



King's Head Is Back In Business

HETHERSETT King's Head is back in business and the new licensee is promising a real community feel for drinkers and diners.

The pub re-opened its doors on July 18th with a special Pimm's and Nibbles event that marks the beginning of a new era as licensee Paul Murfitt explained.

"I want it to be a real community pub for drinkers and diners alike, with real craft beers and spirits. The King's Head is a fine looking pub," he told Hethersett Herald.

Turn to page four for our interview with Paul Murfitt and a report of the launch evening.



Parking To Be Restricted to 30 Minutes

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.

A local resident told the council meeting that he has been keeping a register of vehicles parking there and a number have used it for all day parking during the week.

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."



This photograph of the short stay car park was taken at just before 10 am on July 18th (the day after the parish council meeting) and shows a full car park with no empty spaces.

Councillor Anne Edwards suggested that a meeting should be held between the parish council, the owner of Oak Square, businesses in Oak Square and the nearby Methodist Church to discuss the problem of all day parking. Members agreed that a contact should be made with the Methodist Church to see if it was interested in making permit parking available on its car park.

Residents of Great Melton Close also complained about the behaviour of motorists using the car park and the road and you can read more about this by turning to page 13.

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And welcome to our sunny August edition of Hethersett Herald.

I hope you enjoy another edition packed with photographs of village life.

The big news this month is the re-opening of Hethersett King's head.

Our sincere hope is that the venue, which has had a rather chequered history over the past few years, can now settle down into a real community hub. You can read about the launch night on page four.

With the schools now shut for the summer holidays, it's good to look back on some of the fetes and events that took place in the village during July.

I hope you all enjoy at least some kind of break during the summer hols and we will be back with our next edition at the end of August.

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Licensee Paul Murfitt and Staff pictured outside the King's Head ahead of its re-opening..

A Strikingly Attractive Pub

HETHERSETT King's Head is a strikingly attractive public house with plenty of kerb appeal.

So says the new licensee Paul Murfitt as the venue re-opened on July 18th.

Paul has assembled a team of local people and promises the King's will become a "real community pub."

He was attracted not only by the look of the pub but also its potential in an ever growing village.

"I want it to be a real community pub for drinkers and diners alike, with real craft beers and spirits," said Paul who lives in Norwich and just a few miles from the King's

"I am hoping that the local community will support us. It is the community supported pubs that survive. It really is often a case of use it or lose it," Paul told the Herald.

The pub will be open every day from around midday to 10 or 11 in the evening with food being served from midday to 3 pm and in the evenings from 6 to 9 pm.

It is hoped to have themed food evenings such as steak nights and mussel nights and there is also the possibility of other events such as quizzes being organised..

The King's Head has been shut since the previous licensees left at the end of February. Now the venue has once again been spruced up with the removal of weeds from the front and the inclusion of hanging baskets. The garden is also looking tidy and inviting.

Mr Murfitt is no stranger to the licensed trade with over 40 years' experience. His other ventures include running The Gamekeeper in Old Buckenham, as well as heading up management at pubs in Downham Market and Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

It is hoped that the newly opened pub will also attract people from Wymondham, the surrounding villages and from west Norwich as well, of course, as Hethersett itself.

There was certainly plenty of interest from local people at the pre-opening party on July 18th. The place was packed and the vibe that once surrounded this historic venue certainly seemed to have returned.

Pimm's and nibbles were given out as the garden at the back of the pub filled up just after 6 pm.

The people we spoke to on the evening all agreed that Hethersett needs and deserves a successful King's Head and an end to all the uncertainty that it has faced over the past few years.



Herald Comment with Peter Steward

HETHERSETT needs its two pubs.

Hethersett needs its two pubs to be places where people can wine, dine and relax and this is even more important with our village continuing to grow.

Hopefully for the King's Head, the month of July will be a landmark month and one which sees the pub beginning to return to the days when it was an important hub of the community.

I came to the village over 40 years ago and at that time the King's was the watering hole of choice. It continued to thrive under a series of licensees until its fortunes took a turn for the worse and, to be blunt, the last few years have not seen the pub cover itself with glory.

The Queen's Head, in contrast, has continued its success story under the guidance of Richard and Phillippa Bond.

The evening of July 18th marked the opening of a new chapter in the life of the King's Head. The feeling on the opening night as the pub was packed was one that a true community asset has returned to the village.

Only time will tell, of course, but the new pub got off to a flyer and we all hope that this time it will be a real success story.

Café's Future Is Assured

THE future of Janey's Village Café in Hethersett is assured after the current lease holder and family purchased the property'

The café building was put up for sale a number of months ago with proprietor Jane Dawson explaining at the time that the building was for sale but she wanted to continue running the café for the village.

Now Jane, son David and family have acted to secure the future of the eatery.

"As most of you are aware, the building we had a lease on has been up for sale for some time. We are pleased to announce that we have now completed the purchase of the property and secured the café in the village for the foreseeable future. We look forward to seeing everyone soon," Jane said adding her appreciation of local people.

"Thank you all for your continued support over the years (and hopefully into the future)," she said.





THE online raffle organised by Hannah Baldry (pictured below) in aid of the Collins Family in Hetherset raised over £1,000.

Sadly in announcing the result, Hannah also had to report that Martin Collins had died.

Writing on social media on 3rd July, Hannah said: "I'm very sad to have to tell you that Martin Collins passed away this morning. The fundraiser will be left open for a while longer in order to continue supporting Sarah and the children.

"I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. Sarah says that she is sure that the kindness and love that everyone showed, helped Martin to cope.

"I hope that Sarah has seen from the fundraiser and raffle that we as a village are right behind her and will rally around to give her any support needed.

"A huge thank you to all the kind and generous businesses who donated some fantastic prizes to enable us to raise that amazing amount of money. When Hetherset comes together it's pure magic."

In the raffle 628 tickets were sold to 89 people and £1,027 was raised from ticket sales. In addition a GoFundMe page had raised £2,600 and can still be accessed at <https://gofundme/a5aBe398>.

There was a guard of honour at Martin's funeral service at Breckland Crematorium. See our photo above.



Sarah Is Runner-Up For Second Time

OUR very own Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence was once again a runner-up in the Community Hero section of the South Norfolk Community Awards.

It was the second year running that Sarah has finished runner-up.

Her nomination stated the following:

"Sarah is well known for her community work in the village of Hetherset. She is a Community Champion at the local Tesco, chair of the parish council and heavily involved in several other voluntary organisations, one of which is the local playgroup. In this role she provides a safe space for children and caregivers as well as organising parties for Christmas, Easter and Hallowe'en, using money she has raised."

Thanks for all you do
for your friends and
family, I bet you make
them really happy.

For being an amazing person. I know
you are just a stranger but I can
tell you are kind, beautiful, and
amazing. Keep being you! You must
be a lucky person as I'm only
giving 6 of these, use this as
a reminder that you are
incredible. Thank you for being you!

- Anonymous ♡!!

Have a good life

This is the message given to Leanne Ward on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

Spate of Thefts and Vandalism

HETHERSETT residents are being asked to help stop a spate of thefts and vandalism that has affected the village and the Memorial Field.

Police are aware of the problems and our county councillor David Bills has been working with the local force as he told Hethersett Herald.

"I have just spent a most useful time with PC Helen Busfield at the new pavilion on the Memorial Field to show her the problems with anti-social behaviour and what can be done to combat it," Councillor Bills stated.

Police acted swiftly when a number of bikes were stolen from a bike shed close to Hethersett Academy.

Police community officer PC Stuart Barnard said:

"We were made aware of an incident in which a number of bikes were stolen from a bike shed near Hethersett Academy.

"Police dogs, drones and officers conducted a search following this and a subsequent report of a similar nature in Wymondham.

"One teenager was arrested on suspicion of theft of a pedal cycle and taken to Wymondham Police Investigation Centre. Three bicycles were subsequently recovered."

PC Barnard said that the stolen bikes were locked but the locks were cut off.

He urged local people to "keep your ears and eyes open" and report any thefts or cases of vandalism.

Another poster on Facebook reported cases of vandalism in and near Back Lane. This included throwing books and CDs around from the popular book hub in the early hours of the morning, using the bus shelter as a target. Stones were also thrown at the jubilee youth club building.

When the poster of the message confronted those responsible he was met with "a barrage of abuse.

"It's a shame the village is turning out this way. It seems to be a regular event," he said.

PC Busfield is pictured during her visit to the Memorial Playing Field.



More Coaching Success For Mike

Master Hethersett athletics coach Mike Utting has enjoyed more success with one of his proteges winning a bronze medal in the World Para Athletics Championships in Paris. Kevin Santos competed in the T4 final and brought home a Bronze for team GB despite suffering from injury and illness in the lead up to the race as Mike Utting told the BBC.

"The 10 days he had been out there, it's been up and down for him but he really came good. I thought if he got into the final he would stand a chance as he's pretty focused and he hung on for a bronze medal," Mike said.

Santos lives in Watton and runs for the City of Norwich Club where Mike is a coach. His third place prevented a one-two-three finish for Brazilian athletes. He has just returned to athletics after a break when he took up the martial art of jiu-jitsu.

We have featured articles on Mike in the past and in 2020 he was named England Athletics' Coach of the Year.



Death of Hethersett Stalwart

HETHERSETT has been saddened to hear of the death of a lady who gave so much time and effort to the village. Connie Tindale died in June and here we pay tribute to her contribution to village life.

By Peter Steward

CONSTANCE “Connie” Tindale was affectionately known in the village as “The Hedgehog Lady” for the way she looked after and cared for hogs. But Connie was much much more.

A contributor to Hethersett Herald for a number of years, a huge supporter of the village youth club and the initiator of a writing competition for local schools were just a few of the activities that she was involved in.

I first became aware of Connie when she joined a small writers' group that I was fortunate to be able to help set-up in the village. I soon became aware of her passion for gardening and nature and, in particular, hedgehogs.

For a number of years, Connie wrote a regular column for Hethersett Herald on the care of hedgehogs and she saved and looked after hundreds at her home in Grove Road. People knew that if they found an ill or injured hedgehog, Connie was the person to turn to and she nursed them back to health with special diets and equipment that include heat pads. Connie released hundreds back into the wild and felt a personal loss every time she was unable to save one.

Connie also collected and nurtured Bonsai trees and also wrote about this in the Herald. Her garden was a delight of colour, smells and bursting nature.

A few years ago when Connie announced that she was suffering from an incurable illness, I wrote a piece for the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper and this also appeared in Hethersett Herald.

I feel it would be a fitting tribute to a lady who certainly lived life to the full and who was a force of nature to reproduce this article along with one of her own articles on hedgehogs over the next few pages.

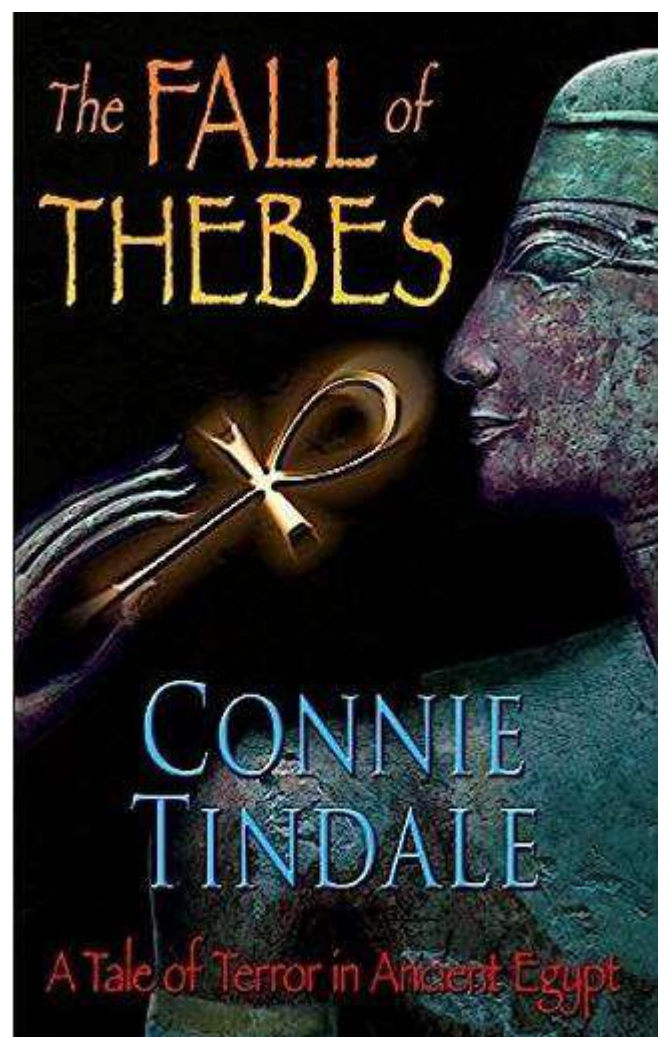
Here is that article.

“A seriously ill Hethersett woman has been giving the gift of life to hundreds of small creatures over the past few years.

Connie Tindale suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and the incurable disease Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) but that hasn't prevented her from caring for hedgehogs at her home.

Connie regularly takes in sick hedgehogs weighing just a few ounces and cares for them until they are strong enough to be released back into the wild.

She has turned her garden in Grove Road into a hedgehog haven, leaving out food and water every day for prickly



visitors, providing heat pads and homes for hogs struggling to survive and monitoring their welfare through a series of CCTV cameras.

Connie admits that she feels deeply about hedgehogs whose numbers have fallen alarmingly from 30 million a few years ago to their current numbers of less than a million. She admits that their vulnerability and helplessness is one of the reasons she is attracted to them and she feels it deeply when “one of her guests” doesn’t make it.

Recently a collection was taken for Connie via a Facebook page and realised over £200 from local people who wanted to recognise and shower her with gifts for what she has done for her prickly friends.

“I was stunned by all the gifts which were delivered by another Hethersett resident Hannah Harrison who is another great supporter of hedgehogs and wildlife in general, as is our village dentist Paul Baisley,” Connie said, adding that she doesn’t allow her illnesses to get in the way of caring.

“I have learned to live with the illnesses and don’t let them dominate my life,” she said.

