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## Forty Years Of Service

CHRISTOPHER Mallett made history when he became the first man to be ordained in Hethersett in over 1000 years of Christianity in the village.

Now 40 years later, the Rev Christopher Mallett is celebrating his Ruby anniversary of that day.

He was ordained as deacon in St Remigius Church by the then Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Maurice Wood.

A few months later there was another special ordination service, this time in Norwich Cathedral.

Rev Mallett was born in Tilney All Saints and educated in King's Lynn. After a period in banking, he trained as a State Registered Nurse and registered mental nurse before becoming Senior Nursing Officer at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

He moved to Hethersett in 1975 and has been closely connected with the parish church ever since.

To commemorate his landmark, a special communion service led by the Archdeacon of Norwich was held on 25th June in St. Remigius Church.

We will have a full interview with Christopher in the next edition of Good News.



Pictured on this occasion, left to right — Mr. Oliver Peter (St. Paul's neighbour and legal officer), the Rev. Christopher Mallett, the Bishop of Norwich, Mr. Robert Drown (Bishop's chaplain) and the Rev. Michael Sowler (Rector and Past Dean of Hethersett).

Above is just one of the press cuttings of the historic ordination in Hethersett—the first ever.

Below is Christopher with his wife and two daughters on ordination day.

We are grateful to Christopher for sharing his photographs and cuttings with us and allowing us to reproduce them

**First to be ordained in village**

Mr. Christopher Mallett, 2 Bailey Close, Hethersett, is to be ordained in Hethersett in the 1155th year of Christianity in Norfolk.

Mr. Mallett was ordained as deacon at the parish church in St. Remigius on 25th June.

He was ordained by the Archbishop of Norfolk, the Ven. Peter Drown, assisted by Canon Robert Drown, Bishop's Chaplain of the Norwich diocese, and Canon Michael Sowler, Rector of Hethersett.

Mr. Mallett, who lives at 2 Bailey Close, Hethersett, is married with two children.

He has been a member of the church since 1975 and after a period in banking, worked as a State Registered Nurse and registered mental nurse, before becoming Senior Nursing Officer at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

He was in Hethersett when St. Remigius was opened in 1975 and has been a member of the parish church ever since.



# A Friendly Invasion

THERE was certainly nothing to be scared of as families took to the streets of Hethersett over the school half term to view 22 Stage and Screen heroes.

The heroes came in the shape of highly colourful scarecrows. Last year's event proved so successful that the two primary schools in the village decided to get together again for another festival of fun.

Trail maps were on sale with proceeds, which amounted to £353.60, being split between the two schools.

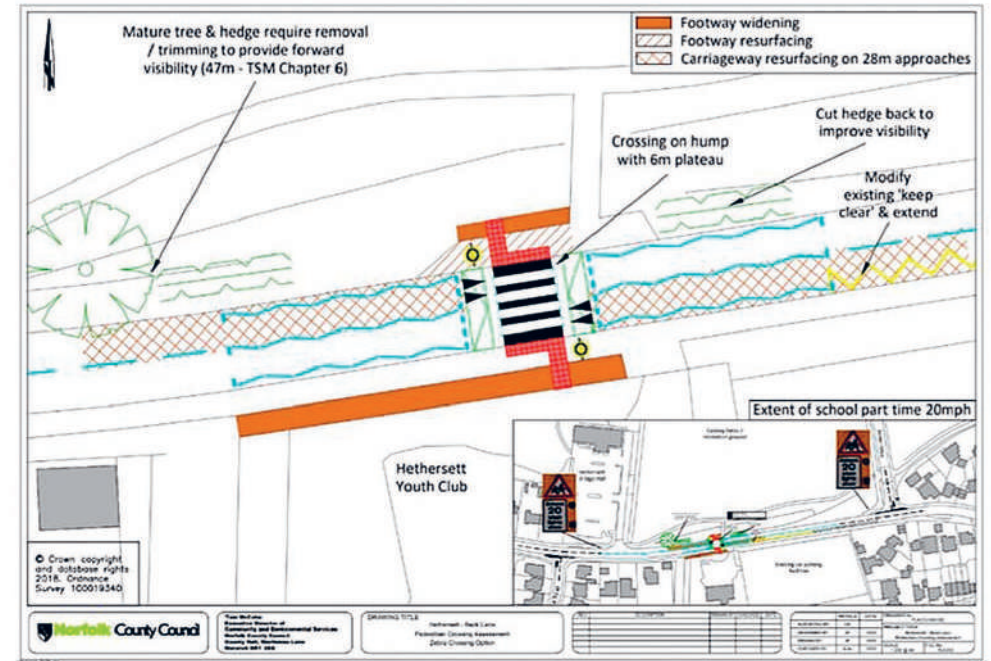
This year's theme was Stage and Screen and there was a competition to find the most popular scarecrow which was won by number 7 Jack and the Beanstalk on Recreation Road.

