



# THE HEACHAM NEWSLETTER

## February 2026



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# LETTERS



## Moonlight, Starlight, Car light

The Cold Moon, St Mary's Church Star and West Window together with the War Memorial all light up at the same time as a passing motor vehicle.

(Photo by Robert Pritchard)



Cheney Hill

Dear Newsletter,

### Thank you

I would like to say a big Thank You to the staff and especially Michael the Pharmacist, at Boots in Heacham. I recently had a nasty sinus infection which was treated promptly and with kindness by Michael.

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Heacham

Dear Newsletter,

### Piano Party- Thank You.

I should like to express grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make such a success of my Piano Party in December, enabling the sum of £570 to be raised. I have sent cheques for £285 each to Diabetes UK and the King's Lynn Night Shelter.

I have now agreed to present a show to commemorate what would have been the Hundredth birthday of the late Queen. The event, to be entitled 'The Queen Elizabeth II Centenary Memorial Concert' is due to take place in the afternoon of Saturday 18th April this year in Hunstanton Town Hall. I will ask the Newsletter to publish full details in March.

Kind regards for a healthy New Year to all readers.

John Harris



Heacham

Dear Newsletter,

### Charity Fundraising over Christmas

Over Christmas, we put a collection tin at the foot of our Christmas lit driveway, next to our Father Christmas. We would like to thank the Heacham residents and visitors for kindly donating £82. We doubled the amount raised, so, in total the sum of £164 was donated to Cancer Research UK.

Carol Sopp

For and on behalf of Chris Sopp Scaffolding Ltd

### PARISH MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Heacham Parish Council are seeking a replacement for the Parish Maintenance Officer who has decided to leave after (just over) 9 years of service.

Responsibilities will include maintenance of Parish owned property which includes land and facilities owned by the Parish Council. Village street cleansing in conjunction with other contractors to include litter picking and street sweeping as determined by the Clerk.

General support to the Parish Council staff to ensure the smooth running of facilities and services. You must have a full clean driving licence as you will be required to use/drive the Parish Council vehicle. Workwear and equipment are supplied by the Parish Council.

In the first instance, please contact the Parish Clerk Sue Eke.

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## Heacham in Bloom

The HiB Team enjoyed a lovely festive lunch at Heacham Social Club in December. Thank you to the chef and staff at the Club for looking after us so well.

We hope you enjoyed our contribution to Light Up Heacham. Our thanks go to Heacham Parish Council and Moulam & Horn for the Christmas Tree, Jillian Carr and Robert Pritchard who made the Santa hats for the 'Henrys' and Mark Sewell who made sure that the tree and wreaths were secure and twinkling.



At the January meeting we heard that the order for the bedding plants had been confirmed, and reviewed the finances as, like all things, plants get more expensive every year.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th February at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall. Anyone interested in joining us will be very welcome as we gear up for the 2026 season.

Heacham In Bloom Committee  
[heachaminbloom@btinternet.com](mailto:heachaminbloom@btinternet.com)

## Sisterhood Drum Circle Heacham

Saturday 28th February 2026

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### WHAT ELSE!

2026 is the year of reading: Did you know that just 5 minutes of reading can reduce your stress by 20%. 'Go All In' marks 2026 as a national Year of Reading. Be part of this national initiative and benefit from our wide selection of fiction and non-fiction. If you are not yet a member, just pop in with I.D and join up. It's free and will only take a minute.

**Jigsaw Puzzles:** Take advantage of our lovely range of jigsaw puzzles (500/1000 pieces). Usual lending rules apply.

**Community Tech Session:** Monday 9th February and 16th March - free one-to-one help with all things digital with Janie, our Community Tech Coach. Sessions fill up quickly and need to be pre-booked.

**Community Assistance:** Anne Sipple from the British Red Cross/Trussell Partnership will be at the Library on Wednesday 25th February 10.00-12.00 noon. See separate notice for details.

Heachamites Recollections Group: Future meetings: 2.00pm on Monday 2nd February and Monday 2nd March.

### YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us on Saturday 7th March to celebrate the Library's 25-year Anniversary. Coffee, Tea and Cake will be available from 10.00am until 12.30pm and FREE books to borrow of course!

**The Library Team**

Enquiries: Tel: 07300 553769.

Email: [heachamlibrary@btinternet.com](mailto:heachamlibrary@btinternet.com)  
or Parish Office Tel: 01485 572142



## Could you use a little extra help?

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At the January meeting of the Heacham Recollections group in the Parish Library, we talked about the events of Saturday 31st January 1953 and, having recalled my direct experience, was encouraged to write down my memories:-

As a 15-year-old boy living at the extreme end of Jubilee Road at the time, I had finished my day's work as a butcher's boy delivering meat orders to Crisp's customers, finishing the day by washing down the slaughterhouse floor. I remember it being cold and very windy – blowing the tickets off the meat packages I had been delivering. In 1953, the earth bank between my home and the sea was much lower and between it and the sea there were no caravans but rough land, which often flooded naturally by the sea when spring tides were high. Also, there were dykes running either side of Jubilee Road as far as the railway crossing gates that would fill with water, affected by the spring tides.

It was about 7pm when I realised there was water around the bungalow and I alerted my family and then went to warn those living in nearby properties. In the house furthest from the road was a USAF airman, his wife and children. They joined my stepfather in a room that was high above the garage. This building was a 2 storey property and had been commandeered by the War Department for use as a signal station and observation post overlooking The Wash during the war years (1941-1945). My mother Marjorie and brother Roger left to go to safer ground at the 'West Norfolk' and from there they were taken to Heacham School. There were American civilians who worked at Sculthorpe living nearby and when I had warned them, they left. Mr and Mrs W. Brown and all of their children: Joan, Edward, Kenneth, Kathleen, Raymond, Christine and Gillian from Brown's Holiday Camp had to leave as did others staying there, including American families.



When I had first discovered the incoming water it was ankle deep. Unlike other parts along the seafront closer to the beach the sea was not crashing over the earth bank but it just kept on coming. By the time I had roused the neighbours the water was up to my waist and I was then picked up in a dinghy and taken to the 'West Norfolk' and I was able to join others hosted by Mr Sam Owen, the publican. The water had reached as far as the railway crossing gates. From there, those forced from their homes went to Heacham School where Service issue camp beds from RAF Bircham Newton and mattresses laid on the floor had been set up by various volunteer organisations such as the WVS. A Burco boiler was being used to fill teapots and the WVS provided refreshments and biscuits. My brother remembers Americans there, namely the wife of Sgt. Ball and his three daughters. Records show that Sgt. Ball of the USAF rescued an elderly lady from a bungalow named "Shingledean" which was close to my home. She was known to me and close neighbours as "Granny Smith".

The following day my mother and I returned home to 'The Gables' to begin the cleaning up operation and my brother went to stay with family friends in Poplar Avenue. Of course, after the water had subsided there was debris and mud everywhere and I remember seeing dead livestock. My home at that time was built on pillars that raised the base quite a way off the ground but the water had still flooded in about one foot above the floor. We later received 'relief' parcels of clothing from the Red Cross and food parcels from Cyprus, Canada and Greece that included tinned food, wine and dried fruit.

During that night, as a fifteen year old boy, I didn't feel frightened about possible danger but afterwards was shocked to learn of people I had known who were drowned. Derek Stubbins was a friend from school and we played football together. I had visited his home on Hunstanton South Beach Road on a number of occasions. He was drowned as was his sister and father in that house. It was a wooden building with asbestos on the outside and the inside, as were those of neighbours who also died; it would have been fine for a summer holiday break but not for a storm surge in January.

### Present Day (2026)

My current home is the building that was commandeered by the War Department mentioned above where I live with my son, Justin and daughter, Claire. I have made extensive building changes to this property over the years. Many Heacham residents and pupils of Smithdon High School will remember my wife, Diana Newman.

Mike Newman





## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEACHAM



Heacham Parish Church

How quickly Christmas comes and goes. As I write, early in January, the decorations have been put away. The festive lights, which have adorned the village, have been switched off. Our Christmas tree has either been boxed or recycled. Supermarkets will have started to look forward to Easter. Even this early in the year the gardens have started to show signs of creeping back into life. Time rolls on.

