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# Remembering Janet

**IT is with great sadness that we report the death of former Good News Editor Janet Mutter. A special memorial service for Janet was held in St Remigius on 14th August when friends paid tribute to her life and work.**

**THE memorial service for Janet was led by the Venerable Martin Gray who spoke of her “unswerving faith” and a life of “friendship, service and love.”**

A number of Janet’s friends also read out their memories as the Hethersett service co-incided with the funeral service in Beaminster in Dorset where Janet moved a couple of years ago.

Linda Bradbeer, who became friends with Janet whilst the latter was a history supply teacher at Wymondham College, said: “Janet spread her light and love around to everyone.”

Fellow friend Maureen Grasby first met Janet at a church Bible study group: “Janet certainly livened it up and challenged us.

“I learned of Janet’s great love for Kenya and how her family had been out there during the Mau Mau uprising in the 1950s. She returned there on two separate occasions to teach. Janet loved the outdoors and walking and loved her garden and her allotment. She was a good friend to many and we will miss her,” Maureen said.

Another friend—Anne—recalled many of the Christian based groups Janet was involved with:



**Janet photographed at her allotment**

“At our Messy Church events at St Remigius she took delight in what the children were creating, as well as taking photographs for Good News. I will always remember that she ensured there was spiritual content in the Good News magazine which was circulated round the village and not just to church members,” Anne said.

During her early life, Janet moved around and lived in many different places and attended many different schools as her father was a career soldier. Janet trained as a teacher and also had many homes in the UK.

Maureen perhaps summed up Janet’s character best when she described her as “a free spirit who had lived a very interesting life.”

# Given In Kindness

THE title of this magazine is “Good News” and we have great pleasure in bringing you stories that put a smile on everyone’s face. Hethersett’s former district councillor Phil Hardy contacted us about something posted through his door that brought a tear to his eye. It was a poem from a youngster. But just where did it come from? Phil takes up the story.

“I received a letter through my door from a young local person with a poem of kindness. It was the loveliest thing I have ever received. It was so thoughtful.

“It was a wonderful gesture and it was touching to return home to that.”

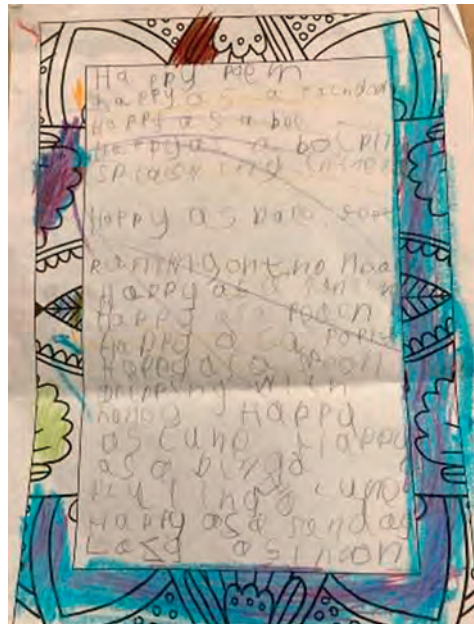
And Phil wasn’t the only person to be entranced by a random act of kindness. Another resident Leanna Ward took to the “All Things Hethersett” Facebook page to mention a very pleasant incident on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

She was given a card of kindness and a bracelet from a youngster.

“I just had the most lovely thing happen to me at the park and I really wanted to share.

“A very polite young girl came up to me and asked if she could give me a card to spread kindness. It made me have a tear in my eye and it put the biggest smile on my face.

“She had the confidence to approach me and I could tell she had really put a lot of thought into the note and she added a handmade bracelet too. Her face lit up seeing my reaction. Being a



mum myself I just thought how proud her family must be of her. I would be extremely proud if she was my daughter.”

The mystery was solved with a further post on All Things Hethersett from Woodside School staff member Emma Holt explaining that the acts of random kindness are part of the school’s Positivity Post project.

# News From Hethersett

## Parking Limit

PARKING on parish council owned land off Great Melton Road is to be restricted to 30 minutes.

The July meeting of Hethersett Parish Council heard that a number of vehicles were parking in the “short stay” council car park for the entire day despite signs indicating that it is for “short stay” only.

