



Sarah Lawrence, Mike Stark and Adrienne Quinlan pictured outside the new pavilion.

## Playing Field Pavilion Completed

IT may have been a low key ceremony but it was an important day for the village as three stalwarts came together to mark the completion of the new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

Chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Sarah Lawrence, Chairman of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees Mike Stark and former chairman of the parish council Adrienne Quinlan were on hand as the keys to the new building were handed over by the builders.

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Certainly it hasn't been full on plain sailing for the new building but we now have something the village can be proud of and something I feared at times that we would never see.

This edition of Herald, celebrates the new build and looks back on over a decade in the making.

We have also expanded our index pages following a request from one of our readers.

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Sarah was nominated in the Community Hero section of the awards with the winners due to be announced on June 30th, just after this edition of Hethersett Herald went to press.

You can find out how Sarah did in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

**IT'S been a road that at times has been rocky, but the new community pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field has been completed and the keys have been handed over by the builders to Hethersett Parish Council. Over the next few pages we look at how the building came about and how it will be run in the future.**

IT took under a year to go from this



To This



IT was over a decade ago that a decision was made that something had to be done about the antiquated pavilion and changing block on the Memorial Field.

Plans were drawn up, planning permission gained and eventually modified and renewed and then the project was taken over by Hethersett Parish Council which applied for significant grants and loans.

The result is the magnificent building that we have today. You can read about some of the ups and downs that brought the building to life over the next few pages.

Our photographic gallery over the next pages show how progress on the new building was made. Work to demolish the old pavilion started on August 16th, 2022 and work was completed on the new building on June 9th—just under 300 days later.

Throughout this period Herald and the parish council took regular photographs of progress and on the next few pages you can see how the new pavilion developed to provide the village with top class facilities for both sport and community events.



September 9th



November 2022





January 2023



February 2023

March 2023



May 2023





THE extraordinary meeting of Hethersett Parish Council called to sort out a number of points ahead of the official handing over of the new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field threatened to turn into a farce on June 7th. Here Peter Steward gives his views on that meeting and the situation with regards to the pavilion.



## A Feeling of Pride

TO say that I felt like bursting into tears at an extraordinary meeting of Hethersett Parish Council might be putting things rather strongly. Let's just say that I was hugely disappointed at what went on with that meeting.

Disappointed at the way bickering and points scoring had overshadowed the achievements of so many people that have turned the dream of a pavilion that the village could be proud of into reality.

## A Personal View by Peter Steward

It was over a decade ago, when I was a trustee of the playing field, that three of us got together in my study to put forward a proposal for a new building to replace the antiquated and unfit for purpose pavilion on the playing field.

We knew it wasn't going to be an easy task as others had tried and failed before. But this time there was an

enthusiasm and determination to see things through and determination to make things happen.

Plans were drawn up and submitted to South Norfolk Council and myself and Ian Fieldhouse travelled to a meeting of the planning committee where our application was being heard.

We were proud to leave that meeting with unanimous support from councillors after we had answered a few basic questions. They were as happy with the idea as we were.

For a number of reasons the project suffered fits and starts for sometime and the cost began to rise but there was still a determination on the part of the trustees to see the matter through.

The turning point came when Hethersett Parish Council put its weight behind the project and former chairman Adrienne Quinlan (who is pictured here) was a huge supporter. I had long left the playing field trustees due to the sheer weight of other voluntary work, but I remained a huge supporter of the project.

Working together, the parish council and the Memorial Field Trustees obtained grants including a major injection of cash from the Football Foundation. A loan was also taken out and work started on what had become an £800,000 project.

First thing was to demolish the old building and that took under a week.



Then the real work began to build a new pavilion. I felt a sense of relief and celebration. Relief that at last the project had been followed through and celebration that our village would at last have the facilities that it fully deserved.

Although no longer directly involved in and with the project I continued to report on progress on a monthly basis through Hethersett Herald and regular readers will know that we have featured photographs of the progress of the development every month since. Many of those photographs appear in this edition of Herald.

I still have a feeling of pride in what has been achieved by so many people. In the building itself, in the work of the trustees, working to a clear business plan and to a small part in the process that I played in the early days.

I dreamed of the day the building would be finished and, at times, thought that many of us wouldn't live to see the day. But on June 14th, three of the prime movers in making things happen—Adrienne Quinlan, Sarah Lawrence and Mike Stark, got together on the Memorial Field as a gesture of thanks to all the work that had been put in.

The furore at the extraordinary meeting of the council cannot and will not dilute the achievement of having this building. It is now there for everyone to see and it is up to all parties to ensure that the project continues to move forward without rancour, argument or nastiness creeping in.

I spoke out at that meeting about what I claimed was a lack of pride in the new building from those around the table. This was reported in the minutes of that meeting in the following words.

"Hethersett Pavilion is a facility that the community should be proud of. After speaking to representatives of the Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees/ residents and listening to the debate/bickering this evening it would appear that the reason for the pavilion has been lost."

I went a little bit further than that suggesting that the bickering had taken the place of the civic pride that we should be feeling for having such a building. I know that not everyone has been in favour of the building—some suggesting that the money could have been spent more wisely. I do not share

this view. As Hethersett continues to grow we will need more and more facilities and this is a massive step in the right direction to provide the village with another community hub to serve sports clubs, users of the park and the wider community.

So often we hear from residents about the lack of facilities. Well here is one facility that isn't now lacking.

To me what has been achieved is a culmination of the efforts and support of so many people that genuinely have the village at the heart of everything they do.

The three people I popped out to photograph on a very warm Wednesday morning in June embody everything that is good about our village and illustrate what can be achieved by like minded people working together.

And working together is the key message I would like to impart. Yes we all have specific agendas and interests, but there are times when some of those have to take a backseat to the "greater good".

Whoever we are and whatever our thoughts and views are, we should all be immensely proud of this new building. It is up to each and everyone of us to ensure that it works—whether that be from a hiring and administrative point of view or from hiring the facilities and supporting events at the new community hub.

The organisers are very keen to refer to it as a community facility and I am more than happy to stress this point as that is exactly what it is—a 21st century building for the good of the whole community of Hethersett and further afield.

# To Fence Or Not To Fence

**By Peter Steward**

TO fence or not to fence was one of the key questions which led to uproar at the extraordinary meeting of Hethersett Parish Council in June.

The meeting threatened to get out of control with parish clerk Annette Palmer firstly trying to exclude the chair of the Memorial Playing Field Trustees from the meeting and then asking for the police to be called.

Order was eventually restored but not before a considerable amount of arguing and bickering amongst councillors.

Putting a fence around the soakaway swale was just one of the matters discussed ahead of the official handover of keys by the builders to the parish council a few days later.

At the beginning and end of every council meeting there is an opportunity for members of the public to make comments. The public are usually excluded from speaking at other times during the meeting although councillors will often turn to a member of the public to clarify specific points if that person has expertise in a specific field.

A point in the meeting came when chair of the playing field trustees Mike Stark, who was sitting in the public gallery, felt a point needed clarifying. Mr Stark began to make that point.



**The swale on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field pictured during the month with temporary fencing.**

The parish clerk immediately became very agitated and attempted to stop Mr Stark from making his points, firstly threatening to exclude him from the meeting and then asking for the police to be called.

The meeting soon settled down with Mr Stark staying quiet for the remainder of the meeting.

The discussion about the fence around the Swale almost resulted in deadlock with five councillors voting for the area to be enclosed by knee high fencing and five voting against.

A counter proposal not to fence the area off was met with similar deadlock and left the chairman with a casting vote. As a result it was agreed to keep the current temporary fencing in place until July 19th with a decision on any replacement being in the hands of the trustees.

At the end of the meeting it was announced that Ms Palmer has resigned as clerk to the council.

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# More On The Handover

ON Friday 9th June, Hethersett Parish Council completed its handover of the Hethersett Pavilion building to Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trust.

The purpose-built sports and community building, which has been 10 years in the planning, will provide new fit for purpose sports changing rooms with showers and toilets, changing facilities for match officials, catering facilities for spectators and pavilion users, accessible toilets for spectators and pavilion users, a meeting room suitable for community use, enhanced facilities for less abled users and secure storage for grounds/meeting room equipment.

The building has been designed specifically to allow good access for pushchair and wheelchair users with all facilities on one level and a no step access to all rooms as well as the building itself. This new facility will mean that Hethersett will be able to attract top class sporting events and will support growth and retention of grassroots football activity via the resident affiliated football club Hethersett Athletic FC, as well as supporting many other sports including bowls, cricket and cycle speedway that take place at the site.

The main funding for the building was provided by a loan of £400,000 from the Public Works Loan Board and a grant award of £249,999 received from The Football Foundation. Sarah Lawrence, Chair of Hethersett Parish Council, said:

“The Parish Council is delighted to handover this much needed community

**Following the handover of keys to the new pavilion, Hethersett Parish Council issued the following Media release which we reproduce in full.**

facility to the Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trust. This new venue will help strengthen and develop sports in the community. The work of the Parish Council has been fundamental in the successful delivery of this project, from the sourcing of funding through to active support. We look forward to seeing this exciting new facility in use.”

Mike Stark, Chairman of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trust said:

“The Trustees of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field are delighted to receive the newly completed building. The original project started 10 years ago and was rekindled four years ago when new plans were drawn up.

“Despite Covid and the huge increase in costs, we are now able to offer the residents of the village a chance to enjoy these first class facilities.

“Our thanks go to Annette Palmer, Clerk to Hethersett Parish Council, and former Parish Council Chair, Adrienne Quinlan, to Marcus Jaggard the lead builder, Alan Lamb the project manager and last, but not least, the Management Trustees, who over the years have given up much of their own free time and energy to get the project over the line. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the village to have the benefit of a facility to be proud of and enjoy”.

# Pavilion Pride for Hethersett

**Chairman of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees Mike Stark talks about the future of the new pavilion, the pride the village should have in it and how by working together the project will become a success.**



TEN years ago a group of Playing Field Trustees at that time started a project to replace the old pavilion, which was described by Peter Steward at the time in very unsavoury terms.

These Trustees managed to get planning permission for a replacement but this failed as they could not raise the necessary finance. Four years ago, we Trustees, again discussed the state of that building. The roof leaked, the showers did not work the drains were blocked and fed to the sewer through the back garden of a neighbour, and when players were taking a shower they could be seen from the Field by the public.

I was tasked to talk with the parish council to see if they could help with the project. I met with Adrienne Quinlan, the Chair at that time, and said that if we did not take action we would need to demolish the building and that would be the end of organised sport in the village, cricket having been lost a few years before.

She simply said we have no choice, we owe it to our community to do something. The parish council and trustees then formed a working group and we started with virtually a clean sheet of paper. Working together, the parish council and trustees, produced a management plan which was the mainstay of the proposition for funding made to the Football Foundation, who in the end came up with a quarter of a million pounds.

