



### Community Post Office Celebrates First Birthday



#### AS birthdays go, it's certainly a bonny bouncing baby.

We are talking about the new community post office which was one year old at the end of October and which continues to go from strength to strength.

The post office is primarily run by volunteers under the auspices of the Hethersett Hearts' charity and just over a month ago added Tuesdays to its opening times—making it a six day a week operation.

A first birthday celebration was due to take place on 1st November and we will have full coverage of this with photographs in the December edition of Hethersett Herald.

Our photograph here is a flashback to October 2022 and the opening of the new community facility in Hethersett Library.



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### Month of The Switch On



IT may still be some weeks to Christmas, but the village is getting ready for its annual switch on of what has become known as a Winter Wonderland.

Every year Park Green in Hethersett is turned into a wonderful colourful kaleidoscope to mark the festive season and remember Finnbar Cork.

This year the lights will be switched on at 5 pm on Sunday November 26th and will come on every night until the end of December. Finnbar died at the age of five in 2016 from a brain tumour. His parents subsequently launched Finnbar's Force which has raised thousands of pounds for research into the disease and also to support other families. The montage of the Hethersett Winter Wonderland pictured above was taken at last Christmas' event.

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## Hello Everyone

And welcome to the November edition of Hethersett Herald. It's a little bit a case of "after the Lord Mayor's show" this month with the village quietening down after a very newsy September which we reflected on in last month's magazine.

Suddenly across our desk this month came details of Christmas events which made us realise that we aren't too far away from the festive season and now past half-term and on the home stretch.

One of the highlights of the year is the switch on of Finnbar Force's Christmas lights display in the centre of the village.

This year the lights will be on before the start of December with a switch on date of Sunday November 26th. Once again an area of the village will be turned into a Winter Wonderland which is loved and admired by so many and for which people travel some distance to see. There are few things better to do on a cold and crisp December evening than to walk through the Winter Wonderland.

Very often there seems to be a theme running through this magazine. Last month it was about facilities and this month we turn the spotlight on volunteers—that army of people that make our village the great place it is and without whom many groups and organisations would simply grind to a halt.

We hope that as always this edition of Hethersett Herald keeps you informed of some of the issues along with what is happening in our village and a big birthday hello for our community post office which celebrated its first birthday in Hethersett Library at the end of October.

If you have any news or anything you would like to promote in your magazine please don't hesitate to get in touch.

*Peter*

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# Do We Expect Too Much Of Our Volunteers?

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Herald editor Peter Steward asks whether we are expecting our village volunteers to take on too much.

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The comments below are taken from the editor's daily blog which you can read on Facebook by going to the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/486377568989294> or go to Facebook and search for "Peter Steward's Daily Blog."

You know what great esteem I hold volunteers in and firmly believe that without them our country would grind to a halt.

Sometimes people put so much into volunteering that it has an adverse affect on their health.

It was sobering therefore to receive a column for my next e magazine Hethersett Herald from Sarah Lawrence explaining why she recently resigned as chair of Hethersett Parish Council. Sarah also resigned from the council itself and it made me pose the question "do we expect too much from our volunteers and do we appreciate them too little?"

And there is no doubt in my mind that at times far too much is demanded. The powers that be launch an avalanche of rules and restrictions, documentation that has to be read and acted on and any number of other demands.

My experience of this is in the world of education and local politics which may sound grand but really isn't. For many years I was a governor of one of our local schools. I started as a parent governor and then became a community governor when my sons had finished at the school and finally ended as chair of governors.

Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my time and my involvement but eventually suffered burnout trying to perform the functions alongside family commitments and a full time job. I came to the conclusion that trying to be all things to all people just wasn't feasible and those suffering were myself and my family.

That's the sentiment expressed by Sarah in her column in the coming Hethersett Herald. She has a young family, a job, several other voluntary commitments and being chair of the parish council was just too much.

I sympathise as I was on the parish council for a number of years. It wasn't the workload that necessarily made me resign as much as a wish to be able to report on the

## Sarah Explains Decision to Resign

FORMER Hethersett Parish Council chairman Sarah Lawrence has spoken out for the first time about her decision to resign from the council.

Sarah said that the pressures of the voluntary position had taken their toll on both her and her family.

Writing in her regular column in Hethersett Herald, Sarah has this to say:

"The decision came down to the effect that my role on the council was having on my family and the impact it was having on my mental health. Being on the council – and especially being in the role of Chairman – takes a lot of spare time, something that I just do not have enough of."

Sarah goes on to expand on the effect being council chairman was having on her family:

"Between multiple meetings every week, to time sorting issues, banking, and preparing for meetings, there wasn't much time to spend with my family. The children often groaned when they asked if I had a meeting and the response was a yes. I'm ashamed to say that my fuse was shorter, no doubt due to the stress and I often snapped at the girls if they interrupted while I was going about council work at home."

You can read more about what prompted Sarah's resignation by turning to page 28.

council independently and not being constrained in what I wrote.

That didn't mean that I didn't and don't support the council but I felt it wasn't possible to perform the function I wanted to perform from the inside.

On Sunday afternoon we popped along to Wymondham Methodist Church to watch and listen to a presentation by the Methodist Minister Steve Cullis on his recent sabbatical which saw him visit varying parts of the UK and also Queensland in Australia. Methodist Ministers take a three month sabbatical every seven years. Steve spoke about how this is compulsory rather than optional. Steve sees it very much as a way of fending off burnout and recharging the batteries and suggested that everybody needs to step away and reassess at times.

I certainly agree with that. I have recently resigned from being a trustee of two organisations - one because I didn't feel I was contributing anything of note or worth and the other because after 10 years or so I was struggling to find the necessary motivation. Having said that I'm still involved with both organisations in other capacities.

I have spoken before about suffering burnout and I reckon it's happened to me two or three times in my life. I would define it as a feeling of inadequacy and even uselessness where you feel you just cannot contribute another ounce of strength, energy or ideas. Allied to this is a distinct loss of interest which is sad because often you start out on a road with great enthusiasm only to find that enthusiasm waning as time goes by. Often this waning is due to outside influences or interference.

Sometimes a break will do the trick but at other times it won't and negative thoughts are too deep-seated to regenerate enthusiasm.

I'm trying desperately not to replace the things I've given

up with anything new as I still have more involvement than I can poke a stick at and there are lots of my own things I would like to do that I just haven't had time for in the past.

## The Vital Work Of Volunteers

By Peter Steward

HETHERSETT Parish Council's new chairman Bridget Williamson was quick to point out the important work of volunteers and the amount of work undertaken by parish councillors at the October meeting of the council.

Mrs Williamson was responding to comments from the public about a perceived lack of communication between the council and residents, an accusation she felt was unjustified.

Workload and ill health has been contributory factors to the resignation of two chairmen this year.

After thanking previous chairman Sarah Lawrence for her work on behalf of the council, Mrs Williamson pointed out the amount of work facing parish councillors. Responding to a question about a lack of communication between the council and the community, Mrs Williamson said:

"We can always do better but this council has gone through a very difficult time. We have all put in many hours of work unpaid to keep this council going. At the present time we don't have the space to be able to look at the broader picture."

Mrs Williamson also remarked on the resignation of two previous clerks within a few weeks which had also added to the difficulty of running the council.

"It would be nice if people came to us with a positive attitude and an awareness of all the clubs and organisations and all the good things that are going on in our wonderful village and celebrated that fact," she added.

### Bridget Takes The Chair



HETHERSETT Parish Council has its third chairman this year.

Bridget Williamson (above) was unanimously elected at the October meeting to succeed Sarah Lawrence who resigned due to personal reasons (see our story on page four). Sarah took over earlier in the year from Adrienne Quinlan who resigned on health grounds.

Long standing council member Leslie Dale will be vice chairman.

In accepting the post, Mrs Williamson thanked Mrs Lawrence for all her work on behalf of the council and the village in general.

"I would like to thank Sarah for all her hard work and I'm sure we will see her back on the parish council at sometime in the future," Mrs Williamson said.

BEING a parish councillor is a rewarding way of volunteering but can also be very demanding.

The Government has often bandied the word localism around but never followed through with its promise to give greater powers to local authorities.

Sadly parish and town councils still have too little say in what happens in their own towns and villages. I was a parish councillor for a number of years but got frustrated at feeling that our "parish pump" views held little or no weight as the "chair of command" went upwards through the district and country councils to national level.

I can't see this changing anytime soon although I still firmly believe that it is local people that should decide local issues.

#### Herald Comment

## Parish Churchyard Tidy Up Appeal

Feel like a bit of exercise and a way to help the local community?

On Saturday 18th November, volunteers will be sprucing up Hethersett's Churchyard from 9.30 am to noon and more workers are needed.

Help is needed with clearing away weeds, brambles and bushes that have taken root.

"You don't have to stay all morning, even if you can only manage half an hour it will make all the difference. If you have them, please bring along, gloves, secateurs, pruning tools, kneeler etc. There will be jobs for all ages and abilities. Refreshments will be available for a mid-morning break," said one of the organisers Alex Woodall.

For more information contact Alex on 07525 246589

## Christmas Leaflet On Its Way

**A leaflet giving information on Christmas services and arrangements will be distributed this year by Hethersett and District Churches Together.**



**The professionally designed flyers will be distributed around the villages of Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton well in time for the festive season. We will have details of all the Christmas services in the December edition of Hethersett Herald.**

## Time For a Cuppa in Little Melton

Little Melton is organising a Community Cafe in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th November and Wednesday 20th December (between 2 pm and 4 pm).

As well as being able to enjoy a mug of tea or coffee with cake and biscuits, there will be a Book Swap with a good selection of books available to take home to read. The public is welcome to bring along any books that they are willing to pass on to others. The idea is to provide an opportunity for people to come together for a chat and everyone is welcome.

There is no charge for tea, coffee and cake, although any donations to help cover the cafe costs will be welcome.

The cafe is being funded by the Little Melton Charitable Organisation which runs the village hall.

Dates for the community café are:

Wednesday 15 November - Little Melton Community Cafe, 2-4 pm, Village Hall.

Wednesday 20 December - Little Melton Community Cafe, 2-4 pm, Village Hall.



# Speed Limit to Be Reduced

THE speed limit along a section of Colney Lane in Hethersett is likely to be lowered from 60 to 40 mph in the near future.

A letter from Norfolk County Council has outlined the proposal:

“Norfolk County Council is planning to convert the existing national (60 mph) speed limit on Colney Lane/Hethersett Lane to 40 mph.

“The proposed 40 mph will extend from Hethersett Lane’s roundabout with Rosalind Franklin Road south to its junction with Norwich Road.”

Hethersett Parish Council agreed unanimously that the reduction in the speed limit was “an excellent idea.”

Plans still exist to put traffic lights at the junction of Colney Lane and the B1172.

Hethersett District and County Councillor David Bills has also backed the plans: “I am strongly supportive. Safety-wise this is definitely needed. People seem to think that because it’s a 60 mph zone you have to drive at 60 mph,” he told the Norwich Evening News.

## News From Hethersett

### New Classrooms At Hethersett Academy

HETHERSETT Academy has been given planning permission for a major new extension.

Planners at South Norfolk have backed a three storey teaching block.

This will feature 12 new classrooms, a dining hall and kitchen in order to increase the school’s intake by up to 40 additional pupils.

The ever-popular school has been turning pupils away for two years due to being over-subscribed after glowing Ofsted reports.

Hethersett Parish Council was informed of the new plans at its October meeting.

## Helping To Keep Warm This Winter

THINGS will be hotting up in Hethersett Library once again as winter approaches.

The library will be inviting residents to “keep warm and well this winter” by providing special packs and bags.

The library is providing blankets and hot water bottles, toiletry bags and sanitary bags and also hot drinks at times when it is staffed.

The initiative follows the success of a similar one last year as the country struggled to recover from lockdown.

Free hot drinks will be available during times when the library is staffed which will be Monday from 1.30 pm until 7 pm, Wednesday from 11 am until 7 pm, Thursday from 1.30 pm until 7 pm, Friday from 1.30 pm until 7 pm and Saturday from 11 am until 4 pm.

The toiletries’ bag contains deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste and toothbrushes are also available.

The sanitary bags include pads and other items. You can see a full list of opening hours and what is available on a poster in our what’s on section.

**Keep Warm and Well this Winter**

**Hethersett Library**  
40 Queens Rd.  
Hethersett  
NR9 3DB

Staffed hours  
Monday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Wednesday 11am - 7pm  
Thursday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Friday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Saturday 11am - 4pm

Visit your local library to pick up FREE Winter essentials

**Keep Warm and Well**  
Help yourself to a blanket and hot water bottle.  
Free hot drinks are available (see library for times).

**Toiletries Bag**  
Bag contains: deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste.  
Adults and children's toothbrushes are available to help yourself to or ask a member of staff.

**Tricky Period**  
Bag contains: 1 x pack of regular and 1 x pack of super or night pads.  
Sustainable items are available while stocks last (including: period cups, washable pads, period pants).

If you can't see what you need, please ask a member of staff.

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# The Future of Hethersett—The Response

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**OUR various articles about the problems and challenges facing Hethersett over the next few years brought a lively response and here we feature just one of the comments received on social media following our editorial.**

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One long-term Hethersett resident identified what he felt was just a few of the problems in the village at the moment.

He wrote:

“We are facing a doctors which you cannot get into, schools which are full, roads which are busy and dangerous and so on.

“Wasn’t this exactly what was predicted in 2011 when there was talk about the new development?

