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Wednesday	Art group (10.00am) Badminton (3.00pm & 5.00pm)
Thursday	Yoga (10.15am) Carpet Bowls (7.30pm)

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Autumn is well and truly here! I have just returned from the Waveney Volunteers for Nature Open Day at Brockdish Common, and there was a distinct chill in the air. What a great event! The children had a brilliant morning making, crafting and playing on the Common, whilst learning about nature and habitats, all topped off with delicious sausage rolls and cake. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time organising this, it is much appreciated.

Looking forward to October and November, there is plenty going on out-and-about to occupy those dark evenings. From theatre and music, to quizzes and talks, there is something for everyone, so please try and support our local Village Halls, communities, and churches. They rely on our support to keep going.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue. Sending things across in the correct format and on time has made my job so much easier. We are always after new and interesting articles, as well as photos or images for our front cover, so please send them in.

Jo Slater, Editor

REMEMBER

Closing date for entries in the December 2025 / January 2026 issue is Friday 24th October. Articles received after this date will not be included in the next issue.

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The summer holidays were very much child-orientated, with yet another successful Summer Reading Challenge. With autumn approaching, it's all about adults, although there is plenty on offer for children too! We have a whole range of talks in October and November, as well as a return visit from the Guide Dogs and a special Halloween-themed Family Time in half term. Details can be found below, or for more information look out for the posters on our notice board or check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/dissharlestonlongstratton

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	3.30pm-4.30pm	LEGO Club
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	10.30am-11.00am	Bounce and Rhyme (babies and toddlers)
	11.00am-12.00pm	Stay and Play (for babies and toddlers)
	2.00pm-4.00pm	Family Time (craft and games for families)
<u>1st and 3rd Wednesday</u>	2.00pm-3.00pm	Meet and Make (Adults)
<u>2nd and 4th Wednesday</u>	2.00pm-3.00pm	Knit and Natter
<u>Every Friday</u>	2.00pm-3.00pm	Book Café, Drop in session for book lovers.
<u>Friday 17th October</u>	2.00pm-3.00pm	Russell Webb will be joining the Book Café, discussing his book 'Love Beyond Love'.
<u>Monday 20th October</u>	2.00pm-4.00pm	Afternoon Tea with the Guide Dogs
<u>Wednesday 22nd October</u>	12.30-1.30pm	Author Talk with Dennis A Roberts
<u>Thursday 23rd October</u>	7.00pm-8.30pm	Navigating Menopause – What You Really Need To Know. Join us for a talk by Diane Danzebrink, the author of 'Making Menopause Matter' and founder of 'Menopause Support'. This is a FREE event, but to book a space and submit questions to Diane, please email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk .
<u>Wednesday 29th October</u>	2.00pm-4.00pm	Special Halloween-themed Family Time
<u>Friday 7th November</u>	12.00pm-1.00pm	A talk on the 'History of the Fire Service'

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- Thursday 23rd October: Lunch at The Black Horse, Thorndon - £8.00
- Monday 27th October: Anglia Retail Park, Ipswich and Suffolk Food Hall - £20.00
- Thursday 30th October: Attleborough Town (Market Day) and Wymondham Garden Centre - £18.00

Borderhoppa Outings for November 2025

- Monday 3rd November: Taverham Nursery Centre - £18.00
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The evening will narrate all the strong memories and emotions felt on remembrance weekend, through words and music, covering all those affected by war. Presented by members and friends of Fressingfield Methodist Church.

Tickets free but limited numbers,
so require booking in advance.
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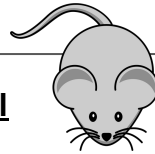
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Tails from the Village Hall

The book shed is a success! Books are being borrowed, returned and donated. We are now at the point where we have an overflow box in the kitchen, and will rotate the books every now and then. Thank you. The foodbank box is also receiving donations and we are so grateful. The sign has proved to be a great talking point and we're scurrying around trying to find the Art Group more things to paint!

