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A Giant Leap Forward

HETHERSETT'S efforts to have a new health centre and surgery have taken a major step forward with the announcement of a £4 million shot in the arm.

Residents of Hethersett have been calling for improved facilities following major development in the village.

The local surgery has admitted that it cannot cope with the influx of new residents. Now South Norfolk Council has voted to set aside £4 million in its budget for the next five years with the money being made available in one chunk in the coming financial year.

In addition, developers Taylor Wimpey are making a parcel of land close to the North Hethersett development available along with a six figure sum to support any project further. Finally the NHS Commissioning Group has agreed to pay the rent on the building for the next five years. Hethersett is one of two areas identified by the Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group for new GP surgeries—the other being Taverham. They will be working with Broadland



Hethersett's South Norfolk Councillors (left to right)
- Adrian Dearnley, Phil Hardy and David Bills.

and South Norfolk Councils but the bad news is that it could be years before a new surgery is built.

Paul Higham, the CCG's estates director, told the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper that planning was in an early stage: "Both are in the early stages of planning so will take some years to come through."

This is a new way of funding prospective new surgeries and is the culmination of much hard work by our county councillor and three district councillors—David Bills, Phil Hardy and Adrian Dearnley.

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A Message From The Editor

Hi Everyone

And welcome to the April edition of Hethersett Herald—our 78th.

I hope that over the past almost seven years we have become an essential part of village life.

Over the coming months we will be looking to bring our e-magazine to the attention of even more people as we continue to grow.

This edition is as newsy as ever. There always seems to be more happening in the village than we can possibly cover.

Personally I love the great contrast in some of the stories. This month we have heart-warming stories about our support for the people of Ukraine. We have slightly off the wall stories like that about a couple of replica football trophies that have been on display in one of our charity shops.

Then there are major stories which we have helped to break. This month it's the news that I think everyone has been hoping for.

Sometimes news can almost sneak up on you. Such was the case with our main piece this month.

A little heralded meeting of South Norfolk Council quietly approved setting aside £4 million (yes £4 million) for a new surgery/health centre for Hethersett.

Everyone knows the pressure that the existing surgery in Great Melton Road has been put under by increased development bringing additional population to the village along with the

pandemic which posed its own problems.

But now we hear that not only has £4 million been set aside for a new building, but the land is also being made available by the developers and the



CCG are paying the rent. So it all looks like a no brainer.

It will undoubtedly take some considerable time before a new surgery can become a reality and there will be many hoops to jump through, but at least the foundations have been laid.

Personally I'm not always supportive of politicians and have been hugely critical of our MP Richard Bacon.

But I can't let this column go without a word of praise for our district councillors—David Bills, Phil Hardy and Adrian Dearnley who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our village, not only on this matter but on many others as well.

I have an excellent relationship with all three and they are very supportive of this publication.

Don't forget that we now have a partnership with the village Good News magazine where you can get the latest news from churches in Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton, along with other information from the three parishes.

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New Surgery Becomes A Possibility

A £4 million grant has brought a new GP Surgery and health centre for Hethersett a step nearer.

The funding was agreed at a meeting of South Norfolk Council during March.

(April).



Council during March. inadequate for our ever-expanding village.

The funds will be released in the next financial year which begins this month

Hethersett's district councillor Phil Hardy said he was delighted with the announcement and particularly with the fact that the money will be made available immediately.

The Eastern Daily Press Newspaper reported:

"Hethersett and Taverham have been earmarked by the Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group for new GP surgeries, with the commissioners working alongside Broadland and South Norfolk councils to bring the schemes to life."

Major Grant For New Pavilion

ALSO moving a massive step forward is a new pavilion for the Memorial Playing Field to replace the old brick building that is no longer fit for purpose.

A grant of £249,000 of Government funding will support the construction of a two-team changing pavilion to service both Hethersett Athletic FC and other users of Memorial Playing Field such as bowls, croquet, cycle speedway and possible public events.

The new pavilion will not be just for sports clubs but will be available to the whole community.

The move for a new pavilion is being led by Hethersett Parish Council and over £100,000 has also been set aside from Section 106 development money. The council also has the option of taking up a loan to meet the remainder of the cost of a new pavilion. '

We will have more on this story in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

Temporary Home For Refugees Idea

Could the former Woodside School help Ukrainians Fleeing War?

COULD a disused school in Hethersett be used as a temporary home for Ukrainian refugees fleeing from their war ravaged country?

The possibility exists that the former Woodside School building in Firs Road could be used to house refugees, possibly on a temporary basis until permanent homes have been found

Norfolk County Council is currently looking into the possibility following an approach by veteran village stalwart Fred Morrad.



When he heard about the plight of Ukranian people, Mr Morrad contacted our county council representative David Bills with a suggestion that the disused school building would make an excellent centre for refugees from the Ukraine.

In turn, Councillor Bills passed on the idea and found the county council interested in the suggestion which would need Government approval before it could be taken further.

"Mr Morrad's idea met with an immediate and positive response," Councillor Bills told Hethersett Herald.

But the generosity of South Norfolk residents could make the idea unnecessary as Councillor Bills explained:

"We have had an excellent response with so many people putting down their names to provide homes for Ukranian people. It is still possible that the old school building could be used as a halfway house or something similar before people move onto something more permanent," he said.

Councillor Bills is also chairman of South Norfolk's People and Communities Policy Committee and said it is important for Ukrainian refugees to live close to others in order to create their own community and also to be fully integrated into local communities.

Joseph On Song

Review by Peter Steward

A rumbustious, rollicking right good old time.

For three nights at the end of the month, pupils from Hethersett Academy put on some right royal entertainment to wow friends and relatives.

Their version of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat certainly hit all the right notes in a swashbuckling show of dazzle and colour that was the perfect antidote to over two years of lockdown that saw school productions put on ice.

But not only was Joseph the first musical production since lockdown, it was also the first major production to be held in the new Helen Pye Theatre. This sparkling auditorium seats around 200 and was packed for the three shows from Tuesday 29th March to Thursday 31st March.

Originally Joseph was written as a 15-minute pop cantata for schools way back in 1968. It was later expanded into a full scale musical and even a film. Many of the songs like "Any Dream Will Do" and "Joseph's Coat (The Coat of Many Colours)" are well known and its easy to see the inspirations for the music of Andrew Lloyd-Webber and the lyrics of Tim Rice.

The school put their own interpretation on the musical with plenty of dash and verve, beautifully backed by a highly competent school orchestra.

Putting it all together will have taken a huge effort by the school. It's not the easiest musical to perform but the youngsters coped well with the demands.

It would be wrong to pick anyone out specifically as this was a team effort with everyone working together for what turned out to be a stylish production. A few gremlins with the sound didn't seriously detract from the overall power of the performances.

It is to the great credit of the school that they attack difficult full-blooded West End shows with such gusto. The previous effort was a dashing Bugsy Malone and prior to lockdown they were on the point of bringing Hairspray to Hethersett but those plans had to be abandoned at the last minute because of COVID.

I for one look forward tremendously to seeing what these talented young people come up with next.

We are hoping to have photographs of the production in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

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A Rollercoaster Ride

PRODUCER Tom Hilton spoke in the programme about the rollercoaster ride that culminated in the fine production of Joseph.

"Any school production is a rollercoaster ride from choosing a show, through auditions, casting, designing, building, lots and lots of rehearsing and ultimately to the performances.

"This year represents a very special return to live performance following two years of the pandemic cruelly stifling the opportunities we have been able to provide for the children," Mr Hilton said.

The previous school performance of Bugsy Malone took place in the sports hall. Plans for a 2020 production of Hairspray had to be cancelled just three weeks before the planned opening night in March.

"We have come a long way from those nervous auditions back in September and Joseph is the result of immense hard work by the children. I have been so impressed by the incredible commitment and enthusiasm shown by so many," Mr Hilton added.

We are hoping to have a photographic record of the show in the next edition of Hethersett Herald which will be online at the end of April.

First Major Production In New Home

Joseph was the first major production in the new Helen Pye Theatre which is named after the former head of maths who encouraged so many youngsters to follow their dreams in the dramatic arts.

"We are blessed with this brilliant facility thanks to the vision of former Hethersett Principal Gareth Stevens who is now CEO of Inspiration Trust. Gareth sought to create in our new building a space in which to promote music, drama and dance, after so many years of taking over the sports hall or having to hire external venues in order to host an audience," said Assistant Principal Tom Hilton, who also produced Joseph.

The theatre can seat around 200 people and has LED stage lighting, digital sound reinforcement and a permanent stage designed and built by site manager Lee Smith.

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For The Record

Cast

Narrators Amelie Ward and Maddie Eggleton

Joseph Rebecca Davey
Jacob Joel Newman

Ishmaelites Kitty Dixon and Sofia Everest

Ruben Fleur Tilbury
Potiphor Matthew Sidell
Mrs Potiphor Lucas Eley
Butler George Ellis

Baker Gabriel Pleureuse Grancourt

Pharoah Poppy Foley

Simeon Niamh Brighouse

Benjamin Rose Watson Judah Sarah Barrett

Brothers—Eleanor Ashling, Ben Barton-Foskett, Alisha Blundell, Lily Cook, Kieron Dickerson, Bella Hartley, Megan Hawkes, Ron Meir, Olivia Pretty, Martha Rushworth, Kyle Stevens, Daisy Tovell.

Chorus— Charlotte Ayto, Matilda Bellingham, Ava Burrows, Beth Campbell, Amelia Eggleton, Bonnie McGhee, Scarlet Mills, Aisha Musa, Harrison Newman, Marcus Pop, Sophie ,Sheppard, Maisie Skeet, Isabelle Smee, Beth Smith, Rose Weole, Kitty Wilkins.

Band– Pollavi Shastri (Flute), Esmee Norton (Saxophone), Isla Hamilton, (Trumpet), Sarah Aram (Ukulele), Liz Taylor (keyboard), Yung Loh (keyboard), Issy Russell (Keyboard), Jamie Schweigart (drums).