A sign will be erected indicating a maximum stay of 30 minutes and local companies will receive a letter from the parish council asking for employees not to use it for periods exceeding this.

Although time restrictions are not technically enforceable, councillors are hoping that those using the car park will respect the new ruling and will desist from parking there for lengthy amounts of time.

Members agreed that this is against the spirit of the car park. A current sign indicates that the car park is “short stay” but does not define any length of time.

This will now change with local companies located in Oak Square and in close proximity to the car park being sent letters pointing out the 30 minute rule.

Vehicle owners transgressing this will also receive a letter from the parish council asking them to abide by the new limit and not to “outstay their welcome.”



## Re-Scheduled Date for Fayre

THE run of good weather in July saw most school and fete based activities in Hethersett going ahead as planned. The exception was the summer fayre scheduled at Hethersett Academy and organised by the Friends Group on 15th July.

This was cancelled a few days before the event due to forecasted heavy rain and winds. The fayre has been re-scheduled for September 23rd from 11 am until 3 pm.

All the usual fete attractions will be there along with performances from the school’s drama and music students.

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## Parish Church Services in September



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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Trinity 13

Little Melton	9.30 am	Family Service
Hethersett	11.00 am	Informal Communion
Great Melton	4.00pm	Garden Church at the Cricket Pavilion

### 10<sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 14

Hethersett	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Great Melton	6.00pm	Songs of Praise

### 17<sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 15

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

### 24<sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 16

Great Melton	09.30 am	Family Communion
Great Melton	11.00 am	Harvest Festival and Gift Day

**Hethersett Wednesday Communion Services will take place at 10:00 am on:**  
6<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> September 20<sup>th</sup> September 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Little Melton Tuesday Morning Prayer at 10.00am on:**  
12<sup>th</sup> September 26<sup>th</sup> September

## Parish Churchyard Tidy Up

Can you spare an hour? Could you help maintain the grounds of the oldest  
building in Hethersett for all the village to enjoy?

Please come along on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30 am to 12 noon to  
help clear away weeds, brambles and bushes that have taken root in the  
churchyard. You don't have to stay all morning, even if you can only manage  
half an hour it will make all the difference. If you have them, please bring along,  
gloves, secateurs, pruning tools, kneeler etc. There will be jobs for all ages and  
abilities. Refreshments will be available for a mid-morning break. For more  
information contact Alex Woodall on 07525 246589.

## Groups and Societies

### Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club with Lynn Rawlings

In May... We decided with the emphasis on sustainability, we would have a hands-on learning workshop. Carol Richmond led the evening. Various containers were brought by everyone and we tried arranging without floral foam. We used the traditional pin holders, chicken wire, pebbles and soft decorative wire that could be bent and used for support. Also just using the foliage to create a firm structure to be self-supporting. We all learnt a lot from each other's attempts.



In early June... Thirteen of us visited English Peonies near North Walsham. It was amazing to see a field of rows of Peonies nearly ready for dispatch to supply events and weddings. Sarah Hammond, the owner, also took us into her amazing cutting garden and we finished the visit in her purpose-built workshop, which was every flower arranger's dream, for tea and cake.

At the end of June... Madeline Bradley demonstrated, 'Splendour of the Season' with beautiful flowers, taking advantage of an abundance of summer flowers and foliage - another enjoyable evening.

July's demonstrator was Jacquie Aldous... Although officially retired from the circuit she is happy to return to local clubs and she told us her story of collecting autographs from shows and sports events depicted in lovely colourful arrangements.

Forthcoming events: - After our summer break, on Monday 25th September we will be welcoming back Elizabeth Robertson for a workshop on 'Early Autumn Flowers.'

Crystal Dyball will be demonstrating 'Junk and Jumble' on October 27th. Our open meeting will be held on 27th November and we have the fantastic national demonstrator Jonathan Mosley. His title is 'Festive Floral Fabulousness'. This will be a ticketed event with mulled wine and mince pies to get us in the seasonal spirit. For further details: contact Chair Lynn Rawlings 07307886902 or 01603 457888.

## Back to the Fifties

By Caroline Beale

Staff, residents, relatives and the local community came together at Hethersett Hall to enjoy a summer fete in the home's grounds on Saturday 29th July.