Badminton

Badminton numbers have dropped and we're looking for people to play, particularly at 3pm on a Wednesday. We don't play competitively; we just knock about and chat. It's a great chance to meet your neighbours, do a little gentle exercise and make use of the Village Hall. You don't have to play for the full hour as we rotate every ten minutes or so. It's always lovely and warm, the toilets are spotless, and you can make yourself a cuppa if you want. We meet most weeks at 3.00pm-4.00pm and 5.00pm-6.00pm. The cost is £2.50 per session, or £7.50 for the whole month, and you don't need to buy a racket, we can lend you one. If you want to join in, please give the ChairMouse a call on 07894 138455. We are also trying to get pickleball set up so if you're interested, let us know.

Yoga

Thursday morning Yoga class, 10.00am-11.00am. Come along to a relaxed, friendly class, to improve flexibility, strength, and learn relaxation techniques. Mixed ability at £8.00 per class. Contact Bee at belindadalla@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Wi-Fi

As you know, the Village Hall now has Wi-Fi, so if you need a quiet space to work for a few hours, please get in touch. We also have a meeting room which can be borrowed on a one-off or regular basis for a small charge. Special rates for those that live in the village, but open to all.

Partyware Hire

We have available for use by villagers crockery, cutlery, glasses, tables and chairs – this can all be borrowed in exchange for a donation to the VH. All proceeds are used towards the upkeep of your Village Hall. So if you're having a party, wedding or any event, get in touch. Please contact Lisa, the Bookings Mouse, on 01379 668416 for more information.

Tails from the Village Hall

Plans are afoot for later this year and the New Year (film night, fashion show, fitness classes etc), but what would YOU like to see in the Village Hall? Craft fairs, classes, makers/growers markets, kids club? The Village Hall is the heart of the village, it is there for all to use, and is a wonderful space. Please let us know what you would use it for. Telephone numbers are on the door. I must say thank you to Enrico for sanding and painting above the windows in the Hall. The ChairMouse doesn't like climbing ladders, so it was lovely to avoid that task! The makeover of the Village Hall is now almost complete, and it looks beautiful.

Save the Date:

- 6th December: Join us for the Christmas tree light switch-on! This year, the Brockdish Christmas tree will have a new home outside the Village Hall. Come along to see it being lit, enjoy drinks, snacks, and Carol singing – all proceeds will help to keep your Village Hall open for another year. Bring your pennies, we will be sending the buckets around!
- Friday 3rd October, 10.00am–12.30pm: Macmillan Coffee morning, supporting a wonderful cause.

Don't forget the Village Hall is also home to:

- Monday Minglers, Monday 2.00pm–4.00pm – play cards, games, juggling (!) or just chat and have a cup of tea and a biscuit. £1 per session.
- Art Club, Wednesday morning 10.00am-12.00pm.
- Badminton, Wednesday afternoons 3.00pm-4.00pm, and 5.00pm-6.00pm. £2.50 per game or £7.50 for the whole month.
- Yoga, Thursday morning 10.00am for one hour, £8 per class.
- Carpet Bowls, Thursday 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

All these groups would be happy to add new members – come and visit! We are hoping to add more classes in the New Year so watch this space! Follow the comings and goings at the Village Hall on Instagram [@brockdishvillagehall](https://www.instagram.com/brockdishvillagehall). See you next time!

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Saturday 18th October from 6pm: Akenfield

Our classic cinema series starts with Peter Hall's 1974 film 'Akenfield', based on Ronald Blythe's book, 'Akenfield - portrait of an English Village'. There is a pre film screening of a documentary about the making of the the film at 6pm.

