edmund Rolfses from 1649 to 1836 and understandably at times, it can get confusing as to which Edmund one is dealing with. In this instance it is Edmund(iii) (1738-1817) we are primarily dealing with; he was the son of Edmund(ii) (1700-1774) and the father of Edmund(iv) (1766-1836). It was Edmund(ii) who despatched Edmund(iii) off on his Grand Tour in April 1759 who then, not soon after, fell in with one Julia de Martino of Lausanne, Switzerland and thereby had a son who was born in December 1760 at Villa Nuova, 50 miles south of Turin, Italy. He was named Charles Nevill, after New Villa, the anglicisation of the place where he was born. Edmund(iii) continued alone on his Grand Tour and returned to Norfolk, England, in the spring of 1762. Two years later he married Dorothy Ffolkes of Hillington and they had 2 children: Dorothy (Dolly) in 1765 and Edmund(iv) in 1766.

In 1764/5, aged 5, Charles Nevill's mother Julia, now Madame F. Six, accepted £900 to give up custody of the child and brought Charles to England where he would, in time, join the family in Heacham to be brought up with his half-siblings. Charles married Anne Colden Williamson and they had two children, Anne and Strickland Charles Edward Neville (the 'e' got added later). Dolly and Edmund(iv) married young, but neither would go on to have issue. Dolly died in 1807, and with Charles being the illegitimate older son, who could not inherit the estates, that would fall to Edmund(iv). Edmund(iii) in a letter to his son wrote: 'My Dear Charles - I have always told you that I had it not in my power to be of any essential service to you in pecuniary concerns. My poor deceased daughter was most truly attached to you and I believe Edmund to be the same. Should he die without children, he knows that it was his sister's wish as well as mine that you should inherit the Estate, taking the Name and Arms of our Family.' It was an amende honorable for Charles' illegitimacy. And so it came to pass that Edmund(iv) inherited the Estates in 1817; Charles suffered a paralytic stroke in 1828. Edmund(iv) died in 1836

with his wife Catherine and brother Charles passing the following year. Thus, the Estates then came to Charles' son, Strickland who, by Royal Licence, took the Name and Arms of the Rolfe family and thus became Strickland Charles Edward Neville-Rolfe.

My apologies if I have repeated some of what had already been put forward. Much of the above information was gleaned (some of it verbatim) from the Rolfe Family Record Vol II (R.T & A. Gunther 1914) and Vols I & III (A.E.Gunther 1962); and The Rolfe Papers: A Chronicle of a Norfolk Family (Veronica Berry 1979). As regards the family legend of Pocohontas, I am minded of Gunther's written word in 1962: 'But between the issue of the romantic marriage of John Rolfe with Pocohontas and with the Rolfses' of Heacham of the present day there is no connection.'

Tim Snelling



### Heacham in Bloom

The team held a busy meeting in November to discuss and agree a colour scheme and plants for Summer 2026. We also planned to add a few festive touches to our display in the High Street as part of Light Up Heacham. There is no meeting in December unless you count our Christmas Lunch.

We know that committee meetings are not everyone's cup of tea but, if you fancy getting out and about with a purpose this summer (no meetings), please do get in touch either by email or via the Heacham in Bloom Facebook page.

The next meeting takes place on Monday 19 January 2026 at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blooming good New Year!

Heacham in Bloom Committee  
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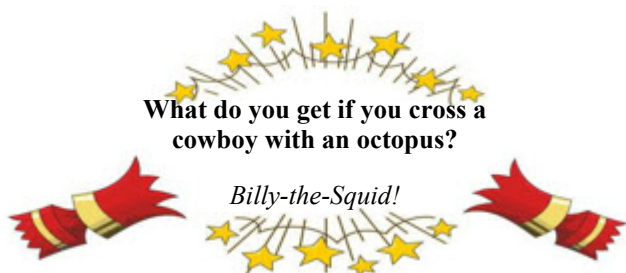
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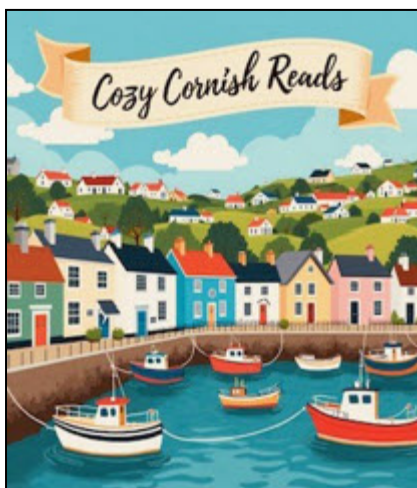
## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

### RECOMMENDED READING

**December:** "Girls of Bomber Command" by Vicki Beeby is a charming series of historical fiction about friendship, love and adventures of service women brought together by the Second World War.



**January:** Brighten up the dark days and start dreaming of the warmer weather with one or more of our many Cornish-based novels.



### OTHER NEWS:

Join up January: Next year – 2026 – has been designated as a national 'Year of Reading.' Make sure you are part of this initiative and take advantage of a regular supply of free books from your library. We have a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction to appeal to all tastes, so if you are

not yet a member, just pop in and join up. It will only take a minute.

**Jigsaw Puzzles:** Members may now borrow jigsaw puzzles (500 and 1000 pieces) to help while away the oncoming winter days. Usual Library lending rules apply.

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**Printing:** Printing and copying are available at the Library in mono or colour for a small charge.

**Community Tech Session:** Monday 8th December and 12th January - free one-to-one help with all things digital with Janie, the Community Tech Coach – sessions need to be pre-booked.

### Community Assistance: NO SESSION IN DECEMBER.

Anne Sipple from the British Red Cross/Trussell partnership will return with two sessions in January 2026 on Wednesday 7th and 28th - 10.00-12.00 noon. Anne can help with issues such as Blue Badges, Sourcing Allowances, Energy Bills and Debt Management.

**Could you use a little extra help?**

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Heachamites Recollections Group: Future meetings: 2.00pm on Monday 1st December and 5th January 2026.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to create displays for us all to appreciate throughout the year, to all those who kindly donated quality books to supplement the Library stock and the volunteers who make all of this possible.

### CLOSURES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The Library will be closed on the following days - Wednesday 24th, Friday 26th and Wednesday 31st December.

WISHING EVERYBODY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW 'YEAR OF READING'!

**The Library Team**

**Enquiries: Tel: 07300 553769.**

**Email: [heachamlibrary@btinternet.com](mailto:heachamlibrary@btinternet.com)**  
**or Parish Office Tel: 01485 57214**

### Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to join our friendly team and in particular need someone to take charge of our advertising. If you feel this is something you would like to do and be part of our friendly team, then for further information please send an email to: [theheachamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:theheachamnewsletter@gmail.com)

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEACHAM



Heacham Parish Church

As I write this, I look back over this last year, for our village community, for those who I have had direct contact with and for me. We have seen many changes, many challenges, good times and hard ones as individuals, as a community.

What has not changed though is the story and the meaning of Jesus' birth. The story is still the same, of a vulnerable baby, born in a stable to an unmarried young mother, coming into our messy world in challenging circumstances.

The meaning of Christmas is Emmanuel, God with us.

Jesus is God with us, in the mess, in the challenges and changes, in the sad times and the happy ones, in the disappointments and the difficulties, in the sorrows and the celebrations.

I believe that, we need to know God's presence with us, we need to know the comfort, the joy, the hope and the peace that God brings.

This Christmas read again, or listen to the Christmas story, reflecting on its meaning for you. Come to church to be still, to light a candle, to sing carols, to pray, to be in your village church.

My prayer this Advent, Christmas and for 2026, is that each of us may know God with us, that you might catch a glimpse of the hope, peace and love that can be found in Jesus, not just at Christmas but always.

With my prayers and best wishes for Advent, Christmas and for 2026.

**Veronica**

**Revd Veronica Wilson: Vicar of Heacham**

### Services: December 2025 and January 2026

<b>7th December 10am:</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>14th December 10am:</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>21st December 10am:</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>28th December 10am:</b>	<b>Holy Communion for Holy Innocent</b>
<b>4th January:</b>	<b>Morning Worship for Epiphany</b>
<b>11th January:</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>18th January:</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>25th January:</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>4th February:</b>	<b>Morning Worship for Candlemas</b>

### Christmas Services

<b>7th December 3pm;</b>	<b>Blue Christmas</b>
<b>14th December 4pm:</b>	<b>Heacham Methodist Church Carols</b>
<b>21st December 6pm:</b>	<b>Village Carols by candlelight</b>
<b>24th December 3pm:</b>	<b>Christingle</b>
<b>24th December 9pm:</b>	<b>Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion (please note time)</b>
<b>25th December 10am:</b>	<b>Christmas Day Holy Communion</b>



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on Heacham Parish Church You Tube channel

**HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH in church**  
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 **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025**  
At Heacham Parish Church

**Blue Christmas**  
*for those who have been bereaved or find Christmas hard*  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm

 **Village Carols by Candlelight**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm

**Christmas Eve**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
3pm Christingle  
9pm Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion  
*(note the time change service at 9pm)*

 **Christmas Day**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10am Holy Communion

**JOY**  **JOY**

**Everyone Welcome**

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### Heacham Coronation Bell

This September saw the anniversary of the installation of our coronation bell. It has been rung for services and celebrations for a year now too. Many people have appreciated hearing it ring across the village.



The PCC have agreed to ringing the bell for the hour every day from 9am to 9pm from 1st December. This will be reviewed after a 6-month trial period.

### Poppies and Remembrance displays



Thank you very much to everyone who created the fabulous poppy and light displays in and outside church for Remembrance this year. They looked wonderful.



The knitted and crocheted display will be kept for future years, so if you enjoyed making them, do carry on as we will need even more for Remembrance 2026 where we hope to go bigger and better!



### Bereavement Support Group

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. The next meetings are 4th December 2025 and 8th January 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 St Mary's Church Heacham.

All ages welcome.

The next coffee mornings are on 16th December 2025 and 20th January 2026 from 10am – 11.30am

### Prayer Tree

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

### Morning Prayer

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am on Zoom

Tuesday and Thursday 9am, to start at 9.05am, in person in church.

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 on your heart, please contact the church office.

### Church Open

During the winter months Heacham Parish Church is open from 10am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come in and enjoy this beautiful church, to light a candle, to pause or pray.

### CHURCH CONTACTS:

St Mary's Church: Revd Veronica Wilson (01485) 570697  
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St Mary's Church Office:

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## **BLUE CHRISTMAS**

### **Service of Light and Remembrance**

at

### **St Mary's Parish Church, Heacham**

### **Sunday 7th December at 3pm**

Christmas is coming and very soon we will be caught up in the preparations for it. It is a time to celebrate the birth of Christ with your family. But for many bereaved families it is also the time of year when you remember the ones in your lives who died, relatives or friends. The constant refrain on radio and television, in stores and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concerns. We need to know that we are not alone. This Blue Christmas service is a chance to take some time out to reflect, and to acknowledge the pain that the Advent and Christmas seasons sometimes ignore and sometimes cause. We can remember those we have lost, before Christmas Day. It will help with how much grief or sadness intrudes on Christmas Day.

All those who have been bereaved, whether it is recently or in the past are welcome as are other family members or friends.

## **HEACHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

Station Road, Heacham



**Minister: Revd Dr Richman Ncube**  
(Tel: 01485 570232)

**December 2025**

**We extend a warm welcome to all**

**Sunday Morning Services: 10.30am unless otherwise stated**

### **DECEMBER**

**7th December:**

**Rev Richman Ncube**

**14th December:**

**Sheila Johnson**

**14th December:**

**Carol Service**

**21st December:**

**Irene Garrard**

**25th December:**

**Rev Dr Richman Ncube**

**28th December:**

**Sikha Ncube**

### **JANUARY**

**4th January:**

**Rev Dr Richman Ncube –**

**Covenant Service**

**11th January:**

**Carolyn Schofield**

**18th January:**

**Judith Semmons**

**25th January:**

**Mary Cumbers**

### **Other dates for your diary**

**Heacham Methodist Church Nativity Displays.**

Please come and view our wonderful Nativity Displays Friday 12th and Saturday 13th December 10am–4pm. Light lunches and refreshments will be served. Sunday 14th December Candlelight Service 4.00pm

**All proceeds to Tapping House**

### **Midweek Communion**

10.30am 2nd Wednesday of the month.

### **Bible Study**

10.30am 4th Thursday of the month.

### **Open Church**

Heacham no longer holds an open Church. However, if you would like to speak to the Minister he can be contacted on 01485 570232.