**Other winners were:** Funniest Scarecrow—Number 13- Bluey on Priory Road.

Most Oscar Worthy—Number 1—Frozen on Park Green.

Most Lifelike—Number 15— Wallace and Gromit on Queen's Road.

Judges' Choice—Number 21—Captain Hook outside Hodge Podge shop.



## Making Crossing Safer

A NEW pedestrian crossing in Back Lane, Hethersett, is designed to make the area safer for local children.

Here our county and district councillor David Bills (pictured opposite) tells us more about the new safety measure.



“It is with great pleasure that I can announce funding has been received for the delivery of a pedestrian crossing on Back Lane outside the Academy car park. This was needed not just for the safe crossing of students at school start and finishing times but also to make use of the playing fields opposite the Academy for sports activities.

“After many months of discussions, preparations, consultations and design work, we finally came up with a design which met all necessary standards and a bit more. The next task was to find funding for the project and several areas were investigated bearing positive feedback. However, out of the blue my colleagues in the Community and Environmental Services had an announcement from the Department of Transport Active Travel Fund asking for applications for funding for projects just such as ours and we were successful,” Councillor Bills said.

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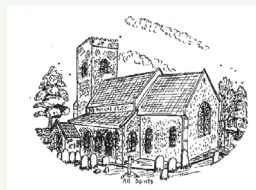
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## Parish Church Services in July



As we currently have no Rector, service times may vary.  
Please check the list below and also further through the magazine for information  
from the individual churches.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Trinity 4

Little Melton	9.30 am	Family Service
Hethersett	11.00 am	Informal Communion

### 9<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 5

Great Melton	9.30 am	Family Service
Hethersett	11.00 am	Parish Communion

### 16<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 6

Little Melton	9.30 am	Family Communion
Hethersett	11.00 am	Sung Morning Prayer

### 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Trinity 7

Great Melton	09.30 am	Family Communion
Hethersett	11.00 am	Family Service

### 30<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 8

Little Melton	10.30 am	Benefice Communion
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**Hethersett Wednesday Communion Services will take place at 10:00 am on:**  
5<sup>th</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> July 19<sup>th</sup> July 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Little Melton Tuesday Morning Prayer at 10.00am on:**  
11<sup>th</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> July

Picture Courtesy of Hethersett Archive



WE were greatly saddened to hear of the death of former Hethersett Postmaster Randall Keeley.

Mr Keeley was a well known face in the village, running the post office for many years with his wife Shirley before handing over the reigns to his daughter Heather and son-in-law Phil Emery.

Mr Keeley died in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital on April 10th.

He leaves his wife Shirley, two daughters—Heather and Diane—four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held in St Remigius Church on May 9th.

Our photograph shows the former post office which was opposite the PACT charity shop and close to the junction of Henstead Road with Queen's Road and Great Melton Road. It is now flats and private houses. The post office was an Aladdin's cave of goods and many older residents will remember shopping there regularly.

One resident contacted Good News to pay tribute to Mr Keeley referring to him as "a man who never sought the limelight but just got on with things in a methodical way." You can read the resident's tribute to Mr Keeley by turning to page 15.

