

Improvements All The Way

IT was a case of improvements all the way for Hetherset in July as new structures rubbed elbows with new initiatives aimed at enhancing the village.

A sunny Sunday saw a new community garden project launched at the back of the village hall on the disused former skateboard park. A lottery grant of over £5,000 will help environmentalists see their dreams come true.

On a similar theme, youngsters from Hetherset VC Primary School have taken over a cottage garden project at Park Farm Hotel that will see them producing their own vegetables thanks to a grant from Waitrose Supermarket.

Structure-wise, there is a new bus shelter on the B1172 close to the junction with New Road. This has replaced the previous brick structure which was demolished after being hit by a car.

Weary travellers will also be able to rest thanks to a new bench provided by Hetherset Parish Council at the back of Kett's Oak on the B1172. You can read

about all these stories inside this edition of Hetherset Herald.

As the summer really began to take off, local schools held their first fetes since lockdown and the crowds also turned out for the fete and dog show at Hetherset Jubilee Youth Club in Back Lane. These are also covered in this edition.



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A Message From The Editor

HELLO EVERYONE

There's always something going on in Hethersett and I hope that is fully reflected in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

It seems that nobody in our village rests on their laurels which has always suggested something painful to me.

It seems that July brought wall to wall heat and very little rain and it was good to see school fetes bursting into life once more.

Did you know that we now have British champions in our village? If you're not sure what I'm talking about, turn to page 10 where you can read all about it. With so much going on, it's difficult to pick specific things out, although I was excited to hear that work will start on demolishing the old pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field. Work will then start on building the new state of the art pavilion which should be complete by next Spring.

This is long overdue and is thanks to the hard work of playing field trustees, parish councillors and many others.

The existing pavilion has long been an eyesore and a blot on the landscape. Hethersett deserves better and now it looks as if our dreams of first class sporting and community facilities will come true. We will be there with our camera to take regular shots of the progress of the building.

There's also some good news with regards to the massive coming work on the Thickthorn interchange. It has been suggested that there should be a

concerted effort over a nine day period to undertake the work with the road completely shut for that amount of time. Apparently this idea replaces the kind of "we'll get round to it when we feel like it" work that sees stretches of road closed for years.

It's still difficult to comprehend that nine days' total closure can take the place of about three years of work. But we shall see, although it will still necessitate some temporary closures after that.

It was nice during the month to meet some youngsters from Hethersett VC Primary who have taken over a vegetable garden at Park Farm Hotel. You can read about this in this edition.

I have many happy memories of the school as a parent, as a member of the PTA and latterly as a governor and chair of governors. It will always have a special place in my heart.

Finally I would like to welcome Sarah Lawrence as an Associate Editor of Hethersett Herald. Sarah works extremely hard on many areas of village life and will be reporting on various aspects of village life as well as continuing with her regular column— Sarah's World.

PETER



Growing Their Own

PUPILS from Hethersett VC Primary School will soon be able to enjoy home-made vegetables and produce thanks to a partnership with Park Farm Hotel and Waitrose Supermarket.

Year Five youngsters will be tending a vegetable garden at Park Farm Hotel.

A sextet of three girls and three boys will be looking after a large plot following a public appeal for help from the hotel.

Lockdown and staff shortages meant that Park Farm had vegetable space that they couldn't use. The hotel appealed on social media for a group to come forward and teacher Paul

Mardell, himself a keen gardener, applied. At the same time the school put in for a community award from Waitrose.

Now the youngsters, who were picked at random from volunteers, will form the basis of a school gardening club and will tend the beds after school and possibly at weekends. Teaching Assistants Natalie Crockart, Caroline Lightwing and Michelle Lemmon are supporting them.

The youngsters admitted that they were excited about the idea of growing their own vegetables.

"It reminds me of time I spent in the garden with my grandad and that makes me happy," said one.

"I just love being outside and helping to



Tending the vegetable garden at Park Farm Hotel will be Ilyana Durrant, Harriet Skuse, Ellie Barton-Foskett, Chenloh, Ethan Walford and Hayden Barnes.

make things grow," said another.

The youngsters are starting by planting different varieties of lettuce, chard and sprouting broccoli. They will also plant wildflowers and lavender to attract bees and other creatures. Other things such as bug hotels will be created.

Lucy Gowing from Park Farm said: "It will be wonderful to see the vegetable garden brought back to life again. We had this area and were keen to share it."

At the presentation of a cheque for

£500, Natalie Crockart spoke about the benefits to children in becoming involved with growing produce in an outdoor environment and said the whole school would be taking an interest and learning from the project. Deanna Abrahamson and Cindy Applegate from Waitrose said they were delighted to support a local initiative from their community fund.

Produce harvested from the vegetable garden could find its way onto lunchtime plates at the school.



Community Project Launched



THE disused skateboard park at the back of Hethersett Village Hall has been adopted by an environmental group keen to turn it into a community garden.

The plans, which are subject to any necessary planning permissions, have been boosted by a National Lottery grant of over £5300.

Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) plan to turn the neglected area into a garden that can be used by the whole community. The area has been on the radar of HEAT since it was closed and skateboarding equipment removed after being declared dangerous.

HEAT members are looking to include planting areas, public seats and benches along with environmentally friendly plants and a re-cycling programme under the catchphrase



“bringing the buzz back to Hethersett” as David Walpole explained:

“The idea is to re-cycle and re-purpose everything. Very little will be thrown away as we provide a garden for local people to enjoy.”

Parish councillor and fellow HEAT member Sarah Lawrence said: “We have no real garden space at home and so the community garden will be

an excellent space for ours and other families.”

The lottery grant of £5360 has been augmented by another £105 from a recent garage sale at the home of David and Jenny Walpole and a few other contributions to take the amount available to over £5600.

The group intend leaving the asphalt in place to make the garden accessible for people in wheelchairs with the idea of providing both a garden and a place for people to sit and chat.

The plan was launched with an information afternoon. HEAT is looking for a name for the new area. Suggestions to date include “Back Garden” in recognition to the part played by the Back family in the history of Hethersett; School View Garden as the area overlooks Woodside School and HEAT’S Haven.

It is also hoped to incorporate some of the structures left behind at Woodside School’s old site in Firs Road when it moved to its current location in North Hethersett.

