**2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| **Month** | **Thornage Hall Festival** |  | **Marketing Calendar Dates** |  | **National Awareness Dates** |
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| **January** | **Wednesday 6th January - Epiphany - Three Kings Day** ***The end of the 12 nights of Christmas, closure and looking forward to lighter times.*** Decorations are taken down in the hall and houses on this day. Christmas trees removed the houses & singing of the 3 Kings song | 1-31st6th18th19th25th26th | VeganuaryNational Shortbread DayBlue MondayInternational Popcorn DayBurns NightAustralia Day | 1-31st18-24th30th -6th Feb | Walk your Dog monthSugar Awareness weekNational Storytelling week  |
| **February****Hawthorn** | **Tuesday 2nd February - Candlemas*****Life in the earth begins to stir, looking forward being less reliant on inner light.***Organised by the land, lighting of a candle placed in the earth to signify light returning. Singing of Candlemas song. Sometime use advent spiral to have the Candlemas centre**Tuesday 16th February - Shrove Tuesday*****Feast before Lent or ‘Hungry Gap’ Gatherings to talk about Lent.*** Fancy dress pancake race in courtyard. Carnival party in houses in the evening**Wednesday 17th February – Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent**A time to give something up or give back e.g. offer support | * 9th
* 12th
* 14th
* 16th
* 17th
 | National Pizza Day* Chinese New Year (Ox)
* Valentine’s Day
* Pancake Day

Random Acts of Kindness Day | 1st | Dignity Action Day |
| **March****Iceni** | **Saturday 20th March - Spring Equinox*****Marking the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere***.**Sunday 28th March – Sunday 3rd April - Holy week*****The Easter story, the week before Easter remembering events which took place in Jerusalem, also known as Great Week*** | * 1st
* 1-7th
* 4th
* 14th

15-21st* 17th
* 19th
* 28th
 | * St David’s Day

British Pie week* World Book Day
* Mother’s Day

Compost week* St Patrick’s Day
* Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
* British Summertime starts
 | 1-31st9-11th10th13-19th15-21st21st22-28th25th | Marie Curie Great Daffodil AppealLearning Disability England's 2021 Conference online National No Smoking DaySign Language weekNutrition & Hydration weekWorld Down Syndrome dayNational Complementary Therapy weekFunctional Neurological Awareness Day |
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| **April****Hall** | **Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday** ***Remembering those being exploited in slavery or vulnerable people to famine or disease.*** Silent lunch or supper, for reflection can link to Passover**Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday** ***Victory of Saint over matter. Beginning of the growing season.*** Community lunch & egg hunt. Boundary walk around the shelter belt. Sunday afternoon concert if there is no concert at the church | 2nd4th5th5-11th10th11th17th23rd | Good FridayEaster Sunday Easter MondayCommunity Garden WeekNational Siblings DayNational Pet DaySt Patricks DaySt George’s Day | 1-30th21st | Stress Awareness Month The Queens (actual) 95th Birthday |
| **May****Grange and Garden Flat** | **Thursday 13th May - Ascension Day** ***Resurrection of Jesus ascending to heaven.***Raising awareness in the wider community by going out to meet people and raise awareness of Thornage Hall. Outings with walks at 3 different lengths and levels for all abilities**Sunday 23rd May - Whitsun** ***Descending of the holy spirit.*** Celebrating diversity, members of the community from other countries read a verse in their own language. Thinking about all the people that have come into Thornage Community | 3rd4th12th20th25th29th31st | Stody Open Gardens eventMay Day Star Wars DayNational Limerick dayWorld Bee DayBritish Tomato fortnight beginsNational Biscuit DaySpring Bank Holiday  | 1-31st4-9th10-16th17-21st15-21st20-25th21st | National Walking monthDeaf Awareness weekNational Mental Health awareness weekDementia Action/Awareness weekNeurodiversity Celebration weekNational Epilepsy weekWorld Meditation Day |
| **June****All Houses** | **One Sunday in June (date TBC) - Family Day*****A day to invite families into the community.*** Families meet the Trustees with a performance of singing or dancing or display from day services. Followed by communal lunch in the houses**Monday 21st June - Summer Solstice*****Marking the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere****.*Come out of ourselves and reflect. Maximum sunlight**Thursday 24th June - St Johns*****Time for reflection on who you are and re-evaluate what is important to you. Reaching your potential***Bonfire with Communal BBQ/singing/dancing/playing games, sometimes a play | 4th6th 12th20th21st21st24th25th25th | National Fish and Chip Day British Tomato fortnight endsThe Queens (official) birthdayFather’s DayWorld Music dayBring your dog to work dayNational writing day97th Anniversary of Biodynamic farmingNational Cream Team Day | 8-13th21-27th  | Diabetes awareness weekLearning Disability week |
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| **July****Hall** |  | 4th15-18th26th 27th | American Independence Day Crufts 2021Holt Festival Week startsNorfolk Day | 25th –1 Aug | National Preserving Awareness week |
| **August****Garden Flat** |  | 1st30th30th | Holt Festival Week endsSummer Bank HolidayAylsham Agricultural Show |  |  |
| **September****Hawthorn** | **Sunday 5th September (1st Sunday of month) - Garden Fete*****A time to share and showcase Thornage community***Public event where our products from the land and workshops are sold. Music, entertainment & BBQ**Wednesday 29th September - Michaelmas*****Thinking positively and showing respect in overcoming difference, finding balance and harmony***Shadow play, fundraising for charity, make lanterns for lantern walk | 13th14th25th25th | Roald Dahl DayJeans for Genes dayMacmillan World’s biggest coffee morning for National Doodle Day1940’s Weekend | 1-30th1-30th14-19th21-27th | Sourdough SeptemberOrganic SeptemberNational Hygiene weekRecycle week |
| **October****Grange** | **Sunday 31st October – Halloween*****Remembering those that have passed away******e.g. By display/sharing at gathering***Pumpkins and carnival party | 1st1st1st21st31st | World Smile dayWorld vegetarian dayNational Poetry dayApple DayHalloween  | 23rd | Breast Cancer Awareness day‘Wear it pink’ |
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| **November****Iceni** | **Thursday 11th November - Martinmas** ***Shorter days - kindle our inner light.***Shadow play and fundraising for charity. Make lanterns for lantern walk. Song; Hero for the sun**November (Date TBC) - Norfolk Christmas Fair**Fundraising Public/Virtual event selling items produced by the community**Sunday 28th November - Advent (4 weeks before Christmas)**Advent wreaths made for houses, each with four candles, with one candle lit every week up to Christmas | 1st5th11th13th14th 25th30th | International coffee dayGuy Fawkes Night Remembrance Day World Kindness DayDiwaliThanksgivingSt Andrews Day | 16-21st | Road Safety Week |
| **December****All Houses** | **Sunday 19th December (Date TBC) - Christmas Family Day**Family day, held on the last Sunday before Christmas**Monday 20th December (Date TBC) - Carols in the Barn**Community & family event with mince pies and produce sold from workshops. Held on the last Monday before Christmas**Tuesday 21st December - Winter Solstice**Darkest months, our inner light is important**Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day** Peace and Goodwill to all. Christmas is also about valuing the community and all still together, sharing and giving**Friday 31 December - New Year’s Eve** A time to have a party and celebrate with friends | 14th24th25th26th31st | Christmas Jumper Day in Aid of Save the ChildrenChristmas Eve Christmas day Boxing Day New Year’s Eve |  |  |