The parish council borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board and used some of the money that had to be set aside by the developers of Hethersett north sites. Since that meeting we have had Covid. Interviews with various people to find a project manager led to the appointment of Alan Lamb. There were discussions with concerned residents, presentations to Norfolk County Council's planning committee as huge inflation hit building material costs (20% in timber alone).

There were issues with getting drains to the main

road, and much more besides. Just like any major project that I have been involved in during my working life, there have been issues, debates, arguments and finally solutions. This one has been no different. The common cause of trustees and parish council has always been to deliver a top quality facility that meets the needs of our growing population. The common issue has always been the limits and pressures on funding.

Some readers may not be aware of the role of the Trustees. There are seven of us and all are volunteers responsible for the day to day management of the Memorial Playing Field. Hethersett Athletic Football Club looks after the maintenance of football pitches, but everything else is the trustees' responsibility. This is everything from cutting hedges and verges, litter picking and cleaning graffiti to the repair and maintenance of the playground and car park.

The welfare and safety of users is our prime concern and we are very conscious of our duty of care to all. The field is a facility for all residents of the village and we want everyone to enjoy it, but at the same time everyone needs to respect this special asset and those who also use it.

Hethersett now has a great new facility that has "no step" access for wheelchair and push chair users, a small kitchen with some cooking facilities. It should be pointed out that the trustees have no desire to run a cafe or coffee shop, we are fortunate to be well served in the community and have no intention to be a competitor in this area.

There is a large community room and also there are three separate toilets, including one with disabled access. For sports use we have two separate large shower and changing areas with two further rooms for match officials. These facilities are now of a standard to accommodate Hethersett Athletic playing in a higher league and for women's and girls team to play. There are also two external public

toilets for those, such as the seniors cricket team, who do not wish to hire any of the other facilities whilst they use the field.

Our aim is to attract parent/ toddler groups, keep fit and exercise groups and to provide a safe space for the elderly to meet We are looking to install an “audio loop” to help those with hearing difficulties. Ideally we would like a group which would be prepared to hire our facilities for whole mornings or afternoons as this would help secure a steady source of income to cover our running costs.

At the present time we are in the process of fitting out the pavilion with fire extinguishers, toilet roll holders, kitchen equipment, shelving , tagging keys etc, all the things that one has to do when buying a new home, it is time consuming but necessary.

The trustees aim to open shortly in a very low key manner, with a couple of small groups interested in hiring the main room. We need to be clear on how everything works together.

We realise there are some who will say we should know already, but working from a plan is not the same as walking around a real building and getting to understand the layout and how alarm systems , CCTV and security systems work.

Once we have had feedback from a small number of users we can then expand. If we were to fail initially, just imagine the comments on social media.

Towards the end of the summer the trustees and parish council hope to hold an opening event and to show our residents the facilities we have available. The vast majority of our funding comes from the parish council and some areas such as the recent remedial work to the playground cost tens of thousands of pounds. There is more to do on the playground as the wooden structures are nearing the end of their useful life.

We will need to prepare a plan and costing for this

and put it before the council. Inevitably there will be some animated discussions as we press our case and in turn the council has to consider the wider demands on their budget. This interaction to my mind is simply the natural way business works.

We Trustees are aware of course of the financial constraints placed upon the parish council with increasing costs and the less than generous supply of funds from central government. Looking forward for the future of the new building, which we would like to name “The Hethersett Hub” ,when fully operational, will be the need for a manager to be responsible for the smooth full time running of facilities, ensuring tables and chairs are set out, the hot water boiler is switched on and the place is clean and tidy.

We wish to create a “Friends of the Field” users group, for those who want to help but have neither time or inclination to be a trustee or parish councillor, and one of our colleagues is looking to set this up in the near future. From helping with litter picking to rewriting the business plan, all skill sets are welcome.

I must take the opportunity to thank Adrienne Quinlan the former Chair of the Parish Council, Sarah Lawrence the current Chair, and Annette Palmer, Parish Clerk, for their support, patience and understanding; all the former and current trustees for their vision, hard work and precious time, the many parish councillors for their forbearance and tolerance during some very long and detailed discussions and debates.

Also I thank Alan Lamb the project manager and Marcus Jaggard the lead builder. We all together finally created a much needed facility for which the village can justifiably be proud and one that will serve many generations for years to come.

Mike Stark—June 2023





A defibrillator has been included with the new pavilion on Hethersett memorial Playing Field.

This is in addition to the existing defib on the wall of Hethersett Pharmacy.

Hethersett Parish Council posted the following on its Facebook page.

"We are pleased to announce the installation of a life saving defibrillator installed at Hethersett Pavilion.

" It is available 24/7 and is situated on the front, external wall of the new Hethersett Pavilion building.

"To access the defibrillator please contact 999 in the case of cardiac arrest.

"The cabinet key code will be issued to you by the emergency services operator. This defibrillator is in addition to the unit situated outside Boots Pharmacy in Hethersett."

## Gardens of Delight

### Open Gardens Event

**Date—Sunday 9th July**

**Time— 10 am to 4 pm.**

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

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

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

Programmes/maps will be available to purchase at the Village Hall from 10 am with the event finishing at 4 pm. There will also be a garden market and refreshments available to purchase at the hall. Adults £4 and children go free.

## Open Air Service

AN open air church service was held on the parish council green opposite the village short stay car park on June 25th

The weather stayed fine as worshippers enjoyed a short half hour service of prayers, readings and hymns which took place at 4 pm.



# Safer Crossing

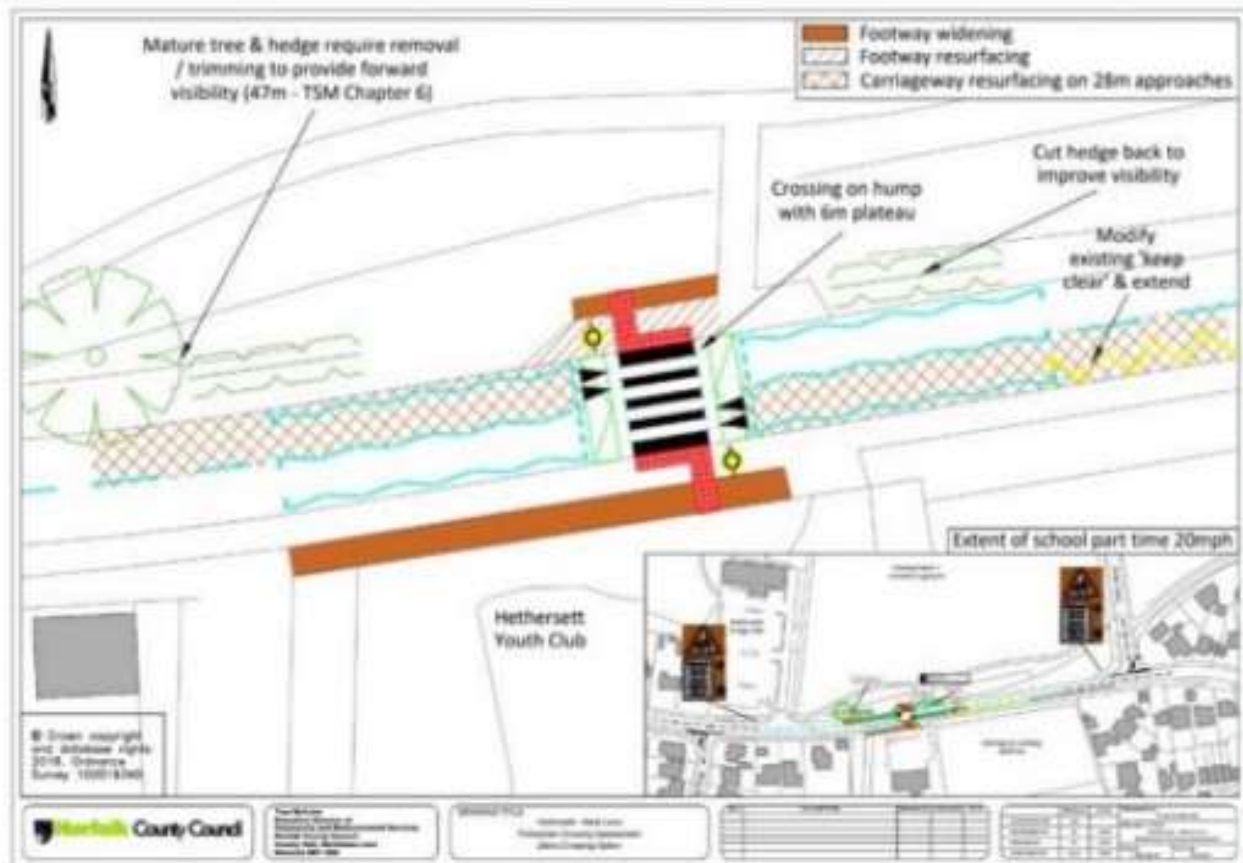
IN the previous edition of Hethersett Herald we brought you news of a new pedestrian crossing in Back Lane. Here our county and district councillor David Bills tells us more about the new safety measure.



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

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

David Bills added: "I would like to thank all those involved in the project including the Academy, Woodside Junior School, Hethersett Parish Council and of course Norfolk County officers from several departments. Again a big thank you."



## Another Closure for Village Pharmacy

BOOTS Chemists in Hethersett was once again closed on June 3rd due to staff shortages.

It is the latest closure that has affected the Hethersett Pharmacy with a regular lack of service, particularly at school holiday times.

The latest closure was announced on the door as people turned up to shop or pick up prescriptions. The notice informed customers that the shop would be closed all day and the nearest chemist was at Longwater in Costessey.

The latest closure met with a number of adverse comments on social media. These included the following.

"I'm sure they have good reason but I don't expect this from a big company like Boots."

"Such a large organisation should have resources which could be managed to provide at least a reduced service in a critical sphere."

"This is not an isolated incident. It happens there all the time and has been for months. I went the other afternoon to pick up a prescription and they had shut at 1pm." "This is very amateur really for a company whose new name should be Sick Note Boots."

## Bounce and Rhyme Volunteer Needed

HETHERSETT Library is looking for a volunteer to help with its Bounce and Rhyme time sessions.

"We are looking for a volunteer to help for 30 minutes a week singing songs and reading short stories to children.



"Our sessions currently run on Mondays from 2 to 2.30 pm (excluding bank holidays) but this is open for discussion," the library said.

Anyone interested can speak to a member of staff, email [volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk) or call 01603 774793 for more details.

Photograph courtesy of Hethersett Library.

# Supporting People

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**Following the local elections in May we asked our three elected district councillors to tell us a little about themselves and what their hopes and aims are for the future. We start with this piece written for us by Kathryn Cross.**

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FIRSTLY I wanted to thank everyone who voted for me to be one of your district councillors in the recent local elections.

I know there is a lot of frustration and apathy around politics at the moment but at a local level it really is still possible to make important contributions and make our residents lives better and that is what I hope to do. Thank you for placing your trust in me.



I want to thank your outgoing councillors Adrian Dearnley and Phil Hardy for all the work they have done for the area and I know I have big shoes to fill. I am delighted to have David Bills, who is also your county councillor, and re-elected to district to help and guide me.