## Sisterly Marathon Walk



IT was a case of sisters standing (or in this case walking) together when Hethersett's Phillipa Bond and sibling Sarah Tudge undertook a Norfolk hike over 14 miles of tough terrain in memory of their brother.

The duo were charity walking in North Norfolk and that walk included a three mile stretch of what they referred to as "a brutal three miles on a shingle beach."

The duo have so far raised over £400 from a Just Giving page and the money will go to MacMillan Cancer support in memory of Jamie Crawford.

"The walk was supposed to be the distance of a half marathon (13 miles) but was actually 14.6 miles which included three miles on a chesil beach. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and it's not too late to donate," the happy walkers said at the end.



Re-wilding in progress around the village sign in Hethersett.

## Open Gardens Event

Date—Sunday 9th July

Time— 10 am to 4 pm.

**Hethersett Environmental Action Group is inviting members of the public to step inside and explore the private and community gardens of Hethersett this July.**

**Ranging from tropical to cottage garden, come along and meet those who created them and tend them with care and enthusiasm.**

**Funds raised will go back to supporting Hethersett's green projects including 'The Back Garden'.**

**Programmes/maps will be available to purchase at the Village Hall from 10 am with the event finishing at 4 pm.**

**There will also be a garden market and refreshments available to purchase at the hall. Adults £4 and children go free.**

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## Services for JULY

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9th 10.30 am – Rev Mary Cousins, Holy Communion

16th 10.30 am - Olu Ogunnowo

23rd 10.30 am - William Twist

30th 10.30 am – Rev Matthew Olanrewaju

The church's arts and craft group meets every Wednesday at 10 am. Please contact Tina Greenhalgh for more information on 810364.

The Men's Mardle will meet on Wednesday 5th July from 10 am. This group now meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Inter-Church prayer group will meet on Monday 10th July at 2.30 pm in St Remigius and on Monday 24th July in the Methodist Church.

Please visit our Facebook Page, Hethersett, Morley and Wymondham Methodist Churches, where you will find service details and also a "Thought For The Week".

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# The Methodist Church

## Change Of Pattern

By Anne Steward

IN the absence of the Rev Steve Cullis who is on sabbatical leave, the pattern of services at Hethersett Methodist Church is a little different.

We have been sharing in more section services at Wymondham Methodist Church and other clergy from the Norwich Circuit have led communion services along with our own worship leaders conducting services.

We are, however, maintaining our regular café style worship with the next one being on July 2nd when it will be led by Michael Green. The June café service was led by Michael on the theme of "Jonah and the Whale." We welcomed members of the village's Rainbow Troop, some of whom were presented with awards and badges by leader Kerry.

On July 2nd you are invited to join us for a continental breakfast in the church from 9.30 am. This will be followed by activities and songs and once again there will be a specific theme.



THE new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field was officially handed over by the builders to Hethersett Parish Council in June.

The new pavilion has taken less than a year to build and replaces the former brick building that was out of date.

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## Letters To The Editor

My wife and I recently attended the funeral of yet another stalwart of this village—Mr Randall Keeley.

He was an unassuming man who we felt did not receive the recognition he deserved.

For many years, along with his wife Shirley, he ran Hethersett Post Office in the now defunct shop that was once Childs' General Purpose Store. We became friends when, with others, we founded the Jubilee Youth Club in 1970. He and I introduced youth football to the village via the club.

We, along with 14 others, ran the club initially at the Junior School until we raised the funds to build the youth club hall in Back Lane. The plaque on the wall shows the names of the original founders.

Mr and Mrs Keeley served on this and other community committees in the village including the village hall bowls club and were often seen doing odd jobs to maintain the hall.

He was never one to take the limelight but just got on with things in a methodical way. This village has evolved and grown over the years and we can ill afford to lose people of his calibre.

Rest in Peace Randall. We feel it was an honour to have known you.