Hethersett Hall hosted a variety of activities throughout the day, including a barbecue, tombola stall, live entertainment, games, and a performance by The Perfect Performers School of Dance not forgetting the classic cars too which were enjoyed by everyone who came to the event.

Staff at Hethersett Hall made everyone feel welcome and were delighted to see different generations having fun together. Visitors enjoyed plenty of refreshments, such as cold beers and burgers, prepared by the catering team, who were hard at work making sure that a great time was had by all – it really was a team effort.

Resident, David, said, "I thoroughly enjoyed it. I was surrounded by lots of great people, and the refreshments kept flowing. The weather held out until we finished. Staff did a great job, not just on the day, but organising the event and getting everyone together."

Elena Sandu General Manager at the home, said: "Staff at Hethersett Hall are dedicated to making sure that the home is a hub of the local community and this event, along with all their hard work, has definitely paid off. It was a resounding success." Photographs are courtesy of Hethersett Hall.



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**Sunday 3rd**—10.30 am—Rev Sharon Willimott

**Sunday 10th**—10.30 am—Liz Reed-Beadle

**Sunday 17th**—10.30 am—Rev Steve Cullis, Holy Communion

**Sunday 24th**— 10.30 am—Paul Lawrence

The art 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, 6th September at 10 am. Please note that this group now meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Inter-Church Prayer Group will meet on Monday 11th September at 2.30 pm in St Remigius and on Monday 25th September 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". For further information, please contact Rev. Steve.

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# The Methodist Church

## Coming Events:

The Singing Fellowship invites everyone to join them in a harvest music and tea afternoon in the Methodist Church on **Friday 14th September** at 2.30 pm.

There will be singing, readings and tea/coffee and cake. Please do join us for this celebratory time of fellowship.

On **Saturday 30th September**, the church will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning from 9.30 am until midday. The church will be open for coffee/tea and cake and there will also be fun activities for all ages. This event will raise funds to help people living with cancer.

## Still Looking For A New Leader

WE have been contacted by Brownie leader Sharon Watts to say that so far nobody has come forward to lead the group after Christmas.

Sharon previously appealed for a new leader through Good News and our sister publication Hethersett Herald.

"Nobody has come forward as yet. We are still stepping down at Christmas and it would be so sad if the unit closes after that," Sharon said.

The poster opposite is updated from that previously published in Good News. Sharon will be putting posters up around the village over the summer.

# Groups and Societies

## Friends of Hethersett Library

The Friends of Hethersett Library's next presentation will be an illustrated talk on the Mid-Norfolk Railway by Paddy Anstey on September 21st. The group will be organising a quiz in Hethersett Village Hall on October 28th and a children's party at a venue to be announced in December. We will have more details of these events in the October edition of Good News.

Paddy Anstey's talk/presentation will begin at 7 pm and will be followed by light refreshments provided by the Friends' Group. Tickets at £5 will be available at the door.

The event will raise funds for the work of the Friends' Group and also the Mid-Norfolk Railway which is an historic line that currently runs between Wymondham and Dereham.

## Hethersett Woman's Institute with Margot Markham

Recycling is almost a modern term. People hang onto things because they could become useful and they are now more careful and aware that bits and bobs they have decided they no longer want could be just what someone else is looking for.

The Charity Shop in Hethersett has provided us all with a suitable venue. The charity which benefits is PACT. Jackie, one of their employees, came to talk to us about the good the charity achieves. PACT means People for Animal Care Trust. The charity was established in 1995 and provides a sanctuary for the care and treatment of any rescued animal from hedgehogs to horses. Resident vets are able to offer medical attention but for many animals they are given total care until they can perhaps be rehomed or released back into their natural environment. If this is not possible, they are given a good life. It was reassuring to hear the charity achieves so much.

Our meeting in June was slightly different from our usual ones. We celebrated our 105th birthday complete with a cake. In 1918 philanthropic ladies in Hethersett encouraged women whose husbands had gone to war. They learnt to knit, to cook, to grow food and to become friends. The WI movement had been formed earlier in Canada and then it started in Britain. It is still going and in fact "new" Institutes are being formed. This month, 105 years on, we didn't have a speaker as we normally do. We were joined by friends from neighbouring Institutes and we played games and had to think. There was lots of fun and squawking. The WI is changing since it was formed. It has stood the test of time and let's hope the camaraderie continues. There's no reason why it shouldn't.

