



Top Dogs At The Farm

CHURCH Farm Shop in Hethersett has won a top regional business award.

The shop on the B1172 was named South Norfolk Retailer of the Year at the prestigious business awards organised by Broadland and South Norfolk Councils.

The judges praised the shop for its

“personal service and customer engagement” which it said shone through.

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From The Editor

WELCOME to the April edition of Hethersett Herald.

Whilst we never dodge featuring the issues affecting our village or highlighting the less than satisfactory side of life, we are delighted when we can bring everyone some good news.

You will see from our front page that Church Farm Shop has been named South Norfolk Retailer of the Year for 2023. Home Farm Gin has also won a national award, putting Hethersett firmly on the map.

I hope you enjoy reading some of the other good news in this edition.

Peter



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Here We Go Again

HETHERSETT King's Head has shut its doors once again and the search is on for new landlords. Here we look at the latest position.

HETHERSETT residents could be forgiven for issuing a collective and hearty sigh at the news that the King's Head has shut yet again.

The latest chapter of the seemingly never ending saga has been played out over the past few weeks.

The King's seemed to be enjoying a resurgence and a new lease of life with new events launched including a very popular end of the month quiz and live music.

In addition, the outside of the building has been redecorated and just before Christmas a new wood burner was introduced to the bar.

But on the last day of February came the news that the building was once again shutting. The announcement was made on the pub's Facebook site.

The message was very similar to that posted on the Green Dragon Pub's site when the Wymondham venue closed on February 14th—exactly two weeks before the King's Head shut.

The closure of the King's Head came



The Announcement of Closure

The following message appeared on the King's Head's Facebook site on February 28th.

“Hello to all our lovely customers.

“It is with a heavy heart we share the news that today will be our last day trading.

“We have loved being part of this wonderful village and we thank all our customers for their support over this year.”

Love from us all

The King's Head Team.

the day before a national news item stating that 2000 pubs in the United Kingdom could close due to the escalating and ever spiralling energy costs.

This was highlighted by Jill Tickle of Tickle's Taverns which took over the running of both the Green Dragon and the King's Head. She told the Eastern

Daily Press newspaper: "I fought so hard to keep us open for the team and customers but the hospitality industry at the moment is crippled and we can't make ends meet."

She cited the cost of living, energy prices and wage costs as being contributory factors for the decision to shut.

So what now for the historic Hethersett pub? This seems to be a question we have asked limitless times over the past few years.

The pub is owned by the Stonegate Group which also owns Hethersett Queen's Head which continues to be a thriving concern and which is just 200 yards from the King's.

Previous landlords Greg and Lisa Snowdon left the King's at the end of June 2019 saying:

"I don't think it is a secret anymore but we have closed the doors for the last time today (June 30th). Thanks to everyone who has been with us on the journey. We leave poorer in pocket but richer in spirit."

There seems to be a common theme here of how difficult it is to sustain the King's Head despite the increase in the village's population.

The story took an almost immediate twist when the owners Stonegate announced on March 2nd that the pub was closed for a £100,000 investment in improvements:

"We are currently recruiting for a new tenant and look forward to welcoming



them to this historic pub in the near future," a spokesperson said.

The improvements and re-decoration of the pub could well be considered to be part of that £100,000 investment.



The Changing Face of Hethersett King's Head



January 2002



2019

Did You Know?

It is claimed that on 9th July, 1984, the millionth pint of Steward and Patteson bitter was served in the King's Head





July 1987

Did You Know?

Hethersett family.

ONCE upon a time there were six pubs in Hethersett. Only two of them still exist in the shape of the King's Head and the Queen's Head although many residents will remember the Greyhound in Henstead Road which closed in 1996 and is now a private house.

But did you know we also had the Victoria, the Prince of Wales and the Trowel and Hammer?

Thanks to an excellent website on Norfolk pubs we have managed to ascertain a few details but would welcome any more information on this.

The Prince of Wales is described as being in Cann's Lane on the Turnpike. In 1864 the licensee was James Lofty—Lofty being a well known

The licence was surrendered in 1937 and transferred to the Round Well Pub in Costessey which opened in 1939. The Prince of Wales which was described as a beer house was sold by brewers Steward and Patteson in 1940.

The Trowel and Hammer is described as being in Lynch Green. In 1816 the tenants were Thomas Davey, a Norwich maltster, and his wife Mary. It was closed by 1840.

The Victoria is on Norwich Road and between the King's and the Queen's and is now a private house. In 1835 it was described as Warners Beer Shop. It may well have closed by 1851.

For more info go to :
www.norfolkpubs.co.uk/norfolk/hethersett/hethind.htm.

Nine Happy Years of Hethersett Memories



RECTOR of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, says he has enjoyed his nine years in the village and leaves Hethersett with many happy memories. We met up with Derek in Kin Café ahead of his move to a new position in Gorleston.

TEACHING and the church have been the staples of Derek McClean's rich life.

He was born in the Moyle Hospital in Larne, in County Antrim, Northern Ireland in January 1969, into a traditional working-class family in which his father was a joiner and his mother a seamstress.

"Growing up in Northern Ireland in the 1970s was rather like growing up in England in the 1950s," Derek said adding that he started school in September 1973 when still under the age of five. He started attending his local Sunday School at the same time.

"At Sunday school we would learn the catechisms" – a question and answer based Christian doctrine which had to be learnt.

"In those days every youngster went to Sunday School and it was unusual not to be involved in church life in some way," he said.

All primary school children took the 11 plus examination. Those that passed went to grammar school and those that failed went to high school. Derek failed

the exam.

"Eventually I was glad not to go to grammar school as I was taught things I wouldn't have been taught there – like cooking."

A young Derek was never greatly affected by the politics in Northern Ireland:

"My dad refused to tell me stories about the political problems and I hated parades. My home town was completely Orange but we didn't seem to be directly affected by the conflict although I do remember the local cinema being bombed because it wouldn't pay protection money. I was aware that by the age of 16 some of my friends had been radicalised."

Derek believes becoming an active Christian was a natural journey for him and one of his great influences was Presbyterian Church minister David Templeton who also came from Larne. Templeton was murdered in 1997.

"You name it we talked about it. He encouraged my love of philosophy and literature. He was something of a mentor to me and the man I grew to be

was due to him.”

Derek took his O levels and went on to study A levels in Maths, Physics and Chemistry, although he soon dropped chemistry and replaced it with Religious Education (RE). He also added English Literature to his studies – thus confirming what has become a life-long passion with that subject.

With his A levels behind him, the young Derek swapped Northern Ireland for Wales to study for a degree in general humanities at the University of South Wales in Pontypridd.

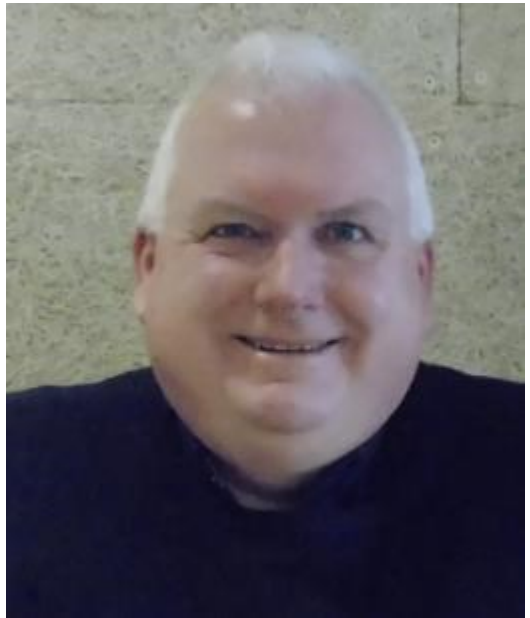
“I chose that course because it enabled me to study ancient history, although I eventually went down the route of studying church history. People began to tell me that I would make a good minister but I needed more experience of life and so I decided to go into teaching as a stepping stone.”

So Derek returned to Northern Ireland to study for his PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate of Education)

at Queen’s University in Belfast. It was a tense year in Belfast with the Shankill Road bombing by the Provisional IRA in 1993.

“It was tense but you just got used to it. You adapted and just accepted that there were incidents.”

Derek applied for teaching jobs in Northern Ireland but wasn’t successful in gaining a post due to not being grammar school educated. So he decided to apply for jobs in England and soon found one in 1994 in Forest Gate in London’s East End. It was a



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steep learning curve for Derek as many of the pupils only had a basic grasp of English. Nevertheless he taught RE with a smattering of English, History and Geography thrown in for good measure.

Derek stayed there for three years before obtaining a head of department post in Raine’s Foundation Church of England School in London’s Tower Hamlets where he was responsible for school assemblies and A’ level RE. As well as teaching the Christian faith, Derek also taught Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism.

In 1997, Derek was extremely tired at the end of a very busy week. But friends dragged him out to a fundraising event for Romanian orphans and it was there at a line dance that he met his wife to be Alison. Ali had recently qualified as a nurse.