Lighting—Lewis Hayes and Alfie Turner. Sound—Billy Eccles and Felix Copeman. Followspot—Jack Janner-Burgess. Senior Stage Manager—Megan Ayto. Assistant Stage Manager—Bethany Pettitt. Props—John McKay. Front of House—Eben Tovell. Head Seamstress—Isabella Brown. Hair and Make-Up—Evie Cook, Sophie Felgate, Katherine McKay, Katie Ward and Faye Winsley.

Director—Lauren Knights. Musical Director—Di Stenton. Producer—Tom Hilton. Choreography—Nicci Dixon and Aimee Barker. Set Construction—Lee Smith and Geoff Bush. Artwork—Helen Coote and Leearna Rodgers. Costumes—Jennie Hutchins and Anna Tait. Vocal Coach—Esther Platten.

Treasure Hunt in Hethersett



HETHERSETT is no stranger to visits from Radio Norfolk's Treasure Quest programme. We have had a number of visits in the past and the latest was on Mothering Sunday as Jenny Walpole explains.

There was great fun when Radio Norfolk's Treasure Quest team followed the clues to Hethersett's Village Sign.

There presenter Julie Reinger chatted to Don and Bridget Williamson on a perfect Spring day which was also Mothers' Day. The sun was shining, the sky blue and the flowers were blooming.

Later Bridget was interviewed by the Quest Master, talking about Hethersett's rewilding project. The programme can be found on the BBC Sounds app and Radio Norfolk website. Pictured above is Julie Reinger with Don and Bridget Williamson.



Open Library Scheme Returns







THE Open Library sessions at Hethersett Library have been re-instated.

Lockdown saw the sessions suspended and the library closed completely for a while.

When it re-opened there was no open library availability, but now this has been re-instated.

Open Library gives access via a library card to the building at times when it isn't staffed. This increases the availability of Hethersett Library from 29 and a half hours per week to 69 hours. It also means that the library will be accessible on Tuesdays and Sundays when it is usually closed.

To access Open Libraries all you have to do is get your library card authorised.

Just a reminder that Hethersett Library also hosts the village post office. You can find the opening hours for this and other news from the library elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Another Successful Litter Pick

Sixteen people took to the streets of Hethersett on March 5th for the monthly litter pick.

A wet Saturday morning didn't deter the group from clearing up litter from the village.

"Thank you to the 16 souls who turned out on a wet Saturday morning to pick litter off the streets and hedges of Hethersett. You continue to do such great work in keeping our village as clean as possible. Yet again we had new volunteers which is so positive especially as they were young! Let's keep going and help our village remain as litter free as possible," said organiser Geoff Dyett.

The litter picks are organised under the auspices of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT). The next pick will be on April 2nd and full details can be found below.

Time for the Hethersett Big Litter Pick

ONCE again this year, Hethersett will be taking part in the South Norfolk Big Pick with £200 on offer to help support community initiatives..

This year's Big Pick will be on Saturday 2nd April starting at 2 pm from outside Hethersett Village Hall.

All equipment will be provided and the more volunteers the merrier in an attempt to clear the village of litter.

"Please come along and support the Big Pick and by doing so you will of course be helping to keep Hethersett clear of litter," said the organisers. The regular monthly litter picks are arranged by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).

Each spring, South Norfolk District Council works with communities and community groups to help reduce litter in South Norfolk by asking them to take part in the Big Litter Pick. This initiative encourages communities to work together to keep their villages or towns clean and tidy. South Norfolk District Council provide litter pickers, hi-vis vests and bags.

This year there will be 20 prizes of £200 available and every group taking part is assured of £20 to spend in their local community.

Things That Get Stuck In Hethersett



The day the bus got stuck.

John Halford captured this photograph of the Number 15 bus which broke down at the junction of Henstead Road and Great Melton Road on March 16th.

John takes up the story: "I came across this broken down bus - engine off, hazards flashing - completely blocking the end of Henstead Road where it joins Great Melton Road. The time was 18.35. When I passed by again at 20.00 the bus had been moved a few yards up Henstead Road so it wasn't causing an obstruction. At 20.05 it was being attended to, the engine was running and its lights were on."

It is thought that the bus was moved shortly afterwards.

But it wasn't the only thing to block a road during the month as the photograph on the next page illustrates.

It was captured on March 18th when a large vehicle got stuck in attempting to turn into Queen's Road from Norwich Road.



Speeding Checks

A NEW detection unit is being used in Hethersett to record speeds in the village and initial results for Back Lane show that a number of motorists

are ignoring the 30 mph limit.

The latest figures for the Sam 2 unit has shown that over 5,000 motorists exceeded the speed limit.

The latest data is for the period from 31st January to the 8th March. It showed that three motorists were clocked at doing over 50 mph and a further 64 doing 45 mph. A concerning 658 were travelling at 40 mph and 4,434 at 35 mph. This means that over 5,100 motorists were breaking the speed limit in this area.

The better new is that over 20,000 motorists kept to the speed limit. The units flash the speed of oncoming cars and continue to flash until vehicles drop below the speed limit. Statistical data relating to the speed of traffic is recorded for speed analysis.

It was pointed out at the latest parish council meeting that the most excessive speeds could be down to emergency vehicles.

Remembering Old Hall School









To mark International Women's Day in March, Hethersett Old Hall School Former Pupils and staff posted a number of photographs on their Facebook page with the following words. "On international Women's Day we can celebrate the amazing staff, pupils and parents who came together and made HOHS a place for children to learn and grow.













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Full Speed Ahead For Hawks

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT HAWKS/Yellow Brick Mortgages are full speed ahead to the new racing season which starts with a busy weekend in April. Twenty one members braved a very cold Tuesday evening in early March for the first training sessions despite ongoing construction work at the track.

At the club's AGM, all officers and committee members were re-elected to carry on the great work they did, often in small sub-committees, during 2021. The latest benefit is the arrival of four new club bikes, put together from parts sourced from Poland and the UK and funded by a Norfolk Community Foundation grant.

The opening match this season will see a lot of riders, mainly youngsters, come from all over the South-East for the first regional round of the British Youth and Junior League plus senior and veteran grand prix.

The club has announced it will be staging a big event as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend in June. On the Bank Holiday Friday 3rd it will host the Rod Witham Memorial Fours attracting clubs from all over the country for an all-day event in memory of Rod, a local rider and administrator who was a leading figure locally, nationally and internationally and who passed away in 2020.

Fixtures at the Memorial Playing Field in April –

Saturday 9th - British Youth and Junior/South-East Grand Prix from midday.

Sunday 10th— v Ipswich Eagles South-East League 2 pm.

You can keep up to date with our activities on our website.at www.hethersetthawks.co.uk or via social media.

Sad News For Cycle Speedway

It is with great shock and sadness that cycle speedway has heard the tragic news that Nick Bray was killed in a motorcycle accident at the young age of 40.

Nick started racing at Hethersett in 1990 and, over a few different spells, raced 166 times for the club up to 2006. His major achievements were winning the British Under-16 Individual Championship at Thurrock with a 20-point maximum in 1996, a feat he repeated at Horspath in the 1999 British Under-19 Individual Championship while in the colours of Eaton.

Despite his individual brilliance, Nick was very much a team player always having fun, all with the support of his loving parents Mike and Wendy. His achievements were also remarkable given that he was acutely diabetic.

Hethersett will miss his annual hints at another comeback and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

Re-visiting Places From The Past

The Hethersett Village Screen season of films continues in April with "Supernova" and is rounded off in May with the Princess Diana biopic "Spencer."

Supernova stars Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci. It's a story of love and onset dementia as a couple take a road trip to reconnect with family, friends and places. The film received positive reviews when it was released

Supernova will be on screen on Sunday 3rd April. The season is rounded off on May 8th with the well received biopic on Lady Diana entitled simply "Spencer".

Films are held on the first Sunday of each month from September to May at 3 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £5 for adults.





IT is with great sadness that just before going to publication, we heard of the death of Hethersett stalwart Duncan Pigg.

Duncan was known by many as "Mr Hethersett" and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the village.

He was connected with many village groups and organisations and a tireless worked for many causes over the years. He will be particularly remembered for his work with the parish church, his commitment to Hethersett Cricket Club and his involvement as writer of Hethersett's annual pantomime.

We will have a full appreciation of his life in the May edition of Hethersett Herald.

HETHERSETT BUTCHERS

As You Were For Butchers

HETHESETT Butchers is to continue with a familiar face at the helm.

That was the message this month after a rumour went round that the shop was up for sale.

The shop in Great Melton Road was in fact advertised for sale on the Right Biz website for £175,000 Freehold.

The website described it as "a long established and well thought of traditional butchers shop situated in the heart of a rapidly growing and sought after village."

But owner Martin was quick to point out that it will be business as usual with assistant butcher Sean taking over the reins

"We are determined that the business will continue to serve Hethersett and the surrounding communities with the best local produce available. Sean Flynn who has worked with me since 2013 will be taking over the future running of The Hethersett Butchers as I attempt to step back and retire. Rest assured it'll be business as usual."

Current owner Martin took over the already established business almost 30 years ago and also stocks deli style goods such as fresh fruit, vegetables,



milk, groceries and dry goods with a delivery service to Hethersett and the surrounding villages.

Originally the butchers occupied the space at the front of the area in Great Melton Road which is now Boots Chemists. It then moved to the back after a pharmacy had been established.

As well as the shop and its adjoining facilities there is a piece of land at the back of the property which is currently used to grow vegetables.

The butchers is currently open from 7.30 am until 5.30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 7.30 am until 12.30 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Many residents took to Facebook to thank Martin for his years at the helm, to wish him a happy retirement and to wish Sean good luck for the future.



Beryl Bikes On The Way To Hethersett

BERYL bikes and e-scooters are on their way to Hethersett.