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## Forget-Me-Not Cafe

Hethersett Forget me Not Cafe is run under the auspices of Hethersett Dementia Support Group and meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on the first and third Tuesdays of each month with a mix of games, chat and talks/presentations. If you require any information please contact Anne Steward on 01603 811052. Everyone is welcome. Visitors to the café in August were offered information and advice from

Sept 5th	Time For A Chat and Games
Sept 19th	Hethersett with Mike Delph
Sept 26th	Hethersett Hall
Oct 3rd	Bingo
Oct 17th	Taverham Choir
Oct 24th	Hethersett Hall
Nov 7th	AGM/Time For A Chat
Nov 21st	Christmas Crafts with Georgette Vale
Nov 28th	Hethersett Hall
Dec 5th	Carols with the Methodist Singers
Dec 19th	Christmas Traditions with Angela Bishop

the Alzheimer's Society. At the second meeting of the month, Angela Bishop, sponsored by the John Hurt Trust at Cinema City, gave an illustrated talk on cinema in the 1950s, showing props and costumes. A third café of the month was held at Hethersett Hall where residents and members of the Forget-Me-Not Group got together. In September we will be holding a games morning on the 5th followed by a morning with Michael Delph on the 19th, including his memories of growing up in Hethersett. He will also include songs and accompany himself on the guitar.

## The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group)

Our speaker in July, Alistair Bielby from Footsure in Wymondham, gave us the most absorbing information about foot problems and their care. There were a few 'ugh' moments from the audience but it was fascinating to know what can go wrong. This is generally our own fault, but most issues can be treated if not cured.

The August meeting is with Keith Tucker, an orthopaedic surgeon many people in Norfolk know well, and members are in for an interesting change in topic from him. Our meeting on September 27th sees a welcome return for Professor Karl Gaffney who will be giving an update on matters rheumatological and October 25th has Maria Pennington talking about Rene Lalique and the crystal decorative wares that have been produced by him and his company.

If any of this sounds appealing to you, we meet at Hethersett Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 pm and we would love to see you. For more info contact me at [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net) or ring 01603 811347.

# Little Melton News—All Saints Church

## Services in September

**Sunday, 3rd** – 9.30 am Family Service.

**Sunday, 17th** – 9.30 am Family Communion.

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

Morning Prayer in September will be held on Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 26th at 10 am. This is a short, informal service with a reading and prayers. All are welcome.

## Coming Dates

**Saturday, 9th September Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride.**

It's not too late to get a sponsor form and start getting sponsors. You can cycle, walk or drive between churches and get sponsors in the same way. Money raised is divided equally between your nominated church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. If you are unable to take part, you can sponsor those who are or just make a donation.

It's a great way to explore Norfolk's magnificent churches and countryside whilst also having exercise and raising money for your local church. Last year was a record for us in Little Melton. Let's make this year even better. So, pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route to visit as many beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. You can pick up a sponsor form from the back of the church. Alternatively, sponsor forms and further details can be obtained by contacting Nick or Lavinia Ganley on 810149.

## Churchyard

Our next working party will be on Saturday, 2nd September at 10 am. We started clearing the conservation area on our normal working party on the first Saturday in August, but the rain unfortunately soon stopped play. Our group of volunteers came back the following Saturday when the sun was shining and cleared most of the conservation areas. A fantastic team effort. Thanks to all those who came to help. As always there is still more to be done. We usually meet for a couple of hours with a tea break in the middle. It is a sociable occasion besides helping to maintain the churchyards. Please come and join us, if only for half an hour.



## News From Little Melton

### Looking Ahead

**Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday, 1st October at the later time of 10.30 am.**

We will be supporting the St Martin's Housing Trust again this year with donations of food. These should be store cupboard items or meals that can be prepared by just adding water eg pot noodles.

We will be decorating the church from 10 am on Saturday, 30th September and if you are available, any help will be much appreciated.

### Messy Event



Our summer Messy Church was held on 25th August when we were all invited to a picnic party.

Look out for full details of the event in next month's issue.

### Going Electronic and Stepping Up To The 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Yes, this is Little Melton Church. As you enter the church you will hopefully see our new digital device for giving donations.