Tickets £5 Online: [wegottickets.com/event/672467](https://www.wegottickets.com/event/672467)

Wednesday 5th November 7.30pm: OpenSpace Theatre present Vincent In Brixton by Nicholas Wright

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Saturday 8th November 7.30pm: Don't Go Into The Cellar present The Hound of the Baskervilles

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What's on this October and November at Wingfield Barns**Sunday 9th November, from 12.00pm: East Anglian Traditional Music Trust – Step Dance and Jig Doll Afternoon**

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Tuesday 18th November, 7.30pm: FLOOK – celebrating 30 years in 2025

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Saturday 22nd November, 7.30pm: Magic Floor productions Presents A Night At The Musicals. A fabulous night of show stoppers from Les Miserables, Wicked, Hamilton, Sweeney Todd, South Pacific, The Lion King plus a sprinkle of Christmas songs. You will be sure to leave humming those tunes and getting you into the festive spirit.

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News from Thorpe Abbotts Village Hall

**2025**

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A huge thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to the VE Celebration in August, which seems a long time ago now. We are very pleased to say that we raised £ 1,512.00, which was a terrific result. It was a lovely day, with 75 % of the village engaged in some way.



At the back of the Village Hall

On Saturday, October 4th , from 10:00 am, we will have the help from the Waveney Volunteers for Nature, who will help us once again to tackle the area at the back of the Hall.

This will be another one of our Community Days where you can contribute to ensuring the area at the back of the Hall becomes a haven for wildlife.

If you have a rake, spade, or fork, and can spare just an hour, please come along and support the Waveney Volunteers. They are a great group of people who love what they do, and are keen to spread the word about their work. As ever, food will be available to keep us all going !

Christmas is Coming !

Christmas is just around the corner, and the Village Hall will be joining with the Church once more to have a celebratory weekend. On Saturday December 13th, there will be Christmas Festivities at the Hall, and on Sunday December 14th, a Christingle Service at Thorpe Abbotts Church. Keep your eyes peeled for further information at the Pump.



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Diary Dates: October/November

- **Tuesday 7th October:** Coffee and Cake for Macmillan, 10.00am to 11.30am. Donations gratefully accepted. All very welcome to join us.
- **Saturday 11th October:** Live music with 'Harding Cats'. Doors 7.30pm. Free entry, collection buckets. Brilliant covers from Roy Goodwin *et al*
- **Saturday 25th October:** Oktoberfest. Continental beers, Bavarian-inspired dishes, absolutely wonderful Apple Strudel from one of our fantastic cooks, Bratwurst and Sauerkraut. Free entry, background music, costumes encouraged, but optional.
- **Saturday 1st November:** It's all about Buddy! with Paul Birch. Fantastic Buddy Holly show in aid of Meningitis Now. Free entry, huge tombola, collection buckets, buffet. Join us! Rave on!
- **Saturday 22nd November:** The Bandemics! Doors 7.30pm. Free entry, raffle. Hugely popular and talented local band.

Our Fridays are busy with open mic from 8.00pm on the first Friday of the month, karaoke on the second Friday, quiz on the third Friday, and Bingo on the last Friday. In October, our Quiz evening will raise funds for Fressingfield Shed. Our November Quiz is in aid of Harford Manor School Association. The Bingo evenings on 31st October and 28th November will raise funds for The Mardler, The Harleston Grapevine and The Stradbroke Monthly, all of which support us with advertising events and activities.

SWSSC volunteers open the bar on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.00pm, and also for events as well as private bookings.

Coffee and Cake continues on the first Tuesday of the month, 10.00am-11.30am. Just drop in. Free but donations welcome. Coffee, Craft, Chat continues on the last Thursday of the month, 1.30pm-3.00pm. Drop in, again free, but donations welcome. On Tuesday evenings, between 8.00pm-10.00pm, we have free tea and coffee, and also books, board games and darts available. We also have pool at 50p per game.

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Friday 28th November

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This is our current Events List for the remainder of 2025. We offer some interesting talks, 2 quizzes (one of which is our Christmas Quiz, when we hope everyone will dress up in their best Christmas jumpers) and we must not forget our Annual Christmas Craft Fair and BBQ. We would love to see you there!

Jill Edwards

Secretary / Trustee, Waveney Heritage Centre

Events List: October - December 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025, 7.30 pm - A talk by Jono Forgham - Lockdown 874.
Hear how in one year, beginning on Lockdown Day March 2020, Jono recorded 874 species of birds, insects, arachnids etc..