Rectors of Hethersett

The couple were married in Alison's home town of Colchester (now a city) and decided that they no longer wanted to live in London and so moved to the Midlands where Derek got a teaching job in Retford with Alison working in a doctors' surgery. They rented a home in Worksop.

When Alison became pregnant and Derek's dad died, the couple decided it was time to take that stepping stone.

"I realised that teaching was no longer

for me. I was never totally happy in the profession and so I left it in August 2008 and trained for the ministry at Ridley Hall in Cambridge – studying there during the week and returning home to the Midlands at weekends.

"At the end of the course we had a long chat about where we should go and Ali wanted to move back to East Anglia and suggested Norfolk. I started to look for posts in the county."

This resulted in Derek becoming a

curate in Drayton/ Taverham with the couple, who by this time had three daughters – Francesca, Charlotte and Lizzy - living in Thorpe Marriott.

In 2013, Derek applied for the vacant post in the Hethersett Benefice and the rest as they say is history.

Now almost 10 years later, he and his family are preparing to make the relatively short move to take up his new post in Gorleston.

Derek admits that he will take many happy memories with him: “I have loved it here. The people are open and friendly. There have been lots of challenges, not the least of which has been the geography and location of the three churches.

“ I vividly remember my first Christmas Eve service in St Remigius when I turned up to find the church packed.

“Getting involved in the life of schools has also always been a privilege.”

Derek has been a foundation governor at Hethersett Voluntary Controlled Primary School in Queen’s Road, Hethersett. He also remembers with fondness his relationship with the former Old Hall School before it closed.

Derek says he will miss chatting with people and popping across to the Queen’s Head for a pint and he will miss what he refers to as “the privilege



Derek’s farewell family photograph

of being part of people’s lives at baptisms and weddings and helping families at funerals.”

Outside of the church Derek’s interests are many and varied. He loves rock music, science fiction and reading virtually anything from the classics of Shakespeare to the horror novels of Stephen King and the fantasy novels of Tolkien.

He is also a keen online gamer, pitting his wits on fantasy games against other players from all over the world.

Derek is looking forward to his new challenge and Hethersett and the Meltons have begun the process of finding a new rector

Derek’s final services were an official farewell communion on March 12th where he thanked everybody for their support and showed some family slides and the Mothering Sunday service on March 19th.

Top Award For Gin Buddies

HETHERSETT-based Home Farm Gin has won some prestigious silverware.

Their London Dry gin gained a silver medal at the World Gin Awards 2023. The gin is produced in Ketteringham Lane by the team of Nev Leverett and Paul Dunnett (pictured above and below).

Writing on Facebook Nev and Paul said: “We are thrilled to announce the award for our London dry gin.

“We’ve always known our gin was the best and now we have the award to prove it.”



Paul and Nev at Home Farm. Photographs on this page courtesy of Home Farm Gin and Peter Steward.

Grant for Community Garden Project

THE Hethersett Back Garden project has been awarded a grant of £1000 by Tesco.

The community garden at the back of Hethersett Village Hall was one of the projects put forward in local Tesco stores for a grant.

The garden came second in a poll of customers. The money will be used by volunteers setting up the garden under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council and the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).

The project is looking for more volunteers and anyone interested should e-mail Hethersett Parish Council at

hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com

or telephone 0790 232 2729.



Council Chairman Steps Down

CHAIRMAN of Hethersett Parish Council Adrienne Quinlan (pictured opposite) has resigned due to ill health.

At the April meeting of the parish council, vice-chairman and Herald columnist Sarah Lawrence was elected chair for the remainder of the council's current term which will end with the local government elections at the beginning of May.

Bridget Williamson also stood for chairman but was beaten in a close vote and will now act as vice-chairman for the remainder of the current term of office.

District and parish elections will take place on May 4th. In a change to the usual procedure voters will now have to show photographic identification before being allowed to vote.

Mrs Quinlan will remain as a councillor until the election but is then expected to step down. We will have a feature on her time on the council, next month.



Hethersett Woman Charged With Drug Offences

A woman has been charged with multiple drug offences following a raid on a property in Priory Road in Hethersett.

Police officers attended an address on Thursday 2nd March and a 49-year-old woman was arrested after a search of the property.

She has been named as Karen Strange and she was charged with the following offences.

Two counts of possession with intent to supply a Class A drug (namely heroin and cocaine).

Two counts of being concerned in the supply of drugs (namely heroin and crack cocaine).

Arranging or facilitating travel of another person with a view of exploitation.

She has been remanded in custody and was due to appear in court on Friday 31st March.

Road Re-Opens

The back road to Little Melton from Henstead Road has re-opened following work on new housing.

Vehicles using the road will find a very different route to that of the past.

Work will continue to link up all the new development.

What do you think of the new road? Do let us know your thoughts.

New Role For Former Editor



HETHERSETT resident and former editor of the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper, David Powles (pictured above after a marathon run) will be taking up a new role in May as chief executive officer of Norfolk Community Law Service.

The service is a registered charity dedicated to providing access to justice and equality in Norfolk.

The organisation targets its services at individuals and groups, particularly those who cannot afford access to justice and representation.

This includes those with long term physical and/or mental ill-health, physical and sensory disabilities and/or learning difficulties, offenders, ex-offenders, migrant workers and others who are disadvantaged. The service is funded by grants, service level agreements and donations.

David told the EDP:

"I am delighted and incredibly proud to be given the chance to lead this fantastic charity which does so much to help people access free legal advice when they need it."

Outside of work David is a keen marathon runner and also a youth team coach with Hethersett Athletic Football Club.

He and his wife Kim have two sons.

An Invite To A Village Party

Hethersett Parish Council is inviting residents to join them to celebrate the King's coronation. Here parish council community and project officer Sara White tells us about the day.

HETHERSETT Parish Council will be marking the King's Coronation with a community celebration.

This year the UK will mark the Coronation of King Charles III with a three-day bank holiday weekend from Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th May. Hethersett Parish Council in sponsorship with Taylor Wimpey East Anglia invites the community to join in with the nation's celebrations on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May from midday until 6pm at the Village Hall and adjoining field in Back Lane, Hethersett.

The event will provide the local community with an opportunity to come together in celebration whilst creating community connections.

Caroline Carter at Taylor Wimpey East Anglia, the main sponsor of this event said:

"At Taylor Wimpey, we're proud to support events that bring communities together and celebrate important milestones, so we are thrilled to sponsor this event to commemorate the King's Coronation.

"We believe in fostering strong relationships with the communities we operate in and we are delighted to be part of this joyous occasion. It is our

hope that this event will bring together neighbours and friends to create lasting memories within the local area."



The main theme will be a community picnic (bring a blanket and your teddy), plus a live band 'The Vintage' and entertainment from Sam the Magic Man (as seen on Britain's Got Talent).

If you're still looking for more fun, there will be a face painting stall and a children's 'home made crown' competition. Refreshments and food will also be available onsite with a fully licenced bar and a rolled ice cream/ crepes wagon.

Whilst at the event, you can drop in to see 'The Back Garden Project', a green space which is being regenerated for use by the community and run by volunteers.

We are encouraging local community groups to get involved on the day and to participate in displays and stalls at 'The Big Help Out', where there will be an opportunity to learn about the various local community groups which may encourage people to try volunteering for themselves, or to join a social/activity group.

Tickets for the event are free and limited to four per booking. There is a limited number of tickets available on Eventbrite which will be released in batches (see link).

If you are unable to use Eventbrite, please contact the parish council office or visit Hethersett Butchers for a ticket.

Hethersett Parish Council is

encouraging community groups to participate and to use the event to promote awareness of their activities and to create engagement.

If you would like your group to be involved, please contact me on 07902322729 or e-mail hethersettppcommunityprojects@gmail.com



Police Chat Time

PC Vicky Bailey from Norfolk Police will be in Hethersett Library on the fourth Monday of each month to discuss local policing issues with residents.

Local people will be able to go along for a chat about the local community.

She will be there from 1.30 until 3 pm on the following dates:

24th April

22nd May

PC Bailey can be contacted at: victoria.bailey@norfolk.police.uk

Another Overseas Signing For Cricket Club

Jed Mockford

Signs for 2023



From Green Island Cricket Club- Dunedin Premier Grade



"Jed is a bright young talent from Invercargill on New Zealand's South Island but now based in Dunedin. A powerful Right-hander, Jed is comfortable anywhere in the top order to the Top/Middle Order batsman, Jed is also a very capable Off-Spinner that poses a genuine threat with the ball having spent the most part of his young career as a genuine all-rounder"

#UpTheTas

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club has made its second overseas signing of the close season as it prepares for its first ever season in the Norfolk Alliance Premier Division.