This morning I took a funeral of a long-standing resident of Heacham. It is a reminder that time does eventually run out for all of us. At funerals we look back over a lifetime in a tribute to the person whose life was important to family and friends. It is not an easy time, however, for each one of us our turn will come around. What will people say about us? Hopefully it will all be good. Our shortcomings will be glossed over and we will be missed. Also, we often use these words in the funeral service, "Give us wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left here on earth".

At the start of this year, if we have never given it much thought, maybe it is time to reflect on the passing of time. It says in Psalm 31 "My times are in your hands". Christians believe that there is life after death. What we do with our time on earth is important. Perhaps we could give some thought to The Lord who we will all stand before when our earthly times run out. It is a great comfort to commit each person into The Lord's hands at a funeral, knowing there is no better or safer place. No one needs to look to eternity in fear. Jesus, the way, the truth and the life is waiting to welcome all those who look to him. I pray that all residents of Heacham, young or old, will find peace, joy and grace from our ever-loving Lord who calls each and every one of us into his family here on earth and then into heavenly places.

God bless.

Pip Lawrence  
Licensed lay minister at Heacham Parish Church

### Services: February 2026

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

18th February 7pm – Ash Wednesday service at Heacham Methodist Church – a service of Holy Communion with ashing

### The World of Gilbert & Sullivan....

Performed by The Wandering Minstrels (one of the UK's foremost G&S performing groups). The group will be performing at Heacham Parish Church on Saturday 21st February 2026.

Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained in Church before and after 10am Sunday Services or from the Heacham Church Office (please see contact details and details of opening times below).

The doors open at 6.30pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm. A cash/card wine bar and soft drinks will be available.

### Hunstanton and Area and Heacham Churches Together – Lent Lunches

Service starts at 12 noon followed by a frugal lunch

27th February -	at Hunstanton Methodist Church
6th March -	at St Edmunds
13th March -	at Heacham Parish Church
20th March -	at Union Church
27th March -	at The Way

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### Bereavement Support Group

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is on 5th February 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 morning is on 17th February 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  
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.

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## **HEACHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

Station Road, Heacham



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

**February 2026**  
We extend a warm welcome to all

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

1st February: Marianne Baguley

8th February: Rev Dr Richman Ncube -  
Holy Communion

15th February: Sharon Esposito

22nd February: Elizabeth Batstone

## **Other dates for your diary**

Lent begins Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday).

## **Lent Lunches**

Join us for a service at 12noon and a simple lunch at 12.45pm on Fridays:-

Friday 27th February - Hunstanton Methodist Church

Friday 6th March - St Edmunds Church, Hunstanton

Friday 13th March - St Mary's Parish (with Heacham Methodist Church.)

Friday 20th March - Union Church, Hunstanton

Friday 27th March - The Way Christian Centre, Hunstanton

Booking and dietary requirements for Lenten lunches - 07729 952297.

Lent ends 2nd April (Maundy Thursday.)

## **World Day of Prayer**

Saturday 7th March, Hunstanton Methodist Church. Coffee at 10.00am followed by Service at 10.30am. Programme has been prepared by women in Nigeria.

## **Midweek Communion**

10.30am - 2nd Wednesday of the month.

## **Bible Study**

10.30am - 4th Thursday of the month.

## **Open Church**

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

## **Church Lunch Group**

12 - 2.00pm Friday 20th February.

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

Contact Marianne 07880 364326.

## **Fellowship Meeting**

Tuesday 24th February 2.30pm.

## **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 14th February 10.00am – 12.00pm.

## **Crafty Crowd**

10.00am Friday 13th February (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:**

Embrace, Children's Charity providing support to child victims of crime.

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.

"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you."

**Psalms 33:20-22**

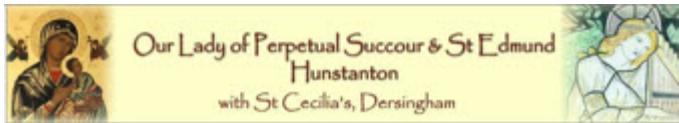


"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

*1 Peter 1:3*

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## Hunstanton Catholic Parish

Our very popular Pancake supper will, as usual take place at St Cecilia's, Dersingham on Shrove Tuesday 17th February, 4.00-6.00pm. Please check the weekly church bulletins for more details.

Our Advent Fair at OLSE, Hunstanton on Saturday 6th December, raised £537 for the King's Lynn Night Shelter. A letter from them is on display in both churches and gives an update on the work of the night shelter and more information on the charity.

Money raised from our coffee morning and cake sale at St Cecilia's, Dersingham on Saturday 4th October plus other items sold and donations from Knights of Columbus and parishioners, raised a grand total of £1,584 for approximately 45 Ukrainian children.

The Pope's prayer intention for Feb '26: For Children with incurable diseases. We pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Rosary prayer meetings are at St Cecilia's every Monday from 2pm and there is also a Mothers Prayers group which meet at 2.30pm Monday fortnightly at OLSE. Please note that you do not have to be a mother to attend the meetings. There is also a group who meet on the last Friday of the month for Spiritual Formation. This could be about a specific Saint or Synodal discussions, prayers or anything that people want to suggest. All are welcome, refreshments are available, just look in the weekly bulletins for dates and times.

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

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

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### Light Up Heacham Festive Trail

Thank you to all those who took part in the inaugural Light Up Heacham Festive Trail, sponsored by Heacham Parish Council, with vouchers donated by Ken Hill Farms.

There were 14 entrants in total scattered all around the village. The winners were decided by public vote both on voting forms and online.

The winners were as follows:-

1st Place went to 15 Collingwood Close display designed by Louise Kyle. They win £100 plus 2 x vouchers for Wild Ken Hill Tours.

2nd Place went to 35 Fenside display designed by Mercedes Chardonnay. They win £50 plus 2 x vouchers for Wild Ken Hill Tours.

3rd Place went to Heacham Parish Church who win 2 x Wild Ken Hill vouchers.

Again thank you to all who took part and helped organise this event. Keep an eye out for this event next year and see if we can make it bigger and brighter.

Dean Rawnsley  
Chair, Heacham Parish Council



### Good News from Heacham Parish Church

Looking forward we are pleased to announce that permission has been granted from the Diocese to embark on a project in the New Acre graveyard which will include moving soil and cutting back overgrown trees. This will increase potential burial plots by up to 40 for the village.

Many churches across the country are finding it increasingly difficult to offer burial plots and are, unfortunately, having to close their graveyards. Heacham was getting very close to this situation but due to being able to remove the soil tip in one corner and cutting back overhanging trees, it will be possible to keep the graveyard open for several years to come.

Many thanks to the Parish council for agreeing to share the cost of the work with a contribution of £4500 from a total cost of £9000. The project should be completed by the end of 2026.



The photo shows the graveyard mentioned in the article. The area on the left of the photo shows the trees and soil tip that will be removed.

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**Borough Council News**  
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Happy New Year to all my readers and even to those not so discerning. The last time I wrote this article was in November. There should be plenty to write about but Christmas occurred.

A key happening in Sedgeford is the resolution of Norfolk County Council's, NCC's, planning application for the development of the school site. It went to planning committee on 12th January with a recommendation to approve. This follows inclusion of the minimum requirement of two affordable homes in the application. NCC backed down at the end of November when they were told refusal would be recommended if they didn't comply with rules about such provision. Whether other Parish Council requests were agreed I won't know until after this article has been sent to press.

There is another side to this development. It's the first new build application since Anglian Water, last year, advised the planning authority that the capacity of Heacham Waste Water Treatment Works, HWWTW, has been reached. That is, they would oppose any new development proposals within its very wide service area which includes Heacham, Sedgeford, Hunstanton, and places in between and around.

In the application agenda for the Sedgeford School it states, 'Anglian Water: OBJECTION The proposal connects to HWWTW which does not currently have capacity.' Planning officers said, 'Comments from Anglian Water are noted – given the Right to Connect and considering the existing drainage infrastructure in place – and it should be noted that Anglian Water are not a statutory consultee – the principle of foul drainage connection to mains sewer is acceptable.' (words correct, order changed to make sense as other detail omitted).