Connie has led a full and colourful life that has included living for 16 years in Egypt where she launched the children’s charity Little Stars whose aim is to help orphaned, abandoned, disabled and disadvantaged children.

Connie was expelled from Egypt for openly criticising the ruling regime. Little Stars has recently diversified by providing equipment and a container for Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club.

She has also written a number of books on subjects as diverse as Japanese gardens, Bonsai trees (she has a collection), books about Luxor (including one entitled “Luxor Love and Lust”) and a novel “The Fall of Thebes.”

She has also climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and visited Cambodia at the height of the rule of the Khmer Rouge regime.

Connie, 75, has lived in Hethersett on and off for 40 years, maintaining a home there even when living in Egypt. She was born in Kent and lived for part of her childhood in Barrow in Furness before moving to London.

At 18 she married her husband of 57 years, Mick, who was in the RAF. She came to East Anglia and lived for a number of years in Watton before moving to Hethersett.

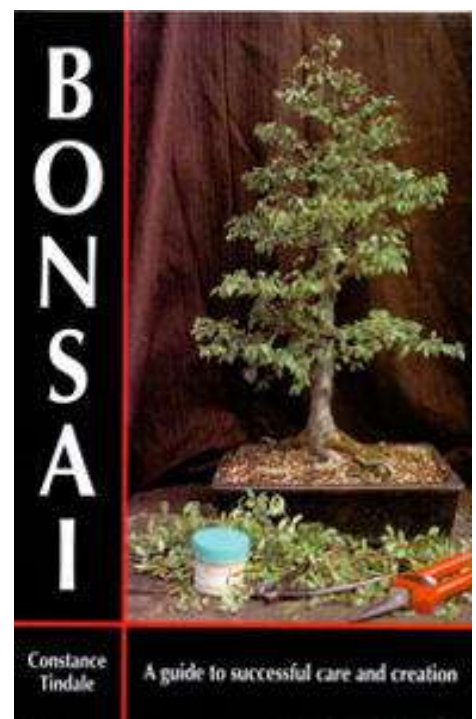
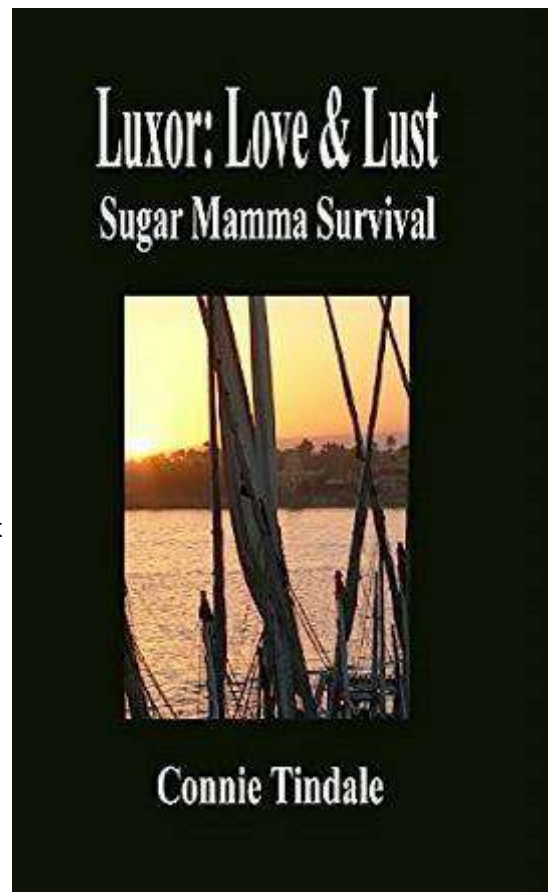
She spent a period teaching accountancy and statistics at Norwich City College. Connie and Mick have two children and two grandchildren.

Connie was also instrumental in setting up a highly successful creative writing competition for Hethersett schools which has seen more than 150 entries in each of its two years of existence.

She helps with the judging and personally sponsors the prizes and says she is proud to help engender a love of writing in young people.

Nowadays, however, it is the hedgehogs that take up much of her time, although she feels she is still very much an amateur who continues to learn about the small creatures in her care.

“They fight like hell, they smell, they are very territorial, at times they refuse to hibernate, they get worms and ticks, they get injured by strimmers, run over by vehicles and attacked by dogs but I care for them because they cannot cope with the modern world and the continuous loss of their habitat and I am extremely concerned by their diminishing numbers,” Connie added.



Connie was also a published author on subjects as diverse as Bonsai Trees and Egypt, the latter including the novel The Fall of Thebes.



'They cannot cope with the modern world: Connie gives the gift of life to hedgehogs

PHOTO BY JANE HETHERSETT
 Jane Hethersett for the Eastern Daily Press

Connie is a 70-year-old woman who has been giving the gift of life to hundreds of small creatures over the past few years.

She is a hedgehog lover and has been keeping them since 1979. She has a proven track record for her hedgehog care.

Connie's hedgehog rescue is a small business which she runs from her home. She has a large number of hedgehogs and she is always looking for more. She has a large number of hedgehogs and she is always looking for more.

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Above are two photographs of Connie and opposite is a cutting from the Eastern Daily Press newspaper which featured Connie's work with hedgehogs. On the next page you can read one of her articles on caring for hedgehogs taken from Hethersett Herald and written during lockdown.

Connie wrote about hedgehogs in the Hethersett Herald for a number of years. As a fitting tribute to her we have re-produced just one of those columns here dealing with how the summer affects hogs. This column is taken from the August 2020 edition of Hethersett Herald.

Hethersett Hedgehogs *with Connie Tindale*

Lots of baby hedgehogs about the village



Siblings. The smaller one on the right (Zag) is male. I have no idea what sex the other one is.

IN the hedgehog world, July and August can be times of adventure and growth but for little ones who have found themselves lost, abandoned or orphaned they can also be times of being alone, frightened, hungry and most of all cold. Those things can be rectified if they are given immediate care but the longer they persist the harder they are to overcome.

If you find a baby hedgehog in daylight on your lawn or while out walking please do not just pop it in a box with the bit of food and then leave it until the next day before seeking someone to look after it. Those 24 hours or even 15 hours can mean the difference between life and death.

Warmth is what is needed. Something has to replace the body heat of its mother and its siblings. Its little body is not capable of generating sufficient heat to maintain its body temperature even in summer and it will slip into hypothermia. Babies cannot shiver and it will use every bit of its limited sources of energy to keep warm and then it will die.

The smallest hoglet we had brought in was 63 gm and it was so cold that we could not persuade it to eat. It had not eaten any of the food that had been placed in its delivery box and had tipped over its water making its T shirt bed even colder. Sadly it died after being with us on

Hethersett Hedgehogs

a heat pad for only a few hours. The loss of a baby is hard even if it is one that has just arrived. One loss was heart breaking; a tiddler weighing only 70 gm would not eat on its own and was syringe fed for eight days before it lost its fight for life.

On the other hand we had a pair of siblings (Zig and Zag—pictured above) who were brought in immediately they were found at the bottom of a hedge that had been removed from a garden.

They weighed 79 and 80 gm; now they weigh 390 and 450 gm so they can soon be released. They snuggled up together on a heat pad in their new home and ate well right from the beginning. I cannot stress enough just how important it is to act quickly. When looking at these two fatties it is hard to remember that only a few weeks ago they weighed only three ounces and were just about three inches long.

Soon they will be moved to the outside run as a halfway house to freedom. That is not as easy as it sounds either as they have not had experience of foraging for food and making their own nests. Freedom will be exciting but hard so they have to be somewhere where food is readily available every night and they have somewhere to shelter from cold and bad weather. (The outside run already has a resident rescued tortoise which will either have to share its space or move into another smaller one).

In all my years of caring for hedgehogs I have never accepted monetary contributions towards their care although I am guilty of relishing eating the trout that Dr. Signy and his fishing partner brought in for me. Yum yum. It was, and is, a complete labour of love.

So, you can imagine my surprise when Hanna Harrison came to the door bearing gifts from Hethersett residents not just of various vital hedgehog foods but bags full of Connie shaped goodies including special stationery, flowers and a wonderful hedgehog shaped birthday cake.

I do not have the words to thank and show my appreciation to all those who contributed towards the gifts or to Hannah who secretly arranged it all. It is yet more proof of how kind and generous Hethersett residents are. Huge safe distanced hugs to everyone.

Return of 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.

The films to be shown are still to be announced but dates are as follows. All films take place in the village hall at 3 pm on a Sunday afternoon. The dates are subject to alteration.

2023—3rd September, 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December.

2024—7th January, 4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 12th May, 8th September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

2025—5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 11th May.

“An Accident Waiting to Happen”

Residents highlight the dangers of living in the centre of the village

RESIDENTS of Great Melton Close have voiced their concern about traffic using the road.

On our front page we highlighted problems existing with vehicles being parked in the “short stay” car park for lengthy periods of time and shortly Hethersett Parish Council will erect “30 minute” signs.

But residents are also concerned about vehicles mounting pavements and thinking that they can get through the bottom of the road which in fact is a dead end.

They are also concerned about cyclists and scooter riders using the cut through to Park Green which they claim could be a danger to pedestrians.

One resident referred to the behaviour of some drivers as “an accident waiting to happen.”

“It is a busy area in the centre of the village and problems need to be addressed before somebody is injured,” a resident said.

“It is all getting out of hand and at this rate residents will have to block the road which wouldn't be good, but somebody has to be held accountable for what is going on,” another resident added.

YOUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOU

HETHERSETT Athletic Football Club runs 19 junior and adult teams and gives competitive football to over 600 players with dozens of volunteers helping to run the club and its sides, the club's annual meeting heard.

The meeting issued an appeal for more help. It also agreed to a new management structure, which has been drawn up as part of a 10-year plan.

It is the first time the club has had such a far reaching plan and it sets out the club's ethos, its ambitions and community focus, as well as a desire to grow into areas like girls and women's football. The plan will be finalised and made public over the next few months.

The new structure means the club has new roles on the committee that it would like to fill.

“We'd really welcome some new faces and voices to help take us into what will hopefully be a fantastic new era.

“In particular we're looking for some volunteers to join our events sub-committee and help organise things like quizzes, Question and Answer nights and the five-a-side tournament, as well as someone to lead forward our move into girls and women's football,” club official Mike Kenny said.

“We would love to hear from anyone willing to step up and help the club in any way they can,” Mr Kenny added.

Anyone interested should contact Mike Kenny or club chairman Neal Luther.

Their details can be found on the club's official website at

www.hethersettathletic.com

Summer Fun In The Sun

KEEN gardeners in Hethersett threw their doors open on July 9th for the latest open gardens event. The sun shone and gardens looked resplendent as the photographs kindly sent to us by Don and Bridget Williamson show.

We hope you enjoy our photographic display of one of the highlights in the village's 2023 calendar. The event raised an impressive £1,927 for the Hethersett Environmental Action Team for its work in the village.









By Linda Wishart

The Back Garden is a newly created and delightful community garden initiated by Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).

It is situated behind the Village Hall in Back Lane and has been transformed from a disused skate park. Many people would have seen this garden during the Open Gardens event. As a community garden, it is always open for villagers to wander in and sit and read at any time. Should anyone wish to help with the upkeep of this area, HEAT has set up work sessions which will be held every Wednesday between 10-12 pm and Saturday 2-4 pm throughout the summer until the end of September.

You are welcome to weed, plant etc. with a HEAT member, ask questions or just come for refreshments and a chat.

Children are most welcome. Please bring a hand trowel and fork.

If you have any queries please email

hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com

Pictures on this page are taken from the Open Gardens event and are courtesy of Don and Bridget Williamson and Sara White and reproduced with permission.





Banana Plants Too

Resident Sarah Awcock was much taken with the Open Gardens event and sent us the following comments about one of the finest gardens in Great Melton Road.

“A lovely lady who lives there showed us around and gave me a baby banana plant from her greenhouse.

“She also had a fantastic idea of upcycling broken terracotta pots to use as a display for her alpines and succulents.

“ It was a really lovely day all the garden owners were so informative my husband and I learned so much.”

Editor’s Note—The lovely lady mentioned was June Key who also invited members of Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café into her garden during July and you can read about this elsewhere in this edition of Herald.



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Woodside Summer Fayre

AFTER months of planning, the Friends of Woodside Summer Fayre finally came to fruition on Saturday 24th June and what a fantastic day it was.

The Friends of Woodside (FOWS) spent a lot of their free time organising this event, with meetings, sending letters and collecting raffle donations, organising games and vendors. There's a lot to do behind the scenes when you're organising a fundraising event.

The Fayre had all of the usual crowd-pleasers – the tombola, barbecue, bar and all the games you would expect like hook a duck, the coconut shy and ring toss. In addition to this, the FOWS arranged for a fire engine and a police car to visit, which was enjoyed by many children. This year the FOWS also managed to source a giant inflatable slide which could be drilled into the field (in contrast to last year where the inflatable booked couldn't be used due to problems with fixing it into the hard ground).

As well as the fun and games, there was a programme of events booked, with performances from the year one dance show, the Woodside Choir, the Woodside Samba group, the Zumba group and a demonstration of Powerhooping from a group run by Mrs Keeley (a teaching assistant at the school). Woodside favourite, Freddie, was compere and in charge on the day too, making sure all of the performances ran on time using his cheeky charm. Freddie also added a bit of fun to the proceedings with some games and dance moves thrown in.

My job for the day was joining the fantastic barbecue team, alongside father/daughter team Kevin Jermy and Ellie Luther, and Mark Quadling to feed the hungry Fayre-goers. The barbecue is hard work on a hot day, not to mention busy. We didn't stop. Though I think the ice-cream van had a bigger queue at times due to the temperature on the day. A family affair, my daughter Amelia also ran the Teddy Tombola which sold out in about 90 minutes.

Thank you to the rest of the FOWS for all of the hard work they put into organising and running the day, to all of the teachers and volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day, to any individuals or businesses who donated raffle prizes and to anyone who attended.

After expenses, the Summer Fayre raised an amazing total of £3,439 which will go towards enrichment and items to benefit children during their time at Woodside Primary and Nursery School.

June and July brought some hot weather to the village and a round of fetes before the schools broke up for the holidays.