Parish Councillor Eileen Mulvaney is currently working on a full bio-diversity action plan for the village which will be put before the parish council in due course.

Our photographs show supporters at the open Sunday event along with photographs of the area as it is at the moment and before the work on a new



garden starts in earnest.

We will keep you up to date on the progress being made.



One picture of the skateboard park which will become a garden.

Thickthorn May Be Supercharged

PLANS to revamp and improve the Thickthorn interchange could be supercharged, according to the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

The newspaper reported on a possible “radical rethink” that would see the bulk of the project carried out in just nine days.

The major upgrade could see construction work concentrated into a short time span with the junction totally closed for nine days rather than motorists suffering the problems of regular partial closures—something that has already blighted the flow of traffic on the A11 and brought a considerable amount of additional traffic along the B1172.

Originally it was envisaged that delays at the junction could last for up to three years. Apart from the nine day closure there could be a few more overnight closures.



This colourful display was captured at Ivan Fisher's Funeral Home.

Riders in Plea For Dogs To Be Kept On Leads

A LOCAL horse riding group has appealed for dog owners to keep their pets on leads when around horses.

We have highlighted in the past the problem of horses being spooked by dogs off their lead in fields in and around Hethersett.

Now the Great Melton Horse Riders' group has appealed for dogs to be kept under control.

"We are a local horse-riding group and we share use of some tracks, particularly in the area of the fishing lake, with pedestrians and dog walkers.

"Loose dogs can cause problems with horses spooking, which can be dangerous for dogs and their owners, as well as for riders and their horses. For everyone's safety and enjoyment of the countryside it would be much appreciated if owners could please put their dogs on leads when they are near horse riders," said Heather Parker from the group.

Do You
Have a Guest
Staying With You
from
Ukraine?



Hethersett Methodist Church
Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB

is offering

a Gathering Space

a Coffee

(Tea and Squash is also available!)

a Warm Welcome

Come and Join Us
at the

Coffee Stop

9am to 12pm
Every Wednesday

Simply Champion

Hethersett Takes Three National Titles

HETHERSETT has no fewer than three British Cycle Speedway titles following an extraordinary day's racing in Leicester.

Under sweltering temperatures, riders from throughout the country came together for the Little League and Individual Cycle Speedway Championships.

Five Hawks completed and brought home three British titles to make it the most successful day in the club's 56-year history.

The Hethersett five were: Austin Brailey, Oscar Copeland, Luca El-Labany, Nyla El-Labany and Ronnie Harding.

Hawks' first champion was six-year-old Nyla El-Labany. She pitted her abilities against much bigger opponents but stormed the field to take the Girls Under-Eights' title. Nyla also finished third in the Under-10s Girls event.

The Individual Under-10s event saw 32 riders taking part in the quarter-finals. Oscar Copeland, Ronnie Harding and Austin Brailey all rode well and finished in the top half. But it was Luca El Labany who soared through to the semi-finals. He then qualified comfortably for the final against three of the top riders in the age group in the country.

Just 36 seconds was all it took for Luca to prove that he is the best Under-10



rider in the country when he passed the chequered flag, winning the title by some distance.

Austin, Oscar, Ronnie and Luca then combined to win the Under-10s team title. Sarah Brailey takes up the story:

“Oscar, Austin and Ronnie had all ridden eight rides each and Luca ten so we had no idea how they were going to cope. Legs aching, hot and tired, they had a short break to try and find some energy for four winning rides each.

“They knew they had a chance but it was going to take a lot of concentration and knuckling down – quite a lot to put onto the shoulders of four nine year old boys. They walked out to the grid by themselves but knowing they had to do

this for the team. Whilst the adults around them were a bundle of nerves, the boys remained calm, focussed and lined up at the starting grid with a look of determination on their faces and rode the most mature, smooth and efficient races of their lives.

“It wasn’t easy and by the half-way point, Coventry and Hethersett were tied at 22 points each. Did this phase us? Well, yes, it phased the adults but not the boys. A bunch of nine year olds – who would have believed it – they’re only kids but they were a brilliant team.

Watching them cheer each other on, they each individually knew what they had to do and they each went out and did it. Seeing them encouraging each other and jumping up in the air hugging so many times was amazing.

Ronnie was the one who kept coming out with the motivational one-liners each time a rider went out and checking they were alright after a tough race.

“Austin had a race started three times due to crashes at the corner and on the fourth re-start was caught round the neck by start tapes that didn’t go up properly but kept his composure and rode to a brilliant win. Before we knew it we were the Under-10 British Team Champions and it was the perfect end to the perfect day.

“After celebrating topping the podium it was clear that those five children were walking away having earned the respect of each and every person at that track.



“Luca, Nyla, Austin, Ronnie and Oscar all rode brilliantly but the whole ethos and spirit of our club led to this. From the coaches, committee members, volunteers, parents and all the riders. Everyone who has coached them, cheered them on, ridden with them, told them to go faster, helped with their gating, yelled about their cornering, filled their water bottles and taken them to matches – this was a team effort.

That’s why Hethersett Hawks soared back to Norfolk with three British titles. These children are the future of our club and that future is bright.

There’s plenty more Hawks news starting on page 29 of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Rest For The Weary Traveller

WEARY travellers walking or cycling between Hethersett and Wymondham will be able to have a rest on a bright new green bench provided on the cycle/walking path off the B1172 and at the back of the historic Kett's Oak.

The bench has been funded by Hethersett Parish Council following a request from a resident.



Meanwhile a new bus shelter has sprung up on the B1172 opposite the junction with New Road. This replaces the brick structure which was knocked down by a car. The cost of the new shelter has been met by insurance money and you can view a photograph on the next page of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

In With The New

The old brick bus shelter on the B1172 close to the junction with New Road, which was badly damaged after being hit by a car, was demolished a number of months ago

and has been replaced by this bright green one which sprung up during the month.

The cost of the new shelter is being met through insurance.



Work To Start On New Pavilion

WORK to provide a new state of the art pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field will start on 16th August.

The work will start with the erection of fencing and safety measures before work on demolishing the existing building begins on 22nd August.

During this initial period about one third of the car park will be taken up by builders' equipment. This will diminish as work progresses. It is hoped to hire temporary toilets. Nearby residents will be sent a letter informing them of the work.

Trustees of the Memorial Playing Field are looking to "sell bricks" during the building process in order to raise additional funds.