The bikes and scooters will be based outside Hetherett Library. The vehicles will be available for a trial period but other sites for stands including the village hall and the open space at Great Melton Close could also be utilised if the scheme proves popular.



The bikes and e-scooters will be made available for use in the village. They operate by battery power.

The vehicles should be available in the near future once a stand has been setup by Norfolk County Council.

Members of Hethersett Parish Council welcomed the plans at their March meeting.



European Trophy Comes To Hethersett (Well Almost)

Norwich City may be on the crest of a slump but Hethersett has two major trophies.

During March two of the top football cups found their way to the Kett's Kabin charity shop in Queen's Road.

The trophies (replicas of course and not the real thing) were in memory of Scott Bridge from Norwich who died from diabetes at the age of 45.

Shoppers were invited to have their photographs taken with the trophies for a small donation with half the money raised going to the Diabetes UK Charity and the other half going to Scott's mother to allow her to have some of his ashes put inside a ring.

Pictured above are Anne Steward with Kett's Kabin proprietor Cassie and the replica of the Champions League Trophy. The shop also had a replica of the English Premier League Trophy.

With Love From Hethersett To Ukraine



Collecting For Ukraine

WHEN they heard about the plight of people in the Ukraine, kind-hearted Hethersett residents joined thousands of others from across the United Kingdom in pledging their support—both emotional and practical.

Tesco Express became the collection centre following an appeal on the All Things Hethersett Facebook page.

Resident Linda Jones and parish councillor and Tesco employee Sarah Lawrence were the prime movers in setting up the local appeal.

Within a very short period of time they had cages full of goods varying from clothes to toiletries and just about everything else imaginable. These were then transported to help the humanitarian support work in the Ukraine.



Walking All Day For Ukraine

Kim Rout and friend Lois Ware were so touched and affected by what was happening in Ukraine that they felt they had to do something.

And the result was a 24 hour charity walk from Saturday March 5th until Sunday March 6th.

Setting off from the centre of the village at 8 pm on Saturday, 5th March, Kim and Lois were joined by over 20 residents for support. The duo then continued to walk until 8 pm on the Sunday. You can read the full story of the Hethersett Sunflower walk for Ukraine starting on the next page.



Walking The Night



Walking The Day





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Pictured above—6.15 a.m on Sunday 6th March. Lois and Kim with two supporters after over 10 hours of walking and almost at the midway point.

On the left Kim and Lois enjoy a much needed glass of celebration fizz after finishing their marathon effort.

All pictures on this page courtesy of Kim Rout.

The Day That Made A Difference

IT was the day that made a difference.

When Hethersett resident Kim Rout and her friend Lois Ware heard about what was going on in the Ukraine they felt they just had to do something to help.

Kim hit upon the idea of undertaking a 24-hour walk around Hethersett and the surrounding countryside, taking them as far as Wymondham.



Cheered on by over 20 friends and supporters, they set off from the centre of Hethersett at 8 pm on Sunday 6th March. After 23 hours of walking with just the occasional rest they were joined by 60 local people to complete their 24 hour marathon with a final hour long walk around the village.

Their effort raised a staggering £2700 for the Ukraine Charity which in the past has supported underprivileged children but which is now involved in humanitarian relief work.

Kim and Lois were overcome by the generosity of people, calling in at Hethersett Social Club, Hethersett King's Head and pubs in Wymondham where everyone was very generous.

One driver actually drove round the area to find them to give them £20. Others pressed £5 and £10 notes into the collecting tins.

Afterwards Kim said: "Lois and I would

like to give a heartfelt thank you to everybody who supported us with our walk.

"It truly was an overwhelming emotional and spiritual experience. From the lovely people who walked through the night with us, the man who drove around Wymondham looking for us to give us money, the children that wanted to give us sweets to give us a sugar boost, the two gents that joined us in Wymondham for an hour when they came out of the pub, the people who blasted their car horns, to the wonderful crowd who walked the last hour with us and of course all the generous people that donated.

"It truly is something that we will hold dear to us for a very long time. We couldn't have done it without the support of all you wonderful people out there that got involved. Thank you all so very very much."

Editor Puts Weight Behind Mercy Push

Hethersett-based Newspaper editor David Powles set-off on a mercy dash to Ukraine at the end of the month.

David, who is a regular reader and supporter of Hethersett Herald as well as being editor of the Eastern Daily Press newspaper left the following message on Facebook on March 27th.

"Can't quite believe this is happening but on my way to Poland with Adam Hale-Sutton for the next five days to report on the efforts out there to help find safe places for Ukrainian refugees."

David and Adam from Little Melton had a van

from Hethersett VC Primary School in Queen's Road which was loaded with medical supplies and food.

Adam was in the driving seat and had spent the previous three weeks assisting Ukrainians who have fled their homeland.

Along with another volunteer, they travelled through France and then onto Krakow where the efforts are being co-ordinated until the beginning of April.

David said his mission was twofold: "I want to report back on what the Ukrainians are going through out there - but also help encourage support for Adam who is spending lots of his own money to help those in the most desperate need, he said.

After 28 hours travelling David reported reaching Krakow. We will have an update on this story in the next edition of Hethersett Herald. Meanwhile a Go Fund Me page has been set up for donations.

Just go to Go Fund Me and search for South Norfolk Ukranian Refugee Rescue.



Practice Makes Perfect



THE City of Norwich Brass Band is now holding regular rehearsals in Hethersett Village Hall.

On March 15th they invited local residents along to hear them rehearsing for a competition. And it certainly paid off as the band travelled to a prestigious contest in Stevenage and won their section after competing against 17 other bands. They also won trophies for the best brass section and best Musical Director, Mark Ager. They have qualified



to compete in the National Brass Band Championships at Cheltenham Racecourse in September.

The photograph above shows the band practicing in Hethersett Village Hall and below that are band members at the competition.

Fundraiser Joan Celebrates Milestone Birthday



By Leonie Pritchard

IT was a very special day when a Hethersett fundraiser celebrated a milestone birthday.

About 50 friends shared in a Coffee

Morning on March 15th at Hethersett Methodist Church to celebrate Joan Green's 90th Birthday.

Joan received many cards. She asked for no presents but for donations for a charity very dear to her.

Over the years, Joan has raised thousands of pounds for the Hope and Homes for children charity. She has been a fundraiser for them for 30 years when this work began in Sarajevo for homeless children.

The charity's work now covers over 14 countries including Ukraine, Romania

and Moldova where support is so badly needed especially just now.

Joan was very happy to forward £450 to the charity and thanked friends for their generous donations.

The picture on the previous page shows Joan Green with her celebration cake.

Road Closure in Hethersett



THERE will be disruption to one of the village's main roads in April. Mill Road will be closed from its junction with West Croft for 60 metres from 14th until 22nd April. This is for electrical connection work.

Bright As A Rainbow



By Peter Steward

BRIGHT as buttons and bursting with enthusiasm.

That seems to be the best way to describe Hethersett Rainbows.

I called in to see them during March to have a chat with the leaders and watch the children having a thoroughly enjoyable time listening to stories and playing games with a Peter Pan theme—a theme that has taken them through the Spring term to date.

Rainbows have about 30 girls aged from five to seven enjoying over an hour of activities every Wednesday in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall during term time.

"Rainbows isn't about who is best. It's about making friends, laughing and having a good time," said group leader Kerry Arbra.

Kerry is one of four leaders—the others being Sue Skinner, Karen Grier and Kelly Blake. They are also helped by Karen's 10year-old daughter Ellen.

During my time with the Rainbows, the youngsters sang, welcomed each other with hand shakes and played team games that included moving feathers along a course by wafting newspapers.

The girls often carry out community-based tasks which have included making cards for care homes and thius bridging the gap between the ages.

Hethersett Rainbows is thriving with around 30 youngsters turning up regularly and it has been a very busy and special time for one of them.

Rainbows work hard throughout the year to gain badges in a huge number of subjects

as diverse as drawing, communication, helping, agility, nature, healthy mind and much much more.

The badges are grouped into themes with the girls having to complete two themes for a bronze badge, four themes for a silver badge and six themes for a coveted gold badge.

The gold award is so coveted that no Hethersett Rainbow has achieved the standard—until now.

But that all changed when six year old Rebecca Hargrave set her mind to going for gold. Rebecca will shortly be stepping up to Brownies but for now has a waistcoat absolutely festooned with badges and on Mothering Sunday she was presented with her gold badge by district commissioner Sarah Haigh.

Leader Kerry paid tribute to Rebecca's determination to go where no Hethersett Rainbow has gone before:

"Rebecca is very strong willed and very bright and we will be sad to lose her when she moves up to Brownies. I have never heard her being cruel to anyone and she enjoys joining in with everything we do."

Kerry admits that lockdown had a bad affect on some of the Rainbows who had to re-learn certain skills:

"We saw children who had lost skills and who found it difficult to concentrate," said Kerry who has been a Rainbow leader since 1987 when she lived in





Rainbow leaders are from left to right—Karen Grier, Ellen Grier, Kerry Awbry, Kelly Blake and Sue Skinner.

Worcestershire.

"I love children and perhaps I'm still a kid at heart after all this time, I have also made so many friends and met so many people through Guiding" she said.

Her words were echoed by Karen Grier who is a school teacher by day but still gives up her Wednesday evenings to help with Rainbows.

Kelly Blake started her association with

Rainbows as a parent helper but still continues despite the fact her daughter is now 15.

Sue Skinner summed it all up: "We are friends as well as helpers and I think we complement each other," she said.



Rebecca Hargrave receives her gold medal from district commissioner Sarah Haigh above and below Rebecca is pictured with Sarah Haigh and Hethersett leader Kerry Awbry. The presentation took place during the Mothers' Day service at Hethersett Methodist Church. Pictures by Anne Stewrd.