Herald Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence was out and about with her notebook and camera to bring you some of the highlights of fete season.



If you fancy joining a team of people who want to raise money for Woodside and really make a difference to the children during their time here, or want to know more, please drop me an email on sarahlawrence87@live.co.uk, or email the school office on office@hethersetwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk. We'd love to hear from you.



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Photographs above and opposite from the Woodside Fayre and courtesy of Sarah Lawrence.



Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Fete and Dog Show

On Saturday 1st July, Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club held its annual Summer Fete and Dog Show.

Speaking as a trustee, I can tell you that this year's fete was different to that of previous years, as we were effectively starting from scratch with organising the event. After the sad loss of the Youth Club's former chair, Gillian Saunders last year, a new committee was formed to manage the running of the club.

Made up of a few people that had worked with Gillian previously and many new trustees, the aim was to bring a breath of fresh air into the valuable local amenity for young people in our area.

After Gillian passed away, many of her contacts were lost with her. When it came to running the fete, we didn't really have a clue where to start. But, with a dedicated team keen to carry on Gillian's legacy and help the club move on, things started to come together with a lot of hard work, research and guess-work!



One of the things that came especially hard to us all was the organising of the dog show - none of us had ever been to one, let alone run one. After an appeal on social media for volunteers to help with that side of things, the fabulous Sophie Hughes came forward to help, even doing so after an injury.

Sophie used her experience in working with animals and going to dog shows to help run that side of things, with trustees sorting prizes. Sophie even recruited South Norfolk Councillor Kathryn Cross to judge.

The Trustees had sourced various raffle prizes from businesses and individuals in the area – thank you to Tesco Express stores in Hethersett, Cringleford, Earlham Road, Westlegate and Prince of Wales Road in Norwich for their kind donations, along with Angels Crystals, Janey's Cafe, Georgian Crafts, Yogara Yoga and Smart Messenger. The raffle was a huge hit and I think most people who bought tickets went home with a prize! There was also the raffling

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off of a huge dog hamper which Emily Draper (of Carrot and Biscuit Pet Services) had put together to raise funds for the Youth Club. This was won by a very pleased Amanda D.

We were very lucky on the day with the weather, the sun shone throughout. The usual barbecue was out, along with hook a duck, guess the name of the (giant) teddy and bunny and there was a tombola and refreshments inside too. Chris Watt was on the microphone outside, alongside Neville Greenhalgh, both keeping order of the proceedings and making us all laugh in the process with some wisecracks.

Despite the great weather, the turnout was lower than we expected, but there's definitely things we can improve on next year to improve on that. For our first year, we didn't think it went too badly, and we all had a laugh, so we can't complain!

The Summer Fete raised a total of £336 after expenses, and that money will be put to good use for the young people that come each session.

Well done to the entire trustees' team at the Jubilee Youth Club, I'm very proud to be part of such a welcoming, hardworking team. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening every now and then, please get in touch with Sandra on 07904 783370 or Jackie on 07842 856802 who can tell you more about what it would involve. It would be lovely to have some more friendly faces to join in the fun!

Academy Fair Falls Foul of Bad Weather

THERE was no fun in the sun for Hethersett Academy with the Friends Group postponing the scheduled summer fair date in July due to the weather forecast of heavy rain and winds.

The event has been re-scheduled for Saturday September 23rd.



Norfolk Police has teamed up with a men's mental health charity to turn a gardening area at its training complex into a community welfare area as Chief Inspector Keith Philpott explained.

"We have come together in collaboration with Menscraft to re-use the former greenhouses and gardening huts of the school. Menscraft is a Norfolk-based charity focusing exclusively on the health and well being of men.

"The Hethersett centre forms part of its Pit Stop group that aims to bring men together through common interest. The group at Hethersett have a common interest in gardening and everything horticulture with a view to building friendships, connections and helping people to belong.

"Throughout the spring and summer, the team have grown plants which are available for sale during office hours through a collection box at the Hethersett Training Centre. Members have been working on flower beds areas within the grounds and front reception so that the original splendour of the site can be restored," Chief Inspector Philpott said.

Chief Inspector Philpott is pictured above with one of the team Alec in front of one of the areas they have regenerated.

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Picnic Time

IT was picnic in the park time in July as former pupils of Old Hall School returned to meet up with old friends and have a look round the former school on the B1172 which is now a training complex for Norfolk Police.

The former pupils were welcomed by Chief Inspector Keith Philpott from Norfolk Police.

Our photographs are courtesy of Old Hall School's former pupils.

On the previous page you can read about a new initiative taking place on the site to help men look after their mental health.



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Sunshine, Beer and Rugby



More sunny pictures from July. These were taken at the beer festival organised by Crusaders' Rugby Club at their home which is situated between Hethersett and Little Melton. Pictures courtesy of Crusaders Rugby Club.



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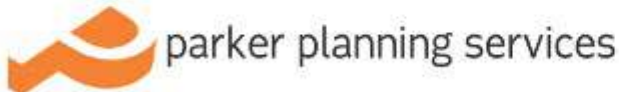


Should Elm Farm Business Park be extended with 18 Business Units and a Dental Surgery?

TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS!

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Community Consultation for proposed extension to Elm Farm Business Park for 18no commercial units and Dental Surgery

The Proposal

The purpose of this leaflet is to inform the local community and interested parties to provide an early opportunity for people to comment on emerging proposals for the extension of Elm Farm Business Park to include Commercial Units, Dental Surgery, and additional parking as required.

The Business Park and Dentist would be entered by existing access off Norwich Common.

The uses of the commercial units may be professionals similar to that of existing tenants at Elm Farm Business Park, such as Norfolk Health Watch, Accountants, other professional services or commercial uses.

The Dental/Medical Facility is anticipated to include either;

- A Dentist, or
- Dentist and GP/medical practice; or
- Dentist, GP/Medical Practice & Pharmacy

The Dental/Medical Facilities would be **in addition to existing practices locally**, not replacing or moving.

What do you think?

We wish to hear your views on the proposal.

Does your household have an unmet need for a;

- NHS or Private Dentist?
- Medical Facility?
- Pharmacy?

If so, how many people in your household have a need?

Are you currently registered with a Dentist or Doctor locally?

What are your views on the suggested proposal?

Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

Email comments can be sent to;

elmfarm@parkerplanningservices.co.uk

If you intend to address your comments by post, please send to:

**Parker Planning Services,
13-15 Cathedral Street,
Norwich,
Norfolk,
NR1 1LU**

We are expecting to submit the application imminently, your response would be appreciated.

Meeting Their Tomb



HETHERSETT Players' latest production was "Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb."

One member of the audience took to social media to praise the group.

"A thoroughly delightful, deviously devilish plot. Well done and thanks to all the cast and everyone involved. I had a very enjoyable evening and would highly recommend it."

The photographs on this and the next page were taken by the cast and reproduced with their permission.



Hethersett Players were founded in 1969 by 12 members of the WI drama group, who joined a drama class in the village run by Norfolk Education department. It remained under the Education Department until 1975 when it became an independent group. From 1979 to 1987 there was also a junior section.

The first production was Bonaventure in 1969. The society used to perform a play every Spring and with a less formal evening in November.

Following a successful murder mystery evening in 1997, the Players numbers had diminished to such an extent that it was impossible to continue and they disbanded in 1999.

In late 2003 the enthusiasm and interest amongst people in the village gave renewed drive and motivation to restart the Players and they were reformed in March 2004.

The inaugural production was Agatha Christie's 'Afternoon at the Seaside' which performed in May 2004 as the finale to an evening offering traditional end of the pier entertainment and a fish and chip supper.

Following an additional drama workshop later in 2004 the players first full length production, the comedy thriller Tomb with a View, took place on 20th and 21st May 2005. The Players subsequently folded in 2016. Three years later



Players was resurrected again with plans to bring drama and the arts back to Hethersett. However, the world pandemic put paid to live performances during 2020/21.

Still keen to ensure the group survived, they performed from their homes and produced two virtual shows.

They returned to live performances in 2022.

Musical Director Needed

HETHERSETT Pantomime Group is looking for a musical director as it prepares for its 2024 production which will take place in Hethersett Village Hall next January.

As well as entertaining sell-out audiences over a week of performances, the pantomime has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds over the years for various national and local charities.

You can see details of what the group is looking for in a musical director on the poster below.



Stunning Win For Cricketers

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club's first team certainly enjoy keeping supporters on the edge of their seats.

In June they travelled to the seaside to take on Cromer in their third consecutive match that went to the final over.

Valley looked to have been set an almost impossible task as Cromer rattled up a score of 346-7 at well over a run a ball. But Hethersett have a strong batting line-up this year and reached their target with five balls to spare. Skipper Ben France hit an unbeaten 150 and Jonathan Cooper 103 with the pair putting on 232 runs for the fourth wicket.

At the time of going to press in July Hethersett had also beaten Norwich and on July 22nd were left frustrated when rain forced the abandonment of their game at Garboldisham after they had manoeuvred themselves into a winning position.

Results of the last six matches are:

June 24th—Cromer 346/7 (Jack Gibson 3-58), Hethersett 347/5 (Ben France 150 not out, Jonathan Cooper 103). Hethersett won by five wickets.

July 1st—Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers 200 (Ben France 4-25), Hethersett 81 all out. Ashmanhaugh won by 119 runs.

July 8th—Downham and Stow 182/8 (Tom Worley 3-31), Hethersett 166. Downham won by 16 runs

July 15th— Hethersett 215/6 (Ian Bryce 110, Sam Morton 49), Norwich 157 (Indika Nanayakkara 5-15). Hethersett won by 58 runs.

July 22nd—Garboldisham 181/8 (Tom Worley 3-37), Hethersett 79/1. Match abandoned due to rain.

The team's final fixtures are against North Runcton (away), Brooke (home), Bradfield (away) and Cromer (home).

As of July 23rd the bottom five in the Premier Division were: Garboldisham on 158 points followed by Hethersett on 136, Norwich on 134, Cromer on 111 and Brooke on 100.

We will have a full report from all the Hethersett teams in the September edition of Hethersett Herald. The photographs opposite were taken during the match on the 17th June which saw Hethersett lose at home to Bradfield by just three runs in the final over of the game.



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club held its first beer festival over the weekend July 21st-23rd.

The Friday night brought a good attendance for the final youth coaching session of the season. On Saturday the club's second and third teams both won despite persistent rain and on Sunday the club entertained a touring side.



Ceri's Ten Golden Years

HETHERSETT musician Ceri Peterson has bowed out after 10 years as leader of Wymondham Symphony Orchestra.

Ceri's last concert with them was in Wymondham Abbey in July when the orchestra performed a special work "Living Stones" written by its conductor Andrew Parnell along with works by Brahms and Dvorak.

Ceri's life has been surrounded by music since she was born. She started playing the piano at the age of four and the violin when she was just eight. Music became one of the dominant forces in her life, along with the love of her tightly knit family.

Ceri moved with her husband Gordon to Norfolk and Hethersett in 2000. She grew up in Beverley in the East Riding of Yorkshire and at school played a prominent role in the East Riding Youth Orchestra whilst also playing with the Hull Philharmonic and Beverley Chamber Orchestras.

She then studied music at Birmingham University and graduated with a BMus Honours degree with a diploma in violin performance. She led the university orchestra and, after gaining a PGCE from the University College of Ripon and York St John, began a teaching career in South Humberside and then the East Riding before moving to Norfolk where she became a peripatetic teacher with the Norfolk Music Service, teaching children of all ages.

From 2012 to 2015, she was string co-ordinator and tutor for the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra and from 2020 until 2022 was string tutor for Guildhall Young Artists in Norwich.

Ten years ago she joined Wymondham Symphony Orchestra (WSO) as its leader and says she has very fond memories of her time with them.

Ceri's final performance with the WSO was a celebration in more ways than one. It not only marked her 10 years as leader and her retirement from the orchestra, but also the 20th anniversary of Andrew Parnell's involvement. His work "Living Stones" was originally composed for the 900th anniversary of Wymondham Abbey in 2007.

Looking back on her 10 years with the WSO, Ceri picks out her performance as a soloist for Vaughan Williams' ever popular piece "The Lark Ascending," as one of her highlights in "a very happy 10 years."

Ceri admits that she will miss the orchestra, although she feels it is the right time to retire. "I will miss it. It is always exciting when a work comes together," she said.



Above Ceri Peterson pictured with guest violinist Juan Gonzalez at the end of her final concert for Wymondham Symphony Orchestra in Wymondham Abbey on July 1st and below a shot from Wymondham Abbey on that evening. Photographs courtesy of Ceri Peterson





But Ceri is certainly not retiring from music. She has many projects on the go.

She currently plays at weddings with a group of friends known as “Cordes Strings.” When lockdown restrictions were eased a little, this group delighted Hethersett residents by practising in the open air near Ceri’s home.

She is also a member of a relatively new chamber orchestra entitled Ensemble East which is based in Norwich.

She will continue her work in schools and also coaches a number of individual students in violin and viola at her home.

Ironically there was a period in her life as a young girl when she fought against a career in music. Banking was her first choice, but she soon realised that following in a family tradition of becoming a music teacher was a much more suitable path for her to tread. She has certainly never looked back after making that decision.

“I have had a very rewarding career and there isn't a single thing I regret,” she said.

She admits to having a passion for dramatic tango music and a sly liking for jazz but has never had the urge to compose music herself: “There is already so much good music around,” she said.

Although Ceri will no longer be seen with the Wymondham Symphony Orchestra, she will continue to be a major player on the Norfolk classical music scene for many years to come.

FOOTNOTE—The Wymondham Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1984 and next year celebrates 40 years in existence.



Above Ceri and fellow musicians at the end of the Celebration Concert in Wymondham Abbey and below that a photograph of Cordes Strings playing an impromptu concert in Hethersett.

Forty Years Of Service

In the July edition of Hethersett Herald we reported on the Rev Christopher Mallett's 40 years serving the village. Here we take a closer look at his life and career.

By Peter Steward

ONE of the biggest challenges faced by the church in Hethersett is how to attract newcomers to the village through its doors..

So says The Rev Christopher Mallett who, as we reported in the July edition of Good News, has just completed 40 years as a priest.