### **Church Lunch Group**

**No Church Lunch Group will be held in December.**

12.00 – 2.00pm Friday 23rd January.

Please join us for a light lunch of sandwiches or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings.

Contact Marianne 07880 364326.

### **Fellowship Meetings**

Tuesday 23rd December at 2.30pm

Tuesday 27th January at 2.30pm

### **Noah's Ark Toddler Group**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME**

Thursdays – 9.30–11.00am (term time) – Heacham Methodist School Room c/o Marianne Baguley (07880 364326).

### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 20th December 10.00am–12.00pm.

### **Crafty Crowd**

10.00am 2nd Friday of the month.

Do you enjoy craft? Would you like to meet new people? Why not come and join us. Bring your own craft. Refreshments served. Contact Marianne 07880 364326.



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

**Charities we are supporting this year are:**

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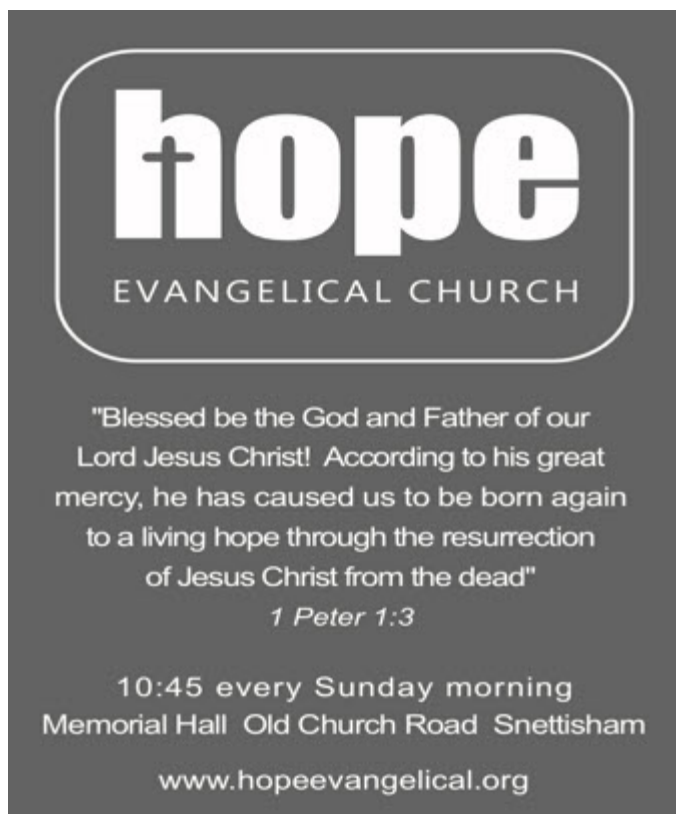
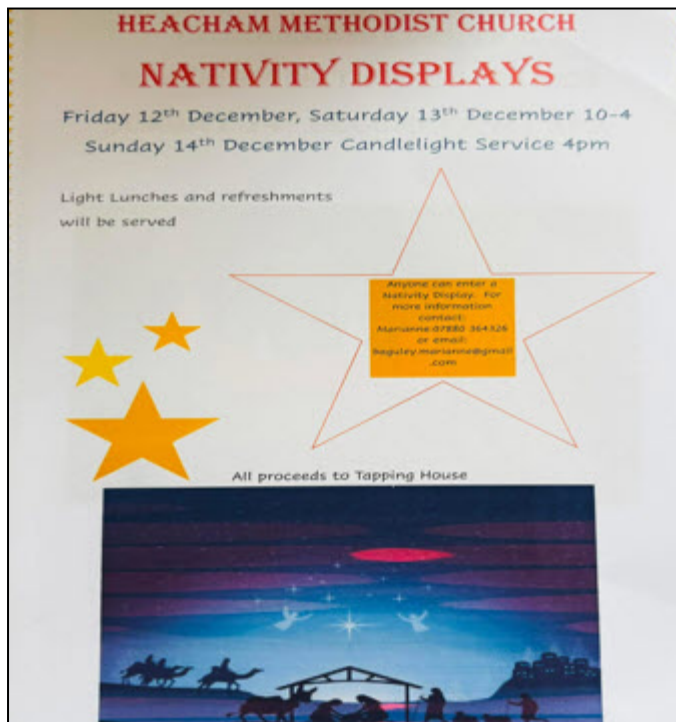
Mission Aviation Fellowship, who provide medical assistance to remote communities

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.

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”**

**Luke 2:14**



**Hunstanton Catholic Parish**

There will be an Advent Fair preparing for Christmas at OLSE, Hunstanton on Saturday 6th December, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There will be crafts, books, puzzles, tombola, a raffle and refreshments.

Our coffee morning and cake sale at St Cecilia's, Dersingham, held on Saturday 4th October was very successful and just over £600 was raised for Ukrainian orphans.

The Pope's prayer intention for Dec '25: For Christians in areas of conflict. We pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

The Pope's prayer intention for Jan '26: For prayer with the Word of God. We pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

**Our Christmas Mass times are as follows:**

**Wednesday 24th December is at OLSE, Hunstanton at 7pm. Christmas Day, 25th, Mass at St Cecilia's, Dersingham at 9am and at OLSE, Hunstanton at 11am.**

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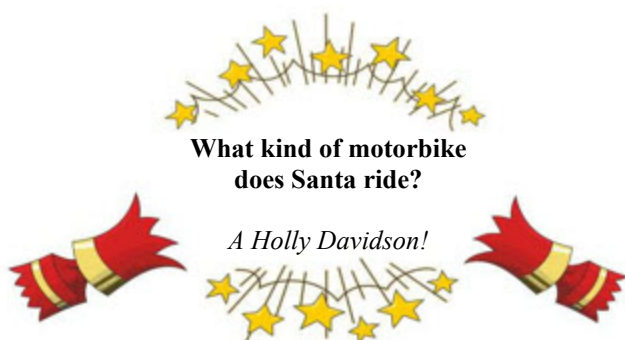


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## Christmas Quiz

1. What animated 2004 film is about a train that carries kids to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?
2. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, what was Mr. Scrooge's first name?
3. Gingerbread houses were reportedly inspired by what famous fairy tale?
4. Miracle on 34th Street centres on what real-life department store?
5. How many reindeer are featured in Twas the Night Before Christmas?
6. What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
7. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
8. In Home Alone, where are the McCallister's going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
9. In the classic, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
10. What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
11. Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way"?
12. In the movie Elf, what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?
13. According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?
14. Visions of which food danced in children's heads as they slept in Twas The Night Before Christmas?
15. What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out of?
16. What dish is mentioned in the song We Wish You a Merry Christmas?
17. How many gifts in total were given in The Twelve Days of Christmas song?
18. Who was the author of A Christmas Carol?
19. How the Grinch Stole Christmas takes place in Whoville, but where is Whoville?
20. In The Snowman what colour hat and scarf does the snowman have?

**Answers on page 41**

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Wishing all Heacham Newsletter readers a cosy Christmas and a bright new year ahead! Many thanks to all for supporting Sallywags Parent Baby

& Toddler Group in 2025, including the amazing help received from Heacham Youth & Community Trust, Hunstanton & District Round Table and Heacham Photography Exhibition. Shoutouts to Liz our tea lady and Sky for all your invaluable help at Sallywags and finally our very lovely families who always make Wednesday mornings such a pleasure xxx.

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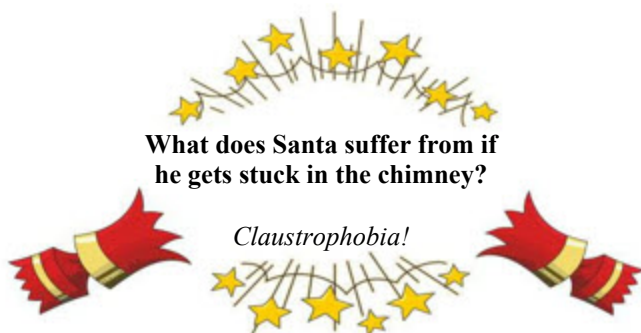
## The Heacham Hyphen

For those who had sleepless nights in November wondering what happened to the Reverend Neville-Rolfe, here is the final paragraph that went adrift:-

Although most of the Heacham Rolfes were buried in the church, Strickland had a family vault prepared on the north side of the building and was buried there after his unexpected death in bed on Christmas Eve/morning 1852. His curate conducted the funeral (and appears to have officiated at all baptisms, marriages and funerals.) Strickland's son and heir Charles Fawcett Neville-Rolfe also had a large family and it was his son Eustace who gave to the church the Rolfe Acre, in a corner of which are buried many of Strickland's Neville-Rolfe descendants. Eustace however, was buried in Naples.

Eric Rhodes

*Editor's Note: We regret that this last paragraph was inadvertently omitted from the article which appeared in the November Newsletter.*






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## **Borough Council News**

### **Heacham Ward which includes Sedgeford and Fring**

Merry Christmas to you all. The month ended with news that an offer has been made for resident parking at Heacham Beach car parks. There will be one hour's free parking. This meets the concession negotiated by a resident and well done to her. There is a caveat; a no return window of three hours. It will also take another 3-4 months to take effect as the Borough Council continues to insist that software has to be changed (the concession was 'made' last July).

The facts that parking charges are too high overall and that the winter season of free parking remains cancelled, still seem to have been forgotten. A meeting to discuss these matters has still to be convened though the cabinet member originally asked to attend has resigned his position. I will continue to pursue the matter.

Sedgeford's Parish Council perseverance, over several years, of issues relating to the Heacham River is paying off. Anglian Water has confirmed that improvements to the river within the Sedgeford boundary will be made from 2025-2030 funding, with investigatory work commencing soon. A report on that will be coming in around 6 months. The intention is to improve river flow and mitigate against it drying out in the summer. The big issue of why there is less water flowing from the aquifer is still an open question.

Back to Heacham. At the time of writing, a new traffic diversion or roadworks seems to pop up several times each week. I don't get any advance notice of these and neither I nor the Parish Council are asked about diversion routes or notices. We have to put up with them too, but please tell me /us if particular difficulties arise.

Several planning applications are dragging on. Delays are due to inadequate, sometimes incorrect, information provided on the application forms or lack of appropriate consultations for criteria associated with the application. Planning officers pick up on some of these errors and I pick up on any local matters they miss. I recommend that any planning applicants ensure that their agent complete the application form completely and correctly and, if your application is not simple, seek pre-application advice from the Borough. It will have to be paid for but will speed up the process. If your application has the potential to annoy people, then meet with the Parish Council to discuss your intentions. You may find that the contentious issues, after discussion, can be mitigated.

The Borough Council's housing development, Florence Fields in Lynn, has a mixed tenure of market sales, rent, and affordable homes. It is now recommended that the proportions in the mix will change and more rented accommodation and affordable housing will be provided. This is good news as it should encourage more locals to take up residence in these excellent, efficient, houses and ensure that they are used rather than lying dormant racking up costs to the council.

There has been more interest shown in Styleman Court flats so it remains to be seen whether this expensive development breaks even for the Council. It will be an outrage if a high proportion end up as holiday flats.

At an interesting meeting of Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board (IDB), environmental matters were raised and the importance of IDBs in controlling invasive species like Floating Pennywort underlined. There was also concern raised at the pressure to licence the release of beavers and the need to ensure proper, local, consultation.

Future funding of IDBs, following local government reorganisation, was a worry with unconfirmed reports that the government might make radical changes. On a personal note, though a large proportion of Council Tax goes to pay the IDB bill, that they do very good, essential, work I do not doubt. Councils adversely affected by the costs want it to be met by central government funds.

At a joint panel set up to debate recommendations for a change in the way Council scrutiny is managed, it was unanimously decided to leave things as they are; the current three scrutiny panels that handle different aspects of the Council's work. Reasons for doing so included forthcoming local government reorganisation - why meddle with a system that functions now when it will be all change come the unitary council.

The meeting of my scrutiny panel, Regeneration and Development, had two substantial items on its agenda, the King's Lynn Masterplan, and a presentation by Anglian Water.

The Masterplan is a coming together of old and new initiatives which have been in and out of the pipeline for some years. Consultants have so far cost between £200,000 and £300,000 which is small beer compared to some projects. However, what is intended to be done is good and the strategy to ensure all plans pass the planning stage is commendable. As funding allows, for example from any share of the devolution pot, work should actually be done rather than talked about for another few years. Meanwhile, public consultation continues.



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A small point, my recommendation that the term 'wayfinding infrastructure' should be replaced by 'signposts' was agreed.