Sunday 16 November 2025, 10.30 am to 2 pm - Christmas Craft Fair. *Time to start your Christmas shopping with many local crafters selling their wares. With BBQ, refreshments and some Christmas cheer! For more information or to book a stall please call Jill on 01379 671459.*

Wednesday 26 November 2025, 7.30 pm - A talk by Mark Papworth - Traditional English leather working *Leather working tools, materials and techniques that pre-date the Industrial Revolution and how Mark is trying to keep that tradition alive today.*

Saturday 13 December 2025, 7.30 pm - The Waveney Christmas Quiz! *Feel free to dress up! Max 6 to a table. This is a bookable event, please ring Jill, details below to book your table.*

Both the Wireless Museum and Museum of Memories will be open only on the last Sunday of each month, 10.30 am - 3 pm.

Due to lack of visitors and volunteers, we have regretfully decided to remove our 'second Sunday' opening day. We may change this in the future.

No need to book for talks, just turn up. For further information
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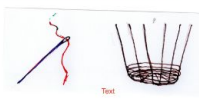
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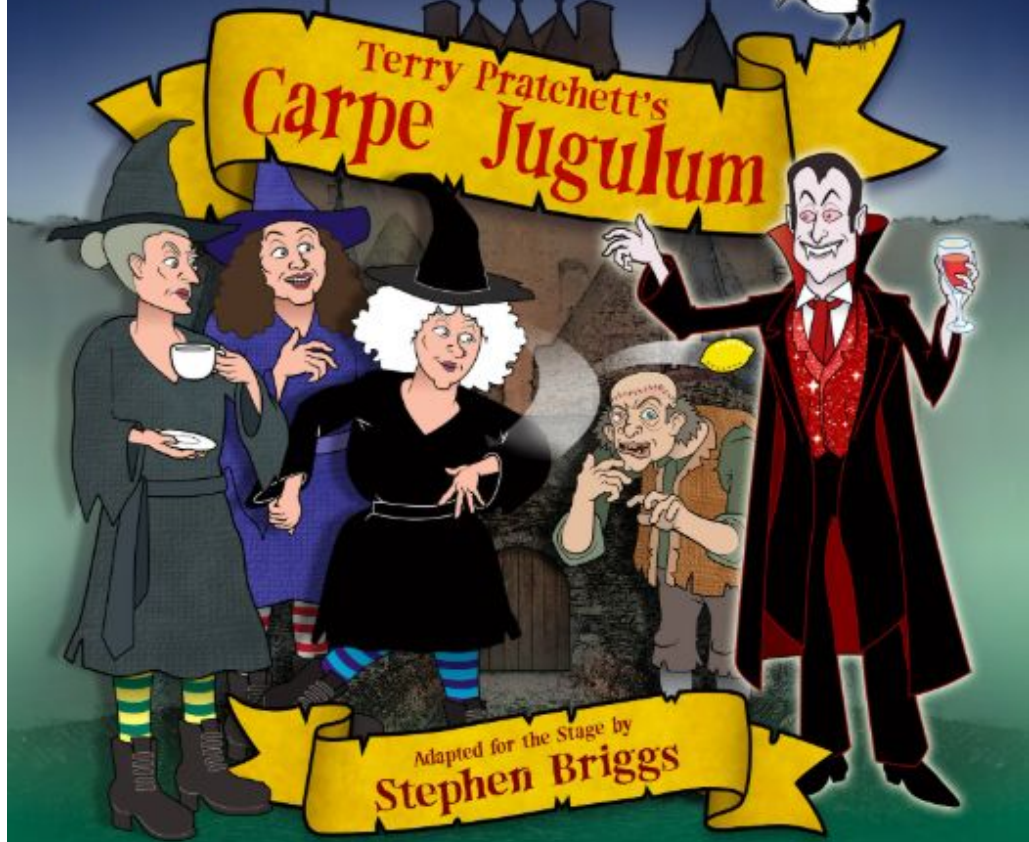
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Walking in The Waveney Valley
by Paddy, Brockdish