### Jim and Joy Bartram

There is more about Randall Keeley on page eight of this edition of Hethersett Herald where you will also find a photograph of the former post office



### Thanks From Julian

I would like to say thank you to everyone for making my 100th birthday so special.

For arranging the transport to the church so I could attend the Parish Communion. For the lovely gifts and cards - especially the card with the lovely photograph of St Remigius Church on it and the delicious birthday cake from the church congregation.

Also to all those who supported the afternoon party at Hethersett Hall and a very special thank you to the members of the Methodist Church Singing Fellowship, whose singing was very much appreciated by everyone. I know this took a great amount of arranging and I would like to thank everyone involved as it all went so smoothly.

Many Thanks to All

Julian Roche



### Services in July

**Sunday, 2nd July** – 9.30 am Family Service with commissioning of PCC

**Sunday, 16th July** – 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 30th July** – 10.30 am United Benefice Service at Little Melton

**Please note the change of time back to 9.30 am.**

**Please see page seven for details of services available in the benefice throughout July.**

**Morning Prayer in July will be held on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 25th at 10 am. This is a short, informal service with a reading and prayers. All are welcome.**

### Preparing For a New Vicar

THE three churches in the benefice are working together to prepare our benefice profile and advertisement for a new incumbent.

Much work has already been completed and it is hoped that the advertisement will be ready by the end of July. Our aim has been to involve our local communities as much as possible and to take into account our parishioners' views and ideas.

#### Join The Conversation

You should all be aware of the questionnaire in circulation "*Join The Conversation*".

If you have not already completed one, they are still available at the back of the church and, when completed, can be placed in the box provided in the church. It can also be completed on-line using the QR code on the leaflet. **Hurry.... Time is running out.**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 9.30 am – 2 pm**

### Little Melton Village Hall.

Come along and join us for further conversation. This is open to everyone in the Benefice who wishes to see the church community grow and prosper.

Doors open at 9.30 am with coffee/tea. The proceedings will start at 10 am with Morning Prayer followed by an outline of what has happened so far. We will then break into smaller groups where you can air your views on what you would like to see in a new incumbent. After this there will be lunch at about midday.

Following lunch there will be feedback from the discussion groups and the session will draw to a close with final prayers at about 2 pm.

After the meeting, it is hoped that the advertisement will be finalised by the end of July. We feel sure that there is someone out there who is ready and able to meet our needs and this meeting is an important step along this journey.

### Messy Church Helping Others

Messy Church was on Friday 2nd June. It was wonderful to welcome two new families.

The theme this time was "Helping Others" inspired by the recent Christian Aid Week campaign. In our time of reflection we thought about "What does Aid mean?" Giving money always helps but we can also give time, gifts and of course offer prayer.

The young people really got stuck into making travel games, craft kits and jewellery to sell at the Church Summer Fayre with proceeds to be sent to Christian Aid. As always, we enjoyed the feast that a "bring and-share" lunch provides. The next session will be sometime in the school summer holiday so look out for posters around the village and in church.



### Christian Aid

THIS year we raised £265 for Christian Aid through our delivery envelopes. Thank you to the Village Shop for being a donation point and as always thank you to the team of deliverers.

As you may have read, Messy Church has joined in this year with home-made gifts to sell at the Church Summer Fayre so there will be more funds to add.



## News From Little Melton

### Changes To Library Service in Little Melton

Changes are being made to the mobile library service in Little Melton as Rebecca Heaser explains.

“The changes follow the public consultation last year and the final decisions made by Norfolk County Council Cabinet in January 2023. One mobile library will be decommissioned. The county council will continue to operate five vehicles and an electric mini mobile, due for commission later this year. In accordance with the key principles agreed by members, Norfolk Library and Information Service will cease the majority of stops that happen within 1.5 miles of a branch library.

“They will be working with customers to ensure they know what is happening. Anyone unable to visit a branch library will be able to contact their local library and request a visit from the Home Library Service (HLS) that they operate in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Services (RVS).