I was a town councillor in Wymondham for two years and although district work is new to me I can bring some of my experience to the table.

I have to say the support from the

officers at South Norfolk has been brilliant so far and I have attended numerous training sessions which have been both enlightening and informative.

There is a lot to learn but I take the responsibility seriously and commit to championing the Hethersett ward where I can.

I live close to the ward on the edge of Wymondham where I run a business on our farm called Centre Paws Norfolk – I know some of you are already regular visitors with your dogs!

This gives me first hand experience of the challenges of running a business and I hope that will help me make good decisions at the council to enable us to keep businesses thriving in our area and help new starters get their dreams off the ground.

I also have four children aged between 11 and 21 and I am passionate about giving young people opportunities both in education and in sport and leisure. Three of my boys play rugby and having excellent sports facilities is so important.

I am also aware that young people's mental health is often fragile, with many more struggling post-Covid and they need real support so that is also a priority of mine.

At the recent South Norfolk AGM I was made chair of the Supporting People Policy Committee so this will be an important role. We look at all housing policies, from allocation of social housing, to temporary accommodation, homes of multiple occupation, gypsies

and travellers, benefits, the Help Hub to name a few.

One of our main goals is to expand the Help Hub which currently has partner links to some 60 different services who can help residents across the district.

We will also be looking closely at our housing allocations policy to make sure we have the right criteria for each band on the register and the right people are getting priority for housing.

Homelessness is a real and growing issue and we have a duty to prevent it so we are looking at ways of providing more temporary accommodation to ensure nobody has to sleep on the streets.

I am delighted to have met many residents and parish councillors already and getting to grips with some of the issues being faced here. I look forward to working with you all and being part of your community.



## Short Term Parking Signs To Be Erected

MORE specific signs are needed to inform motorists that the parish council owned car park in Great Melton Close is short stay.

Hethersett Parish Council will be looking to put up signs asking motorists to limit their stays to either an hour or 30 minutes.

Councillors heard at their latest meeting that a number of motorists have been using the car park as a long stay option and this has included members of staff working in local businesses.

At the June parish council meeting it was unanimously agreed that the council should obtain quotes and seek funding for signs for the car park.

Councillor Paul Everett said the existing sign failed to state what the term short term implies. "It is confusing and ambiguous," he said.

It was also agreed to write to nearby businesses informing them that parking in the car park is strictly short term and should not be used by employees for all day parking.

# Promotion Dream Thwarted

HETHERSETT Athletic men's Saturday team's dream of stepping up a league have been dashed due to a technicality and the fielding of illegal players by another team.

As reported in last month's Herald, Hethersett's hopes of stepping up to the Anglian Combination looked like becoming a reality after they finished fourth in the top division of the Central and South Norfolk League. The club had been told by the FA that they had to finish in the league's top four to move up the football pyramid.

This they appeared to have achieved until it was found out that Brandon had played four illegal players in matches against Weasenham and UEA. The FA decided that Brandon should lose the six points from those two games with the wins being awarded to their opposition.

This meant that Weasenham leapfrogged Hethersett to leave our village side in fifth position. The decision is particularly galling after Hethersett were denied entry into the Anglian Combination for a number of years due to poor facilities. Something that has been remedied with the building of the new pavilion on the memorial Playing Field—the irony of which is that a considerable grant for the building was given by the Football Foundation and it is the Football Association that is now blocking Hethersett's application.

An added irony is that rule changes



**Hethersett could suffer through no fault of their own as Weasenham leapfrog them**



which come into effect next season will mean that teams can apply irrespective of their finishing league position. Unfortunately this new rule will not come in to help Hethersett this season, although it should pave their way for the following season..

Hethersett appealed against the decision but have been informed that it is an FA rule and cannot be relaxed. Norfolk FA Chief Executive Matt Carpenter told the club: "Whilst I have sympathy with the position that Hethersett have found themselves in at the end of the season, with the awarding of points to Weasenham from a fixture played late in the season meaning that they ended up leapfrogging you to finish fourth in table, it is important to clarify that the final table for the season is only decided once all matters relating to league fixtures have been dealt with. In this case, unfortunately, this meant that Hethersett finished fifth and therefore outside of the top four where they could have been promoted.

"Within the provisions of Norfolk FA Membership Rule 32, applications to join the Anglian Combination from teams that finish outside the top four of their district league are considered by our Board and teams can still potentially be promoted. As such, Hethersett's application was considered at our most recent Board meeting, but it was rejected as the Board did not feel there were any extreme circumstances in line with the relevant rule. This is consistent with other decisions this season and decisions from previous seasons."

Mr Carpenter went on to explain that this rule is now going to be relaxed: I can advise that the Membership Rule in question is likely to be amended next season to give more scope for teams finishing outside the top four to be promoted, but unfortunately that won't help you this season where the Board must work to the current wording of the Rule."

Hethersett certainly allowed their football to do the talking as they hammered Yaxham 9-1 to win the league's Shoe Trade Trophy. Our celebration photographs on the previous page were taken after the cup final triumph.

## Final League Placings

Pos	Team	Played	Points
1	Norwich Medics	20	50
2	Lakenheath Casuals	20	49
3	Yaxham	20	40
4	Weasenham	20	36*
5	<b>Hethersett</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>

\*-Weasenham awarded three points for Brandon playing ineligible players.

**Hethersett Re-Wilding Project**



**A riot of colour—re-wilding takes shape around the village sign.**

# First Win—But Still Bottom

IT took them until the seventh game of the season, but Hethersett and Tas Valley at last recorded a victory when they beat Brooke by three wickets in the last over of the match.

The win didn't help them to move off from bottom slot in the Norfolk Alliance Premier Division, however, and was followed by another nail-biter against Bradfield which saw them fall just three runs short of a big target.

The win over Brooke was an historic one, however, being the club's first ever victory in the Premier Division of the Norfolk Alliance.

The bottom five in the division up to and including matches played on June 17th were:

	Played	Points
Bradfield	8	105
Garboldisham	8	103
Cromer	8	80
Brooke	8	73
<b>Hethersett</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>

## The Set-Up At Tas Valley

The club plays its home games at Flordon where it has two pitches and first class changing facilities and a clubhouse.

Hethersett and Tas Valley runs four Saturday teams (two in the Norfolk Alliance and two in the Norfolk League), along with Sunday and midweek teams, an Over-40s team , a Ladies team and youth teams to cover all age groups.



Action above from Hethersett's nailbiting defeat at the hands of Bradfield. Hethersett lost the match by just three runs but continued their improvement which saw them notch their first win of the season, away at Brooke.



# Big Weekend For Hawks

IT was a big weekend for Hethersett Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages Cycle Speedway club as riders took part in the British Club Championships in Birmingham.

Afterwards club chairman Mel Perkins said that Hethersett riders had exceeded expectations.

“Despite not winning any category and getting only one podium place in the Under-12s, the overall club effort and level of performance gained an amazing success with the riders exceeding expectations, often riding against older opponents. This result is up there with our eighth place in the European Club Championships in Poland.”

Unofficial final places were: Kesgrave 143, Hethersett 113, Poole 107.

Day One Results—Under 16 girls final—Poole 38, Kesgrave 35, Newport 24, Hethersett 22. Under 16 boys final—Kesgrave 32, Poole 31, Southampton 27, Hethersett 24, Coventry 18, Sheffield 14. Women’s semi final one—Leicester 35, Exeter 31, Birmingham 27, Wednesfield 23. Women’s semi final two—Sheffield 37, Poole 34, Kesgrave 28, Hethersett 20. Veterans final—Blakenham 38, Poole 36, Leicester 35, Birmingham 33, Newport 24, Kesgrave 22, Hethersett 20. Women’s final—Exeter 29, Sheffield 29, Poole 29 (after race off), Leicester 27, Kesgrave 20, Birmingham 10.

Unofficial overall scores after day 1—Poole 73, Kesgrave 65, Hethersett 56, Leicester 33, Newport 31, Sheffield 31, Birmingham 29, Blakenham 20, Exeter 20, Southampton 17, Coventry 14, Wednesfield 12.

Day Two Results- Under-14 semi final one—Kesgrave 42, Horspath 30, Hethersett 23, Ashley and Tyldrsley 22.

Under-14 semi final two—Coventry 36, Newport 34, Hull 28, Ipswich 22. Under-14 final—Kesgrave 33, Coventry 28, Hull 28, after race off Newport 26, Horspath 19, Hethersett 16.

Under 12 final—Kesgrave 39, Hull 34, Hethersett 32, Newport 28, Ashley and Tyldrsley 26, Coventry 24, Sheffield 20. Junior final—Kesgrave 39, Poole 36, Southampton 31, Hethersett 30, Ipswich 27, Birmingham 27, Sheffield 18. Open semi final—Birmingham 58, Wednesfield 42, Hethersett 31, Horspath 27 (score insufficient to qualify for repechage).

Scores from ther two sei-finals and repechage unavailable.

Open final—1 Birmingham, 2 Kesgrave, 3 Ipswich, 4 Poole.

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

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

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

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

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

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Seven Hawks made the long trip to Hellingly in Sussex to contest the fourth round of the South-East Grand Prix, which for some categories doubled up for the British Youth & Junior Regional Round. Team scores in the latter were Kesgrave 92 Hellingly 74 Hethersett 26 Ipswich 20 Gt. Blakenham 8 meaning Kesgrave and Hethersett qualify for the National Rounds, one of which is at Hethersett on July 29th.

The Hawks won two grand prix - Nyla El-Labany was undefeated at Under-8s while Dave Martin held off favourite Paddy Wenn in the Veterans Final. Oscar Copeland picked up a bronze medal in the Under-10s while in the Under-12s Luca El-Labany finished 4th in the A Final with Lola Martin 2nd in the B Final. Mason Martin was runner-up in the Seniors. All Hethersett riders with the exception of Dave Martin were unlucky to draw the outside grid in finals.

After weeks of combating a cold North-East wind it was extreme heat and dust that greeted riders for two matches between Hethersett and Ipswich at the Memorial Playing Field. Both matches followed a similar pattern with Ipswich riders sharper from the

gate, looking more experienced and making less unforced errors.

In the Division 2 match Harley Hamill was in good form but aggravated a calf injury so withdrew after four races and with it went any chance of a late Hawks recovery. Mason Martin again belied his youth with another combative performance but others made little headway.

HETHERSETT 73 IPSWICH B 86

(Mason Martin 15+2 Harley Hamill 13+1 Dave Martin 11+1 Jamie Neill 10 Paul Delauche 9 George Larter-Dixon 9 Lola Martin 4 Amelia Dodson 2+1)

In the Youth match Hethersetts rested the riders on full first-team duty and with two top Under-14s absent it was very much a development team that took to the track. Some promising teamwork early on kept scores close but failure to find at least one heat winner meant they were always chasing.