Wild Geese

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You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting
You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees,
The mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
The world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -
over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

Mary Oliver

September

Lovely, warm, early autumn days have arrived with that soft slanting light that shimmers off the morning dew. I have come down to the wide river valley at Mendham and set off along the line of enormous willow trees by the bank. The day grows hot with a cooling breeze and I watch conjoined dragonflies – red in front, brown behind – dipping eggs onto the surface water. As I rest under the largest willow to watch the life of the river a kingfisher flashes by, a streak of iridescence then gone. The old tree creaks behind me in the wind, moorhens paddle and dip, coots call from the reeds and fish ripple the surface between patterns blown by the wind. A brown-winged insect is busily skimming the water and fields of sweetcorn glisten on the far hill.

Walking in The Waveney Valley

As I wait and wait, hoping the kingfisher will return, wind hisses through the trees and the odd yellow leaf spirals down. Following the way the kingfisher went, I walk further down river and find two swans and their young gliding by a heron standing on an outcrop of reed in the middle of the river, neck stretched, beak pointing downwards, fully intent. Further round still, two sparrowhawks, one adult, one young, sit on an old tree stump gazing at the world together till the adult flies up into the nearest willow. I used to live near this village fifty years ago and visited this valley often. Not much seems to have changed in the landscape since then, yet in the human world, it feels that so much has changed and this landscape is as much under threat as everywhere else. As I drove home a storm gathered, one side of the sky was black the other bright blue and across these spanned a double rainbow. An arrow of seagulls flew across passing to the dark side gleaming bright white from the sun's rays.



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Intriguing Places to Visit : Eye Castle

By Susan Sindall

Having visited Eye many times and enjoyed the attractive cottages and lovely manor houses, as well as the spectacular medieval church , I was recently surprised to discover that Eye also has a castle, or rather, the ruins of one. One of the most visual impacts of the Norman conquest on the British landscape was the erection of castles as a sign that the invaders were both powerful and here to stay. Eye Castle was one such. It is now a very peaceful, rather neglected feeling, place to explore but in its history has seen fierce battles, languishing prisoners, a bustling market, a windmill , schoolhouse and even a Victorian home.



Built by one William Malet, the castle became the site of a flourishing market rivalling the Bishop of Norwich's market in Hoxne and was listed in the Domesday Book. The castle was attacked by Hugh Bigod during the rebellion against Henry II in 1173. It was repaired but less than an hundred years later the castle was again sacked, this time in the second Baron's War against Henry III and his son, after which very little restoration took place. By the C14th the castle lay largely in ruins although part was maintained as a prison - during the Reformation local Protestant martyrs awaited their fate in Eye Castle.

A windmill was erected on the mound around 1561, but by the early 1600's it seems little remained of either castle or windmill. The site remained largely forgotten and neglected until a Victorian philanthropist, Sir Edward Kerrison, a experienced campaigner from the battle of Waterloo and a politician, inherited an estate in nearby Hoxne. Sir Edward was a more than conscientious landlord and sought to relieve the agricultural distress that was prevalent in the 1830's and 40's. Amongst many notable good works in the local area he was responsible for the Eye National School for both sexes on Castle Hill, and also established a dispensary. For his batman, who saved his life at Waterloo, he had a house built within the shell of Eye castle and it is the remnants of these walls that remain today. Later, this house gradually fell into disrepair, with more damage occurring in high winds in 1965. However, the mound and some fragments of the original Norman castle survive and are now protected with Grade one listed status.

Intriguing Places to Visit : Eye Castle



The site is a little difficult to find, but if you locate the street called Castle Hill near the church, you will see the gates a short distance up the road on the right. It is open from Easter to October, 9.00am until dusk. There is no parking on site but there are a few spaces near the church, or you can walk from the car park in the centre of town. There is no charge to visit. The site is relatively small but there are a series of information boards and the climb to the top of the Motte is well rewarded with wonderful views of the town and surrounding countryside.