The Sun Shone And The Fun Went On and On

Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence reports from the Woodside School Fete and managed to find time to take the photographs as well.

ON July 2nd, Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School opened up its gates for the first time to the general public for its Summer Fayre. This year's Fayre was special in that it was the first one held in three years (with the last one being held in 2019) and because it was the first one held on the



HETHERSETT
Woodside Primary and Nursery School
Summer Fayre

£4,907.45 raised!

July 2nd July 2022
11am - 2pm

Face Painting	Welly Wanging
BBQ	Bouncy Castle
Ice Cream Van	Licensed Bar
Games	Coconut Shy

Fire Engines - Treasure Hunt - 100 squares - Cafe - Inflatable obstacle course -
Puzzle Sheet Bar - Tombola - and so much more!

Parking available at Hethersett Academy (Churchfields)
Entry to fayre through main school entrance on Coachmaker Way

new site on Coachmaker Way, after the school moved in September 2020 from its Firs Road premises.

The sun chose the right day to shine while former Headteacher Angela Jermy opened

up the Fayre by saying a few words about how much love she has for Woodside and issuing a thank you to everyone involved in organising the event.

There was plenty to do, with a Fire Engine to look at and climb into, a team from Circushead teaching CPR techniques and performances by Zumba and dance groups, choir and uke groups, with Friends of Woodside School member Kerry MacRae announcing proceedings (and overseeing dance challenges) on the mic.

The school governors were on the gate taking entrance fees, selling raffle tickets and filling up a 100 square, and volunteers on the day (both adult and child) manned the stalls around the school hall and field, with the ever-popular tombola being the biggest draw, sitting right next to the bar tent! The stalls were all really well received with a varied selection ranging from face-painting to splat the rat to tin can alley.





Photographs by Sarah Lawrence





Donations from parents meant that the teddy tombola, lucky bags and others were a success too. There was rarely a moment that the BBQ station was without a queue, it's not the most pleasant job on a hot day, but the guys were still managing to keep smiles on their faces!

A selection of Year Five children also had tables at the Fayre, with them putting the time to use by selling items they had made or running stalls after taking part in their Enterprise project. Children doing the Enterprise project were given £5 and then asked to use it to make a profit. There were stalls selling riddles, smoothies, cupcakes and pancakes and even one selling dog treats.

The children all did really well, I know several sold out. The kitchen was busy as well, with the school hall opened up and refreshments sold. Much beloved former school cook Mandy even made a return to help by baking cakes and serving food. More cake donations from school families meant that even more money could be made for the school

coffers, it was very much appreciated. After crunching the numbers, it was announced a few days later that an incredible £4,907.45 was raised from the event, which will go towards helping to fund activities for the children during their time at the school, and purchase new equipment.

The Friends of Woodside Primary and Nursery School would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person or business that turned up to support on the day, donated items to sell or raffle off and took time to volunteer in any capacity. I would also like to thank the FOWS for organising this wonderful event. People often don't realise how much time, effort and stress goes into organising events such as this one! You've all done an amazing job with people commenting on the All Things Hethersett Facebook group about how much of a good time they had and how well organised it was. The date for next year's Summer Fayre has already been earmarked for 24th June, but perhaps we'll have a small break before we start to think about planning that one.

The Day A Flame Lit Up Hethersett

Part of the following story written by the editor appeared in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

THOUSANDS of bleary-eyed residents of Hethersett dragged themselves out of bed ten years ago for an experience that is unlikely to ever be repeated. Almost half of the village turned up at what was then Hethersett High School (now Hethersett Academy) on July 5th, 2012, to see a tiny flame in a lantern.

But this wasn't just any old flame. This was the Olympic Torch making its first off route visit in the history of the Games and it was all in recognition of Hethersett's outstanding support of the Olympics when it was heralded for organising more events per head of population than any other village, town or city in the UK.

It was 6 am in the morning when the flame arrived with an escort from the Metropolitan Police. Residents had been asked to turn up by 5.30 am and over 2,000 took up the invitation. The main man behind the flame visit was Hethersett resident Shane Hull who admitted that it was a surreal experience.

"It was a surreal experience at 5.30 in the morning to see so many people making their way to the High School from every direction. I remember distinctly that all the litter bins had to be removed in the village because of the



fear that somebody would plant a bomb in one of them," Mr Hull said adding that it wasn't until 10 minutes before the arrival of the flame that he was told he would be parading it round the school's tennis court. Over 200 individual flags representing virtually every country in the world were also on display.

"All the planning had involved the flame

being carried round by a Met Police officer. It was a wonderful shock to be told that I would be the one to carry it round. I think that was possibly the plan all along.”

It was a heady few years for “Olympic village Hethersett.” Shane Hull first had “the crazy idea” of bringing the flame to Hethersett in 2007, five years before the London Olympics. After much planning, cajoling, many phone calls and numerous high powered meetings at the seat of British government, the dream began to become reality. An Olympic Committee was founded in the village around 2010 and set about organising numerous and very varied events.

These included a 24-hour swimming marathon, a come and try sports event on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field, a Hethersett’s Got Talent show, church services, flower festivals, concerts, a ladies five-a-side football tournament and the introduction of a two mile funrun which continues to this day.

Such was the village support for the London Olympics that Hethersett received a visit from Sir Keith Mills who was at the time deputy chairman of London 2012. He presented the village



The top picture shows some of the crowd that welcomed the Olympic flame. Below youngsters who took part in a 24 hour swimming marathon.

with an Inspire Mark and Hethersett also received a letter of support from chairman of London 2012, Lord Coe.

A year before the arrival of the actual Olympic flame, Mr Hull brought the historic 1948 Olympic torch to the village from its home at Loughborough University where it was passed around every pupil of the village’s four schools

which in those days were Hethersett High, Hethersett Junior, Hethersett Woodside and Hethersett Old Hall. Pupils at the High School also entered into the spirit by designing and making their own Olympic torch with the help of village blacksmith Reggie Loveday and a special Hethersett Olympic art print was drawn by a Norfolk artist.

A spokeswoman for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) said at the time: "The flame's visit is our way of saying 'thank you' to Hethersett for its outstanding contribution to the London 2012 Games."