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For The Force

THE annual Christmas lights spectacular in the Park Green area of Hethersett raised a staggering £6570 for the Finnbar's Force Charity.

"Once again, it's taken many hours to dry out and sort through all of the donations that we received for Finnbar's Christmas Lights 2021 and we are truly delighted to say that the total amount raised was an unbelievable £6570.

"We are so grateful to all who came along to see our lights, especially everyone who donated to make this such an amazingly successful fundraiser and to for all of the lovely comments we heard."

"Once again, a massive THANK YOU must go out to our amazing volunteers and to all who supported us to get the lights up in time," the organisers posted on Facebook.

"Our lights will be back again next Christmas - can we top this year?! We'll have to wait and see," they said before adding that they still had plenty of lights to finish taking down.

Foster Carers Needed

HETHERSETT residents are being asked to consider becoming foster carers.

A plea for new carers has come from Nexus Fostering, which is based in Norwich and is looking for foster homes in Hethersett and the Meltons.

Nexus has been making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in care since 2002. There are more than 4000 children in East Anglia who are unable to live at home with their family and require foster care each year.

Now the company, which is rated as outstanding by the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED), is looking for potential new carers who can provide a child with a nurturing and loving home and help give them new life experiences. Full support is given and foster carers are particularly needed for older children and siblings.

You can find out more about becoming a foster carer by calling 01603 951405 or by emailing

foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.

Major Cycle Event on its way to Hethersett

But Parish Council has concerns about its effect on village life

A MAJOR Norfolk cycle event will start and finish in Hethersett in September.

The event, which is being organised by the Cycling Norfolk group, will be held on Sunday, 25th September, with riders from all over the county starting and finishing at Hethersett Village Hall.

The Autumn Classic will see riders undertaking 25. 50, 75 or 100 mile marathons. Each set loop will consist of 25 miles with three loops available. Those travelling 100 miles will complete one of the loops twice.

"The route has been chosen to be free flowing and take in some beautiful countryside." the organisers state. It will be Cycling Norfolk's final sportive (cycling) event of 2022.

The route will take riders around South Norfolk and there will be medals for all those finishing.

But the event hasn't met with the support of Hethersett Parish Council which is concerned about potential problems it could bring to the village.

At its meeting on March 21st, members expressed concern over the amount of traffic the event will bring, the nuisance it could cause to local residents and possible problems with noise and litter.

Councillor Jonathan Loome went as far as to say he felt the event was unsuitable for Hethersett.

The council turned down a request from the organisers to use the grassed area at the side of the village hall for car parking after concerns about the condition of the area if used for parking on a wet day. The council is also telling the organisers that they cannot charge for car parking at the village hall.

Organisers were looking to charge £2 per car but the parish council underlined that the car park at the village hall is a public asset which is and always should be free for use for people attending events or using the grassed area for recreation.

The council decided to pass their comments onto the organisers and also the village hall management committee which is responsible for hiring the hall.

In its latest column on environmental matters, Hethersett Parish Council looks at ways of cutting back on the use of plastic.

Cutting Back On Plastic Use

SINGLE use plastic is everywhere. Fruit and vegetables, for some reason, have to be swathed in it apparently, but doing without it is something that is vital in the fight against climate change. We can all make a difference by making a few basic changes with no extra cost or inconvenience.

Did you know that you can now use a shampoo bar instead of a plastic bottle of shampoo? You can also buy a conditioner bar. You just rub the bar on wet hair and you get a lovely lather, which leaves your hair nice and clean. Shampoo bars used to be available only in health food shops, but now major supermarkets and chemists also stock them. A single bar lasts a couple of months, so they are really good value for money and they are perfect for taking away on holiday - a single bar takes up far less room than a bottle of shampoo and of course it can be used for an all over wash too.

Talking of washing, why have we allowed shower gels and hand wash to take over from soap? There are some absolutely lovely soaps on the market, which don't come encased in plastic,



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which work just as well and there's a little gadget you can buy which goes on the wall and holds the soap by way of a magnetic metal disc which you place in the soap, so there's no mess either. You can also drop the soap inside a small cotton bag when showering – it's like wrapping your soap in a flannel and works really well.

Cleaning products are almost always contained in single use plastic bottles, but there is a way of reducing this. which doesn't cost the earth. There are now shops, including a local shop in Wymondham, where you can take your used bottle of cleaning products for refilling – this is good value for money as well as being good for the environment. Alternatively, you can now buy tablets or dissolvable pouches which you put in your normal container and fill with warm water - the cleaning is as good and you are not buying a new plastic container every time you run out of a particular cleaning product. Just look online and you will soon discover a whole world of plastic free, cruelty free cleaning products.

One last way to reduce single use plastic is by not buying bottles of water. If you need water when you go out, take a container with you – there are so many on the market, so there is plenty to choose from. If you are using your car, make sure you always have a container of water, so there is no need to buy an emergency drink in a

single use plastic bottle.

These are all very small changes to our lifestyles, but together they make a huge difference to the use of single use plastic, as well as giving a clear message to the major commercial outlets that single use plastic has got to become a thing of the past.

Remembering Loved Ones With Flowers

By Adele Kent

Would you like to remember a loved one at Easter?

As part of decorating St Remigius at Easter, the church flower guild will incorporate lilies in our flower arrangements and if you provide the names of those you would like remembered, we will have a list at the back of the church.

Easter lilies will be £1.50 each.

Please send names and money to me at 19 Cann's Lane, Hethersett.



New Bench For Hethersett?

HETHERSETT Parish Council is to provide a public seat on the cyclepath/footpath behind Kett's Oak off the B1172, providing the cost doesn't increase.

A request for a bench was originally made by resident Richard Headicar. Initially it was turned down by the council on the grounds that the outlay of £1,150 for the bench and a concrete pad did not represent good value for money taking into account the number of people likely to use it.

Councillors subsequently reconsidered the matter and have now agreed to provide a bench at the new lower figure of £792 which will include the concrete pad and installation. This is providing another £815 charge is not made for traffic management during the installation.

If it goes ahead, the work is likely to be carried out at the same time as a bus shelter is provided on the B1172 to replace the one demolished after being struck by a motorist.

Parish Shorts

A litter bin currently in the lay-by on the B1172 is to be replaced with a larger one due to the volume of rubbish needing a larger bin. The present smaller bin will be placed in storage to be re-sited as and when necessary.

Concern has been expressed by a resident that a refuse bin in Great Melton Close is overflowing and hasn't been emptied for some time. The matter is being referred to South Norfolk Council.

Concern has also been expressed by residents of Great Melton Close about traffic thinking that there is a road through to Park Green. Residents have asked for a no through road sign to be put up.

A series of dents in New Road between The Crescent and St David's Road have been referred to Norfolk Highways' department.

The damaged table tennis table on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field is to be removed after it has suffered further damage and is now thought to be a danger.

New Bus Shelter Plan

A replacement bus shelter on the B1172 will shortly replace the brick shelter damaged when it was hit by a vehicle.

The new shelter will be made of plastic and the cost will be met from insurance money.

There are plans to turn the old disused skatepark on land at the village hall into a community garden with planters and flowers. Chairman of the parish council Adrienne Quinlan said that the area needs to be cleared and tidied up: "It is currently an eyesore," she said.

Councillors agreed to support a community garden in principle subject to finance and grants to support it.

There is also a possibility of having a bee and bug hotel in place in the area. A re-wilding programme is being undertaken in an area of the grassed land at the back and side of the village hall.



Meeting Dates

Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: April 20th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December 19th. There is no meeting in August. All meetings are on a Monday except for April which will take place on a Wednesday due to Bank Holidays. 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

Committee and full council meetings are open to the public.

The 2022 annual parish meeting for residents will be held in Hethersett Village Hall on May 11th.

How To Contact The Parish Council

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

The council has a website at

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

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



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Above are details of the 14 parish councillors with their contact details.

Community Directory Available

HETHERSETT Parish Council has an updated version of its community directory available. This includes contact details for various groups. Details are available on the website at:

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

The directory is divided into six sections—Arts, crafts and hobbies; Children's activities and youth clubs; help, support, social and fundraising groups, Local Information; nature and environmental groups; sport and exercise groups.

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 |
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| | Rachel | 01603 812596 |
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| | Christopher | 01603 811010 |
| - | Debby | 01603 812221 |

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

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The Year Is Getting Busier

This month Sarah Lawrence explains how and why her life has become ultra busy once again.

I CAN'T believe it's March already! After a quiet start to the year, things have started to pick up and I've found myself busier than ever. I remember, for the January issue, complaining to Peter about not having much to write about. Well, let's just say that right now, I'm never bored.

At the end of February, we celebrated LGBTQ+ History Month at work. We wore bright coloured clothes and hung rainbow banners to celebrate diversity and inclusivity of our customers and colleagues.

Pre-Covid, Norwich threw a huge parade with different LGBTQ+ groups and organisations each summer. I took the girls every year. It drew huge numbers of people and was a lovely, accepting, brightly-coloured day. I take the girls so that they grow up in a world where acceptance is normal, we are very proud to be a family of fierce LGBTQ+ allies. I have really missed Pride over the last couple of years, fingers crossed we'll be able to attend on 30th July 2022.

March 1st was Pancake Day, and as



Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

every Shrove Tuesday lands on a, well Tuesday, it lends itself to a special Playgroup session each year! We bought (a lot of) Scotch Pancakes, some fruit, squirty cream, strawberry and chocolate sauces and mini marshmallows. All of which went down really well with our visitors—both children and adults!

There were smiling, albeit messy, faces

all round, and everyone said they had had a flipping wonderful time.

The children at Woodside Primary School celebrated World Book Day on Friday 4th March by dressing up as favourite book characters.

I asked my two what they wanted to dress up as a few weeks before so that we could prepare. I was thinking, Emmeline Pankhurst, or Goldilocks. But no, my eldest didn't miss a beat when she said she wanted to be the Wonky Donkey and then, of course, the littlest Lawrence decided to pick that one too.