An advertisement for O&C Butcher. The left side features a dark blue background with a faint map of the United Kingdom. The right side shows a man and a woman standing outdoors in a wooded area, wearing outdoor clothing. The man is wearing a dark jacket over a striped shirt, and the woman is wearing a dark jacket over a white cable-knit sweater. They are both looking towards the camera.

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Looking forward to seeing you all there!

To cover the costs of materials, we ask for a donation of £1 per child. Any crafty donations also gratefully received!

For any enquiries please contact Jo Slater
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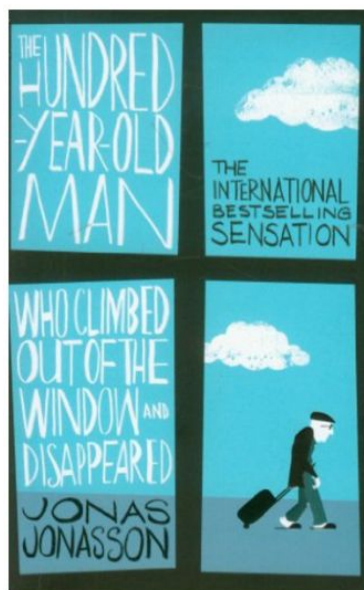
Thank you to Carol Liles of Thorpe Abbotts for this month's review. If you have read a brilliant book recently, please send a review into The Mardler.

The Hundred Year Old-Man Who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared *By Jonas Jonasson*

It was Allan Karlsson's hundredth birthday and the old people's home in Malmköping, Sweden, where he lived was going to celebrate in style. The local mayor and local press were coming to congratulate him, the only person who didn't want to be there was Allan. So, he jumps cautiously out of his room window (well he WAS a hundred years old), crosses the flowerbed in his slippers, and makes his way to the bus station. Here, he meets a man who asks Allan to watch his suitcase whilst he goes to the loo. Allan agrees, but as he wanted to catch a bus leaving shortly, he decides he could not wait for the man to return, so gets on the bus with the suitcase. The suitcase turned out to contain 50 million dollars - and the gang who 'owned' it wanted it back. Thus begins the chase. Over the next few weeks Allan makes lots of varied friends including, amongst others, a petty criminal, a man who ran a hot-dog stand, a beautiful young woman and an elephant (don't ask!)

Along the way, we learn a lot about Allans past. We follow Allan as he meets and helps several infamous characters who take to him, including General Franco, Chairman Mao and a future President of the United States, amongst other notorious characters. Back in the present, everyone is chasing him including the police, a reporter and the gang whose suitcase Allan has taken. Like everything else in Allan's long life, everything is chaotic.

This book I found 'un-put-downable' – I was even banned from reading it in bed as I could not stop laughing. It is just crazy and unpredictable and led me to read more of Jonasson books. Take it on holidays with you!



Jokes

Why did the vampire need mouthwash? *It had bat breath.*

What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurry? *Spooktacles.*

What do you call a spider with 20 eyes? *A spiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiider.*

Who does a werewolf go trick or treating with? *His cousins, what-wolf and when-wolf.*

Why do witches wear name tags? *So you can tell which witch is which.*

Dingbats

Work out the well-known phrase from the images below.

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Brainteasers

1. Turn me on my side, and I am everything. Cut me in half, and I am nothing. What am I?
2. Until I am measured, I am not known. Yet you miss me when I have flown. What am I?
3. The number 8,549,176,320 is a unique number. What is so special about it?



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A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

Motorists travelling south of Norwich are now enjoying smoother journeys thanks to the opening of the Long Stratton Bypass. The bypass is open for use, and already making a huge difference for all the users that drive along the A140 each day, as well as the residents of Long Stratton enjoying not having the traffic through their town. The £46.9m project has reached its final stages, with traffic flowing along the full 2.4-mile (3.9km) route east of the town. Designed to divert vehicles from Long Stratton's congested high street, the bypass connects Church Lane in the north, to the existing A140 in the south. Construction began in April 2024, and the road was previewed at the start of August during a community open day. The bypass is set to be complete and fully open by October.