The Anglian Water presentation was informative as it was revealed that there was now closer cooperation between them and planning officers. The latter had been miffed when AW announced, earlier this year, that they would be objecting to all proposed new developments in areas where sewage infrastructure was or would be at capacity (for example, Heacham Waste Water Treatment Works).

This stance conflicts with government driven necessity to build ever more houses. Co-operation between officers and AW will seek to mitigate the impact where possible and ensure the development of the next Local Plan is linked to AW's asset management. Officers could ignore AW's current problems as the water company is a non-statutory consultee, that is, their recommendations can be ignored. In law, water companies must connect developments to sewage pipes and water supply pipes whether their infrastructure can cope or not. Officers are most unlikely to go down that daft line and I will monitor the situation in my patch. Whilst there can be too much sewage, the opposite is true for drinking water. This is a dry region and last summer made it drier, reducing levels in aquifers and rivers from which water is extracted. Anglian Water has to prioritise domestic supply and has no obligation to provide water to businesses and farms. This area doubles its population in the summer when rain water is minimal

and crops are growing. New water supplies are needed now and new development should, logically, await new pipe lines and reservoirs. And all new development should have rain water storage and 'grey water' use for flushing toilets etc.

A pipeline and reservoir are in hand but if and when they are completed, they will likely benefit the area towards Cambridge more than us. They will also have to provide for an ever-increasing population and rely on rainfall elsewhere which cannot be guaranteed. Water rationing in England? If you still have one, keep your cold water storage tank whatever heating system you adopt.

Having said all that, it's a long time since I built a snowman. Perhaps this winter? Happy New Year.

**Cllr. Terry Parish  
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## Heacham at Night

by Terry Parish

Merry Christmas to you all. The season has come around again; it always will as the Earth orbits the Sun. On the 21st, at 3.03pm, the Sun is as far south in our sky as it will get this year. It is the Winter Solstice, the shortest day and longest night and the time of magic and mystery for millennia as people encouraged the Sun's warmth to come back and life to renew in the land. Both the Greeks and Romans added feasting and fun. Sounds like Christmas.



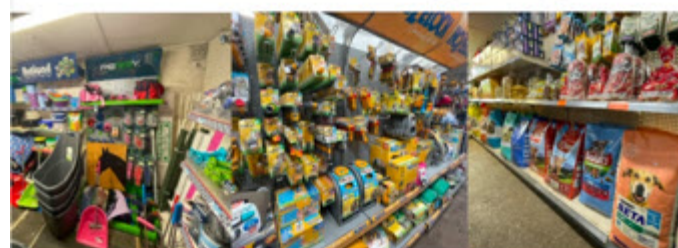
### Why we are in the dark

I didn't see much of the night sky last month. When clear enough, Jupiter was shining brightly in the NE and, this month, it will do so earlier in the evening. The gas giant rises around 6pm and is a bright magnitude minus 2.6. Start looking from around 7pm. It's the



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*Artist's impression, the Clipper over the cracked ice surface of Europa with Jupiter in the background. NASA*

I only saw last month's supermoon through thin cloud, and that was on the 6th Nov, the night after the 'event.' On the 4th December there is another supermoon, the third and last this year. It's a tad less super than its November apparition being 239km further away at 357,219km. So, a very miniscule tad. The time of minimum distance is around 11pm but catch it as it rises because an optical illusion will make it seem bigger the closer it is to the horizon.

Sticking with the Moon. On the 6th, Jupiter is below it and the stars Castor and Pollux to the left. On the 7th, Jupiter is just to the right of the Moon and Pollux and Castor are above it.

On the 9th, the star Regulus is left of the Moon.

On the 13th, before the Moon rises, the Geminid Meteor shower should light up the sky. Bits falling off the chariot of Phaethon are responsible or, at least from an asteroid, lump of rock, named after the son of Helios, the sun god. A typical teenager, Phaethon ignored advice and flew too close to and too far from the Earth



both burning and freezing it. This, apparently, caused deserts and the frozen lands. This annoyed the stars and Zeus zapped Phaethon with a lightning bolt.

*Phaethon unwittingly making deserts and frozen lands but at least he left behind the Geminids. Internet*



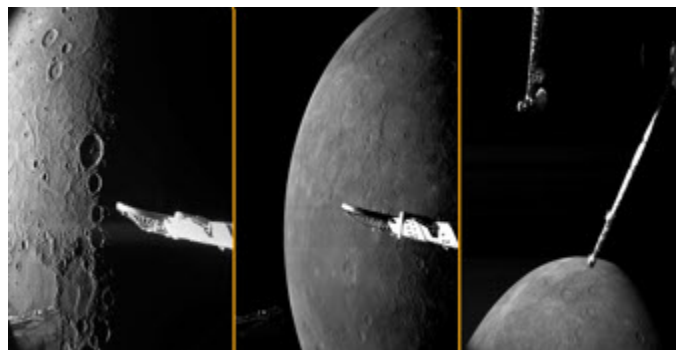
Anyway, wrap up, get your eyes accustomed to the dark, and take a look as late as you can. It would be seasonal to have a hot mince pie and mulled wine after your astronomical effort. On the 17th get up before dawn, 6.45am, and look SE. A crescent Moon will be to the right and equidistant to the left Mercury will be a shining spark close to the horizon so a difficult location for most of us. Do not use optical instruments as the Sun will pop up. More on Mercury below.

Boxing Day. Hope for a clear sky and take yourself outside, see the crescent Moon, go left of it and find the ringed planet Saturn, a wonder in a birding or small telescope. The ringed planet has 274 moons and a small telescope on a clear night might see the spark of reflected light from one of them, Titan. This moon is bigger than the planet Mercury and was discovered in 1655 by Huygens using a telescope with a lens just over 2 inches wide. A few years later Cassini discovered four more, Tethys, Dione, Rhea and Iapetus. Cassini also discovered the division in the ring system which is named after him and NASA's major exploration of Saturn was the Cassini mission of 2004.

William Herschel, discoverer of the planet Uranus, found the moons named Mimas and Enceladus. The latter is a prime contender in the search for extra-terrestrial life so, one day, Herschel may have a microbe named after him. The names of the moons were suggested in 1847 by John Herschel, son of William, so, maybe, two different microbes will be needed. (Ephemera, John did many things scientific and he invented the blueprint.)

I have mentioned Mercury twice already and there is a good opportunity for you to view the planet in the first half of December. It rises low in the SE at 6am and is shining with a

magnitude of minus 0.6. It will appear as a bright spark. On the 7th it is at its most distant western elongation from the Sun. In other words, it's quite far to the left of the Sun's rising disc so will stand out more against the darker sky.



*Bepi Columbo's 6th Mercury Flyby. ESA*

Three spacecraft have been sent to Mercury: Mariner 10 in 1973 which made three flybys over two years; Messenger in 2008 which made three flybys and then orbited until 2015; and Bepi Columbo launched in 2018 which flew by Mercury 6 times and will arrive in orbit in one year. It is a European Space agency mission in co-operation with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. It consists of two probes which will orbit Mercury separately.

The stars Castor and Pollux were mentioned earlier. They are the heads of the twins in the constellation of Gemini; Castor is higher in the sky and lies at a distance of 51 light years whilst Pollux is 34 ly distant. One way of locating them is via Orion; draw a line from Rigel, bottom right of the hunter, through Betelgeuse, top left. Carry on until you find two bright stars close together and voila!



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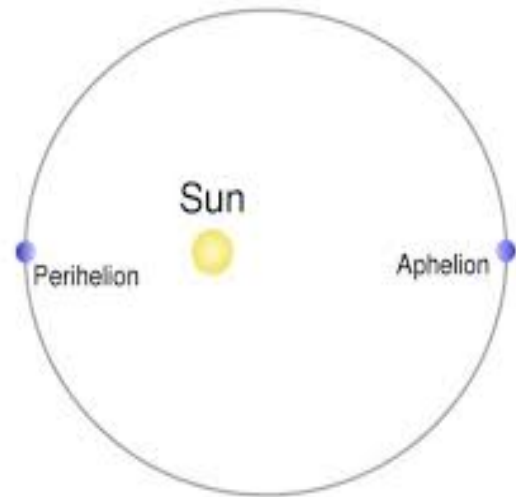
*Finding the twins and a few other stars. Internet*

Castor is yellowish and Pollux orangish, technical terms which need good eyes even with a telescope. What will be revealed is that Castor is not a single star. A telescope will easily reveal two, possibly three, though the third is faint. Sophisticated analysis shows that each of the three is two, so Castor is a multiple system of 6 stars. They are a mixture of several bigger and brighter than the Sun and several smaller and much dimmer.

Pollux is a single star, 9 times bigger and twice as massive as the Sun. It has a very large gas giant planet orbiting it. Pollux is 7.6 billion years old, 3 billion years older than our Sun so it has had time to expand and cool into a red giant. Perhaps a civilisation existed around it once.

### The New Year, 2026!

The Moon starts with another super one on the 3rd with Jupiter shining just below it too. And that date is also when Earth is at perihelion, its closest point to the Sun, 147 million kilometres away. New readers may need reminding that no astronomical body orbits anything in a circle, all follow ellipses and the Earth is no different. Fortunately, its ellipse is nearly circular, otherwise our climate would alter dramatically. The Earth's aphelion, furthest, distance from the Sun is 152 million kilometres which occurs on 21st June. Yes, that's right, in the northern hemisphere we are closest to the Sun in the winter and furthest in the summer.



*A little exaggerated.*

Jupiter is the planet of the month as its orbit and Earth's brings the planet as close as it will get on the 9th. It will be just 633 million km away and shining at a magnitude of a bright minus 2.7 (negative magnitudes are bright, positive ones dim). On the 10th, Jupiter will be exactly opposite to the Sun in the sky so all its surface will be reflecting light back towards us, the same way a Full Moon does.



*On the right of Jupiter, Io, Europa and Ganymede. Near the left edge, Callisto. These dots are what you might see through good binoculars. On the dates given below, Callisto will be to the right of Ganymede.*

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This is a good time to turn binoculars and telescopes towards the gas giant to spot the four Galilean moons. They orbit Jupiter at different speeds which can be noticed over several hours. Sometimes, from our perspective, one or more moons will be behind Jupiter. However, on the 15th at 6pm and on the 29th at 9pm, the four moons will be strung out in order. From Jupiter, Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. Our Moon is once again just over Jupiter on the 30th/31st.

In the SW you can find much dimmer Saturn. Its magnitude is +1 and the ringed planet will set at 10pm. On the 22nd, Saturn is just to the left and above the Crescent Moon, whilst, on the 23rd it is just below it.

There is another meteor shower on the night of the 3rd/4th, the Quadrantids. However, light from the bright supermoon will drown out all but the brightest meteors.

**Happy New Year. Back in February.**

**Terry Parish**








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## Sinbad's Stupendous Adventures

Here we are again - Panto season upon us.

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Please note on the Advertising Poster within this Newsletter that it is a NEW NUMBER for ticket sales. Jot the number down, because there is no Newsletter in January to remind you.

'MERRY CHRISTMAS' to all our Loyal Supporters and  
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# Sinbad's Stupendous Adventures

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## Hunstanton Indoor Christmas Market raises £253 for Charity

The festive spirit was in full swing at the Hunstanton Indoor Christmas Market, held at Hunstanton Town Hall on 28th October. Residents and visitors came together and raised an impressive £253 for charity. The market featured a variety of stalls offering handmade gifts, festive crafts, home-baked treats, and seasonal decorations.

With more than 30 raffle prizes generously donated by stallholders and local businesses, the event proved to be a great success for both shoppers and traders alike.

All proceeds from the market were donated to The Firefighters Charity, recognising and supporting their invaluable work within the local community.

The Mayor of Hunstanton, Councillor Easeman, formally presented the donation to two firefighters representing the Hunstanton District.



Organisers extended their thanks to everyone who joined in on the day and to all the local businesses for their generous support and donations.

The Tuesday Markets have now finished for 2025, and organisers look forward to welcoming everyone back in the spring.

## HUNSTANTON MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL 2025

**"TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND MOST MEANINGFUL YEAR YET."**

Hunstanton Town Council is delighted to launch the Mayor's Christmas Gift Appeal 2025, supporting those who are lonely, without family, or facing hardship this festive season.

Each year, Hunstanton residents show incredible generosity – and this year we hope to bring even more people together in the spirit of kindness, compassion, and Christmas giving.

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**For Ukraine Support**

- Warm clothing - hats, gloves, jumpers (new please for those fighting in Ukraine)
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- Toys, books, and learning materials for children in Ukraine

Drop Off Point: Hunstanton Town Hall 9am - 2pm  
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## HEACHAM F.C.