“Every route and stop has now been reviewed and, whilst they have tried to minimise disruption, it does mean that in a number of cases the day and time which the mobile library visits has had to change. This is to ensure best use of the mobile library resource for as many people and communities as possible.”

**From Monday 3rd July the only stop in Little Melton will be on Thursdays at 5 pm at School Lane outside no 93/95 with a postcode of NR9 3LA.**

**The new dates for 2023 are: July 13th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, November 30th and December 28th.**

### Churchyard

Our next working party will be on **Saturday, 8th July at 10 am.**

***Please note that for this month it has been changed to the second Saturday.***

The conservation areas have looked splendid with a whole range of wild flowers during May and June. Keeping these areas separate and maintaining the areas of more recent graves is a constant job at this time of year. We do have a small group of volunteers who work on a regular basis but we are always grateful to anyone who can spare an hour or so to join us. Any help would be very much appreciated.

### Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre took place on Saturday, 17th June, after this edition went to press so there will be a full report next month.

## News From Little Melton

### Coming Event

#### **Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride on Saturday, 9th September.**

This year is the 40th anniversary of the start of this event. We are not sure if Little Melton started taking part back in 1983, perhaps someone could let us know if we did?

What we do know is that we have been taking part since 1987 and during that time a significant amount of money has been raised for the church. It is a great way to enjoy the Norfolk countryside whilst visiting many of our beautiful medieval churches.

Speaking from experience, unless you are a seasoned cyclist, now is the time to get in training for an event that is always great to be part of. There will be further details next month.

### Little Melton Mothers' Union

What a wonderful time we had at Margot's for our Summer Tea Party in June. We enjoyed all the delights of an afternoon tea finishing with most delicious patriotic pavlova (summer fruits in a union flag). A sincere thank you to Margot and her granddaughters for hosting us so generously. Thanks too to Maggie who organised the raffle. The proceeds from the afternoon (£278) were donated to the Wulugu Charity. Lynne Symonds, the founder, joined us for part of the afternoon to share some of her travels in Ghana and bring us up to speed on the latest developments at Wulugu where the aim is to provide education and vocational training for girls and young women. There are now over 100 schools open with Wulugu working in partnership with the Ghanaian education department.

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd July at 1.30 pm when we will hear all about the life of a country vicar. See you there!

### Contact Details for Good News

The deadline for items for Good News is the 12th of each month. Editorial copy should be sent to the editor Peter Steward at: [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com). Telephone number 01603 811052.

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## Groups and Societies

**Hethersett Mothers' Union**  
with Deputy Leader Kate Reynolds



OUR May meeting was highlighted by a talk from Susan Hunter about cathedrals. Susan has travelled all over the UK to visit nearly every cathedral that exists. There are 42 in the UK. Her mementos and pictorial collection was fascinating to view. Each building has its own special definitions and architectural design. To see the workmanship put into the wooden structures and carvings so carefully carried out in medieval times is quite astounding. Not all cathedrals are medieval of course, equal beauty can be seen in cathedrals such as Coventry with its wonderful glass interior. We are looking forward to Summer now and our Speaker on Monday June 26th is Sue Head who is going to tell us about her trip to South Africa. Looking forward to July, Hethersett Mothers' Union is holding a traditional afternoon tea at St. Remigius. This will be on Monday July 24th and starts at 2 pm. There is no entry fee but donations for tea would be welcome. Home made sandwiches, scones and cakes will be available. We look forward to seeing you there. Hethersett Mothers' Union meets on the last Monday of the month in St. Remigius Church at 1.30 pm.

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### Forget Me Not Club

HETHERSETT Forget Me Not Club under the auspices of Hethersett Dementia Support Group meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The first Tuesday is usually an informal get together with light refreshments and the third Tuesday features a more structured programme including presentations, films, talks, games and much more.

All are welcome and not just those living with dementia. For more information please contact Anne Steward on 811052.

July meetings will be on the 4th and 18th.