“Yes it was, but part of the problem was our council, they did not stick up for its residents who did not want all these houses to swamp our village.

“It’s amazing how many people who have moved out or want to move out of the place they loved.

“Yet again people who have lived here all their lives or for a long time are suffering from planners’ consequences.

“Hethersett, Wymondham, Cringleford and Costessey have been decimated for the sake of money, greed and lack of residential needs.”

What do you think of the comments above. Do you have any issues you would like to see highlighted in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

If so please contact the editor at:

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

Hethersett Herald will continue to campaign for what is right for our village.

## Something Positive

IN the October Herald we related the problems that Charlotte Screech had in finding a school place for her six year old son Elliot. They are pictured below.

Charlotte had just moved into the village from Buckinghamshire and found it difficult to get Elliot a school place. He eventually found one at Hethersett VC Primary School in Queen’s Road thanks to the personal intervention of the Head Teacher.

But something positive may have come out of Charlotte’s

struggle following a meeting with Norfolk County Council and an explanation of just what is needed to start up a full new year group.

Charlotte takes up the story:

“I had a positive meeting with county where the admission

system was explained. Fifteen children are needed to make a new class economically viable. Those numbers aren’t coming through to them and so schools cannot take a risk.

“If we as parents were to put forward 15 names for one given year group then of course the county, in line with schools and their governing boards, would consider the class addition.

“This makes sense and I suggested it would be useful to parents moving to the area that they are made aware of the oversubscription and that this may impact on the preferences they make on application and it’s not a given that they will secure a catchment or first choice school—particularly for mid year applications such as ours.

“If people came forward we could create more classes if there are minimal numbers etc - that includes new and existing families willing to move their kids but sometimes that’s not a good option as their child may be settled and happy at their current school,” Charlotte said.





# Changes to Bus Timetables



A COMPLEX set of bus timetable changes are being brought in by First Bus from the end of October.

Route and time changes will affect buses to and through Hethersett and the changes will affect the Pink Line, Green Line, Purple Line, Red Line and Turquoise Line services.

Herald reader Michael Kingston delved through the new timetables to try and make some sense of them. Here is what he came up with.

Hethersett will be served by:

Number 11 as at present, with extra evening services through bus 11a. The number 11 will serve the Heather Gardens development every 30 minutes.

Number 13 Spixworth to Attleborough every 30 minutes as present and still following the main road through Hethersett. Hourly in evenings, but uses main road and not the B1172.

Number 14 Dussindale to Wymondham every 30 minutes via the Hethersett estates and hourly in the evening as number 14a via the estate. This replaces the old 15 and 15a

Number 15 Blofield Heath to Silfield every 60 minutes following the main B1172 road through Hethersett.

Number 16 Lingwood to Silfield, every 60 minute via main B1172 road in Hethersett.

Therefore there will still be a 30 minute service through the Steeple Tower estate through the number 14.

Numbers 13,15,16, and Konnect Bus 6 pass through Hethersett but on the main B1172 road only, combining to make five journeys per hour for most of the day. There will also be a better evening service hourly on 11a, 13 and 14a, but to different spots in Hethersett!

Meanwhile the Semmence Number 9 bus which previously went to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital via Hethersett has been discontinued.

The Ourbus service through Hethersett and Little Melton from Wymondham to Longwater Retail Park will continue its once a day return service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, going through the village at about 9.30 am.

Details of the new timetables are available from First Buses, in Hethersett Library and some are featured on the following pages of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

The new timetables may be somewhat confusing but we will be checking them out for the next edition of Hethersett Herald. Other good news is that the £2 single ticket has been extended to the end of 2024.



A quick guide to Hethersett buses:

- Number six goes along the B1172 as it previously did.
- Number 11 goes through the village and to and from the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital as it previously did.
- Number 13 goes along the B1172
- Number 14 takes the place of the old number 15 and goes through the village
- Number 15 now goes along the B1172
- Number 16 goes along the B1172
- The Ourbus service goes through the village to the Longwater Retail park on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.





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BUS TIMES from 29th October 2023

• Times at these stops are estimated

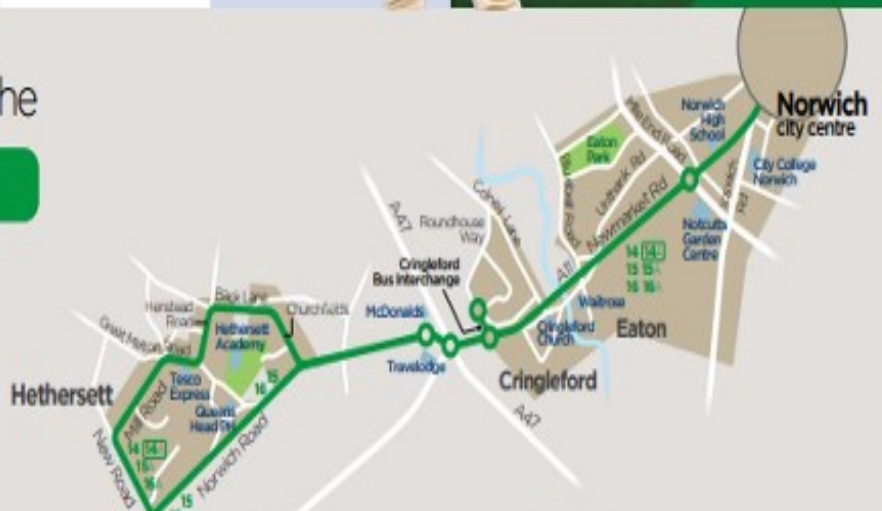
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Newmarket Road Eaton Road •	0651	0721	0752	0807	0822	0837	0852	0907	0922	0942	0957	1012	1027	42	57	12	27	1342	1357	1412	1427	1447
Cringleford Bus Interchange for [H]	0657	0727	0759	0814	0829	0844	0859	0914	0929	0949	1004	1019	1034	49	04	19	34	1349	1404	1419	1434	1454
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	0706	0736	▼	0825	▼	0855	▼	0925	▼	1000	▼	1030	▼	00	▼	30	▼	1400	▼	1430	▼	1505
Wymondham Sheffield Road •	0713	0743	▼	0834	▼	0904	▼	0934	▼	1009	▼	1039	▼	09	▼	39	▼	1409	▼	1439	▼	1514
Wymondham Norwich Rd/Watrose •	▼	0811	▼	0841	▼	0911	▼	0941	▼	1016	▼	1046	▼	▼	16	▼	46	▼	1416	▼	1446	▼
Wymondham Cross	0721	0751	0815	0843	0845	0913	0915	0943	0945	1018	1020	1048	1050	18	20	48	50	1418	1420	1448	1450	1523
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road			0820		0850		0920		0950		1025		1055	25	55			1425		1455		
Silfield Nightingale Avenue			0827		0857		0927		0957		1032		1102	32	02			1432		1502		

	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	16	14A	14A	14A	14A	14A
Lingwood Rail Station	1411				1516				1614				1719			1824					
Blofield Heath Millfield Close	▼		1445		▼		1545		▼		1648		▼		1758		▼				
Brundall The Street Co-op	1423		1458		1528		1558		1626		1701		1731		1811		1836				
Broadland Business Pk Old Chapel Way	▼		▼		▼		▼		1635		1710		1740		1820		▼				
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa •	1432		1507		1537		1607		1637		1712		1742		1822		1845				
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	▼	1448	▼	1518	▼	1548	▼	1618	▼	1648	▼	1723	▼	1753	▼	▼					
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys •	▼	1453	▼	1523	▼	1553	▼	1623	▼	1653	▼	1728	▼	1758	▼	▼					
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	1436	1456	1511	1526	1541	1556	1611	1626	1641	1656	1716	1731	1746	1801	1826	1849					
Rail Station Thorpe Road •	1447	1507	1522	1537	1552	1607	1622	1637	1652	1707	1727	1742	1757	1812	1833	1900					
City Centre Castle Meadow	1455	1515	1530	1545	1600	1615	1630	1645	1700	1715	1735	1750	1805	1820	1835	1903	1845	1945	2045	2145	2245
City Centre St Stephens Street	1458	1518	1533	1548	1603	1618	1633	1648	1703	1718	1738	1753	1808	1823			1848	1948	2048	2148	2248
Newmarket Road Eaton Road •	1502	1522	1537	1554	1609	1624	1639	1654	1709	1724	1742	1757	1812	1827			1852	1952	2052	2152	2252
Cringleford Bus Interchange for [H]	1509	1530	1545	1605	1620	1635	1650	1705	1720	1735	1749	1804	1819	1834			1900	2000	2100	2200	2300
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	▼	1541	▼	1616	▼	1646	▼	1716	▼	1746	▼	1815	▼	1845			1910	2010	2110	2210	2310
Wymondham Sheffield Road •	▼	1550	▼	1625	▼	1655	▼	1725	▼	1755	▼	1824	▼	1854			1917	2017	2117	2217	2317
Wymondham Norwich Rd/Watrose •	1523	▼	1559	▼	1634	▼	1704	▼	1734	▼	1801	▼	1831	▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Wymondham Cross	1527	1600	1603	1635	1638	1705	1708	1735	1738	1805	1805	1833	1835	1903			1925	2025	2125	2225	2325
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	1532		1608		1643		1713		1743		1810		1840				1930	2030	2130	2230	2330
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	1539		1615		1650		1720		1750		1817		1847				1937	2037	2137	2237	2337

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	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	
Lingwood Rail Station				0806				0906				06		1606	1706
Blofield Heath Millfield Close		0735				0835				0935			35		1735
Brundall The Street Co-op		0748		0818		0848		0918		0948			48		1748
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa		0757		0827		0857		0927		0957			57		1757
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	0738		0808		0838		0908		0938			08	38		1738
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys	0743		0813		0843		0913		0943			13	43		1743
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	0746	0801	0816	0831	0846	0901	0916	0931	0946	1001		16	31	46	1801
Rail Station Thorpe Road	0757	0812	0827	0842	0857	0912	0927	0942	0957	1012		27	42	57	1812
City Centre Castle Meadow	0805	0820	0835	0850	0905	0920	0935	0950	1005	1020		35	50	05	20
City Centre St Stephens Street	0808	0823	0838	0853	0908	0923	0938	0953	1008	1023		38	53	08	23
Newmarket Road Eaton Road	0812	0827	0842	0857	0912	0927	0942	0957	1012	1027		42	57	12	27
Cringleford Bus Interchange for H	0819	0834	0849	0904	0919	0934	0949	1004	1019	1034		49	04	19	34
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	0830		0900		0930		1000		1030			00	30		1830
Wyndham Sheffield Road	0839		0909		0939		1009		1039			09	39		1839
Wyndham Norwich Rd/Walrose		0846		0916		0946		1016		1046		16	46		1846
Wyndham Cross	0848	0850	0918	0920	0948	0950	1018	1020	1048	1050		18	20	48	1850
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road		0855		0925		0955		1025		1055		25	55		1855
Silfield Nightingale Avenue		0902		0932		1002		1032		1102		32	02		1902

then at these minutes past each hour

until

	14A	16	14A	14A	14A	14A
Lingwood Rail Station		1805				
Blofield Heath Millfield Close						
Brundall The Street Co-op		1818				
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa		1827				
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	1818					
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys	1823					
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	1826	1831				
Rail Station Thorpe Road	1837	1842				
City Centre Castle Meadow	1845	1845	1945	2045	2145	2245
City Centre St Stephens Street	1848		1948	2048	2148	2248
Newmarket Road Eaton Road	1852		1952	2052	2152	2252
Cringleford Bus Interchange for H	1900		2000	2100	2200	2300
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	1910		2010	2110	2210	2310
Wyndham Sheffield Road	1917		2017	2117	2217	2317
Wyndham Norwich Rd/Walrose						
Wyndham Cross	1925		2025	2125	2225	2325
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	1930		2030	2130	2230	2330
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	1937		2037	2137	2237	2337

• Times at these stops are estimated

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Sundays and Public Holidays

	14A	15	14A	15	14A	14A	14A	15	14A	14A	15	14A	14A	14A	14A	
Blofield Heath Millfield Close		0900		1030				1300			1530					
Brundall The Street Co-op		0911		1041				1311			1541					
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa		0919		1049				1319			1549					
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	0905		1005		1105	1205	1305		1405	1505		1605	1705			
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys	0910		1010		1110	1210	1310		1410	1510		1610	1710			
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	0913	0923	1013	1053	1113	1213	1313	1323	1413	1513	1553	1613	1713			
Rail Station Thorpe Road	0922	0932	1022	1102	1122	1222	1322	1332	1422	1522	1602	1622	1722			
City Centre Castle Meadow	0930	0935	1030	1105	1130	1230	1330	1335	1430	1530	1605	1630	1730	1830	2015	2215
City Centre St Stephens Street	0933	0938	1033		1133	1233	1333		1433	1533		1633	1733	1833	2018	2218
Newmarket Road Eaton Road	0937		1037		1137	1237	1337		1437	1537		1637	1737	1837	2022	2222
Cringleford Bus Interchange for H	0945		1045		1145	1245	1345		1445	1545		1645	1745	1845	2030	2230
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	0957		1057		1157	1257	1357		1457	1557		1657	1757	1857	2040	2240
Wyndham Sheffield Road	1004		1104		1204	1304	1404		1504	1604		1704	1804	1904	2047	2247
Wyndham Cross	1015		1115		1215	1315	1415		1515	1615		1715	1815	1915	2055	2255
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	1020		1120		1220	1320	1420		1520	1620		1720	1820	1920	2100	2300
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	1027		1127		1227	1327	1427		1527	1627		1727	1827	1927	2107	2307