The Club currently runs 3 teams and they are as follows:-

### **1ST TEAM (playing in The Thurlow Nunn Premier Division).**

With the team finding itself in the relegation zone, Paul Hunt decided to step down from his position as First Team Manager. Paul decided that the time was right for the team and club and felt, and I quote his words, "...a different voice in the dressing room and new ideas may be what's needed for the lads to get the success they deserve." We thank Paul for all his hard work and wish him well for the future. The Club then moved quickly to find a replacement and were pleased to announce that Mark Hunter will now take over the role of First Team Manager. We welcome Mark to "Team Heacham" and wish him all the best and I am sure that everyone at the club will give him the support that is needed to make the second half of the season a success.

On the field results haven't gone our way with some very narrow defeats and our interest in the cup competitions for this season has come to an end. In the Norfolk Senior Cup we had a very good win against Gt Yarmouth Town 3-2 but in the next round went out to Norwich City U18 by the same score, with the winner coming very late in the game. In the League Cup we saw another narrow defeat at Fakenham Town.

In the league, the team still finds itself in the relegation zone but with still 19 league games to go there is a positive mood in the Club that we can start to climb the table.

### **Results have been as follows:-**

Norfolk Senior Cup - **home** v Gt Yarmouth Town won 3-2  
League - **home** v Cornard United drew 1-1  
League Cup - away v Fakenham Town lost 0-1  
League - away v Stowmarket Town lost 0-1  
League - **home** v Lakenheath drew 1-1  
Norfolk Senior Cup - home v Norwich City U18 lost 2-3  
League - **home** v Soham Town Rangers lost 1-2  
League - away v Woodbridge Town - match abandoned due to floodlight failure; to be re-arranged.

### **Forthcoming fixtures:-**

Saturday 22nd Nov **home** v Harleston Town  
Saturday 29th Nov away v Thetford Town  
Saturday 6th Dec **home** v Stowmarket Town  
Saturday 13th Dec **home** v Ely City  
Saturday 27th Dec away v Fakenham Town  
Saturday 3rd Jan **home** v Dereham Town  
Saturday 10th Jan away v Walsham Le Willows  
Saturday 24th Jan **home** v Kirkley & Pakefield  
Saturday 31st Jan away v Gt Yarmouth Town  
All above are League games and all k.o. at 3pm.

### **RESERVE TEAM (playing in The Fosters Solicitors Anglian Combination Div 3 North).**

The team currently sits in the top half of the table and, with games in hand on some, could soon be pushing for a promotion place. The team will be put to the test in the coming weeks with the next 5 games all being away from home.

### **The recent results being:-**

League - **home** v Briston - lost 0-1  
League - away v UEA Res - game awarded to Heacham (UEA unable to raise team)  
League - away v North Walsham Town Res - won 4-3  
League - away v Briston - match was postponed and will be re-arranged.

### **Forthcoming fixtures:-**

Tuesday 25th Nov away v Swaffham Town Res k.o. 7.45pm  
Saturday 29th Nov away v Holt United Res k.o. 1.30pm

Saturday 6th Dec away v Attleborough Town Res k.o. 1.30pm  
Saturday 13th Dec away v Feltwell United k.o. 1.30pm  
Saturday 3rd Jan away v Easton Res k.o. 1.30pm  
These are the only fixtures that have been released at time of going to press. All above are league games.

For information on further fixtures for January please log on to our Facebook page (Heacham FC Supporters Club).

### **U18s TEAM (playing in The Thurlow Nunn Youth Football League – West Division).**

The team have only been involved in 3 games (all away) since the last report and what a mixture of results we have seen. A really good away win was followed by what can only be described as a trouncing at Deeping Rangers, but then the team responded magnificently with an away draw at second in the table March Town.

### **The recent results being:-**

League - away v Spalding United Youth U18 Yellow - won 4-0  
League - away v Deeping Rangers FC U18 - lost 0-10  
League - away v March Town United U18 - drew 1-1

### **Forthcoming fixtures (all league):-**

Thursday 20th Nov **home** v Whittlesey Athletic U18  
Thursday 27th Nov **home** v Wisbech Town FC U18  
Thursday 4th Dec away v Ely City U18  
Monday 8th Dec away v St Ives Town U18  
Thursday 11th Dec away v Holbeach United U18  
Thursday 18th Dec away v Wisbech Town U18  
Thursday 15th Jan away v Whittlesey Athletic U18  
Thursday 22nd Jan **home** v Spalding United Youth U18 Yellow  
Thursday 29th Jan **home** v March Town United U18

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Note: This season home games have been moved from a Tuesday night to Thursday nights

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### Admission Prices for 2025/26 Season

1st Team - Adults £9; Concessions £6; U16s £1

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U18s - Adults £4; Concessions £2; U16s £1

### **\*\*URGENT - Volunteers still Wanted\*\***

We are still looking for help on match days for this season. If you can spare a few hours a week we would love to hear from you. You'll find it's a great friendly atmosphere and we would love you to join the "Heacham Family." If you are interested then please contact Michael Parish on 07707556474 or email him: mlp parish1980@gmail.com

### Sponsorship / Advertising

The Football Club can offer various forms of sponsorship including player sponsorship, match day and advertising (programme and boards). If you are interested in getting involved with the Club for this season, then please contact the club for further information of the packages available by email: hfcadmin@btinternet.com

### Pin Badges

The Official Heacham FC pin badge (£3 each) and the Anglian Combination Premier Champions 2021/22 pin badge (now reduced to £2 each) can be purchased on match days but they are also available from behind the bar at The Heacham Sports & Social Club.

### The 2025 "50/50 Club"

#### November winners:-

1st prize £55 - No. 17 Gordon Chilvers

2nd prize £25 - No.6 Bryan Newell

The December draw will take place on Saturday 6th December after the home game v Stowmarket Town, in the Sports & Social Club.

#### The monthly prizes so far this year have been as follows:-

January - November (inc) 2 cash prizes per month - £55 & £25.

For December there will be 3 cash prizes - £75, £40 & £25.

(Total prize money this year = £1,020)

All winners will be announced in future editions of the Newsletter.

### The 2026 "50/50 Club"

The intention is to run the "50/50 Club" again next year. The format will be the same as this year and full details were available in mid November via our Facebook page and leaflets were distributed at home games and around the village. The cost for the complete year will again be £13 per number and you will be able to purchase as many numbers as you want. To clarify, any numbers you purchase will be included in every monthly draw, so you could win more than once throughout the year.

Note: Prize money will be determined by how many numbers are sold (prize money this year was based on 156 numbers being sold). Please see above for the amounts paid out monthly this year.

Please see my email address below if you wish to contact me to join or if you require any further information.

### Supporters Club News

Membership for this season has now reached 244 and the facebook followers is now 968. This is fantastic news and certainly will allow the Supporters Club to continue supporting Heacham F.C.

The November winner of the monthly draw for the cash prize of £15 was:-

Membership No.149 - Bob Edwards

The December and January winners will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### "Xmas Free Raffle" (for Supporters Club Members only)

This will take place during the home match v Stowmarket Town 6th December. There will be 12 prizes up for grabs, which



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include cash prizes of £50 and 2 x £25. The list of winners will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

#### **Membership details**

Supporters Club Membership for the 2025/26 season is now available.

Cost: £5 for the season (price held for the 6th consecutive season).

#### **What's included in the Membership:-**

- Your membership number will be entered into 2 “free prize” draws, Christmas and end of season, with at least 10 prizes up for grabs.
- Your membership number will be entered into 8 monthly draws with the chance of winning £15 cash. (This will run from September 2025 until April 2026).
- Only members of the Supporters Club will be entitled to cast their vote(s) for Player(s) of the Year at the end of the season (sorry but no membership = no vote).

#### **Also Members can benefit from the following discounts from local businesses:-**

- Claim a free tea or a standard coffee when ordering either a small, medium or large breakfast at the Halt Cafe, South Beach, Heacham.
- 5% discount on colour mix paint at Owen's DIY, Hunstanton.
- Get 3 cylinder keys for £12 at Owen's DIY, Hunstanton
- 10% discount at Flames Kebab & Fish Bar, Station Road, Heacham (on collection orders only).
- 10% off a full case of beer or 5% off a half case from Jennings Stores, South Beach Road, Heacham.

Note:- To take advantage of these offers a valid current membership card must be shown.

#### **“GOALS/GOALS/GOALS” COMPETITION**

#### **61 groups were sold and prize money will be as follows:-**

- 1st Prize £175
- 2nd Prize £85
- 3rd Prize £40
- Last Place £10

#### **Current Leader Board (at time of going to press):-**

- 108 - Andrew Povey
- 104 - Joseph Bailey

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- 100 - Tony Hunt
- 99 - Bryan Newell & John Abbott
- 97 - Maureen Cooper
- 96 - Helen Wright
- 94 - Chrissy Gwilliam & Michael Parish
- 93 - Ed Mounteney
- 91 - Dave Page & Paul Dawson
- 90 - Janet Race

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by who has the best individual highest scoring team in their group.

A monthly update will be listed on the Supporters Facebook page showing the leader board and a full list will be published every few months.

#### **Payment:**

For Membership this can be either cash or bank transfer (details to be sent by facebook messenger or email).

Alternatively, come to any home match and come and see me if you wish to renew/join or need any further information about joining the Supporters Club.

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

**“COME ON HEACHAM”**



**Denis Cooper**  
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The first image is of the HFC Matchday Crew. This lovely group of volunteers ensure that our matchdays run smoothly, and that all visitors to the ground receive the warmest of welcomes. We just couldn't operate without them. Pictured are: back row L to R Mike Moseley, Gordon Chilvers, Chrissy Gwilliam, Andy Paling, Andy Povey. Front row L to R Malcolm Wilson, Anne Scott-Wilson, Mark Morrison & Matchday Coordinator Michael Parish (not pictured, Alan Rudd).

If anyone would like to join this great team please get in touch with Michael Parish. Tel 07707556474 or email [mlparish1980@gmail.com](mailto:mlparish1980@gmail.com)



The second image is of the HFC Supporters Club Committee. These people work tirelessly for both the football club and the supporters that they represent. The contribution that they make throughout the season is invaluable and so very much appreciated by everyone involved at HFC.

Pictured are: L to R, Chrissy Gwilliam, Pete Salazar, Chairman & Secretary Denis Cooper, Andy Halsey, Treasurer Lindsay Haynes.



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MC = Methodist Church Hall, Station Road  
SM = St Mary's Church Hall, High Street

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

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

**Fitsteps** 9.45am To book Tel:Jaime 571395 or 07765433100 or email [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**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** 10.45 am Contact Jaime (see Fitsteps 09.45)

**Norfolk & Waveney Mind - Rest in the Community Hub** 11.30am - 1.00pm - Ladies group. A mental health group focusing on women, which gives the women who attend the group a chance to talk openly in a female only environment. Neville Court Community Room, Neville Road, PE31 7SP. tel 0300 330 5488

**Seated Fitness** 12.00 noon Contact Jaime (see Fitsteps 09.45)

**Lean & Strong Seniors** 2pm Ingoldisthorpe. Conact Jaime (see Fitsteps 09.45)

**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)

**Norfolk & Waveney Mind - Rest in the Community Hub Coffee and Craft group** 2 - 3 pm. Bring your own craft projects and enjoy a drink and a chat whilst working. Neville Court Community Room, Neville Road, PE31 7SP. tel 0300 330 5488

**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, £3.50 for visitors. Please contact Chairman Richard Jessop on 07821 332090 or email [richardjessop7@gmail.com](mailto:richardjessop7@gmail.com) 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.

**Fitsteps** 5.15pm at Ingoldisthorpe. To book: Contact Jaime 07765433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**Lift Lean** 6pm as Fitsteps above.

**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.

**Fitness Pilates** 6.50pm, as Fitsteps above.

**Hunstanton Bridge Club** 6.45pm for 7pm Online Pairs with RealBridge. See [bridgeweb.com/hunstanton](http://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 [noelenewd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:noelenewd@yahoo.co.uk). or ring 07709 986046.