So, World Book Day came, and there we were, on the school run with a couple of donkeys in tow! The staff at Woodside made a fantastic effort too. I saw a teacher dressed as Alice in Wonderland with a house covering her torso, and Mandy, the dinner lady

dressed as Where's Wally. Even Mr Brereton (their Headteacher) wore Hogwarts robes! I know that the children all really enjoyed their day and they'll remember it for a long time.

One of the most meaningful things I had the honour of helping with this month was the collection of supplies and equipment for people living in Ukraine. Linda Jones from ARC Group Ltd approached me asking if Tesco could donate towards the collection that ARC were putting together, with transport into Ukraine being



organised by Smeet Ferry. We agreed to donate some items, but we wanted to do more – much like everyone else touched by the atrocious things they've seen in the media – so we asked if we could become a collection point for anyone else nearby who wanted to donate. Linda and ARC Group agreed that it was a good idea so I set to work, waving some social media magic!

Within an hour or so of posting on the All Things Hethersett Facebook page, donations started rolling in. Sleeping bags, blankets, chocolate bars, painkillers. People were so generous, it was really heart-warming - the plight of people living in Ukraine had obviously touched a lot of people. We started the collection on the Wednesday afternoon, and by Monday morning, when Linda and her colleagues came to pick up the donations, we had FIVE large cages worth of supplies to hand over. I felt a bit bad handing over all of the items to the team from ARC. knowing they then had to sort, box and label it all to go through customs but overwhelmingly proud of the generosity of Hethersett.

By now, you should have heard of the superhuman efforts of Kim Rout and Lois Ware, who together walked for 24 hours straight around Hethersett and Wymondham to raise money for a Ukraine Charity. My girls and I joined them for a paltry hour or so, but we were honoured to share a bit of the experience with them, and a few others. What an inspirational pair they are! In the words of Michelle Obama, "There is no limit to what we, as



women, can accomplish."

And finally, International Women's Day fell on 8th March. I love to celebrate IWD. As a Mummy to two daughters, and a passionate feminist, I'm keen to celebrate the day! We are very fortunate to be surrounded by so many amazing, inspirational women. I made a display at work to celebrate, and my manager gave all of the women at work that day a bunch of flowers to mark the

occasion, with a card. It was a lovely touch. I'm so lucky that my work and manager make me feel so appreciated.

I'll be back with more of my April antics next month, take care. :-)











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Red tape hampers man's bid to bring Ukrainians to UK



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Stories about Hethersett's work in helping Ukraine have abounded in the local press as a few of these cuttings illustrate.

'Like Dunkirk!' - Norfolk men helping out by bringing back Ukrainians in Scout van



Press Cuttings—An Explanation

Readers have commented that they cannot read the cuttings that we feature in our "News From The Media" section.

This is intentional. The aim is just to give an idea of how the local media is featuring some of our Hethersett news. You will find many of the stories featured in the press also appearing in this and previous editions of Hethersett Herald.

News From Jubilee Youth Club

Jubilee Youth Club By Gillian Saunders

THE youth club fete and dog show on June 25th from midday to 3.30 pm is fast approaching and plans are well underway. The group who are helping with the organisation have met and it all feels very exciting. As it is the Jubilee Year and we are the Jubilee Youth Club, we thought we needed to add a few regal items to the show.

Firstly the classes for the dog show are as follows: Loveliest Lady, Best Rescue, Most Fabulous Fella, Best Paw Shaker, Golden Oldie (7+), Judges' Choice, Cutest Puppy (under six months), Waggiest Tail, Best Trick, Musical Sit, Best Heinz 57, Best Fancy Dress (dog and owner). Then as it is Jubilee Year, we are looking for the Canine King and Queen of the show. How you interpret that is down to you and your dog. There is plenty going on as well as the dog show. There will be stalls from outside providers, refreshments (BBQ, teas and cakes), games and activities and some jubilee related competitions. Please come and support as all proceeds go to the youth club to help us provide a safe, fun place for the young people of the area to meet.

We are looking for someone who can take photos on the day of the dog show and fete so we can update the display in the front entrance of the hall. We also need donations of cakes, plants, books, white elephant and tombola prizes. So if you're clearing out, dividing plants or see 2 for 1 offers maybe the second item could be a tombola prize. Youth club on Wednesday and Friday evenings continues and we have some exciting plans in place for the next few weeks. The Friday group have been learning to cook on a budget and I think they were surprised at how easy it was to eat healthily while keeping to a budget. Those who wished to also had the opportunity to complete a basic first aid course. We believe it is vital that everyone knows what to do in an emergency and hopefully this course equipped the young people with the necessary skills should the need arise.

We have some spaces for those aged 11+, on a Friday evening (not 3rd Friday in the month). If you're interested just go along with £2 subs and find out what is going on. Wednesday group have also been having fun with early Easter activities and Valentine's Day arts. The exciting news is that we have found a very kind and generous landscaper (James Campin of JC & Sons Landscapers) who is willing to help put You Li's plans for the garden into reality. It will mean the outside area can be enjoyed by all who use the hall and an attraction for wildlife especially the birds and insects. I am going to put a copy of the plans in the hall so people can see what we are planning. Once we get underway I will try and take photos of the works so we can see progress and see for years to come how it looked and how the area has matured. We will need help with planting out the raised beds and the other planting which is needed. Perhaps we can have a community morning/afternoon so the community can help us in exchange for tea and cake.

Hethersett resident and Hethersett Herald regular contributor, John Head, is a keen photographer who regularly posts his excellent photographs on Facebook. Here we feature a selection of John's photographs taken during his wanderings in and around Hethersett.



Hethersett 'Worm' Moon tries in vain to defeat the insurgent dawn

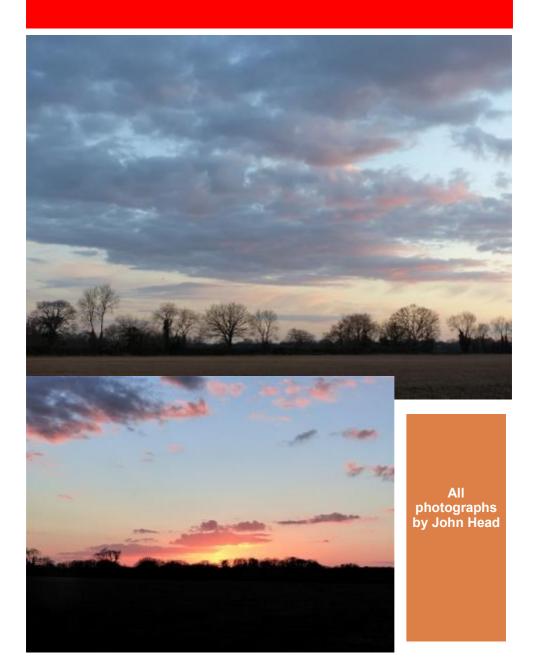




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World-Wide Hethersett

THE Hethersett name is now a global brand.

Resident Suzie Smith sent us this photograph which she received from a friend who was holidaying in Sri Lanka.

The bottle of water clearly has the words Hethersett Bottled Drinking Water on the label.

It's not a mystery, however, as the brand obviously comes from the former Hethersett tea plantation which we have previously featured.

The history of the plantation my be new to some readers, so apologies if we are repeating ourselves here.

WHEN hotel director Gaurin Wickremasinghe came across a disused plantation in Sri Lanka he decided to delve a little into its history as he converted it into an hotel.

He discovered that the plantation was founded by William Flowerdew, a former Hethersett resident, who left Norfolk around 1879. Flowerdew is reputed to have set up the plantation and named it after his home village, but then returned to England by 1881.

Mr Wickramasinghe said: "I found out that the tea plantation was founded by the Flowerdew family and decided to find out more about them."

He visited Norfolk and said: "Hethersett is a charming village. I found the two pubs very interesting and visited the famous Kett's Oak and found the gravestone of one of the Flowerdew family."

Facts about the Hethersett Factory in Sri Lanka





when it was a tea plantation make interesting reading:

The factory produced some of the best Ceylon Tea for 50 years

It produced half a million kilograms of tea per year.

All the machinery was powered by one engine which now stands in the entrance lobby of the hotel.

Tea from the Hethersett factory was the first to fetch

the highest price in the world for silver tip tea from Ceylon (a hand-rolled, sun dried whole leaf tea).

Hethersett tea was auctioned in London for £1.10s.6d, over 30 times the average price for a pound of tea.

The original plantation, bought by William Flowerdew, consisted of 250 acres of which he planted 150 acres with cinchona.

The factory closed in 1973 due to costcutting and old-fashioned machinery.

Hethersett, Sri Lanka, is 6,800 feet above sea level and six degrees from the Equator.

Flowerdew's old factory is now a hotel called The Tea Factory, which has won many international awards for conservation. His Hethersett plantation is still producing tea, and Flowerdew's old bungalow still stands in the hotel grounds.

The hotel has a Hethersett Bar, which serves a cocktail called Hethersett Fog (tea, lime juice, Angostura Bitters and lemonade).

An old railway carriage converted to a dining car stands outside at Hethersett



Railway Station and a small working museum outside is called The Hethersett Mini Tea Factory.

A sign points to the nearby Hethersett Hills. The serving area in the restaurant is built with Hethersett tea packing cases. Even the complimentary bottles in the rooms are Hethersett Mountain Spring Water.

One of the things that captures the attention most is a framed map of Norfolk's Hethersett on a hotel wall. It is a modern parish map. A few years ago journalist Rob Kirk visited the hotel and was fascinated that the map clearly shows Malthouse Road, where his parents lived. But more poignantly for Rob, it showed the Church of St Remigius, where his mother's funeral service took place, and where her ashes are interred.

"It quite took my breath away to see such a detailed map," said Mr Kirk. "All of a sudden, it formed a real personal link with the place in a very moving way."