For much of that time Christopher carried out his church work alongside his employment as a nurse. He soon found that the two “professions” dovetailed well with his Christian beliefs helping with his work in hospitals.

Christopher started his Christian journey as, what he refers to as, a “cradle Christian” with his family always involved in church life at Tilney All Saints and Tilney Cum Islington in West Norfolk. Tilney Cum Islington now has a ruined church.

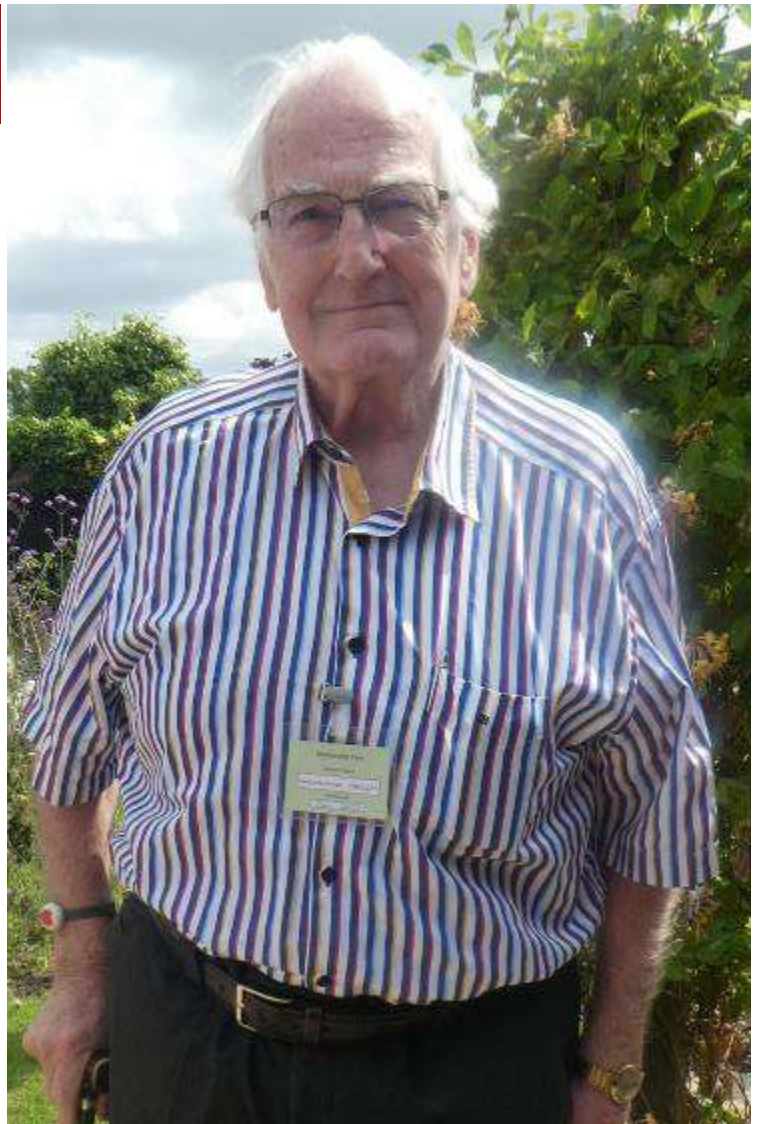
Christopher remembers vividly going to the Royal Norfolk Show in 1952 where he was drawn to a Christian tent and met the then Bishop of Norwich the Rt Rev Percy Herbert who asked him what he wanted to do on leaving school and suggested entering the church.

He took a slightly circuitous route to the church, however, beginning his working life as a banker and then becoming a nurse of some note, progressing through the ranks and working in Bury St Edmunds, Cambridge, Bristol and then Peterborough before being appointed senior nursing officer at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in 1976. In those days The N and N also encompassed Dereham Hospital and the Colman Hospital in the city.

Wanting to live fairly close to Norwich, Christopher and his family consisting of his wife Sheila and two daughters found a house in Bailey Close in Hethersett in a property he still owns.

As we mentioned last month, Christopher became the first person to be ordained in St Remigius' Church in Hethersett and somehow managed to fit in both his medical and church work which occasionally proved problematic when he was on hospital duty on Sundays. He was also a part time chaplain at Wayland Hospital from 1986 until 2000.

Christopher saw his role at Hethersett as one to support the existing clergy: “An emphasis in my training was put on supporting parish clergy and helping them with their work,” he said.



When he came to the village, the Rev Michael Sexton was rector. Rev Sexton is now in his nineties and Christopher is still in touch with him. Christopher has served under four different rectors—the Rev Michael Sexton, the Rev Bryan Llewellyn, the Rev Di Lammas and the Rev Derek McClean. The new incumbent, still to be appointed, will give him a nap hand.

For Christopher one of the biggest challenges facing the church is attracting new people. He has seen it change and modernise over the past 40 years and has also seen the physical boundaries shift. When he became a priest, Hethersett was bracketed together with Ketteringham. It subsequently lost Ketteringham but gained Little and Great Melton.

“I am sad that, although the village has grown, the attendance at church and the membership hasn't kept pace. This to me is a big challenge,” he said.

It is a challenge he hopes to continue to be a part of as he enters his fifth decade as a priest.

One thing that has pleased him is the close relationship St Remigius now has with Hethersett Methodist Church, working together to promote Christian unity.

Still Looking For A New Brownie 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.

“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 Herald.. Sharon will be putting posters up around the village over the summer.

The group meets on Thursdays from 5 until 6.30 pm.



Sunny Sundays

THE City of Norwich brass band is pictured playing during one of the Sunday evening brass band concerts in Gorleston Bandstand on the seafront in June.

The band rehearses in Hethersett Village Hall and has won a number of prestigious competitions as featured in previous editions of Hethersett Herald.

The photographs here are courtesy of the band's Facebook page and are reproduced with their permission.

The Facebook page also has some short extracts from the concert featuring the band's versions of “Men of Harlech” and “There's No Business Like Show Business.”

The band also included the likes of “Bohemian Rhapsody” in a very varied programme.



News From Hethersett Hawks

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had a brilliant weekend of racing when they entered every category at the British Club Championships in Birmingham, something only them and holders and deserved winners Kesgrave achieved.

It was disappointing that no official announcements were made of the final club scores and Hawks came away not knowing where they finished although believing they were runners-up. However, it transpired a few days later that there is a rule in the depths of British Cycling regulations that only the best five of the eight categories count. Still no official announcements but calculations along those lines seemed to indicate the final top three were Kesgrave 98, Poole 91, Hethersett 78 with no other club close. Nothing official yet and another iteration has been seen with results in the veterans match adjusted and this could mean the Hawks finish fourth. Not a good response from the sport to reflect the effort put in by riders, parents and officials to take part.

Initially this will be disappointing for the squad who gave their all that weekend, performing above expectations, but on reflection it is still a terrific achievement for a village club and something to be very proud of.

The club managed to get one team on the podium with Luca El-Labany and Lola Martin stepping up for bronze medals in the Under-12s. Other achievements of note that deserve special mentions are Mason Martin and George Larter-Dixon, who finished fourth in the Junior (Under-18) Final after already having competed in the Under-16s and the Open, and a late replacement pair of Amelia Dodson and Austin Brailey who reached the Under-14 final.

Full results for the club over the weekend -

Under-16 Girls Final—Poole 38, Kesgrave 35, Newport 24, Hethersett 22—(Aiesha Musa 12+1, Amelia Dodson 10+1).

Under-16 Boys Final- Kesgrave 32, Poole 31, Southampton 27, Hethersett 24, Coventry 18, Sheffield 14—(Mason Martin 14+1, George Larter-Dixon 10+1).

Women Semi-Final- Sheffield 37, Poole 31, Kesgrave 28, Hethersett 20 (Aiesha Musa 13 Amelia Dodson 7+1).

Veterans Final—Great Blakenham 38, Poole 36, Leicester 35, Birmingham 33, Newport 24, Kesgrave 22, Hethersett 20.(Dave Martin 14 Jamie Neill 6+1).

Under-14 Semi-Final-Kesgrave 42, Horspath 30, Hethersett 23, Astley and Tyldesley 22 (Amelia Dodson 12+1, Austin Brailey 9, Luca El-Labany 2).

Under-14 Final- Kesgrave 33, Coventry 28, Hull 28, Newport 26, Horspath 19, Hethersett 16 (Amelia Dodson 5, Lola Martin 5, Luca El-Labany 4, Austin Brailey 2).

Under-12 Final- Kesgrave 39, Hull 34, Hethersett 32, Newport 28, Astley and Tyldesley 26, Coventry 24, Sheffield 20. (Lola Martin 17+2, Luca El-Laabany 15+3,

Austin Brailey dnr).

Open Semi-Final- Birmingham 58, Wednesfield 42, Hethersett 31, Horspath 27. (Mason Martin 11, Dave Martin 7, Harley Hamill 7, Paul Delaiche 5, George Larter-Dixon 1).

Junior Final- Kesgrave 39, Poole 36, Southampton 31, Hethersett 30, Ipswich 27, Birmingham 27, Sheffield 18. (Mason Martin 17+1, George Larter-Dixon 13+1).

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HAWKS had 16 riders at Eaton Park for Round Five of the Norfolk GO-RIDE and Grand Prix series. Riders in this series have experienced a variety of track conditions in the previous four rounds from cold winds, rain and dust but nothing quite like round five - 31 degrees heat and a strong hot breeze blowing across the park.

Despite that racing was very competitive. especially in the Under 12/14 category with some leading riders absent. Luca El-Labany got his first win in the series and that helped the Hawks win all six categories. Lola Martin came from the back to take second place while Mason Martin pulled a great line to pass Harry Everiss in the Senior/Under-16 Final.

One of the biggest cheers from a decent crowd sheltering under the trees was reserved for Cerys Williams getting her first race win.

Full results of finals (Hethersett unless stated) -

U8 and U10

A - 1 Oscar Copeland, 2 Arlo Davies, 3 Nula El-Labany (1st U8), 4 Alfie Gunn.

B - 1 Isaac Emms (2nd U8), 2 Henry Everson (3rd U8), 3 Dakota Ridge, 4 Cerys Williams*

C - 1 Michael Whitfield 2, Elsie Booth, 3 Thomas King (Norwich -ns).

* - U13 rider riding down a group.

U12 and U14

A - 1 Luca El-Labany (U12 1st), 2 Lola Martin (U12 2nd), 3 Zachery Eastwood (Norwich - U12 3rd), 4 Amelia Dodson.

B - 1 Austin Brailey, 2 Lewis Booth.

U16 and Senior

A - 1 Mason Martin (U16 1st), 2 Harry Everiss (Norwich), 3 Jamie Medler (Norwich), 4 Dave Martin.

B - 1 Jack Western (Norwich), 2 David Adams (Norwich - ns).

Meanwhile Glyn Morgan made the long trip to Exeter for the latest Eurovets Round which celebrated the Devon club's 60th anniversary. He fell in one ride and had to work hard for a second place in his last ride to finish with 12 points - enough to make the Over-60s A Final. He finished third in the final which still leaves him in second place in the series.

Another Champion For Hethersett Hawks

HETHERSETT Hawks / Yellow Brick Mortgages have crowned another British Champion.

The month saw the youngest of the Hawks riders venture across the border to Kesgrave for the Under-8 and Under-10 Little League British Championships. Following the success of last year at Leicester, the Hawks were going with high hopes but with relatively new riders, a tricky banked track and ever-changing weather conditions.

Opening the day was the Under-8 Boys with Isaac Emms in his first full season of cycle speedway and up against some tough riders from Kesgrave who also had the home track advantage. Isaac, however, showed no sign of nerves, riding with confidence and smiles and enjoying every moment. Finishing an amazing 8th, he came off the track declaring it was the best day ever. This could have been due to the shiny medal around his neck or the goody bag provided by Kesgrave containing a free ice-cream coupon! It was a clean sweep for the top three by Kesgrave with Tom Parr continuing his run of unbeaten qualifying heats to take the title.

Next up on the track was Nyla El-Labany looking to defend the Under-8 title that she won last year. In a year that has seen Nyla grow as a rider the Hethersett support crew were quietly confident that she would place.

However, she had to pull some moves out of the bag and use that epic determination she has as she faced some stiff competition from Tabitha Evans from Horspath who rode unbeaten through her qualifying heats. Nyla had a handle on the final with the finish line in her sights when Evans suffered a fall at the pit lane corner behind her. Keeping her focus, Nyla brought it home to retain her title and put on the epic British jersey once again. In a replica of results from last year Tallulah Curtis from Poole also retained her Under-10 title.

The Under-10 Boys Individual saw five Hethersett entries in the form of Thomas Barnard, Oscar Copeland, Arlo Davies, Alfie Gunn and Ronnie Harding. This was always going to be a hotly contested title with the potential of it going back to any of the clubs. Eyes were on Sam Ridley (Hellingly), Bobby Dunphy (Bury), Oscar Pemberton (Kesgrave) and Roman Boaler (Horspath), many of whom race in the BYJL, and there were other riders, including Ronnie Harding and Oscar Copeland, who would be looking to throw their hat in the ring too.

With the wind picking up and the gazebos having to come down, the riders rode their hearts out, responding to shouts of 'Out wide, in tight' from the coaches as well as the screams of the support crew. All respect to our riders who had to deal with the ever picking up wind, fall, re-starts and even a chain coming off for Arlo. Luca El-Labany ended up handing the winners trophy to Roman

Boaler who rode undefeated throughout all his races. The young Hawks should be immensely proud of themselves with their results being Oscar Copeland 9th, Thomas Barnard 11th, Ronnie Harding 12th, Arlo Davies 15th and Alfie Gunn 18th. A great time seemed to be had by all and the boys should be pleased with their performance on the big stage.

Boys Under-10 Team Championship

Last up it was the Boys Under-10 Team Championship and, in the words of 'Rocket Ronnie, the one he had come for. This year's team consisted of defending champions Oscar Copeland and Ronnie Harding, Thomas Barnard just 12 weeks into his cycle speedway career, Arlo Davies in his second full season and super sub Alfie Gunn in his first full season.