• Times at these stops are estimated

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## Silfield Wymondham Hethersett City Centre Dussindale 14 Brundall Lingwood 16 or Blofield 15

Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays)

	15A	15A	15	14	16	14	15	16	14	15	16	14	15	16	14	15	16	14	15	16				
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	0605	0635	0700		0735		0805		0840		0910		0940		10	14	16		1410	14	16	14		
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	0610	0640	0707		0742		0812		0847		0917		0947		17	17	47		1417	14	17	14		
Wymondham Cross	0620	0650	0715	0725	0750	0755	0820	0825	0855	0900	0925	0930	0955		00	25	30	55	1400	1425	1430	1455	1500	
Wymondham Norwich Rd/Watrose •	▼	▼	0718	▼	0754	▼	0824	▼	0858	▼	0928	▼	0958		▼	28	▼	58	▼	1428	▼	1458	▼	1506
Wymondham Sheffield Road •	0626	0656	▼	0731	▼	0801	▼	0831	▼	0906	▼	0936	▼		06	▼	36	▼	1406	▼	1436	▼	1506	
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	0635	0705	▼	0742	▼	0812	▼	0842	▼	0917	▼	0947	▼		17	▼	47	▼	1417	▼	1447	▼	1517	
Cringleford Bus Interchange for H	0644	0714	0729	0754	0809	0824	0839	0854	0912	0927	0942	0957	1012		27	42	57	12	1427	1442	1457	1512	1527	
Newmarket Road Eaton Road •	0650	0720	0735	0803	0819	0833	0848	0903	0919	0934	0949	1004	1019		34	49	04	19	1434	1449	1504	1519	1534	
City Centre St Stephens Street	0654	0724	0739	0809	0824	0839	0854	0909	0923	0938	0953	1008	1023		38	53	08	23	1438	1453	1508	1523	1538	
City Centre Castle Meadow	0700	0730	0745	0815	0830	0845	0900	0915	0930	0945	1000	1015	1030		45	00	15	30	1445	1500	1515	1530	1545	
Rail Station Thorpe Road •	0703	0733	0748	0817	0832	0847	0903	0917	0932	0947	1003	1017	1032		47	03	17	32	1447	1504	1518	1533	1548	
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	0710	0740	0755	0825	0840	0855	0910	0925	0940	0955	1010	1025	1040		55	10	25	40	1455	1513	1528	1543	1558	
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys •	▼	▼	▼	0827	▼	0857	▼	0927	▼	0957	▼	1027	▼		57	▼	27	▼	1457	▼	1530	▼	1600	
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	▼	▼	▼	0833	▼	0903	▼	0933	▼	1003	▼	1033	▼		03	▼	33	▼	1503	▼	1536	▼	1606	
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa	0712	0742	0757		0842		0912		0942		1012		1042		12	12	42		1515	15	15	1545		
Broadland Business Pk Old Chapel Way	0714	0744	0759		0844		▼		▼		▼		▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Brundall The Street Co-op			0808		0853		0921		0951		1021		1051		21	21	51		1524	15	15	1554		
Blofield Medical Centre •			0814		▼		0927		▼		1027		▼		27	27	▼		1530	15	15	▼	▼	
Blofield Heath Millfield Close			0820		▼		0933		▼		1033		▼		33	33	▼		1536	15	15	▼	▼	
Lingwood Rail Station					0904				1002				1102				02						1605	

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	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	14A	14A	14A	14A	
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	1510		1545		1625		1655		1725		1755		1850	1940	2040	2140	2240
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	1517		1552		1632		1702		1732		1802		1857	1947	2047	2147	2247
Wymondham Cross	1525	1535	1600	1610	1645	1645	1710	1715	1740	1745	1810	1815	1905	1955	2055	2155	2255
Wymondham Norwich Rd/Watrose •	1528	▼	1603	▼	1643	▼	1713	▼	1743	▼	1813	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Wymondham Sheffield Road •	▼	1541	▼	1616	▼	1651	▼	1721	▼	1751	▼	1821	1911	2001	2101	2201	2301
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	▼	1552	▼	1627	▼	1702	▼	1732	▼	1802	▼	1832	1920	2010	2110	2210	2310
Cringleford Bus Interchange for H	1542	1602	1617	1637	1657	1712	1727	1742	1757	1812	1827	1842	1929	2019	2119	2219	2319
Newmarket Road Eaton Road •	1549	1609	1624	1644	1704	1719	1734	1749	1804	1819	1834	1849	1933	2023	2123	2223	2323
City Centre St Stephens Street	1553	1613	1628	1648	1708	1723	1738	1753	1808	1823	1838	1853	1936	2026	2126	2226	2326
City Centre Castle Meadow	1600	1620	1635	1655	1715	1730	1745	1800	1815	1830	1845	1900	1930	2030	2130	2230	2330
Rail Station Thorpe Road •	1604	1623	1639	1659	1719	1733	1749	1803	1819	1833	1848	1903					
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	1613	1633	1648	1708	1728	1743	1758	1813	1828	1843	1858	1913					
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys •	▼	1635	▼	1710	▼	1745	▼	1815	▼	1845	▼	1915					
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	▼	1641	▼	1716	▼	1751	▼	1821	▼	1851	▼	1921					
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa	1615		1650		1730		1800		1830		1900						
Brundall The Street Co-op	1624		1659		1739		1809		1839		1909						
Blofield Medical Centre •	1630		▼	1745	▼	▼	1845	▼	▼		▼						
Blofield Heath Millfield Close	1636		▼	1751	▼	▼	1851	▼	▼		▼						
Lingwood Rail Station			1710			1820			1920								

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## Silfield Wymondham Hethersett City Centre Dussindale 14 Brundall Lingwood 16 or Blofield 15

Saturdays

	16A	15A	16A	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16	14	15	14	16						
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	0640	0710	0740	0810		0840		0910		0940		10	14	16		1510	14	16	14	15	14	16		
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	0647	0717	0747	0817		0847		0917		0947		17	17	47		1517	14	17	14	15	14	16		
Wymondham Cross	0655	0725	0755	0825	0830	0855	0900	0925	0930	0955		00	25	30	55	1500	1525	1530	1555	1600	1625	1630	1655	
Wymondham Norwich Rd/Watrose •	▼	▼	▼	0828	▼	0858	▼	0928	▼	0958		▼	28	▼	58	▼	1528	▼	1558	▼	1628	▼	1658	
Wymondham Sheffield Road •	0701	0731	0801	▼	0835	▼	0906	▼	0936	▼		06	▼	36	▼	1506	▼	1536	▼	1606	▼	1636	▼	
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	0710	0740	0810	▼	0847	▼	0917	▼	0947	▼		17	▼	47	▼	1517	▼	1547	▼	1617	▼	1647	▼	
Cringleford Bus Interchange for H	0719	0749	0819	0842	0857	0912	0927	0942	0957	1012		27	42	57	12	1527	1542	1557	1612	1627	1642	1657	1712	
Newmarket Road Eaton Road •	0723	0753	0823	0849	0904	0919	0934	0949	1004	1019		34	49	04	19	1534	1549	1604	1619	1634	1649	1704	1719	
City Centre St Stephens Street	0726	0756	0826	0853	0908	0923	0938	0953	1008	1023		38	53	08	23	1538	1553	1608	1623	1638	1653	1708	1723	
City Centre Castle Meadow	0730	0800	0830	0900	0915	0930	0945	1000	1015	1030		45	00	15	30	1545	1600	1615	1630	1645	1700	1715	1730	
Rail Station Thorpe Road •	0732	0803	0832	0903	0917	0932	0947	1003	1017	1032		47	03	17	32	1547	1603	1617	1632	1647	1703	1717	1732	
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	0740	0810	0840	0910	0925	0940	0955	1010	1025	1040		55	10	25	40	1555	1610	1625	1640	1655	1710	1725	1740	
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys •	0742	0812	0842	0912	▼	0942	▼	1012	▼	1042		▼	12	▼	42	▼	1612	▼	1642	▼	1712	▼	1742	
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	▼	▼	▼	▼	0927	▼	0957	▼	1027	▼		57	▼	27	▼	1557	▼	1627	▼	1657	▼	1727	▼	
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa	▼	▼	▼	▼	0933	▼	1003	▼	1033	▼		03	▼	33	▼	1603	▼	1633	▼	1703	▼	1733	▼	
Brundall The Street Co-op	0751	0821	0851	0921		0951		1021		1051		21	21	51		1621	16	15	1651	17	17	1751		
Blofield Medical Centre •	▼	0827	▼	0927	▼	▼	1027	▼	▼		27	27	▼	▼		1627	▼	▼	1727	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Blofield Heath Millfield Close	▼	0833	▼	0933	▼	▼	1033	▼	▼		33	33	▼	▼		1633	▼	▼	1733	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Lingwood Rail Station	0802		0902		1002			1102						02					1702				1802	

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Sundays and Public Holidays

	14A	15	14A	14A	15	14A	14A	14A	15	14A	14A	15	14A	14A	14A	14A	14A
Silfield Nightingale Avenue	0828		0928	1028		1128	1228	1328		1428	1528		1628	1728	1828	1928	2108
Harts Farm Blackthorn Road	0835		0935	1035		1135	1235	1335		1435	1535		1635	1735	1835	1935	2113
Wyomondham Cross	0845		0945	1045		1145	1245	1345		1445	1545		1645	1745	1845	1945	2120
Wyomondham Sheffield Road •	0851		0951	1051		1151	1251	1351		1451	1551		1651	1751	1851	1951	2126
Hethersett Mill Road/West Croft	0903		1003	1103		1203	1303	1403		1503	1603		1703	1800	1900	2000	2135
Cringleford Bus Interchange for	0915		1015	1115		1215	1315	1415		1515	1615		1715	1809	1909	2009	2144
Newmarket Road Eaton Road •	0925		1025	1125		1225	1325	1425		1525	1625		1725	1813	1913	2013	2148
City Centre St Stephens Street	0931	0946	1031	1131	1216	1231	1331	1431	1446	1531	1631	1706	1731	1816	1916	2016	2151
City Centre Castle Meadow	0940	0950	1040	1140	1220	1240	1340	1440	1450	1540	1640	1710	1740	1820	1920	2020	
Rail Station Thorpe Road •	0942	0952	1042	1142	1222	1242	1342	1442	1452	1542	1642	1712	1742				
Yarmouth Road St Andrews Ave	0948	0958	1048	1148	1228	1248	1348	1448	1458	1548	1648	1718	1748				
Thorpe St Andrew Sainsburys •	0950	▼	1050	1150	▼	1250	1350	1450	▼	1550	1650	▼	1750				
Dussindale Drive Desborough Wy	0956	▼	1056	1156	▼	1256	1356	1456	▼	1556	1656	▼	1756				
Yarmouth Road Meridian Way/Costa		1001			1231				1501			1721					
Brundall The Street Co-op		1010			1240				1510			1730					
Blofield Medical Centre •		1017			1247				1517			1737					
Blofield Heath Millfield Close		1023			1253				1523			1743					

# Harold's Unlikely Pilgrimage

THE next film in the Autumn series of Hethersett Village Screen will be "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" on 5th November.

This is the gentle but poignant story of a man who takes on a marathon walk to visit a dying friend. It stars Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.

It will be followed by the last film in the present run "The Fabelmans" on 3rd December.

All films take place in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm on a Sunday afternoon and tickets are £5.

The main film is usually preceded by short films, often with a local angle/connection. The dates are subject to alteration. Other dates looking ahead are as follows.

2024— 7th January, 4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 12th May, 8th September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December. There will be no films during the summer in June, July and August.

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

You can see a poster for the events in our What's On section and we will have details of the next set of films in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.





## Panto Dates Announced For Jack And The Beanstalk

THE dates have been announced for next year's annual Hethersett village pantomime.

Jack and the Beanstalk will run in Hethersett Village Hall for 10 performances from January 20th until January 27th, 2024.

Performances will be as follows:

Saturday 20th—2 pm and 7.30 pm

Sunday 21st—11 am and 3 pm

Monday 22nd—No performance

Tuesday 23rd—7.30 pm

Wednesday 24th—7.30 pm

Thursday 25th—7.30 pm

Friday 26th—7.30 pm

Saturday 27th—2 pm and 7.30 pm

Cast members took to social media to announce the dates:

"We are so excited to announce that the pantomime will be Jack and The Beanstalk. We are huge fans of this classic tale and can't wait to share our own unique retelling of this firm favourite," they said on social media.

The group also has a new website which includes details of past productions. It can be viewed at:

<https://hethersettpanto.org.uk>.

Tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk are priced at £8.50 and are available from [www.hethersettboxoffice.org.uk](http://www.hethersettboxoffice.org.uk).

Each year the pantomime raises money for charity. Pantomime in Hethersett goes back over 50 years with the first in 1970 being a production of "Sleeping Beauty" in the Church Hall in Henstead Road (now a mosque).

Panto tickets will be on sale in Hethersett Queen's Head on:

Saturday 11th November 10-11.30 am

Outside this time tickets are available online at the box office at the address printed above.

## Ben Picked For England



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club coach and first team captain Ben France has been selected to represent England in the coming Over-40s World Cup in South Africa.

The competition will take place in Cape Town next February.