New Zealander Jed Mockford joins rising teenage star from Sri Lanka at the club. Jed has played most of his senior club cricket for Green Island Cricket Club and he has played for a number of representative sides in his homeland.

He is a top order batsman as well as being an off spin bowler and a very sharp fielder. Jed is also a Level Two coach and will be coaching both junior and senior players. Club chairman Matt Bird said: "We are absolutely delighted to announce the signing of Jed to strengthen the first team in their first year in the Norfolk Cricket Alliance Premier League."

Delightful Mothering Sunday

MOTHERING Sunday fell on Sunday 19th March this year, and we had the honour of spending the morning in one of the most delightful ways.

Hethersett Methodist Church held one of their family services that day and, as the family of one of the 1st Hethersett Rainbows (who meet up for their weekly meetings in the Methodist Church Hall), we were invited along.

Hethersett Methodist Church has held several of these family services over the last year, each one with themed activities and songs. We've been to their Christmas and Harvest Festival celebrations previously.

They also very kindly source and provide a light breakfast beforehand to whoever would like it, served with a smile by the wonderful volunteers and church regulars. I had a croissant and a cup of tea, whilst my two daughters opted for a pain au chocolate each, with some apple juice on the side.

The service itself was really well organised. It kept my two interested, even my youngest who is a bit of a fidgeter! The children were given some activities to do before the service, a sheet with some fun 'would you rather' questions, a maze and some talking points on, along with a baby Moses to colour in.

During the service there were catchy songs with actions to sing along to,

Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence attended a Mothering Sunday service at Hethersett Methodist Church and thoroughly enjoyed the experience as she describes here.



some more colouring (a bullrushes scene to add our Moses to) and a short cartoon of the story of baby Moses shown on the projector screen.

The amazing Rainbows team also used the opportunity to hand out some badges that the Rainbows had earned over the last term, and for a couple of brave newbies to make their Rainbow promises.

The service was rounded off with gifts kindly given to all of the women who attended, lavender pouches from the Rainbows, and daffodil bunches from the Methodist Church team. This was a lovely touch, one that made everyone smile!

I always leave these services with a smile on my face. It's a wholesome way to spend your Sunday morning and there's no shortage of kindness from the volunteers.

Everyone is so welcoming, and it's always something we look forward to and enjoy. We left our details with the team there, for them to contact us when they hold their next family service. If it sounds like something you may enjoy, get in touch with them and do the same!



**All
photographs
courtesy of
Sarah
Lawrence**



Fourth Place Promotion

THE City of Norwich Brass Band prepared for a top regional competition with a public rehearsal in Hethersett Village Hall.

City of Norwich Brass Band preparing for the competition in Stevenage in Hethersett Village Hall. Photograph courtesy of City of Norwich Brass Band.

The prize-winning band took part in the London and Southern Counties Regional contest and came fourth out of the 17 bands taking part in the second section.

That placing was good enough to see the band promoted to the first section as a result of their consistent performances over recent contests.

“We are taking away some really positive comments from the adjudications to work on,” the band said after the competition.

For the competition the band performed Rodney Newton’s “The Pilgrim’s Progress” which draws its inspiration from John Bunyan’s Christian allegory of the same name.

The band regularly rehearses in Hethersett Village Hall.

Rubble Needed

An appeal has gone out via social media for rubble for the village's Back Garden project.

"The Back Garden Project is in need of some rubble asap. If you have any you could spare, please email: hethersettpcommunityprojects@gmail.com or call 07902 322729," the post states.



URGENT
DO YOU HAVE ANY
RUBBLE FOR THE
BACK GARDEN
PROJECT



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The soakaway swale on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field is to be fenced off after Hethersett Parish Council reversed its original decision to leave the area open. The decision came after field trustees expressed their concern that standing water in the swale could proved dangerous to young children. You can read more about this later in this edition. The picture above was taken after a period of heavy rain.

Open Gardens Date Set For The Summer

THE Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is organising an Open Gardens event on Sunday 9th July from 10 am until 4 pm.

The village hasn't held this popular event since 2019 due primarily to lockdown restrictions.

The organisers are appealing for anybody who would like to open their gardens to the public to contact Sarah White, Community and Projects Officer for Hethersett Parish Council via e-mail at hethersettppcommunityprojects@gmail.com or telephone 0790 2322 729.

Please look out for links to the application form online.

Volunteers are also needed on the day to assist with teas, art and craft stalls and car park duties. Anyone interested in helping should contact the numbers above.

Any proceeds from the event will be used by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) for the Back Garden community project on land at the village hall.

You can read more about this from Sara on the next page.





Step Inside To Explore

Step inside for one day only to explore the private and community gardens of Hethersett. Ranging from tropical design to cottage garden. Come and meet those who created them and who now tend them with care and enthusiasm. Funds raised will go to supporting Hethersett community green projects including 'The Back Garden'.

We need more of Hethersett's gardeners to open up their gardens to the public to showcase the variety of different displays and plants for all to enjoy. It's a very simple application form. There will be no handling of money and we will organise the event and provide you with advice. We have a dedicated team of volunteers ready to help. There's a sneak peak above at one of the tropical gardens which we have signed up.

For an application form to include your garden, please visit the parish council office or follow this link: <https://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/files/2023/01/Hethersett-Open-Gardens-Application-2023-1-1.docx> or call: 07902322729.

Buy your entry map at the Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, on the day when you will also find a garden market and refreshments

MP's Future In Doubt

SOUTH Norfolk MP Richard Bacon is in hot water yet again—this time with his own party.

The Conservative MP has voiced his intention to stand for Parliament again in the next general election but his Conservative constituency party is having serious doubts as to whether he is the right man to contest the election.

MP's future uncertain after losing local party backing



The story featured on the BBC's website

This comes after criticism of Mr Bacon from many different areas including Hethersett Herald. Allegations have been made that Mr Bacon fails to represent the people who elected him, that he fails to answer e-mails, letters or phone calls and that he is rarely seen in his constituency.

The BBC website carried a story with the headline “MPs Future uncertain after losing local party backing.”

Journalist and television presenter Andrew Sinclair wrote the following:

“Some members felt that MP for South Norfolk, Richard Bacon, has not been “visible” enough.”

Despite the criticism, Mr Bacon’s website continues to feature the following message:

“I am here to serve and represent local people in South Norfolk regardless of how you voted.

If you need my help then please don't hesitate to get in touch.”

Perhaps not surprisingly when the BBC tried to contact Mr Bacon for a comment they couldn’t get hold of him.

Down Memory Lane



Down Memory Lane this month is given over to Hethersett resident Tina Hickling who posted a couple of lovely photographs of Hethersett's past on Facebook. We are grateful to Hethersett Herald reader Tina for permission to reproduce them.

Above is Hethersett Old Rectory which Tina posted as a result of a request from Nigel Turner. Nigel wrote "Does anyone have any old pictures of the demolished rectory. I lived in it briefly before it was condemned for demolition."

Nigel lived in the building and declared it "a great play place for an 11-year-old."

"We bathed by candlelight, most rooms had no electricity." Nigel's father was Rector of Hethersett from 1959 until 1966.

Tina also posted the image over the page with the following comments:

"As you drive down Harness Maker Way, spare a thought for those skilled men of the past who gave it its name! One family, the Hicklings, provided 10 harness makers over three generations, working by the Turnpike, the old Norwich Roa, for around 150 years. Their wives stuffed the collars and made horse rugs. The last of these was Reggie Hickling, the boy in the photo, whose father was fined for driving his horse and cart recklessly.

"His last child, Robert or Bob, has recently died in North Norfolk, his two sons being the last Hicklings to be born in the village. Thus a link to Hethersett of over





Hicklings' harness maker's shop being demolished, 1970s.

200 years has ended apart from a niece who returned to Queen's Road and a granddaughter training at the Old Hall, yet many remaining at rest in the churchyard.

The bottom picture on the previous page and the photo on this page shows the shop which was at first modified to be a waiting room for driving lessons and then demolished in the 1970s.

Annual Parish Meeting

THIS year's annual parish meeting for village residents will be on 19th April. The meeting is organised by the parish council but is led by the public who have the opportunity to bring up village matters of concern or interest.

A number of displays are likely to be mounted including one from village archives.

Doors will be open at 7 pm with the formal part of the meeting taking place at 7.30 pm and light refreshments will also be provided.

Five Years Ago



March 2018 saw an amazing display of ice in Ketteringham Lane.

Vehicles using the lane splashed the surrounding hedges and edges with water which instantly froze, giving the amazing effects which we managed to capture.





Playing Field Pavilion Update

Continuing our monthly photographic update on progress being made on the new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field. The building is due for completion in May.



Playing Field Pavilion Update



Photographs Needed

DO you have any photographs of the Memorial Playing Field and the old pavilion building in use through the years by clubs groups and organisations.

The playing field was opened in 1959 and Hethersett Parish Council is looking for photos from its earliest days up to the present with particular emphasis on older photos.