With Kesgrave entering two teams, Roman Boaler riding again for Horspath and a relatively new team, the adults were all set for the boys to enjoy the experience but the boys had a very different view, with Ronnie's determination spreading throughout the whole team! Part of last year's winning team in the form of Austin Brailey and Luca El-Labany, were on hand in the pits to offer encouragement and words of advice along with the coaches.

If the boys rode well in their individual races then they rode even better in the team event, with all boys taking at least one win. Arlo's lines were smooth and he showed some tactical racing, Oscar dug in deep to keep in the mix, Thomas showed how quickly he has learnt, Ronnie held his nerve and lines to come out on top when being sandwiched between riders and Alfie, with the smile never leaving his face, waited in the wings in case he was needed, in some ways having one of the hardest jobs knowing that you might not get a ride depending on how the points are going.

With the adults barely able to speak from shouting their support, they fought to the end with Ronnie riding the final heat to bring the team home to claim the second spot on the podium. Fully deserved and a brilliant way to end the day. Whilst it was clear from the entries that some teams seem to be lacking youth riders, the Hethersett Hawks seem to be going from strength to strength.

Scores

Kesgrave Panthers 72, Hethersett 60, Poole 47, Kesgrave Pumas 45, Horspath 44, Great Blakenham 32.

Hethersett Scorers- Ronnie Harding 17, Oscar Copeland 15, Arlo Davies 14, Thomas Barnard 14, Alfie Gunn did not ride.

Local Derby Time For Hawks

HAWKS visited Eaton Park for the local derby in South East Division Two against Norwich Stars minus three of their first choice riders. Ollly Buxton came in for a rare appearance to help out and he was his ebullient self and performed well, encouraged the team and produced some great team-riding with Aiesha Musa as the Hawks improved in the second-half. Paul Delaiche won his final ride and George Larter-Dixon rode very well without getting the points reward. One of the best cheers from the pits area came when Katie Adams held out for a third place.

NORWICH 96 HETHERSETT 64. Hethersett scores—Ollly Buxton 17+2, Paul Delaiche 13, Jamie Neill 11, Aiesha Musa 9, George Larter-Dixon 7+1, Katie Adams 5, Jamal Musa 2.

The previous day the El-Labany siblings travelled to Sheffield to compete in National Round One of the British Youth and Junior League and Little League Grand Prix. Both had similar experiences. Nyla won her first two races well in the Under-8s but then made a bad start in race three which cost her a vital point and a place in the "A" Final. She then drew gate four in the "B" Final and was edged out and could not better the fourth place.

Luca in the Under-12s had 22 opponents so a tough round. He worked hard for 10 points which gave him a race-off to get in the "C" Final. Like his sister he drew gate four and, although he did well to finish second, there was only one place available so had to settle for the "D" Final which he won comfortably.

Both will be looking to improve on that as the Round Two is at Hethersett on July 29th.

Difficult League Times For Hawks

HAWKS are having a difficult time in South-East Division 2 and travelled to Ipswich without any senior riders being available. The enthusiastic youth team, including seven-year-old Nyla El-Labany, stepped up and received compliments from their hosts for their commitment. Needless to say, against an Ipswich B side that, on-paper looked at full strength, they found it tough and were saved from a total whitewash by a 5-5 in heat 14 by Frank Spauls and Aiesha Musa.

Ipswich B 110 Hethersett 50. (Lola Martin 11, Luca El-Labany 9, Frank Spauls 9, Aiesha Musa 8+1, Jamal Musa 8, Nyla El-Labany 5).

Boosted by the inclusion of Will Clarke for the Youth League match, Hawks were able to be much more competitive with Lola Martin, despite an injury received the previous day, and Aiesha Musa getting a 7-3 win in heat 9 and those two each getting another race win helping to keep the final deficit to just 10 points.

Ipswich Under-16s 85 Hethersett Under-16s 75 (Lola Martin 18+1, Aiesha Musa 13+2, Luca El-Labany 13+1, Jamal Musa 11+1, Will Clarke 9+4, Frank Spauls 9+1, Nyla El-Labany 2).

There were some good performances by Hethersett riders in Round 5 of the South-East Grand Prix series held at the picturesque Somersham track in Suffolk. Nyla El-Labany finished runner-up in the Under-8s while others to reach "A" Finals were Aiesha Musa and Amelia Dodson (3rd and 4th in the girls) and Dave Martin (3rd in the veterans).

Round 6 is at East London on 5th August.

Numbers were lower than usual for Round 6 of the Norfolk GO-RIDE and Grand Prix series at Hethersett due to holidays and school trips. However, it did allow for some others to get among the trophies with Norwich's Zachery Eastwood outstanding in the Under-12s / Under-14s group to register his first win. Three riders made their first showing in the series - Josh Morris, Harley Hamill and a racing debut for veteran John Syer on his birthday.

Full results of finals - (Hethersett unless stated) Under-8 and Under-10 A - 1 Ronnie Harding, 2 Arlo Davies, 3 Nyla El-Labany (1st U8), 4 Isaac Emms (2nd U8).

B - 1 Josh Morris (3rd U8), 2 Michael Whitfield, 3 Jonah Hockey (Norwich), 4 Cerys Williams.

Under-12 and Under-14

A - 1 Zachery Eastwood (Norwich) (1st U12), 2 Luca El-Labany (2nd U12), 3 Lola Martin (3rd U12), 4 Austin Brailey.

B - 1 Jamal Musa.

Under-16 and Senior

A - 1 Dave Martin, 2 Harley Hamill 3, Jamie Medler (Norwich), 4 Harry Everiss (Norwich).

B - 1 John Syer.

Round 7 is at Eaton Park on Sunday 3rd September

Bittersweet Times For The Lawrence Family

Sarah Lawrence continues her monthly column on her family and all things Hethersett. Welcome to Sarah's World.

ANOTHER month gone and it's bittersweet. As I write this, Amelia only has two weeks left of primary school.

I'm finding it hard to process that my baby girl is going to be moving onto the big-bad world of secondary schooling at Hethersett Academy. It doesn't even seem that long ago since I left Hethersett High.

Amelia is nervous and excited. I think her two recent transition days there made it all a bit more real for her. After the first day, she was visibly upset. I think it was down to how big a change it is for them all.

The Woodside children are going from a year group of 60 children, to one of 270 and the school is so much bigger. I remember how I felt when I started. It's daunting having to navigate yourself to lessons after being taken to each one by your teachers.

The second day, thankfully she came home a lot happier. It's going to take a lot of adjusting – for us all – but I know that Amelia will do well there. Though I'm not looking forward to the uniform bill next month!

Woodside is doing a great job of giving our children all the happy memories that they can before they fly the nest and head over the road.

They've done some baking, they're making memory books, and they had a visit from Norfolk Owls who let all of the Year Sixes hold and spend time with the owls (as well as have their picture taken with them) over the course of a school day.

They're still due a disco and pizza party and I'm sure they'll have loads more fun over the next couple of weeks. They're a really great year group, they all definitely deserve it.

It's been a busy month at Woodside. A few days before the Summer Fayre (covered elsewhere in this issue) they held their annual sports day. This year it was held on the gated field behind the school, shared with Hethersett Academy. The ground is a lot better on that field, the Woodside school field is awful, full of holes and sand.

The school said it's because the developers refuse to take responsibility for the poor job that they did. But, I digress. Using the dual use field was a fantastic idea. They removed a couple of fence panels to allow us to walk between, and it worked really well. For the Key Stage One children in the morning, there was a rotation



of different activities that the children took part in, including football dribbling, bean bag throwing and soft javelins. For Key Stage Two children in the afternoon, they used the track that had been painted and each child had a designated race they would take part in, earning points for their House.

Amelia took part in the egg and spoon race and stepped in for a peer who was unwell for the obstacle race too, she did really well. Part of the day was a picnic lunch on the Woodside field. I was quite glad of that as it meant I didn't have to go home in between, but I ended up there all day in the end, having a child in KS1 and KS2. It was a long day, but thankfully I brought a chair!

My birthday fell in June and it happened to fall on the same day as the Royal Norfolk Show. So we took the girls out of school for the day, grabbed my friend Daniel along for the ride and took a trip there for a birthday day out! We took the bus to save on the aggro that is parking there, not to mention avoiding the possibility of losing our car. It made for more of an adventure anyway.

The weather was great on the day we went, not too hot or cold, but my goodness - I forgot how large it is! We did a crazy amount of walking and still didn't see everything.

We made out like bandits with freebies though. I lost count of how many pens, badges and tote bags we came home with! It was a really lovely day, but I think my favourite part of the day was getting the bus on the way back – the journey back to Norwich via the A47 on an open-top bus is not one I'll forget in a hurry!

And finally, I was honoured to be short-listed at the South Norfolk Community Awards for the second time this year, as teased in the last issue of the Hethersett Herald.

The awards were held on the 30th June at Glen Lodge in



The pictures above were taken at this year's Royal Norfolk Show and the one opposite shows Amelia in deep concentration during the school's egg and spoon race.

All photographs courtesy of Sarah Lawrence



Bawburgh, and this time I brought my good friend and all-round amazing person, Hannah Baldry along with me. Hannah does a huge amount for others too, she deserved a nice night out! When we arrived at our table I was seated next to Councillor David Bills, as well as Hannah. I've known David for years - he used to be our neighbour in our first home together – so it was lovely to reminisce and have a laugh.

At our table there was a programme which listed the other people short-listed for each of the awards. I was nominated for the Community Hero of the Year Award – but I was up against some fierce competition as you can imagine! We sat and ate our delicious meals together (I had roast beef and a blackberry and pear crumble) and then the awards began.

I did not win the award this year, but the right person did. Catherine Upton-Browning has done an amazing job of helping Ukrainians settle into Norfolk.

It was such an honour to be nominated again, to represent Hethersett, and to be surrounded by such inspirational people. It's a real celebration of community spirit and I'm so happy to have been invited to go.

Sarah writes every month exclusively in Hethersett Herald.

A Project For All Ages



THE Back Garden project is a project for all ages as our photographs show.

These were taken by Don and Bridget Williamson at the recent get-together for volunteers.

You can read more about the Back Garden which is located in the grounds of Hethersett Village Hall elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.



News From The Parish Council

Below are details of the current 12 parish councillors. There are still two vacancies.

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Sarah Lawrence	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
Vice-Chair	Bridget Williamson	8 Churchfields	810259
Councillors	Paul Everett	7 Haconsfield	07871 700228
	Heath Dakin	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Leslie Dale	46 New Road	810952
	Salena Dawson	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Anne Edwards	6 Queen's Road	812309
	Kelsea Law	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Jonathan Loomer	6 Miller Close	07799608978
	Eileen Mulvaney	C/o Parish Council Office	811997
	Habib Ur Rehman	14 Miller Close	07899 719173
	Jennifer Walpole	16 Cann's Lane	811932

Meeting Dates

Full council meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are: September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th. There is no meeting in August.

The council meets monthly usually on the third Monday of each month.

Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm. For other committee dates refer to the council's website which can be accessed at

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

The website includes agendas, minutes and supporting documentation for items to be discussed at meetings.

Committee and full council meetings are open to the public. Residents are given the opportunity to make comments at the beginning and towards the end of each full council meeting.

News From The Parish Council

How To Contact The Parish Council

The parish clerk can be contacted by telephone on 07902 322729 or via email at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk.

The council has a website at

www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

and also a Facebook page. A full list of councillors appears elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald along with contact details.

Parish Shorts

Items brought up at the July meeting of Hethersett Parish Council include the following.

A large training tower in the grounds of Whitegates off Norwich Road would be totally inappropriate in a residential area, councillors agreed.

The tower proposed would be used for training of Norfolk Fire Service personnel. Councillors are recommending that the idea be turned down by Norfolk County Council. Councillors felt that a much more suitable place for a tower would be the police training complex in the grounds of the former Old Hall School, off the B1172.

Hethersett District Councillor John Moreland referred to the idea as “totally inappropriate.”

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Councillors are still looking for places that tablet blister packs can be taken for re-cycling. They are not happy with suggestions that the packs should be disposed of through household rubbish. “We are disappointed to hear this,” said Councillor Bridget Williamson.

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The local speedwatch scheme now has six volunteers, the meeting heard. Anyone interested in joining the team is asked to contact the council.

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Councillors voiced their concern that a decision has been made to site a new KFC and Costa Coffee behind the existing MacDonalds Store at the Thickthorn interchange despite its objections. Members feel this is another example of their views on matters being ignored.

Henstead Road Parking Concerns

THE council has received complaints from local residents about parking outside the mosque in Henstead Road, particularly during the hours of prayer on Fridays.

At the July council meeting, Habib Ur Rehman who is a parish councillor and also a trustee of the mosque, said the mosque authorities are monitoring the situation and determined not to cause a problem for local residents.

Those attending the mosque on Fridays have already been given permission to park in the village hall car park.

The letter from a resident pointed out the current problems and claimed that parking close to the mosque was making the road dangerous.

“Driving down the road is impossible when the overspill of cars is everywhere. Let alone the parking on paths which is making it impossible to get a push chair through. The parking cannot continue as it is not considerate to others living within the area and is dangerous.”

Councillor Rehman said that Fridays can see between 80 and 90 attendees.

“We ask people to park appropriately. It is simple commonsense and we are working with neighbours to sort out any problems. We ask people to be considerate and are thinking of running a shuttle from the village hall for those who find walking from there to the mosque difficult..

“We understand how important it is to ensure that residents and visitors have convenient and accessible parking options. I want to assure you that we take this matter seriously and are actively taking measures to address the parking problems,” he said.

Councillor Rehman said that volunteers in High Viz vests are encouraging people to park in the village hall on Fridays.

Latest Speed Figures

THE latest speed figures from the mobile SAM 2 machine show that most drivers are still obeying speed limits. The following data was provided by the machine which was situated close to Stuart Close from 18th May to 15th June.

The Sam machine is a mobile speed camera which records data. It doesn't detect individual vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit but can be used to identify problem areas and also provide data for the Police and local councils.

Speed	No of vehicles
10 mph	551
14 mph	3556
20 mph	13,078
25 mph	14,078
30 mph	1939
35 mph	90
40 mph	4
TOTAL	33,301

Village Hall Car Park Repairs

The parish council has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of repairs to the village hall car park. The remainder of the £1400 cost will be met from village hall funds.