"I am thrilled at the prospect of representing my country in such a prestigious tournament. It is an incredible opportunity for me and I hope a reflection to my years of hard work, dedication and passion for the sport," Ben said.

Ben is currently looking for funding and sponsorship to cover the many costs associated with the trip.

"Your support, whether big or small, will not only help me chase my dream on the field but also bring pride to our country. By sponsoring or donating, you're not just supporting an individual; you're investing in the spirit of sportsmanship, unity, and national pride," he said.

Ben has set-up a go fund page where donations can be made at:

<https://gofund.me/eb3e8b18>

# Remembering Jean Peel—An Adopted Daughter of Hethersett

JEAN Peel lived in Hethersett for almost 60 years but was born many miles from the village.

Jean was born on 5th February 1932 in the small hamlet of Fencehouses near Houghton-le-Spring in County Durham.

She was the eldest daughter of George and Margaret Calendar and had a younger sister Audrey.

After attending schools in the local area she studied for a BSc in Geography, Zoology and Biology at Sheffield University and then undertook a year's teacher training.

It was whilst at University that she met her husband John through the folk dance society. In 1953 she started teaching geography and general science at Parkstone Girls' School in Poole, Dorset.

Jean and John married in 1954 and their daughter Alyson was born in 1956 and son Simon in 1957.

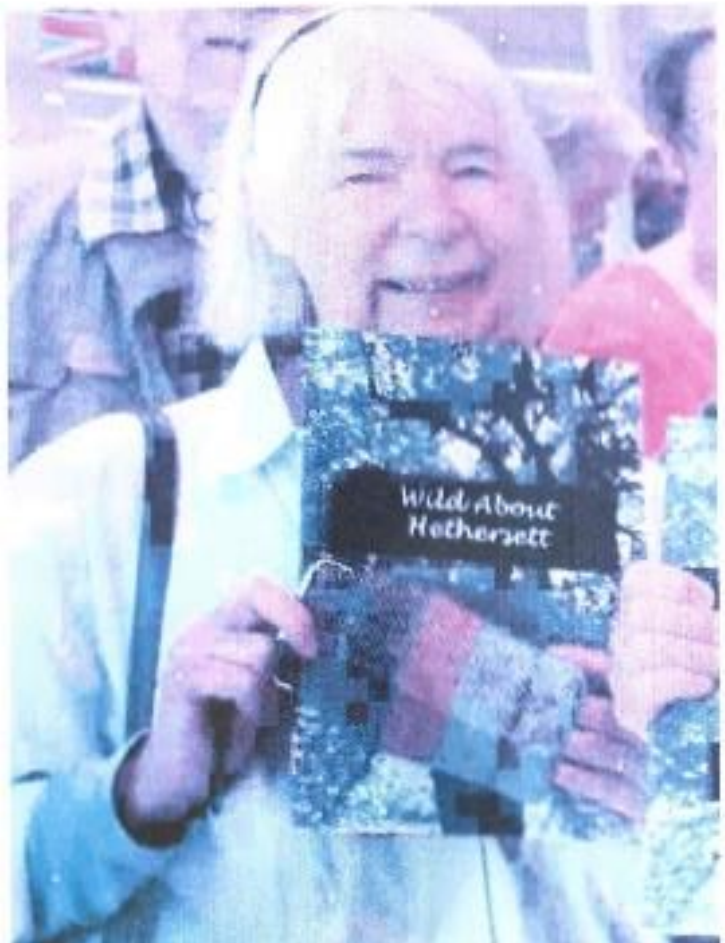
In 1958 they moved to Norway for a year and Jean picked up a love of Norwegian Folk Dance. Her funeral service included some Norwegian music.

The family moved to Hethersett in 1965 through John's work and Jean got a part-time job with Geo Abstracts where she picked up a life-long interest in geology.

She then studied librarianship and became a part time library assistant in Hethersett Library before moving to Norwich Central Library as a reference librarian. She also became a first aider, successfully resuscitating a man who had collapsed.

Jean retired in 1992 but returned to the library to help save as many books as possible after the devastating fire that destroyed the Norwich

Many older Hethersett residents will remember Jean Peel from her time working in Hethersett Library. Jean died on 15th August at the age of 91. She lived in Karen Close. Here we look back on Jean's life



building.

Outside of work, Jean enjoyed walking and orienteering and she had a love for Italy and in particular the history and architecture of Florence. She became a Friend of Norwich Museums and an active Blue Badge Guide in Norwich.

Our photograph shows Jean with a copy of the Wild About Hethersett book which was produced a number of years ago to describe the wildlife of the village over a year.

## Surviving Lockdown

SOPHIE Stanley (pictured opposite) has joined the voluntary staff of Hethersett Herald as our roving reporter. In her latest feature she asks the question: "How well did our local businesses manage during the lockdown?"



WE can all remember the time Covid-19 struck Britain: a new deadly disease threatening thousands of lives, a nation-wide lockdown and staff made redundant.

Local businesses such as Kett's Kabin, Hodge Podge, Janey's Cafe, the Queen's Head and the King's Head were all forced to close in the midst of the first wave which certainly was a struggle. However, this was not the case for everyone with Shaun, the new owner of Hethersett Butchers, admitting that covid actually made them busier.

According to Shaun, who took over around six months ago, the butchers' previous ownership lasted over 30 years. Shaun admitted that they were able to stay open during covid and, being so local, they were extremely popular: "Prices at supermarkets were going up, and our prices stayed the same, people would rather come and buy their meat from here," he said.

Hodge Podge on the other hand, located opposite Tesco Express on Great Melton Road, was one of the many businesses which shut during lockdown and at first found this extremely difficult. Rebecca, her sister Fiona and mother Liz have run their gift store for around 13 years, selling handmade crafts, jewellery and much more.

In an interview Rebecca stated: "At first it was difficult, we had no website at the time but thankfully were able to set one up around April 2020, a month or so after the first lockdown was announced."

The website has additionally allowed them to reach a wider audience as many people, she admitted, "don't even know we're here." Hodge Podge can also be found at local craft fairs, including the upcoming event 'Sparkle' at Roar Dinosaur Park in Norwich which will be hosting a grotto experience and ice skating rink on 17th December.

Kett's Kabin, a non-profit charity store located on Queen's Road, was also amongst the many businesses that struggled at first during the lockdown, only after having opened less than a year before in 2019. Emma, who I additionally interviewed on the topic, says that she runs the store with her mother Kassie:

"We opened in October of 2019 and were shut in March 2020, we had just opened and then we had to shut it down, so a lot of people didn't really know we were here."

However Emma and her mother set up a delivery service, which she stated, "advertised the place quite well."

Not only this but Emma and her mother are huge advocates for mental health and are available to talk to people who are struggling with any issues or just need a place to have a chat.

It is clear that covid has in many ways affected our village; a dominant source of uncertainty for all business owners. Whilst some may have struggled more than others, it is remarkable to see how they have all flourished having adapted to and overcome these changes as we settle back into "normal" life. It is so important to support our local businesses and in Hethersett we have many hidden gems, so if you haven't already be sure to go and check them out.

## CHRISTMAS AT HETHERSETT HALL

By Sophie Stanley

WE are all thinking about it: Christmas. It's that time of year where we start making plans, start buying presents and attempt to really get into the festive spirit.

In Hethersett, we have many events to look forward to, the Christmas light switch on springs to mind. But make sure you don't miss out on more fantastic festivities including the yearly Christmas market taking place at Hethersett Hall.

This market, on 1st December (a fabulous way to start off the magical month) will include many stalls where you can purchase handmade and local gifts as well as much more. Not to mention their light switch on with a magical display outside and on their many Christmas trees, you don't want to miss it!

If you run a business or know someone who does, this could be the perfect opportunity to get a stall of your own. You can contact Caroline Evans, the events' co-ordinator, via email [Caroline.evans@barchester.com](mailto:Caroline.evans@barchester.com) or call on 01603 810 478 to request a stall.

# Coffee Morning Delight For Charity

A number of coffee mornings were held in Hethersett in support of the MacMillan Cancer Charity. We feature two of them.



The coffee morning at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex raised a whopping £406 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

There was lots of fun and cakes to be had.

In our photograph top right, Hethersett's district and county councillor David Bills is with Hethersett Hearts' leading light Phillippa Bond and on the left Woodcote Scheme Manager Stephen Baxter celebrates a raffle win.

On the next page you can see photographs taken at the MacMillan coffee morning held in Hethersett Methodist Church on September 30th when £620 was raised for the cancer support charity.

Between them the two events raised over £1000.



**Who are these people and why are they celebrating? See page 52 for an explanation.**

# Open Day For New Pavilion



HETHERSETT'S spanking new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field has a new name and on 7th October opened its doors to show residents round..

The pavilion has been renamed the Hethersett Hub and bookings are now being taken and the Memorial Playing Field Trustees are looking to launch an improved website in the near future.

The Hub has a large community function room which is supported by a kitchen. There is also a small meeting room together with changing facilities and rooms for sporting events.

Anyone interested in finding out more about hiring the facilities should contact:

[mpfthethersett@gmail.com](mailto:mpfthethersett@gmail.com). Or speak to any of the trustees.

## Cookery School with a Hethersett Flavour

A NEW cookery school in North Norfolk will have more than a nod to Hethersett when it opens its doors.

For top chef Gary Hunter was brought up in Hethersett before branching out to be one of the country's top foodies, training the likes of Jamie Oliver.

Gary, founder of the Hunter's Academy of Food, has had a long career training some of the nation's top chefs at Westminster Kingsway College in London.

A number of notable alumni attended the school under his direction including Jamie Oliver and Andrew Wong.

"I'm going to share my knowledge and experience and give people a chance to learn in their own way.

"I want to bring my expertise back to my own county, the place that I love and that means so much to me," he told the local media.



We are hoping to have more on this story in coming editions of Hethersett Herald. Gary Hunter is photographed above with partner Nichola who will be assisting him.

# Memories of a 12-Year-Old Lad

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had a busy few days around four tracks and came away with a few successes. However, one of the most notable events happened at Great Blakenham. On 5th June 1980 a young 12-year-old lad was coerced onto a bike to make up the number for the Giants team in the Hethersett Fours League.

Little did he know how that would change his life. He then made his local league debut at Spixworth a month later and his East Anglian League debut at Leiston that September.

After five seasons with his village club showing much junior promise, Andre Cross moved to bigger clubs to further his career - a career that gained him a World Cup winners medal, three consecutive European titles and three British titles (Under-21, Senior Outdoor and Senior Indoor). After a spell in Australia and some top clubs in this country he moved into motor speedway and ended up as a top-level mechanic.

But on Saturday night in the Jim Peck Memorial Over-40s event he was back in a Hethersett shirt for the first time in over 40 years and he scored a creditable 11 points against the top Vets in the world. He was accompanied by Dave Martin who scored nine. The lure of Australia means Andre will be back there for the World Championships in November, this time in a Hethersett shirt.

Earlier on the Saturday, Dave Martin joined ten other Hawks at Kesgrave for Round Six of the South-East Grand Prix. Dave was runner-up in the Veterans while son Mason won the Senior. There were third places in "A" Finals for Nyla El-Labany (U8s) and Aiesha Musa (Girls) and fourth places for Amelia Dodson (Girls) and Lola Martin (U12s), her first A Final in this series. In the Under-8s Isaac Emms won the B Final while, in the Under-10s, Arlo Davies (2nd) and Ronnie Harding (3rd) were in the B Final. In the Under-12s Luca El-Labany came fourth in the B Final and Jamal Musa won the C Final.

At Ipswich on the Sunday, three Hawks raced in the final Battle of Britain Women's series. Aiesha Musa scored seven points for the South-East while Lola Martin (12 points) and Amelia Dodson (9 points) were guests for the North and Scotland team. In the Intermediate Grand Prix Lola won the B Final ahead of her club mates, which gave her fourth place overall after controversially having to contest a race-off for third.

The final round eight of the Norfolk GO-RIDE and Grand Prix Series was held at Hethersett after being cancelled the previous week due to heavy rain. Sixteen riders took part and racing was competitive with several series prizes still to be decided.

Oscar Copeland was unbeaten in the Under-10s and won the series with Isaac Emms riding well to make the A Final. Nyla El-Labany did enough to win the Under-8s series but in the Under-12s/Under-14s her brother Luca could finish only fourth and a big win from gate four in the final saw Norwich's Zachery Eastwood snatch the series win. Mason Martin won the Senior/Under-16s Final and the Under-16 series but his father Dave won the Senior

## Hethersett Hawks with Mel Perkins MBE

series. In total, 50 riders have raced in the series, seven of them contesting all eight rounds.

Results (all Hethersett except where mentioned):

U8s and U10s: A - 1 Oscar Copeland, 2 Ronnie Harding, 3 Arlo Davies, 4 Isaac Emms (1st U8s).

B - 1 Nyla El-Labany (2nd U8s), 2 Jax Lockhart (3rd U8s) 3 Michael Whitfield, 4 Theo Coomber.

U12s and U14s A - 1 Zachery Eastwood (Norwich) (1st U12s), 2 Amelia Dodson, 3 Lola Martin (2nd U12s), 4 Luca El-Labany (3rd U12s).

U16s and Senior A - 1 Mason Martin (1st U16s), 2 Dave Martin, 3 Jamie Medler (Norwich), 4 Harley Hamill.

Final overall positions (best 7 rounds count)

U8s - Nyla El-Labany 115, Isaac Emms 102, Henry Everson 37.