Even after the games, the Olympic legacy shone brightly in Hethersett as the Olympic Committee changed its name to the Olympic Legacy Committee and continued to organise events for a number of years. The round the square funrun is still in existence with plans to resurrect it in 2023 for its 10th running and the first since lockdown.

Hethersett was awarded a Big Society award for its support of the Olympics and Shane Hull was amongst those who travelled to Downing Street to receive the award from the then Prime Minister David Cameron.

Mr Hull still has vivid memories of the day he showed the Olympic flame to Hethersett people despite the fact that it took only 10 minutes for the whole visit before the flame returned to its scheduled route to the Olympic Park.

"To use a cliché I was over the moon. The flame's visit was the culmination of something I had been dreaming about for five years. We really caught



Shane Hull with the Olympic Flame





people's imagination and it put Hethersett on the national and international map. I was very proud of what we achieved," he said.

Much of the memorabilia from the event is on permanent display in Hethersett Library.

The photograph on the left shows finishers at the end of the 2021 two mile village funrun which was held in heavy rain which failed to

dampen the spirits of those supporting the Olympic Games.

Village Screen Returns

HETHERSETT Village Screen is preparing for its Autumn/Winter season with a number of top class films to tickle the taste buds.

First in the series will be *The Courier* on September 4th and this will be followed by *Operation Mincemeat* on October 2nd, *Downton Abbey*—A New Era on November 6th and *The Railway Children* Return on December 4th.

All films take place in Hethersett Village Hall on a Sunday afternoon at 3 pm and are subject to possible change owing to licensing matters beyond the control of the organisers.

We will be featuring each month's films in future editions of *The Herald*.

The Courier is a 2020 historical spy film directed by Dominic Cooke. It stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Greville Wynne and is based on the true story of a British businessman who was recruited by the Secret Intelligence Service to be a



message conduit with a Russian spy source Oleg Penkovsky (played by Merab Ninidze) in the 1960s.



Sunshine and Fun

THE sun shone as fete Saturday returned to Hethersett VC Primary School after the enforced lockdown break.

All the usual ingredients of a traditional fete were there with candy floss, face painting and stalls created by the various school year groups.

Local businesses sold homemade gifts, candles, jewellery and much more and the school choir and dance group entertained along with performances from the Stella School of Dance. We hope you enjoy our photographic coverage.

Photographs by
Agnieszka Witek







Winners All The Way

Number One on
the Scarecrow
Trail



Words and Photographs by Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence

The votes are in and It's time to announce the winners of the Hethersett Scarecrow Trail 2022. Top in the public vote was 1, Harman Close. The Best Adult made was at Whitehouse Farm, the Best Child Made was at 28 Lynch Green, the Funniest Scarecrow was at 6, Park Green and the Best Use of Reusable and Recyclable Materials was 6, Recreation Road

Well done to all of our winners, but well done and thank you to all of our hosts. It really was the most difficult decision to choose winners!



Hethersett Awaits The Verdict

THE judging is over and Hethersett awaits the results. We are talking about the Hethersett in Bloom entry as Jill Williams explained:

“On the 13th July two judges from Anglia in Bloom came to Hethersett to assess our entry to the Anglia in Bloom competition. Despite our initial nervousness, Julia Smith and Joan Gibson put us at our ease and it became an informal and relaxed event. We got the chance to explain the rationale behind our planting decisions and to discuss the plants in as much detail as we wanted. They gave us no hint as to their evaluations, of course, but we will find out their award decisions on 7th September, and detailed written feedback some time in October. Below one of the judges, Julia Smith, comments on the visit to our village.

IT was a pleasure to come to Hethersett (a first visit for us both) to see the horticultural efforts of Hethersett in Bloom and to act as Judges for Anglia in Bloom.

Anglia in Bloom is the leading environmental group in East Anglia and we work with and are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society. We have core pillars of Horticultural Excellence, Environmental Responsibility and Community and it is against these criteria that marks are awarded.

We were met by Jill and Sue at Woodcote, a sheltered housing area and, after a welcome cup of coffee provided by Broadland Housing manager, Stephen Baxter, were given a presentation by Jill about the horticultural methods used and the planting plans effected by Jill with assistance from some residents mainly Nick and Rebbekah.

A tour of the planting at Woodcote followed with the sunny border outside the coffee lounge being the first stop.

Planting of the same species but of different varieties gave interest with



The planter outside Hethersett Methodist Church praised by the judges.

differing heights and graduated colours. The woodland, shady garden was next on the itinerary - a very different but equally pleasant area.

Our next stop took us to the Methodist Church where a raised planter in a previously unused and dull area has raised the profile of the site behind a bus stop.

The planting was again very well planned and interesting. We then met members of the Wednesday coffee

morning, open to all, and the Church Minister and chatted about further plans for horticultural improvements.

We didn't see a great deal of the village although we had been told about work by other environmental groups and we could see that there is potential for future horticultural sites particularly around the shops and businesses.

The Award for Hethersett will be announced on 7th September at the Anglia in Bloom Awards Day and this will be a significant step towards future environmental development.



Busy Time For Hawks

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages have had a busy few weeks with racing every weekend, sometimes twice, and including riders at Poole plus a couple of Wednesday local Grand Prix and twice weekly training sessions.

All of this while some key personnel were unavailable at times so it was good to see members and parents step in to help

Newcomers continue to take an interest, usually on the Saturday morning sessions and the most rewarding has been our new Ukrainian girl Yeva Makieieva who has really taken to the sport and been warmly welcomed with her mum into the Hawks "family".

It was good to see the training group all chanting her name when she did a time trial. And she has learned key English words like "Under Starters Orders" and "Pedal"!

After the success of the Rod Witham Memorial event disaster struck the next day when Hawks captain Leigh Cossey suffered a serious knee injury in a freak accident at Leicester in the Will Burns Memorial Pairs event.

He has had an operation and is now recovering at home and it was good to see him at the track supporting the Hawks at the end of June.

The visit to Poole to contest the British Club Championships saw five riders make the trip - less than was hoped

but the Hawks still competed in all the events they had entered even if only one rider was present in what were pairs events. This commitment saw the Hawks finish unofficially 8th in the overall competition, ahead of many of the country's established clubs. Full results -

UNDER-12

Poole 39, Kesgrave B 35, Sheffield 32, Kesgrave A 31, Newport 27, Leicester 20, Hethersett 15 (Lola Martin 15).