Congratulations to all our youngsters on their recent GCSE results, especially here at our local schools. Norfolk children have bucked a national trend by improving the county's GCSE pass rate. Pupils across England suffered a slip in pass rates for their GCSEs, although there was increase in the percentage of top grades handed out. In Norfolk however, both of these metrics increased as the class of 2025 was 66.2pc – an increase of almost 2pc from 64.5pc last year.

A new, nationally recognised proactive intervention scheme is set to be rolled out across the whole of Norfolk. The initiative, which will be delivered in collaboration with local partners including Voluntary, Community and Social enterprises (VCSE), city, district and borough councils and NHS organisations, aims to reduce falls in vulnerable and older residents. Following a successful pilot with 1250 residents, the programme, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify residents at risk of escalating needs, will enhance the safety and wellbeing of those at risk of falls. The latest AI technology, natural language processing is used to 'read' case notes and automatically extract meaningful insight about our residents. This technology enables the council to identify and prioritise individuals in Norfolk most at risk of falling, allowing for proactive intervention before they fall.

NCC has secured more than £34 million in new government funding to enhance local transport infrastructure and planning over the next four years. The Department for Transport (DfT) has confirmed that Norfolk will receive £32.5 million in capital funding and an additional £2.1 million in resource funding through the Government's Local transport Grant (LTG) programme. The dual funding stream will support both the delivery of physical infrastructure

A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

and the capacity to plan, develop and manage projects, helping Norfolk address key priorities such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, enhancing public transport and promoting sustainable travel.

NCC, in partnership with Beryl Bikes and National Grid, is celebrating a major milestone for the county's innovative shared transport scheme, which has now recorded more than two million journeys since its launch in March 2020 (I can remember launching this scheme just before lockdown). By swapping car journeys for two wheels, riders have helped save around 900 tonnes of CO₂, keeping Norwich's air cleaner, streets less congested and communities healthier.

A reminder of our Hazardous days during October, all the dates and venues are available on our website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling.

Best Wishes

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Applications: pending decision

- 2025/2312 45 The Street, Brockdish. Single storey rear extension & detached garage.
- 2025/1935 18 The Street, Brockdish (listed building). Remove chimney to ridge height and rebuild in the same style and same height. Remove any unstable render and cement, new render applied where required. Remove some areas of paint and replace with breathable paint. Decision: Approved by SNC, not supported by PC.
- 2025/1102 Land North East of 68 The Street, Brockdish. Outline permission for erection of three new self build dwellings with matters reserved except access.

Buildings at Risk Register: 37 The Street, Brockdish Continuing deterioration of the property has been referred back to the Compliance Officer at SNC for a further review (including a site visit). Awaiting further update.

At recent meetings we continue to discuss & monitor speeding/traffic calming (using persuasive measures, the Police Safety Camera Team & SAM2 Data),



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Brockdish and Thorpe Abbotts Parish Council

Flood issues including completing a Flood Plan, Biodiversity & Digital Switch Over.

Dates of next scheduled meetings: Please note: Our Brockdish meetings will now be held on a Wednesday evening at Brockdish Village Hall. Members of the public are most welcome to attend. Agenda posted on both village notice boards prior to the meeting.

- Wednesday 29th October 7pm Brockdish Village Hall
- Thursday 27th November 7pm Thorpe Abbotts Village Hall.
- No scheduled meeting is held during December.

Diary Dates:

- **Saturday 6th December 2025 5.30pm** Christmas Tree Light Switch-On in Brockdish, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.
- **Saturday 13th December 2025** Christmas Tree Light Switch-On in Thorpe Abbotts. Time to be arranged, followed by refreshments In the Village Hall.