The Right to Connect is a rather stupid planning law applied across the country. Any developer has the right to connect to a sewer system whether that system can cope or not. The onus is on the water company to ensure the system is adequate. HWWTW has been under pressure for years to cope with increasing tourism (sewage throughout can double in the holiday season) and more housing development. Government dictats seek to increase development beyond that of existing and reasonable plans. HWWTW does need an upgrade but that will have to be substantial and it is currently planned for the early 2030s.

It is unlikely that the Sedgeford development will blow the system but the impact of new development will be incremental. This one has been ignored on the basis it is replacing a school; will the next will follow suit? There is no apparent appetite to heed the warnings. If the system eventually discharges untreated sewage, it will be into The Wash with the resulting impact on the tourist trade, fishing, and locals. Perhaps nothing will happen between now and the planned upgrade and the local planning authority will get away with taking risks. I don't think that is a gamble in the best interests of our corner of West Norfolk. I will be raising this matter at every opportunity.

Leaping to a significant Borough issue which commenced, formally, at the end of the first week of January: The first steps towards a Town Council for King's Lynn were recommended by the Electoral Arrangements Committee, to go to Full Council for ratification. If agreed, then consultation and communication will begin. It will be a complex but rapid process as the matter has to be sorted before the government stops any internal council changes prior to local government reorganisation, LGR.

I put King's Lynn Town Council within the corporate plan back in 2023. Feelings then were mixed and it was put on the back burner for action in another year or so. Since then, the Labour government has decided on LGR and a serious need for a town

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council to be considered has been realised. It is the most effective way within a Unitary Council to ensure that the assets in King's Lynn are best retained for the use of residents and that residents will be better able to have influence over how the town is managed.

The Borough Council was created in 1974 and named West Norfolk. In 1981 it was changed to King's Lynn and West Norfolk. A (deliberate) error kept King's Lynn unparished – no Parish or Town Council to manage its local affairs. Similarly, Borough assets like car parks in Hunstanton were retained by the Borough and were not devolved to that town. Those of you living within a Parished area have a Parish Council. Part of your Council tax is the Parish precept. This money is spent, locally, by the Parish Councils. King's Lynn does not have such a precept and local services which would be paid for by a Parish are supplied by the Borough. Conversely, King's Lynn generates a lot of money and significant amounts of it help support services across the Borough. So, there are swings and roundabouts in the current democratic make up of KLWNBC. However, LGR will stir things up and, particularly, if a single unitary is formed, King's Lynn's assets will not be protected and a big reduction in councillors will lessen public representation.

All this will be explained in Borough communications and consultation. This will likely be just with residents of King's Lynn in the first instance. Public consultation on LGR ended on the 11th January. I hope sufficient numbers of you took part and I hope you strongly supported the three unitary model which is the best outcome for West Norfolk. If you are consulted about a Town Council for King's Lynn, I recommend you support that proposal too.

Other local matters. The Lamsey Lane traffic lights appear to be doing a good job. If you have a different opinion, please email me. The new post office in Heacham is enjoying some trade but could, no doubt, do with more. On planning matters; several have come

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in as retrospective, i.e. the work is done and then an application made. Please do not say no to this as it can backfire and if the application eventually makes it to committee, retrospectives are not appreciated. It is always best to talk through your proposals with planning officers prior to making an application.

If you have concerns about an application which may affect you or your property, the correct procedure is to submit your concerns to the planning authority in writing. This may easily be done on the planning portal. You can also contact me and I will look at the proposal and the site so that I can form an opinion and raise questions with officers. It is unreasonable to verbally abuse neighbours or workmen.

Back to the Borough. Significant improvements at Lynnsport are moving closer as consultative and financial aspects move towards resolution. There are also advanced proposals for Padel tennis courts in Hunstanton. This is a sport which has, apparently, caused a 'mania' across the nation. If you want to know more, run a search for it on your devices. Include 'problems with padel' or 'padel noise' in your criteria. You will find that courts should be located well away from residential housing and, even then, have sound mitigation measures in place including full enclosure, and sound proofing. These, of course, are best thought through before complaints about noise occur.

Budget proposals for 2026-2027 are coming forward and councillors will have been briefed in January. The Full Council budget meeting is on 26th February. I will endeavour to find any aspects detrimental to residents of my Ward. I am particularly looking for positive changes to car parking charges at Heacham but am not holding my breath.

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The Piste at the Social Club has now been fenced to provide a more secure facility and reduce vandalism that had been occurring. With this improvement the Heacham Petanque Club is being "Reborn" to aid in the regeneration of interest in this frustratingly simple game.

A meeting has been called to assemble all those interested in playing, whether socially or in a more formal format.

The meeting will be held at The Heacham Social Club Tuesday 10th March at 19.00 hours, all are welcome to attend. At this meeting the formalities will be addressed - Club Rules, Membership, Election of Officers and future needs of Heacham Petanque Players.

If you require any further information please call the number below.

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## Heacham at Night

by Terry Parish

Time marches on, the planets follow their orbits and, this month, Mercury and Venus make an evening showing with Saturn looking on.

From the beginning of February look west after sunset to find a dim Saturn with magnitude +1. The ringed planet sets about 8pm. It is an ethereal, yellowish, dot easy to see once you have seen it. A phone app might help you do that, otherwise a slow scan of the WSW to western sky with binoculars should do the job.



Saturn through big binoculars or small telescope. Heacham

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Saturn moves gradually lower in the sky as the month progresses and is just two Moon widths to the left of Neptune on the 20th. Observe the ringed planet at about 6.30pm as it will quickly reach the horizon and set. At magnitude +7.8, around 1/500 of the brightness of dim Saturn, don't expect to see Neptune without very good binoculars or a small telescope. It is worth a little effort to see the green-blue dot of the most distant planet from Earth; currently 30.88 astronomical units or 4.62 billion km.

As the second week starts, after sunset, look out for Mercury to the right and somewhat below Saturn. It will be a bright spark with a magnitude of minus 1.1. You will need a good horizon and a visit to Heacham beaches or Hunstanton cliffs should serve well.

Over the next two weeks Mercury moves further from the Sun, reaching its greatest eastern elongation on 19th and setting at 7pm. However, it also dims to magnitude minus 0.4 and, by the end of the month to +1.8.

Venus appears bright in the west from the middle of the month (magnitude minus 3.9). On the 18th and 19th from 6pm look for a vertical arc of planets in the WSW, Venus at the bottom, Mercury higher and to the left, Saturn much higher and about 90 degrees to the left of Venus.

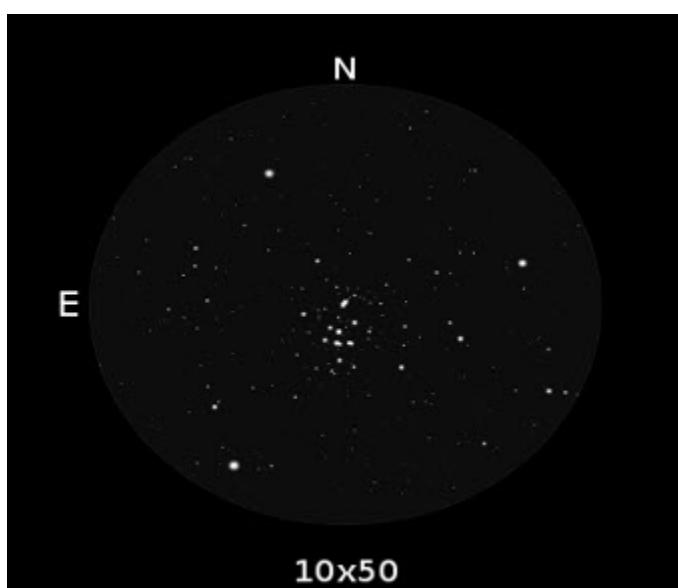
The Crescent Moon adds to the picture. It will be between Venus and Mercury on the 18th and to the right of Saturn on the 19th.

Jupiter is in the sky until the early hours, shining with a magnitude of minus 2.5. It will be easy to spot and the Galilean Moons, discussed in recent editions, will still be there.



Galilean Moons with Io just emerging. Heacham

On the last night of the month turn your binoculars to the Moon and look just below it. A host of stars, the Beehive Cluster, Praesepe, will be revealed. An open cluster of 1,000 stars some 577 light years away and just 600 million years old. It is a mixture of star types including red giants and white dwarfs.