It is very easy to use. Just tap one of the suggested donation amounts or the bar underneath to add any amount of your choosing, then tap your debit or credit card and job done. The collection bowl will still be available for those who still prefer to use cash.



### Books Stall in Church

Come and browse our book stall at the back of the church. If there's anything you fancy please help yourself for a suggested donation of £1.

## Little Melton Mothers' Union

At our August meeting we held a home communion to celebrate Mary Sumner Day.

Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers' Union. Thanks to Sue for her hospitality and The Venerable Martin Gray for taking the service.

Our September meeting will be a **Coffee Morning on 4th September** at Rebecca's, 111, School Lane from 10 am to 12 noon.

## News From Great Melton

### September Events

**Sunday 3rd September** 11 am to 4 pm – Open House and Gardens at the Old Rectory, Great Melton (see poster opposite).

**Saturday 9th September** – Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride Day. Norfolk Churches Trust have grant aided Great Melton Church in the past so it would be lovely if we can support this event again this year. Lots of churches are open on this day that it is not usually possible to visit and it doesn't matter if you visit one church or lots of churches as the saying goes "Every little helps". Sponsor forms will be available in Church or from Mary Tuddenham. In fact you don't need to bike round the churches, walking or by car is just as good and you can even be sponsored to sit in church and welcome visitors. If anyone is available to welcome visitors at Great Melton, please let us know.

### Harvest Festival – Sunday 8th October at 10.30 am.

We hope that you will be able to join us at this special service. We would be very pleased to receive non perishable items, toiletries, cleaning products, nappies etc which will be given to a local foodbank. There is no doubt that everything will be very gratefully received.

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.

Turn to page 25 for more Great Melton News.

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# News From Hethersett

HETHERSETT has another new bus service. This latest addition to village facilities will see the number 806 operating between Hethersett and Longwater Retail Park at Costessey on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with one bus making a return journey.

The service starts on 4th September and will be operated by One Bus and funded by Norfolk County Council.

There will be an extensive route through Hethersett taking in New Road, Mill Road, Great Melton Road, Queen's Road, Norwich Road, Churchfields, Baker Drive, Coachmaker Way, Harness Maker Way and Burnthouse Lane.

The retail park has a number of outlets including Sainsbury's, The Range, Aldi, Next, Boots, Smyths Toys, M and S Food, Sports Direct, Food Warehouse, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Costa Coffee and Greggs. The service will give just over one and a half hours before the return journey. Timings are below

Hethersett, Mill road	0934
Hethersett, Churchfields, opposite Lakeland way	0938
Hethersett, Coachmaker way	0941
Longwater retail park, william frost way	0951
Longwater retail park, link road	0952

Longwater retail park, link road	1130
Longwater retail park, william frost way	1131
Hethersett, Coachmaker way	1141
Hethersett, Churchfields, opposite Lakeland way	1144
Hethersett, Mill road	1147

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Friday	8am – 7pm	Friday	1.30pm – 7pm
Saturday	8am – 4pm	Saturday	11am – 4pm
Sunday	10am – 4pm	Sunday	Unstaffed

\*During times when the library is available but not staffed, you can access the library using our Open Libraries system.

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway with Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages hosted a national event on the Memorial Playing Field when they staged round two of the British Youth and Junior League and the Little League for Under-8s and Under-10s. A total of 72 riders took part and there were top youngsters present from across the country. Best home performances came from brother and sister Luca and Nyla El-Labany with Nyla finishing third in the Under-8s and Luca fourth in the Under-12s. Other notable performances came from Austin Brailey - his best match to date - and ever-improving first-year rider Thomas Barnard. Jax Lockhart also made his competitive debut.

Hethersett results—Under-8s - Nyla El-Labany 3rd, Isaac Emms 9th, Henry Everson 11th, Jax Lockhart 12th, Josh Morris 13th.

Under-10s - Oscar Copeland 5th, Thomas Barnard 6th, Arlo Davies 12th, Alfie Gunn 15th, Dakota Ridge 16th.

Under-12s - Luca El-Labany 4th, Austin Brailey 8th, Frank Spauls 9th, Lola Martin 12th, Jamal Musa 16th, George Morris 18th.

