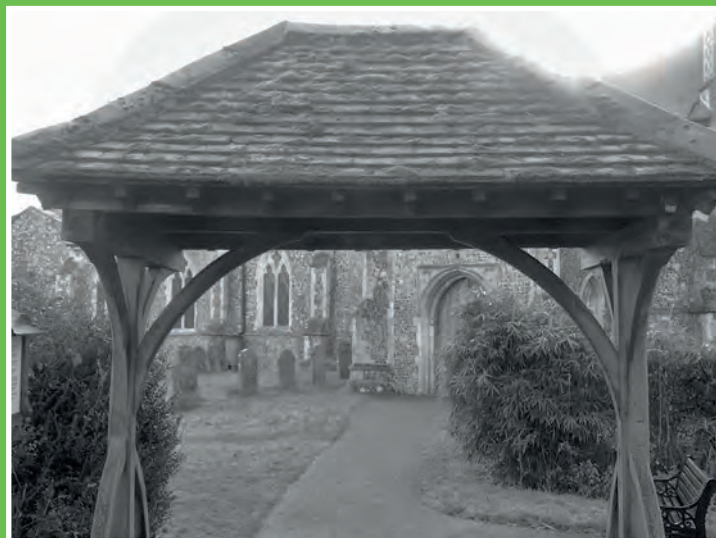


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## The Rector Writes

### Humility Under Persecution

THE Church year is filled with many opportunities to remember the Christians of the past.

One of the more inspiring ones is a man known as Polycarp of Smyrna (c. 155 AD). We remember him on 23rd February.

He is remembered because he is an early Christian Martyr but left behind some very inspiring words, and because he was a disciple of the Apostle John.

At a very advanced age, Polycarp was condemned for being a Christian and sent to the Arena to be killed, if he didn't recant his faith.

His words have come down to us: "For eighty-six years I have been his [Jesus] servant and he has never done me wrong; how can I blaspheme my King, who saved me?"

He is an example of humility under persecution, and a true Christ-like character throughout

his life.

As a Bishop, he wrote many letters, dealing with false teachings (heresy), and many words of wisdom, including the following:

"Pray also for kings and powers and rulers, and for them that persecute and hate you, and for enemies of the cross, that your fruit may be manifest to all, that you may be perfect in him [Jesus]."

As we continue through the Diocesan Year of Prayer, these words should challenge and inspire us. May we too pray like that.

Derek

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Php.4:6-7*

## Parish Church Services in February



### 6<sup>th</sup> February

Little Melton	9:30 am	Family Service
Great Melton	10.30 am	Youth Church at High House Farm
Hetherset	11.00 am	All-Age Informal Communion

### Candlemas

### 13<sup>th</sup> February

Great Melton	9:30 am	Family Service
Hetherset	11.00 am	Parish Communion

### Third before Lent

### 20<sup>th</sup> February

Little Melton	9:30 am	Communion
Hetherset	11.00 am	Sung Morning Prayer

### Second before Lent

### 27<sup>th</sup> February

Great Melton	9:30 am	All-Age Family Communion
Hetherset	11.00 am	Family Service

### Sunday next before Lent

### Wednesday Communion Services: Hetherset at 10.00am

2<sup>nd</sup> February  
 9<sup>th</sup> February  
 16<sup>th</sup> February  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February



## The Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Steve Cullis (01953 609106)

Services for February 2022

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am - Rev Steve Cullis, Holy Communion  
 6.30 pm - Zoom service, Jack Lawson

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am - Paul Lawrence  
 6.30 pm - Zoom service, Rev Steve Cullis

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am - Rev Steve Cullis  
 6.30 pm - Zoom service, Rev Mary Cousins

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am - Liz Thetford  
 6.30 pm - Zoom service, Rev Steve Cullis

