**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 | 1-31st  6th  18th  19th  25th  26th | Veganuary  National Shortbread Day  Blue Monday  International Popcorn Day  Burns Night  Australia Day | 1-31st  18-24th  30th -6th Feb | Walk your Dog month  Sugar Awareness week  National 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 | 1-31st  9-11th  10th  13-19th  15-21st  21st  22-28th  25th | Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal  Learning Disability England's  2021 Conference online  National No Smoking Day  Sign Language week  Nutrition & Hydration week  World Down Syndrome day  National Complementary Therapy week  Functional 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 | 2nd  4th  5th  5-11th  10th  11th  17th  23rd | Good Friday  Easter Sunday  Easter Monday  Community Garden Week  National Siblings Day  National Pet Day  St Patricks Day  St George’s Day | 1-30th  21st | 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 | 3rd  4th  12th  20th  25th  29th  31st | Stody Open Gardens event  May Day  Star Wars Day  National Limerick day  World Bee Day  British Tomato fortnight begins  National Biscuit Day  Spring Bank Holiday | 1-31st  4-9th  10-16th  17-21st  15-21st  20-25th  21st | National Walking month  Deaf Awareness week  National Mental Health awareness week  Dementia Action/Awareness week  Neurodiversity Celebration week  National Epilepsy week  World 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 | 4th  6th  12th  20th  21st  21st  24th  25th  25th | National Fish and Chip Day  British Tomato fortnight ends  The Queens (official) birthday  Father’s Day  World Music day  Bring your dog to work day  National writing day  97th Anniversary of  Biodynamic farming  National Cream Team Day | 8-13th  21-27th | Diabetes awareness week  Learning Disability week |
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| **July**  **Hall** |  | 4th  15-18th  26th  27th | American Independence Day  Crufts 2021  Holt Festival Week starts  Norfolk Day | 25th –  1 Aug | National Preserving Awareness week |
| **August**  **Garden Flat** |  | 1st  30th  30th | Holt Festival Week ends  Summer Bank Holiday  Aylsham 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 | 13th  14th  25th  25th | Roald Dahl Day  Jeans for Genes day  Macmillan World’s biggest coffee morning for  National Doodle Day  1940’s Weekend | 1-30th  1-30th  14-19th  21-27th | Sourdough September  Organic September  National Hygiene week  Recycle week |
| **October**  **Grange** | **Sunday 31st October – Halloween**  ***Remembering those that have passed away***  ***e.g. By display/sharing at gathering***  Pumpkins and carnival party | 1st  1st  1st  21st  31st | World Smile day  World vegetarian day  National Poetry day  Apple Day  Halloween | 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 | 1st  5th  11th  13th  14th  25th  30th | International coffee day  Guy Fawkes Night  Remembrance Day  World Kindness Day  Diwali  Thanksgiving  St 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 | 14th  24th  25th  26th  31st | Christmas Jumper Day in Aid of Save the Children  Christmas Eve  Christmas day  Boxing Day  New Year’s Eve |  |  |