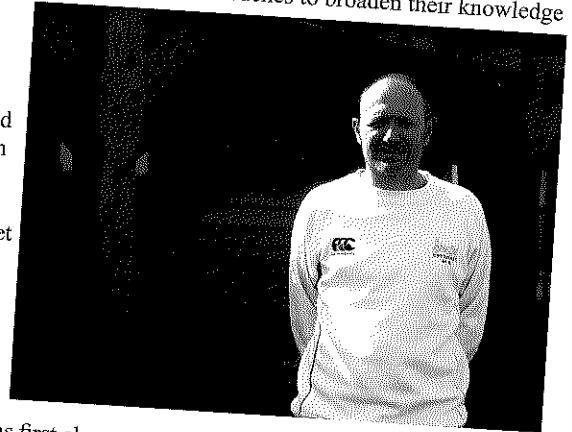




## GRESHAM'S COACH TAKES THE STAGE AT ECB CONFERENCE

Chris Brown, Gresham's Cricket Coach and Norfolk Emerging Players Programme lead has taken to the stage at the England and Wales Cricket Board Coaches Association (ECB CA) National Conference. Chris joined an impressive line-up of speakers including England cricketing greats, Jonathan Trott, Graham Thorpe and Ian Salisbury. As a spin consultant on the ECB's Elite Spin Bowling Programme, Chris delivered 'Spinning it up', a presentation that included practical exercises, to a packed conference hall.



Three hundred delegates attended the event, billed as the flagship coaching event of the year. 'Change the Game' took place at St George's Park (the home of the Football Association's national football centre) in Burton on Trent. The conference enabled coaches to broaden their knowledge by listening to and interacting with some of the top coaches and practitioners in the country exploring relevant and contemporary issues.

A former first-class cricketer, Chris Brown has captained Norfolk since 2013, as well as being the team's coach and Norfolk Cricket Board's performance manager. He also holds roles for the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), as a Young Lions scout and a spin consultant working alongside head spin coach, Peter Such, on the ECB Elite Spin Bowling Programme. Chris joined Gresham's as Director of Cricket in September 2017 and recently supported Gresham's pupil, Ben Wilcox through the Norfolk Emerging Players Programme. Ben has since been selected to join Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club's Supported Talented Age Group (STAG) Player Programme.

Steve Adams, Gresham's Sports Development Director said: "This is a tremendous accolade for Chris and the School to be invited to present at the ECB National Conference, it clearly shows how highly thought of he is with the ECB! With Chris being appointed Director of Cricket we are so fortunate he is directing all our talented cricketers, both boys and girls, throughout the school in terms of their playing development. He is also integral to the link between the players and Norfolk CB as well as first class counties including Essex, Northants and Nottinghamshire CCC. In his role with school he will benefit our current and future players enormously with his extensive skills and specialist knowledge which is certainly unique in this region."

### FIT TOGETHER ACTIVITIES

Printed copies of the full Fit Together programme may be collected from Holt Library.

**First and third Tuesday of Month:** Tea Dance 2.00pm - 4.00pm at The Copeman Centre, Hall Street, Briston NR24 2LG. £2.00 including refreshments. Booking unnecessary.

**Wednesdays:** Norfolk and Western Line Dance 1.30pm - 3.30pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Holt NR25 6BB. For more info - 01263 715533.

**Wednesdays:** Circuit Training for Older Adults 3.30pm - 4.30pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 58 Cromer Road, Sheringham NR26 8RT. Booking essential 07766 259999. Cost £2.50.

**Thursdays:** Badminton 1.00pm - 3.00pm at Gresham Village Hall. Booking essential - 01263 838007.

**Walks:** Please arrive 20 minutes early if you are new to Fit Together. For more information contact Melanie Brown on 07766 259999.

**Tuesday 2nd January:** 10.30am, Letheringsett/Spout Hills, 3.8 miles. Meet at Letheringsett Kings Head car park.

**Tuesday 2nd January:** 1.30pm, Holt Country Park, 2 miles. Meet at Mackay's Hill free car park, Hempstead Road, Holt.

**Thursday 11th January:** 11.00am, Wiveton Downs, 2.5 miles. Meet at Wiveton Downs Local Nature Reserve free car park.

### FUNNY/STRANGE FACTS! (Believe it or not!)

Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.

Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

During the chariot scene in 'Ben Hur' a small red car can be seen in the distance.

Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.

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### SHERINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

SUNDAY 17th December: 8.5 mile walk

commencing from Pretty Corner (top end of Holway Road) free car park led by Norman (Contact telephone no: 01263 825457)

**NEW YEARS DAY MONDAY 1st January 2018:** 5 mile walk commencing from South Raynham Church, free parking (Exp 234 - 132/881243) led by Jasmine (Contact telephone no: 01263 588822)

**WEDNESDAY 10th January:** 5 mile walk commencing from Blakeney Village Hall free car park led by Judith and John (Contact telephone no: 01263 588920)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All walks commence at 10.00am. If you wish to bring your dog then please contact the walks leader ahead of the ramble.

### North East Norfolk Bird Club



#### Felbrigg Park Mid-Week Walk

Wednesday 20th December 9.00am - 11.00am

This walk caters for all levels of ability. We will take a leisurely walk around the Park & Lake, route dependent on the local bird and other wildlife likely to be present on the day. Please wear clothing appropriate to the weather, footpaths in Felbrigg can be muddy at any time of the year. Meet at Sexton's Lodge car park, off Lion's Mouth, NR11 8PS at the western end of the estate. To keep the club's carbon footprint small, please consider car sharing.

As usual, children are welcome if accompanied by well-behaved adults but we regret no dogs.

For more info. visit the club's website: [www.nenbc.co.uk](http://www.nenbc.co.uk).

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