U10s - Oscar Copeland 138, Aral Davies 124, Nyla El-Labany 115.

U12s and U14s - Zachery Eastwood 127, Luca El-Labany 125, Lola Martin 121.

U16s - Mason Martin 120, George Larter-Dixon 13.

Senior - Dave Martin 128, Mason Martin 120, Jamie Medler 119.

Theo Coomber made his competitive debut - maybe he will follow in Andre's tracks!

HAWKS had busy weekends concluding several competitions and picking up trophies on the way. The final two rounds of the South-East Grand Prix were on consecutive Saturdays. Six riders made the trip to East London for Round 7 and there were wins for Mason Martin (Senior) and Dave Martin (Veterans). Amelia Dodson was runner-up in the Girls while Isaac Emms reached his first A Final in the Under-8s finishing fourth. Ronnie Harding also reached an A Final finishing third in the Under-10s while Lola Martin won the B Final in the Under-12s.

The final round was closer to home at Harford Park in Norwich and 13 Hawks competed. Mason Martin won the overall series in the Seniors despite a fourth place in the last round. By contrast Dave Martin beat Paddy Wenn in the Veterans final but the Norwich rider took the series win by one point. Amelia Dodson finally got a reward for attending all eight rounds (Lola Martin also did the same) by securing third place overall in the Girls after finishing third at Harford Park. The other Hawk to get on the overall podium was Nyla El-Labany who was third on the day and overall in the Under-8s.

Other positions of the Hawks on the day were -

Under-8s - B Final - Isaac Emms 1st, Henry Everson 2nd, Jaax Lockhart 3rd.

Under-10s - B Final - Ronnie Harding 1st ,Arlo Davies 3rd.

Under-10s - C Final - Theo Coomber 2nd.

Under-12s - B Final - Luca El-Labany 1st, Lola Martin 2nd.

Senior - B Final - Paul Delaiche 1st.

A lot further from home on the same day was Glyn Morgan who was contesting the final round of the Eurovets Series at Heckmindwike in Yorkshire. He finished second in the A Final of the Over-60s which gave him the runners-up award for the series. He also finished second in the B Final for the Over-50s, finishing fifth overall in the competition.

Glyn was back at Hethersett the following day successfully defending his Veterans' title in the Hawks Club Championships. Twenty-one members took part over eight categories and there was a hat-trick of wins for Mason Martin - Under-16, Under-19 and Senior. Nyla El-Labany and Aiesha Musa retained their Under-8 and Ladies titles respectively and the other winners were Oscar Copeland (Under-10s) and the most impressive rider on the day - Hugo Kemp in the Under-13s.

Special mentions for Amelia Dodson and Lola Martin, who each raced in four categories, 5-year-old Olly Wright, who had his first competition, and Austin Brailey - back on a bike after a bad crash in training six weeks previously. Also the club is indebted to Paddy Wenn for coming over to referee the events.

Full scores -

Under-8 - Nyla El-Labany 20, Henry Everson 18, Jax Lockhart 16, Josh Morris 14, Elsie Booth 12, Olly Wright 10.

Under-10 - Oscar Copeland 16, Arlo Davies 14, Nyla El-Labany 12, Michael Whitfield 10, Henry Everson 8, Elsie Booth 6, Josh Morris 4.

Under-13 - Hugo Kemp 16, Lola Martin 12, Luca El-Labany 11, Austin Brailey 7, Lewis Booth 3.

Under-16 - Mason Martin 20, Aiesha Musa 18, Lola Martin 16, Amelia Dodson 14, Lewis Booth 12, George Morris 4.

Under-19 - Mason Martin 24, Lola Martin 18, Amelia Dodson 12.

Ladies - Aiesha Musa 11, Lola Martin 10, Amelia Dodson 6.

Senior - Mason Martin 16, Dave Martin 12, Jamie Neill 8, Amelia Dodson 4.

Veterans - Glyn Morgan 11, Dave Martin 10, Jamie Neill 6.

Hawks joined the Norwich Stars club in contesting the Norfolk Individual Championships at Eaton Park. In total 26 riders contested the eight categories and, with three of the recently crowned Hethersett Club Champions absent, there were easier opportunities for others to grab the glory.

Nyla El-Labany successfully defended her Under-8 title but it was Ronnie Harding who defeated all the field to win the Under-10 title. The Under-13 is often the most competitive and this again proved true with Zachery Eastwood coming out on top of the podium next to the holder Will Blackmore and Lola Martin. Lola went on to win the Ladies title at the age of 11 and to complete a successful day for the Martin family, Mason completed another hat-trick, winning the Under-16, Under-19 and Senior - probably one of the youngest to win the latter in the event's 70-year history. Paddy Wenn finally had to surrender the Veterans title as he was beaten three times by Glyn Morgan.

Full results - (H) = Hethersett (N) = Norwich

Under-8 (sponsored by Dave Blackmore) - Nyla El-Labany (H) 16, Isaac Emms (H) 13, Jax Lockhart (H) 9, Thomas King (N) 6, Henry Everson (H) 6.

Under-10 (sponsored by Jenny Melvin) - Ronnie Harding (H) 16, Kenzie Bushell (N) 15, Nyla El-Labany (H) 14, Isaac Emms (H) 13, Jake Harvey-Riches (H) 12, Theo Coomber (H) 11, Henry Everson (H) 10, Michael Whitfield (H) 9, Kallum Ward (N) 8.

Under-13 - Zachery Eastwood (N) 20, Will Blackmore (N) 18, Lola Martin (H) 15, Luca El-Labany (H) 15, Isaac Emms (H) 12, Jake Harvey-Riches (H) 10.

Under-16 - Mason Martin (H) 16, Zachery Eastwood (N) 11, Will Blackmore (N) 10, Lola Martin (H) 8, Amelia Dodson (H) 5.

Under-19 - Mason Martin (H) 16, Zachery Eastwood (N) 11, Amelia Dodson (H) 7, Lola Martin (H) 6.

Senior - Mason Martin (H) 15, Paddy Wenn (N) 14, Harry Everiss (N) 13, Dave Martin (H) 10, Rory Freeman (H) 7, Jamie Medler (N) 7, Steve Copping (N) 4.

Ladies - Lola Martin (H) 16, Amelia Dodson (H) 10, Tabi Nierop (N) 9, Jade Emms (H) 5.

Veterans - 1 Glyn Morgan (H) 15, Paddy Wenn (N) 13, Rory Freeman (H) 7, Steve Copping (N) 5.

Referees - Steve Copping, Dave Blackmore, Shaun Dyball

The annual Charity Day at Hethersett had a distinct end-of-season feel to it with a cold northerly wind and, disappointingly, a poorer than expected attendance.

The Charity Cup had a field of only seven, the lowest in its 54-year history and followers of Norfolk racing will not be surprised that the winner was Mason Martin.

Paddy Wenn and Glyn Morgan renewed their rivalry and this time Paddy got the upper-hand to finish runner-up. Dave Martin rode consistently to step up to the podium also. Amelia Dodson was nominated by regular supporter Neil Attoe to receive the Entertaining Rider award, presented in memory of Colin Chamberlain each year.

Scores - Mason Martin 16, Paddy Wenn 13, Dave Martin 12, Glyn Morgan 10, Connor Jarrett 8, Lola Martin 7, Amelia Dodson 4.



## League Tables and Positions

### SOUTH-EAST LEAGUE DIVISION 2

#### League Table

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Kesgrave B	10	9	0	1	930	674	18
Ipswich B	10	8	0	2	833	614	16
Norwich	10	5	0	5	789	803	10
Hellingly	10	4	0	6	767	823	8
Hethersett	10	3	0	7	730	876	6
Gt Blakenham B	10	1	0	9	721	874	0*

- Deducted 2 points for cancellation

#### Rider Averages

POS	NAME	MTS	HTS	PTS	AVER
1	Glyn Morgan	1	5	20	4.00
2	Olly Buxton	1	6	19	3.17
3	Harley Hamill	5	25	79	3.16
4	Mason Martin	7	38	114	3.00
5	Paul Delaiche	9	45	124	2.76
6	Jamie Neill	6	32	82	2.56
7	Austin Brailey	1	2	5	2.50
8	Dave Martin	6	30	75	2.50
9	George Larter-Dixon	5	23	54	2.35
10=	Aiesha Musa	5	18	34	1.89
10=	Lola Martin	8	26	48	1.89
12	Rory Freeman	3	13	24	1.85
13	Frank Spauls	2	6	10	1.67
14	Oscar Copeland	2	5	8	1.60
15=	Katie Adams	1	4	6	1.50
15=	Luca El-Labany	1	6	9	1.50
15=	Nick Davies	1	4	6	1.50
18	Jamal Musa	2	7	10	1.43
19	Hugo Kemp	2	6	8	1.33
20	Amelia Dodson	4	10	13	1.30
21=	Arlo Davies	1	1	1	1.00
21=	Matthew Sidell	2	3	3	1.00
21=	Nyla El-Labany	1	5	5	1.00

## SOUTH-EAST YOUTH LEAGUE

### League Table

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Kesgrave Panthers U16	10	10	0	0	1017	582	20
Hellingly U16	10	7	0	3	789	669	14
Ipswich U16	10	6	0	4	777	744	12
Hethersett U16	10	5	0	5	782	806	10
Kesgrave Pumas U16	10	1	0	9	660	903	2
Gt Blakenham U16	10	1	0	9	587	908	0*

- Deducted 2 points for cancellation

### Rider Averages

POS	NAME	MTS	HTS	PTS	AVER
1	George Larter-Dixon	2	11	43	3.91
2	Mason Marton	2	8	28	3.50
3	Matthew Sidell	3	11	37	3.36
4	Luca El-Labany	5	25	81	3.24
5	Aiesha Musa	6	25	79	3.16
6	Lola Martin	10	54	153	2.83
7	Amelia Dodson	7	30	82	2.73
8	Jamal Musa	3	11	29	2.64
9	William Clarke	5	19	50	2.63
10	Austin Brailey	5	22	55	2.50
11	Hugo Kemp	9	38	94	2.47
12	Frank Spauls	6	29	68	2.34
13	Oscar Copeland	5	16	35	2.19
14	Arlo Davies	2	7	11	1.57
15	Nyla El-Labany	2	6	7	1.17

The Club's internal Under-13 Charity Shield is always interesting as riders are given bonus points related to their age. As results were announced in reverse order Isaac Emms suddenly realised he was the only rider left in the pits so enthusiastically ran out to collect the Shield.

Spare a thought for Hugo Kemp who won all his heats but had to race a four-rider race-off for the minor places and again had to suffer a handicap starting a quarter of a lap back. He could not catch Lola Martin but did at least get on the podium.

Result - Isaac Emms (12+5) 17, Lola Martin (15+1), 16 Hugo Kemp (16+0) 16, Austin Brailey (14+2) 16, Jake Harvey-Riches (12+4) 16, Henry Everson (10+5) 15, Jax Lockhart (9+6) 15, Nyla El-Labany (9+5) 14, Michael Whitfield (9+3) 12.

Both events were sponsored by Breckland Autos and refereed by Shaun Dyball.

Despite the reduced attendance the Hawks enthusiastic families and supporters raised £160 for this year's Charity - the East of England Paediatric Diabetes Group.

All that remains of the 2023 season, apart from Tuesday and Saturday training until the end of October, is the Club's Maiden Plate on Tuesday 31st October at 7 pm.

# Looking After The Environment

*By Jane Gamble*

THE Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) has been busy in the village since the 1990s. We are a group of keen people, young and old, who care about our village and are committed to improving the environment for residents, visitors and wildlife.

We achieve this in multiple ways throughout the year and are usually quite active. We would love to have more help.

Ongoing tasks include regular litter-picks and dog-waste monitoring. We have rewilded five grass areas and planted up several tubs and flower beds providing colour from Spring to Autumn. In addition, we have planted thousands of bulbs which give amazing displays.

These areas need constant assessment and maintenance. This year, in July, we organised 'Open Gardens' in the village which was very successful and we hope to do it again.

Our most recent, and ambitious project has been the development of the community garden in Back Lane next to the village hall. We have called it the Back Garden after the Back family which has contributed so much to the village and it is always open so do come and have a look and pass on your ideas.

All of the above needs careful planning, fundraising and administration. We have monthly meetings to discuss plans and make decisions. We welcome newcomers.

If you would like to find out more about HEAT or join us, please do get in touch with Sara White, Community and Projects Officer at Hethersett Parish Council. Her email address is:

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

You can also contact me on 07902 322729. Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm in Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, on Monday 13th November. The next village litter-pick is on Saturday 18th November at 10 am starting from Hethersett Methodist Church.

## Council Vacancies

THERE are a number of vacancies on Hethersett Parish Council.

The council has issued an appeal for new blood. This comes after the resignation of chairman Sarah Lawrence which you can read about elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Community and Projects Officer Sara White said:

"You can make the greatest difference in your community in the smallest of ways. Becoming a Parish Councillor requires only a few spare hours a month."

Hethersett can have up to 14 parish councillors. At the present time it has 12. Anyone interested in joining the council should contact the parish office at [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk) or call 01603 810915 to find out more.



Contact Hethersett Parish Council for more information on becoming a Parish Councillor: [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk) or 01603 810915

## Resignation Was a Huge Decision

THIS month has been a period of huge change for me.

By now, you probably will have read about my resignation from Hethersett Parish Council, both as chairman and councillor.

This was a huge decision for me, one that was agonised over for a number of weeks.