Guests at the hotel can still pluck their own tea and take it home as a souvenir.



With A Song In Your Heart

IS there a song in your heart? Then a Norwich-based choir that has performed in Hethersett in the past could be just the thing for you. The Anglian Singers give regular concerts and recitals throughout Norfolk and are looking to attract new members as chairman Mike Wood explained.

"We are a friendly, mixed choir of just over 30 voices, based in Norwich. We sing both a cappella and accompanied works. These range from the 16th century to the present day; from motets and madrigals to modern musical theatre; from the traditional baroque and longer classical choral works to the folk idiom; from the highly serious to the seriously humorous. We hope there is always something in the programme that everyone will like!

"We give regular concerts and recitals throughout Norfolk, upon invitation. We are always delighted to assist in raising funds for charitable purposes and on occasions such as anniversaries and restoration

appeals.

"Members of our choir are drawn from a wide area surrounding Norwich and we rehearse each Monday evening from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at United Reform Church, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6QR. We do not rehearse over the summer months (mid-July to end of August).

"We are looking to welcome new members across all four voice parts of the choir. In particular we would welcome interest from tenors, altos and basses. The first term of membership is free so why not come along, join in and give the Anglian Singers a try," Michael said.

If you are interested please email the group's Music Director, John Barham, on: jxb1942@gmail.com.

The choir has performed fundraising concerts in Hethersett Church in the past. They last a few members during covid and are now actively recruiting again.

Kipling and Hethersett

RUDYARD KIPLING, THE GREAT WAR AND THE HETHERSETT LINK



By John Head

RUDYARD Kipling (pictured opposite) is best remembered for his works of fiction such as The Jungle Book and his thought-provoking poetry which includes the famous 'If' and 'Gunga Din'. However, Kipling also falls into the category of an accomplished war poet.

In 1907 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. He was approached in respect of the position of Poet Laureate and a potential knighthood but these approaches were declined.

Kipling moved in the high echelons of society. He relocated to 'Batemans' in East Sussex in 1906 from where, it is said, King George V



would time Kipling's journey in his Rolls Royce from there to Buckingham Palace.

Tragedy had already hit the Kipling family when in 1899 they lost their daughter, Josephine, to pneumonia. However, it was the loss of their son John at the Battle of Loos on 27th September ,1915, that devastated the family and influenced Kipling for the rest of his life.

John Kipling was seriously myopic and Rudyard Kipling pulled many strings before finally getting him a commission in the Irish Guards. Rudvard Kipling could never forgive himself for the loss of his son John and neither could his wife Carrie (Caroline Starr Balestier Kipling). Determined to find the last resting place of his son Rudyard Kipling never succeeded. He wrote The Irish Guards in the Great War which was published in 1923 and in September 1917 he was invited to join the Imperial War Graves Commission (later The Commonwealth War Graves Commission) which he duly accepted. He dedicated the rest of his life to this role. On war memorials the words 'Their Name Liveth Forevermore' were put forward by Kipling. These were taken from the book of Ecclesiasticus in the King James Bible. The words 'Known unto God' which are seen on unidentified graves were also selected by Kipling.

In 1992 the Commonwealth War Graves Commission named an unknown soldier buried at St Mary's ADS CWGC as being that of John Kipling. This has been challenged by intensive research carried out by Tonie and Valmai Holt in their book 'My Boy Jack?' the search for Kipling's only son John Kipling's Locket at Bateman's



(note the question mark after the title). It is a fascinating read and incredibly well researched casting doubt over the identity of the remains of John Kipling.

The Hethersett Link

i) Lance Corporal George 'Sidney' Livick: 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment .

A day before John Kipling died, Lance Corporal Sidney Livick fell on the same battlefield at Loos on 26th September 1915. Born on 30th May 1886, Sidney was the son of John, a railway platelayer, and Amy of New Cottages Station Road Hethersett. He enlisted as a volunteer at Norwich joining the 9th (Service) Battalion. It is presumed he was killed in a dawn assault on quarries situated near a place called Hulluch. His body was never found. He is remembered on the Loos Memorial France, on the Hethersett War

Memorial and on the marble tablet to the five old boys from the British School which was in the Church Hall in Hethersett. The plaque has since been removed pending the sale of the Church Hall and a new location is in the advance stages of discussion

ii) Private Frederick Bennett: 71st Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) previously with the Suffolk Regiment.

Strangely, on the Loos
Memorial in France, the
name of Pte Frederick Bennett is
remembered although he was not
killed in the battle of the same name
but in the later battle of Arras which
included the famous action by the
Canadians at Vimy Ridge (the birth of
a Nation). Frederick was born in
Hethersett on 19th February 1896 and
was only 21 when he fell. He left the
village and enlisted at Cambridge
joining the Suffolk Regiment before
moving to the Machine Gun Corp.

He is also remembered on the Hethersett Memorial



The Battle of Loos 25th September – 8th October 1915

On 25th September 1915 Haig's 1st Army attacked German positions at Loos. It was the first time the British Army used gas which sadly caused many casualties of their own. There were no significant gains in this debacle which Lloyd George referred to as 'a futile carnage'. It forced the resignation of Sir John French Commander in Chief of the British Expeditionary Force. British casualties 43,000 German casualties 20,000

Accreditations etc.

Information in respect of Lance Corporal George 'Sidney' Livick and Private Frederick Bennett was taken from the booklet "The Hethersett War Memorials" researched and written by Bob Andrews and the late Bea Ewart (compiled by Peter Steward). Please note this booklet is now out of print.

Lance Corporal George 'Sidney' Livick and Private Frederick Bennett Commemoration Certificates – Courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Photograph of John Kipling's Grave: Accreditation 100th Anniversary Rifleman Battlefield Tour.

Book Cover 'My Boy Jack?': By Tonie and Valmai Holt (highly recommended)

Photographs of the Hethersett War Memorial, Batemans and the Loos Battle-field: From the John Head collection.





Kipling's War Poetry

i) My Boy Jack

"Have you news of my boy Jack?"

Not on this tide.

"When d'you think that he'll come back?" Not with this wind blowing and this tide.

"Has any one else had word from him?"
Not on this tide.

For what is sunk will hardly swim, Not with this wind blowing, and this tide

"Oh dear what comfort can I find?" None on this tide,

Except he did not shame his kind -

Not even with that wind blowing, and that tide.

Then hold your head up all the more, This tide.

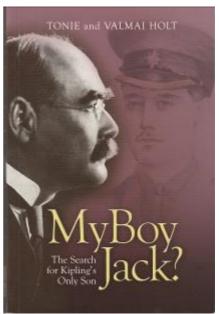
And every tide;

Nor any tide,

Because he was the son you bore,
And gave to that wind blowing and that tide!

Meaning of the poem:

Kipling's son John was never referred to as Jack but this is Kipling's grief of losing his son recorded 'missing' in the war. It represents all parents who suffered the same loss. Jack could be a reference to 'Jack Tar' a sailor lost at sea





The grave of John Kipling

ii) Gethsemane

The Garden called Gethsemane In Picardy it was,

And there the people came to see The English soldiers pass.

We used to pass-we used to pass Or halt, as it might be,

And ship our masks in case of gas Beyond Gethsemane

The Garden called Gethsemane, It held a pretty lass,
But all the time she talked to me
I prayed my cup might pass.
The officer sat on the chair,
The men lay on the grass,
And all the time we halted there
I prayed my cup might pass.

It didn't pass- it didn't pass-It didn't pass from me I drank it when we met the gas Beyond Gethsemane





The top picture is of Rudyard Kipling's desk at Bateman's and below that is John Kipling's bedroom also at Bateman's.

On the next page is a gallery of memorials of fallen Hethersett men.

Meaning of the poem: The British soldiers pass beyond Gethsemane. The poem revolves around a soldier reflecting and praying about his inevitable death in the field and the similarity to Jesus Christ praying about his coming death in the garden of Gethsemane.

Trivia

Rudyard Kipling had no Indian ancestry. He was named after a lake in Staffordshire and he did not make exceedingly good cakes.

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GEORGE SIDNEY LIVICK

Service Number: 14914

9th Bn., Norfolk Regiment who died on 26 September 1915 Age 26

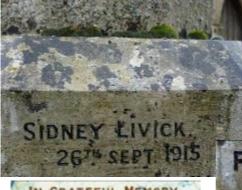
Son of John and AmyLivick, of New Cottages, Hethersett, Norwich.

Remembered with Honour LOOS MEMORIAL Panel 30 and 31.



COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

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IN CRATEFUL MEMORY

OF OUR OLD BOYS

WHO FELL IN THE WAR

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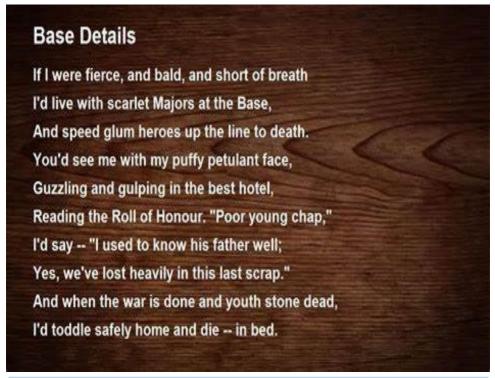
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IN a previous edition of Hethersett Herald we published a war poem by Siegfried Sassoon as part of John Head's column. Unfortunately we left off the final line of the poem and so are very happy to reproduce it in full here.



HETHERSETT Academy Year 10 student Sarah Barrett (photographed opposite) has been elected as Norwich and South Norfolk's Youth Parliament member.

"I would love to represent young people in South Norfolk and Norwich because I feel very passionately about environmental but also social issues that face young people today. I see this opportunity as a chance to make a difference in important issues and to bring young people across the UK together," Sarah said.

Youth Parliament members represent young people's views locally and nationally to help decision makers.