The work will see filling in of potholes and other remedial matters of concern.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett
Ketteringham or Little Melton?

ARE YOU

or is someone you know, in need of financial help
because of illness or disability?



Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

- Car adaptations.
- Wheelchair or other mobility items.
- Support during a sudden medical crisis.
- Nebulisers and other equipment.
- Pre-payment certificates for prescriptions.

For further information or to apply for a grant please telephone one of the trustees listed below. If you have a need for something which is not mentioned above please apply and we will try to help.



Alex	07805 242326
Rachel	01603 812596
Mary	01603 811330
Barbara	01603 810502
Christopher	01603 811010
Debby	01603 812221

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

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News From Hethersett Hall



Summer Spangle

We made the most of the gorgeous weather recently with an afternoon outside in the sunshine.

We invited a local steel pan band known as Spangle Pans to come and play in the garden while our residents listened with Pimm's in hand.

A wonderful afternoon was spent singing along to the well known tunes, it was smiles all round.

You can see photographs of our residents and also the band on this page. Photos courtesy of Hethersett Hall.

News From Hethersett Hall

Motorbike Mayhem

Vintage motorbikes descended on the Hall when residents were treated to bikes from all walks of life, from Triumph to Sunbeams, even including a 1926 AJS!

People flocked from the village to see the mint machines in all their glory. Bike enthusiast residents were taken back to their youth with the sounds and smells of the engines.

One gentleman said: "I remember my first bike, it was a Vespa, which I bought for 1 bag of cement and 15 shillings."



Village Talk

Making the most of the nice weather recently, a walk down to Hethersett was in order. Our resident Gene Ewart (pictured above) has lived in Hethersett for decades and he loved telling me its history as we made our way into the village

Considering all the talking we were doing it seemed only fair that we stopped at the Queen's Head for a drink in the sunshine.

News From Hethersett Hall



Notcutts and Natter

We took a trip to our local garden centre Notcutts and had a good look round and one of our residents was in his element picking out a number of plants and telling us about them.

Quiz Time



We hosted a quiz and chips night and had bottles of bubbly and chocolates for the winners and runners up.

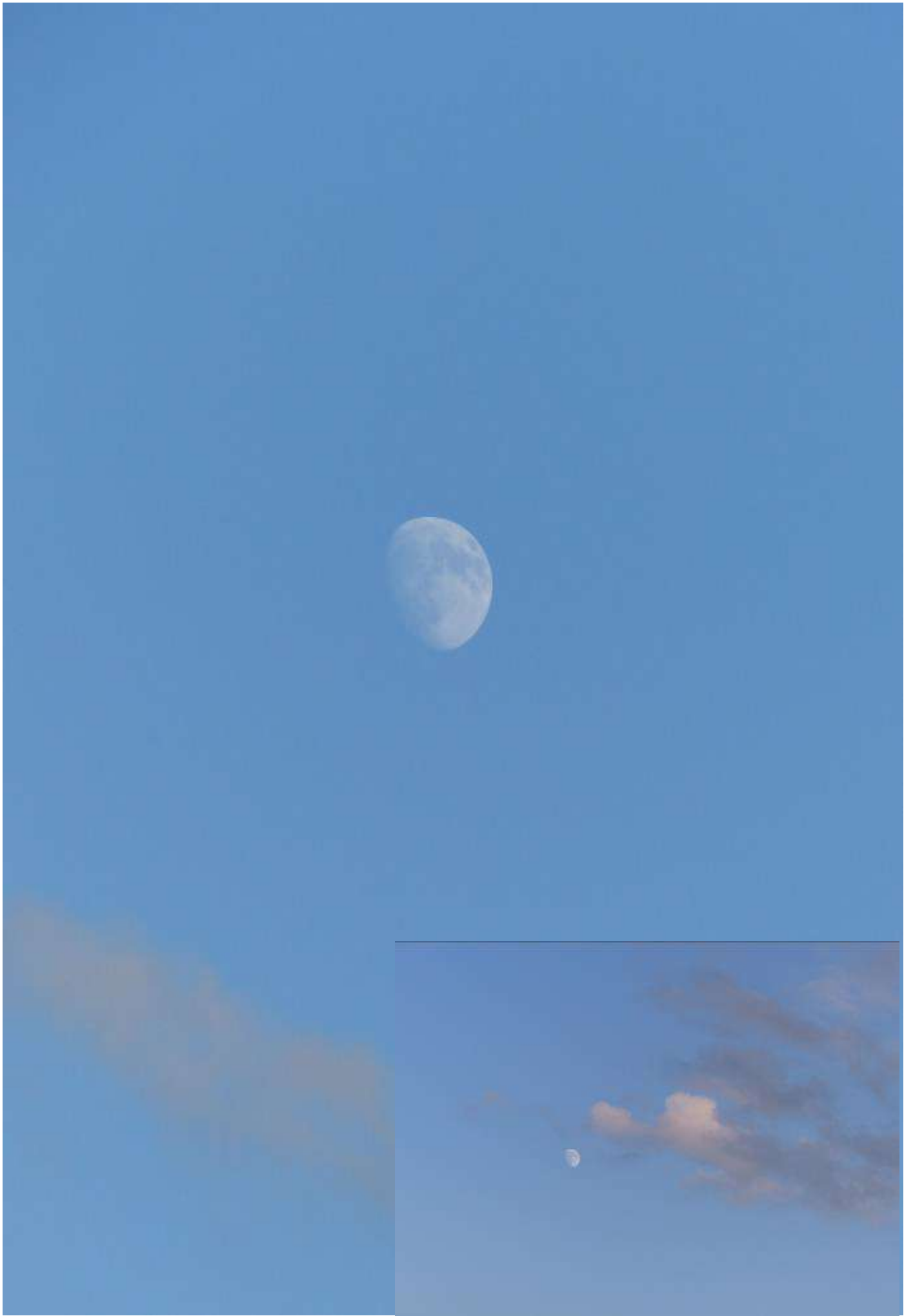
After settling everyone into their teams and serving drinks it was time for the first round - General Knowledge. After the round finished we had a short break to serve the cartons of chips and top up drinks. Then we carried on with the second round - Music. Well done to The Thickies in first place and in second place Norfolk N Good!



John Head's Photographic Diary

Regular columnist John Head continues his photographic diary of Hethersett with a series of photographs that depict the moon chasing the setting sun around Hethersett Fields. In this case the field opposite New Road.











Hetherset Community Post Office

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Friday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Sunday: Closed

Hetherset Social Club Opening Hours

THE latest list of opening hours for Hetherset Social Club are as follows:

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

Join The Email Group

We currently use Social Media to inform residents when a new edition of Hethersett Herald is published.

We also post copies of new editions, along with an archive of editions from the past seven and a half years, on the website www.hethersettherald.weebly.com.

If you would like to be alerted via e-mail of the publication of a new edition please send an e-mail requesting this service to the editor—petersteward@sky.com. We will now be sending the Herald as an attachment to those who have registered their e-mail address with us.

Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to any third parties and will be used exclusively for notification of new publications.

The September 2023 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of August, bringing you news and views from the village.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by August 15th at the latest.

We are happy to consider items for publication either on Hethersett or written by Hethersett residents on other subjects and they can be sent to

petersteward@sky.com

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Please share details of the Herald so we can increase our readership.

Council/Government Contact Numbers

Below are the contact details for people you may want to get in touch with on village matters:

Member of Parliament

Our MP is Richard Bacon who can be contacted through the following:

Email - Richard@richardbacon.org.uk.

Address: Grasmere, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LE.

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

Our Norfolk County Council representative is David Bills who can be contacted on 01603 813041.

South Norfolk Council

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are John Morland, Kathryn Cross and David Bills. David Bills can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk, Kathryn Cross can be contacted on 0722 019116 and John Morland can be contacted on 01603 813247.

Hethersett Parish Council

Clerk to the council Annette Palmer can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Sarah Lawrence can be contacted via the clerk.

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Village Hall. The planning committee meets on the first and third Monday (depending on planning applications).

Agendas of meetings are displayed on village noticeboards at Churchfields, Hethersett Library, Hethersett Post Office, the Memorial Playing Field, and Hethersett Village Hall.

Copies of minutes are held at the library or are available from the clerk. The parish council office is currently closed but will eventually be open in the Back Room at the Village Hall (upstairs) on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon.

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

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HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



Insp Louise BISHOP
Local Policing Commander

The Local Policing Commander is responsible for a group of Safer Neighbourhoods teams. The Inspector also works with our partners and communities to reduce crime in your neighbourhood and focus efforts on the priorities that matter to you.



101 Ext: 5635



Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk



PC Vicky BAILEY
Engagement Officer

Your Engagement Officer is here to provide communications and updates regarding your neighbourhood as well as co-ordinate volunteers, specials, community speedwatch and / or cadets.

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.



101 Ext: 1113



Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk



PC Stu BARNARD
Beat Manager

Your Beat Manager PC is here to engage with the local communities and work to solve local issues and priorities within your neighbourhood.

The Beat Manager's aim is to keep your neighbourhood as a safe place to live, work and visit.



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Where To Eat In Hethersett

Janey's Village Café -

32A Mill Road. Telephone 01603 811234. e-mail - janeyd11@yahoo.co.uk. Janey's is open from 9 am Wednesdays to Sundays inclusive.

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

Food served Monday to Thursday 11.45 am to 2 pm (lunch) and 6-8.30 pm (evening meal). Friday and Saturday 11.45 am to 2.15 pm and 5.30 to 9.30 pm. Sunday carvery sittings at midday and 2 pm. Evening meals 5 to 8.30 pm.

Park Farm Hotel

On the B1172 at Hethersett. NR9 3DL. Telephone 01603 810264. e-mail enq@parkfarm-hotel.co.uk.

Park Farm is a luxury country hotel with spa and fitness facilities and a number of places to eat throughout the day. For more information visit their website at <https://www.parkfarm-hotel.co.uk>.

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

Café Kin is part of the Rowan House Vets on Queen's Road. Food and coffee from Monday to Friday inclusive.

You will also find a variety of eating outlets close to the Thickthorn Services area off the B1172. These are technically in Hethersett, although they are two miles from the village centre. Outlets include Burger King, Subway and McDonalds and there is also a petrol station and Travelodge.

Hethersett King's Head has re-opened and is serving food seven days a week from midday to 3 pm and 6 until 9 pm.

Comparing Petrol Prices

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda, Hall Road, Norwich	141.9	NC	144.9	NC
Tesco Express, Hall Road, Norwich	141.9	-1p	144.9	NC
Sainsbury's, Queen's Road, Norwich	141.9	NC	144.9	NC
Tesco, Harford Bridges, Norwich	141.9	-1p	144.9	NC
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	142.9	-1p	145.9	NC
Abbeygate, Wymondham	149.9	NC	153.9	NC
Waitrose, Wymondham	149.9	NC	152.9	NC
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	151.9	+3p	154.9	+3p

EACH month we check prices at eight petrol stations in easy reach of Hethersett and see how much prices have risen or fallen.

It is interesting to note as the summer holidays are upon us that prices are holding steady, although Thickthorn Services have increased its prices.

Unfortunately the three stations closest to Hethersett—Abbeygate at Wymondham, Waitrose at Wymondham and Thickthorn Services, continue to be the most expensive fuel around.

Please Send Us Your Reports

WE are looking to improve and expand our groups and societies section. If you would like your organisation to be featured in Hethersett Herald please contact the editor via e-mail at petersteward@sky.com

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above e-mail address.

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Groups and Societies

First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

9:30 – 10:45 every Tuesday during term time



£2 per child (£1 each for additional children within your family group)

Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

Booking essential – booking window opens the Wednesday before the next session.

To book, please email the address above. You will receive a confirmation reply if space allows. Spaces are limited!

Find us on Facebook – First Steps Hethersett Stay & Play Playgroup

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Gardening Club with Leslie Dale

At our last meeting, Barry Gayton illustrated some of 'The Weird and Wonderful of the Plant Kingdom'.

Barry, a very well known radio gardening programme contributor with many decades of gardening experience having begun at age seven, hosts countless species of plants at his site near Thetford; many are cacti, which survive in his garden, renowned for being the coldest place in Norfolk.

Barry showed us many photos of perhaps 30 different species which are too many to note individually in this report.

We saw unusual tree barks, including one in a spiral. The Aonium plant species of the Canary Islands which mimic the "Fibonacci" mathematical series in their flower like leafy rosette structures and another amazing plant species were cacti, especially the very tall ones which when dessicated show a girder like structure to give vertical strength.

The Hethersett Gardening Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month excepting December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road.

All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th August when Rosemary Ward, will talk about 'Jewels in the Clouds' – a talk on mountain plants, both growing in the wild and in the garden.

Leslie Dale, Committee Secretary: lsldale@yahoo.co.uk.

Hethersett Woman's Institute with Margot Markham

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.

Hethersett Mothers' Union with Kate Reynolds

During our June meeting we shared reminiscences of a safari holiday in South Africa. Sue Head explained the wonder of being almost in touching distance of some of the wildlife there. We were transfixed whilst watching and sharing their marvelous photography from the trip. We are at present looking forward to our meeting in July which will be an Afternoon Tea open to all.

August is our holiday month so our next MU meeting will be on Monday 24th September and will take the form of an "Activities Afternoon".

Hethersett Mothers Union meets on the last Monday of the month at St. Remigius Church at 1.30 pm

Have a lovely Summer!

Groups and Societies



Members of Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café have enjoyed two very different activities in the last month.

On the first Tuesday, Celia Alden and her Tuesday morning yoga group, which meets each week in the upper room of the Methodist Church, led the café members in a chair workout, concentrating on breathing and simple movement of each body part.

On July 4th, in keeping with Wimbledon fortnight, it was strawberry time with scones and cream and cake. This was preceded by a visit to the garden of Mrs June Key in Great Melton Road where the above photograph was taken. Both events were enthusiastically received by café members.

Our August café will take place on the 1st and 15th in the Methodist Church Hall in Great Melton Road from 10 am.