Photographs received will be part of a display in the new pavilion.

Photographs can be e-mailed to
hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com



Farm Shop Is The Top Retailer of 2023



JUDGES have praised Church Farm Shop in Hethersett after naming it the South Norfolk Retailer of the Year for 2023 in the latest Broadland and South Norfolk Business Awards.

In its citation, Church Farm Shop received the following praise:

“A family-run shop in Hethersett, stocking almost exclusively local produce, with a home delivery service and an emphasis on quality.

“They recycle nearly 100% of any waste product via an online recipe service, produced by a local chef. Church Farm Shop's personal service and customer engagement shone through.”

The shop took to social media to announce its success:

“We did it! Currently on Cloud 9; huge thank you to everyone who voted for us - this award genuinely means the world to our small family business.”

A Hethersett-founded business Norfolk Football was highly commended in the same section. Norfolk Football started its life from a private house in Hethersett before moving to a business unit in Wymondham.

Judges praised the business for its:

“superb online design facility for local sports teams and environmentally friendly printing service.”

Founder Paul Suggett said he was delighted to receive the award.

Photographs of the awards on this and the previous page, courtesy of South Norfolk Council.



Supporting The Community

OUR friends from the Wymondham Magazine were named Business Supporting the Community winners.

The judges said they were: “Very impressed by the team behind the magazine, who are helping, supporting and bringing together different parts of the local community.

“Wymondham Magazine is shining a light on positive stories and modernising its approach to journalism with the platforms it employs to reach a broad audience. “

Editor of Hethersett Herald Peter Steward said:

“Together we feel that the Wymondham Magazine and Hethersett Herald combined, give an overview of what is happening in our part of South Norfolk. We are delighted that Wymondham Magazine has been recognised for what has been termed ‘modernising its approach to journalism.’ We hope that readers of Hethersett Herald will have similar feelings about this publication.”



Church Farm Shop with their winners' trophy above and below all the winners from the South Norfolk and Broadland Business Awards.



News From The Parish Council

Meeting Dates

Full council dates for 2023 are: April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August (no meeting), September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th. The annual parish meeting will be held on April 19th.

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

The tenure of the current council comes to an end with council elections on May 4th when a new council will be elected. There will only be an election if more than 14 put their names forward for the council. Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm. For other committee dates refer to the council's website which can be accessed at:

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

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

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

How To Contact The Parish Council

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 of this edition of Hethersett Herald along with contact details.

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Below are details of the 14 parish councillors

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Sarah Lawrence	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
Vice-Chair	Bridget Williamson	8 Churchfields	810259
Councillors	Leslie Dale	46 New Road	810952
	Anne Edwards	6 Queen's Road	812309
	Samantha England	c/o Parish Council Office	07582225895
	Adele Kent	c/o Parish Council Office	07714210436
	Jonathan Loome	6 Miller Close	07799608978
	Chris Morriss	19 Haconsfield	810060
	Eileen Mulvaney	C/o Parish Council Office	811997
	John Nightingale	2 Buckingham Drive	811513
	Stephen Slack	70 Priory Road	811824
	Mike Stark	61 Lynch Green	Via the clerk
	Jennifer Walpole	16 Cann's Lane	811932
	Adrienne Quinlan	8 Childs Road	814379

Fencing For Playing Field Swale

TEMPORARY fencing is to be placed around the soak-away swale on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

The swale was put in place as part of the new pavilion development and is designed to take away standing water.

Originally the council decided not to fence the area off but councillors

expressed enough concern about this decision to reverse it at their March meeting.

Playing Field trustees pointed out to the council that, following heavy rain, the swale becomes flooded and a danger.

Bearing this in mind members agreed

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to put a temporary fence in place with a view to having a more permanent structure after taking advice from insurance companies. The council will also plant shrubs to increase the safety of the swale.

The playing field trustees voiced the following fears:

“Everyone who has had children or grandchildren will know that they are attracted by water, be it splashing in puddles or exploring ditches and streams.

“Adults with toddlers should be able to let them run free on the playing field without any unreasonable risks. It would not take a lot of water or much time for a toddler to get into difficulties in the swale especially if it gets stuck in claggy clay at the bottom of the swale.”

Without a fence the trustees feel there could be a risk of drowning, especially for young children under the age of five.

Snow, rain and hail on 10th March brought water to a depth of three inches which then took 48 hours to clear.

After the trustees' comments, councillors decided to re-visit and change their original decision and to go against the advice of the project manager who felt that fencing is not needed.

Several residents have referred to the swale as “an eyesore” which takes up precious recreational space.

You can view a photograph of the swale by turning to page 21 of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Looking For Community Heroes

THE parish council is looking for community heroes with council elections coming at the beginning of May.

“If you have an interest in the way your village is run and would like to stand as a Parish Councillor here is your chance. The local elections will take place on 4th May. Anyone wishing to stand as a Parish Councillor will be required to complete a nomination pack,” the council posted on its Facebook page.

For further information please contact the Clerk, Annette Palmer on 07902 322729 or by email at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk. Alternatively, please visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

Nominations must be received at South Norfolk Council before 4th April.

You can view a poster on this subject on the following page.

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CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



**HETHERSETT PARISH COUNCIL
NEEDS YOU!**

MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:
THE PARISH CLERK ON 0790 2 322729

Local council elections are due to take place in May and we will have more on this in coming editions of Hethersett Herald. In the meantime a reminder that in order to vote you will have to have photo ID. No ID...No vote.

The
Electoral
Commission

You now need
photo ID to
vote at a
polling station

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or call 0800 328 0280



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?

**Infirm
Convalescing
Sick
Unwell
Disability**

Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



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

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Registered Charity Number 211284



A gathering of current and former landlords of Hethersett King's Head were in party mood despite the closure of the pub at the end of February.

Easter Bin Dates

As usual there are a number of changes for bin collection days over the Easter holiday period

Normal Collection Day

Friday 7th April

Monday 10th April

Tuesday 11th April

Wednesday 12th April

Thursday 13th April

Friday 14th April

New Collection Day

Saturday 8th April

Tuesday 11th April

Wednesday 12th April

Thursday 13th April

Friday 14th April

Saturday 15th April

Sometimes Overwhelmed

Sarah Lawrence continues her regular monthly look at what's happening in Hethersett and in her world.

ANOTHER month gone. Time feels like it's passing by so quickly. There never feels like there's enough hours in the day.

Whether it's my family, friends, work or volunteer work, I feel like I'm being pulled in a hundred different directions sometimes.

Sometimes it's overwhelming, sometimes I love it. The chaos of life! Though it does have a nasty side effect of making time pass by extra-quick.

At work, I'm the Diversity and Inclusion sponsor for our group of Tesco stores in the region, around 20 or so. It's another voluntary position, one I enjoy. I get to promote inclusion to my colleagues in the group, with presentations and posts on our group Whatsapp.

Presentations I've done in the past include Eid, International Persons with Disabilities Day and Pride. I take a lot of pleasure in being able to share the joy, meaning and background of these

celebrations and being able to share how important they are to people in our company and around the world.

This month we had two occasions to celebrate. The first was Employee Appreciation Day on 3rd March. I think it's really important to celebrate our colleagues and the hard work that they put in on a daily basis.

Retail is a particularly relentless career! It's fast-paced, hard graft, and you don't often get much gratitude from Joe Public.

With our little Tesco in particular, our workload has increased an awful lot over the last few years. With the pandemic, then the influx of new homes and new families taking up residence nearby, our store has become crazy busy.

I know that we don't like to think of Hethersett as a 'town', but our village has certainly become a lot more sizable than it was when Tesco first opened.

With that in mind, we took the

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opportunity to celebrate Employee Appreciation Day, with some treats in the colleague room, and some 'Values Awards' (Tesco lingo for appreciation cards) addressed to the colleagues working that day.

We have some really hardworking colleagues. It was really great to be able to take a moment to celebrate them. Nothing feels better than getting a hand-written thank you card too.

The second occasion we celebrated was International Women's Day, a day very close to my heart. I wasn't at work for this one, and I hadn't had the best week, so it was a wonderful surprise to come home that afternoon to flowers and chocolates, not only for me, but for the girls too, all from my beautiful husband.

I'm so lucky to have the support from him that I do. Without him, I wouldn't be able to attend all of the meetings that I do, or carry out as much volunteer work.

He does more than his fair share of the housework, cares for the children when I'm not there and rarely moans about any of it! International Women's Day isn't just about celebrating women, you see.

It's fantastic to do that, of course. But for me, it's more to promote equality. Men can be allies for women, helping to bridge the gender gap. I wouldn't be



half the woman I am without the help of my very own ally.

In the spirit of International Women's Day and World Book Day, I was talking to a few of the parents at Playgroup about the power of books and how we make sure to read books at home that are inspirational or have a message behind them.

There are obviously loads available, but here are a few of my favourites if you have children (or don't, I won't judge!)