Beehive cluster through binoculars. Internet

The beehive has been observed for thousands of years as its glow is easily seen by the naked eye in dark skies. Galileo turned his telescope towards it and resolved 40 stars.

Orion stands out high in the SW. I have featured this constellation in previous issues but it is a true winter sight so use binoculars to scan it, particularly the hazy area below the belt stars. The hazy swirl you see is the Orion Nebulae, birthplace of stars.

The nebulae is 1,350 light years away and is 25 light years across. It is the closest 'star factory' to Earth and the forming of new stars and the protoplanetary discs which surround them have been observed.



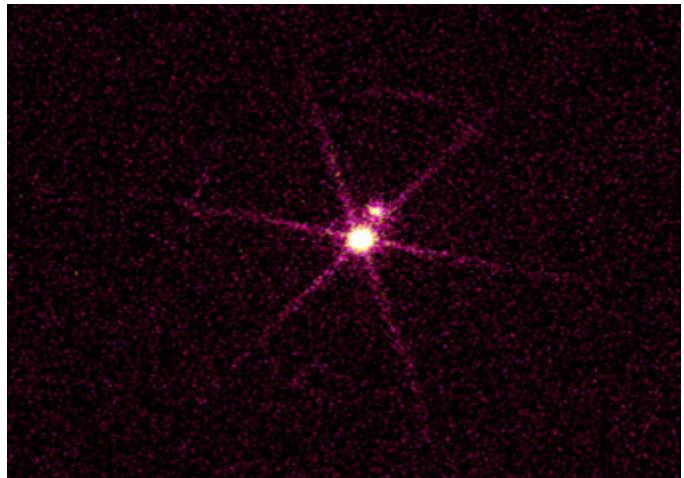
*Orion Nebula. Internet*

The nebula glows because of 4 large young stars near its centre. They are arranged, from our perspective, in a trapezium shape and can be seen through a reasonable telescope.

A clear, Moon free, night, which is rare, will reveal the winter Milky Way; the faint glow of millions of stars starts due south and flows upwards a little tilted towards the west. Sirius, the dog star, will be the bright star low down. The Milky Way skirts Orion on its right, flows behind the legs of the Gemini twins and then Auriga, a house shaped pattern of stars, containing the bright star Capella.

Sirius, with a magnitude of minus 1.46, is the brightest star in the northern sky. It is very luminous and is only 8.6 light years away. Like many stars it is a binary; a white dwarf (Sirius B) orbits a main sequence, ordinary, star (Sirius A). It takes 50 years for Sirius B to orbit Sirius A with perihelion, its closest, approach at 8.2 astronomical units. This is a little closer than Saturn to our Sun. Aphelion, furthest point from Sirius A, is at 31.5 au, a bit further than Pluto from our Sun.

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*Chandra X ray observatory image of Sirius A and Sirius B. The white dwarf is the bright star because it emits lots of X-rays. Internet*

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## 'The Heacham Nine'

This is scheduled to appear at the beginning of February and, at the time of writing this at the end of 2025, I am assuming Heacham will be ticking over as 'normal' after the passing of the first month of the new year. Three years ago was the seventieth anniversary of an event that shook Heacham, the nation and further afield and the first week of February would have seen a village still reeling from the storm surge of Saturday 31st January 1953. Wreckage of properties on the sea front and personal possessions still littered land half a mile inland . . . and the funerals began.

At the time of that anniversary I collected what information I could and printed it out for the Parish Library. There were some gaps, unanswered questions and confusion which the recent search for information about the beaches has caused me to follow up and rewrite the 'booklet' for the Library. That does not mean that all the questions are answered and confusion cleared away! There are, however, far more details of the victims than space allows here. Without wishing to be intrusive, I have attempted to 'research' the lives of the victims and to see them as human beings and not just names on a list. In nearly every case there are no longer any immediate family members to care for graves or share their memories; space is restricted here but the Library booklet includes most of the details I have discovered.

### Of course, any corrections or additional information would be of interest.

It seems that it was the newspapers of the time that, from the earliest, often confused reports of flooding, damage and death along the East Coast, told of nine Heacham victims without clearly defining what that meant. The names below I have attempted to 'humanise' all have some connection with Heacham.

Those listed on the memorial plaque in the Parish Council office and represented by the memorial at North Beach, are marked with an asterisk.

Nina Hammond\* was a single lady, originally from Peterborough but she was not in Heacham as the owner of a second home beach bungalow as were a number of victims along this stretch of coast. She was what was described by the coroner as a 'lady's companion' and had been for a number of years – certainly since the beginning of the war. The lady who employed her and is noted later was Mrs Snelson, an elderly lady who owned 'Jeanholme' a beach bungalow which is where both were when it was swamped by the rushing sea. Mrs Snelson had quite understandably thought that Nina would outlive her and had made very generous provision for her in her Will. In the event, their funeral took place on the same day and they are buried together in the Rolfe Acre.

Samuel Charles Hurling was one of those victims who had a permanent address beyond Heacham. He was a Holbeach resident and had retired a year previously after forty years working as a Post Office engineer. In that same year he married for a second time, his first wife having died some years previously. He and Dorothy were staying in their new caravan by Hunstanton South Beach on that fateful day at the end of January. His wife's body was recovered at Hunstanton but Samuel Hurling was initially one of the 'missing' until his death was confirmed when his body was found at Heacham. This was reported in the press and it is possible that he was considered one of 'The Heacham Nine'; his name and that of his wife are recorded on the Hunstanton memorial.

Russell Owen Martin; Wayne John Martin\* Inquests on these two boys were held at 'The Fox and Hounds' on the Monday after they and their parents were swept away from the sea front at Hunstanton and drowned. The two brothers aged just 4 and 10 months were found at Heacham and it may be that both were included in 'The Heacham Nine.' The body of their mother Dorothy was recovered at Hunstanton and that of Russell Martin Senior some time later. He was an airman from West Virginia serving with the U.S.A.F. at Sculthorpe but his wife was English and both boys had been born in her home county of Cheshire. Unlike many of the other American victims, he and his family were not living in a beach bungalow but were lodging in Avenue Road, Hunstanton. On that Saturday they and another American family, also named Martin, were attending an anniversary celebration at a restaurant near the beach when the sea defences were breached. The body of Russell Senior was repatriated for burial in West Virginia but those of the two boys and their mother rest in Widnes.

The names of all members of this family appear on the Hunstanton Memorial although Wayne is shown as J. Martin; he was actually named Wayne John Martin. At the time of preparing the Heacham memorial plaque it was thought his name had been omitted and should be recognised.

Christina Elizabeth Marsters\* or Chrissie as she was called by those who knew her, would have been known by Heacham residents although she and her husband Arthur were from King's Lynn. They had owned 'Kingfisher', a houseboat in the Heacham Harbour from the days when it would still bob with the incoming tide some twenty years previously. Arthur had adapted it and added 'all mod cons' over the years and the couple featured in an article on the Heacham houseboats back in 1939. They were on/in 'Kingfisher' when the storm surge struck and with them was Christina's sister. Arthur had attempted to support both the ladies above the water level within their flooded home but they eventually succumbed although he survived. The sisters were buried together at St Mary's.



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Mary Smith\* Angela Mary Smith\* Mother and five-year-old daughter were living at the extreme end of Heacham North Beach where the parish boundary meets that of Hunstanton. There is now a gap where once 'Ardlui', a beach bungalow once stood. They were swept away along with the family dog and the bungalow on that Saturday. Mr Bill Smith was a taxi driver and was on a regular 'pick up' at Sculthorpe at the time and when news reached there he joined American airmen in a rescue effort which was thwarted when their amphibious 'Weasel' was hampered by fallen telephone cables on Hunstanton South Beach Road. Newspapers at the time reported their address as the adjacent Hunstanton South Beach Road and it may be that they were therefore not included as being two of the 'The Heacham Nine.' 'Gorse,' the family dog was discovered alive on the site of the bungalow the following day and when the little girl's body was discovered inland it had claw marks which led some to believe the family pet had attempted to save her. Mother and daughter are buried in the cemetery at Walsoken; Mary was born in Wisbech where her father was a well-known and successful businessman; her mother had been born at nearby Walsoken.