The decision came down to the effect that my role on the council was having on my family and the impact it was having on my mental health. Being on the council – and especially being in the role of chairman – takes a lot of spare time, something that I just do not have enough of.

Between being on the council, working at least three nine hour shifts a week at Tesco, my roles on the Friends of Woodside, the Village Hall Management Committee, the Jubilee Youth Centre and First Steps Playgroup, and my most important role – being a Mummy – I just do not have enough time to fit everything in and my family were the ones who were suffering.

I am blessed with having the most supportive husband I could ever ask for. George even urged me towards going for the role of chairman, knowing that it was something that I really wanted to do. I don't think either of us could anticipate the impact of that decision though.

Not long after taking the helm after the resignation of the beloved previous Chairman Adrienne Quinlan on health grounds, our clerk was in an unfortunate accident which meant she was out of action for a while.

This was only the beginning of the trials and tribulations of my new position. This coupled with uncertainty over the future of the Pavilion (now Hethersett Hub), a very challenging annual parish meeting (probably the hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life) and the resignation of our knowledgeable clerk, my time as chairman was far from an easy ride.

That's not to say that there weren't some nice moments though, the people I've met and worked alongside made the whole time worthwhile. My point is, the role of chairman requires time that I just do not have.

Between multiple meetings every week, to time sorting issues, banking, and preparing for meetings, there wasn't much time to spend with



my family. The children often groaned when they asked if I had a meeting and the response was a yes.

I'm ashamed to say that my fuse was shorter, no doubt due to the stress and I often snapped at the girls if they interrupted while I was going about council work at home.

This together with the fact that there was no time to wind down and relax, my mental health was taking a toll too. I was getting a tight chest and struggled to get my breath before meetings or when I checked my emails, and I just found that I was

losing the old Sarah.

Since stepping away I have found that I am enjoying time with the children again and I'm able to help Amelia with her transition into high school. Not to mention, I'm able to spend the evenings with my husband. I'm able to enjoy the other things I volunteer at, and take the children with me most of the time.



## Sarah's World with Sarah Lawrence



With the Parish Council, I could never do that. I do feel like I've lost a little bit of my identity, so I'm still trying to navigate my new normal. I know that when I'm older, and the children have grown, I'll return to the parish council with a fresh outlook. Unfortunately right now, time just wasn't on my side.

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At the beginning of October, we were invited to another of Hethersett Methodist Church's family services, along with other families whose daughters attend Rainbows and meet there. We've been to these many times before and always enjoy it.

Everyone is so kind and friendly to us, stopping by to say hello, making us feel welcome. They usually put on a light breakfast too, which I'm sure you can imagine goes down well! This time we were celebrating harvest festival, and brought along items to donate to the Salvation Army's foodbank appeal.

This service was extra special to us as a family, as our Hattie had earned her Gold Rainbows badge. This was presented to her that morning.

We are very proud of our determined little superstar, she is only the second Hethersett Rainbow to earn this prestigious accolade in recent years.

Youth Club is going well. We had our AGM recently which was attended by Bridget Williamson, current



Vice Chair on the parish council (now chairman—editor). She explained that whilst the parish council generously give us a grant every year of £6,200 to cover our costs of paid youth workers, times are getting harder.

The parish council is always looking at ways to keep the precept down (the amount of money needed to fund itself, paid for by a percentage of our Council Tax), so this year they need more information from us in order to warrant that grant.

We have given out leaflets to our young people and their parents, asking for information from them

## Sarah's World with Sarah Lawrence



about the social need we cater for and asking for testimonials from them showing how much they love their time there. Fingers crossed we get the information we need because we really need this grant to keep offering the service that we do.

Youth Club's sessions are on a Wednesday and a Friday during term time. Wednesday caters for the younger of our young people, school years five and six and is held from 5.45 to 7.15 pm at the Jubilee Youth Club on Back Lane.

Activities on a Wednesday vary but, more often than not, the young people like just having a chat amongst themselves, doing small crafts or playing games.

The older ones meet on a Friday, school years seven and above, from 7 to 8.30 pm. This is generally a smaller group, with the trustees who volunteer coming up with an exciting activity to do each week.

So far they've roasted marshmallows over the fire pit in the garden, had a barbecue and made cakes.

Amelia goes to the Friday group and really enjoys it. A recent addition to the Youth Centre is an indoor

basketball hoop and some soft balls, this has gone down a storm!

Lastly, we held our first real meeting of the Friends of Woodside for this term this month. Turnout was low, but some of our members were working. I hope that the AGM manages to pull in a few more volunteers, we can't run the way we want to without manpower.

The Christmas Fayre is the first important date of the school year. Ours is scheduled for Friday 1st December, after school. The school fayre will be great, we're already planning the games, crafts and refreshments.

I just really hope people come through and support the FOWS, it's that we need most of all. To find out more about what the FOWS are doing, and important dates, please follow 'Friends of Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery' on Facebook.

Sarah will be back with more from her world and her family in the December edition of Hethersett Herald which will be available exclusively online at the end of November. Over the page is the youth club survey mentioned in the column.



## We need YOUR HELP!

Each year we receive a very generous grant from Hethersett Parish Council.

This grant helps us to:

Keep our session cost at £2

Provide arts, crafts and sports equipment for the children

Pay for youth workers

To continue receiving this grant we need to collect some more information about how we serve the community. This can be provided to us anonymously and will be purely used for statistical purposes.

My child receives free school meals

My child comes from a single parent family

My child has special educational needs

None of the above


If your child would like to write a letter or brief paragraph about how much they enjoy Youth Club then we can include these also.

Completed forms can be placed in the box in our entrance hall or handed to a Youth Worker or volunteer at the next session. Alternatively you can e-mail this information to Sandra (Chair of the Trustees): [sandrahenden2@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahenden2@gmail.com)

# News From The Parish Council

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

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Bridget Willaimson	8 Churchfields	810259
Vice-Chair	Leslie Dale	46 New Road	810952
Councillors	Paul Everett	7 Haconsfield	07871 700228
	Heath Dakin	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	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 Loome	6 Miller Close	077996 08978
	Eileen Mulvaney	c/o Parish Council Office	811997
	Habib Ur Rehman	14 Miller Close	07899 719173
	Jennifer Walpole	16 Cann's Lane	811932

## Meeting Dates

Full council meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are: November 20th and December 18th. .

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

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

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

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

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



# News From The Parish Council

## How To Contact The Parish Council

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

## Cutting the Village's Energy Bill

HETHERSETT Parish Council is planning to update street lighting in the village and lowering its carbon footprint at the same time.

A complete survey of village street lighting has been undertaken by environmentalist David Walpole and now the council is looking to replace short term energy guzzling old fashioned sodium lighting with long life energy saving LED bulbs as and when necessary.

The October meeting of the council heard that sodium lights only last between three to four years, whilst LED bulbs can last for up to 25 years. A number of lighting columns in the village have already been earmarked for replacement due to their poor state of repair.

The current cost of electricity for sodium lighting can run to £30,000 a year, whereas converting to LED would lower this to as little as £7,000 per annum. Up to 30 columns will be replaced in the near future, although it is thought that other existing columns could last for at least another 10 years.

The council is also looking into the possibility of incorporating car charging points on some columns in the future. It was unanimously agreed to replace old style bulbs with LED lighting as required and to consider dimming village lighting between midnight and 5.30 am. Plans to possibly scrap street lighting in the village apart from on major bus routes have been scrapped.

The council is also looking into having a display about the village streetlighting in Hethersett Library and asking for public comments, although chairman Bridget Williamson pointed out the need to act quickly:

"We need to engage with the public to explain what we are doing, but street lighting is very important to people and we must realise that while we are talking about it we are adding carbon to our footprint," she said.



**Bridget Williamson:**  
"Street lighting is very important to the people of Hethersett."

# News From The Parish Council



## Closing The Door After The Horse Has Bolted

THERE was confusion at the latest parish council meeting following questions from a resident querying the justification for taking out a loan to build the new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field.

The building, which has been renamed the Hethersett Hub, was completed earlier this year and held an open day at the beginning of October for potential hirers to look round.

The October meeting of the parish council received correspondence questioning the validity of taking out the six figure grant.

Councillor Eileen Mulvaney said: "This seems to be a situation of trying to close the stable door after the horse has bolted. I am not sure what the writer is thinking that we can resolve and I'm not sure how we can help them and what their concerns are. It is looking at something that is historical and done and dusted."

In a separate question, another resident queried what steps the council takes to establish what is needed in the village. He pointed out that a village appraisal had been held in 2000: "Is it time for another one? How do you know what we as residents want? The village is growing at a fantastic rate and you need to engage more," he said.

Chairman Bridget Williamson pointed out that the council holds meetings every month which are advertised and open to the public. In addition an annual parish meeting is held each May and the council engages through social media and a website.

"People need to attend meetings and let us know," Councillor Eileen Mulvaney said.

"People write to us and call into the parish office. There is never a block to contact us," said Councillor Jonathan Loome.

"We can always do better but we have gone through a very difficult time. At the moments we don't have the space to look at the broader picture," said new chairman Bridget Williamson.

The council is currently working on the next edition of its newsletter which will be made available when published in a number of public places in the village.

You can read more of Mrs Williamson's comments on volunteering on page five.

### Grass Cutting Contract Terminated

THE Council has terminated its contract with the CGM group which has been responsible for cutting the grass on the field at Hethersett Village Hall.

CGM has agreed to terminate the current contract it has with the council early after complaints about increases in fees which the council has branded as "outrageous" with each cut costing £594.

The council heard that it has received £1493.52 credit for work not carried out by the company. The council owes £2985 for work carried out between June and October, leaving a figure of just over £1491 to be settled.

The council will be obtaining quotes from other contractors to carry out the work at the village hall in the future.

Councillors heard that work to repair potholes in the Village Hall car park is complete.

# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

## Hethersett & District Aid In Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



### DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett  
Ketteringham or Little Melton?

### ARE YOU

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



#### Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



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

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Registered Charity Number 211284

# News From Hethersett Hall

## A Vintage Day

IT was a vintage day for residents of Hethersett Hall when the military moved in.

The friendly invasion was for one day only as the Norfolk Military Vehicles Club took up residence at the home.

“Thank you to those who came to our fabulous event.

“ We had some amazing military cars which we could all have a look around and we were even allowed to sit in the driver’s seat.

“Then we had the delight of a Jazz band which we all enjoyed and there was some cheese and wine and we all relaxed in the nice weather,” the home said.

Photographs on this and the next page are courtesy of Hethersett Hall.



# News From Hethersett Hall



We love our Fridays at Hethersett Hall. All the lovely mums and dads bring their little ones for some bonding time with us.

We play games have cuddles also get to have drinks and cakes together.

You can see the joy that exists by our two pictures opposite and on the next page.

# News From Hethersett Hall



Photos courtesy of  
Hethersett Hall

# News From Hethersett Hall



## Fundraisers and Outings for Hethersett Hall

Residents at Hethersett Hall enjoyed an amazing day of fundraising for a charity close to their hearts.

Residents raised funds for Breast Cancer Research and everything turned pink for the day as home made cakes were sold and donations received.

You can see some of the cakes above. Residents also enjoyed a trip to Norwich Museum as our photograph on the left illustrates.

The photograph opposite shows just one of the Hallowe'en pots made by residents, making a lovely colourful display at the home in October.



# John Head's Photographic Diary





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Recently a memory appeared on my Facebook page of an event which took place on October 10th, 2013 in St Remigius Church when three wrinkly musicians known as the Ol' Buddies were joined by Laura on fretless bass to perform numbers from the sixties, seventies and eighties.

Looking back, the event is now very poignant as our opening number was 'Wish You Were Here' by Pink Floyd.

Since the event one of the Ol' Buddies, Ross, has departed to join that great recording studio in the sky. He was a brilliant bassist and luthier producing many bespoke guitars and I miss him sorely and 'wished he was here.'



The 'Ol' Buddies for this event were Ross, John, Bill and Laura,

The photographs were taken by my friend Steve Thorpe



# John Head's Photographic Diary



# 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 December 2023 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of November, bringing you news and views from the village.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by November 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

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

<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

The council can be contacted on 01603 810915. Currently the council does not have a full time clerk. Individual contact numbers can be found elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

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.



101 Ext: 1113



[Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk)



**PC Stu BARNARD**  
Beat Manager

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

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



101 Ext: 2386



[SNTHethersettandMulbarton@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:SNTHethersettandMulbarton@norfolk.police.uk)



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# Where To Eat In and Around 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 to 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. Sunday evening meals from 5 to 8.30 pm.

## Hethersett King's Head

Old Norwich Road, Hethersett. Serves food seven days a week from midday to 3 pm and 6 until 9 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 Mondays to Fridays 8 am until 4 pm. Dogs welcome.

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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.

## Service of Remembrance Date



THIS year's Remembrance Memorial Service will be held in St Remigius Church on Sunday 12th November.

It will start with a wreath laying ceremony around the war memorial at 10.50 am with organisations honouring the Hethersett men who gave their lives in the Two World Wars. Their names will be read out and there will be two minutes' silence and the playing of the Last Post. This will be followed by a service of remembrance inside the church. Our photograph is from last year's ceremony.