- The Girls by Lauren Ace – I think this is my favourite children's book of all time. So moving, with a great message.
- Lubna and the Pebble by Wendy Meddour – A story about refugees without saying that outright..
- Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai – The true story of Malala's life, but written for children. Malala is

Sarah's World

one of my eldest daughter's heroes.

- Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 1 and 2 – Both books follow the same pattern, short biographies about inspirational women through the ages, like Marie Curie, Elizabeth I, Michelle Obama and Sky Brown, a great read if you prefer non-fiction.
- Pirate Mums by Jodie Lancet-Grant – A story of a little boy with two Mums who happen to be pirates.

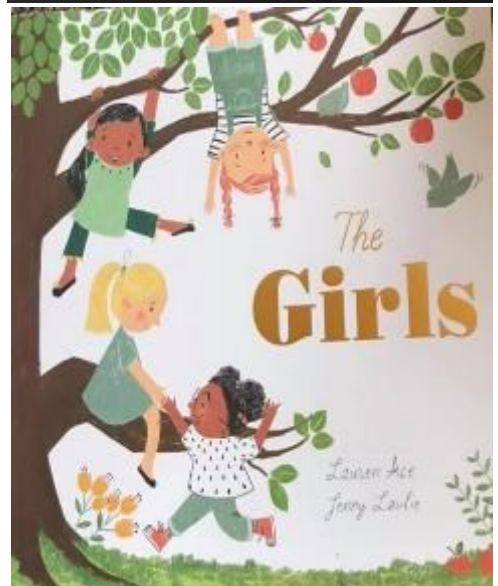
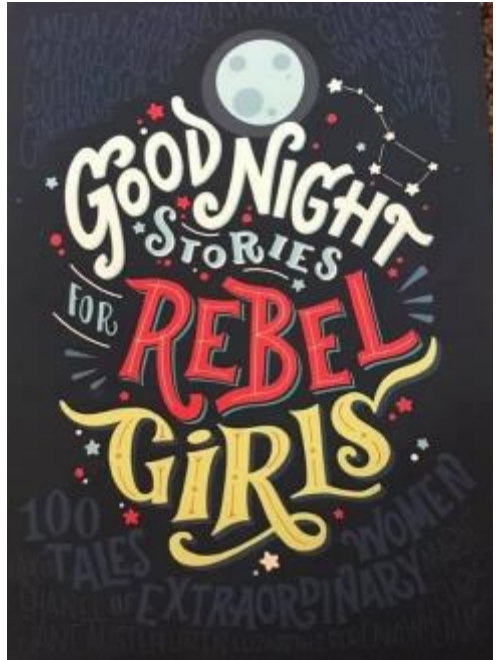
I think it's so important to read with children. Like I said, it's a great way to introduce thoughts, imagination and diversity to children, through the magic of words and pictures.

My youngest daughter has taken to reading really well since starting school, she now often reads her own bedtime stories. It makes me feel a bit redundant, but it's great to see that she has embraced reading so much.

We had a wonderful Playgroup session in March, celebrating the special women in the children's lives as Mothering Sunday was approaching. We had some wood slices for the children to decorate to give to their Mummies, Grans or Aunties as gifts for the day.

As with any day the felt-tips are out, they had a great time making a mess. It was also a fantastic opportunity to recognise the hard work of all of our volunteers who turn up every week to help with every aspect of Playgroup.

There is so much that has to come together to run a successful session,



Sarah's World



and we all have our jobs. We now run like a well-oiled machine. I can't begin to thank them all enough for all of the hard work they put in.

Finally, I'd like to put an appeal out for Parish Councillors. It appears we may have a few vacancies on the Parish Council come election time, so if you've always fancied it, now's your chance. If you want to have a say on important issues in Hethersett and be part of a large team of people who care, let the Parish Clerk know by emailing hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk.

The Parish Council is a fulfilling and challenging role, one I love. It would be great to get some fresh faces on board.

Community Award Time

SOUTH Norfolk Council's Community Awards have been launched again, looking for local people that have gone an extra mile in their communities.

The awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of residents from across the district, who go above and beyond to support others or complete incredible achievements.

The winner in each category will receive £250 to give to their chosen community group or voluntary organisation.



If you know an individual or group that has gone above and beyond to make a positive impact in their community, please nominate them today in one of the following categories:

Inspiration of the Year - someone who strives to achieve their best at work, in their studies, in sports, the arts, or in the community.

Young Person of the Year - a young person who has made a remarkable and inspiring Achievement in support of their community (aged 18 and under).

Volunteer of the Year - an individual who has volunteered their time to make an outstanding contribution to their community.

Helping Hand Award - a friend, neighbour or carer who always goes the extra mile to help or support others.

Green at Heart Award - an individual, school, business or community group who has made an extra effort to have a positive impact on the environment.

Business in the Community Award - A

local business that has led or supported community initiatives and values.

Community Group of the Year - a community group that has made a significant contribution to the residents of their local area.

Community Hero - a person who has made a positive impact on an individual or their community. Someone who deserves special recognition for their effort and commitment..

To nominate a group or individual for an award please go to the South Norfolk and Broadland council's website.

A MOBILE Library visits Little Melton every four weeks.

The library will be at a variety of sites in the village on Wednesdays on the following dates—12th April, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November and 20th December. Timings and locations are as follows:

School Lane NR9 3LA	Arrive 10.55	Depart 11.05
Shop NR9 3NL	Arrive 11.10	Depart 11.25
Braymeadow Lane NR9 3NQ	Arrive 11.30	Depart 11.45
Crossways NR9 3NN	Arrive 11.50	Depart 12.05
Little Melton School NR9 3AD	Arrive 15.00	Depart 15.45
Ringwood Close NR9 3NY	Arrive 15.50	Depart 16.15

Beryl Bikes Are Here

BERYL Bikes and scooters are available for hire in Hethersett.

A number have found a home outside Hethersett Library which is more and more becoming a village hub with the post office recently opening within the building.

Hethersett's county and district councillor David Bills has long been a supporter of bringing the vehicles to the village. He welcomed the arrival of the machines.

There will be a second base for the bikes when a custom-made stand takes up residence at the village hall.



Musical Proposal

Do you enjoy the music of Paul Simon, or maybe Leonard Cohen? Perhaps George Harrison and ABBA? The old songs of George and Ira Gershwin? You might be a fan of the music of John Rutter?

You could sing all these with us, the Hethersett Singers, here at the Methodist Church in Great Melton Road (Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm) as we build-up to our next concert on Saturday 27th May.

No charge, unless you decide to stick with us as a member of the choir.

Just come and try it for yourself. We sing in four -part harmony. All voices are welcome. Telephone 07500 299238 or hethsing@btinternet.com. or just come along.

David Kinnaird

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

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.

Great Melton Churches Juxtaposition of the Towers.

From thy belfry rings the call,
"Come to Church, ye people all,"
And the same bell's mournful toll
To the graves doth summon all.

T. C. Jacob: Week St. Mary 1879



My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



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News From Hethersett Hall

Words and Pictures by Emily Parton



Activities within the home are great but its always nice to get out of the house occasionally. Minibus trips provide a way for our residents to get a change of scenery and boost wellbeing.

We recently took a trip to Wymondham Garden Centre where we had a mooch round and found some great seasonal plants and flowers, even finding one of the Go Go Dinosaurs lurking near the greenhouses!

After a good look round, it was time for a well deserved cup of tea and a homemade cake. You can see a photograph of the outing above.

Opposite is a photograph of staff at the care home taken as they celebrated St Patrick's Day with residents. You can read more about this and view another photograph by turning to page 55.



News From Hethersett Hall



Our residents were treated to a film show with a difference recently. Using an old style film projector and a large projector screen Nostalgia Film Company showed musical performances from films of old.

Our residents delighted in singing along to the songs, tapping toes to the music and naming the films they were from: One lady exclaimed "The last time I saw this film I was courting my husband."

It's great to be able to bring back such wonderful memories to our fabulous residents.

Happy St Patricks Day

WHAT a great day we had celebrating St Patrick's with our wonderful residents.

Staff made an amazing effort with their costumes, one of our fantastic carers Shannon even made t shirts for her team with everyone's names on.

Our Head Chef Becky and her kitchen team made traditional Irish food for lunch and dinner as well as sweet treats throughout the day.

In the afternoon, Mulligans Stew entertained our residents with great Irish songs while we served drinks including Guinness (of course) and Mini Guinness too.

A true Irish knees up was had by all. You can see our photograph of the event on following pages.

News From Hethersett Hall



Celebrations For Betty

Celebrations have been in full swing at Hethersett Hall, as one of our residents reached her 102nd birthday in style.

Betty Cator was joined by staff, relatives, friends and other residents throughout the day as she received a pamper session from our beauty therapist on her landmark birthday and there was also an amazing birthday cake.