Tina Tod Snelson\* was the 81-year-old lady who drowned at 'Jeanholme' with Nina Hammond. It is a little difficult to understand why she chose to go to her beach bungalow on a January day when 'bad' weather was threatening when she owned a substantial Station Road house: 'Fridhem.' She was a lady who had led quite a colourful life before coming to Heacham and more details are in the Library booklet. She was born in Scotland to a very successful East India merchant involved in many enterprises based in Ceylon (Sri Lanka). In Heacham she would have been known by some for her interest in music and drama. The church choir were pleased to practise in the warmth of 'Fridhem' rather than the church and the drama company The Heacham Players

held their inaugural meeting at her home where she was elected Treasurer. Others would possibly be overawed by her ownership of a Rolls Royce and a Buick. She died with Nina Hammond and they were buried together.

William Stubbins like Samuel Hurling, was swept away from Hunstanton where he was living and his body was recovered at Heacham and, again, this was reported in the early newspaper reports and may have led to him being considered one of the nine victims. His name is recorded on the Hunstanton memorial along with that of a daughter (a friend of Angela Smith) and son; his wife had died in 1947. They were living in a beach bungalow on Hunstanton South Beach. Beginning his working life in a Worksop coal mine, he had moved around the country and at the start of the war was engaged in the protection of civilians in his employment building public air raid shelters in Portsmouth. Ironically, he was employed in Hunstanton in a public protection rôle – as foreman of sea defence works. Another daughter Joyce survived because she was babysitting for an American airman. That airman was Freeman Kilpatrick, one of the two Americans awarded the George Medal for their heroic rescue missions. The victims were buried with William's wife Mary in Hunstanton Cemetery.

Gertrude Ann Towler\* was the unmarried sister of Christina Marsters and, although born near Dereham, had lived in Heacham for most of her life. As a young teenager she lived with an unmarried aunt, Emma Hudson and helped with her work as a laundress just a few doors away from Heacham Station. When her aunt married John Herring she continued to live with them at one of the 'Coastguard Cottages'; she was housekeeper to John when her aunt died and was living in the cottage after John died and was there in 1953. However, on the night of 31st January she was with her sister and brother-in-law in the 'Kingfisher' with tragic consequences.

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Ernest George Wright\* was Heacham-born, the son of the stationmaster and from an early age worked as a railway clerk including time with his father and thirty years at King's Lynn. His son would become a stationmaster too. He thought of Heacham as home and returned to the village as a lodger after retirement in 1934. He realised the attraction of houseboats at Heacham Harbour as quirky accommodation for holidaymakers and entered into the rental business. It was on/in 'Shenandoah' that his body was discovered after the water and storm subsided. Amongst his effects, searchers discovered a brief typewritten résumé of his life he had prepared at some time previously for publication in the local paper in the event of his death. Perhaps this was evidence of his earlier organised, timetabled life as a railway clerk but it is unlikely that he could have foreseen the manner of his passing. He was buried close to the grave of his father and grandfather.

Eric Rhodes

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## Two Events in Three Days at Sandringham Parkrun (January 1st and January 3rd)

A great start to 2026 with the New Year's Day Inaugural Sandringham Parkrun where tourists visited from Peterborough, Downham Market, Essex, Huntingdon, Cork, Ireland, Shropshire, Bury St Edmunds, London, Cannock Chase and the Fletcher family from Woodhall Spa.

With 355 finishers, the first finisher was Ben Keeley in a time of 19:07 and our first lady, in 4th position, was Marie Duhig in a time of 19:56, both regulars to Sandringham. We had an excellent 77 First Timers to Sandringham and equally excellent 11 First Timers to parkrun (Thomas Sheils, Eve Crownshaw, Joshua Bowden, Jamie-Lee Bowden, Stephen Cooper, Anji Sivakumar, George Gale, Stephanie Morris, Nikki Simper, Matilda Woodford, Richard Malin). Milestones were achieved by: Oliver King – 25, Simon Lee/Alan David Wells/Patricia Ann Wells – 50, Matt Cook – 150, David Ince/Carolyn Morley – 200, Claire Emery – 250, Tom Richards – 300, Martin Sheldrick – 350 parkruns. Six of the participants were in the 500 Club: Richard Baggott – 511, Sarah Byatt – 522, Judith Webster-Sanders – 543 Kevin Sanders – 611, Linda Wet – 640, Ramona Thevenet – 898. In the age grading rankings, Stephanie Mocatta came out top with a 72.81% and Bethany Wilcox came in 2nd spot with 70.93%. Well done to all finishers. An enormous Thank You to the 33 volunteers on a bright chilly morning. Volunteering milestones Katy Gross 50 and Ben Talbot-Williams 25 times.

Malcolm Senior  
Email: [malchazel@btinternet.com](mailto:malchazel@btinternet.com)



Left: Volunteers prior to the start (01/01/26)

Decisions to hold the Parkrun events were made the morning of January 3rd due to the freezing overnight temperatures but, following safety course checks, many went ahead.

A freezing cold but beautiful morning greeted 341 finishers to Sandringham Parkrun on 03/01/2026, and when it started gently snowing on the way round, it was just magical. First to the funnel was Mathew Feetenby, from Ely Runners, in a new PB time of 18:04 and our first lady, 6th overall, was Marie Duhig in a time of 19:37. We welcomed 58 First Timers to Sandringham including 10 First Timers to parkrun: Tom Simons, Nicholas Simons, Penelope Simons, Phoenix Monahan-Fairlie, Ami Monahan-Fairlie, Jeremy Brett, Natalie Taylor, Eve Bateson, Beth Green and Katy Green.

Below: First Timers to Sandringham



Thank you for choosing Sandringham. Milestones were achieved by: Richard Heady – 25 parkruns. In the age grading rankings Marie Duhig came out top with 80.97% followed by Warren Armstrong with 79.01%. Well done to all finishers. Sandringham, an amazing parkrun and our committed community of volunteers, who must have been really, really cold that morning, are truly amazing..



Left:  
Volunteers –  
(03/01/26)

Below: First Timers welcome (03/01/26)



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## WHAT'S ON REGULAR EVENTS

PC=Parish Council Office, Pound Lane

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

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

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

**Fitsteps** 9.45am 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. Contact 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

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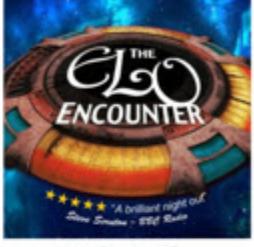
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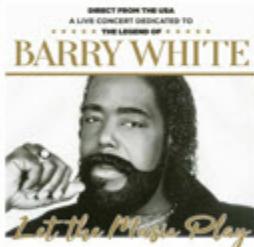
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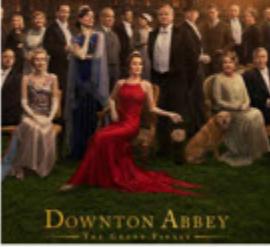
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**Kundalini Yoga** 9.30am at Ingoldisthorpe Village Hall. Contact Gail on 07837 761724

**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

**Sweaty Mums** 10.30 am Rudham. For info contact Jaime 07765 433100 or 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

**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@taketheleaddance.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

**Pilates (mat)** 5pm and 6.15pm Dersingham Methodist Church Hall. Contact Anne on 07717333234, or email 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

**Norsemans 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

**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

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

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

**Baby and Toddler Group** 9.30 - 11.00 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

**British Red Cross with Trussell Drop** In 10am - noon (last Wednesday of the month) at Heacham Parish Library. email 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

**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

**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

**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

**Whist 7pm** Hunstanton Conservative Club

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

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

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

**Coffee Morning** 10am - 12noon (monthly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays) at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham. All welcome.

## Hunstanton Conservative Club

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### Events for February 2026

The club will be open later on entertainment evenings.

Sat 7th Feb: Quiz Night

Sat 14th Feb: Michael Jackson Tribute

### 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

NIA (non-impact Aerobics) 12.30pm

Saturdays: '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)

**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

**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

**Heavenly Honeyes 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)

**Norsemans 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)

**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 - 4.30pm every 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.