New Post Office Opening Hours

As reported in the previous edition of Hethersett Herald, the village has a new post office in Hethersett Library. Opening hours are as follows:

Mondays—13.30 to 17.30

Tuesdays—No Service

Wednesdays—11.00 to 17.30

Thursdays—13.30-17.30

Fridays—13.30-17.30

Saturdays—11.00-14.00

Sundays—No Service

HETHERSETT HERITAGE

WE don't have to journey back too far for our heritage feature this month. It is just nine years since Hethersett became the first village/town or City in the UK to be awarded a Big Society award.

In 2012 I nominated the village of Hethersett for this top national award after reading a plea from Prime Minister David Cameron to create a Big Society. My motivation was the fact that in Hethersett the Big Society had been operating for decades and so this idea was nothing new for us. I felt that the thousands of volunteer hours put in by hundreds of people should be recognised further than just in Norfolk.

Early in 2013 I heard that Hethersett had become the first village or town in the entire United Kingdom to receive a Big Society award and this gained a considerable amount of coverage in the local Media

This culminated in my travelling to London along with my wife Anne and fellow village activists Shane and Lorraine Hull for a reception and presentation at 10 Downing Street where we were presented with a certificate on behalf of the village by David Cameron.

That award and many others are now in a glass cabinet in Hethersett Library. You can view just some of the Media coverage of this matter on the next page.



HETHERSETT HERITAGE

→ AN ARCHIVE OF OUR VILLAGE HISTORY ←

HETHERSETT

Village in Norfolk first to win Big Society award

Hethersett has been singled out as the first village to receive a Prime Minister's Big Society Award, LUCY WRIGHT found out what makes the village so special.

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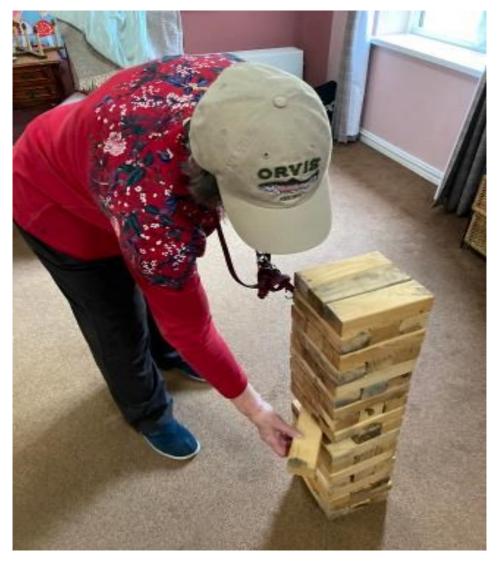
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News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton

From the dexterity needed for a game of Giant Jenga to a round of Indoor Golf, we like to find new ways of keeping active here at Hethersett Hall.



News From Hethersett Hall

Fun and exercise go very well together, our residents enjoy a challenge and stretching with music using the octo band, then changing to some parachute balancing challenges really tests the mettle!

Our residents enjoyed carpet bowls and French Boules recently.

They enjoy the competitive edge these games bring and its nice to have an alternative option of the magic table for those that dont feel like being too active after lunch.

To find out more about life at Hethersett Hall please visit our website at http://www.barchester.com/home/hethersett-hall-care-home...



Photographs courtesy of Hethersett Hall Care Home.

Postcards From The Past

A slight change to our archive section this month with some interesting shots from the past from the collection of. Steve Sheens posted these on Facebook and we are grateful for permission to reproduce them here.

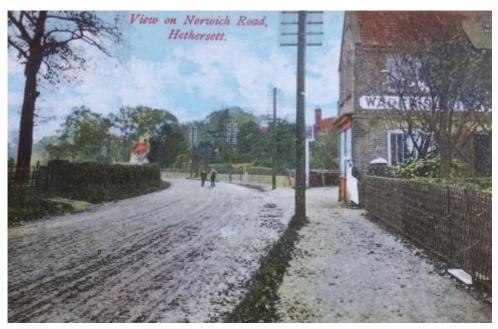




This grocer and drapers shop was in Queen's Road and has had a number of other functions over the years and today is Kett's Kabin charity shop.

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Postcards From The Past









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 six years, on the website www.hethersettherald.weebly.com.

If you would like to be alerted via e-mail of the publication of a new edition please send an e-mail requesting this service to the editor—petersteward@sky.com.

We will then add your address to our group for circulation. Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to any third parties and will be used exclusively for notification of new publications.

The May 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of April.

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

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.

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

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

South Norfolk Council

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are Adrian Dearnley, Phil Hardy and David Bills. David can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk, Phil on 07985 695668 or at phardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk and Adrian on 07957139880.or at adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

Hethersett Parish Council

Clerk to the council Annette Palmer can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan can be contacted on 01603 814379.

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

Website – hethersettpc.info

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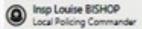
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HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team







PC Vicky BAILEY Engagement Officer



PC Stu BARNARD Beat Manager

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

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.Balley@norfolk.police.uk

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



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM



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WE ARE YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM - WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

CONTACT US - E: SNTHETHERSETTANDMULBARTON@NORFOLK.PNN.POLICE.UK

TEL - 101

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK: South Norfolk Police

TWITTER: @SouthNorfPolice

YOUR LOCAL BEAT MANAGER



PC 499 Stuart BARNARD

UPDATE FROM YOUR ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



WHAT IS FEARLESS?

Fearless is a site where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. It's also a service that allows you to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. This means you don't have to give them any of your personal details. Fearless 100% anonymous service enables young people to speak-up about any information they may have about crime, without having to worry about the repercussions. What makes Fearless different is it provides you with a safe place to give information about crime - 100% anonymously.

Not sure what kind of information Fearless takes? Check out the help guide at fearless.org if you're unsure about what information. you can pass on to them.

Use their A to Z to find out 'what means what' in the world of crime. Understand the consequences of getting caught-up with the law; and know where to turn to if you need further help or support

Fearless also gives access to a selection of youth organisations who can offer further information, advice and support. It's important to remember that Fearless is not a replacement for the emergency services - if something is happening that needs immediate action, call 999.

CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

- .Road safety including inconsiderate parking
- Nuisance related Anti-Social Behaviour
- Burglary / Theft

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

I have received complaints from local residents and councillors with regards to vehicles breaching 7.5 Tonne restrictions on roads. I, along with the Special Constabulary, have spent time advising and educating offending vehicle drivers. I will be in contact with any companies whose vehicles are repeat offenders. The penalty involves £200 and 3 points on licence. This is on-going work.

I have been investigating two Possession with Intent to Supply offences. two persons are currently under investigation and on-going forensic work. is being carried out.

The victims of a Bicycle theft have branched-out after all hope was lost. after it was taken within Hethersett Academy. Through my due diligence, and positive working relations with the Academy, I managed to identify the offender. As a result a Community Resolution took place and the victim was reunited with his bicycle.

Being a single point of contact (SPoC) at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, I have been working closely on how to improve the security. prevention and detection of crime there. I hold regular meetings in order to tackle the issues within. I actively patrol the hospital along with other identified Street Safe locations.

I have received numerous reports of anti-social behaviour in Mulbarton. with vehicles being targeted. I will be pro-actively completing 'Park, Walk and Talk' patrols around the area at times of such incidents and, if identified, enforcements will be used.

Stay Safe.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Priority Setting meeting-Friday 25th March 2022 at 7pm online via Microsoft Teams

For local Engagement Surgeries see South Norfolk Police social media pages







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CRIME UPDATES 1st to 31st January

| Offence | Numbers | What could this entail Demage caused as a result of fire. | | |
|---|---------|---|--|--|
| Arson | 0 | | | |
| Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) | 1 | Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident. | | |
| Burglary business and community | 0 | A person commits theft in a building or structure that is not lived in. | | |
| Burglary residential | 1 | Entry and theft in a building or a structure that is lived in. | | |
| Criminal Damage | 4 | A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else. | | |
| Domestic | 4 | Comestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 1 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless sexuality. | | |
| Hate Incident | 0 | Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyon else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender. | | |
| Race or Religious aggravated public fear | 0 | Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above. | | |
| Possession of controlled substance | 0 | Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C. | | |
| Possession of weapons | 0 | Unlawful possession of an article used as a weapon, | | |
| Public fear, alarm or distress | 2 | Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence. | | |
| Robbery | 0 | Includes a range of offences where force is used, threatened or the victim is put in fear. | | |
| Theft from a motor vehicle | 1 | Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle. | | |
| Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle | 0 | Any motor vehicle including those abandoned. | | |
| Theft of pedal cycle | 1 | From a public place, if stolen form a shed or garage this would be a BOTD. | | |
| Theft from a person | 0 | Purse being taken from a handbag, or a mobile phone from a shopping basket. | | |







Where To Eat In Hethersett

Janey's Village Café -

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

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

Park Farm Hotel

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

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

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

Café Kin is part of the Rowan House Vets on Queen's Road. Food and coffee served during certain days.

Hethersett King's Head

Norwich Road. Food is served every day including Sunday lunch.

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.

Where Are The Best Deals?

WELL we all know about the huge hike in petrol prices and the corresponding drop

Herald Petrol Watch

thanks to the cut in tax/duty

That all makes our petrol watch column this month a tad confusing. So it has to be pointed out that the prices below were taken through a survey on March 27th. Had they been taken a couple of weeks earlier they would have been much higher

Even taking the slightly lower prices you can detect a big increase in prices in a month that has been volatile to say the least.

Each month we will be using the eight garages listed below to show how prices have increased or decreased over the past month. The best value petrol and diesel is highlighted.

There may be even better value if you go slightly further afield and please note that these prices were checked towards the end of the month but may have changed further before publication. Once again our advice if you want the best deals is shop around and avoid paying inflated petrol and diesel prices. You could save yourself hundreds of pounds over a year and that's a lot of additional motoring mileage.