UNDER-16 BOYS

Kesgrave 41, Exeter 36, Poole 34, Southampton 31, Horspath 23, Ipswich 22, Hethersett 17 (Mason Martin 17).

VETERANS

Leicester B 39, Leicester A 34, Poole 33, Exeter 32, Newport 29, Sheffield 22, Hethersett 14 (Dave Martin 14).

OPEN SEMI-FINAL

Poole 56, Horspath 52, Coventry 40, Exeter 27, Hethersett 24 (Mason Martin 7, Paul Delaiche 6, Ollie Buxton 6, Dave Martin 5).

The following weekend saw Hellingly Lions from Sussex at the Memorial Playing Field for South-East League Division 2 and Youth League fixtures and, after hard-fought matches, the Hawks were victorious in both.

The Division 2 match saw the return of former junior prospect George Larter-Dixon. After 10 heats there were only three points between the teams but five heat wins in a row saw the Hawks

home comfortably by 20 points.

Veteran Glyn Morgan featured in four heat wins, the only points he dropped were as a result of an exclusion.

HETHERSETT 89 HELLINGLY 69

(Paul Delaiche 20, Harley Hamill 17+2, Mason Martin 16+1, Glyn Morgan 14+2, George Larter-Dixon 11+1, Dave Martin 11+1).

With George also bolstering the Youth team and Mason Martin also playing a full part shepherding Matthew Sidell to two 7-3 wins, the Hawks were able to build up a steady advantage until a 3-7 reverse in heat 7 put the pressure on. However, some solid rides, notably from Aiesha Musa, saw the Hawks home and stretched the lead to 10 points with a 7-3 win in the last heat.

HETHERSETT U16 70 HELLINGLY U16 60

(Mason Martin 18+2, George Larter-Dixon 18+1, Aiesha Musa 11+1, Matthew Sidell 9, Lola Martin 6+1, Luca El Labany 5, Will Clarke 2, Oscar Copeland 1).

Those wins gave the squads confidence as they set off to Eaton Park the following weekend for an eagerly-awaited local derby against friendly rivals Norwich Stars.

The Hawks were fortunate to have the availability of Dan Martin, on leave from the Army, and Harrison Bacon, making his debut after a winter transfer from Ipswich.

This gave the Hawks a solid six and they only lost a couple of races just before the interval before giving reserves a ride in the final heat. A nine

-point lead established by heat 4 set the platform and it was eight points at the finish. Mason Martin was again outstanding.

NORWICH B 75 HETHERSETT 83

(Mason Martin 18, Daniel Martin 16, Harrison Bacon 14+1, Harley Hamill 13+4, Dave Martin 11+2, Glyn Morgan 8+3, Aiesha Musa 2, Lola Martin 1).

The Youth League match was a very tight affair with Mason Martin stepping down to reserve. He came in for four rides and his 7-3 with Will Clarke in heat 9 brought the Norwich lead down to four points.

So it remained going into the final heat but the Norwich pair were canny to let Mason go and preserve the 5-5 and secure a match win.

NORWICH U16 67 HETHERSETT U16 63

(Mason Martin 15+1, Aiesha Musa 14+1, Will Clarke 13, Luca El Labany 9, Lola Martin 7, Ameila Dodson 3, Austin Brailey 2).

The Hawks took this form into the next matches at home to Ipswich and were bolstered by a cameo appearance from Ben Collins and a temporary return by Charlie Lyth who now lives in Essex.

Ben was certainly in the thick of the action being involved in restarts but recovering to remain unbeaten. Charlie looked okay at times but a bit rusty and there were some good moments from the other comeback rider George Larter-Dixon.

The Harley Hamill / Ben Collins pairing scored two 7-3 wins in the first five heats and they eased the Hawks

into an eight-point lead. With Mason Martin in unbeatable form, Hawks were able to maintain that advantage. Ross Carman finally made a team debut after two years of training sessions.

HETHERSETT 85 IPSWICH B 75

(Mason Martin 20, Harley Hamill 16+3, Ben Collins 15+1, Paul Delaiche 13+1, Charlie Lyth 10+1, George Larter-Dixon 9, Ross Carman 2).

There was success too for the Youth team with a 7-3 win by Mason and Lola Martin in heat 3 setting them on their way and young Ronnie Harding winning heat 6 protected by George Larter-Dixon.

The Aiesha Musa / Luca El Labany pairing also showed some good tactics. Will Clarke was also well involved in the latter stages.

HETHERSETT U16 74 IPSWICH U16 56

(Mason Martin 16+3, George Larter-Dixon 15+3, Luca El Labany 10, Aiesha Musa 9+2, Lola Martin 9, Ronnie Harding 8, Will Clarke 7+1).

After missing Round 4 at Hellingly, five Hethersett riders competed in Round 5 of the South East Grand Prix at the rarely used Somersham track and all reached "A" Finals in their categories.

Luca El Labany won the Under-10s but it was his sister Nyla who stole the show. Months ago she was a very nervous beginner but she has improved so much and finished runner-up in the Under-8s.

Austin Brailey was fourth in the Under-10s while Aiesha Musa and Amelia Dodson were 2nd and 4th respectively

in the Girls' category.

Two local Wednesday Grand Prix evenings have been held. The younger age groups were in action at Harford Park and Nyla and Luca did the El Labany family double winning the Under-8s and Under-10s. Remy Davies and Alfie Gunn were 2nd and 3rd in the Under-8s while Ronnie Harding and Oscar Copeland did likewise in the Under-10s. Austin Brailey beat Arlo Davies in the "B" Final. Aiesha Musa (2nd) and Amelia Dodson (4th) contested the Under-13 Final.

For the older age groups at Hethersett, all 11 riders contested heats together before splitting into finals.

Aiesha Musa won the Girls by default and, with some Under-16s electing to race in the Seniors, Will Clarke, Lola Martin and Jamal Musa took the minor places in the "A" Final.

It was a good decision for Mason Martin as he went on to win the Senior "A" Final followed by Paul Delaiche.

Ross Carman's first competitive action saw him defeat George Larter-Dixon in the "B" Final.

To cap a successful period, Glyn Morgan extended his lead in the Over-60s Eurovets Series by winning the round at Southampton. He also moved up to third place in the Over-50s after a second pace in the "B" Final.