**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

**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@wattington.com

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

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

#### 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.

#### February

##### **February Events at Anmer Social Club**

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

Club open 30 mins before event start time.

**Monday 2nd** 10am- noon Coffee Morning . Info from [lee.suckling78@outlook.com](mailto:lee.suckling78@outlook.com) or 07899 872531

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

**Friday 13th** 7.30pm Film, 'The Roses'. £5 on the door

**Saturday 21st** Music and Movie Icons Karaoke Night with dessert supper. £10, under 16s £5. Booking essential at [farmboy24@sky.com](mailto:farmboy24@sky.com) or 07899 872351. Fancy dress optional.

**Monday 16th** 10am - noon Coffee Morning.

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

**Monday 9th February** 2pm Sedgeford Village Hall, The Arts Society Lecture: 'Exploring Notre Dame - the Soul of Paris' by Carole Petipher. [www.theartssocietywnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietywnorfolk.org.uk)

**Saturday 14th February** Valentine's Silent Auction. Bid on sealed envelopes containing surprises from a sweet treat to a chiropody session. Proceeds for Guide dogs for the Blind.

**Friday 20th February** 7pm (please arrive 6.35) Heacham Scout Hut a Rejuvenating Sound Bath (frequency tubes). Bring a mat or recliner chair, blanket, cushion and wear comfortable warm clothes. Donation £10. Book with Margaret Marciniaik on 07951 402717.

**Sunday 21st February** 7.30pm at Heacham Parish Church, The Wandering Minstrels will be performing 'The World of Gilbert and Sullivan'. Wine and soft drinks will be available.

**Tuesday 24th February** 10.30 - 13.00 at The Regency Room, Swaffham Assembly Rooms, The Veterans Voice meet. For more info contact [ops@veteranscentral.co.uk](mailto:ops@veteranscentral.co.uk) or 07713 860040  
**Wednesday 25th February** 10am – noon Old Friends Hall, Coffee Morning and More.

**Wednesday 25th February** 10am – noon Heacham Library, British Red Cross in partnership with Trussell will be there to help with adult social needs.

**Wednesday 25th February** 7.30pm Memorial Hall, Old Church Rd, Snettisham. Snettisham Gardening Club. Seeds, Seedlings and Swap - a chance to swap or buy surplus seeds or plants. For more info call Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754.

**Saturday 28th February** 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)

#### March

**Thursday 5th March** 2pm The Reading Room Stanhoe, Stanhoe and Barwick WI. Talk about the History of the Control Tower, Sculthorpe. For more details contact [stanhoenadbarwickwi@gmail.com](mailto:stanhoenadbarwickwi@gmail.com)

**Friday 6th March** 10.30 for 11am at Sedgeford Village Hall, RNLI Fish & Chip lunch. Coffee, a talk by Rt Hon Dame Patricia Hewitt DBE, followed by fish and chips (bring your own cutlery, condiments and drinks). £20. Book with Helen Gillett on 07867 554486

**Tuesday 10th March** 19.00 at Heacham Social Club, a meeting for all who are interested in playing petanque at the club. For more info call Roger Drinkwater on 01485 571659

**Saturday 14th March** Community Centre, Hunstanton a 'Craft de-Stash'. Hire a table to sell or clear off excess craft materials. Proceeds to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**Monday 16th March** 10am - 2.30pm at Heacham Library, free tech help sessions with Janie. Please note this is a week later than usual.

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## Hunstanton United Services Club

### Entertainment for February 2026

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**SAT 7th** PAGAN. Lively entertainer. Rock & Roll & more. 8.30pm  
**SUN 8th** FIND THE JOKER DRAW. Great cash prizes. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Live music with LEWIS OWEN. Great young performer. Upbeat tunes & Motown. 3.30pm.

KARAOKE with Mick Covey at 8pm.

**SAT 14th** SIMON LEE. Great entertainment. All eras. 8.30pm.  
**SUN 15th** FIND THE JOKER DRAW. Great cash prizes. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Followed by TONI G. R&R, ELVIS & more. 3.30pm.

KARAOKE with Mick Covey at 8pm.

**FRI 20th** QUIZ NIGHT. First prize £50. Teams up to 4 persons. £3pp. 8pm.

**SAT 21st** AFTER PARTY DUO. Great vocals. All eras. 8.30pm.  
**SUN 22nd** FIND THE JOKER DRAW. Great cash prizes. £1 a ticket. Drawn at 2.30pm. Followed with music in the lounge with GRAHAM JONES 60s. 3.30pm.

**SAT 28th** CECIL FARAYI Motown & Soul Man. 8.30pm.

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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).

Although the team currently sit bottom of the league there have been encouraging signs that performances are starting to improve under the new manager (Mark Hunter), especially the comeback win at Fakenham. The team were 2 nil down and turned it around to win the game 3-2 and probably register our best win ever since reaching the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division. A few games have fallen foul of the weather and the team does have a lot of games in hand on the teams above, so the feeling is that the team will climb out of the relegation zone. It is now very important to get behind the team, so please come down to Station Road and cheer the boys onto victory - your support can make all the difference and I can assure you that the players do appreciate the support the fans can give them.

### Results have been as follows:-

League - away v Thetford Town - lost 0-4  
League - **home** v Stowmarket Town - lost 1-4  
League - **home** v Ely City - lost 2-3  
League - away v Fakenham Town - won 3-2  
League - away v Woodbridge Town - match abandoned due to fog (this was the second time this fixture had been abandoned, after floodlight failure at the original match).

### Forthcoming fixtures:-

Saturday 24th Jan **home** v Kirkley & Pakefield  
Saturday 31st Jan away v Gt Yarmouth Town  
Saturday 7th Feb away v Woodbridge Town  
Saturday 14th Feb away v Lakenheath  
Saturday 21st Feb **home** v Hadleigh United  
Saturday 28th Feb away v Soham Town Rangers  
Saturday 7th March **home** v Dereham  
All above are League games and all k.o. at 3pm.

Tuesday March 17th away v Dereham - k.o. 7.45pm

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

The team now sit in 6th position in the league after recent results, which included beating league leaders Dussindale, and now find themselves only a few points away from challenging for a promotion spot.

### The recent results being:-

League - away v Swaffham Town Res - lost 1-2  
League - away v Attleborough Town Res - won 4-1  
League - away v Feltwell United - drew 2-2  
League - **home** v Dussindale & Hellesdon Rov "A" - won 3-2

### Forthcoming fixtures:-

Saturday 24th Jan away v KLSC k.o. 2.00pm  
Saturday 31st Jan **home** v Easton Res k.o. 2.00pm  
Saturday 7th Feb away v Briston k.o. 2.00pm  
Saturday 14th Feb **home** v UEA Res k.o. 2.15pm

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 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 played 3 games since the last report, with games being postponed because of the bad weather. The team has still 8 games to play (4 at home and 4 away), and there is plenty of optimism that they will be able to climb up the league, to finish in the top half.

### The recent results being:-

League - **home** v Whittlesey Athletic U18 - won 5-0

League - away v St Ives Town U18 - lost 0-4

League - away v Holbeach United U18 - lost 0-1

### Forthcoming fixtures (all league):-

Thursday 22nd Jan **home** v Spalding United Youth U18 Yellow

Thursday 29th Jan **home** v Match Town United U18

Tuesday 3rd Feb away v Wisbech St Mary U18

Thursday 19th Feb **home** v Wisbech St Mary U18

Thursday 26th Feb **home** v Wisbech Town FC U18

K.o. for all games 7.45pm.

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

### Admission Prices for 2025/26 Season

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

Reserves - Free entry to all games.

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: mlparish980@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

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## **Pin Badges**

The Official Heacham F.C. 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 2026 “50/50 Club”**

We have sold 152 numbers for this year (range is from 1 to 156, with 4 numbers being unsold). The prize money for this year is as follows:-

January - November (inc) 2 cash prizes per month - £50 & £25. For December there will be 3 cash prizes - £90, £50 & £30. (Total prize money for the year will be £995).

## **January winners:-**

1st prize £50 - No. 35 Lindsay Haynes

2nd prize £25 - No. 14 Sally Bailey

## **Supporters Club News**

Membership for this season has now reached 246 and the number of facebook followers is now 978. This is fantastic news and certainly will allow the Supporters Club to continue supporting Heacham F.C.