HETHERSETT U16 71 IPSWICH U16 84

(Lola Martin 17 Luca El-Labany 13+4 Oscar Copeland 11+2 Amelia Dodson 11+1 Hugo Kemp 10+2 Will Clarke 9+2)

## Latest Village Speeds

BELOW is the latest data with regards to speed in the village taken from the mobile SAM2 machines which pop up in different parts of the village. The machines detect trends in speeding and are in line with the speeds recorded by the village speedwatch team.

The figures on the left are taken from Queen's Road between 20th April and 18th May this year. The figures on the right are from Mill Road from 21st March to 20th April. Individual vehicle numberplates are not taken so high speeds could be due to emergency services.

Vehicle Speed (mph)	Vehicle Count
10	327
15	3069
20	15,456
25 (Above the speed limit)	24,282
30	6142
35	496
40	26
45	1
50	4
55	0
60	0
65+	0
TOTAL	49,803

Vehicle Speed (mph)	Vehicle Count
10	165
15	1158
20	4424
25	11,681
30	8669
35 (Above speed limit)	1385
40	169
45	20
50	4
55	1
60	0
65+	1
TOTAL	27,675

# Open Day At Mosque

By Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, my daughters and I went along to the Hethersett Masjid and Islamic Community Centre on Henstead Road, better known as the Hethersett Mosque.

The Mosque was hosting an Open Day, which I had first heard about through an advert on Councillor Kathryn Cross' Facebook page, and later passed to me from Habib, a new Councillor on Hethersett Parish Council.

The Mosque, housed in the former Church Hall, has been in operation for around a year and has Muslims from Hethersett and surrounding areas coming together to worship daily. Muslims pray five times a day, at specific times which are determined by the position of the sun in the sky.

This means that in the summer, the gaps between prayers are longer because the days are longer. In the Hethersett Mosque, there is a screen in the corner of the room that updates



with the timings of the prayers for the day, so that you know when the next one is taking place.

On the day of the Open Day, on arriving at the Mosque, we were greeted outside by a member of the congregation who showed us where the entrance was and asked us to remove our shoes which we put up on shelves in the entrance lobby.

We then walked into the main room,

which was beautifully carpeted and filled with people smiling and eating. The congregation there asked us if we would like to help ourselves to some food – there was lots on offer, ranging from chicken pieces, to doughnuts and dates – which we did, then popped ourselves down onto some chairs arranged towards the back of the room.

It didn't take us long to launch into conversation with one of the people who attend. I got talking to Sayid, a very friendly man who lives in Eaton but comes to Hethersett to worship because it is easier to get to than other Mosques in Norwich. Sayid made us feel very welcome, and answered many of my questions about the Muslim faith. Not long after, we were approached by Rasha, who came over to ask us if we would like to see our names written in Arabic. Rasha very kindly wrote all of our names in Arabic on pieces of card (handily writing our names in English on the back so that we knew whose was whose!) and explained that in Arabic, writing goes from right to left.

Shortly after, there was a call to prayer (thankfully the girls were quiet during) which a really friendly lady called Nonna translated for us. Fifteen minutes later, we were there for Dhuhr – their noon prayer. The Muslim women left the room for Dhuhr to pray separately, but we were permitted to stay and observe at the back of the room. It was really interesting, and I was honoured to be able to watch the men pray.

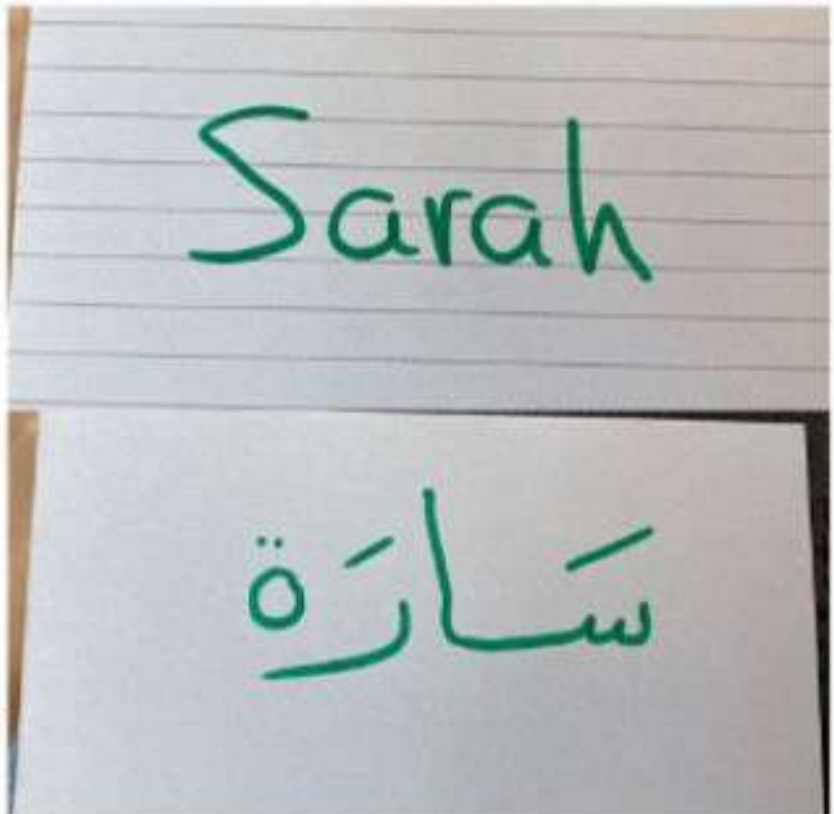
After that, we chatted some more, and Rasha came over again to see if we would like to try on some headscarves. Of course we jumped at the chance!



They very kindly said that we could keep the headscarves too. I then had a

chat with Rasha who told me all about the tradition of women covering their heads, and her very personal choice to do so.

Not long after that, we had a final look round – not before plugging Hethersett Herald and the All Things Hethersett Facebook page – and I asked if I could take some photos for this article which they were more than happy for me to do. We left not long after, but not without them kindly giving us a bag containing a copy of the Qur'an translated into English, and some other reading materials.



All in all, we had a really lovely afternoon exploring the Mosque and speaking to the people who worship there. They made us feel so comfortable, and didn't seem to mind the barrage of questions I subjected them all to! They also said that if anyone missed the Open Day, you are welcome to pop in at anytime,

stressing that is a community space, available for anyone and everyone if it's open. Thank you to congregation of Hethersett Masjid & Islamic Community Centre for their hospitality and for making us feel so welcome. We'll be back!

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## Herald—The Quality Problem

**WE apologise that this edition of Hethersett Herald falls short of our usual standards.**

**This is due to a software problem encountered during the preparation. I use Microsoft Publisher to prepare the magazine and was working on it in the usual way when the file suddenly refused to open. As a result I had to copy files as jpeg images from a pdf file I had saved and begin populating the pages from scratch.**

**As a result some of our lay-outs will look strange and it hasn't been possible to correct some spelling errors etc up to our usual standard. We have also had some problems with hyphenating words.**

**Despite these problems we hope you enjoy this edition of Hethersett Herald and stay with us as we try to return to our usual standards for the August edition.**

**Peter Steward (Editor)**

# Walkie Talkies A Go Go



## Informal Walking Group Enjoys Its First Ramble

THE latest walking group in Hethersett took to the village paths at the end of May

Hethersett Walkie Talkies is an informal group attracting people who just want to have a wander and a chat.

And the first Walkie Talkie took in some of the village's Scarecrow Trail.

The group is the idea of village stalwarts Sarah Lawrence and Hannah Baldry





# Overhanging Foliage Problem



SUMMER brings warmth and sun but it can also bring problems with foliage growing at a vast rate as our photograph taken in Queen's Road at the beginning of June illustrates. The greenery has encroached onto the path to such an extent that the only options were to wade through it or walk into the road. It certainly would have been impossible to get a child's buggy or a wheelchair along this path.

The matter was discussed at June's parish council meeting with particular reference to Queen's Road.

"It is impossible to walk two abreast and there is a problem," said Councillor Leslie Dale.

Stand-in clerk Sara White said the matter has been logged with South Norfolk Council and she was hopeful of an update at the next parish council meeting which will take place in Hethersett Village Hall in July.



# More From The Scarecrows

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**TWENTY** Two friendly scarecrows were featured in this year's trail but which was voted the best.

The scarecrows were on display throughout the half term school holiday at the end of May and beginning of June with families following trail maps for lengthy walks around the village.

There was a vote for the favourite scarecrow and you can see which one won by turning to page

The sale of trail maps raised funds to be split between the two primary schools which jointly organised the





event with organisers heralding it another great success.

The theme this year was Stage and Screen.

At the end of the trail, one of the organisers Sarah Lawrence thanked all those who had taken part.

"What a year it has been. A huge thank you to all of the following:

**Pictures on this page courtesy of Marian Watt**

The volunteers from Friends of Hethersett VC Primary School and Friends of Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery for organising the trail.

Our wonderful scarecrow hosts for using their valuable time and effort to make, put together and host their fantastic creations. -

Matt Knights from Prospect Handling Ltd. for kindly printing the maps for FREE!

The staff at Hodge Podge, Kin Cafe, Kett's Kabin and Tesco Express for selling the maps. •

All of you who bought a map to help us raise money!

The week long event raised £353.60p from the sale of maps and the money will be split between the Friends of Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School and the Friends of Hethersett VC Primary School.

So just who were the winners in 2023. Turn to the next two pages to find out



# And The Winners Are

Best Scarecrow (Public Vote) - Number 7 Jack and the Beanstalk on Recreation Road.

Funniest Scarecrow—Number 13 Bluey on Priory Road.

Most Oscar Worthy—Number 1—Frozen on Park Green

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

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





Recently Hethersett hosted their scarecrow trail around the village for half-term, along with making our own scarecrow we also took one of our residents on the hunt for the others.

It was fun reading the map and spotting the scarecrows as our expert mini-bus driver Mel navigated the small roads and paths to spot them all.

Afterwards we made a pit stop at the local farm shop for a cup of tea and home made cake.

## Letters To The Editor

### Family Search

I was interested to find the web page about Education in Hethersett on your website.

I've been researching my father's wartime evacuation to Norfolk and see that the page mentions evacuated children.

My father (Michael Elliott) was from south west London and would have been staying with his uncle John Arthur Palmer Batch who lived in Mill Farm Cottages and was a market gardener.

I've attached the relevant sheet from the 1939 Register for reference. I would be grateful if anyone in the village could confirm any of these details as very little was passed down through the family and I am not 100% sure we have got the right area.

Kind Regards

Laurence Elliott

IF you have any comments on articles in Hethersett Herald please send them to the editor at

[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

We are also happy to receive articles on all aspects of Hethersett life or articles written by Hethersett residents on other subjects from outside our village.



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

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

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

Many Thanks to All

## Letters To The Editor

### An Honour To Have Known Randall

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

He was an unassuming man who we felt did not receive the recognition he deserved. For many years, along with his wife Shirley, he ran Hethersett Post Office in the now defunct shop that was once Childs' General Purpose Store.