Betty loves her music and you will often find her singing or humming along to all eras of music, now she is at Hethersett Hall, where she is enjoying a new chapter of her life.

The birthday girl when asked what her favourite decade was, said: “Oh my dear you are going back years, they all hold fond memories for me.”

Elena Sandu, General Manager of Barchester Hethersett Hall added: “We’re delighted to be celebrating a truly remarkable woman as she reaches this amazing milestone. Betty is such a popular resident who always has an interesting tale to tell and we look forward to hearing many more.”

Broad Irish Smiles



Have You Missed Out ?

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

www.hethersettherald.weebly.com

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

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

petersteward@sky.com



Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

On 27th March we will be holding our AGM. This will be a ticketed event in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

For further details please contact Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888 or email leopardlynn@hotmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club.

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.

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

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 Sarah Lawrence can be contacted via the above number.

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

HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



 Insp Louise BISHOP
Local Policing Commander

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




101 Ext: 5635



Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk



 PC Vicky BAILEY
Engagement Officer

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.




101 Ext: 1113



Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk



 PC Stu BARNARD
Beat Manager

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

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



101 Ext: 2386



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Where To Eat In Hethersett

Janey's Village Café -

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

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

Park Farm Hotel

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

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

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

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

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?

Herald Petrol Watch

	Unlead- ed	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	145.9	-1p	165.9	-3p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	144.9	-2p	164.9	-4p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	145.9	-1p	165.9	-3p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	145.9	-1p	165.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	146.9	NC	165.9	-3p
Abbeygate Wymondham	157.9	NC	175.9	-4p
Waitrose Wymondham	156.9	-1p	175.9	-4p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	152.9	-1p	174.9	NC

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

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

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

The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month. Hethersett Herald is published on or around the first day of each month via the web site

www.hethersettherald.weebly.com

Announcement of publication is also made on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Next Door. You can also be notified via e-mail.

If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.

Groups and Societies

First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

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

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

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

Groups and Societies

Forget Me Not Cafe



HETHERSETT Forget-Me-Not Café meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The first meeting of March saw Michael Denmark and friends entertain with a variety of music from 1950s rock n roll to the sixties sounds of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones and covers from other bands such as James, The Eagles and Lindisfarne. Over 40 people and helpers enjoyed the music.

The third Tuesday of the month saw members enjoying coffee, chat and games. April meetings will be on Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 18th April.

Coming Dates:

April 4th—Easter Activities.

April 18th—Bygones with Lesley Woodton

May 2nd—Coronation Celebrations.

May 16th—A presentation by Queen Victoria (portrayed by Georgette Vale)

June 6th—Time For A Chat

June 20th—Chair workout with Celia Alden

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Hawks

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages staged its annual general meeting at Hethersett Social Club with the focus on the season ahead and beyond over two hours of meaningful discussion.

In the formal business, the minutes and accounts were approved with the generous sponsorship of Yellow Brick Mortgages duly acknowledged. The decision was made to move £2000 from general funds to the Track Development Project. A site meeting will take place shortly to shape the next stages of the project likely to include ground works for foundations and drainage before moving containers already acquired onto site. An update on the Wonky Wheels Community Bicycle Workshop project was also given.

The officers of the Club were re-elected - Chair/Treasurer - Mel Perkins MBE, Secretary - Jenny Melvin. The Vice-Chair role remains vacant. The Committee positions were decided as follows: Welfare Officer - Charlotte El-Labany, Minutes Secretary - Janet Perkins, Membership Secretary - Jo Silver, Fund-Raising Officer - Anna Clarke, Track Development Officer - Sacha El-Labany, Senior Membership Development Officer - Leigh Cossey, Youth Membership Development Officer - Nigel Longlands.

There was much discussion on the revised plans for Tuesday night training which has seen changes to manage numbers and provide more focused training and coaching for members at the appropriate level. The Saturday training sessions have been extended to allow 12 riders at a time with some sessions exclusive to newcomers plus disabled and neuro-divergent children.

Another key focus in 2023 will be to encourage riders to compete in South-East and, for those who it is appropriate, national events, in particular the Little League day and the British Club Championships in Birmingham. It was acknowledged the cost-of-living crisis may impact on this and the club will help in this respect where it can.

Local competitions are also seen as vital to

More Village Litter Pick Dates

THE next village litter pick organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council will take place on Saturday March 25th.

Volunteers are always welcome and tools are provided. This session will start from the Methodist Church.

After that the next pick will be on April 22nd from 2 pm starting at the village hall.

give members experience beyond training and these will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the Norfolk clubs. A revival of a GO-RIDE series is being investigated.

So it is full-steam ahead to the new season - first match on April 1st. Training re-started on March 4th and 7th.

Hethersett Playing Field Bowls Club with Ron Butcher

Spring is rapidly approaching, and, despite some vandalism, the club is preparing to open the coming outdoor season on Saturday 22nd April at 1.30 pm. If it is raining the opening will take place on the following Saturday.

We are a friendly, top of a league, club offering good, outdoor, healthy bowling to anyone keen to participate. Events cover league, friendlies, inter-club competitions and frequent 'just roll-ups'.

New and potential members are always welcome-the first session is free, all you need is a pair of flat heeled shoes, bowls will be available to get the feel, but most folk prefer to get their own later. Should you be new to the area this is a great way to begin. So, everyone, don't miss the day, Saturday 22nd April. See you then. Further details, should you need them, from David on 811399.

Hethersett Mothers Union with Kate Reynolds

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

At our February meeting we enjoyed a very interesting and enlightening talk from M.A.F. (Mission Aviation Fellowship).

M.A.F is a Christian airline originally founded in 1945 by Christian ex-pilots who after the war wanted to use their flying experience to help others. Since that time M.A.F. has grown into a massive multi-national airline with light planes which provide support to every kind of outlying area in the world. This includes large countries like Australia, Central America and South America, but also to many smaller areas of the world mostly isolated and cut off by impassable roads or conflict. These places experience drought, famine, medical emergencies and civil war. The people living there would not be accessible except by aircraft and the crews of the M.A.F. planes risk their lives to provide disaster response and evacuation. They also deliver supplies and provide support and transport to areas living in poverty.

All M.A.F. workers are Christians and their philosophy is "Care, Care, Care". One of their watchword sayings is: "We have the knowledge to help people, but if we can't reach them we can't help them" and M.A.F certainly does everything in it's power to reach people no matter how hard it is. Long may they continue in this wonderful work.

Groups and Societies

St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group



Our Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 10 am – 12 in St Remigius Church.

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on

TUESDAY 4th APRIL

Future Dates:

2nd May

6th June

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

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Gardening Club

Hethersett Gardening Club can save you pounds on your orders. The club has a promotional code with Suttons Seeds SUGS120K lasting until August.

Using this code, any orders placed with Suttons for packet seeds will get a 30% discount and a 10% discount on live products including potatoes, garlic, shallots, onion sets, plants, bulbs and fruit.

There are no discounts on non-live products. The appropriate postage and packaging costs will apply for any order placed with Suttons Seeds.

At the latest meeting, Julia Stafford-Allen, of the National Garden Scheme [NGS], described the evolution of the opening of usually private gardens, to public view. This she said dated back to Henry VIII at Hampton Court, sometimes meeting courtiers and diplomats in its gardens.

The Tudor acolytes of Henry VIII began to copy the garden concept in their own manor and hall properties. Viewing of gardens started with the various Monarchs' "progresses", inviting themselves around Britain as guests of selected nobles.

Eventually gardens became less formulaic with temples, grottoes and statues appearing and the nobility started inviting friends to visit their gardens. From these beginnings a culture of ordinary people visiting gardens developed.

In 1859 William Rathbone hired a nurse for his sick wife. In 1862 he was setting

up a school for nurses which became the Queen's Nursing Institute with Queen Victoria's support, and continued with other royal family patronage. In 1927 a Miss Elsie Wagg suggested opening gardens as a means of fundraising for the Queen's Nursing Institute [QNI] and in 1928 on the back of the proposal's success, the National Gardening Scheme evolved as a charity supporting district nursing. In the 21st Century the NGS still supports the QNI as well as a wider range of charitable good causes.

In 2022 the national monies raised by the NGS for charitable causes was over £3m and Norfolk's gardens contributed £118,000. The 2023 handbook for Norfolk shows 62 properties intending to open at least once during the year.

In the next very well attended meeting, Bob Coutts gave us a whistle stop tour of about 30 of the best gardens of the British Isles and Ireland.

Now retired from his role of Head Gardener at Somerleyton Hall, we welcomed Bob on what must be his fourth visit, as our speaker since year 2000.

Bob showed us 60 of his extensive collection of slides of gardens, which he has either visited in his Head Gardener role or for personal pleasure. During this talk we discerned a love of colourful Rhododendron and Azalea based shrubbery, perhaps based upon his welcoming the reported resurgence of Leonardslee Garden in Sussex.