**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

**Garden Circuits** 09.15 am Rudham. For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**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.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing support drop-in sessions** 10am - noon at St Faith's Community Hub, Gayton Rd, Gaywood,

**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](mailto:activehealthpam@gmail.com)

**Sweaty Mums** 10.30 am Rudham. For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@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

**Norfolk and Waveney Mind Coffee, Catchup and Crafts** 11am - 12.30pm Anmer Social Club. Join us for coffee and bring projects to complete alongside others. Tel 0300 330 5488

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

**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](mailto: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

**Norfolk & Waveney Mind Mens Recovery Group** 2 - 3.30pm Anmer Social Club. A chance for men to come together and chat with each other or with a mental health recovery worker. Tel 0300 330 5488

**Jive Classes** 2.15 - 3.45 inc tea/coffee. Contact Val 07789 957071 or [info@taketheleadance.co.uk](mailto:info@taketheleadance.co.uk) (PH)

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

**Garden Circuits** 6.30 pm Rudham. For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**Pilates (mat)** 5pm and 6.15pm Dersingham Methodist Church Hall. Contact Anne on 07717333234, or email [activehealthpam@gmail.com](mailto:activehealthpam@gmail.com)

**Norfolk & Waveney Mind After Work Social Group** 5 - 6.30pm Anmer Social Club. A chance to socialise with others and /or talk to a recovery worker for mental health support. Tel 0300 330 5488

**Weight Watchers** 5.30pm (OFH)

**Slimming World** 5.30pm & 7.30pm at Hunstanton Community Centre Avenue Road Tel: Jo 07942 818059

**Football** Girls 6-13 YO 6-7pm, Boys U11's 7-8pm Nathan 07811 629910 £1 (HSC)Playing Fields

**Norseman's Boxing Gym** Jnr 6-7pm £2 and Snr 7-8pm £3 at Unit 12 Heacham Hall Ind Est. [geezersales@btinternet.com](mailto:geezersales@btinternet.com)

**1st Heacham Guides** 6.30 – 8pm Tel: Sue Theunissen 07833747059 or 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

**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 11am – 12 noon Hunstanton Library

## Hunstanton Conservative Club

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

The Club is open Monday to Saturday 10am-11pm  
except music and quiz nights.  
Sunday 11am-11pm



Meals served from Monday to Saturday 12 noon until 2.00pm.  
A selection of special meals available each day.  
Sundays – 2 course Roast Lunch

### Events for December

The club will be open later on entertainment evenings.

Thurs 4th Dec: Coach Trip – Cromer Show

Sat 6th Dec: Quiz Night

Fri 19th Dec: Santa's Bingo

Wed 31st Dec: 'Sabina' – Vocalist

### Events for January 2026

Sat 3rd Jan: Special Bingo  
Sat 17th Jan: Glen Cooper - Vocalist

### Regular Events

The U3A Spanish class meets every second Monday morning.  
Yoga for U3A members on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

The U3A Chess Group on Wednesday mornings at 10am.

**Mondays:** Strength and Balance Class – 4.30pm

**Tuesdays:** Seated Yoga 12.45-1.30pm. New Class

**Wednesdays:** Scrabble 10.00am. Whist Drive 7.00pm

**Fridays:** Lunchtime Raffle drawn at 1.00pm

**Saturdays:** NIA (Non-impact Aerobics) 12.30pm

'Open the Box' draw at 1.00pm

Cash Bingo – Tuesdays and Fridays. Eyes down 7.30pm

[www.hunstantonconservativeclub.co.uk](http://www.hunstantonconservativeclub.co.uk)

**Cash Bingo** 7.30pm Hunstanton Conservative Club

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

### WEDNESDAYS

**Walkfit** 9.00am Rudham For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**Docking Market** 9am-1pm in The Ripper Hall Local Produce, Craft and Gift Stalls Tel: 576233

**Sallywags Parent, Baby & Toddler Group** term time 9.30 – 11 am £3 Tel: Jo 07395 077622 (SG)

**Baby and Toddler Group** 9.30 - 11.00 Methodist Church, Austin St, Hunstanton. Call Rosie on 07963 181573 for more info.

**Stability Ball** 9.45am Rudham For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**British Red Cross with Trussell Drop** In 10am - noon (last Wednesday of the month) at Heacham Parish Library. email [annesipple@redcross.org.uk](mailto:annesipple@redcross.org.uk)

**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)

**Just a cuppa** 11am Hunstanton Library 01485 532280

**Walkfit** 1.30pm Heacham. For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**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

**Flow** 2.15pm pm Heacham. For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**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)

**Fitsteps** 6.00pm Rudham For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**Fitness Pilates** 6.45pm Rudham For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or [jaimefitsteps@gmail.com](mailto:jaimefitsteps@gmail.com)

**Whist 7pm** Hunstanton Conservative Club

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

**West Norfolk Singers** 7.15 - 9.15pm For info Tel: 571315 or 07900 320612 Anne Davis [www.westnorfolksingers.org.uk/](http://www.westnorfolksingers.org.uk/) (MC)

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

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

### THURSDAYS

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

**Noah's Ark Toddler Group** 9.30 - 11am term time, £3/family. Tel: Marianne Baguley 07880364326.

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

**Coffee Morning** 10.30am - 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](mailto:heacham.church@gmail.com) (PRH)

**Dementia Cafe** first Thursday of the month 10.30 - 12.30 Heacham Social Club. More info from West Norfolk Carers 01533 768155 or [westnorfolkcarers.org.uk](http://westnorfolkcarers.org.uk)

**Norfolk & Waveney Mind - Rest in the Community Hub** 10am - 3pm Lunch Club Plus . For over 50s with mild to moderate physical and/or mental health diagnoses. Hot dinner and pudding provided. Activities such as dominoes, Bingo and carpet bowls. There is a charge for this group and pre-booking required. Tel 0300 330 5488. Neville Court Community Room , Neville Rd, Heacham.

**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.

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

**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

**Judo** 6 - 7.15pm 3 - 6 year olds; 6 - 7.15pm Beginners 6 years old and Low grade Juniors ; 7pm-9pm Higher grade Juniors and Seniors (16+). £2 per class (first one free) . Call Shirley Tucker on 01485 571614 (PH)

**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](mailto: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](http://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**

**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

**Mental Health and Wellbeing support drop-in sessions** (alternate Fridays starting 3rd October) 10am - noon at St Faith's Community Hub, Gayton Rd, Gaywood,

**Friendship Group** 10.30 am - 12 noon at Hunstanton Community Centre. Come for a cuppa & a chat & to meet new people. Linda - 07359 242337 or Stephen - 07311 251198

**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](mailto:bridgehunstanton@gmail.com)

**Heavenly Honeys of Heacham** 2pm 1st Friday of the month. For more info contact [tracyraby61@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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)

**Norseman's Boxing Club** Jnr 6-7pm £2 Snr 7-8pm £3 Unit 12 Heacham Hall Ind Est. [geezersales@btinternet.com](mailto: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** 8.45 for 9am. First Timers briefing at 8.50am. 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](mailto:sandringham@parkrun.com)

**Hunstanton Promenade Parkrun** 8.55 for 9am. 5km run, jog or walk. Meet at Hunstanton Sailing Club, North Promenade, Hunstanton PE36 6GB

**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](mailto: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](mailto:elizabethjarreddance@gmail.com) (PRH)

**West Norfolk Tai Chi Chuan** -weekly local Tai Chi classes [www.west-norfolk-tai-chi.com](http://www.west-norfolk-tai-chi.com) for information.

#### **SUNDAYS**

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

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

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

### **OTHER EVENTS.**

#### **December**

##### **December Events at Anmer Social Club**

For info see [www.anmerclub.com](http://www.anmerclub.com), [facebook.com/AnmerSocialClub](https://facebook.com/AnmerSocialClub) or email [enquiries@anmerclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@anmerclub.co.uk)

Club open 30 mins before event start time.

**Monday 1st** 7.30pm Bingo Night. £6,50 book of 10 cards, £1.50 a 'Flyer Card', £2 'Cash Accumulator'.

**Friday 5th** 7.30pm Simply Accoustic Night. An evening of classic & original tunes from talented local performers. More info from [events@appleyard.info](mailto:events@appleyard.info)

**Monday 8th** 10am- noon Coffee Morning . Info from [lee.suckling78@outlook.com](mailto:lee.suckling78@outlook.com) or 07899 872531

**Friday 12th** 7.30pm Film, 'The Penguin Lessons'. £5 on the door

**Monday 15th** 10am - noon Coffee Morning.

**Friday 19th** 7.30pm Quiz Night. £3/person.

##### **December Music in the Burnhams**

For more info go to [musicintheburnhams.com](http://musicintheburnhams.com) or ring 07989 177079

**Friday 5th 4pm** Burnham Sutton Church, 'Look Towards Christmas' with Burnham Market Village School.

**Wednesday 10th** 6pm St Clement's Church, Burnham Overy Town, 'Christmas' with Norwich School. £10

**Friday 12th** 7pm Burnham Overy Village Hall, Lawrence Thackeray and Alison Langer. £25

**Thursday 4th December** 2pm The Reading Room Stanhoe, Stanhoe and Barwick WI. Talk by Juyna Lewis 'Christmas Traditions'. For more details contact [stanhoenadbarwickwi@gmail.com](mailto:stanhoenadbarwickwi@gmail.com)

**Saturday 6th December** 2 - 4pm Christmas Fete at Fridhem Rest Home. All welcome.

**Saturday 6th December** Christmas Fair at Veterans Central West Raynham SHQ (5 Blenheim Way, NR21 7PL). Free. For info email [events@veteranscentral.co.uk](mailto:events@veteranscentral.co.uk)

**Saturday 6th December** 5.30pm at St Edmunds Church, Hunstanton. Hunstanton Voices and Coastal Vocals present a Christmas Carol Concert. £6 on the door; under 5s free (cash only). Seasonal refreshments included.

**Sunday 7th December** 3pm at St Mary's Parish Church, Heacham, Blue Christmas - a Service of Light and Remembrance.

**Monday 8th December** 2pm Sedgeford Village Hall, The Arts Society Lecture: 'Pantomime - When the Fairy's over Fifty' by Tyler Butterworth. [www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk)

**Thursday 11th December** 1- 4pm Hunstanton Town Hall, a Musical Afternoon with Margaritaville, 50s and 60s music in aid of EAAA. £4. Cash only. Dinky David 07787 966000

**Saturday 13th December** 2.30pm Hunstanton Town Hall, A Celebration of Christmas. Songs, carols & poems. Free. All welcome.

**Saturday 13th December** 7.30pm Sedgeford Village Hall, Rain or Shine theatre company presents 'Agatha Appleton and the Peril of the Pyramids'. £15 adults, £8 under 15s. Tickets and info from 01485 570097 or 07968 596949

**Sunday 14th December** 10am - 4pm Hunstanton Town Hall, 'Hannahs Roses' Annual Christmas Fair, in aid of Children with Cancer.

**Sunday 14th December** 5.30pm at St Mary and All Saints Church, Sculthorpe NR21 9NJ. Hunstanton Voices and Coastal Vocals present a Christmas Carol Concert. £6 on the door; under 5s free (cash only). Seasonal refreshments included.

**Tuesday 16th December** 10 am - 3pm and 7pm - 9pm, Heacham Methodist Chapel Hall, John Harris presents his Piano Party. Refreshments and lunch available - please book lunch at 01485 579136 before 10th December. No charge but donations will go to Diabetes UK and King's Lynn Night Shelter.

**Wednesday 17th December** 10am - noon Community Coffee Morning and More, Old Friends Hall.

**Wednesday 17th December** 10.30am Hunstanton Methodist Church, Toddlers Christmas Party with Carols & Chaos. For more info call Val on 01485 298316

**Friday 19th December** 7pm (please arrive 6.35pm) Heacham Scout Hut a Winter Solstice Sound Bath. Donation of £8. To book call Margaret Marciniak on 07951 402717

**Saturday 20th December** 5pm at St Nicholas' Chapel, King's Lynn, 'Carols with Brass' with the King's Lynn Festival Chorus. £15, under 16s free. 01553 764864 or [kingslynncomexchange.co.uk](http://kingslynncomexchange.co.uk)

**Saturday 27th December** 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](mailto:sandringhamgroup@5kyourway.org)

## **January 2026**

### **January Events at Anmer Social Club**

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Club open 30 mins before event start time.

**Monday 5th** 10am- noon Coffee Morning. Info from [lee.suckling78@outlook.com](mailto:lee.suckling78@outlook.com) or 07899 872531

**Friday 16th** 7.30pm Film Night, 'Downton Abbey, The Grande Finale' £5 on the door.

**Monday 19th** 10am - noon Coffee Morning.

**Saturday 24th** 7.30pm Burns Night Supper. Meals £12 pp payable on the night, but must be booked by Monday 19th at [farmboy24@sky.com](mailto:farmboy24@sky.com), or 07899 872351

**Friday 30th** 7.30pm Quiz Night £3/person

**Thursday 8th January** 2pm The Reading Room Stanhoe, Stanhoe and Barwick WI. Talk about Medical Detection Dogs. For more details contact [stanhoenadbarwickwi@gmail.com](mailto:stanhoenadbarwickwi@gmail.com)

**Saturday 17th January** Community Centre, Hunstanton, Pre-Loved Sale. Tables £15, proceeds to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**Wednesday 28th January** 10am - noon Coffee Morning and More, Old Friends Hall.