Under-16s - Mason Martin 6th. Girls - Aiesha Musa 5th, Amelia Dodson 6th.

The following day the Hawks travelled to Kesgrave for three league matches. Events started with the youth team facing the youngest Kesgrave team - the Pumas—and, after a close match the young Hawks won by one point.

Kesgrave Pumas Under-16 79, Hethersett Under-16s 80 (Amelia Dodson 17, Lola Martin 16+2, Frank Spauls 15+1, Austin Brailey 12+2, Hugo Kamp 9+2, Arlo Davies 6, Oscar Copeland 5+2).

Next on track was the Division Two match and all seven youth team riders had to play some part with only four older riders being available, including trainee coach Nick Davies making his team debut. Kesgrave B 100, Hethersett 60 (Mason Martin 12, Lola Martin 10, Paul Delaiche 9, Dave Martin 8, Oscar Copeland 7, Nick Davies 6, Austin Brailey 5, Frank Spauls 1, Arlo Davies 1, Amelia Dodson 1).

By this time the youth riders were getting tired and lining up against runaway League leaders the Panthers they knew they had a hard time ahead. They battled to the end and when Frank Spauls and Arlo Davies got a 5-5 in heat six a whitewash was avoided. Even substitute Mason Martin could not break the stranglehold in his two rides.

Kesgrave Panthers Under-16s 110, Hethersett Under-16s 50. (Frank Spauls 12, Lola Martin 9, Austin Brailey 8, Amelia Dodson 7, Arlo Davies 4+1, Mason Martin 4, Oscar Copeland 3, Hugo Kemp 3).



### 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.**

**A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**Future Dates:  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**For more information tel: Pauline 01603 812610**

#### HETHERSETT MOTHERS UNION

Thank you to all supporters of our Afternoon Tea in July. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

We moved forward into our summer break during August with no meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> and will take the form of an activities afternoon.

Hope you are having a lovely summer. We meet on the last Monday of the month in St Remigius Church at 1.30 pm.

Kate Reynolds



Messy Church is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 4 to 6 pm. There will be craft activities, music, a story and we finish with a meal. Everyone is welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please phone Sue on 01953 607719.  
**The Messy Church Team**

### Hethersett Village Screen

Hethersett Village Screen is set to return at the beginning of September and dates for the showing of films in Hethersett Village Hall have been set as far ahead as 2025.

First up will be the "Living" which stars Bill Nighy on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This will be followed by the Tom Hanks feelgood film "A Man Called Otto" on 1<sup>st</sup> October. "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" will be the feature on 5<sup>th</sup> November and "The Fabelmans" will follow on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All films take place in the village hall at 3 pm on a Sunday afternoon. Film dates looking further ahead are

2024– 7<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

2025—5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### Christian Aid Collection

The Christian Aid envelopes in St Remigius Church this year raised just £59.19 (thank you to those who gave).

I know it doesn't help that I assist in another group of parishes and rarely worship in St Remigius, so I I'm resigning from the post of Christian Aid representative here. If you feel you could take it over, have a word with the Churchwarden and contact me so I can give you all the reference numbers.

Rev Linda Ricketts 01603 814964

### Contact Details for Good News

The deadline for items for Good News is the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month. Editorial copy should be sent to the editor Peter Steward at: petersteward@sky.com. Telephone number 01603 811052.

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Any monies relating to Good News should be delivered to the treasurer Ros Head at 42, Firs Road, Hethersett.

We are also looking for people willing to distribute magazines on a monthly basis. If you can help please contact Kim Arnall using the details above.

## Groups and Societies

### Hethersett Post Office Opening Hours

HETHERSETT'S 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: 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.

## News From Great Melton

Have you wondered just what Garden Church is? Here founding vicar Rev David Lloyd (pictured opposite) answers your questions in a special interview entitled "Unearthing the Truth."

**Does Garden Church happen in the garden?**

No. If it does happen in a garden, it's coincidence.

**OK, so why is it called 'Garden' Church?**

The whole story of God begins in a beautiful garden called 'Eden' and it ends in a beautiful garden city that is a restored Eden. There is a really important garden in the middle of the Bible called 'Gethsemane'. We live our story between those gardens hoping for renewal and navigating the mixed terrain of the day-to-day. Plus, there's loads of imagery that Jesus used around seeds, trees, plants, fields and the list goes on.