We became friends when, with others, we founded the Jubilee Youth Club in 1970. He and I introduced youth football to the village via the club. We, along with 14 others, ran the club initially at the Junior School until we raised the funds to build the youth club hall in Back Lane.

The plaque on the wall shows the names of the original founders. Mr and Mrs Keeley served on this and other community committees in the village hall including the bowls club and were often seen doing odd jobs to maintain the hall. He was never one to take the limelight but just got on with things in a methodical way.

This village has evolved and grown over the years and we can ill afford to lose people of his calibre. Rest in Peace Randall. We feel it was an honour to have known you.

**Jim and Joy Bartram**

### Have You Missed Out ?

YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hethersett Herald by going to

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

and following the links. Hethersett Herald is an independent publication for news, views and features about Hethersett and general articles written by residents.

It is currently available only online. If you have news or would like to be featured in Hethersett Herald contact editor Peter Steward on

[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

# Youngsters Enjoy Football In The Sun

Hethersett Athletic Football Club hosted its second mini five-a-side football tournament over two weekend days on June 17th and 18th and there was some tough competitions in the heat.

The Under-8 competition was won by Hethersett with Wymondham Runners-Up.

The Under-9s section winners were Wroxham who beat Hethersett Athletic Ultras in the final.

The two Hethersett teams mentioned above are featured on the photographs on this page. Photographs are courtesy of Hethersett Athletic.

We will have more on this tournament and club news in the next edition of Hethersett Herald which is due out at the end of July.







Action From the Under-10 Final between

## Fundraiser For Local Family

WHEN village stalwart Hannah Baldry heard about the plight of a young family in the village she felt she had to do something to support them.

So Hannah set-up a fundraising page on behalf of the Collins family as she explains on that page:

“I know a lovely lady named Sarah who is my daughter’s school friend’s mum. Sadly and shockingly Martin Collins (51), Sarah’s husband of 12 years has very recently been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour.

“Having suffered with headaches for around two weeks, Martin, who works for the ambulance service, came home from work five weeks ago with yet again another headache. After hours spent in A and E, Martin was diagnosed with a large, terminal brain tumour. Due to the rapid growth of the tumour doctors are unable to operate.

“Martin now has only weeks to live. Sarah has had to give up work to focus on spending time caring for her husband, three children and two dogs. They hope to make as many happy memories with their young family before it’s too late.

“I’m hoping that we can dig deep and raise as much money as possible for the Collins family. Sarah has lived in Hethersett her whole life and Martin has been a local for a long time too. It’s now time to give her family something back and to help her through this unthinkable, awful time.

“I know Hethersett and I know that we all pull together when needed. Now’s the time to pull together as much as we can for this lovely family,” Hannah said.

At the time of writing this article the Gofundme page has raised over £2,300 for the family.

Hannah is also organising a raffle with numerous prizes from local businesses. This will be drawn at 5 pm on Saturday 1st July.

If you would like to donate you can do so at

<https://gofund.me/9d0b3e7e> where you will also find details of the raffle.



GOOD shot sir—one of the Norfolk cricketers in retirement players who regularly turn out on the Memorial Playing Field on Wednesday mornings. The group play on the artificial cricket strip.

## News From The Parish Council

### Thank You To Outgoing Clerk

HETHERSETT District Councillor David Bills paid tribute to the work of clerk Annette Palmer who recently resigned.

“I am sad to see Annette go. She has done a thumping load of good work and paid a very important part in getting the new pedestrian crossing in Back Lane,” Councillor Bills said.

The council is advertising for a new full time clerk and you can see details of the advert in this section of Hethersett Herald.

In the absence of chairman Sarah Lawrence, the June meeting of the parish council was chaired by Bridget Williamson and Community and Projects Officer Sara White stepped in to take the minutes.

# News From The Parish Council

## New Food Outlets For Thickthorn Despite Hethersett Objections

Hethersett Parish Council's objections to new food outlets at the proposed new Thickthorn interchange have been ignored with work planned to commence at a date in the future.

The parish council had written to South Norfolk Council stating the development—which will include KFC and Costa Restaurants would lead to the loss of agricultural land, increase litter and add extra traffic to an already congested area.

Planning officials have approved the plans however stating that environmental impacts including noise, odour and general disturbance can be satisfactorily controlled by conditions.

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

# News From The Parish Council

## Permission Granted—Despite Objections

ONCE again comments made by Hethersett Parish Council have been ignored.

The latest surrounds a GPS signal antenna on a verge to the west of Baker Drive in the village.

The application features a 45 foot pole and led resident Loren Brown to take to Facebook.

“Why have Arqiva been granted planning permission to put up a 45 foot pole? I would like to know if any research has been done on the health effects on wildlife and how the electro magnetics affect a person’s health.

“I am electrosensitive and they make me feel really bad. I certainly wouldn’t buy a house near any pylons or poles.”

Chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Sarah Lawrence explained that the

parish council recommended the application should be refused:

“ These are all the reasons why we refused the application at the Parish Council Planning committee. It got granted permission from higher up!.”

The parish council recommended refusal on the following grounds:

The impact it would have on the green corridor.

The height of the masts which would have a visual impact on the surrounding landscape with residential properties in the immediate vicinity.

Concerns over the possible detrimental effect on public health and local biodiversity with the site on a well-used public footpath leading to a primary school.

IT has been established that certain areas in the village are not the responsibility of the parish council for grass cutting.

These areas, which include around the village sign and verges in Mill Road, will be returned to Norfolk County Council for action.

The council’s finance and general purposes committee will be looking into whether the regular Heritage Plant Sale should be charged a fee for using the grounds of the village hall. The plant sale has continued to grow in popularity and currently hires the village hall but does not pay for using the outside grounds despite charging the public £2.

Council vice chairman Bridget Williamson said: “They hire the hall but the parish council doesn’t get a fee for their use of the field and members of the public are excluded from using that area whilst they are there.”

The council thanked its Community and Projects Officer Sara White for her outstanding work in organising the village’s coronation party on land at the village hall.

“We owe a huge thank you to Sara for organising an incredible event which was enjoyed by everyone,” Mrs Williamson said.

“She certainly went an extra mile or two,” added Leslie Dale.

Councillors agreed that committees should be set up for any future events. Councillors agreed that an appeal for residents to leave their vehicles at home and either walk or cycle to the event had worked well.

“People were brilliant. The car park was nowhere near full. Obviously some people have to come by car but this should act as a flagship for all our events,” Mrs Williamson said.

The council has received a number of e-mails about speeding, road safety and inconsiderate parking in the village and will discuss all aspects of this at its July meeting.

# Hethersett Council Looks For A New Clerk

HETHERSETT Parish Council is advertising for a new clerk following the resignation of Annette Palmer. Below is the advertisement for the full-time post.

## **HETHERSETT PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**Salary is negotiable dependent on experience and qualifications  
Full-time (37 hours per week)**

If you have a genuine interest in helping our forward thinking and energetic council develop and deliver timely, quality and innovative services to the local community, this post is ideal.

Hethersett is a growing community, with a newly elected parish council, who are passionate about ensuring that the best interests of our community are met.

If you have excellent financial, committee and administrative experience in local authority or similar environment, ideally understand local government financial systems and procedures, accounts, payroll, budget setting and monitoring, risk management and controls, this post is ideal.

Suitably qualified (ideally with or willing to obtain CiLCA – the Certificate in Local Council Administration), highly motivated, enthusiastic and community focused, you will bring sound leadership, staff management, administrative, communication, IT, financial and organisational skills to the role, and will be flexible in approach and able to meet deadlines.

We offer excellent nationally based terms and conditions of employment for this post, which will involve working evenings and may involve working weekends.

Please call Sara White on 01603 810915 or e mail [hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com) for a recruitment pack and an application form,

**Closing date for applications: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Hethersett Parish Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

Full council dates for 2023 are: July 17th, August (no meeting), September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th. The annual parish meeting will be held on April 19th.

The council meets monthly usually on the third Monday of each month except for August when there is no meeting.

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 chance to make comments at the beginning and towards the end of each full council meeting.

## 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](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

The council has a website at

[www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://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.

# 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
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All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

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# Sarah's World

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**Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence continues her look at what's happening in Hethersett for her and her family.**

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WHAT a great and varied month it's been!

Hethersett has been full to bursting with interesting things going on, and as usual, we've been to lots of them! Please read on for my round-up..

At the end of May we visited the Methodist Church once again for their family service and breakfast. We are always so pleased and honoured to be invited along, the people there are so welcoming and kind to us.

Like previous times we've been, the service doubled up as a Rainbows badge award ceremony. The breakfast is a bonus, we go there for a chilled morning where we can socialise, sing, smile and craft with likeminded people and families.

We always really enjoy our time at the Methodist Church and come out smiling, it's all down to the hard work and organisation of all of the volunteers – both from the Methodist and the Rainbows teams. Hattie was especially pleased this time to come out with six badges!



The theme of the service this time was Jonah and the Whale, with an extra speech from Kerry aka. Silver Mist, the Rainbows leader, all about kindness and understanding which gave us plenty to think about. Thank you all again for your kindness and hospitality, we hope to be able to make the next one!

The much awaited 2nd Annual Hethersett Scarecrow Trail was held during the May school half-term holiday, I was actually part of the organising committee.

The Hethersett Scarecrow Trail 2023 was a collaborative effort between the two Primary School PTA's – The



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Friends of Hethersett Woodside and Nursery School, and The Friends of Hethersett VC Primary School – and all money raised from the sale of maps was split between them both.

As usual, the people of Hethersett did us proud with their scarecrow efforts - 22 people, businesses, groups and families spent their time putting the scarecrows together and hosting them to help us raise some money for these worthwhile charities.

The theme this year was 'Stage and Screen' with the scarecrows all based on that. Scarecrows ranged from Star Wars, to the Lego Movie and Minions. The standards were extremely high, and as last year, it was very hard to pick winners! Have you paid a visit to the Back Garden yet? Situated on the green area next to the Village Hall, it's really come into its own recently.

The Back Garden is Hethersett's community garden project, and thanks to the hard work of volunteers, it really looks like a proper garden now! The herb garden - which I am very proud to say that we had a very small hand in – is growing really well, and the flowers are blooming well.

Bridget Williamson and Jenny and David Walpole have really taken their idea and ran with it, it's beautiful to see. Tesco even do a small bit by donating their used coffee grounds from the new Costa Coffee machine to



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help keep slugs away!

The team always welcome more volunteers (it is a community garden after all) so keep your eyes open on the Hethersett Parish Council Facebook pages, or on the board at the garden for future dates. Photos shown are from a few days ago when I took the girls over to see how everything was getting on, they were amazed. In other big family news, my two girls both completed their school Reading Marathons.

Twenty-six books, with self-led work to go along with it to check their

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understanding, this has to be done in a school year. The prize upon completion?

A prestigious token for the book vending machine in the school library filled with books that they can keep. The vending machine and books inside were funded by the Friends of Woodside School, and it's created quite a buzz of excitement with all of the children.