You can read how Hethersett has three British titles by turning to our coverage on page 10 of this edition of Hethersett Herald. Cycle speedway continues through to October.

Dog Show and Youth Club News Update

By Gillian Saunders

What a lovely sound greeted us and dog show organisers at 12pm on 25th June. Lots of excited, happy dogs of all shapes and sizes coming in to register for their classes in the hope of becoming the Best in Show!

Congratulations to

Nelly, the Golden Doodle who won Best Puppy and was Reserve Best in Show.

Zoalie the Siberian Husky who was the Canine Queen and went on to Become Best in Show.

Also to our Canine King **Rory** the Cavalier.

Congratulations to all the dogs who entered. You were all winners and gave Kerry our judge for the day a really difficult job.

The results will be up in the hall shortly in case anyone would like to see who won what class! I am missing the dogs who were the winners of groups one and group two if anyone can help please let me know via the club Facebook page or Peter Steward who I am sure will pass the message on.

Thanks also go to Neville Greenhalgh, the man with the microphone for the day who did a fantastic job hosting the dog show all afternoon and singing for musical sit too! A man of many talents.

Another huge thank you goes to Chris Watt for coming and saving the day with the PA system! It was so good to have a professional on the job!

Although footfall was down this year we had a fun afternoon, especially when the breeze suddenly increased and the

Jubilee Youth Club.

We are looking for new Trustees to join the small group currently serving.

Ideally we are looking for someone who has some time to give to the club to ease the workload, DIY / home maintenance or gardening skills would be especially welcome. However we know that not everyone has these skills but if you have anything to offer please call for an informal chat with me.

We are aware that all our current Trustees are busy people most of whom are already involved in other groups, so ideally we would like people who are perhaps newly retired or suddenly find themselves with a bit of spare time. Perhaps you are new to the village and would like to get involved in the community. It isn't a huge task but I feel we need new blood and people who have a little more time and could help me and Anne our Secretary with things like policy document reviews, visiting club on a Wednesday or Friday evening to help out and just helping Anne and myself with keeping the administration going or Martyn with the maintenance either DIY or liaising with contractors.

You don't have to know anything about Youth Club or young people or hall management! Just a little bit of time and a willingness to work as part of a team.

gazebo nearly ended up in Little Melton! Luckily we were able to take it down before it did. We were pleased with the amount we raised, although a little down on last year, £650 was a good total and increased thanks to a generous anonymous donation. So the budget looks healthier for the next year. A huge thank you to anyone who helped in anyway towards the day from donations of things to selling raffle prizes, selling behind stalls or putting up and taking down tents etc. We really do appreciate you all.

At the end of the school year we are saying goodbye to Rebecca Rout who, along with Lewis, has been leading the Friday night club for those of High School age. We would like to thank her for her perseverance with the club and making some young people very welcome.

We are delighted to welcome Joanne Young to the club and am sure she is going to be a great asset. We appreciate that transition to high school isn't easy and is a big step so if you're in Year 7 in September and want to come on Friday but don't feel ready for the whole evening at first then as long as you let Jo or Lewis know you're leaving early at the start of the evening what time you are going and make sure they know when you leave that is fine.

We are looking for volunteers for both groups to join a rota. You choose how often you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday or Friday. Please leave a message on the club Facebook page and one of us will get in touch.

We also welcome the new Year Fives to club in September and hope you enjoyed your visit before the holidays. I am sure Alahna and Bex will welcome

you and have some exciting activities planned and are also ready to listen to your ideas too. We are looking forward to the start of the postponed garden work at the hall.

Jay from JC and Son landscapers and his team will be working very hard over the summer to create a garden area that can be enjoyed by everyone who uses the hall. We also had a very kind donation from the ladies who arranged the flower festival at St Remigus and the Trustees felt that it would be a lovely thing to do to commemorate Rosie Hubbard's association with the club and St Remigus Church with a seat in the new garden area. We thought that if Rosie had still been here she would have enjoyed spending time tending the garden and helping the young people.

The official opening is planned for **Saturday 17th September at 11 am.** Refreshments will be served and hopefully Peter will take some photos which we can try and get in the local press. There will be things for the young people to make too from bug hotels to bird feeders some of which will have been made in youth club and maybe Brownies too! We hope you will come along and see what has been designed by You Lee of Stephane Lustig Garden Design. You lives in the village so will be very much involved in the creation of her plans and the planting out of the garden. We hope she will also be involved in helping us all to look after our garden.

Finally thank you to all those involved in youth club this year. Have a good summer break and we look forward to welcoming the young people back to club either on a Wednesday or Friday in September.

Another School For Ghana

IN the March edition of Hethersett Herald, we featured an update on the Wulugu project and news that a new school had been opened in North Ghana.

Lynne Symonds from Great Melton contacted us again in June with some more good news.

The Kanshegu Village Primary School was made possible by the generous donation of a Norfolk family who wanted to remember and commemorate a family member who had died.

The family, who asked to remain anonymous paid for the new school and equipped it with desks.

Now Lynne tells us that there has been another donation that will make another school in the area possible.

Lynne thanked them for their “incredible generosity.”

The original donation came following an article in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

We will have more on the Wulugu project in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

Cricketers Back In The Hunt

After a mid season stutter, Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club are back in the promotion hunt. A crazy season saw them win their first six games in the Norfolk Alliance Division One before they lost three in a row to drop to fourth place. But now a run of wins has taken them back into the top two and it looks like being a three horse race for the top two positions.

The top positions at the time of publications are:

Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers Played 14 Points 323

Hethersett and Tas Valley Played 14 Points 284

Sprowston Played 14 Points 264

Hethersett's remaining four fixtures are away to Lowestoft on August 6th, home to Ashmanhaugh on August 13th, away to Acle on August 20th and home to Bradenham on August 27th.

News From The Parish Council

THE scheduled July meeting of Hethersett Parish Council on the 18th was cancelled due to the heatwave.

Writing on Facebook, Chairman Adrienne Quinlan said: "I decided it was unwise to hold tonight meetings as the heat will still be at its height when they are due to start." The meeting was re-scheduled and held at the beginning of August.

Meeting Dates

Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: September 19th, October 17th, November 21st and December 19th.

There is no meeting in August. All meetings for the remainder of the year will be on a Monday. Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm. For other committee dates refer to the council's website which can be accessed at:

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

Committee and full council meetings are open to the public. 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.