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# The Methodist Church



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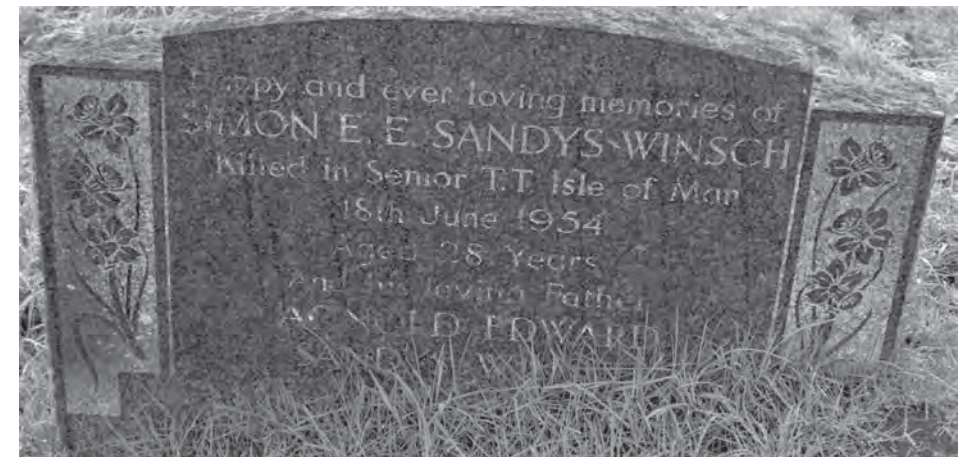
## Art and Craft Group

The church's Art and Craft Group meets each Wednesday at 10 am. Please contact Tina Greenhalgh for more information on 01603 810364.

## Coffee Stop

The Wednesday Coffee Stop will re-open as soon as possible taking into account the Covid-19 Risk Assessment. Once it is safe to do so, we will meet each Wednesday from 9 am until noon when fresh coffee will be served. Please come and enjoy with a group of friends.

Please keep in touch via the Methodist Facebook page.



This headstone to a Hethersett father and son is in the grounds of St Remigius. You can find out about two very special people—one of whom played a huge part in providing open spaces in Norwich—by turning to page 30.



# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Gardening Club

*By Leslie Dale—Gardening Club Secretary*

In the Members' third meeting since the first "Covid lockdown", Ted Hallett gave a well illustrated talk about the National Trust's Hatchlands, a garden in Surrey, a "landed gentry" type of property which he had known from his days of childhood. It is situated next to the village of East Clandon, near Guildford, which is now a "Conservation Area".

Hatchlands is one of several such estates to be found in the scenic southwest corner of Surrey heading toward Hampshire. Currently it houses a collection of pianos and is home to the National Gardening Scheme organisation. Its parterre garden is now under restoration.

Humphrey Repton the landscape gardener, worked at Hatchlands and his works included an orangery.

Young Ted's father gained employment as a gardener at Hatchlands around 1947. Ted and his siblings enjoyed the privilege of roaming the house's large estate, with its farm animals and fishing lake.

For the eight year duration of his father's employment, Ted's home was the rather internally basic gate house. The Hallett family had other duties, such as opening the gate to allow the then owner's motor car to drive through non stop. One enjoyment was the house owner's Xmas Party for his staff's children and another was the hosting of the annual gardening show for the village.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2, refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February when Kathy Grey will describe "A Little Bit of Chile"

**Who was Mathew Hamont, why was he burnt at the stake and what was his connection with Hethersett? All will be revealed in the March edition of Good News.**



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## Groups and Societies

### Little Melton Mothers' Union

December saw us end the year with an afternoon of fun, frivolity and singing of favourite carols at our Christmas Party. Gifts were given for St Martin's Homeless charity and a sumptuous spread was enjoyed by all.

January was our AGM; a time of reflection and planning. 2021 was certainly a year to be creative to enable us to meet virtually and in person. Hopefully 2022 will enable us to return our more usual pattern of meetings. We have several speakers lined up so do come and join us at 1.30 pm on the first Monday of the month in Little Melton Village Hall. **Next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

### The Last Bus Comes To Hethersett

THE next film in the Hethersett Village Screen series sees Timothy Spall starring in "The Last Bus." This will take place in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm on Sunday February 6th.



Spall plays elderly Tom whose wife has just passed away. He uses only local buses on a nostalgic trip to carry her ashes all the way across the UK to Land's End, where they originally met, using his free bus pass. Unbeknown to Tom, his journey begins to capture the imagination of the local people that he comes across and his story hits the national headlines.

In March the feature will be "The Courier." April will see "Supernova" and the season is rounded off in May with the Princess Diana biopic "Spencer."

Films are held on the first Sunday of each month from September to May at 3 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £5 for adults.

### Hethersett Women's Institute by Margot Markham

We finished the year with our festive party. The surge of omicron deterred some members, but the stalwarts, oozing with antibodies came and enjoyed the get together. We played many games, some a bit mind bending but it was all fun. It was lovely to get a letter from the Salvation Army. We had contributed a huge amount of "toys and tins" to their appeal. We do admire the work they do for the vulnerable throughout Norfolk

What a funny old year it has been. We hope that next year... 2022 brings good health and happiness to all.