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- Baby Bounce and Rhyme - Mondays, 2 - 2:30 pm**
- Stay, Chat and Play - Mondays, 2:30 - 3:00 pm**
- Colour Me Calm - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm**
- Just a Cuppa - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm**
- Board Games for Families - Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm**
- Board Games for Adults - Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**
- Autism Café - 1st Friday of the month, 5 - 6 pm, drop in event so no need to book**
- LEGO Club - Saturdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**
- Community Puzzle - Every day, come and help us complete the jigsaw!**
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### St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

**Our Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 10-00 – 12.00 in St Remigius Church.**

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**Future Dates:  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### Plaque Finds A New Home

WE are pleased to say that the plaque advertised in both Hethersett Herald and the Good News magazine has found a

new home. It was left without a home after the bench on which it was mounted had to be taken down after being considered unsafe.

Regular Herald columnist John Head appealed for any members of Frederick Warman's family to come forward to claim the plaque. John writes.

"The plaque you advertised for me in the Herald and Good News has found an owner thanks to Hethersett Parish Councillor Leslie Dale contacting me.

"It has gone to Peter Warman at Eke's Farm who was delighted to receive it as the name on the memorial plaque is that of his uncle who worked at the farm for many years. The plaque will be displayed at his farm shop. I was interested to learn that the farm and his family go back to the 18th century at that location."

### Friends of Hethersett Library

The Friends of Hethersett Library organised a talk and presentation by Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens who spoke about the day that the top medical doctors from the UK, Europe and the world descended on Norwich in August 1874.

In September, Paddy Anstey will be talking about the Mid Norfolk Railway in a talk postponed from its original date in April. Admission to this event is just £5 and that includes light refreshments at the end of the presentation. We will have more details in the next Good News.

The Friends group is also organising a quiz in October and a children's party in December and we will have more details of these in coming editions of Good News.

The library has a full programme of regular events and you can see these outlined on page 21..

### The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group)

#### By Viv Hawes

WE were very disappointed in May not to see Professor David Scott, but a last minute notification that he could not join us was received with regret. He has promised a visit later, possibly August.

The afternoon did turn into a very enjoyable session of getting to know our members better as sometimes we do not have time to chat. All I can say about this meeting is that we have a very diverse mix of people and it would be difficult to guess at some of the life stories.

July sees the talk by Alistair Bielby from Footsure at Wymondham 'all about feet' and I am sure we can all benefit from advice in this area.

September will be Professor Karl Gaffney, a familiar visitor to THE RiNG, with an update on what is happening in Rheumatology, even more important now with all the changes occurring in the department.

If you think you may be interested in joining us, we meet at Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

The £4 entrance fee includes tea/coffee and home made cake and savouries.

For any extra info contact me at [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net) or on 01603 811347.

## Groups and Societies

### Hethersett Post Office Opening Hours

HETHERSETT'S new community post office is open at the following times in Hethersett Library

**Mondays: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm**

**Tuesdays closed**

**Wednesdays: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm**

**Thursdays: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm.**

**Fridays: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm**

**Saturdays: 9.30 am until 2.30 pm**

**Sundays: Closed**

### Hethersett Parish Council

Dates for meetings of Hethersett Parish Council for the remainder of 2023 are: July 17th, August (no meeting), September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th.

For other committee dates please refer to the council's website which includes minutes and agendas and plenty of other bits of information about the village.

### Aid In Sickness Fund

HAVE you heard about the Hethersett and District Aid In Sickness Fund which was formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association?

If you live in Hethersett, Ketteringham or Little Melton and you or someone you know is in need of financial help because of illness or disability you could qualify for a grant. Examples of help available include car adaptations, wheelchair or other mobility items, support during a sudden medical crisis, nebulisers and other equipment or pre-payment of certificates for prescriptions. All applications are treated in strictest confidence.

To apply for a grant contact any of the following: Alex on 07805 242326, Rachel on 01603 812596, Mary on 01603 811330, Barbara on 01603 810502, Christopher on 01603 811010 or Debby on 01603 812221.