# Comparing Petrol Prices

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda, Hall Road, Norwich	154.9	-1p	157.9	NC
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	154.9	-2p	159.9	+1p
Sainsbury's, Queen's Road, Norwich	154.9	NC	157.9	NC
Tesco, Harford Bridges, Norwich	154.9	-2p	157.9	-1p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	155.9	+1p	159.9	+1p
Abbeygate, Wymondham	162.9	+1p	173.9	+7p
Waitrose, Wymondham	161.9	-2p	169.9	NC
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	162.9	+1p	169.9	+2p

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

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

This month has seen prices stabilise after a number of months of increases across the board.

## Please Send Us Your Reports

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

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

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

If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.



# 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

## Forget Me Not Café

The café is under the auspices of Hethersett Dementia Support Group and everyone is welcome irrespective of whether they are living with dementia or not. The café meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 am and enjoys a mixture of games, talks, presentations and much more.

Anyone needing more information can contact Anne Steward on 01603 811052.

On October 3rd members enjoyed a bingo session and on October 17th welcomed local musicians David Wyatt and Carole Lea who entertained with sets of songs mainly from the sixties which attracted a full house. David and Carole are pictured here.

The group also has a meeting each month at Hethersett Hall. The programme for the remainder of the year is opposite.



Nov 7th	AGM/Time For A Chat
Nov 21st	Christmas Crafts with Georgette Vale
Nov 28th	Hethersett Hall
Dec 5th	Carols with the Methodist Singers
Dec 19th	Christmas Traditions with Angela Bishop

## Hethersett Gardening Club with Leslie Dale

At our September meeting, Graham Watts described the conversion of the run down "Dale Farm" in Dereham, which his wife and he bought in September 2007, into the current magnificent garden which it is today. Both are keen supporters of the "National Gardens' Scheme". Founded about 95 years ago, the NGS supports caring and nursing charities; to date the public openings of Dale Farm have generated over £110,000 in donations.

Dale Farm is situated at the lowest point in north west Dereham and had a focal point in the form of a large pond very overgrown with bullrushes. Graham explained how the pond was eventually tamed, the enormous variety of flower and shrub planting added in, plus some wood and metal sculptures.

The Watts' reputation in the horticultural field led to an unexpected telephone call from a very keen gardener with a terminal illness. There followed a donation of a large collection of hydrangeas to ensure their survival. Some of these were used to replace ash trees which had succumbed to die back disease. Your scribe visited July's NGS opening and noted how splendid the Dale Farm garden is; and he now wonders how only two people can keep it shipshape. Well worth a visit in 2024!

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

All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included. More from the gardening club on the next page.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November when Adele Kent will give us some "Christmas Memories". You can view details of meetings into 2024 on the next page.

## Hethersett Gardening Club Coming Programme

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

‘Christmas Memories’ -  
Adele Kent, Hethersett

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

‘Post Brexit Memories’ -  
John Freeman, Hethersett

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

‘A Year in the Wood’ -  
Dr Anne Edwards, Hethersett

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

‘The Eastons go East Again’ -  
John & Lesley Easton, Hethersett

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Annual General Meeting; followed by  
‘Gardens for Us and Them’ -  
Dr Ian Bedford, Norwich

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

‘The Secret Life of Plants’ -  
Jim Paine, Walnut Tree Nursery, Attleborough

At our October meeting Jim Payne of Walnut Tree Nursery spoke about climate change and its amelioration by changes to our gardening practices.

Commencing with the “technical side” of a high altitude thin layers of gas, carbon dioxide, methane et al, which retain solar energy and effectively regulate the world’s temperature, Jim continued with a summary going back millions of years, ice ages, sea levels rising and falling, and how 200 years of industrialisation had increased that gas layer’s thickness; making the world a warmer place.

He then proceeded to show how the natural world had gone on, to reflect that over arching process. Beware the “Colorado Beetle” and its affect on certain crops; it’s been seen in southern England; the Environmental Agency must be informed.

We continued to the present day’s developing climate patterns and finally choices of crops and grasses for drought prone areas and coping with peat free compost when raising seedlings.

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On Wednesday 13th December John Freeman brings us memories of holiday tours abroad, prior to Brexit and Covid.

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

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Woman's Institute

By Margot Markham

We have five million olfactory receptors in our nose for detecting smells but a dog has 300 million receptors.

Dogs are sniffers. For years we have used dogs for sniffing out game, for people who are hiding or the drugs they may be taking. The charity "Medical Detection Dogs" started in 2008 and Norma Howell and her husband have been involved with the charity all this time.

Norma gave us a presentation of the wonderful work the charity does. The dogs have to like people, they can't be too big and they have to be intelligent like Labradors, Retrievers, Spaniels and Poodles. The dogs are trained to be "sniffers" and to be biosensors and to sniff out very, very, tiny amounts of chemicals given off by people. The diagnosis of cancers eg prostate cancer, nervous disorders like Parkinson's Disease and bacterial infections eg MRSA can be successfully found out.

The charity is at the forefront of medical research. In addition to this it supports Medical Alert Assistance. Dogs are able to detect changes in odour molecules which may change in susceptible people which could lead to an emergency.

It was a most interesting talk. The charity collaborates with NHS Trusts and University establishments but actually gets no financial support from the Government. For this reason, Norma works tirelessly for the charity and came to talk to us.

## Hethersett WI Meetings

### Coming Dates

Monday 20th November—Murder Mystery with Julie Porter. Toys and Tins appeal.

Monday 18th December—Social evening with fun and games.

Monday 15th January—Norfolk Fringe Project—Managing our natural heritage and green spaces with Matt Davies.

Monday 19th February—Annual meeting. Craft and Nature, Creating Together with Debbie Perriss and Katie Kaydn-Slater.

Monday 18th March—Hands-on craft making Evening with Christine Dale and Friends.

## Friends of Hethersett Library

THE Friends of Hethersett Library held an extremely successful quiz in Hethersett Village Hall on Saturday October 28th.

Fifteen teams produced fierce competition and helped to raise over £580 for the group. The money will help to pay for the next event which will be a children's Christmas party in the new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

The party is for children aged from six to 10 and will take place on Saturday 2nd December. Places need to be booked in advance and this can be done by telephoning Angela Farrington on 07564 982236.

The Friends are also busy organising a number of presentations in the library for 2024 and these will include return visits by Paddy Anstey for another talk about his railway reminiscences and also by Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens who will present her talk on Coronations.

We will have full details of these coming events in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

In the meantime, the photograph of some very happy people on page 21 is of the winning quiz team—Splendid Rush.



**Friends of Hethersett Library**

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**The Friends of Hethersett Library present**

**Children's Christmas Party**  
**For youngsters aged six to ten**

**Saturday 2nd December**

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Pavilion  
from 4 to 6 pm

Places must be booked in advance by contacting  
**Angela on 07564 982236**

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## The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group) with Viv Hawes

What a year! I have just been on a caravan holiday, the latest in the year ever and we were able to do all the visiting of gardens and places of interest that we wanted and not an umbrella in sight.

Before our trip, the group was given an extremely informative talk by Professor Karl Gaffney on the changes in protocols etc at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and in particular, Rheumatology. He spoke about the low morale amongst staff and the difficulties recruiting to replace them. He also told us of the Patient Initiated Referral system being used but we will have to wait to see whether it works. He told us of changes in the way drugs are being used more efficiently for RA and how we hope to see fewer disabled patients in the future. A big change for us immune-suppressed patients is that we can now have the shingles vaccine as it is no longer live.

All being well, we will see an Occupational Therapist on November 22nd who will be able to give us the information we need to help ourselves as we age. We don't always know what gadgets and aids are available to assist in the home and garden and for some, even more personal care, so I am hoping that some written info will be on display.

Our Christmas lunch is at the Queen's Head on December 6th and the list is getting full so it looks like another good time will be had by all.

In case you do not know about us yet, we are a group of people with varying forms of Arthritis (or not), who meet in Hethersett Village Hal at 2 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month. An entry fee of £4 ensures a cup of tea or coffee and home made cakes or savouries together with interesting company and a range of guest speakers, perhaps we will see you.

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

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

Forthcoming events:

Our Open Meeting will be held on Monday 27th November and we have the fantastic national demonstrator Jonathan Mosley. His title is 'Festive Floral Fabulousness'. This will be a ticketed event with mulled wine and mince pies to get us in the seasonal spirit.

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

## Hethersett Herald What's On and Opening Hours

Opening hours for Hethersett Community Post Office in Hethersett Library are as follows:

Monday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

Tuesday: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm

Wednesday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

Thursday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

Friday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

Saturday: 9.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Sunday—Closed

Library users with Open Access will be able to get into the building using their library cards. Those without Open access wishing to use the post office will need to ring the doorbell and will be admitted by one of the post office volunteers.

The Post Office is closed for lunch between 1 pm and 1.30 pm.

# Christmas Fair

A WYMONDHAM based craft outlet is organising a Christmas craft fair in Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, on Sunday, 3rd December from 10 am until 4 pm.

Jabbawocky Crafts will be organising the event which will feature over 40 stalls with handmade art and crafts. Mulled wine, teas, coffees and cakes will also be available.

Jabbawocky Crafts has been in existence for over 10 years and every piece of jewellery it sells comes with a lifetime guarantee.

Jabbawocky Crafts is owned by Debbie Lansdell who has a special take on her artform:

“Born and raised in Norfolk, I've always been a creative individual and have worked in arenas that have enabled me to express my artistic and inventive abilities.

“I started to develop my art and artisan skills in regard to jewellery making. I wanted to capture both the beauty of the materials, the natural organic based design and make original bespoke pieces that are infinitely wearable.

“All materials are ethically and locally sourced as much as possible. Unique and hand-made with wood, that is sourced and been hand-turned in Norfolk..”



# At your Library

## in Hethersett



### Regular Events at Hethersett Library

**Knit, Stitch and Natter** - Mondays, 1:30 - 3:30 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

**Browse all events online by scanning the QR code**

Alternatively, speak to staff or call us at 0344 800 8020



# Keep Warm and Well this Winter



## Hethersett Library

40 Queens Rd.  
Hethersett  
NR9 3DB

### Staffed hours

Monday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Wednesday 11am - 7pm  
Thursday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Friday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Saturday 11am - 4pm

Visit your local library to pick up FREE Winter essentials

### Keep Warm and Well

Help yourself to a blanket and hot water bottle.

Free hot drinks are available (see library for times).



### Toiletries Bag

Bag contains: deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste.

Adults and children's toothbrushes are available to help yourself to or ask a member of staff.



### Tricky Period

Bag contains: 1 x pack of regular and 1 x pack of super or night pads.

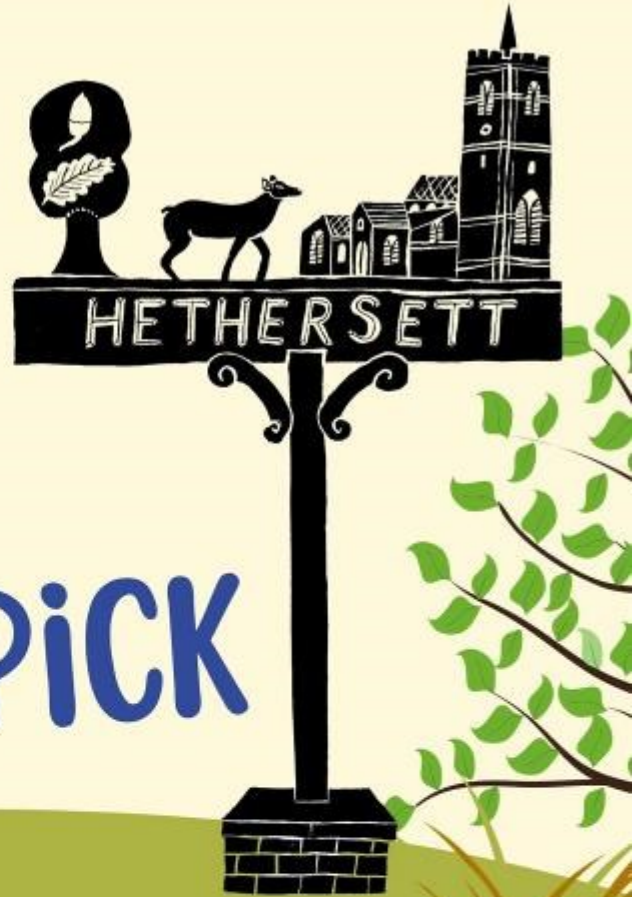
Sustainable items are available while stocks last (including: period cups, washable pads, period pants).



If you can't see what you need, please ask a member of staff.



**HETHERSETT PARISH  
COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACTION TEAM**



# LITTER PICK

✿ Saturday 18th  
November

✿ Methodist Church  
10am



**HETHERSETT  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACTION TEAM**



**The next village litter-pick is on Saturday  
18th November at 10 am starting from  
Hethersett Methodist Church.**

# 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 Herald What's On



## St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

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

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

Future Dates:  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

For more information tel: Pauline 01603 812610



## The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)

Sunday 5th November, 3pm

Jim Broadbent stars as a retiree who impulsively decides to walk across the country to visit his terminally ill friend.



## The Fabelmans (12)

Sunday 3rd December, 3pm

Acclaimed director Steven Spielberg dramatises his own childhood in this beautifully realised paean to his youth.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## 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.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Hethersett Social Club

Coming attractions at Hethersett Social Club include the following:

November 4th—James Barr, live music in the lounge at 8 pm.

November 10th—Quiz night. Teams of six maximum, £10 per team. 8 pm start.

November 24th—Archie and Kayleigh. Live music in the lounge, 8 pm.

December 9th—Harriet Marie, live music in the lounge at 8 pm.