On the first, Angela Bishop, representing the John Hurt trust from Cinema City, will reminisce about cinema through the ages. The 15th will be a games and quiz morning. A third café of the month will take place at Hethersett Hall in their library from 10 am on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The up to date programme is above.

August 1st	"Cinema" with Angela Bishop
August 15th	Quiz and Games Morning
August 22nd	Hethersett Hall
September 5th	Time For A Chat
September 19th	Hethersett with Mike Delph
September 26th	Hethersett Hall
October 3rd	AGM and Bingo
October 17th	Taverham Choir
October 24th	Hethersett Hall
November 7th	Time For A Chat
November 21st	Christmas Crafts with Georgette Vale
November 28th	Hethersett Hall
December 5th	Carols with the Methodist Singers
December 19th	Christmas Traditions with Angela Bishop

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Hethersett Herald What's On

The following are just some of the regular events taking place in Hethersett. If you have an event you would like to see featured in Hethersett Herald, please send details including its date, time and venue to the following email address: petersteward@sky.com.

You can also visit Hethersett Parish Council's community directory on its website.

Hethersett Croquet Club meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays during the summer. During the winter the group play indoor games in Hethersett Queen's Head.

Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on Wednesdays. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Hethersett Methodist Church now offers Wednesday morning coffee from 10 am.

First Steps pre-school Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall. See poster in this edition.

Hethersett Forget Me Not Group's (formerly Hethersett Dementia Support Group) monthly cafés take place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am every first and third Tuesday. There is a social morning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30 am. A more structured meeting then takes place on the third Tuesday from 10 am until midday.

Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club plays each week in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons. The club opens at 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start and finish around 4.30 pm with a tea and biscuit break also included.

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Bowls Club meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 pm from April.

If you would like your event featured in Hethersett Herald just send an e-mail to the editor with details.

YOU can read more about Hethersett along with Little and Great Melton in our sister publication Good News which can be delivered to your door at the end of each month.

The magazine has been in existence for over 150 years and includes news and coming services for the three Church of England churches in the Benifice—St Remigius at Hethersett, All Saints at Little Melton and All Saints at Great Melton. There is also news from Hethersett Methodist Church.



Good News also includes adverts for local businesses and trades people. Each edition costs just 50p and an annual subscription is just £4 for 12 issues. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact Kim Arnall on 01953 308309.



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 1st August 2023.**

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Methodist Church dates for your diary include the following.

The Art and Craft Group meets every Wednesday at 10 am. Please contact Tina Greenhalgh for information on 01603 810364.

The **Wednesday Coffee Stop** is open every Wednesday from 9 am until noon. Fresh coffee will be served. Please come and enjoy with a group of friends.

Men's Mardle meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

Wymondham Helicopter Group presents the following Charity Shows in Aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity at Wymondham Central Hall

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A Tribute to The Four Seasons



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**Evening of
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Seasons
16th Sept**

**ABBA - Kiss
the Teacher
11th Nov**

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The Sinking of the Lancastria

Herald historian and columnist John Head takes us back to June 17th, 1940, and the sinking of the RMS Lancastria (pictured below)



I AM still surprised how few people know of the greatest maritime disaster in British history which claimed the lives of more people than on the Lusitania and the Titanic combined; the sinking of RMS (HMT) Lancastria.

The key reasons for this tragic event having limited attention are due to the publicity paid to the 'miracle of deliverance' at Dunkirk and Churchill banning the reporting of the loss.

The successful evacuation of Dunkirk finished on June 6th 1940 with 338,000 soldiers, mainly from the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), being lifted from the Dunkirk beachheads. It was acknowledged that Britain had got its army back ...or had it?

There were still many soldiers of the BEF, who, by 17th June 1940, were still trapped south of the River Somme. These totalled about 67,000 and comprised mainly of logistical support staff, most of whom were to be evacuated from St Nazaire by being ferried by smaller boats to larger vessels anchored off the coast. This objective formed part of 'Operation Aerial,' the evacuation of Allied forces and civilians from the ports in Western France from 15th to 25th June 1940.

One of the largest of the vessels involved in the St Nazaire evacuation was the 16,243 ton RMS Lancastria which, having been requisitioned and refitted as a troopship in New York, became known as HMT (His Majesty's Troopship) Lancastria.

Complete with crew in peace time, Lancastria was permitted to carry close to 2000 passengers. The captain of the Lancastria, Rudolf Sharp, knew, at a push, he could take up to 3000 passengers following Lancastria's recent involvement in April 1940 when she formed part of 20 troopships in 'Operation Alphabet', the evacuation of troops from Norway.

Owing to the port of St Nazaire having to be accessed along a tidal channel, late on 16th June 1940 Lancastria anchored some five miles west of St Nazaire together with some 30 other merchant vessels of all sizes.

On 17th June when loading began, despite protests, Captain Sharp was ordered by a boarding naval officer to take as many as could be loaded, regardless of

regulation limits, as it was deemed an emergency situation.

The number embarking on the Lancastria soon exceeded 6000 when it was witnessed that people were boarding without being counted. These included not only Allied forces personnel, but civilians including women and children. No exact figure is known about how many boarded the Lancastria but it is commonly thought there were up to 7500 on board although estimates go as high as 9000.

The assembled fleet off St Nazaire did not go unnoticed by the enemy who guessed it would be an evacuation point. This would become a key target for them to prevent Allied forces escaping hence ensuring they would not be able to return to the arena of conflict.

The task would fall to Kempfgeschwader 30, a squadron of Ju (Junkers) 88 bombers trained in anti-shipping and maritime attack, which was stationed at Chièvres air base. St Nazaire was to provide 'rich pickings.'

On 17th June the aerial attacks began and at 1.50 pm the



Oransay (pictured above), also a requisitioned troopship and anchored near Lancastria, suffered a hit to her bridge.

The Fatal Decision

Seeing Oransay being hit, the Lancastria remained anchored instead of taking evasive action. Captain Sharp could have departed but waited for a destroyer escort and for the Oransay to recover in order to travel together with other ships in a convoy formation. This would deter attack from the air and from U-Boats. On her own she would have been a 'sitting duck'. However, there would have been a chance to get back the short distance to Britain instead of remaining exposed under air attack.

At 3.45 pm the Luftwaffe carried out another attack during which four bombs hit the Lancastria. One was a direct hit on/down the funnel the other three hit holds two, three and four. Hold Two contained 800 RAF personnel who were all but wiped out and Hold Three saw the release of

hundreds of tons of fuel oil. It only took 25 minutes for the Lancastria to keel over and sink.

There were not enough lifeboats to accommodate this situation and several had also been destroyed in the attack. Many who jumped from the Lancastria died either by hitting the side of the ship or by not holding their Mae West lifejackets correctly which broke their necks when hitting the water.

Of those who initially survived, many succumbed to the effects of exhaustion and the fuel oil whilst others fell victim to strafing by the Luftwaffe.

What is known is the total that survived the disaster, this being 2477. What is not known is how many were on board at the time. If this was, as reported, between 7000 and 9000 then the loss would have been between 4500 and 6500, making it the greatest maritime disaster Britain had ever suffered. The pictures below are of the Lancastria sinking

When information of the sinking reached Winston Churchill, he immediately issued a D notice. This is more fully known as a DSMA-Notice (Defence and Security

Media Advisory Notice) which is an official request to news editors not to publish or broadcast items on specified subjects for reasons of national security. It was also thought by Churchill to be bad for public morale following so close to the Dunkirk evacuation. However, by the end of July 1940 the New York Times and The Scotsman published an account of the loss. Churchill admitted that he forgot to lift the notice owing to the pressures the country was under at the time. Therefore, documents concerning the loss of the Lancastria remain classified for 100 years (until 2040). Whilst approaches have been made to release the documents, these approaches have been declined. Nevertheless, the Ministry of Defence in 2015 stated that all known documents had been released to the National Archives and therefore are now in the public domain.

Today there is still talk of cover up or conspiracy theories concerning the sinking of the Lancastria, although proof of the latter has been very flimsy. Strangely enough the same has been said over the sinking of the Lusitania on 7th May 1915 – stranger still, Churchill was also involved.

In 2006 the French Government afforded the disaster site official protection as a war grave

At the bottom of this page is a photograph of the Lancastria Memorial Plaque which is at the Poerhead in Liverpool.

There are also memorials to the Lancastria on the River Clyde and at St Nazaire

Photographs/Images

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Photo 2 SS Oransay - Wikipedia

Photo 3 Lancastria sinking – Historic UK and IWM

Photo 4 BBC News

Photo 5 Lancastria Association

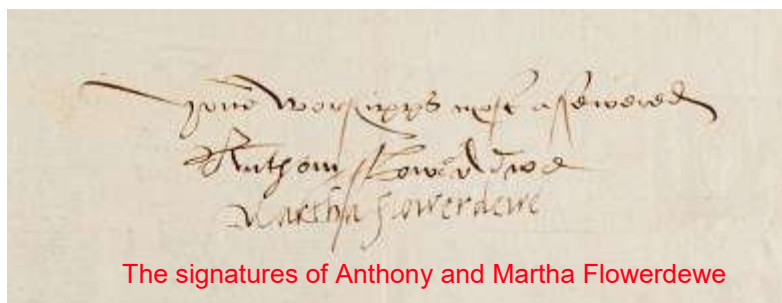
Photo 6 National Museum Liverpool

Photographs 3, 4 and 5 were taken from HMS Highlander by Frank Clements a volunteer who was therefore exempt from using a camera which applied to military personnel. The Highlander was ferrying troops from St Nazaire harbour to the Lancastria at the time.



A Famous Hethersett Family

Historian Lewis Buckingham continues his journey through Hethersett history with a continuation of his look at Hethersett Lords and the notorious Flowerdew Family.



1565- 1580 - FitzWilliam's Moiety

Anthony Flowerdew

When John Flowerdew died in 1565, his eldest son William, along with his wife Frances had predeceased him. Their only son Anthony was aged 17.

As he was under age, his uncle, Baron Edward Flowerdew, took over his wardship and control of the moiety of Hethersett Cromwells that John had left to Anthony's father. Anthony ran a line of credit against his uncle, racking up bills in many places, that his uncle in the end would have to pay upon his behalf.

After his majority, he went into increasing debt, taking out repeated loans from his uncle Edward. His wife Martha became incredibly worried at the rate her husband was going through his inheritance. She unsuccessfully tried to stop his sale of the timber of what had been known as the High Wood in Hethersett. Eventually, about 1583, Anthony was forced to sell his moiety of the Manor to his uncle Edward for life. Afterwards it would revert to the rightful heirs of Anthony.

1565- c1601 - Knyvett's Moiety

Thomas Flowerdew

Thomas inherited Knyvett's Moiety of the Manor by the last Will of his Father John.

1580- 1586 - FitzWilliam's Moiety

Baron Edward Flowerdew

Edward bought his nephew's share of the Manor around 1583 for the remainder of his life. The agreement was that he would hold the moiety of the Manor for his lifetime, and then it would return to Anthony and his wife

Martha for the terms of their lives, and then to their male heirs. Should there be none, it would go to each of Edward's brothers and their male heirs, starting with Christopher.

Six years later in 1586 the Baron caught gaol fever while presiding at Court and died.

1586- 1587 - FitzWilliam's Moiety

Anthony Flowerdew

Regained this moiety of the manor upon his uncle Edward's death. He almost immediately "sold" it. The Capital Messuage - or Manor House - of the Manor, was Thickthorns, which he sold to Robert Ball, his wife Martha's half brother. The remainder of his half of the Manor went to his uncle Thomas, who held Knyvitt's moiety.

By law they all still belonged to Anthony, as Baron Edward's Will stipulated it must go to his male heirs etc etc. Effectively, though, he no longer had control of them.

Anthony's daughter Temperance, has since become well known as one of the early colonists at Jamestown. Wife of one of the governors, and eventually the richest Woman in the Colony. Her brother Stanley also lived in Jamestown, as well as a nephew.

1587 - c1601 Lord of Both Moieties

Thomas Flowerdew

Thomas was lord of both moieties, however as above, he only had the rights of Lordship to Fitzwilliam's moiety.

Anthony Flowerdew and his male heirs still technically owned it.

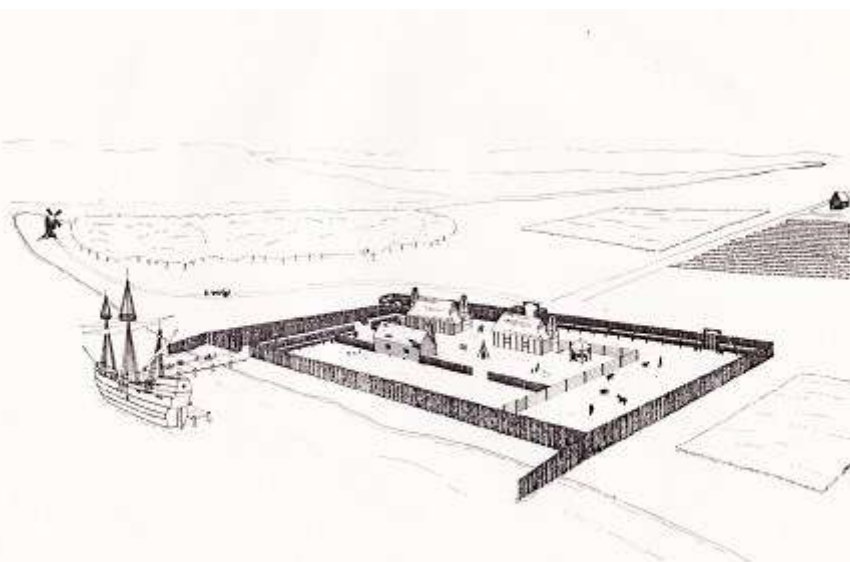
He held it until his death some time around 1600

c1601-1619

Thomas Flowerdew

Thomas inherited from his father some time around 1600 and, in 1602, married Thomasin Ruge. He made over some property to his wife as a jointure, and the rest was variously mortgaged and rented out around 1611 in an effort to raise money for Ireland.

His cousin's daughter Temperance had headed to the Americas just previously and he tried his hand in the newly proposed Plantation of Ulster in Ireland. He bought in to the venture and had 2000 acres of land.