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### **Hethersett Social Bowls Club by Club Captain Carole Slaughter**

Hethersett Social Bowls Club is a thriving outdoor bowls club based at Hethersett Social Club on Queen's Road next to the Library.



Outdoor bowls is a sport for all ages and abilities. Many people enjoy the game during retirement but we also have players from all age groups. We are a very friendly club run by volunteers and, although we play

competitively in several local leagues, we also hold club nights and roll ups and welcome anyone that would like to play the game.

Thanks to the diligence and hard work of our volunteer greenkeepers our facilities are among the best to be found in the local area.

We play from May to September in afternoons and evenings and all members also benefit from membership to Hethersett Social Club. This gives use of the social club including a bar, TV football screenings, snooker, darts, cribbage, petanque, a function room and live events. Find out more at the website [hethersettsocialclub.co.uk](http://hethersettsocialclub.co.uk)

Bowls players frequently enjoy sandwiches and drinks after a game.

Our season for 2022 begins on **Sunday April 24th** at 10 am. Find out more at our website [hethersettsocialbowls.co.uk](http://hethersettsocialbowls.co.uk) or contact [cslaughter355@gmail.com](mailto:cslaughter355@gmail.com).

### **Hethersett Library Friends' Group**

The Friends of Hethersett Library are back in action after their lockdown break with talks and presentations every two months. The presentations will take place on the second Wednesday at 7 pm.

On Wednesday February 9th, Hethersett archivist Gary Wyatt will be giving a talk with slides on an aspect of village history. This is a free event. On June 8th, The Widow Kett will be making an historic appearance and on August 10th, Norfolk-based author Phyllida Scrivens will give a talk on her latest book on the Great Thorpe Railway Disaster. Events for April 13th and October 12th are still to be arranged.



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### Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway with Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had a father/son representation at the British Indoor Championships in Coventry and both gave a good account of themselves, adjusting to the tight track and sports hall surface. Mason Martin raced in the Under-16 Final and finished sixth with 13 points that included a race win in heat 11. This was his first indoor racing experience.

It was the challenge of Dave Martin to do better in the Over-40s Final but he was up against an array of former British Champions. He won two of his five races and finished in seventh place overall with 13 points. Unfortunately, the Hawks had to pull out of the British Indoor Team competition due to illness and injury in the planned team. The event was won by regional rivals Ipswich.

Hawks had further representation on day two of the British Indoor Championships. Mason Martin stayed over to contest the Under-14 Championship, an event in which he finished third in at the outdoor championships in August. Despite his relative inexperience he performed well to again finish sixth, this time with 15 points after winning his first race. He will have picked up lots of tips and is expected to be a key member of the Hawks squad when the new outdoor season opens in March. He will be ably supported by his Hawks legend father Dave

### Forget Me Not Café

The Forget Me Not Café takes place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10 am in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall.

Seven years ago as part of a country-wide initiative and with a grant from South Norfolk Council, Hethersett Dementia Support Group was formed and a café set up. Since then we have welcomed people living with memory loss and more serious forms of dementia but mostly others with sharp and lively minds wanting to share in these mornings.

We enjoy a good chat, refreshments, activities including crafts, music, speakers on a wide range of subjects, films, games and an occasional lunch. But most of all we enjoy each other's company.

With a change of name we continue to support those living with dementia and their carers but also seek to prevent the isolation and circumstances which can lead to fear and loneliness.

So do drop in. There are no fees or membership criteria, just a warm welcome whenever you can make it.

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2022 is a special year for World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year, we have prepared the World Day of Prayer service.

It has been both challenging and rewarding to write about the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history. We celebrate our diversity and the contribution made to our countries by the many groups and individuals who have made their home here. We use our Bible text “I know the plans I have for you” from Jeremiah to reflect on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other.

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables women all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the writing country. Preparation for the day has taken several years. Our International Committee based in New York co-ordinates the work of National Committees and facilitates the creation of our annual World Day of Prayer service on the first Friday in March.

The service outline, created by the writing country, is distributed to the rest of the world, along with a Bible reflection, country background and children’s and - for the first time - young people’s activities.

All this work will come to fruition on **Friday 4th March** when services will take place beginning in Samoa and moving on through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa.

Across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, services will take place in large urban centres, such as Central Hall Westminster, and in remote village churches. We will use modern technology to reach those unable to access a service but hope to be able to extend a welcome and hospitality once released from lockdown.