**Wednesday 28th January** 7.30pm Memorial Hall, Old Church Rd, Snettisham. Snettisham Gardening Club. AGM. For more info call Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754.

**Thursday 29th January, Friday 30th January** at 7.30pm and **Saturday 31st January** at 2pm and 7.30pm The Pocahantas Players present a pantomime, 'Sinbad's Stupendous Adventure'. For tickets call 07340 276559



## **Hunstanton United Services Club**

### **Entertainment for December 2025**

**OPEN ALL DAY EVERYDAY 11am  
ALL WELCOME**

**TUES 2nd** Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with The Hunstanton Concert Orchestra. 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served. Come and join us for the start of our Christmas celebrations.

**SAT 6th** After Party Duo. Great vocals. All eras. 8.30pm.  
**SUN 7th** Find the Joker Draw. Great cash prizes to be won. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Followed by live music & dancing in the lounge with Jammin Joe. 3pm.

Karaoke with Mick Covey at 8pm.

**FRI 12th** Christmas Prize Bingo. Eyes down 3pm.

**SAT 13th** Cecil Faraya Motown & Soul Man. 8.30pm.

**SUN 14th** Find the Joker Draw. Great cash prizes to be won. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Followed by live music & dancing in the lounge with Graham James. Former member of The Union Gap. 3pm.

**Christmas Prize Draw. Drawn this afternoon. Fantastic Festive prizes to be won.**

Karaoke with Mick Covey at 8pm.

**FRI 19th** Christmas Quiz Night. 8pm. First prize £50. Teams up to 4 persons. £3pp.

**SAT 20th** The Tonics Duo. Great sound and Festive Fun. All eras. 8.30pm.

**SUN 21st** Find the Joker Draw. Great cash prizes to be won. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Followed by live music & dancing in the lounge with Glen Cooper. All eras. 3pm.

Karaoke with Mick Covey at 8pm

### **WED 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE:**

Travis. Great performance. 8pm.

**SAT 27th** Steve Moyse. All decades. 8.30pm.

**SUN 28th** Find the Joker Draw. Great cash prizes to be won. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Followed by live music & dancing in the lounge with Mischief. All eras. 3pm.

Karaoke with Mick Covey at 8pm.

**WED 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE: See in the New Year** with The Near Misses. Lively fun duo in the lounge. Mark Royal Disco in the front bar. You can bring your own party food.

**Doors open 7pm.**

**Tickets for New Year's Eve:**

**Members £10; Non-members £22**

**12-17 year olds £5. Under 12s Free.**

**CASH PRIZE BINGO - EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENING. EYES DOWN 8pm**

**SNOOKER ROOM with 3 x FULL MATCH SIZE TABLES  
POOL TABLE & DARTS**

**POKER NIGHTS - EVERY TUESDAY FRIENDLY and  
THURSDAY LEAGUE 7pm**

**YEARLY MEMBERSHIP TO CLUB**

£14pp. OAPs £10. Under 17s (front bar) free.

This gives you free access to all Club facilities and live music events apart from NYEve.

**WE ARE ONE OF THE CHEAPEST PLACES IN TOWN  
TO BUY A DRINK**



## Music in the Burnhams

### December already and where has the year gone?

We have seen and heard so many amazing performances in this last year and we end the year on some local events.

On December 5th at 4pm at Burnham Sutton church we hold our annual Look towards Christmas concert with Burnham Market Village School. This musical travel towards Bethlehem is in many ways the highlight of the school year as the pupils know there are goody bags at the end and they have usually sung their hearts out. It has been quite a year at BMPS with three visits from international performers, two concerts and a full costumed production in July. What a packed year!

On Wednesday December 10th at 6pm at St Clements Church in Burnham Overy Town, Norwich School Chamber Choir are singing "Christmas." Mulled wine and mince pies of course to enjoy before carols and Christmas songs for choir and audience too. Tickets are just £10 each and all profits go to our mental health charity Mind.

To finish the year we have our yearly musical operatic joy with Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray at Burnham Overy Hall on Friday December 12th at 7pm. This is one of our favourite occasions with supper, lots of wine, great singing from performers and audience alike, and the best of convivial times with lots to celebrate from 2025.....but wait until you hear what is on offer for 2026.

Many thanks for supporting us and here's to more musical times ahead.

All details and booking online at  
[www.musicintheburnhams.com](http://www.musicintheburnhams.com)  
 or ring 07989 177079.

Marian Abramovich



Music in the Burnhams 6pm

## Christmas With Norwich School

Chamber Choir

**Wednesday 10th December 2025**  
 St Clements Church, Burnham Overy Town, PE31 8HU

**Donations For Our Mind Project**  
 07989 177079 [www.musicintheburnhams.com](http://www.musicintheburnhams.com)



Music in the Burnhams 12/12/25 7pm £25

## December Winter Supper Club

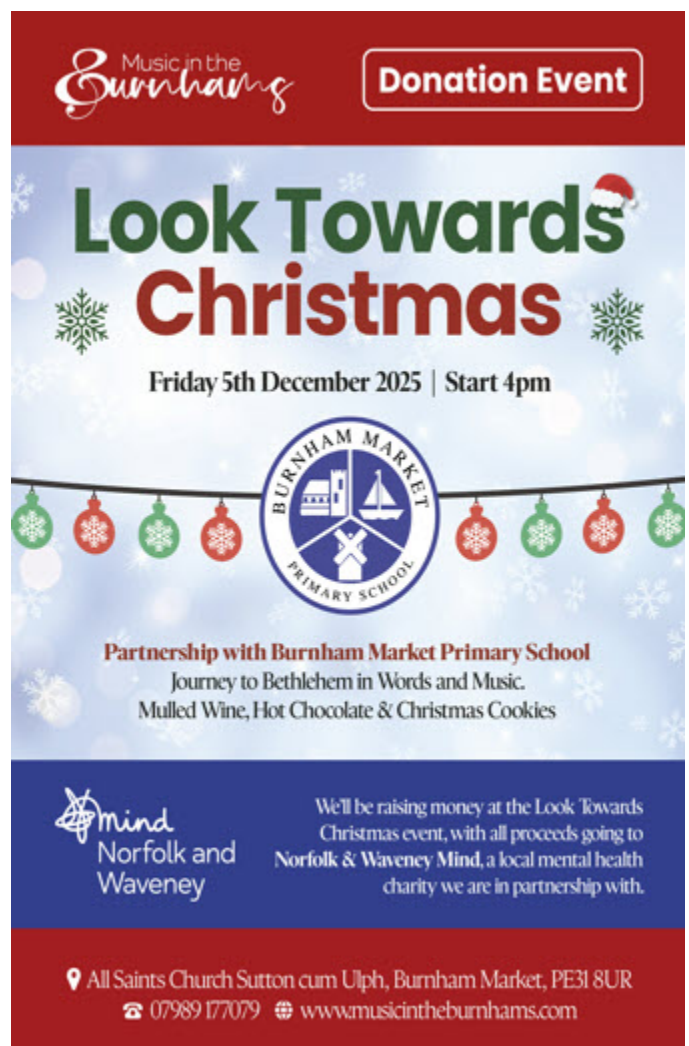
THE FINALE OF THE 2025 SERIES

Providing wonderful music and entertaining stories with some audience festive participation along with a delicious seasonal supper.

**Supper Club Menu**  
 Moroccan Tagine (with vegetarian option)  
 Christmas Tart with Berries and Brandy Cream.

FEATURING...  
 Lawrence Thackeray & Alison Langer

Burnham Overy Village Hall, New Road, King's Lynn PE31 8JD  
 ☎ 07989 177079 🌐 [www.musicintheburnhams.com](http://www.musicintheburnhams.com)



Music in the Burnhams

**Donation Event**

## Look Towards Christmas

Friday 5th December 2025 | Start 4pm

BURNHAM MARKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Partnership with Burnham Market Primary School  
 Journey to Bethlehem in Words and Music.  
 Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate & Christmas Cookies

Mind Norfolk and Waveney

We'll be raising money at the Look Towards Christmas event, with all proceeds going to Norfolk & Waveney Mind, a local mental health charity we are in partnership with.

All Saints Church Sutton cum Ulph, Burnham Market, PE31 8UR  
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## CHRISTMAS SELECTION BOX

As a boy, I was lucky enough for Christmas to mean a pillowcase rather than a stocking to accommodate a couple of gifts I would later learn came from more affluent relatives rather than Santa, a new coin and, in the days before supermarkets invented 'easy peelers', a tangerine. A regular addition would be a selection box with its variety of bars and tubes. The adults might be treated to a Christmas box of chocolates, which was normally a standard box of chocolates with a decorative slip cover with a 'chocolate box picture' of a country garden and thatched cottage or an equally quaint or festive scene. My grandmother was partially sighted and could not read the key to fillings that was provided but I knew the ones with the depression from a thumb were to be avoided. Like her, I was not a fan of the soft-centred orange or strawberry cremes! In researching topics for articles printed over the months I have amassed a collection of oddments that were not included or were pruned and so, for this issue, a selection box - with hard and soft centres:

A long, narrow box of dates was an exotic Christmas treat. One date of significance in Heacham was June 20th when the annual Heacham Fair used to be held. There are references to it throughout the 19th century and at the beginning of the twentieth with any changes or restrictions detailed by the Lord of the Manor (not the Rolfe's but the Styleman/le Strange's) or vicar and churchwardens.

After submission of a variety of designs, the village sign was unveiled in 1958. It was designed by Robert Platten who enjoyed a variety of talents and challenges, including crossing the English Channel in a variety of ways including in a barrel, on an iron bedstead and on a giant gin bottle! The sign was paid for by public subscription following the opening in 1956 of the A149 by-pass which some traders blamed at the time for a decline in trade.



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The village name tended to be written as Hitcham in the 18th century. This may have been 'official' or merely reflect pronunciation; it was also referred to as a town. At the time of land enclosure when village roads and tracks were defined there is reference to 'China Hill.' With an absence of village hills, was this Cheney Hill or merely a misspelling? 'Staithe' was a new word for me until I came to Norfolk (and before I visited Staithes in Yorkshire.) Another delightful addition to my vocabulary was 'pightle' when I came across it as a Ringstead address. I rather regretted that there wasn't one in Heacham but recently discovered that a description of Martin Davy's land holdings around Heacham Lodge included several! (A pightle was a small piece of enclosed land.)

Whilst on the subject of place names, the Leech Pits and Leech Pit cottages are referred to in early records. It seems as though they were where the Recreation Ground is now or possibly between there and the station to the left of Station Road. Leeches were probably considered of nuisance value for drinking livestock rather than being used for medicinal use, although the 'bleeding' of patients was still a practice in the 18th and 19th centuries. A rather surprising reference is made in the overseers' records for 1768 for payment for an inoculation. It would be another decade before Edward Jenner's discovery made vaccination against smallpox a somewhat safer option. Smallpox, typhoid, scarlet fever and diphtheria were amongst quite common dangerous diseases. From 1893 patients could be removed to the Isolation Hospital built on Redgate Hill.

I do wonder though whether the spelling of the pits should read 'leach' as it does sometimes appear in records. This could refer to drainage in this low-lying area; there once were a dozen cottages with Leech/Leach Pits as their address. The origin of the name Pound Lane is more certain, deriving from the site where stray live farm stock could be secured until the owner claimed them back for a fee. However, it seems to have been known as Cage Lane at one time and I had assumed this was a reference to securing the animals. It was a surprise to discover that in 1831 'it was resolved that a cage should be erected', the purpose of which seems to have been for a village 'lock-up' for two-legged parishioners and was also used as a mortuary.

Not everyone would merit a memorial stone or plaque inside the church or, indeed, a headstone outside. The accounts of the overseers responsible for the parish poor show the final costs of caring for them. A 1712 entry: 'Wido Seeker Burd. To grave making and bell ringin 2 shill, ye bearers pd. Them 2 shill, ye nurse for keeping her 3 shill, ye winder and laying her out 1 shill, ye Minister for bearing (burying) her 1 shill.' Two years later there is the first mention of a 'coorfen' used for burial of the poor and also an affidavit for 'Wid. Large, charge offe hare funrill.'