Recent winners of the monthly draw for Supporters Club Members only with a cash prize of £15 were:-

December - Membership No. 107 Zach Upton

January - Membership No.140 - Steve Gibson

There will be 3 more draws this season (Feb, March & April) and the February winner will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

## **“Xmas Free Raffle” (for Supporters Club Members only)**

Winners were as follows:-

Name - Membership No. - Prize:

Jan Gordon - 206 - £50

Dawn-Andrew - 209 - £25 (still to be claimed)

Kelly Beattie - 238 - £25

Callum Robinson - 30 - Bottle Prosecco

Jason Poore - 174 - Bottle Cava

Nick Parker - 244 - Bottle Dundalgan Country Cream Tommy Hunt - 181 - Bottle Mulled Wine

Tony Richardson - 139 - Mens Dove Set

Flora Rudd - 29 - Box Fox's Chocolate Biscuits

Terry Willet - 137 - Box Luxury – Chutney Selection

Maureen Cooper - 14 - Tin Luxury Sunrise Foods

Oliver Wagg - 182 - Selection of various mugs

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes to make this our biggest Christmas raffle ever but a special thank you goes to Sarah Askew and Brancaster Oysters (Cyril Southerland) for the cash prizes.

## **Membership details**

Supporters Club Membership for the 2025/26 season is still 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):-**

153 - Tony Hunt & Clive White

152 - John Abbott & Andrew Povey

151 - Maureen Cooper

150 - Helen Wright & Joseph Bailey

149 - Martin Eddie Edwards

147 - Michael Parish

145 - Chrissy Gwilliam

144 - Matthew Pooley & Paul Dawson

143 - Phill Gwilliam & Jytte Halsey

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.



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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 F.C. Supporters Club.

**"COME ON HEACHAM"**

Denis Cooper  
Chairman/Secretary  
Heacham F.C. Supporters Club  
Email: deniscooper06@aol.com



The first image is of HFC's new first team manager, Mark Hunter (L) and his assistant Andrew Wood. (Photo: Phill Gwilliam).



The second image is of Harvey Pightling. Harvey was the 'Heacham Manor' man of the match in the last Home game of 2025 on Dec 13th v Ely City. He is pictured receiving his award from Heacham FC Secretary, Darren Bailey who presented on behalf of the Manor. (Photo: Phill Gwilliam).

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# HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Hunstanton Town Council unveils new Architectural Lighting for Historic Town Hall

Hunstanton Town Council is proud to announce the installation of a new exterior lighting system at the town's Grade II listed Town Hall. The dynamic lighting will allow the landmark building to be illuminated in different colours throughout the year to mark key events, commemorations, and charitable causes.

The upgraded lighting will enable the Town Hall to participate visually in national and local moments of significance - including Remembrance services, awareness days for major charities, and community celebrations.

Hunstanton Town Council extends its thanks to NUAV, the specialist audio-visual and lighting company that worked closely with the Council to deliver the installation. Their expertise has enabled the sensitive integration of modern lighting technology with the historic fabric of the building, ensuring both visual impact and respect for the site's heritage.

A spokesperson for Hunstanton Town Council said: "The Town Hall is at the heart of our community, and these new lights allow us to show our support, remembrance, and celebration in a way the whole town can share. We are grateful to NUAV for their professional work on this important project."

The lighting system is now fully operational, with the first colour-wash display that commenced at the Hunstanton Christmas Festival Light Switch On, Sunday 30th November



## Charity Bingo

We would like to say a very big Thank You for the support given at our MS Trust Bingo. We raised an amazing £1,549.50.

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### Practice news from Kathryn Gigg, Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

Kate and Nic are delighted to announce that they have joined forces with Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP, a prestigious and long-established leading King's Lynn firm of Chartered Accountants.

The newly combined firms will continue to operate from the office in Hunstanton, so, in practical terms it will definitely be "Business as usual" for clients.

As part of this transition, Nic has become a Partner with Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP, continuing to work closely with clients as before, whilst Kate will now work as a Consultant, eventually leading towards a well-earned retirement after very many years of dedicated service to her clients.

Paul Farrow, Senior Partner at Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP has commented: "We are delighted to welcome Nic, Kate and the team from Kathryn Gigg into our practice. Their long-standing reputation for integrity and client care complements our own values perfectly and allows us to build on our shared commitment to supporting local businesses and individuals with trusted, high-quality accountancy and advisory services."



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Nic added: "Kate and I are very pleased to be joining forces with Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP and we both look forward to continuing to serve our clients with the same personal approach, backed by the wider resources and expertise of a larger firm. Our clients can be assured that they will continue to receive the same high standard of professional service at our Hunstanton office, as always."

### MAKING TAX DIGITAL – AM I INCLUDED?

By Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP incorporating Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

It now seems an age ago that the concept Making Tax Digital was first floated. After an initial "roadmap" in 2015, the system has been debated, refined and changed but it will be going live from April 2026. From that date those with income from self-employment and rent, in excess of £50,000 annually (the limit reduces in future years), will be required to maintain digital records and submit quarterly summaries, followed by an annual declaration.

Back in November HMRC issued a useful guide, defining who will be caught by the new rules- in summary:

Your qualifying income is the gross income that you receive (i.e. before deducting any expenses) in a tax year from your self-employment/s and property. For example, someone with £25,000 from rental income and £27,000 from self-employment income would have qualifying income of £52,000; and a key point to remain aware of is that those with multiple sources of self-employed income will need to submit a quarterly return for each income source.

It does NOT include:

- employment (PAYE)
- dividends (including those from your own company)
- a State Pension
- private pensions
- Income from a partnership does not count towards your qualifying income.

The system is, unfortunately, far from perfect. Despite HMRC assurances that free software will be available there is very little choice, and some free packages will only deal with the simplest cases. HMRC have already started contacting taxpayers who they think will be affected (based on 2024/25 data), but this process may not be complete before the April implementation, and the onus is therefore on the taxpayer to register. Although the process is designed to be simple, it is clear from the information released that even the registration criteria are not straightforward.

**Those who are not confident that they will be able to deal with MTD from April should definitely contact their accountant for advice as soon as possible.**

If you require any advice regarding MTD, please contact either Kate or Nic on 01485 534800 or [kgigg@mapus.co.uk](mailto:kgigg@mapus.co.uk)

**N.B. Article written November 2025**

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# HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Hunstanton Town Council hosts successful Public Consultation and welcomes Student Councillors from Smithdon High School

Hunstanton Town Council held a well-attended public consultation on Monday 8 December 2025 at the Town Hall, inviting residents to share their views on proposals for new bus shelters, additional benches around the town, and the ongoing Community Centre project. The drop-in event ran from 10:00am to 6:00pm and saw steady engagement from local residents throughout the day.



Members of the community were able to review the proposals, speak directly with councillors, and provide valuable feedback that will help shape the next steps for these important local initiatives. All responses gathered during the consultation will be reviewed and analysed, with a final decision to be published at a later date.

Earlier in the day, the Town Council, together with attendees of the Monday Helping Hands Café, welcomed a group of student councillors from Smithdon High School. Students from Years 7, 9, and 10 visited the Town Hall to observe the consultation in action and learn more about how local government engages with the public.

During their visit, the students spoke with councillors, staff, and members of the public, offering enthusiastic suggestions for activities and opportunities for young people both in the town and at their school. They were also given a guided tour of the Town Hall and Council Chambers, gaining insight into the workings of local democracy.

Hunstanton Town Council would like to thank all residents and young visitors who took part in the consultation and contributed their views and ideas.

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## SNETTISHAM GARDENING CLUB



Our meeting on February 25th will be The three S's - Seeds, Seedlings and the usual Swap table to give members the opportunity of swapping, or purchasing for a very small sum, seeds, seedlings or any surplus plants.

There will be a light-hearted Quiz and members are invited to contribute to a Bring and Share plate with drinks provided. That will be on February 25th.

As always visitors and guests are welcome to join us at our meetings which begin at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road.

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### Seeking a Volunteer in Heacham

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Could you pop in for a chat and cuppa with her once or twice a week?