News From The Parish Council

Below are details of the 14 parish councillors

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Adrienne Quinlan	8 Childs Road, NR9 3HN	814379
Vice-Chair	Sarah Lawrence	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
Councillors	Katie Adams	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Leslie Dale	46 New Road	810952
	Anne Edwards	6 Queen's Road	812309
	Samantha England	c/o Parish Council Office	07582225895
	Jonathan Looome	6 Miller Close	07799608978
	Chris Morriss	19 Haconsfield	810060
	Eileen Mulvaney	C/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	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
	Bridget Williamson	8 Churchfields	810259

Parish Shorts

The parish council is to make repairs to the fence on Great Melton Close in the centre of the village. Two of the supporting posts have rotted and local residents have used poles and strings to keep the fence panels upright. It was agreed to spend £154.50 on needed repairs to the council owned fence.

Residents are being given the opportunity to remember the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the village by purchasing a special commemorative mug, These were due to be on sale at the Big Jubilee Lunch at the village hall but this had to be cancelled due to wet weather.

Only 36 jubilee mugs were produced and these are to be offered to residents at a special price of £7.50 on a first come first served basis. Posters will be produced for the council website and Facebook page and village noticeboards.

How Can We Save Water?

With long, dry hot summers here to stay, we all need to consider how we can conserve that most precious of commodities – WATER. It's something we all take for granted, but it is in increasingly short supply and certainly adds to household bills if you are on a water meter.

So here are some easy suggestions for saving water – and money!

- Use a bowl in the sink when washing fruit, vegetables or dishes. You can then use the waste water to water your plants.
- Have a container by the sink to catch running water, for example, when you are waiting for the water to run hot or cool down. This can again be used to water your plants.
- Only boil enough water for what you need.
- Turn off the tap when you clean your teeth. A running tap uses up to nine litres of water a minute.
- Wait until you have a full load before using your washing machine or your dishwasher. Some new washing machines use less than seven litres of water for each kilogram of clothes, while modern dishwashers can use as little as 10 to 15 litres of water per cycle.
- If possible, take a shower instead of a bath. Keep your showers short, sweet and water-saving.
- Use a water saving device in your toilet cistern. Depending on the size of your cistern, you could save between one and three litres each time you flush the toilet.
- Use a watering can in the garden instead of a sprinkler or hosepipe. Garden sprinklers and hosepipes left running can use between 500 and 1,000 litres of water an hour.
- Water outdoor plants in the early morning or at the end of the day to stop water immediately evaporating in the heat and sunlight. Water the soil, not the plant, so that the liquid goes straight to the roots, where it is needed. Don't water your lawn – the grass will recover as soon as it rains.
- Check your property regularly for leaks on your internal plumbing and fix your leaky taps.

Be sure not to cut back, however, on the amount of water you drink – it is absolutely essential to keep hydrated in the hot weather.

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.

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Another Whirlwind Month

I FEEL like this month has been another whirlwind! Along with the various bits and pieces I get up to, I've been doing lots of overtime at work. I'm feeling pretty tired now, but thankfully I don't have long to wait until I get some of my annual leave. It feels like forever since I've had time off, but realistically I think it was only around Easter.

I'm looking forward to the holidays, but also dreading them at the same time. I think any parent will tell you about the impending sense of dread about having to keep their children both occupied and fed during the long summer break.

Pride month was in June, a celebration of acceptance and inclusion for our LGBTQ+ friends, family and colleagues. Pride is always a big thing for me. Most readers will know that I am happily married to a man, however, I am very lucky to have friends and family that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. I identify as a keen ally. I saw a quote the other day which I feel totally sums up my opinion, "I'd rather be excluded for who I include, than be included for who I exclude". I am a tiny bit bitter about not being able to attend the Norwich Pride parade this year, but myself and the girls will be there on the next one, proudly waving our rainbow flag.

For the last week of June, Tesco in Hethersett celebrated Pride in our own way. We wore brightly coloured shirts,



The Tesco colouring competition



hoping to spark conversations about why we were doing it. We also hung rainbow flags and invited children to enter a colouring competition where they had to design a t-shirt for Pride.

Sarah's World

We got some wonderful entries, they really helped brighten up the windows! The winner's entries are now in the window having received their prizes.

To round off Pride month, we held a special Pride session at Playgroup where we invited visitors to wear rainbow coloured clothes, and had a special rainbow craft. Before the session, we put a post up on our Facebook group about children's books featuring LGBTQ+ elements too.

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm pretty passionate about diverse children's books, so I feel like a bit of a pro recommending them! The session was really well received. The craft went down especially well. I'm glad, because although it looked quite simple to put together packs, it ended up taking me hours a few evenings before! To further promote inclusivity, we donated £20 of our takings from that session to Norfolk LGBT+ Project, a group who look after families in the area. I like to think we are making a difference beyond our little group!

Obviously another big part of my life over the last few months has been taking part in the organising of the Woodside Summer Fayre, which finally happened on July 2nd. The Chair of the Friends of Woodside (FOWS), Louise Cooper, is a bit of a dab hand at organising fetes and fayres. She's organised lots over the years in her various roles in the FOWS. Louise did the majority of organising with the help



of Joanne Adcock (member of staff and FOWS Treasurer), her mammoth notebook and their list of volunteers, businesses and organisations who help by donating prizes and time, and allowing us to hire equipment from



Sarah's World

them. As much as it was a great day, I'm kind of glad the stress of it is over! In the weeks running up to the event I was plugging it on social media most days, asking for donations or volunteers, attending FOWS meetings (admittedly most were down the pub, but that's neither here nor there) and carrying out various mundane tasks in preparation! I must have wrapped around 60/70, maybe more, lucky dip prizes over the course of two evenings while watching Netflix. I also checked and labelled just under 150 soft toys ready for the teddy tombola. Not that many you say?

Well, consider that tape doesn't stick very well to the material, so I had to tie a piece of string around each one, then attach a tombola ticket to that in turn. Not really a job you can divvy out to your mates, so I was kind of stuck doing it myself! It made it a bit more bearable (no pun intended) when I was told how much was raised.. But you'll have to read my write-up elsewhere in this issue to find out quite how much!

On Sunday 10th July, Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT), one of the committees of Hethersett Parish Council, held an open day at the future home of the Hethersett Community Garden.