For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, see the WDP website: [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

**Hethersett’s service will take place in the Methodist Church at 2 pm on March 4th.**

### Message From The New Editor

I am delighted to take on the role of editor of the Good News magazine and would like to start by thanking Janet Mutter for her contribution to the publication over some considerable time.



As readers will know, Janet is moving from Norfolk. I have been a subscriber to Good News since we moved to the village way back in the mists of time. Did you know, however, that the publication is this year celebrating its 150th anniversary? The first edition was published in January 1872. We will be marking this milestone in a coming edition.

Over the years, Good News has kept local residents informed and entertained. It was particularly important during the two World Wars when the rectors of the day wrote regularly. Indeed one of them, the Rev Frederic Jarvis, served as a chaplain on the western front, sending back monthly letters to inform parishioners of what was happening in France. We will feature this too in coming editions. Today the magazine has a very healthy circulation and hopefully we can continue to increase this over the coming months.

Some readers will know that I produce a monthly e-magazine for the village entitled Hethersett Herald. We are looking to dovetail Good News and the Herald to work together to bring unrivalled coverage of village matters. You can read more about Hethersett Herald on page 23. The two publications will continue to have their own identity, however, but together they will share the same three aims—to entertain, to inform and to educate. We will have more about this new partnership in the March edition of Good News.

### New Contact Details for Contributions to Good News

The deadline for items for Good News is the second Monday of each month, Editorial copy should be sent to the editor Peter Steward at: [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com). Tel No 01603 811052.

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## Magnificent Support For Poppy Appeal 2021

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank everyone in Hethersett and the surrounding villages for their magnificent support of the 2021 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to all the businesses and schools who were willing to have collection boxes in place, and we had the added bonus that we were allowed to return to door-to-door collecting in 2021.

Then, with the outstanding support of the public, a magnificent total of £3,308.85 was raised. This was an incredible 40% increase on the 2020 figure!

I am personally truly grateful for your support of this important charity and I now look forward to the 2022 appeal.

If you would like to help with the next Poppy Appeal at the end of October 2022 by doing a bit of door-to-door collecting – perhaps just in your own road - please give me a call or drop me a text on 07977 530977.

Richard Gunstone – Poppy Appeal Organiser

## Hethersett Parish Council

Meetings of Hethersett Parish Council are open to the public and take place on the third Monday of the month in Hethersett Village Hall apart from the April meeting which will take place on a Wednesday due to Bank Holidays. Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: February 21st, March 21st, April 20th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December 19th. There is no meeting in August. Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm and there are opportunities for residents to speak at the beginning and towards the end of meetings. For other committee dates refer to the council's website which can be accessed at:

<https://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

The 2022 annual parish meeting for residents will be held in Hethersett Village Hall on May 11th. The parish council has an updated version of its community directory available. This includes contact details for various groups. Details are available on the website.

The directory is divided into six sections—Arts, crafts and hobbies; Children's activities and youth clubs; help, support, social and fundraising groups; Local Information; nature and environmental groups; sport and exercise groups.

More news and information about the parish council along with minutes and agendas for meetings can be found on the website.

## Village Litter Pick

THE Hethersett Environmental Action Team organises regular monthly litter picks in the village

There was another excellent turnout from Hethersett residents for the latest litter pick on January 15th.

Twenty four volunteers collected 17 bags of litter which was disposed of by Tesco's.

Pictured opposite is Ella who is working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award. One of the items of litter recovered was the Chinese lantern, pictured below, which was stuck on the branches of a tree. Pickers said that this proves that you never know what you might find on a litter pick and also illustrates the possible dangers that these lanterns can cause.

The next litter pick will be on Saturday 5th February starting at 2 pm from Hethersett Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and equipment is supplied.



THE damaged bus shelter on the B1172 opposite New Road, Hethersett, will be demolished and replaced in the near future.

The parish council has been given the go-ahead by insurers to replace the shelter which was severely damaged when it was hit by a car.

It has been decided to replace it with a four sided cantilever structure rather than a brick one.



## Verge Parking Problem

Hethersett Parish Council has received complaints about parking on verges around Recreation Road at weekends.

A letter to the council from a resident was discussed at the latest council meeting. Council vice-chairman Stephen Slack referred to the parking situation as a "perennial problem." but one that had improved during the week now that Woodside School in Firs Road has closed.