FLOWERDEW HUNDRED PLANTATION
CONJECTURAL APPEARANCE OF FORTIFIED AREA, c.1620's

Thomas died in 1619 in Ireland.

? -c1620

Christopher Flowerdewe

Another brother of Thomas and Edward Flowerdew.

Said in some places to be lord of the manor - although this was perhaps only in his capacity as one of the executors of his brother the Baron.

We play guess who with the Lords of the Manor

With Thomas's death without heirs in 1619, Christopher was his next of kin. Stanley Flowerdewe, only son of Anthony Flowerdew had died in 1620 without issue. As his share in the manor was entailed to male heirs only, it should also have gone to Christopher or his male heirs (if any).

All of this was a technicality, as the Manor was so mortgaged and encumbered in various ways that it was entirely unclear what was happening to anyone even at the time.

Christopher died in 1620, before probate was sorted out for Thomas four years later. So if he was due to inherit the manor, it wasn't possible until after his death.

The reason for the late probate, was that everyone seemed to have forgotten that Anthony Flowerdewe's wife Martha had the right of ownership of the Manor for the term of her life - even if the Lordship has been "sold" to Thomas Flowerdew earlier.

This meant that when her son Stanley sold the manor to Edward Ramsey he had no right to do so. Communication between America, Norfolk and Ireland can't have been all that easy, so presumably there was ample opportunity for wrong-headed notions of who owned what to take plant.

When Martha died in 1624, Thomas Flowerdewe's will was finally proved, which left Raphe the clear successor.

c1620- 1625 Moiety

Raphe Flowerdewe

Technically, he inherited the entire manor upon the death of his father Christopher.

The confusion settled down in 1624, and Raphe promptly sold his share to Edward Ramsay. It's probable that this had been sorted out in advance, as Ramsay had already "bought" the Manor from Stanley Flowerdewe previously. It was most likely a form of Quitclaim - a legal document where family members who may potentially have an interest in some property waive their rights for a fee.

1625-1629 Moiety

Edward Ramsay

Purchased Ralph Flowerdewe's moiety of Hethersett Manor. His father Roger had been the mayor of Norwich. He held Thickethorne, and Edward inherited

this as well upon his father's death in 1631.

1629-1641

John Gostlin

John inherited the Manor from Edward Ramsay as his nephew and heir at law - no will having been made. Ramsay's illegitimate brother Robert believed he should have inherited because Edward Ramsey "showed and carried an enormous affection to him."

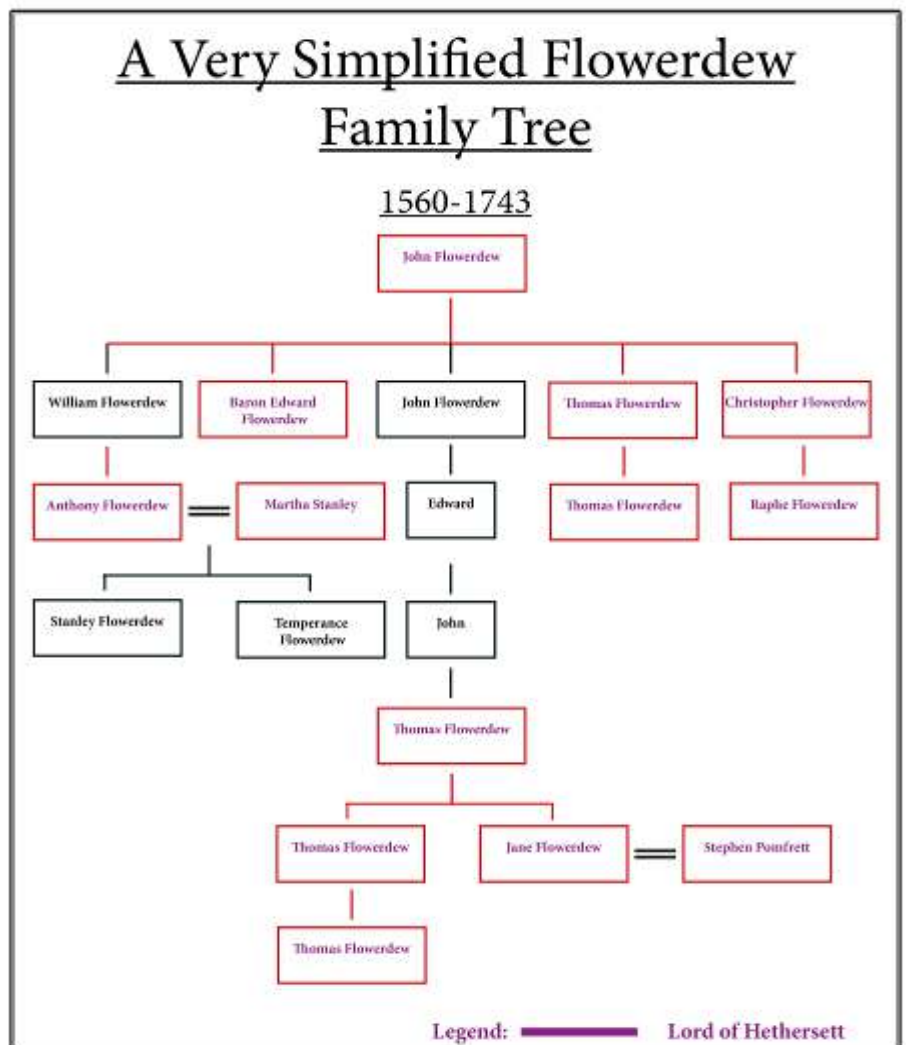
Robert cornered Gostlin - who was a student at Cambridge - and convinced him the Manor was worth only £90 a year. Gostlin agreed to sell it to him the same night, and the exchange was rushed through immediately. Gostlin left and ran into a friend shortly after who told him the Manor was worth £500 a year.

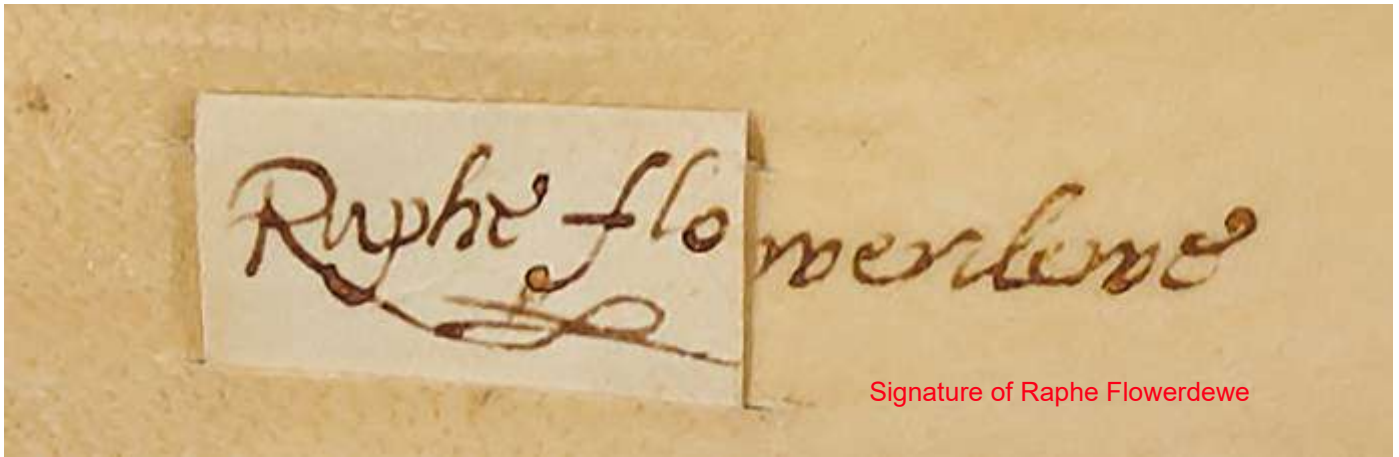
A court case ensued, and Gostlin ended up with the Manor.

It was he who gifted the **advowson** - the right to choose



Thomas Flowerdewe in 1603 - aged 26





the next Rector - of Hethersett to Gonville and Caius college at Cambridge.

1642-1662

William Trendle

Upon the death of John Gostlin, his executors were tasked with selling the Manor of Hethersett. William, who was already the Steward of the Manor, purchased it and became Lord. He was a lawyer based in Norwich.

He gave the Manor of Hethersett to his son in law Nicholas Burwell in his Will.

1662-1670

Nicholas Burwell

Nicholas was a lawyer who hailed originally from Suffolk. He was a member of Gray's Inn and married William Trendle's daughter Susan.

Nicholas enfeoffed the Manor to Thomas Townshend and John Fisher, in May 1670 on the occasion of his daughter Mary's marriage to Sir John Pettus. This was to ensure that they would inherit without any legal entanglements.

Nicholas died five months later.

1670-1677

Sir John Pettus

John was the sixth son of Thomas Pettus, Baronet of Rackheath and as such had little prospect of succeeding to that title. A year after his marriage to Mary Burwell, however, (and their acquisition of Hethersett Manor) he became the 3rd Baronet of Rackheath. They had nine children, none of whom inherited Hethersett as it was sold in 1677 to John Ayde Lord of Horstead in Norfolk. Ayde was likely a friend of his, later becoming appointed by Pettus as an Administrator of his Will.

1677-1691

John Ayde

First Lord of all the Manors of Hethersett

John purchased the Manor from Sir John Pettus for £840, which included the Manor of Hethersett Hacons. He separately purchased the Manor of Hethersett Woodhall, and so became the First Lord of all Three Manors of Hethersett.

His father Thomas had been born in Hethersett, and John himself was born in Ketteringham. Although he became Lord of Horstead (amongst other places) he lived in Ketteringham.

1691 -1701

Thomas Flowerdew

Thomas purchased all three Manors from John Ayde, the total coming to £960, plus a further £800 to clear a mortgage Ayde had made.

Although a Merchant of Eltham, in Kent, his family was of Hethersett. Thomas's grandfather Edward was the grandson of John Flowerdew - who first bought the two moieties of Hethersett Cromwells Manor. Edward's father John died when he was eight years old. An uncle by marriage took over the care of Edward and his siblings. This uncle proceeded to speculate with their inheritance, and embezzled it to the point that the children - as soon as they reached majority - took him to court. It required an act of parliament, a second chancery case and a further 15 years before the children received their compensation, more than 30 years after their father's death.

It's no stretch of the imagination to conceive that Thomas had been fired by a sense of familial loss and injustice, which led him to eventually purchase the ancestral Flowerdew manors in Hethersett.

Thomas married Mary Dee, who was the daughter of Rowland Dee. Rowland was the grandson of Elizabeth I's astrologer and Magician John Dee.

Thomas and his father in law must have been close - or at least they ended up that way. When he died, Thomas was buried above Rowland in the same grave.

1701-1710

Thomas Flowerdew

Thomas inherited upon the death of his father. He placed the Manors in trust for the use of himself and his then intended Wife Mary Scott as a jointure for her. It was a good thing he did, for he promptly died three years later.

1710-1716

Thomas Flowerdew

Thomas inherited the three manors as an infant of three years of age. His mother remarried to George Hatley (who was probably the only father he remembered).

Hatley had a business importing Tobacco from Virginia, some perhaps grown on the same fields that Temperance Flowerdew's family had once owned. When Thomas came of age he joined his step-father in the business, which became known as Hatley and Flowerdew.

By what must have been clear logic to the lawyers, Thomas's mother Mary and her new husband sued her



Signature and Seal of Jane Pomfret

nine year old son Thomas in 1716. As a result they were able to sell all three manors to Thomas's uncle Stephen Pomfret for a total of £1650

1716-1724

Stephen Pomfret

Married to Thomas Flowerdewe's Aunt Jane (Flowerdew), Stephen bought the three manors of Hethersett from Thomas. There is no indication that he took a direct hand in affairs. He is never mentioned in the Court rolls, and it's possible that this purchase was actually an enfeoffment of some kind, geared towards Thomas's preferment.

1724-1742

Jane Pomfret

When Jane's husband Stephen died in 1724, she inherited the Manors of Hethersett. She also seems to have had a hands off approach.

In 1742 she sold the manors out of the family. It's possible that this was in some way to help her nephew Thomas, as in the same year Thomas's stepfather died, and Thomas re-incorporated his Tobacco importation firm under the name of "Flowerdew and Norton." The Norton here was John Norton, nephew, of Thomas Flowerdewe's stepfather, who had joined the firm in the 1730s. Norton looked after the Virginia side of the business, while Flowerdewe looked after the office in London.

In 1742 Jane sold the Manors to Edward Atkyns, who had just bought the Manor of Ketteringham. The Flowerdewes had owned the Manors of Hethersett off and on for just shy of 180 years.

The new Lord would also begin a family concern, but the manors would not long remain in his family. Afterwards, they would become the purview of the lawyers, and of at times inscrutable layers of obfuscation and enfeoffment



SUNDAY, 27th AUGUST 2023

NORFOLK PLANT HERITAGE FAIR

Our second Plant Fair for 2023 will offer 20 plus professional nurseries on the field, along with our own plant stand. There will also be specialist nurseries in the Hall, along with the Plant Doctor, home made refreshments and the second hand book stall. Entry is free for members and £2 for non members.

Place: Hethersett Village Hall, 10 am to 1 pm

Business Opening Hours

This is a free service for businesses in Hethersett. If you would like your opening hours posted here please e-mail details to petersteward@sky.com

Kin Café at Rowan House in Queen's Road is open on Monday to Friday from 8 am until 4 pm, You can find the café as part of the Rowan House complex in Queen's Road.

Hethersett Butchers in Great Melton Road is open from 7.30 am until 5 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 7.30 am until 1 pm on Wednesday and from 7.30 am until 12.30 pm on Saturday.

Group Meeting Dates

Paint With Us Art Group—The Paint With Us Art Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Thursdays from 1.30 pm until 4 pm.



Come and Join Us
at the

Coffee Stop

9am to 12pm
Every Wednesday

Hethersett Methodist Church

Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB

is offering

a Gathering Space

A space for all, as well as an opportunity for Ukrainians settling in the area, to meet each other.

a Coffee

(Tea and Squash is also available!)

a Warm Welcome

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