## Groups and Societies

### Hethersett Hawks with Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had their top Under-16 rider Mason Martin at Southampton over the Bank Holiday weekend contesting the Southampton Junior Grand Prix as part of the club's 60th anniversary celebrations. In a top-class field including two Australian tourists, he acclimatised himself very well to finish joint seventh with 13 hard-earned points.

Hawks staged round four of the Norfolk Go Ride Grand Prix series. Results were as follows (Hethersett unless stated):

Under-8s and Under-10s: A—1 Ronnie Harding, 2 Oscar Copeland, 3 Arlo Davies, 4 Nyla El-Labany (under-8s first). B—1 Thomas Barnard, 2 Alfie Gunn 3 Isaac Emms (under-8s second), 4 Cerys Williams. C— 1 Henry Everson (Under-8s third).

Under-12s and Under-14s: A—Matthew Siddell, 2 Zachary Eastwood (Norwich. Under-12s first), 3 Lola Martin (Under-12s second), 4 Luca El Labany (Under-12s third). B—1 Amelia Dodsins, 2 Austin Brailley, 3 Will Clarke, 4 Jamal Musa.

Under-16s and Senior: A— 1 Mason Martin (Under-16 first), 2 Dave Martin, 3 Paul Delaiche, 4 Glyn Morgan. B—1 Harry Everiss (Norwich), 2 George Larter-Dixon (Under-16 second), 3 Jamie Medler (Norwich), 4 Katie Adams.

### Hethersett Woman's Institute with Margot Markham

At our recent meeting, we went back in time - a long time. Our talk by Rosie Wilkins was on weird and wonderful medical practices. It was really a quick trip along medicine through the ages. Remedies were really by trial and error and often with a magical element. Life expectancy was short. Way back in the 11th Century, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, a nun, studied health and healing.

She advocated the use of herbs and plant remedies. At the same time, Gilbertus Anglicus was a key surgeon and doctor. His techniques were crude and simple but his fame lasted for years. In the 1400s John Bradmore, an English surgeon and metal worker, gained fame. He had been imprisoned on suspicion of counterfeiting coins. When the young son of Henry IV had been shot at the Battle of Shrewsbury, Bradmore had his uses.

He was released from prison to extract the arrow from the child's skull. Mouldy bread has been used for ages to rub into infected area and from that was discovered the antibiotic penicillin from the fungus Penicillium. Times have changed. We all benefit from sophisticated techniques and drugs and we are all living longer. However, we still use maggot therapy. Aseptically grown maggots are used for the removal of dead tissues and bacteria from surface wounds. We also use honey for its antibacterial and osmotic effects for skin problems. Thank goodness for Elastoplast.

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## News From Great Melton

The services for July are as follows:-

Sunday 2nd July – 4 pm. – Garden Church, Great Melton Cricket Pavilion

Sunday 9th July – 9.30 am – Family Service – Great Melton Church

Sunday 23rd July – 9.30 am - All Age Family Communion Service, Great Melton Church

Please note the times of these services.

### Great Melton Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was convened on Monday 9th May. The Chairman of Great Melton Parish Council, Rob Richardson, presented his annual report, paying particular tribute to the late Phyllis Curson for her immense contribution to the parish over so many years. He also highlighted the efforts of the parish council to address concerns regarding the volume and speed of traffic on local roads, the grant provided by the parish council from its CIL funds towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall (cricket pavilion), and the spirit of community shared at the Coronation picnic.

District and County Councillor, Margaret Dewsbury, presented her reports from both councils, also highlighting a grant from South Norfolk Council towards the Village Hall refurbishment.

The annual meeting of Great Melton Parish Council followed. Rob Richardson stood down as chairman after serving for almost 20 years in this position, but remains a parish councillor. Bruce Fleming was subsequently elected as chairman and Ian Sears as vice-chairman. The other councillors are Mary Barnard, Michelle Collins, Peter Markham and Liesl Richardson. The resignation of the parish clerk, Luisa Cantera, was acknowledged and the appointment of Anita Rose as her successor, was confirmed.