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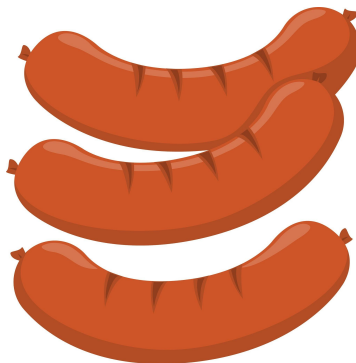
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120g plain flour
3 large eggs
275ml semi-skimmed milk
12 linked chipolatas or 1 large coiled Cumberland sausage
2 tbsp sunflower oil
4 rosemary or thyme sprigs – chopped
Mash and veg to serve

For the honey and mustard onions:

1 tbsp sunflower oil
2 large red onions – halved and thinly sliced
2 tbsp plain flour
2 tsp English mustard
1 chicken stock cube
2 tbsp honey
2 tbsp wholegrain mustard



Mix the flour, eggs, and milk in a jug with ½ tsp salt, then set aside for at least 30 minutes. Heat oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7.

Untwist the links between the chipolatas, keeping them connected. Squeeze the meat to fill in the gaps, so you have one long sausage. Coil the sausage loosely and put in a large skillet or oven-proof frying pan (around 25cm wide). Pour over the oil and brown in the oven for 12-15 minutes.

Remove the pan from the oven, and carefully lift out the sausage. Pour the batter in the pan, then put the sausage back on top, scatter with herbs and return to the oven for 25-30 minutes without opening the door.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the onions for 10 minutes or until starting to caramelise. Stir in the flour and mustard powder and crumble in a stock cube. Stir in 500ml of water bit by bit until you get a smooth sauce, then add the honey, mustard and season. Boil for 5 mins, then serve with the toad-in-the-hole, mash and veg.



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After an absence of over a year the cockerel wind vane has returned to the Church tower. Originally installed in 1993, it succumbed to a gale and undertook the short (and direct) flight to the Churchyard. It is lovely to see its return. Thank you very much to those of you who donated produce to decorate the Church for our Harvest Festival, and onward donation to The Emmaus Charity at Ditchingham. Not only did the Church look lovely, but Emmaus were most grateful. Thank you again.

This very dry summer has had a significant impact on the Churchyard flora. The ground there is very gravelly, and so holds little moisture. As a result, the pyramidal orchid population was well down, and no bee orchids at all. Generally, with the exception of the ox-eye daisies, which tried very hard to put on a display, we had to search quite hard to find many of the species we normally find. Thinking ahead, we are very much looking forward to the annual Church Quiz in the Village Hall on 22nd November. This is always popular, so please do put it in your diaries. More details nearer the time.

Simon Beet

Brockdish Church

From summer to autumn in the blink of an eye – we leave behind the season of organising fetes, open gardens, and ladies tractor rides, and start to plan autumn/winter activities.

By the time you read this, Brockdish will have celebrated Harvest, the gifted contributions going to the Waveney food bank. On 9th November at 3.00pm, the Remembrance Sunday Service will be led by John Taylor. This year we are planning a Christmas Fayre with a difference! Warming soup and bacon rolls will be served on Saturday 29th November from 11.30am to 1.30pm. We plan to invite local crafts people to join us, so Christmas shopping can start here! I anticipate that tea/coffee and cakes will also be available. All to take place in the Village Hall.

The quiz is planned for Saturday 8th November. Further details (not the answers!) can be obtained from Peter Croxson 01379 668630.

Ann Cork (Churchwarden)

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Church Service Times - October and November 2025

5th October	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
12th October	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe Abbots 9.30am	Holy Communion
19th October	Brockdish 9.30pm	Morning Prayer
26th October	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
2nd November	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
9th November	Brockdish 3.00pm	Remembrance Service
	Thorpe Abbots 9.30am	Remembrance Service
16th November	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
23rd November	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer

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Answers to Dingbats: 1. Back to back, 2. The final straw, 3. Copycat, 4. Get bent out of shape. **Answers to Brainteasers:** 1. The number 8, 2. Time, 3.This is the only number that includes all the digits arranged in alphabetical order.



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