The books all have a sticker on them explaining that it was funded by the FOWS, so I was very proud to know that both my daughters had earned theirs within days of each other. Pictured is the vending machine, pride of place in the school library, and Amelia and Hattie proudly showing off their hard-earned prizes.

And finally, our new group Walkie Talkies had their first walk! As you may have read in our last issue or seen on social media, in May I floated the idea of a very casual walking group. The group would be a way for people to make connections, combat loneliness and stay healthy all at the same time. I got my friend Hannah on board, who came up with the idea of naming it Walkie Talkies, because the idea was to just have a walk and talk!

Our first walk took us around some of the scarecrows on the Scarecrow Trail, after meeting at the Methodist Church as a starting point. We really didn't think we'd have anyone else turn up, the walk was touted on social



media the night before as a last minute thing. So, we were surprised to have around 15 people altogether..

Not bad for a maiden voyage! Our group consisted of all ages, and it was great to be able to have a chat with people that I ordinarily wouldn't have ran into in my social circles. I had a really nice time, so did the girls. I can't wait to be able to go on another one



# Great Melton Parish Meeting

*By Newly elected chair Bruce Fleming*

Great Melton's Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday 9th May.

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

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

The annual meeting of Great Melton Parish Council followed. Rob Richardson stood down as chairman after serving for almost 20 years in this position, but remains a parish councillor. Bruce Fleming was subsequently elected as chairman and Ian Sears as vice-chairman. The other councillors are Mary Barnard, Michelle

Collins, Peter Markham and Liesl Richardson. The resignation of the parish clerk, Luisa Cantera, was acknowledged and the appointment of Anita Rose as her successor, was confirmed.

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

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

**Editor's Note: - We are always happy to include news from Great Melton, Little Melton and Ketteringham in Hethersett Herald. News items can be e-mailed to the editor at:**

**[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)**

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

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Hethersett resident and Hethersett Herald regular contributor, John Head, is a keen photographer who regularly posts his excellent photographs on Facebook. John writes— It is appreciated that, by the time this month's addition of the Herald is published, most of us will have forgotten how cold early June was. Two years ago it was very warm, even at dawn, as these photos show around St Remigius Church in on 2nd June 2021 between 0500 and 0600 hrs. This year, on the same day and time it was down to 11 degrees with a biting wind.

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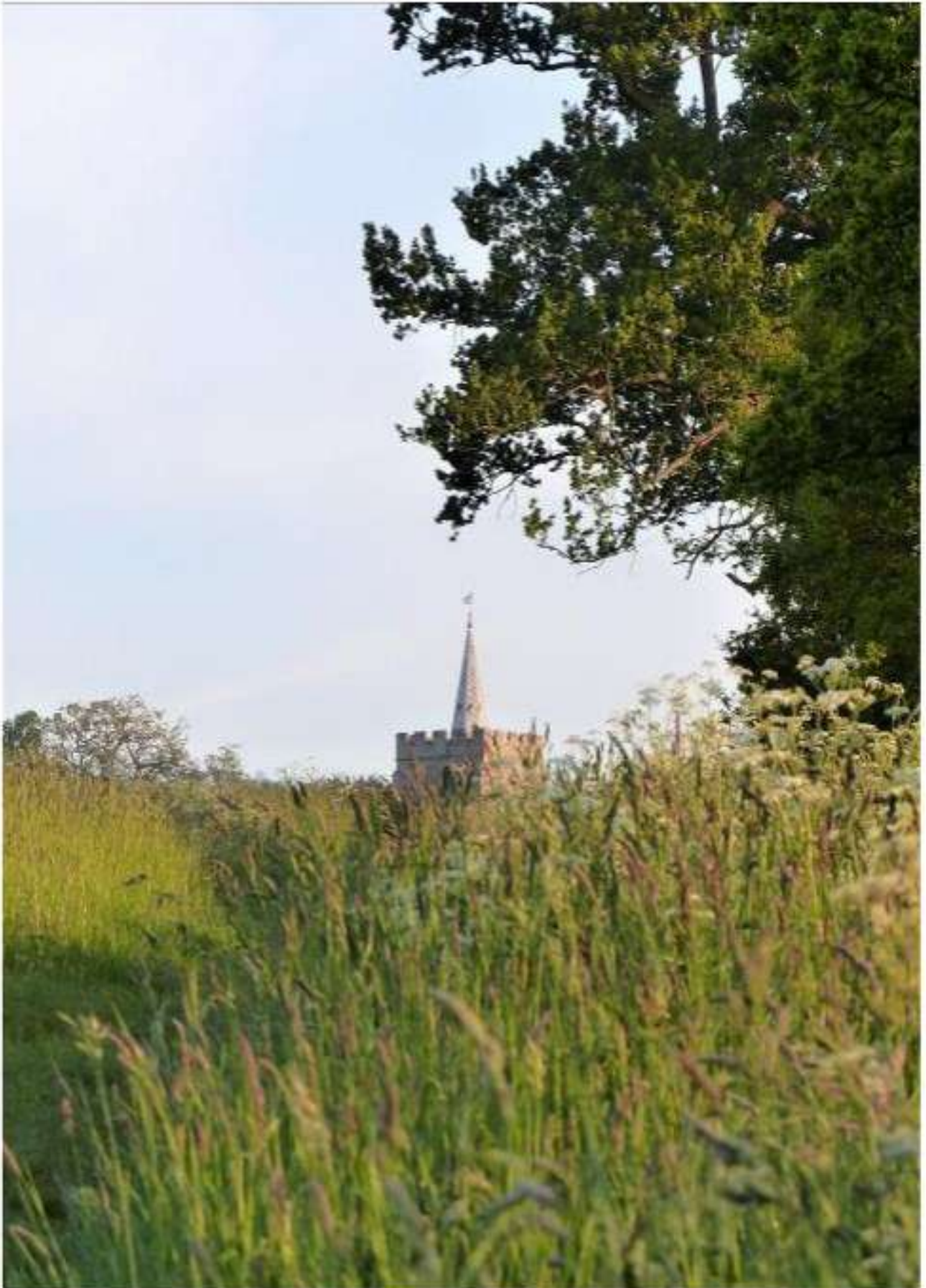


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# News From Hethersett Hall

## On Your Marks

Norwich Cathedral School and Friend in Deed invited us to a Intergenerational sports day.

After meeting the students and a quick introduction it was onto the games, there was Bean Bag Toss, Skittles and a Relay race.

Our residents took part in every event, even beating our own time in the relay! Afterwards there was a nice cup of tea and delicious cakes waiting for our fabulous athletes.

It was a fun afternoon and our residents enjoyed chatting with the pupils and meeting new people, we hope we can do more events together in the future.

Words and Pictures by Emily Parton



If you would like to know more about Hethersett Hall, please have a look at their Facebook and website pages



# News From Hethersett Hall



## Enjoying the Sun

Making the most of the warm weather recently it was nice to see our lovely residents having some social time on the veranda.

Pre - dinner drinks before Sunday lunch a while ago was made even more enticing with the gorgeous Sun making an appearance

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Happiness For Residents

There's nothing better than a child's laugh or smile and our residents would definitely agree.

Friendly Fridays are Olive's favourite day of the week, she loves interacting with the children and chatting with their adults about life as a mum or dad.

Intergenerational friendships provide meaning and are an amazing wellbeing booster, Olive said: "This has made my day."



We look forward to more friendships to make and smiles to be had.

There will be more stories from Hethersett Hall in the August edition of Hethersett Herald





## Trip to Trowse

For three years we have been Zooming in a church service every Sunday from Trowse Church. It started during the pandemic as a way for our residents to keep in touch with their spirituality.

They enjoyed it so much we have kept it going every Sunday since, Reverend Rosie is fantastic and our residents warmed to her instantly.

Dulci asked us if we could one day visit the church and, after contacting Rosie, a day and time were agreed. Rosie met us there, showed us round and even made us all a cup of tea with biscuits, perfect.

Margaret said "I'm so pleased we went, it was lovely to see it in person".

It is a beautiful church, the wooden carvings that we had our picture in front of were carved over 100 years ago in celebration of Queen Victoria, we even had a ring of the church bells!

**Employee of the Month**



Congratulations to Laura Ferar our employee of the month, thank you for all your dedication and person-centred care you provide for our lovely residents.

You are a true asset to the home, your bubbly persona shines through in the quality care you deliver.





## **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](http://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](mailto: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 August 2023 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of July, bringing you news and views from the village.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by June 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](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

## We Are On Facebook

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<https://www.facebook.com/Hethersett-Herald-196216690775010/>

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](mailto:Richard@richardbacon.org.uk).

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: [www.richardbacon.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

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# HOW TO CONTACT US

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](mailto: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.



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**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 is currently shut and awaiting new leaseholders prepared to re-open the venue.

# Where Are The Best Deals?

## Herald Petrol Watch

	Unlead- ed	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	<b>141.9</b>	-1p	<b>144.9</b>	-2p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	142.9	-1p	<b>144.9</b>	-2p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	<b>141.9</b>	-2p	<b>144.9</b>	-5p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	142.9	-1p	<b>144.9</b>	-3p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	143.9	NC	145.9	-6p
Abbeygate Wymondham	149.9	-3p	153.9	-9p
Waitrose Wymondham	159.9	-2p	152.9	-9p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	148.9	NC	151.9	-10p

Latest prices at our chosen eight garages. Best value in bold.

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](mailto:petersteward@sky.com).

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email 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](mailto: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 Mothers' Union** with Deputy Leader Kate Reynolds

Our May meeting was highlighted with a talk from Susan Hunter about 'Cathedrals'.

Susan has travelled all over the UK to visit nearly every Cathedral that exists. There are 42 Cathedrals in the UK. Her mementos and pictorial collection was fascinating to view.

Each building has its own special definitions and architectural design. To see the workmanship put into the wooden structures and carvings so carefully carried out in medieval times is quite astounding. Not all Cathedrals are medieval of course, equal beauty can be seen in Cathedrals such as Coventry with its wonderful glass interior.

We are looking forward to Summer now and our Speaker on Monday June 26th is Sue Head who is going to tell us about her trip to South Africa. Looking forward to July, Hethersett Mothers Union is holding a Traditional Afternoon Tea at St. Remigius Church, Hethersett. This will be on Monday July 24th and starts at 2.00pm. There is no entry fee but donations for tea would be welcomed. Homemade sandwiches, scones and cakes available for all. Look forward to seeing you there

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

**HETHERSETT MOTHERS UNION  
ARE SERVING AN AFTERNOON TEA  
ON MONDAY 24th JULY 2023  
AT 2 pm  
IN ST. REMIGIUS CHURCH, HETHERSETT**

# Groups and Societies

## Friends of Hethersett Library

The Friends of Hethersett Library were entertained by a talk by local author Phyllida Scrivens on a medical conference in Norwich in The 19th century.

Phyllida described how top medics from throughout the world converged on Norwich to exchange knowledge and enjoy lavish dinners and celebrations.