December 15th—Christmas Chocolate Bingo. Eyes Down 8 pm.

December 16th—Deano. Live music in the lounge at 8 pm.

December 24th—Christmas Eve family disco, 4-8 pm.

December 31st—New Year's Eve Family Disco from 7 pm.

## Changes to Library Visits

Changes have been announced to the mobile library service for Little Melton.

Since July the only stop for the mobile library has been on Thursdays at 5 pm in School Lane - outside no 93/95 at the post code NR9 3LA.

On November 2nd this will change to 9.30 to 9.50 am but it will still only stop once on School Lane as above.

This has been changed as the road is quite narrow and there is a lot of traffic at 5 pm. Also as there are no streetlights the van would be visiting after dark in winter

The dates for 2023 are,

2nd November, 30th November, 28th December.

The dates for 2024 are:

25th January, 22nd February, 21st March, 18th April and every four weeks after that.



*Cringleford & Hethersett Flower Club*

*Open Meeting*

*National Demonstrator Jonathan Moseley*

*Presents "Festive Floral Fabulousness"*

*Monday, 27th November 2023 - 7.30 pm*  
*(doors open at 6.45 pm)*

*Hethersett Village Hall*

*Back Lane, Hethersett NR9 3JJ*

*Tickets: £15*

*includes mince pies and mulled wine*


*Stalls and Raffle*

*For tickets contact: Lynn Rawlings - 01603 457888 or*  
*email: leopardlynn@hotmail.com*



Tickets for the following Wymondham concert are available from Hethersett Butchers

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



Wymondham Helicopter Group presents

*Kiss the Teacher*

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The Wymondham Central Hall  
Saturday 11th Nov 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm  
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[www.hethersettpantomime.org.uk](http://www.hethersettpantomime.org.uk)

Matinees: 20th & 27th at 2pm  
Evenings: 20th, 23rd - 27th at 7:30pm  
Sunday 21st Performances 11am & 3pm

# Hethersett Herald What's On



[www.hethersett-yc.co.uk](http://www.hethersett-yc.co.uk)

Back Lane, Hethersett  
NR9 3JJ

## Youth Club

During term time

**Wednesday 5:45 - 7:15**  
**(School Years 5 & 6)**

**Friday 7:00 - 8:30 (Year 7+)**

£2 per session (Tuck is also available for a small amount on the night)

 @Hethersett Jubilee Youth Centre

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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.





# Hethersett SINGERS

## Concert

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 7.30pm

Hethersett Methodist Church

## *Countdown to Christmas*

**Musical Director: Rob Goodrich**

**Accompanist David Ballard**

Featuring:

Gorgeous Advent Carols

A lively Suite of Carols from Central and South America (sung in English) arr Mark Hayes.

Dan Forrest's ravishing 'Ubi Caritas'

Plus: Run! (by Snow Patrol), Lean on me, seasonal songs and more!



**Tickets £8**

Available from The Hethersett Butcher  
(next door to Boots) from November.

Complimentary Refreshments





# CHRISTMAS

Craft, food and gift fair

Friday 1st December

11am - 3pm

**Come along to our Christmas Fair  
at Hethersett Hall Care Home!**

Enjoy a delicious festive treats and lots of stalls and much  
much more!!

**Everyone's welcome!**

## **Hethersett Hall Care Home**

Norwich Road, Hethersett, Norfolk, NR9 3AP

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# Knit & Natter

Join us for a natter whilst you knit!

**Fortnightly from Thursday 19th October • 10.30am**

Come along to our weekly Knit & Natter group, enjoy a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

**Light refreshments are available.**



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# Hethersett Herald What's On

## NOVEMBER

**Wednesday 1st**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am to noon. See page 11 for more details.

**Wednesday 1st**—Hethersett Methodist Church men's mardle from 10 am for coffee and a chat.

**Wednesday 1st**—Hethersett Post Office celebrates its first birthday. Hethersett Library.

**Thursday 2nd**—Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club AGM. Flordon Headquarters, 7.30 pm.

**Thursday 2nd**—Knit and Natter group at Hethersett Hall Care Home, 10.30 am.

**Saturday 4th**—Little Melton Churchyard working party.

**Saturday 4th**—Crusaders Rugby Club—see poster for details.

**Sunday 5th**—Hethersett Village Screen presents "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. Hethersett Village Hall 3 pm. See page 23 for more details.

**Tuesday 7th**—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Club AGM and chat. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**Tuesday 7th**—St Remigius Baby and Toddler Group, 10 am to noon. See page 22 for more details.

**Wednesday 8th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am to noon. See page 11 for more details.

**Monday 13th**—Hethersett Environmental Action Team meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 15th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am to noon. See page 11 for more details.

**Wednesday 15th**—Little Melton Community Café, Little Melton Village Hall 2– 4 pm. See page 18 for more details.

**Wednesday 15th**—Hethersett Gardening Club, Adele Kent presents "Christmas Memories," Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm. See page eight for more details

**Thursday 16th**—Knit and Natter group at Hethersett Hall Care Home, 10.30 am.

**Saturday 18th**—St Remigius Churchyard Tidy Up, 9.30 am until noon. See page seven for more details.

**Saturday 18th**—Hethersett village litter pick, 10 am from Methodist Church.

**Monday 20th**—Hethersett WI Murder Mystery with Julie Porter

**Tuesday 21st**—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café—Christmas Crafts with Georgette Vale. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**Wednesday 22nd**—The Rheumatism In Norfolk Group meeting in Hethersett Village Hall, 2 pm. Advice from an occupational therapist

**Wednesday 22nd**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am to noon. See page 11 for more details.

**Sunday 26th**—Finnbar's Force annual Christmas lights switch on

**Monday 27th**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club presents "Festive Floral Fabulousness, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. See page 15 for more details.

**Wednesday 29th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am to noon. See page 11 for more details.

**Thursday 30th**—Knit and Natter group at Hethersett Hall Care Home, 10.30 am.



# Hethersett VC Primary School Christmas Fair

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER  
11AM - 2PM**

**If you would like to be a stall holder,  
please email  
[fohethersettvc@gmail.com](mailto:fohethersettvc@gmail.com)  
for more details**



CRUSADERS RUGBY CLUB

# FIREWORKS NIGHT

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*Saturday 4th November*

**Gates open at 5pm - Fireworks display at 7:30pm**

Tickets purchased on the gate - CAR PARK CASH ONLY

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&  
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**£20 - Walk In Family Ticket**

**(Up to 5 people)**

**£20 - Max Per Car (Includes Entry)**

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# The Courage of the Newfoundlanders

Hethersett-based historian and Herald columnist John Head takes us back to the Somme in 1916 for his latest dip into history.

THE SOMME 1<sup>ST</sup> July 1916 - 0730 hrs

Objective 5: Beaumont Hamel, Y Ravine and Hawthorn Ridge.

## The Beaumont Hamel (Newfoundland) Memorial Park

Covering over 80 acres of land, this memorial park, close to the village of Beaumont Hamel, was purchased by Newfoundland in 1921 and officially opened by Earl Haig in 1925. It has been maintained by the Canadian government since 1949.

The land is significant because here the Newfoundland Regiment suffered appalling losses on the first day of the Somme offensive.

The park is overlooked by a majestic grieving bronze caribou, the emblem of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, as it bays for its young over the undulating fields where so many of the regiment fell. At the base of this memorial are three tablets of bronze which carry the names of over 800 members of the Newfoundland Regiment, the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve and the Newfoundland Mercantile Marine who gave their lives in the First World War and who have no known grave.

The land over which the Newfoundlanders advanced contains some of the finest preserved trenches on the Western Front.

## What Happened on That Tragic Day ?

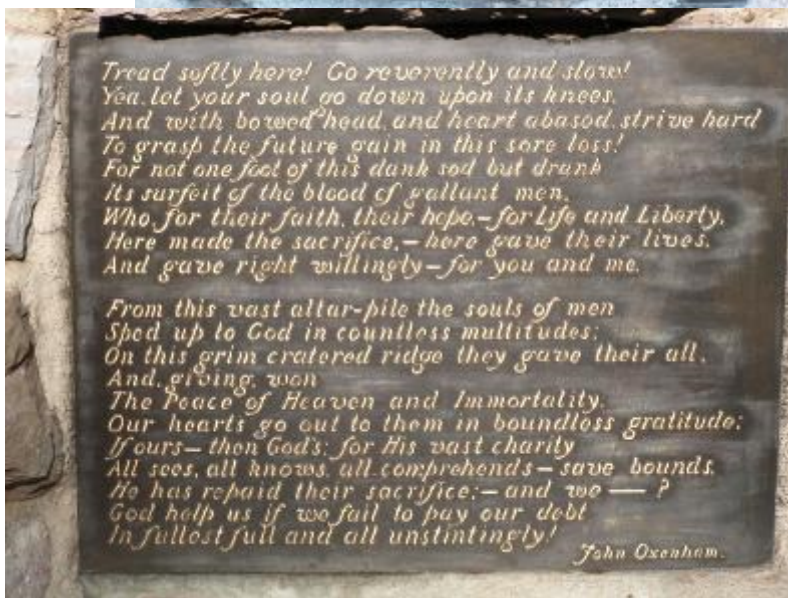
After fighting at Gallipoli, the Newfoundland Regiment was transferred to the Western Front as part of 29th Division to prepare for the Somme offensive.



The Wellington Trench

The Newfoundlanders were ordered to attack the German Line at Beaumont Hamel on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916.

Following the detonation of 40,000 lbs of ammonal by the 252<sup>nd</sup> Tunnelling Company under the German held Hawthorn redoubt, the assault on Beaumont Hamel began.



## Plaques outside the Memorial Park

Unfortunately, the mine was detonated eight minutes too early before the assault. This alerted the Germans and gave time for them to prepare their machine-guns. As part of 88 Brigade the Newfoundlanders were faced with attacking the infamous Y Ravine.

87 Brigade comprising of the 1<sup>st</sup> King's Own Scottish Borderers, 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the 1<sup>st</sup> Border were the first to attack down the slope towards the ravine. Held up by uncut wire and under heavy fire they were mercilessly cut down.



**The Bronze Caribou**



At 0915 hrs it was time for the Newfoundlanders, known as the 'Incomparables' following their exploits in Gallipoli, to advance together with 1<sup>st</sup> Essex but this could not be done through the approach trenches as these were now full of the dead and wounded.

The Newfoundlanders therefore advanced in the open and were cut down in waves from the German machine-guns in the Y Ravine. They continued forward most falling in No Man's Land. Some managed to take cover behind a small ridge next to a lone tree which was once part of a clump.

Known as the 'Danger Tree' it was located half way across No Mans Land and was the site of heavy Newfoundland casualties. The tree's twisted remains became a symbol of the devastation the fighting caused.

The attack lasted no more than half an hour and at 0945 hrs the attack was called off with the Newfoundland Regiment suffering a massive casualty rate. The divisional commander wrote later that "the Newfoundlanders had done all they could because dead men can advance no further."

Historian Barry Cuttell's words in his book 'One Day on the Somme' were even more poignant "These hardy men from our island colony never faltered and their courage and determination may have been equalled elsewhere on the line but never surpassed."

The Newfoundlanders suffered the second highest losses along the British front on the first day of the Somme offensive. These amounted to over 700 killed, wounded or missing with every officer a casualty. Of the 800 which attacked, only 68 answered the roll call the next day.

The Y Ravine Cemetery contains 366 burials of the Newfoundlanders from 1st July 1916 and the Royal Naval Division on 13th October 1916.

Close to the Y Ravine stands the memorial to the 51st (Highland) Division which, together with the 63rd Royal Naval Division, outflanked Beaumont Hamel on both sides capturing it and the Y Ravine on 13th November 1916 during the Battle of the Ancre.

The Y Ravine, even today, is strictly 'out of bound' on the

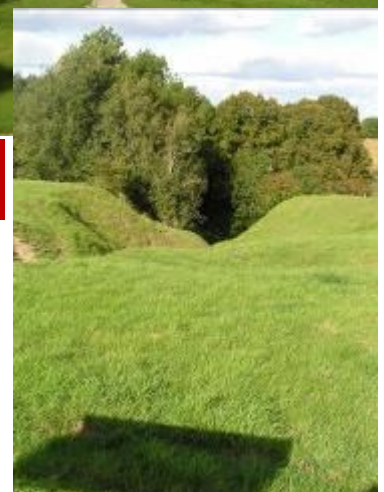


**The Y Ravine**

memorial park as it still contains live ordnance.

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Note 1: It was on 4th September 1914 the Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland passed an act authorising the formation of a corps for war service. This is the official date of formation of 'The Newfoundland Regiment' of 1914-1919. It was redesignated 'The Royal Newfoundland Regiment' in 1918.



Note 2: Beaumont Hamel is often written hyphenated and is a commune in the Somme department in Hauts-de-France in northern France.

Note 3: Photographs: John Head collection.



The two photographs above are of the Danger Tree and those opposite are of the Y Ravine cemetery.





# 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. Dogs are welcome.

Hethersett Butchers in Great Melton Road is open from 9 am to 6.30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 9 am until 3 pm on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays. 01603 810293. [www.thehethersettbutchers.co.uk](http://www.thehethersettbutchers.co.uk). E mail [hethersettbutcher@btinternet.com](mailto:hethersettbutcher@btinternet.com) and Facebook [@thehethersettbutchersltd](https://www.facebook.com/thehethersettbutchersltd).

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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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