We visited gardens too many to name individually, whether in Ireland, Scotland, England or Wales. However

locally Bob showed his admiration for both the creation of the East Ruston garden and secondly the floral displays at the Ship Inn at Caister on Sea.

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

All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and

refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th April when Andrew Sankey discusses "The English Landscape Garden" and then on Wednesday 17th May Tom Everett, Head Groundsman at the UEA, will be talking about the Conservation of the UEA's Landscape.

For more details please contact committee secretary Leslie Dale at 46, New Road, Hethersett, on 07516 073487 or email: lsdale@yahoo.co.uk

Hethersett Women's Institute by Margot Markham

At our February meeting we had a most fascinating and amusing talk by Robert Smith M.B.E. the harbourmaster of Wells on the North Norfolk coast. Robert was born and raised in Wells along with several generations of the family.

He had a stint of doing hard physical work in awful conditions as a fisherman. However, for the last 30 years, he has been the Harbourmaster.

He described that Wells is legally administered by a panel of commissioners who employ the harbourmaster. In 1663, under an Act of Parliament, the commissioners were made responsible for repairing the quay and landing place and checking the creeks and channel. Robert is fully aware of the weather and how changes in it and tides can affect the safety of sailors.

Sailors from all over Europe look for a mooring. Robert described all the facilities there are for them, but the most important information they need are the internet details.

Robert gave a brief summary of the history of Wells. In its heyday, it was an important manufacturing town. Malt was exported and grain was supplied to London. The town had many coaching houses frequented by Nelson and other well known folk like Coke, Walpole and Captain Bligh.

Robert's job is varied. What he enjoys most is being out at sea, alone, in the dead of night, with the moon and stars lighting his way back to harbour.

Robert founded a Maritime Trust which gives children and young people support in learning to swim and to be confident in maritime environments. He has an interesting life. * * *

Daffodil was her 11th Birthday present and now 30 years on, Helen Reeve's herd of Dexter, miniature cows are over 60 in number. They are all the progeny of Daffodil.

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Helen, as she has told King Charles on many occasions, just loves cows. Each year the heifers have a calf. There is an arranged marriage and any females born are given sweet names.

Sadly the bull calves head for hamburgers and the “ Sunday Roast “, these animals remain in anomaly. Helen described her eventful journey.

It was all connected to Dexters....whether milking cows, lecturing on stockmanship and her love of an agricultural life.

She has been the county chairman of the Young Farmers Club and attends conferences in London and around the globe .

She is now a member of “ The Ladies in Beef Group”. I think she would be a great asset to the Women’s Institute. Time will tell .

The RiNG Norfolk Arthritis Group

Our February meeting was very engaging with Bob and Rodney from Hethersett and District Lions.

The short films they showed of the Lions’ charity work worldwide was very moving, especially as most had thought it was quite local. It is such a worthwhile charity and they are always looking for new members.

We have Mary Anne Massey with us on April 26th explaining the work of Citizens Advice and also cutting our cake as it is also our birthday month.

As reported last month, we were waiting for confirmation of one last speaker to fill all our slots for 2023 and we got it. Our old friend Liz Harrison (or possibly a colleague) from NNUH Occupational Therapy will be giving useful info on managing arthritis with exercises and aids.

We are now looking at booking speakers for 2024 but the busy lives that people have these days makes it so much harder for some to find the time to spare for groups like ours.

If you feel like joining us, we meet at Hethersett Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. You will be made welcome and tea/coffee and home-made cake is provided for the £4 entrance fee. If you require more info, please call Viv Hawes on 01603 811347 or email viv.hawes@talktalk.net.

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Hethersett Social Bowls Club

Hethersett Social Bowls Club is a thriving outdoor club based at Hethersett Social Club, Queen's Road.

We play from May to late August and we welcome experienced players to join our teams, or beginners who would like to try bowls and learn more about the game.

Based behind Hethersett Social Club, we also have the benefit of the facilities there, including a bar and a variety of events and entertainment.

Our Green opens on **Sunday 23rd April at 10 am** so if you would like to find out more you are most welcome to come along then – for more details contact us via Hethersett Social Club or the website www.hethersettsocialbowlsclub.co.uk.

Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

THE January meeting brought us the ever-popular local florist and demonstrator David Wright.

Chairman Lynn Rawlings sums up the evening: “Our first meeting of the year was held in an alternative venue at the Methodist Church Hall in Hethersett as the Village Hall was occupied by the local pantomime. Considering we didn’t have a stage or stage lighting it worked out very well. David Wright demonstrated ‘Gold’ as his theme. The beautiful flowers were a collection of yellows, oranges, peaches and gold, to keep the theme a lovely topic on a dark January evening. His arrangements done effortlessly were a joy and he accompanied some with another skill he has with wire sculptures in this instance hares and a hedgehog.”

Not only did David create some beautiful floral arrangements but he also entertained us with his tales of wildlife encountered on his bicycle rides around the county. In his spare time David creates amazing wire sculptures of animals, which he sells at craft events. Absolutely fabulous.”

Demonstrator Vicki Hease inspired us all at our February meeting with her demo entitled ‘A Vintage Affair’. This depicted designs based on the roaring 1920s brought up to date.

Vicki only used floral foam in one design and showed us different ways of creating lovely designs using other mechanics. For example, using 2” chicken wire scrunched up in a vase



containing water, or creating a natural

framework through which to place stems. These methods avoid the use of floral foam which is not eco-friendly and is being discouraged by NAFAS and in our cathedrals and churches these days.

It was a lovely demo which was enjoyed by over 30 members and visitors.

We meet in Hethersett Village Hall in Back Lane with doors open at 7 pm and demonstrations starting at 7.30 pm. Hot drinks are available on arrival.

Our programme for the next few months is:

Mon 24th April 2023 : Demo by Christine Hewson 'Spring is Sprung'.

Monday 22nd May: 'Sustainable Flowers' workshop with Carole Richmond.

Monday 26th June: Demo by Madelaine Bradley - title to be announced.

If you love flowers and all things floral, why not join our friendly club? You will find:

11 meetings a year (all months except August) usually held on the fourth Monday of the month.

Demonstrations by local and national NAFAS qualified demonstrators.

Get creative at our evening workshops.

Join us on our Summer outings and Christmas workshop,

Become a member or pay as you go at £5 for visitors. For further details please contact Chairman Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888 or by email on leopardlynn@hotmail.com



Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At your Library

in Hethersett



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

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

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

Colour Me Calm - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

Just a Cuppa - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

See staff for more details, visit
www.library.norfolk.gov.uk, or call 0344 800 8020

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SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH

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SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

9:00 - 15:00 • HETHERSETT VILLAGE HALL

BACK LANE, HETHERSETT, NORWICH NR9 3JJ

farmersmarketnorfolk@gmail.com

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

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



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

Friends of Hethersett Library

On April 13th Michael Walmsley will be reading a ghost story from the pen of M. R. James. Michael will be in ghostly costume and will also talk about the author and his work. The event will start at 7 pm and tickets are priced at £5 which includes light refreshments.

June 15th, sees the return of Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens who will present a new talk on a medical conference in Norwich just a short time before the Great Thorpe Rail Disaster which was the subject of her third non fiction book.

On September 21st, Paddy Anstey will give a presentation on the Mid Norfolk Railway. The presentations start at 7 pm and are followed by refreshments which are included in the £5 ticket price. Tickets are available at the library on the evenings.

The group will also be organising a quiz on October 28th and a children's party on December 2nd. Venues for these events are still to be decided and we will have details in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

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Hethersett Village Screen

One of the biggest audiences ever for a village screen production enjoyed the true life drama *The Lost King* on 5th March.

It told the story of the hunt for the remains of King Richard III who was found underneath a car park in Leicester.

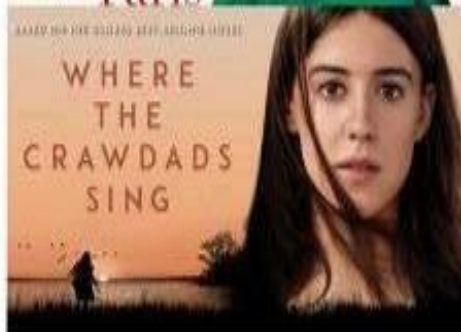
The next two films in the Spring series are the light comedy drama “*Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*” on 2nd April at 3 pm and *Where the Crawdads Sing* on 7th May.

Admission to all films is £5.



Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG) **Sunday 2nd Apr, 3pm**

The heartwarming tale of a widowed cleaning lady in '50s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. Stars the inimitable Lesley Manville in the titular role.



Where The Crawdads Sing (15) **Sunday 7th May, 3pm**

Daisy Edgar-Jones stars in this acclaimed drama, set during the 1950s and '60s, in which a young woman who grew up alone in a North Carolina marsh is accused of the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.