**What would happen if I turned up at a Garden on a Sunday and I've never been to church before?**

Hopefully you would find a welcoming group of people from different ages and backgrounds, a whole load of cake, coffee, tea and a kind of community-cafe vibe. One lady said to me recently that she loved that she could just come and 'be herself' and if she was 'feeling like it' she could chat to people and if she wasn't, she could just sit and be. You don't need to know anything and there will probably be three things that happen. 1) The



chance to reflect/pray, using a QR code and your phone if you have one; 2) An interactive simple thought to inspire your everyday that will be rooted in a short passage from the Bible; 3) A song that you can join in with or let it wash over you, as you drink your tea and stuff your face with cake. Kids, grown-ups, and everyone in between can join in. If you don't like it, you can go and play outside in the cricket nets - that's fine too.

**Who is allowed to come?**

Absolutely anyone! There's a poem by 'The Lost Dogs' - 'Breathe Deep the Breath of God' that says "suicidals, rock idols, shut-ins, drop outs, (continued on page 27)

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## News From Great Melton

The services for September are as follows:-

**Sunday 3rd**—4 pm Garden Church, Great Melton Cricket Pavilion.

**Sunday 10th**— 6 pm. Songs of Praise, Great Melton Church. Please let us know your favourite hymn so we can all enjoy having a good sing together with readings and prayers.

**Sunday 24th**—9.30 am All Age Family Communion Service, Great Melton Church.

### Garden Church

(continued from page 25)

friendless, homeless, penniless and depressed, presidents, residents, foreigners and aliens, dissidents, feminists, xenophobes and chauvinists. "Breathe deep, breathe deep the breath of God." Jesus was very clear that everyone is invited.

#### Do I need to bring anything?

No, come as you are. You won't be turned away if you come with snacks either.

#### Do I need to give money?

No, you don't need to give. We don't have a collection and we won't ask for money. Garden is a low-cost form of church. However, generosity is part of the Christian faith, and people have

been generously giving to the local churches and the Garden online.

#### How many Garden churches are there?

Great Melton Garden is part of 17 other Gardens that are providing an alternative expression of church in villages, alongside the traditional church. This is enabling a greater diversity people to access the Christian faith in informal community focused ways.

In Great Melton we are currently meeting on the first Sunday of the month, 4 pm at Great Melton Cricket Pavilion (NR9 3BJ) as family, for fun, friendship and sharing faith and food. If you'd like to know more please get in touch with

[charlotte.bayes@garden-church.org](mailto:charlotte.bayes@garden-church.org).

### Little Melton Village Show

Just a reminder that as featured in the previous edition of Good News, Little Melton's Village Show will take place in Little Melton Village Hall on Saturday 9th September and will be open for viewing from 2 pm. This will be followed by an evening celebration from 7 until 10 pm.



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**The Charity administers some allotments in Little Melton.  
If you wish to apply please contact any of the above trustees.**

# More From Rev James McAnally

**In the previous two editions of Good News we have looked at the life of the Rev James McAnally who was rector of Hethersett for 10 years from 1932. We complete our feature on him with three pieces he wrote for Good News, starting with an article from May 1938 as the world moved towards war. It shows the rector's concerns at the amount of money being spent on defence.**

"As I anticipated in my letter last month, a comprehensive agreement with Italy has been signed, which materially lessens the feeling of tension. And now that France has decided to follow suit and to settle the outstanding Franco-Italian points of disagreement, a real

beginning has been made with what has been described as general appeasement in Europe.

"It remains to be seen whether a similar agreement can be reached with Germany and perhaps in particular between Germany and Russia. If that were possible, a great load of anxiety would be lifted from the minds of the peoples of the world. But at present Germany, through her leader, has preferred to keep us guessing what she will do next and to strike suddenly at her prey rather than to formulate precise demands which might be discussed calmly and deliberately round a conference table.

"Until she is willing to do this, we cannot

but remain profoundly anxious and we must continue to pile up armaments costing millions of money which could so much better be spent on all matter of social improvements. A considerable reduction in taxation could raise the whole standard of living and at the same time provide a large surplus for much needed reforms. To take one or two instances at random, just think what it would mean to have a proper water and drainage system in every village, a bath and electric light in every home and more adequate pensions for old people. All these things and much else could be provided, if we were not compelled to spend about 350 million a year on armaments."