**Anita in Heacham is looking for someone like you!**

- 79 years young
- Recently bereaved
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## Hunstanton & District Rotary Club

### December 2025 Activities

The club had a busy December and start to the New Year doing the things that Rotary do best, raising funds for good causes, assisting the local community and being involved in projects to increase awareness.

Firstly, we presented 100 emergency toiletry bags prepared by members to the QE accident and emergency department for patients that do not have immediate access to washing and cleaning equipment. They were presented in lovely cloth drawstring bags handmade by our member Mary Harpley, (shown in the picture). We held a two-day bucket collection by kind permission of Tesco's at Hunstanton, and despite the present economic climate raised £780 for local charities and good causes. We supported the reverse advent calendar project run by the Purfleet Trust, the local charity that supports homeless people, by members collecting goods and clothing to be distributed to the homeless. We presented a cheque for £500 to Tapping House the local end of life care hospice. We represented the club at the Hunstanton Xmas Tree Festival with a tree beautifully decorated by our President Hilary. We held our annual post Xmas lunch for some local elderly residents held at the United Services club and have just had our annual Frugal Lunch consisting of soup and sandwiches, where half of the cost of the meal is donated to the President's charity which this year is Homestart.

We look forward to the New Year with optimism as we have several charitable projects planned. It is also our 50th year in existence and plans to celebrate this historic event are well advanced.

Rotary is an international charitable organisation, and our main aim is to support charities and mainly local good causes both financially and physically where possible, achieved in an atmosphere of friendship following our motto ('Service above Self'). This can only be achieved by the efforts of our volunteer members, and we are always looking for new members who would like to make a difference in their community. If you are someone who could make a difference and would like to become a member, then please use the contact details below.

We have funds available to support local community groups, so if you are a member of a local charity or good cause, or you know of one that needs support please contact us using the details below, and your request will be considered by the club.

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## The Arts Society North West Norfolk The Art of Church Stained Glass

Stained glass has a very long and interesting history, and this short article can only give the briefest of outlines. Stained glass is an ancient art which is still made the way our medieval glaziers would recognise. Firstly, a design was drawn. This was enlarged to the size of the window, pieces of coloured and plain glass were cut to the required shapes and any painting done in black. They were then fixed together with H-shaped strips of lead, which were soldered together and then sealed to the glass with a special cement to keep out the weather. In the early 13th century, the art of staining glass was discovered and this enabled more details to be added, particularly faces.

But why go to all this trouble? Medieval churches were full of colour, depicting scenes from the Bible and the light streaming through the windows brought the pictures to life. At that time we made only clear glass in England as coloured glass was expensive and had to be imported from the continent, mainly from Normandy, the Rhineland and Burgundy. Surprisingly, many panels of medieval glass survive all around Norfolk, often high up in the tracery windows, such as at South Acre (1200s), South Creake, Narborough and Heacham.

The style of architecture progressed from the round-headed Norman openings through to the pointed styles of the Decorated and Perpendicular periods and the shape of the windows had to change. As methods advanced, many national disasters happened to delay construction or destroy this fragile material, but all the time the wind, rain and sunshine were also doing their damage, and often sheer lack of money or inclination to repair the decaying windows completed the cycle of demise. Lead starts to decay, rarely lasting more than 100 years, and with this the windows begin to buckle. Now there is another hazard – the rotary lawn mower, causing many of the small holes seen in windows today!

After the upheaval of the established church in Tudor times very little stained glass was made for churches until the early 1800s, by which time the old art had been largely forgotten, and continental glass was being imported after the Napoleonic wars. It took several decades for English glass to be perfected again and some of the early attempts have faded badly. By the 1850s there were hundreds of glass makers all over the country and their work varies greatly, but the top 10 to 15 firms produced some excellent windows, as the local Church Recorders have found in Harpley, Ingoldisthorpe, Middleton, North Creake, Sculthorpe, Stanhoe and others. Some makers left their signatures or symbols and it's exciting to find them, usually in the bottom right corner, sometimes the left and occasionally elsewhere. So next time you visit a church take some binoculars and see what you can find! Occasionally we find more modern glass but it's quite rare in country churches.

We are lucky here in that the best place to visit to learn about this craft is the excellent Stained Glass Museum in Ely Cathedral. There are also hundreds of books to read, with the Pitkin or Shire guides being good places to start, and much information is available on-line.

The Arts Society North West Norfolk supports the King's Lynn Church Recorders, who have recorded 26 churches in this area. If you would like further information and how to volunteer to become a Church Recorder, please go to our website [www.artssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.artssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk) and click on the link to 'Volunteering.'

The next lecture of The Arts Society North West Norfolk explores Notre Dame Cathedral – the Soul of Paris. This takes place at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2pm on Monday 9th February. You will find details about us and membership at [www.artssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.artssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk)

Pat Bray



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### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN BRIEF**

**The date for the next Full Council meeting is Tuesday 17th March at 7.00pm at the Old Friends Hall.**

**The Full Council Meeting for April will be held on Tuesday 21st 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 notice board 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**

Nesting season is now upon us, so hedges that are encroaching over either a footpath or the highway can only be trimmed. Please still take care to check for nesting birds so as not to cause them distress. When planting new hedges, be sure not to plant on the boundary of properties. This is because as soon as they begin to grow, half of the shrub is already encroaching over the pavement or road, so please bear this in mind.

### **OLD FRIENDS HALL COFFEE MORNING**

The next coffee morning in the Old Friends Hall will be on Wednesday 25th February 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 welcomed by the Coffee Morning and More volunteers!

### **LITTER BINS**

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 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!

### **VOLUNTEERS**

All our Councillors volunteer for the task of looking after Heacham and do a sterling job. If you are unable to commit to becoming a Councillor, please be aware that you can be co-opted onto one of our committees which would only mean 1 meeting per month. Our committees are: Natural Environment who look after The Saltings, Recreation Ground, Chalk Pit, Brays Pit and head of common; Community Activities who organise events (like the carnival for example). So if you feel you have the experience or talent for these, then please do consider volunteering.

### **DOG BINS**

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

**PLEASE ALWAYS PICK UP YOUR DOG'S POO.**

### **PARISH MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

Heacham Parish Council are seeking a replacement for our PMO who has decided to leave after (just over) 9 years of service. We would also like to thank him for his service.

Responsibilities will include maintenance of Parish owned property which includes land and facilities owned by the Parish Council. Village street cleansing in conjunction with other contractors to include litter picking and street sweeping as determined by the Clerk. General support to the Parish Council staff to ensure the smooth running of facilities and services. You must have a full driving licence as you will be required to use/drive the Parish Council vehicle. Workwear and equipment are supplied by the Parish Council.

In the first instance please contact the Parish Clerk. (Contact details below).

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### **!!WANTED!!**

#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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

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

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

### **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 mornings 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.

Any queries should be addressed to:

**Heacham Parish Council Office  
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King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 7DU  
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Email: [office@heacham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@heacham-pc.gov.uk)  
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13 F	03 01	5.1	15 24	5.5	00 44	4.8
14 SA	04 08	5.5	16 20	5.9	02 33	4.9
15 SU	04 59	5.9	17 05	6.4	03 43	5.4
16 M	05 41	6.3	17 45	6.7	16 33	6.3
17 TU●	06 20	6.6	18 23	7.0	17 13	6.7
18 W	06 57	6.8	19 00	7.3	05 52	7.1
19 TH	07 32	7.0	19 34	7.5	06 29	7.5
20 F	08 04	7.0	20 07	7.8	07 05	7.2
21 SA	08 36	7.0	20 41	7.5	07 38	7.3
22 SU	09 09	6.8	21 18	7.3	08 11	7.2
23 M	09 46	6.5	22 02	6.9	08 45	7.0
24 TU	10 30	6.0	22 56	6.3	09 23	6.6
25 W	11 30	5.5			10 09	6.1
26 TH	00 11	5.6	13 00	5.3	11 12	5.5
27 F	02 03	5.4	14 41	5.5	00 22	5.4
28 SA	03 43	5.8	15 57	6.0	02 15	5.4
			28 SA	03 41	5.9	14 28
			29 SU	04 39	6.4	15 39
			30 M	04 39	6.4	16 32
			31 TU	05 23	6.8	17 16

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