Other matters addressed included the receipt of the internal auditor's report and approval of the Annual Governance Statement and annual accounts. The success of the annual litter pick and the valued contribution of parishioners who had participated was acknowledged and a planning application for a dog exercise field immediately adjacent to the parish boundary in Burdock Lane, was considered. The minutes of these meetings and related documents are published on the parish council website at: <https://greatmeltonpc.wixsite.com/greatmeltonpc>

The next meeting of Great Melton Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Hall Road, Great Melton.



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# News From Great Melton

## Fete 2023

This year's fete held under blue skies (even though there was a very cold easterly wind) seemed to be the busiest yet with people turned away as all car parks were at capacity.

We held the event alongside a girls' cricket festival – the cricket club ran a barbecue and the bar for their own funds. We had scaled down the number of stalls/attractions run by church members because of a reduced number of helpers but were still able to raise just over £1,500 for church funds.

A sincere thank you to all who helped on the day (too many to mention by name) or contributed with donations. There is a lot of hard work goes into organising the event but seeing lots of happy faces catching up with old friends and enjoying themselves on the day makes it worthwhile.

## A date for your diary:-

**Sunday 3rd September** – Our annual Edwardian Day with open house and Gardens at the Old Rectory, Great Melton. More details next month.

If you would like to keep up to date with what is going on at Great Melton Church please follow us on Facebook @greatmeltonchurch or visit our website greatmeltonchurch.co.uk.

## Hethersett Herald

Hethersett Herald is a monthly magazine for Hethersett which comes out on the last day of each month exclusively online at:

[www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com)

The publication is a mix of news, views, features and information and is a free publication.

Back copies are also available from the website.

In the July edition we look back on the completion of the new community pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field and how it has taken over a decade to bring plans to fruition. There's also more photographs of the village's scarecrow trail.

# Great Melton News—Stories by the Parochial Church Council

## Garden Church

Garden Church met in the Great Melton Church in May to join with the Sunday morning congregation for a time of shared worship.

We were led in worship by some gifted musicians and Rev David Lloyd shared a message of hope as he demonstrated how the Holy Spirit can wash away the 'gunk' from our lives.

It was a fun, exciting, lively service for all ages and we enjoyed sharing tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

We are returning to our usual meeting on the first Sunday at the Cricket Pavilion on 2nd July.

The next gathering is on the Saturday 29th July when we are meeting at Charlotte's home for a bring and share barbecue. All are welcome on this journey as we learn more about God and each other. If you'd like to find out more email [charlotte.bayes@garden-church.org](mailto:charlotte.bayes@garden-church.org) or visit [garden-church.org](http://garden-church.org).



## A Church Co-incidence

I Like nothing better than pootling around in churches looking for co-incidences, **writes Peter Steward.**

And so one bright and sunny day (yes we do have them) in early May saw myself and my wife in Great Massingham, way out west.

On the wall of St Mary's Church was quite an elaborate painting and underneath it an inscription which read:

"Presented to the church in memory of Mabel A McAnally by her husband the Rector July 1st 1931."

The name McAnally stood out. A number of years ago I put together a website entitled "Hetherset A Village At War." It was a look at the village from 1910 to 1950 with particular emphasis on the two World Wars.

The Rector of Hetherset during the First World War was a fascinating man by the name of Frederic Jarvis. He served for a year as a chaplain on the Western Front and regularly wrote reports and letters for this magazine.

He was succeeded as Rector by the Rev Thomas McAnally and you can probably see where this is going.

Rev. McAnally wrote about life in the village and the international situation as the Second World War unfolded. So we had a rector of Great Massingham called Charles McAnally and a rector of Hetherset by the name of Thomas McAnally. There just had to be a connection between the two.

And indeed there was. A little bit of research on Ancestry.com established that Hetherset's Thomas was the son of Great Massingham's Charles and of course Mabel was his mother. So I undertook some more research on the Rev Thomas McAnally and you will be able to read what I discovered in the next edition.



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