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**The following article by the rector appeared in Good News magazine of June 1939 as war became closer:**

"I continue to be entirely optimistic about the world situation, especially now that the prospect of an alliance with Russia is much brighter. Great Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Rumania, Turkey and Greece present a truly formidable military combination and, if the USA also gave active assistance, it would seem there is an overwhelming balance of power on the side of democracy and peace.

"Incidentally we might add there is the nucleus of a great new League of Nations into which Germany and Italy would be welcome just as soon as they gave any positive proofs of a change of outlook.

"But we must not relax our efforts towards rearmament, for at present it is only too clear that the two dictators understand nothing except superior force. And any weakening would encourage them to make further raids on other people's possessions.

"The introduction of conscription in

peace time is a revolution in British policy, but it is necessitated by the gravity of the world situation. We don't know how many young men from Hethersett will be called up but we hope they will realise that there is a dignity and honour in service.

"And British people as a whole need to be reminded that a period of military service is compulsory in all other democratic countries."

**By October 1940 the war has begun and the Rector seems to feel it will soon be over as he writes:**

"As I sit in the garden writing, I can hear an Air Raid alarm, which may add point to what I am about to say. Although it requires considerable effort to take one's mind off the immediate events of the war and to look forward, I am sure that the effort is worth making. In fact, it is one of the best ways by which to preserve one's mental balance. All who are not actually engaged in the war should bring their minds to bear upon the problems that will arise after the cessation of hostilities and try to get clear the ideals for which we strive and explore the means by which they can be achieved.

"The international problems are plain enough: the policy to be adopted towards Germany: the restoration of the invaded countries: fixing of new frontiers: the limitation of armaments: the disposition of the colonial empires and mandated territories: the question of security.

"Many of our own social problems are also clear: the return of soldiers to civil life: housing and standards of wages: the precarious position of the middle classes under increased taxation: the reform of the civil service: state of voluntary hospitals: agriculture, self supporting or state aided."

**As we all know the war was to continue for another five years.**



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## Good News What's On—September 2023

WE have had a number of requests to re-introduce a What's On section in Good News. So we are pleased to include a list of coming events and dates for Hethersett and the Meltons. If you have a date you would like listed just send details to the editor at [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com). See also individual sections.

**Sunday 3rd**—Hethersett Village Screen, Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Sunday 3rd**—Open house and gardens at The Old Rectory, Great Melton, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Tuesday 5th**—Hethersett Forget Me Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Chat and coffee.

**Tuesday 5th**—St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler group 10 am to midday. See page 22 for more details.

**Saturday 9th**—Little Melton Village Show. Open for viewing in Little Melton Village Hall from 2 pm. Admission to view 50p. The event will be followed by an evening celebration from 7 pm until 10 pm. Bring your own food and drink and games.

**Saturday 9th**—Norfolk Churches Trust annual sponsored bike ride. Great Melton and Little Melton Church will be open for this event.

**Saturday 9th**—St Remigius Messy Church 4-6 pm. More info on page 22

**Sunday 10th**—Great Melton Church Songs of Praise Service, 6 pm.

**Friday 15th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Singing Fellowship Harvest Music and Tea Afternoon. 2.30 pm. See page 13 for more details.

**Monday 18th**—Hethersett Parish Council meeting. Hethersett Village Hall 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 19th**—Hethersett Forget Me Not Club. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. A morning with Mike Delph.

**Thursday 21st**—Friends of Hethersett Library present an illustrated talk by Paddy Anstey from the Mid-Norfolk Railway. Hethersett Library 7 pm. Tickets are £5 which includes post talk refreshments.

**Saturday 23rd**—Hethersett Academy Summer Fayre (re-scheduled from July). 11 am to 3 pm. .

**Monday 25th**—Hethersett Mothers' Union activities afternoon. See page 22.

**Monday 25th**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club. Workshop by Elizabeth Robertson on 'Early Autumn Flowers'.

**Saturday 30th**—MacMillan Coffee Morning in Hethersett Methodist Church, 9.30 am until noon. See page 13 for more details.

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