Fellow councillor Mike Stark said that inconsiderate parking takes place throughout the village and throughout the country as a whole and is nothing new but posed obvious problems for residents trying to use pavements.

Christmas past on Little Melton Light Railway (LMLR)

December seems long gone now, but perhaps many will remember the two days when Christmas Specials ran again at Vine Cottage.

Over the two days, 418 passengers travelled through Santa’s Grotto, 192 of the smaller ones getting a present. Thanks are due to all the good folk who made it work so well. Many thanks to the Friends of Little Melton Church and friends of the Friends. Proceeds from ticket sales, shop, tombola, cake sales and refreshments produced an overall profit of £564.78, which divided equally, meant that cheques for £282.38 each, went to Friends of Little Melton Church and East Anglia Children’s Hospices, Quidenham.

**EDITOR’S Note**—The LMLR was a seven and a quarter inch gauge miniature railway which ran at Vine Cottage once a month. It ran at the home of enthusiast Bob Brett and delighted people of all ages. Sadly the railway stopped when Bob died but is still fondly remembered by many older residents. The railway ceased running around 2002. You can read more about it on a tribute website at:

[www.littlemeltonlightrailwaytribute.wordpress.com](http://www.littlemeltonlightrailwaytribute.wordpress.com)

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10 YEARS AGO-EXTRACT FROM GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE – FEBRUARY 2012

HETHERSETT POST OFFICE – PHIL AND HEATHER EMERY

It is with mixed emotions we announce that we will be leaving the Post Office at the beginning of February. We took over in 1996 following the retirement of Heather’s parents after 24 years, so you could say it’s been a family business for nearly 40 years.

Over the last 15 years our children have been through all three schools and the youngest about to start his GCSEs, and with the future of this office as secure as it can be, we felt that this was a good time for us to change direction. The new sub postmaster will be Kevin Salmon who will run the office with his daughter, April.

See page 29 for the latest news.



**Flashback—Hethersett Post Office which was opposite Henstead Road and is now private homes. This photograph is when the shop was run by Randall and Shirley Keeley who are Heather Emery’s parents. Photo courtesy of Hethersett Archive**

Please see page four for details of services available in the benefice throughout February.

Sewing A Miracle

The theme for our October half term gathering was Sew Miraculous!

We heard the story of Tabitha, a woman who sewed clothes for the poor, and how Peter performed a miracle to bring her back to life.

We talked about the talents we have and how we can use them to help others and like Peter, to follow Jesus’ example in all we do. One of our activities was to make sweets to give away – not an easy task!

At our Christmas Messy Church we revisited the Christmas Story, thinking about the strengths of the characters, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men and the peace of the Christ Child. Looking forward to 2022, how could we follow their examples to bring peace and joy in our families and community. Our next session will be during the February half-term. Look out for the date which will be posted at the church.



**Morning Prayer in February will be held on Tuesday, 8th and Tuesday 22nd at 10am. This is a short, informal service with a reading and prayers. All are welcome.**



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# Little Melton News—All Saints Church

**Churchyard**

We intend to keep working with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust this year and we hope to document each month the various species of plants and wildlife that can be seen. Keep your eyes on the porch for further details.

If anyone would like to contribute to the maintenance of the churchyard, working parties take place on the first Saturday of each month, meeting at 10 am. **The next working party will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> February.** Everyone is welcome to join.

**Food Bank**

We have a food box at the back of the church for donations. There is a list of suitable items to give on top of the box. We have been giving food to the foodbank for several years now but it is still an ongoing project. Your donations have been gratefully received and, unfortunately, are still much needed. Thank you.

**Little Melton Parochial Church Council**

## Have You Read Hethersett Herald?

Hethersett Herald is a monthly magazine for the village which comes out on the last day of each month exclusively online at [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com)

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**HETHERSETT HERALD**  
January 2017

**A Shot In The Arm**

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# Great Melton News

THE services in Great Melton in February will be:

Sunday 13th February—9.30 am—Family Service

Sunday 27th February—9.30 am- All Age Communion Service.

AS we approached our Christmas services we realised just how much work went into the organisation of the services and the decoration of the church by our Church Wardens, Phyllis and Maggie and take this opportunity of once again thanking them for all they have done over the countless years they have been involved.