Their get together came just three months before The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster which was the subject of one of three books by Phyllida.

The next presentation organised by the Friends group will be a talk on the Mid Norfolk Railway by Paddy Anstey on

The group is also organising a quiz in Hethersett Village Hall on October and a children's party in December. The venue for the party still has to be decided..

Hethersett Library has a full programme of weekly events and this can be viewed Later in this edition.

## Hethersett Woman's Institute with Margot Markham

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

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

Bradmore had his uses. He was released from prison to extract the arrow from the child's skull. Moldy bread has been used for ages to rub into infected areas...and of course from that it was discovered the antibiotic penicillin from the fungus Penicillium. Times have changed We all benefit from sophisticated techniques and drugs .

We are all living longer. However we still use maggot therapy . Aseptically grown maggots for the removal of dead tissues and bacteria from surface wounds. We also use honey for its antibacterial and osmotic effects for skin problems. Thank goodness for elastoplasts

# Groups and Societies

## The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group)

By Viv Hawes

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

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

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

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

If you think you may be interested in joining us, we meet at Hethersett Village Hall at 2PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, the £4 entrance fee includes Tea/Coffee and home made cake and savouries.

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

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# Groups and Societies

## **St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group**



**Our Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 10 am – 12 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 4TH JULY**

**Future Dates:**

**4th July**

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

# Groups and Societies

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

Our friendly club usually meets on the fourth Monday of the month in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Refreshments are offered on arrival. After the demonstration by a qualified floral demonstrator, there is a chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle. Other events and outings are included in our programme. Visitors are always welcome

### Forthcoming events

24th July it will be Jacquie Aldous 'Encore the Autograph'.

On 25th September a workshop with Elizabeth Robertson on Early Autumn



Flowers will take place.

We also have two outings planned:

2nd August a visit to Natural Surroundings, Bayfield Park, Holt.

For further details please ring Chair Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888 or 07307886902.

Follow us on Facebook too – Cringleford & Hethersett Flower Club

## Hethersett Garden Club with Leslie Dale

At our June meeting, Barry Gayton, was due to outline 'The Weird and Wonderful of the Plant Kingdom' The Gardening Club Members' monthly meeting starts at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, located in the Great Melton Road. Meetings last until 9 pm when refreshments are available, the meeting is at no cost to members. All meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month excepting December which is held on the second Wednesday. Visitors are very welcome at a fee of £2. Annual Society Membership fee is £15, Juniors' fee is £1.50.

On, Wednesday 19th July, Gabi Read, Gabriel's Garden will describe "A year in the cut flower garden - growing a productive garden with nature and wildlife in mind", and on Wednesday 16th August Rosemary Ward talks of 'Jewels in the Clouds', of mountain plants growing in the wild and in the garden. Leslie Dale, Committee Secretary, 46 New Road, NR9 3HH.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Changes To Library Service in Little Melton

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

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

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

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

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

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

## More Good News

HAVE you seen our sister publication Good News?

This is a printed monthly magazine based around the churches of Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton. It also carries news from the three parishes and as from the June edition will be going full colour.

Copies cost just £4 for the entire year (12 editions) and can be delivered to your door. For more information or to be added to our distribution list please contact Kim Arnall at [kim.arnall.goodnews@gmail.com](mailto:kim.arnall.goodnews@gmail.com).

# At your Library

## in Hethersett



**Knit, Stitch and Natter** - Mondays, 2 - 4 pm

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme** - Mondays, 2 - 2:30 pm

**Stay, Chat and Play** - Mondays, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

**Colour Me Calm** - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

**Just a Cuppa** - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

**Board Games for Families** - Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

**Board Games for Adults** - Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Autism Café** - 1st Friday of the month, 5 - 6 pm, drop in event so no need to book

**LEGO Club** - Saturdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Community Puzzle** - Every day, come and help us complete the jigsaw!

**Tricky Period** - Free sanitary products in grab and go bags, available to anyone in need

See staff for more details, visit  
[www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk), or call 0344 800 8020

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HETHERSETT V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL  
QUEENS ROAD, HETHERSETT, NORWICH NR9 3DB



# Hethersett Herald What's On



## A One Day Return To School

FORMER pupils of Hethersett Old Hall School will be returning on July 8th for a special picnic and look round.

The former school is now a training facility for Norfolk Constabulary and the police have given permission for a Saturday picnic on the lawn from midday until 3 pm. If the weather is bad, the picnic will be held in the barn.

Pupils will be able to tour the stable block which was opened by the then principal in 1984. The building has enjoyed many different uses from a pottery studio to a textile room, from a staff room to a sixth form common room. Today it is used as a simulation suite for police training.

The school barn has been transformed into a conference area. Norfolk Police will also have memorabilia on display. Many other parts of the former school will also be open for former pupils and guests to visit and Chief Inspector Keith Philpott will also talk about the future of the site.

# 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](mailto: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.

# Hethersett

## Farmers Market

SATURDAY 8TH JULY  
SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST  
SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER  
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER  
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

**9:00 - 15:00 • HETHERSETT VILLAGE HALL**

BACK LANE, HETHERSETT, NORWICH NR9 3JJ

[farmersmarketnorfolk@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarketnorfolk@gmail.com)

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## Dates For 2024 Pantomime Announced

Next year's village pantomime will be held from Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th January, it has been announced. Tickets will go on sale in November. We will have more details in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

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.

## Wymondham Youth Music Society

On July 8th WYMONDHAM YOUTH ORCHESTRA

will end its 34th season in Wymondham Abbey with a performance ranging from the intimate **J.C.BACH** to the magical grandeur of **STRAVINSKY'S FIREBIRD** and a festive **L'ARLESIENNE** suite by **BIZET**.

Together with the **PULHAM ORCHESTRA**, this year celebrating 40 years of music-making in South Norfolk, they will **'BOUNCE'** in a piece by the composer Tom Armstrong commissioned for both orchestras in 2004.



Come and listen **OR**, if you are **19 or under** and a **Grade 5+ instrumentalist**, **COME AND PLAY WITH US!** Sign up via our website.

You may wish to wait to join for the new season starting in September. BUT . . . .

.....before that, come and listen to our super **JUNIOR STRINGS** performing in Queen St. Baptist Church Wymondham at 6:30pm on **JULY 13th**.



For further details contact LINDA: 01953 529158 or go to

[www.wyms.org.uk](http://www.wyms.org.uk)

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SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023

HETHERSETT  
OPEN  
GARDENS

Open up your garden to  
help raise funds  
for Hethersett community  
green projects



For an application form please visit the Parish Council website, email  
[hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com)  
or call 07902322729

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## Open Library

### Extending opening hours at your library

Open Library gives you access to the library when the building is unstaffed, making your library available at times that are more convenient for you.

#### Library Available\*

Monday	8am – 7pm
Tuesday	8am – 7pm
Wednesday	8am – 7pm
Thursday	8am – 7pm
Friday	8am – 7pm
Saturday	8am – 4pm
Sunday	10am – 4pm

#### Staffed Hours

Monday	1.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday	Unstaffed
Wednesday	11am – 7pm
Thursday	1.30pm – 7pm
Friday	1.30pm – 7pm
Saturday	11am – 4pm
Sunday	Unstaffed

\*During times when the library is available but not staffed, you can access the library using our Open Libraries system. Please visit [www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk) or call 01603 774777 for more information

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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

**Wymondham Helicopter Group**  
presents  
**Charity Show**




The Wymondham Central Hall  
Sunday 14th May 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm - Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Dates for  
your Diary:**

**Hey Beatles  
14th May**

**Freddie &  
Queen  
8th July**

**THE FREDDIE & QUEEN  
EXPERIENCE**



UK'S PREMIER TRIBUTE  
The Wymondham Central Hall - Wymondham  
Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm - Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Wymondham Helicopter Group**  
presents  
**'An Evening of The Four Seasons'**  
A Tribute to The Four Seasons



The Wymondham Central Hall  
Saturday 16th Sept 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm - Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Evening of  
Four  
Seasons  
16th Sept**

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

**Wymondham Helicopter Group**  
presents



**The Tricats  
Female Duo**

The Wymondham Central Hall  
Saturday 11th Nov 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm  
Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

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wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)**

Tickets for the above concerts are also available from Hetherestt Butchers.



# **JUBILEE YOUTH CLUB SUMMER FETE**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023, 11:00am to 2:00pm**

★ 12:00 noon Talent Show

1:00 pm Fancy Dress ★

★ 1:30 pm Raffle

Plus loads more....

Refreshments

Cakes & Ice Creams

BBQ

★ Guess the teddy's name

★ Stalls

Tombola

Hook a Duck ★

Splat a Rat

**COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

Jubilee Youth Club, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3QW



# Hethersett Herald What's On

**OPEN 12PM TILL 12AM**

## **Hethersett Social Club Open Day**

**Saturday 22nd July**

**Activities for all the family**

**Squares board raffle, BBQ, Bouncy  
castle, games and tombola 12pm-4pm**

**Chocolate Bingo 4.30pm-6.30pm**

**Virtual pig racing 7pm onwards**

**All to raise money for Stars Throwers  
Charity**

# More About The Lords of Hethersett

## The Manor of Hethersett Cromwells (1360-present day)

FROM 1360 the main manor in Hethersett was known as the "Manor of Hethersett Cromwells." It was also sometimes referred to as "Hethersett with the Members" to reflect the subsidiary lands that were part of it in other parts of Norfolk.

Although it had followed a circuitous route, Hethersett was still held by increasingly distant members of the same family that took hold of it not long before the time of Domesday.

By 1360 it had travelled from the family of the Lords of Middleham, to the Tateshales, and then to the Bernaks. In that year Maud de Bernak - the last of that family to hold the manor - was Lady of Hethersett. Although she was no longer known as a Bernak, having married Ralph de Cromwell.

The Cromwell family were incredibly wealthy and powerful. As such, they were far removed from the day to day running of their manors. In order to keep the King's hands off their property and to avoid paying upon inheritance, they would often enfeoff - or place in trust - their properties.

Where known I have added in the **feoffees** (trustees).

### 1360-1398

#### **Ralph de Cromwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Cromwell**

Held by right of his wife **Maud de Bernak**, the elder sister of both John and William, and last surviving child of John and Joan de Bernak. He acquired his main seat at Tateshale through his marriage to Maud.

### 1398-1417

#### **Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Cromwell**

Inherited upon the death of his Father, by right of his mother Maud, who was still living.

### 1417-1456

#### **Ralph, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Cromwell**

Inherited upon the Death of his Father, by Right of his Grandmother Maud, who lived until 1419.

Treasurer of England. Ralph died without issue, and asked his executors to sell all his property not otherwise entailed and use the money for whatever they wished. Some was sold, but some was kept. One of his Feoffees, Bishop William Waynfleet, used the funds to found Magdalen College at Oxford.