Records were produced by those who were Norfolk born and bred and spelling tends to reflect the accent! Until 1815, it was still law that only wool should be used for a burial shroud and the 'affidavit' was a document signed, often with just a cross, by the person who might not have been able to write their name but would prepare the deceased for burial.

Within the church, the lantern now in the small side chapel was designed by Eustace Neville-Rolfe and features a catch modelled on





his daughter's pet rat she called St Dovey; he also brought from Italy the brass lamps hanging from the arches. His father Strickland had had a balcony built to the left of the main door across the large west window. In the Sheepscombe church he had built, parishioners could have their own seat on its balcony for five shillings a year. On the Heacham balcony there was a barrel organ with a repertoire of just twenty-four tunes to which all hymns and psalms were sung. In 1801 the vicar received a letter from Horatio Nelson with a positive response to his request to use his influence to obtain commissions for his sons – one in the Navy and one, the Marines.

The village once had more ale houses than now and these were often known by the names of the proprietors rather than a 'pub' name. Some were regularly used for auctions, inquests and 'official' meetings. The cost of drinks at meetings held at 'Marlon Whisker's' appears regularly in the accounts as expenses. When pub names appear in records, it is clear that, in addition to those we know – or remember - there was once a 'Ship' and an 'Engineers' Arms.' The original 'Wheatsheaf' on the site of its replacement (now Tesco Express) may of course have owed its name to its rural address or may have been chosen as a wheatsheaf was a crest on the 'coat of arms' of the Rolfes. Strickland was peeved that he was not permitted to use it on the arms of the Neville-Rolfes. The 'Bushel and Strike' (close to where it is now) was adjacent to a malthouse and a bushel was a regular measure of grain such as barley. In 1871 the 'Fox and Hounds' appears in the census record as the 'Harp and Crown.'

Not all villagers remained in Heacham. The 'Penelope' sailed in 1836 from Lynn to Quebec with 23 Heacham residents on board and in 1841 three Heacham brothers left these shores on the 'Duncan' and sailed on a four month voyage to Van Diemen's Land as Tasmania was then known. In 1906 the passenger list of the 'Dominion' included a one-time resident of Heacham. The Heacham parish overseers responsible for support of the parish poor in 1836 had decided it was a financially sound proposition to pay the fares of £5 15sh 0d per adult and £2 17sh 6d per child and send a number of families to Canada. The 'Duncan' was a convict ship and the Newton brothers had been sentenced to 15 years' transportation for sheep stealing. (The death penalty for that crime was abolished less than a decade earlier.) Victor Menghetti was one of thousands of 'British Home Children' sent out to begin a new life in Canada having, in his case, been born in London a 'pauper child', and 'boarded out' in Heacham. He left his sister here, sailed away and, when war broke out, joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and returned to Europe to be killed on the Somme.

Now, I must write a note to Santa.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

**Eric Rhodes**

**HEACHAM FAIR, 1820.**

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that in future there will not be any Materials or Stuff found for the erection of Booths or Stalls, but all Persons attending the said Fair, to be holden on the 20th day of June next, and thenceforward, are required to bring with them their own Materials for that purpose, and the demand for their standing will be made as follows, viz. – Booths or Stalls under ten feet in length, One Shilling each; from ten feet to fifteen feet. Two Shillings each and so on in proportion for any length required.

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**JOHN THOMAS CARTER.**  
 Hunstanton, 18th April, 1820.

*Norfolk Chronicle April 22, 1820*

**NOTICE.**

**I**N accordance with the desire of the majority of the inhabitants of Heacham, the Fair held annually in that parish on the 20th of June, will be holden for the future on the Green Roadway on the Eastern side of the Railway Station of the Hunstanton line.

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After organising the HDFA Music Festival for 8 years. Ian Wells has decided to stand down from his role as Music Director at the AGM. This does not mean an end to the event as there will be an opportunity for a new Music Director to be appointed and see that the Festival's future is secure. Ian will support the new music director in a non elected role giving advice where necessary to ensure the festival's continued success.

**Ian Wells (Music Director)**  
**Ann McKimm (Secretary)**

## SNETTISHAM GARDENING CLUB



We finished our year with a Hog Roast on 26th November. We do not hold an event in December as it is usually a very busy month for members. Thank you all for your support during 2025.

We will start our new programme with our AGM on Wednesday January 28th 2026 at the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road at 7.30pm when we will be taking subscriptions. Our programme will be available along with new membership cards and the entry schedule for our annual Open Show in July. Cake and fizz will be on offer to celebrate what we hope will be another successful year for our club. After very careful consideration, we are sadly having to increase our subscriptions for 2026, but not having done so since 2009. As we are all too aware, costs have increased dramatically recently, including our operating costs.

We take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2026.

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### Learn Art – Focus on Play

A while back I got to thinking about quotes that I read while studying fine art at uni, mostly by Pablo Picasso and Paul Klee, all to do with art and play. Unfortunately, all my art history books are in storage so I had to ask Google. The closest Picasso quote I found was, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." That sort of fits if we think that children play, but it wasn't quite what I was looking for.

Then, a couple of weeks ago I visited the Grayson Perry exhibition at the Wallace Collection. There it was, "Playfulness is at the heart of being an artist. There is no right way to make art, you just have to play around and see what comes out." Sir Grayson Perry.

It's exactly this idea that I wanted to explore. By not trying too hard to get everything right, you open the door to exploring your own creativity.

For me, being an artist means to try new things all the time; I don't want to sit still and do the same thing over and over again. With every new sculpture – every new material there is so much to learn. Things don't always go right the first time. I remember working on my first marble commission. I made a model for the sculpture that my clients had as reference - it was an abstract bird. Because there wasn't a lot of time to carve the sculpture, I bought an air chisel to speed up the process. I'd never used one before. Everything was going along nicely and the bird was starting to emerge but when I was refining the tail at the back, it broke. I was mortified. What was I going to do now? After calming down a bit, I took another look and found a solution for the tail which was much better for the sculpture as a whole and my clients found that the sculpture was exactly what they envisaged.



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In conclusion, I eventually found this quote by Henri Matisse; "Creative people are curious, flexible, persistent, and independent with a tremendous spirit of adventure and a love of play." So lets get playing!

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### **Smithdon High School students in Lifesaving First Aid Training**

Hunstanton Town Council has unanimously agreed to support a grant application from Smithdon High School to help fund First Aid and AED (defibrillator) training for students, continuing a long-running initiative that has already trained hundreds of young people in vital lifesaving skills.

At the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd October 2025, councillors voted in favour of granting £1,203.20 to support the training of 114 students, who will each gain a nationally recognised Emergency First Aid at Work Certificate with AED training, valid for three years.

This project has been running for several years, originally inspired by a group of students who raised funds to install an AED in the community when none was available nearby. Since then, Smithdon students have continued to show an incredible commitment to helping others, learning essential skills that benefit both themselves and the wider Hunstanton community.

Over the past seven years, the school has successfully trained hundreds of students — including those from low-income families and students with special educational needs — providing them with a qualification that supports their GCSE studies, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and future career prospects. Many former students have since written back to thank the school, sharing how their training has helped them in real-life emergencies, boosted their confidence, and even helped them secure college places or employment.

Training numbers over the years include:

- **68 students in 2018/19**
- **140 students in 2020/21 (including those who missed out during COVID)**
- **130 students in 2022/23**
- **120 students in 2023/24**
- **48 students in 2024/25**

A spokesperson from Smithdon expressed their gratitude following the Council's decision:

“This is amazing news to end the half term! We're so grateful to Hunstanton Town Council for supporting this initiative once again. I'll be booking in the training dates very soon, and it would be wonderful to welcome the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to join us when the sessions take place.”

Hunstanton Town Council is proud to support a project that not only provides young people with valuable life skills but also enhances the safety and resilience of the local community. With an ageing population and increasing pressure on NHS services, having more residents trained in First Aid is a positive step for everyone.



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6. Solve the password using the letters you've found and unlock your festive e-book prize!

### Trail Map and Story Points

The story points are still being finalised – we'll announce them soon!

Once everything's ready, you'll be able to download or pick up a map right here to help plan your adventure.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What is the North Pole Safari?

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Do we need to download an app or register?

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### Where does it start?

The starting point and full route will be revealed soon, so keep an eye open for updates!

### How much does it cost?

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### Is it suitable for little ones?

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### Can we win anything?

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#### Easy Escapes from Norwich

Package holidays from Norwich Airport continue to be a top choice for local travellers who want a relaxed start to their break. Mediterranean favourites—Spain, Mallorca and the Greek Islands—remain the most popular, especially with all-inclusive options offering excellent value for families and couples alike.

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#### Cruising: From Oceans to Rivers

Cruising remains one of the strongest trends, with travellers becoming more selective about the type of experience they want. Ambassador Cruise Line continues to impress with its smaller ships, traditional style and excellent value—plus sailing from Tilbury means a shorter journey from Heacham. Meanwhile, P&O Cruises and MSC Cruises from Southampton remain firm favourites for multi-generational families thanks to their entertainment, dining choices and onboard facilities. River cruising is also enjoying a real moment. Many travellers are choosing a slower, scenic way to explore Europe, and the Douro in Portugal stands out as the most popular route. Its vineyards, dramatic landscapes and relaxed pace make it a favourite for first-time and seasoned river cruisers alike.

### Bucket-List Adventures on the Rise

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## Spooktacular costumes for Sandringham Parkrun

A cool morning greeted the 276 participants for Sandringham parkrun 204 - 25/10/2025, and a wicked good time was had by all! Tourists visited from Ely, Cambridge, Derby, Stroud, Newmarket, Maidenhead, Norwich, Wales and Poland.

A great turnout for this fang-tastic Halloween event, now let's creep it real..... Simon Mocatta in a time of 18:59 was first across the line; our first lady was Helen Barry, a first timer to Sandringham in a time of 22:00. With 59 First Timers to Sandringham including 2 First Timers to parkrun, Jackie Freeman and Katy Dixon and 22 participants enjoyed a new PB. Milestones this week were: Kirsty Reed – 100, Laura Lucas – 50 parkruns. Highest age grade was Teresa Tranter, from Sudbury Joggers with a new PB and a tremendous 88.32% followed by Vaughan Roberts with 76.26%. Well done to all finishers.

Parkrun cannot go ahead without our Fa-boo-lous volunteers. We really appreciate volunteers who turn up each week and especially today when witches, ghouls, ghosts, skeletons and other scary creatures were haunting the woods and may have given them a fright...or that's maybe every week lol. If you would like to join our community of welcoming and friendly persons it would be very much appreciated; please contact us at Sandringham@parkrun.com

5K Your Way – Move Charity joined in the fun; eat, drink and be



scary with themed treats to greet the group after walking the two-lap course. Many thanks to everyone.



Keep up to date with the Sandringham news page: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/sandringham/news/>

View photos for this event on the Photo link on Sandringham parkrun website:

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**Malcolm Senior**  
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Photos: - Participants in Halloween Costumes



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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS & PARTIES FOR YOUR STAFF – ARE THEY TAXABLE?

By Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

It seems unlikely that many businesses will be throwing a party to celebrate the largesse that has been spread around by the 2025 Budget. Indeed, in the era of working from home, political correctness and general doom and gloom, the office party may not be the afternoon bacchanalia which many of us fondly remember (although in some cases, if you can remember it, you probably weren't there.) However, where an employer does scrape together enough petty cash and goodwill to create some staff entertainment or reward, whether as Christmas parties or Christmas gifts for staff, there are employment tax, business tax and VAT consequences – of course!

### A Party?

Surprisingly in some cases you might not have to report anything to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or pay tax and National Insurance. To be exempt, the party or similar social function must:

- be open to all of your employees
- be annual, such as a Christmas party or summer barbecue
- cost £150 or less per person (if it exceeds that, the whole cost is taxable, not just the excess.)

This also applies to online or virtual parties. If your business has more than one location, an annual event that's open to all of your staff based at one location still counts as exempt. You can also put on separate parties for different departments, as long as all of your employees can attend one of them. If there are multiple parties over the year costing less than £150 per head, in aggregate they can all

be included. The £150 limit applies to the number of guests, rather than the employees, so spouses and partners can be included.

### Christmas Gifts?

Some employers, perhaps with a recollection of rowdy events in the past, make gifts, such as non-cash retail vouchers or hampers, to employees as an alternative (or addition) to Christmas parties.

Such gifts might be covered by the annual events exemption if given at the event (as long as the total of all costs for the event do not exceed the £150 per head) or may alternatively fall within the definition of a "trivial benefit in kind."