At the Christingle Service, £121.60 was raised for the Children's Society and the Salvation Army were very grateful for the food, toiletries and small toys donated at the service. Two members of the Salvation Army attended the service and explained to some members of the congregation before the service about the hampers they distribute each year. Attendance at our Christmas Eve service was lower than in previous years partly due to the threat of Covid but also several regular members of our congregation were unable to attend this year due to ill health. We prayed and continue to pray for them and look forward to seeing them back in Great Melton Church before too long. We were however, very pleased to welcome Louise Robertson back to join the choir for this service.



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 a.m. – **Mothering Sunday.** Martin Gray will be officiating at this service.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – We hope to be able to hold a fete at the Cricket Pavilion, Great Melton, as we have done in the past. However, it is difficult to plan ahead at the present time so we will publish more details as we know them. Another person we must definitely thank is Vanessa Fleming who has taken on the complete distribution of the Good News magazine in Great Melton. This is a big and very important job in a rural village community and we are extremely grateful to Vanessa.

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**Cremation at City of Norwich**

**Great Melton**

Betty Phoenix age 92—15th November 2021

**Hethersett**

David Albert Abra age 94—17th December 2021

**Burial at Hethersett**

Lilian May Thornton age 94—17th December 2021

**Interment of Remains at Hethersett**

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# The Future of Hethersett Post Office

**ON page 20, we looked back on the past of Hethersett Post Office and news that 10 years ago Kevin Salmon took over as postmaster.**

Kevin retired on January 13th of this year and, at the time of going to press, Hethersett is without a post office.

It is hoped that this will only be a temporary measure as a social media post by the chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Adrienne Quinlan pointed out:

“The Parish Council has been in correspondence with Post Office Counters Limited since November 2020 in an attempt to retain a Post Office within the village.

The Parish Council can confirm that one interested party remains in discussion with Post Office Counters Limited and we are working with Norfolk County Council and Post Office Counters to secure temporary accommodation in order for a Pop Up Post Office to operate in the village.”

At January’s meeting of Hethersett Parish Council, Mrs Quinlan added that she was hopeful that a post office would return to the village in the not too distant future.

She said that staff had been available to provide a temporary pop up post office but a suitable venue had not been found, although this is still a possibility for the future as discussions continue for a permanent replacement office.



**Hethersett Post Office in Oak Square which closed in the middle of January.**

In a letter to customers, the Post Office said: “We are writing to inform you that regrettably following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use, the above branch will be closing temporarily on Thursday 13th January, 2022.

The letter goes on to say “We would like to assure you that we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to re-instate a post office service to the local community.”

We hope to have more news about the future of a post office in Hethersett in the March edition of Good News Magazine.



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# The Captain and His Son

A wander through the churchyard of St Remigius feels like a history lesson with so many stories of loved ones and people who have made an outstanding contribution to both Hethersett and Norfolk life. Here is the story of a father and son—one of whom revolutionised the parks of Norwich and the other who died in tragic circumstances.

MANY older Hethersett residents will remember a man they knew as The Captain.

Captain Arnold Edward Sandys-Winsch (1888–1964) was born in Knutsford, Cheshire. He attended Cheshire Horticultural College, becoming a landscape architect, and was articled to the renowned landscape architect, Thomas Mawson. During the 1914-1918 world war he was first with the Royal Field Artillery, then attached to the Air Service as a pilot and was finally with the British Army of Occupation.

In 1919, he became Parks Superintendent in Norwich, a post he held for 34 years. In the early 1920s it was proposed that he use men unemployed after demobilisation to help construct some of the Norwich parks, a job he clearly carried out with dedication and meticulous attention to detail.

At the time Norwich had very few open spaces but when he retired the city had about 600 acres of parks and open spaces. Sandys-Winsch also created model allotments and organised the planting of 20,000 trees in the parks and streets. In his time as Parks Superintendent, he changed radically the appearance of Norwich and

created green spaces on a huge scale. His work can today be seen in Norwich open spaces such as Eaton Park. He was also responsible for designing Norwich's Ring Road.

Arnold Sandys-Winsch (pictured above) was also a national authority on growing and judging daffodils and an active member of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society and Hethersett Horticultural Society. he lived for many years in Station Lane, Hethersett,

Arnold's son Simon E. Sandys-Winsch (1926–18 June 1954), was killed at the Highlander event on the Isle of Man TT (Time Trial) races in June, 1954. Simon was an English professional motorcycle racer, who became the 48th person to be killed on the Snaefell Mountain Course when he crashed on 18th June at the Highlander on the first lap of the senior event.

Arnold and Simon are buried together in St Remigius Churchyard.



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