### **Feoffees c1424-1429**

**Sir John Tiptoft, knt, Sir William Phelep, knt, William Paston Esq, Oliver Groos**

*All had died by 1454 and were perhaps nominally the*

**HISTORIAN Lewis Buckingham**  
continues his articles on the Lords of  
Hethersett's past

*feoffees until this time, when new feoffees were chosen.*

### **Feoffees 1454 -1486**

**William Waynfleet, Bishop of Winchester, and 27 more, including John Ratcliffe**

*Waynfleet was definitely a feoffee of Hethersett. The others were likely also the same, all of Cromwell's lands being enfeoffed at the same time.*

### **1456-1483**

**Maud Willoughby (nee Stanhope)**

Maud was the cousin of Ralph, and heir to her mother **Maud Stanhope (nee Cromwell)**, Ralph Cromwell's sister.

She was married three times - to Sir Robert Willoughby, Sir Thomas Neville, and Sir Gervase Clifton, yet died without any issue. A skirmish when her bridal party was attacked after her marriage to Sir Thomas Neville is often described as the spark that began the War of the Roses with the Battle of St Albans in 1455.

### **1483-1497**

**Sir Robert Radcliffe**

Maud gave the Manor of Hethersett to Sir Robert as a Gift for the term of his life.

He was her brother in law, being the second husband of her sister Joan. He was living in Hethersett at the time a Tax was taken in 1498. The Baillif of Hethersett Manor at this time was William Flowerdewe.

**Feoffee 1486 - c1500**

**Juliana Churchstyle**



**Ralph—3rd Lord Cromwell**

The first cousin and heir of William Waynfleet, Bishop of Winchester. He had been the last surviving of the Feoffees appointed in 1454, and so his heir inherited the enfeoffment.

**1497-1497**

**Maud Willoughby (nee Stanhope)**

As her gift to Sir Robert was only for life, the manor returned to Maud when he died in February 1497. She only held it for 6 months, dying in August. Maud is pictured below.

**1497-c1500**

**Robert Broughton**

Broughton convinced the feoffee, Juliana, that he was Maud's next heir, being descended via a tortuous route from William de Bernak, who died a minor in 1360. He probably believed this to be the truth, however he was actually descended from a William from another branch of the Bernak family, who never had an interest in Hethersett.

**The Cromwell Legacy**

After the Death of Maud, the line of succession fell into doubt.

Robert Broughton had convinced Juliana, the feoffee, that he was the next heir, and she refused to release possession of Hethersett Manor to the other claimants until compelled by a Suit in Chancery.

The court case took place in about 1500, brought by Sir William Knyvet, aged 60, whose great grandmother was Elizabeth, a sister of Ralph, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Cromwell, and by William Fitzwilliam, aged 13, whose 3x Great Grandmother was Maud, the other sister of the same Ralph.

The two William's - Knyvett and Fitzwilliam were successful - and the manor was held jointly by them.



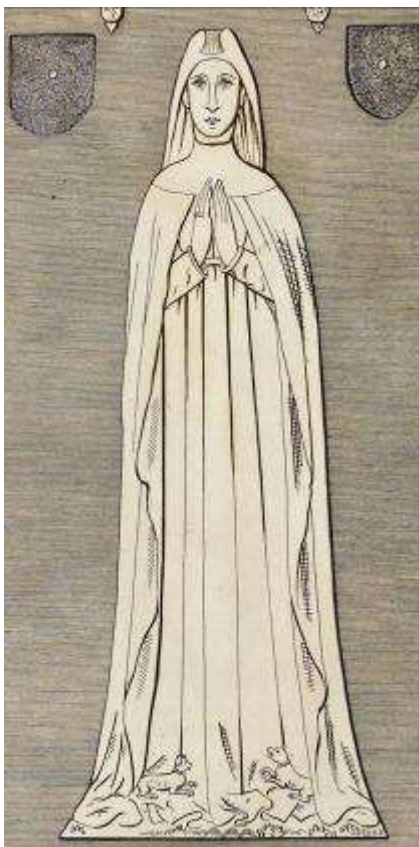
William Waynfleet, Bishop of Winchester (died 1486)

William was married to Margery, the daughter of Sir Robert Broughton, who had earlier claimed ownership of Hethersett Manor by a faulty descent from the wrong Bernaks.

William and Margery died childless.



Sir William Fitzwilliam (died 1515)



In the terms of the time, they each held a "Moiety" of the manor. This meant they held it equally but undivided. All decisions - such as who would be the next Rector of Hethersett - were to be agreed by both, and the profits would be split equally.

**c1500-1516 - Knyvett's Moiety**

**Sir William Knyvitt**

Inherited by descent from Elizabeth Cromwell after a court action.

**c1500-c1510 - Fitzwilliam's Moiety**

**William Fitzwilliam**

Inherited by descent from Maud Cromwell after a court action.

In a strange twist,

**c1510-1536 -**

## **FitzWilliam's Moiety**

### **Sir Robert Drury (pictured below)**

Around 1510 William FitzWilliam signed his moiety of the manor away to Robert Drury for the term of his life, for £20 a year.

The Drurys were linked with the family by marriage. After the death of Joan Stanhope (the sister of Maud Willoughby/Stanhope), Robert Radcliffe married Katherine le Strange, Drury's sister.

By the terms of the sale, after Drury's death the Manor was to go to the heirs of FitzWilliam's body. In the case that FitzWilliam had no children (which he did not) it was to go to John Broughton (the son of Robert Broughton), George Waldegrave (Drury's son in law), and William Drury Esq (Robert's eldest son).



### **1536-1541 - FitzWilliam's Moiety Robert Drury**

Second son of Sir Robert, Hethersett was to have gone to his elder brother William, but it seems that plans changed. Broughton and Waldegrave - the other two who had stood to share in the inheritance - had died by this date.

In 1546 Robert sold his moiety of the Manor to John Flowerdewe.

### **1516-1550 - Knyvett's Moiety**

#### **Edmund Knyvitt**

Edmund inherited as Great Grandson of Sir William Knyvett. His father and grandfather had each died at sea before his Great Grandfather's death. Edmund and his



wife Anne sold 5 houses and about 200 acres of land in Hethersett to John Flowerdewe in 1545, and their half of the Manor 5 years later.

### **1541- 1565 - FitzWilliam's Moiety**

#### **John Flowerdewe**

At the time of purchase, Flowerdewe was the Bailif of the Manor of Hethersett. He had perhaps been so for some time, a William Flowerdewe having been bailiff during the time of Robert Radcliffe's lordship in the 1490s.

This John Flowerdewe was the notorious Mr Flowerdewe of Kett's Rebellion fame. The Rebellion itself occurred in 1549.

In 1557, to secure his eldest son William's marriage to Frances Appleyard, John made a contract whereby his son William and Frances would have Fitzwilliam's moiety after John's death. It was then to go to their children. If there were none, to each of John's sons in order.

### **1550-1560 - Knyvett's Moiety**

#### **Thomas Knyvitt**

Thomas inherited the Manor from his father. Unfortunately he inherited £1300 of debt as well.

### **1560-1565 - Knyvett's Moiety**

#### **John Flowerdewe**

John was bailiff not only of Hethersett Manor, but also of other Manors held by the Knyvetts.

In 1560 he bought Thomas's share of the manor for £610. Thomas's mother still held the Manor for life, as part of the marriage agreement she had originally made with Edmund, Thomas's father. After her Death it would be placed in the hands of Flowerdewe, instead of Drury. She was then married to Christopher Coote, and died in 1563.

### **John Flowerdewe - Lord of the Manor of Hethersett**

In 1560 John Flowerdewe held both moieties of the Manor of Hethersett and was the undoubted Lord of Hethersett. With a brief hiatus, his family would hold the manor for the next two centuries.

The line of familial descent from the time of the Domesday Book was now broken. The relatives of Ribald of Middleham had held Hethersett for 485 years.

The photograph at the top of this page is the historic Kett's Oak.

# Notra Dame de Lorette

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Historian and Hethersett Herald columnist John Head looks back on his visit to a very moving war memorial in France.

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## **Notre Dame de Lorette and the Ring of Remembrance.**

One of the most moving war memorials I have visited is the 'Ring of Remembrance' which appropriately abuts the largest French military cemetery in the world of Notre Dame de Lorette. It is situated north west of

Arras at the village of Ablain-Saint-Nazaire.

The military cemetery and its ossuaries contain the remains of more than 40,000 French soldiers and its location is significant as it is in an area of several strategic battles in World War 1, especially the Battles of Artois.

In the grounds of the cemetery is the beautiful Notre Dame de Lorette Basilica together with the Lantern Tower which is a reminiscence of the medieval Lantern of the Dead.



The photograph on the previous page and at the top of this page show the Basilica.

The centre picture on this page is of the Lantern Tower and the bottom picture shows the war graves.



It is not surprising that this location was chosen for the building of the Ring of Remembrance as it commemorates all those soldiers who died in that region of conflict during World War 1, including French, German and British. It therefore also commemorates the unification of former enemies.

The memorial is inscribed with over 600,000 names listed in alpha order regardless of nationality, creed or rank. It was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the shape being described as one to brotherhood and an expression to peace.

One of the names on the memorial is





that of my Great Uncle, Serjeant George Head of the Royal Garrison Artillery who fell on the first day of the German Spring Offensive (operation Michael) on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918.

The photographs on this page show what is now a very peaceful scene but which hasn't always been. The top picture is looking from the Ring of Remembrance to Vimy Ridge and below that is an image looking from the Ring of Remembrance to St Eloi.

Over the page is a gallery and this is followed by John's discover of a number of people with the surname Head who are remembered.

This is a place worthy of visiting for remembrance and quiet reflection and the photographs end with a panoramic view of the Ring of Remembrance at Notre Dame De Lorette.

#### Photographs

All photos from the collections of John Head, Nick Smith and Robert McMaster.





HURST JOHN • HAZLEHURST WILFRED •  
 HAZLEWOOD W G • HAZO THURIAN MARIE •  
 ZZI MARTIN • HE HUNG FU • HEAD A • HEAD A E •  
 • HEAD C J • HEAD CHARLES RICHARD •  
 RICK WILLIAM • HEAD GEORGE • HEAD GEORGE •  
 RICHARD • HEAD HERBERT • HEAD HERBERT JAMES •  
 BERT • HEAD LESLIE MOORE • HEAD PERCY • HEAD R •  
 • HEAD W G • HEAD W H • HEAD W H • HEAD W H •  
 ADIFEN LEONARD • HEADING BERNARD •  
 AM LEO • HEADLAND ALBERT • HEADLEY GEORGE •



## Deaths of Rita and Connie

SHORTLY before going to publication for this edition of Hethersett Herald, we learned that two village stalwarts have died.

Rita Bircham was organist at Hethersett Parish Church for many years and Connie Tindale was known as the “Hedgehog Lady” for her love and care of the animals. Connie was also a regular columnist in this publication for a number of years.

We will have tributes to both of these ladies in the August edition of Hethersett Herald which will be available as usual exclusively online at the end of July.

# 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](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

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**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.

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## 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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