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| Asda Hall Road, Norwich | 158.7 | +14p | 170.7 | +24p |
| Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich | 158.9 | +14p | 168.9 | +22p |
| Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich | 158.9 | +14p | 169.9 | +23p |
| Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich | 159.9 | +14p | 168.9 | +22p |
| Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich | 157.9 | +13p | 167.9 | +20p |
| Abbeygate Wymondham | 168.9 | +18p | 186.9 | +30p |
| Waitrose Wymondham | 162.9 | +14p | 178.9 | +23p |
| Thickthorn Services, Hethersett | 165.9 | +11p | 179.9 | +21p |
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First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall 9:45 – 11:00 every Tuesday during term time



£2 per child (£1 each for additional children within family group)
Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

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

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

Spaces are limited to stay Covid safe.

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

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

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address

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Events Lined-Up For Hethersett Library

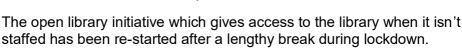
THE Friends of Hethersett Library group has organised a number of talks and presentations.

These will take place every two months on the second Wednesday. On April 13th Norfolk author Jeni Neill (pictured opposite) will be talking about her historical novel set in Norwich in Tudor times

Entitled The Devil's Dye, it tells the story of the De Hems, a successful weaving family, invited to England by Queen Elizabeth in 1566. Set in Norwich, this group of immigrants are known as The Strangers.

On June 8th The Widow Kett will be making an historic appearance and on August 10th Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens will give a talk on her latest book

which features the Great Thorpe Rail Disaster.





Hethersett Gardening Club

By Club Secretary Leslie Dale

Despite it being a very windy evening some 31 people attended our February meeting. This usually designed to uplift spirits, by hearing about someone's foreign travel experience.

We rapidly warmed to Kathy Gray recollections of her journey through much of Chile and also visiting the Easter and "Robinson Crusoe" islands, whilst also mentioning Chiloe island.

Primarily this holiday clung to the coastal territory with occasional climbs in the Andes and involved seeing its flora, fauna and landscape.

The tour encompassed Chile's capital Santiago, much of its central part with its Mediterranean like climate, heading toward the Atacama desert.

We saw photographs of flowering plants, including a few species many of us would recognize, like Alstromeria and Lobellia. Wild life varied from the wide wingspan of a condor, to a small marine otter, to alpaca and vicuna.

Of the three islands we noted Chiloe claim to fame was that it was thought to be the origin of our humble potato. Easter island is renowned for its "Moai" statues and it was Alexander Selkirk's self imposed stay on Juan Fernandez island, which precipitated Daniel Defoe's famous novel "Robinson Crusoe".

On Wednesday 16th March when Rosemary Ward told us of her "Year in the Life of a Market Garden", in reality her family's 45 acres to the immediate north of Norwich Airport.

The crops produced for local sale are an astounding array of vegetables, of which some parsnips still remain in the ground.

The tedium of seed planting in trays from days of yore, has been simplified by plug pot technology and a screen with holes to ensure one seed drops in per plug.

We learned about the machine aided method for planting out the infant plug plants; trying to avoid feeding the hungry deer, slugs, mice and pigeons; the need to water crops three times a day, staggered planting for continued cropping; washing mud covered root crops.

You can purchase crops from Rosemary's Market Garden by visiting Wymondham Farmers' Market on the 3rd Saturday of the month 9am-1pm or Aylsham's on the 1st Saturday.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2; refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on 20th April when Matthew Willer will inform us about "The Pappillon Project" which is about gardening projects within local schools and on Wednesday 18th May Martin Davey talks of "Allotments and Vegetable Gardening".

Forget Me Not Café (run by Hethersett Dementia Support)

ON Tuesday 15th March, the group enjoyed a visit from Bob Warnes who presented an illustrated talk on Memories.

On April 5th, florist Christine will be making Easter posies for guests to take away, "Time For A Chat" will follow on 19th April.

Sessions are from 10 am at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Great Melton Road.

Refreshments and a warm welcome will await you.

Anne Steward

Messy Church News

The first Messy Church for 2022 took place in St Remigius on Saturday, 19th March, The theme was Lent and Easter.

The next Messy Church session will be on 28th May, followed by 1st October and 26th November.



For more information, please phone Sue on 01953 607719.

Hethersett Women's Institute

By Margot Markham

None of our speakers have written books before. Phyllida Scrivens talked to us about the third book she has just finished. It is even on the best selling list between Richard Osman and Ed Balls.

She recalled The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster of 1874. The event took part in the old part of Thorpe Village near her home. Phyllida's research looks into the cause of the accident which saw two trains meeting head on. One of them was travelling to Norwich from Lowestoft and the other, an Express, was travelling from London to Yarmouth.

Train drivers were supposed to have authority to move on the single piece of track but a young clerk sent authorisation before it had been signed. Since the trains were running late, they were travelling at speed. Casualties involved a huge selection of Victorian society including a medical botanist, a dressmaker, a saddler, doctors, an off duty railway stoker and a surgeon.

Phyllida then delved into their lives and stories. Her enthusiasm for the story was infectious. The fact that she only took up writing in middle age was an inspiration to us all. It was a super evening.

Hethersett Playing Fields Bowls Club

By Ron Butcher

Spring and Summer outdoor weather is just around the corner and a young (and not so young) persons' thoughts turn to outdoor bowls.

Therefore our club is opening for business, healthy outdoor bowls, be it 'roll-ups', league games, friendlies and in-house competitions and general socialising.

We are a friendly club and would welcome new potential members.

Weather permitting the date for welcoming newcomers will be Saturday the 30th April at 1.45p.m. and all you will need bring are flat-heeled shoes, bowls can be supplied for initial interest.

So come along for a new healthy interest. Prior details can be obtained from Ron on 813096 or David on 811399.

Hethersett Mother's Union

We started the year with our AGM on January 24th following lunch together.

On February 28th we were entertained by "Leonie Music" who performed their selection of Moody and Sankey hymns beautifully and with great feeling.

During March we look forward to welcoming into our group two new members who will be most welcome. We meet again on March 28th.

On April 25th we will be addressed by Jenny Hockham an established MU worker who will be telling us more about the running of The Mothers Union and it's wider work in the world. Hethersett Mothers' Union meets on the last Monday of the month in St Remigius Church at 1.30 pm

Kate Reynolds—Branch Secretary

St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am until midday 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 5TH APRIL.

Future Dates:

3rd May

For more information telephone Pauline on 01603 812610

THE RING Arthritis Support Group

By Viv Hawes

A big hello to our members (and potential members). It was such a pleasure to see some of you at the Queen's Head on February 2nd and March 9th, a really enjoyable time was had by all.

You will be pleased to know that we will be resuming our meetings at Hethersett Village Hall on Wednesday 27th April at 2 pm and, as this is our birthday meeting, it will be a celebration with our special guest speaker being Erica Betts, the Lead Governor at the NNUH. We may learn something new with her talk entitled "In Sickness and in Health." I must also point out that all future meetings will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month except June.

Please put another date in your diary, the 6th July, when Jane has kindly offered the grounds of Owlswood (Shipdham) for a garden party at which the guest of honour will be Professor Karl Gaffney. This event is in lieu of an outing this year since we know that many of us are still taking precautions with the risk of Covid not yet passed.

It will be good to meet again so we hope to see you in April.

If anybody wants any more information about us please contact me on 01603 811347 or via e-mail at viv.hawes@talktalk.net.

Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours

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

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday-5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

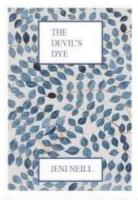
Sunday midday to 8 pm.

The venue has returned to bar service and the wearing of face masks is optional

Talk with Jeni Neill Author of 'The Devil's Dye'

Wednesday 13th April 6:30-8:30PM

@ Hethersett Library



The Devil's Dye blends historical fact with folklore, creating a powerful, fictional love story set in the 16th century.

It follows the true event of immigrants from the Low Countries who came to live in Norwich when invited by Elizabeth I.

The local legend of Black Shuck intertwines with the characters' lives forging the superstitious and menacing nature of this era.

Jeni will be talking about how the story was created and signing copies of her book

This event is FREE to attend. Refreshments will be available.

Book online at https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/whats-on

www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries





April Diary

Saturday 2nd—Village litter pick starting at Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm.

Saturday 2nd—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

Sunday 3rd—Hethersett Village Screen presents Supernova. Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

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

Wednesday 6th –Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am until midday.

Saturday 9th—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

Saturday 9th—British Youth and Junior/South-East Grand prix cycle speedway on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from midday.

Sunday 10th—Hethersett Hawks v Ipswich Eagles, Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2 pm

Wednesday 13th - Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am until midday.

Wednesday 13th—Friends of Hethersett Library presentation by local author Jeni Neill, 6.30 pm.

Saturday 16th—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

Tuesday 19th—Forget Me Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am.

Tuesday 19th—Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association meeting, Hethersett King's Head, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 20th - Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am until midday.

Wednesday 20th—Hethersett Parish Council Meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 20th—Matthew Willer on The Papillon Project, Hethersett Gardening Club, Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 23rd—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

Wednesday 27th—The RiNG (Rheumatism in Norfolk Group) meeting with guest speaker Erica Betts, the Lead Governor at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

Wednesday 27th –Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop, 9 am until midday. **Saturday 30th**—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

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

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

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

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

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

First Steps pre-school Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall. See poster on page 72 for full details.

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 also 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 two sessions each week in Hethersett Village Hall. The first is on Tuesday afternoons from 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start and the second is on Friday evenings at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

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 Parish Council's Environmental Action Team

LITTER PICK



Saturday 2nd April 2pm

Meet at the Village Hall
Equipment provided.
Please wear sensible footwear.
All welcome!

(under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)



Hethersett Parish Council's Big Jubilee Lunch

Hethersett Village Hall

Sunday 5th June 2022 - 12 Noon to 3pm



Come and join us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon of...



Garden Games











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More details, including how to apply for this free event, to follow shortly

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