The trivial benefit exemption is less generous than the party exemption and will only apply to a gift which is not cash or a cash voucher and is less than £50. It will not be exempt from tax if the employee has a contractual right to the gift or it is given in recognition of particular services carried out as part of their duties.

If the employer manages to jump through all the tax hoops there are no tax or NIC liabilities for either employer or employee. Where one or all of the conditions are not met, the gift will be taxable and subject to NIC. Additionally, where an employee buys their own gift, and is reimbursed, this relief will not apply.

The information above was summarised prior to the 2025 Budget. It is, of course entirely possible that Rachel Reeves will stride up to the floor of the House of Commons wearing a party hat, and in the spirit of Christmas, announce a whole series of celebratory concessions. The smart money is backing the appearance of a sack of less palatable surprises.

For advice regarding the tax implications of employee parties and gifts, please contact either of the partners Kate Gigg FCA or Nicola Tarry FCA at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800 or [kate@kathryngigg.co.uk](mailto:kate@kathryngigg.co.uk)

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## News from Hunstanton Croquet Club

It was great to see so many members attend the annual end of season croquet club lunch and trophy presentation at Heacham Manor at the end of October. Chairperson Roddy Willett presented trophies to all the tournament winners – there were many hard fought finals throughout the year, so huge congratulations to the winners.

The end of October also saw a good attendance at the AGM hosted by our Club President Simon Carter. Huge thanks were given to all officers for their hard work throughout the season and the committee welcomed Rev. Dan Tansey (Treasurer) Mary Core and Dorothy English to the committee.

There was a fantastic response of help this year for the end of season club closedown where members shared general tasks like cleaning, tidying, weeding etc. It was a bright sunny morning and everyone's positivity made it a fun session.

I'm sure many members have been missing playing croquet and the camaraderie already - the club always arranges a couple of coffee mornings throughout the winter to keep people in touch. See the Hunstanton Croquet Club Facebook page for details of events.

Whether you are looking for a competitive or social sport, the new season will start at the beginning of April 2026 when we organise beginners training courses - why not consider giving the game a try - see [www.hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk](http://www.hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk) for more information.

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# ◆ Poets' Corner ◆

## 'The Magic Night'

The moon is full  
 Snow so deep  
 Little kiddies fast asleep  
 A whoosh of air  
 Cuts the night  
 Swathing through the stars alight  
 Jolly Santa  
 In his sleigh  
 Urging reindeer on their way  
 Bells a-jingle  
 Eyes so bright  
 Giving off a magic light  
 Twisting, turning  
 In the sky  
 Who said reindeer cannot fly?  
 Out hops Santa  
 Parcels lots  
 Up and down the chimney pots  
 Over cities  
 Through the towns  
 Little hamlets in the Downs  
 Moves so quickly  
 Hardly seen  
 But in the morning "Santa's been!!"

## Below is a Haiku for Winter:

Snow covers the earth  
 Like a soft fluffy blanket  
 And the world is stilled

Wouldn't it be lovely if our world could be stilled for a little while?

Nancy Robinson  
 11.11.25.

## Christmas Quiz Answers

- 1: The Polar Express
- 2: Ebenezer Christmas
- 3: Hansel and Gretel 4: Macy's
- 5: Eight (no Rudolph!)
- 6: Jingle Bells
- 7: Four
- 8: Paris
- 9: Stink, stank, stunk
- 10: Holy night
- 11: "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree"
- 12: Treat every day like Christmas
- 13: Eight maids a milking
- 14: Sugar plums
- 15: A Button
- 16: Figgy pudding
- 17: 364
- 18: Charles Dickens
- 19: Inside a snowflake
- 20: Green



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## The Arts Society North West Norfolk Let's have a Laugh

There still exists an 'elitism' in art, the belief that only the wealthy, the educated, the privileged understand art; the superior attitude that art is supposed to be a serious matter so that only the experts know what's going on. These myths need busting because art has always been part of our existence, regardless of race, culture, politics or religion, and humour in art can be traced back to the ancient Greeks. Humour can get your attention, but its definition can vary greatly person to person. An everyday object, boring and mundane, can become new and enjoyable, the weird behaviour of an individual can make us laugh out loud. The transgressions of social codes and preconceived ideas are often the basis of humour in art, particularly contemporary art.

The twentieth-century art movements, such as Dadaism, were some of the early turning points for the foundation of humour in contemporary art that emerged after WW1. "Dada" is a simple joke itself, as it has no meaning, but is believed to be a reaction to the absurdity and gravity of the war. Dadaism is all about being artistically free and spontaneously creative and exploring the roles of chance and randomness. One of the very early examples of Dada anti-art was Marcel Duchamp and his readymade artwork 'Fountain' (a porcelain urinal signed "R. Mutt" 1917) challenging what is art, criticising the art establishment and confounding preconceived notions about the relationship between the object, the artist's idea and the viewer's perception. The title 'Fountain' is a pun on the object's function and appearance. 'R. Mutt' is a further humorous provocation. Firstly, the art establishment said it is immoral and vulgar, and plagiarism of a commercial piece of plumbing. Duchamp defended his readymade sculpture as "everyday objects raised to the dignity of work of art by the artist's act of choice". It was certainly a major landmark in twentieth-century modern and contemporary art and in the 1950s and 1960s sixteen replicas were commissioned from Duchamp and made to his approval.

Not all humour in contemporary art is playful like the Dadaists. More artists have resorted to much darker black humour and irony to highlight social and political protests. Consumerism, waste, inequality, the military, authoritarianism and environmental issues are common themes in contemporary works of art. Some artists have become internationally famous by deliberately producing work that is both provocative and dark but also funny. Maurizio Cattelan is an Italian visual artist known for his uncannily realistic sculptures and installations and famous for his 'banana on the wall'. It is his commentary on how art has become a luxury commodity, only accessible to the wealthy. His 'banana on the wall' challenges this notion by making art accessible to all. The famous Banksy is an artist who uses dark subversive humour as a weapon for political protest (Napalm, Banksy 1994). In others he plays with the codes of the establishment in a more light-hearted way (Devolved Parliament 1999).

Martin Parr, the documentary photographer, is the master of intimate, satirical and anthropological portraits of modern life in Britain and around the world in the 1980s and 1990s. His bold, flashy style captures so brilliantly the English social classes, their times at play and how they lived and laughed. Parr admits to the use of irony in his work to make serious subjects more accessible and to illustrate vulnerability and ambiguities. His often affectionate gaze on modern life, portraying the everyday in a critical and humorous light, and his commitment to preserving a growing collection of significant work, much of which is a humorous reflection on British and Irish culture, is an important part of contemporary art.

Humour can work as a defence mechanism in serious situations and in art it enables us to take a break from the usual reality of our daily life. Humour in art can give us distance from our fears, allowing reality and pleasure to coexist. Next time you laugh while looking at a picture or even in an art gallery, it's because you get it, or perhaps you don't. Either way, enjoy art.

The next lecture of The Arts Society North West Norfolk celebrates that quintessentially British humorous tradition – the Pantomime. Tyler Butterworth takes a revealing look at professional panto as someone born into it. This takes place at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2pm on Monday 8th December. You will find details about us and membership on our website [www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk)

Lesley Nadel



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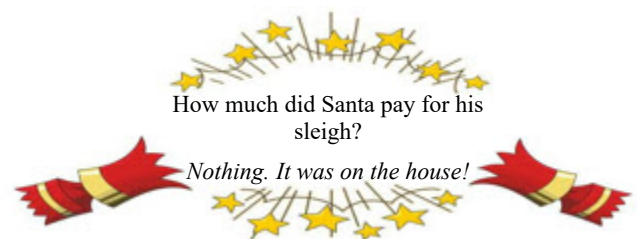
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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN BRIEF

**The date of the next Full Council meeting is Tuesday 16th December at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall.**

**The Full Council Meeting for January 2026 will be held on Tuesday 20th at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall, Sunnyside.**

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.

### 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, please bear this in mind when planting them.

### OLD FRIENDS HALL COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning in the Old Friends Hall will be on Wednesday 17th December 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!

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It has come to our attention that some people are using public litter bins as a supplement to their black bins. Litter bins are not for domestic use. If you have too much refuse and your black bin is full then you need to take it to the recycle centre or purchase tags from the Borough Council to put on your bin bags.

### 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 currently have a half plot available on the site; 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! Our allotment year has only just begun so now is a great time to take one on.

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### BOROUGH COUNCIL CEO VISIT

The CEO and the leader of the Borough Council are going to be in the Parish Office to answer any questions you may have on 11th and 12th December from 10.30 until noon.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There was a good turnout for the wreath laying at the memorial again this year – thank you to those who turned out to pay their respects.



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

### HEACHAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The office is open to the public on Monday to Thursday 10am until noon. There is someone in the office 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 in 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.

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Route DER201 TUESDAY Every Four Weeks

10:50 RINGSTEAD ROAD	14:25 GIDNEY DRIVE
11:10 ROLFE CRESCENT (Opp.No.22)	15:05 NEVILLE COURT
11:30 SCHOOL ROAD	15.55 POPLAR AVE
11:55 COLLINGWOOD CLOSE	16:15 SITKA CLOSE
12:15 FENSIDE	16:40 NORWAY CLOSE
12:35 JENNINGS CLOSE	17:00 NEVILLE ROAD
12:55 COLLEGE DRIVE	

## TIDE TABLES

### DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026

HIGH WATER AT HUNSTANTON Heights above chart datum Time Zone UT (GMT)									
Dec 2025					Jan 2026				
Date	Morning		Afternoon		Date	Morning		Afternoon	
Time	m		Time	m	Time	m		Time	m
1 M	01 51	6.3	14 57	6.2	1 TH	03 30	6.5	16 18	6.5
2 TU	02 53	6.7	15 51	6.5	2 F	04 38	6.8	17 12	6.8
3 W	03 52	7.0	16 40	6.9	3 SA	05 41	7.0	18 03	7.1
4 TH	04 48	7.3	17 27	7.1	4 SU	06 40	7.2	18 52	7.3
5 F	05 43	7.5	18 14	7.3	5 M	07 33	7.2	19 36	7.4
6 SA	06 38	7.5	19 00	7.4	6 TU	08 19	7.1	20 17	7.4
7 SU	07 32	7.4	19 44	7.3	7 W	09 02	6.9	20 58	7.3
8 M	08 23	7.2	20 27	7.2	8 TH	09 43	6.6	21 38	7.0
9 TU	09 13	6.8	21 11	6.9	9 F	10 25	6.2	22 19	6.6
10 W	10 08	6.4	22 00	6.6	10 SA	11 08	5.9	23 06	6.2
11 TH	11 06	6.0	22 57	6.2	11 SU	11 57	5.6		
12 F			12 06	5.7	12 M	00 02	5.8	12 52	5.4
13 SA	00 02	6.0	13 04	5.6	13 TU	01 07	5.5	13 55	5.4
14 SU	01 06	5.9	14 01	5.6	14 W	02 20	5.4	14 58	5.5
15 M	02 09	5.9	14 56	5.8	15 TH	03 28	5.6	15 56	5.8
16 TU	03 08	6.0	15 47	6.0	16 F	04 27	5.8	16 44	6.2
17 W	04 01	6.1	16 31	6.3	17 SA	05 14	6.1	17 27	6.5
18 TH	04 47	6.3	17 10	6.5	18 SU	05 57	6.3	18 07	6.7
19 F	05 30	6.4	17 47	6.7	19 M	06 37	6.5	18 45	6.9
20 SA	06 10	6.5	18 24	6.8	20 TU	07 16	6.6	19 21	7.0
21 SU	06 50	6.5	19 00	6.9	21 W	07 53	6.7	19 55	7.1
22 M	07 28	6.5	19 34	6.9	22 TH	08 27	6.7	20 27	7.2
23 TU	08 05	6.5	20 07	6.8	23 F	09 01	6.6	21 00	7.2
24 W	08 41	6.4	20 39	6.7	24 SA	09 36	6.5	21 38	7.1
25 TH	09 19	6.2	21 15	6.7	25 SU	10 15	6.3	22 22	6.8
26 F	10 01	6.1	21 59	6.5	26 M	11 04	5.9	23 17	6.4
27 SA	10 50	5.9	22 50	6.4	27 TU			12 06	5.6
28 SU	11 50	5.8	23 52	6.3	28 W	00 26	6.0	13 27	5.5
29 M			12 58	5.7	29 TH	01 57	5.9	14 52	5.7
30 TU	01 00	6.3	14 10	5.9	30 F	03 29	6.0	16 05	6.1
31 W	02 17	6.3	15 17	6.1	31 SA	04 45	6.4	17 06	6.6

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