Dates For 2024 Pantomime Announced

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

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Free Tennis and Free Reading

Hethersett has a tennis court at the back of the village hall. The court is kept unlocked and is free to play with no booking necessary. The court is owned by Hethersett Parish Council.

If you fancy a read, close to the village hall on the other side of Back Lane you will find the book swap where books can be left and also taken.

This is another free facility for the village and is always well used.



Hethersett Herald What's On

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023



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



For an application form please visit the Parish Council website, email
hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com
or call 07902322729

Hethersett Herald What's On

April in Hethersett Social Club

APRIL 2023

Friday 7th

Chocolate Bingo

Doors Open 7pm – Eyes Down 7:30
Lots of chocolate goodies to be won!

Sunday 9th

Easter Karaoke

With Deano in the Bar

Saturday 15th

Virtual Horse Racing

The Horses come to Hethersett!!
From 8pm in the Hall

Friday 21st

Quiz Night

Registration from 7pm - £10.00 per team (Max 6)

Support Group For Parkinson's

The Wymondham Support Group of Parkinson's UK holds its monthly meetings in Hethersett Village Hall on the second Monday at 2 pm.

Their programme contains talks on a variety of subjects including help and medical advice on all aspects of Parkinson's. It also organises outings and entertainment.

For more information contact Mrs T. Dye on 01508 499220

An Invitation From Hethersett Library

By Library and Information Assistant Kay

Winter can be a difficult time for many, so if you're feeling the cold come and warm up in the library.

Hethersett Library is here for you with FREE hot drinks all winter! Come in out of the cold and read a book, have a chat or join one of our clubs like Knit, Stitch and Natter.

The tea trolley will be out and ready 30 minutes after we open - so join us for a tea, coffee, hot chocolate or cup-a-soup in staffed times:



Monday 13:30 - 19:00

Wednesday 11:00 - 19:00

Thursday 13:30 - 19:00

Friday 13:30 - 19:00

Saturday 11:00 - 16:00

We also have adult and children's warm and well bags, as well as adult toiletries and children's toiletries bags, to help those who are struggling financially this winter.

They are available at the library during staffed times to anyone who needs them, no questions asked.

Players To Please Again

HETHERSETT Players will be presenting a drama comedy in Hethersett Village Hall on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd at 7.30 pm.

Prepare To Meet Thy Tomb is described as a comedy thriller and tickets can be booked at

<https://hethersettboxoffice.org.uk>

Little Melton Church

GARAGE



Saturday 22nd April

Maps available for £1 from the Village Hall car park along with Tea, Coffee & Bacon rolls

9.15am - 11am

Stalls open
9.30am

Anyone wanting to run a sale at their house can be included on the map for a donation of £10.

Please register by calling 01603 810149 or 01603 812209 or picking up a form from the Church, open daily 10am to 3pm, by 15th April.

Unregistered stalls, not booked in advance and not included on the map, will be asked for donations on the day.

**CHURCH OPEN FOR REFRESHMENTS,
& SECOND HAND BOOKS**

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Open Library

Extending opening hours at your library

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

Library Available*		Staffed Hours	
Monday	8am – 7pm	Monday	1.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday	8am – 7pm	Tuesday	Unstaffed
Wednesday	8am – 7pm	Wednesday	11am – 7pm
Thursday	8am – 7pm	Thursday	1.30pm – 7pm
Friday	8am – 7pm	Friday	1.30pm – 7pm
Saturday	8am – 4pm	Saturday	11am – 4pm
Sunday	10am – 4pm	Sunday	Unstaffed

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

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Methodist Church dates for your diary include the following.

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

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

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

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



Wymondham Helicopter Group presents Charity Show

HEY BEATLES

The Wymondham Central Hall
Sunday 14th May 2023
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm - Tickets £18
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group

**Dates for
your Diary:**

**Hey Beatles
14th May**

**Freddie &
Queen
8th July**



THE FREDDIE & QUEEN EXPERIENCE

FEATURING
MAX KERRICK
AS FREDDIE MERCURY

UK'S PREMIER TRIBUTE

The Wymondham Central Hall - Saturday 8th July 2023
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm - Tickets £18
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group



Wymondham Helicopter Group presents

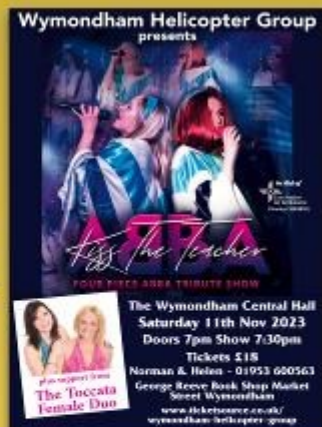
'An Evening of The Four Seasons'
A Tribute to The Four Seasons

The Wymondham Central Hall
Saturday 16th Sept 2023
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm - Tickets £18
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group

plus support from
The Vibettes
Temptation

**Evening of
Four
Seasons
16th Sept**

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



Wymondham Helicopter Group presents

Kiss the Teacher

YOUR FAVORITE ABBA TRIBUTE SHOW

The Wymondham Central Hall
Saturday 11th Nov 2023
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm
Tickets £18
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group

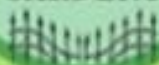
plus support from
The Toccata Female Duo

**Tickets: Norman & Helen - 01953 600563
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street
www.ticketsource.co.uk/
wymondham-helicopter-group**

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

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023

**HETHERSETT
OPEN
GARDENS**



**Step inside for one day
only to explore the private
and community gardens
of Hethersett**

10AM-4PM

**Garden market
plus
refreshments at
the Village
Hall**

**Entry pays for
a Map and
programme
available at the
Village Hall on the
day**

**Entry £4 per
person
Children
free**

**Funds raised will go to supporting Hethersett community green
projects including 'The Back Garden'.**

**For an application form to include your garden, please visit the Parish
Council website, email hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com
or call 07902322729**



England's Fairy Tale Castle

Herald columnist John Head tells us about another fairytale castle—this time in England.

IN last month's Hethersett Herald I talked about King Ludwig II and his fairy-tale castles especially Neuschwanstein. Our fairy-tale castle in England has always been accredited to Corfe Castle except it is a ruin whereas Neuschwanstein remains, not only as a castle, but a palace.

I have visited Corfe Castle over the ages and it has never lost its fascination.

Depending on the weather it can be magical, mystical, and even spooky in the early morning and evening as it floats across the skies of Dorset.

It is located on the Isle of Purbeck, now a peninsula in South Dorset which also includes some of the other country's best loved landmarks, Swanage, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door.

Corfe Castle was built with the



distinctive white Purbeck Limestone in the 11th Century which, following the resultant damage by the Parliamentarian in the Civil War and years of erosion, has given it the many unique shapes which change as you walk around it or look up to it from the village of Corfe Castle. It can also be reached by the Swanage Heritage Railway which operates full-size steam and diesel passenger trains along the five and a half miles of line from Norden to Corfe Castle and down to the Victorian seaside town of Swanage.

You can see a photograph of the heritage railway on page 88.

Brief History

Corfe Castle was built by William the Conqueror in around 1066 but legend has it that the Saxon Hall stood on the site where Edmund the Martyr was murdered in 987. This adds to the

atmosphere of the place.

It was expanded by Edward I in the 12th Century who built the imposing keep. King John further fortified it and used it as a prison and royal residence.

It was sold by Elizabeth I in 1572 and became the home of Sir Christopher Hatton and later, in 1635, Sir John Bankes.

Its demise into its current ruined state came with the advent of the English Civil War when it finally fell under siege in 1648 to the Parliamentarians and may have been further intentionally damaged by them.

The ruins were handed back to the Bankes family who retained it before gifting it to the National Trust in 1982 where its romantic ruins can now be explored sitting high above a natural 'motte', with many of its original features still well preserved

The following photographs were taken when I walked around England's fairy-tale castle in 2017.

On this and subsequent pages are pictures of the castle and the village taken on various visits.

Photographs are from my personal collection except for Swanage Heritage Railway approaching Corfe Castle: Swanage Heritage Railway.

My trip 1971



1988



2017



Swanage Heritage Railway



The village of Corfe Castle taken from Corfe Castle





Business Opening Hours

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

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

Group Meeting Dates

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



Come and Join Us
at the

Coffee Stop

9am to 12pm
Every Wednesday

Hethersett Methodist Church

Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB

is offering

a Gathering Space

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

a Coffee

(Tea and Squash is also available!)

a Warm Welcome

Nature Nurtured



Above and opposite are the results of the March litter pick when 27 volunteers collected 20 bags of rubbish from around the village as part of the great South Norfolk clean-up.

Pictures by Dr Anne Edwards

Work is continuing on the Back Garden at the rear of the village hall.

Dr Anne Edwards took the picture opposite showing structures being put in place.

The garden is named after the well known Back family which contributed a huge amount to the village over many years.

Many members of the family are buried in Hethersett churchyard.



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