Held on the most beautiful but hot day, it attracted many people keen to have a look at the plans for the garden, submit their name ideas (Hethersett Community Garden is just the placeholder while we come up with a permanent name) and see what else



HEAT have been up to. My husband brought along our girls too, who had a go at the 'Find the Bee' activity, finding pictures of bees hidden around the Village Hall green. It was a lovely afternoon celebrating the work of our volunteers and Parish Councillors, and looking forward to all there is to come.

And finally.. To my surprise, I was recently nominated for an award from South Norfolk Council for my volunteer work in the community. The award nomination was 'Community Hero of the Year' and whilst it was really nice to be recognised and nominated, I don't feel like a 'hero' at all, just a person who wants to do good in our community and make my children

Sarah's World

proud! I have since found out that I was nominated for the award by two people, my beautiful friend and fellow volunteer, Charli Alphonso, and our very own Hethersett Herald Editor, Peter Steward. Both are people I respect and admire, so I feel very honoured that they were to think of and nominate little me! The awards ceremony was held at Barnham Broom Golf Club and I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to take my husband with me, as well as my sister and fellow Parish Councillor, Katie and my good friend Jenn. We had a whale of a time! Not one to get dressed and go out much, it gave us the opportunity to put our glad-rags on and rub shoulders with amazing volunteers from all around South Norfolk, Mayors, Councillors and Chrissie Jackson (former Radio Broadland presenter, for those who can remember the days before Heart Norfolk!)

The event started off with Bucks Fizz and mingling in the garden, followed by photos, a meal and then the awards themselves. The awards were so emotional. Not a dry eye in the house, hearing the stories of the inspirational people was so uplifting and I started welling up many times. The last award to be presented was the category that I was nominated for, and I am very proud to say that I was the runner-up to



the extremely deserving Lou Hines who fundraises for youth mental health charities, after the suicide of her own



son became her driving force. At the event, Lou also won a special recognition award for her services to the community. I am very honoured to have been short-listed alongside this courageous woman who has made such a difference to hundreds of lives.

Sarah's World

WE are delighted to announce that Sarah has agreed to become an associate editor of Hethersett Herald.

Her new role will include sending in reports and photographs of Hethersett events as well as continuing with her Sarah's World column.

Sarah has become such an integral part of Hethersett Village life over the past few years in so many roles that it is difficult to remember them all. We are delighted to welcome Sarah as an associate editor.



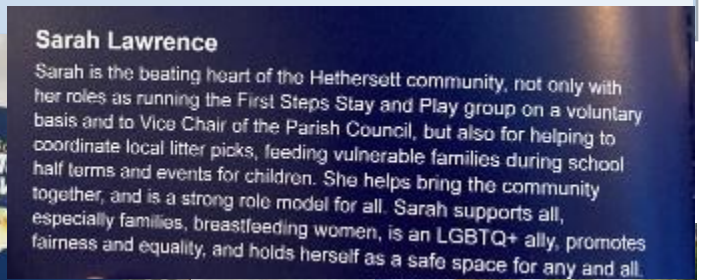
Sarah was a runner-up in the South Norfolk Community Hero of the Year category in the 2022 awards.

She was nominated for her outstanding contribution to Hethersett life through her involvement in a huge variety of village groups. After the presentations Sarah said:

"I am a very proud runner up in the Community Hero of the Year category at the South Norfolk Community Awards 2022. Thank you all for your lovely comments, it's so lovely to be nominated and recognised. I feel very proud to live, work and volunteer in Hethersett."

Sarah Lawrence

Sarah is the beating heart of the Hethersett community, not only with her roles as running the First Steps Stay and Play group on a voluntary basis and to Vice Chair of the Parish Council, but also for helping to coordinate local litter picks, feeding vulnerable families during school half terms and events for children. She helps bring the community together, and is a strong role model for all. Sarah supports all, especially families, breastfeeding women, is an LGBTQ+ ally, promotes fairness and equality, and holds herself as a safe space for any and all





Centenary Celebrations at Church

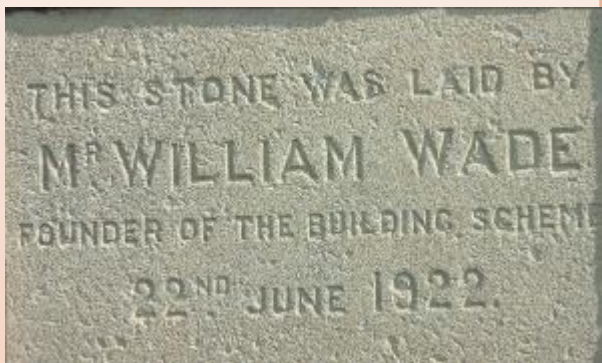
HETHERSETT Methodist Church began the celebration of its centenary with a special family café style service led by the Minister The Rev Steve Cullis and with the theme of friendship and love.

It was also a special day for members of Hethersett Rainbows who attended the service and received badges and certificates.



The church is celebrating the centenary of the beginning of construction of the building in Great Melton Road and also the opening of the church – all of which took place over a five month period in 1922. The centenary celebrations will continue until November.

The church is organising a number of special centenary events of which the service was the first. These include a centenary music and tea afternoon on 22nd September and a harvest thanksgiving service and parade on October 9th.



There will be a special thanksgiving service on 20th November to mark the original opening of the church.

Any proceeds from the “special centenary events” will go towards a toilet twinning project which will see Hethersett supporting the building of toilets in poor communities in different parts of the world, enabling families to have access to a basic toilet and clean water. Funding a toilet can cost as little as £60. Anyone with memories or materials or who would like to obtain more information about the centenary celebrations can contact the church via its website. You can read a history of Methodism in Hethersett starting on the next page.

From The Archives

A History of Methodism in Hethersett



As early as 1792, there were Wesleyan Methodists in Hethersett. The Society was one of 17 which formed the Diss Circuit. At first there was no chapel and, complying with the conditions of the 1689 Toleration Act, the house of Robert Baley (probably in Mill Road) was licensed as a preaching place.

On 1st October, 1817, a Wesleyan chapel was licensed, erected it is said by a Methodist builder who rented it to the Society for £8 a year. It was what is now called the Schoolroom in Great Melton Road but without the extensions.

The Tithe Map of 1846 describes it as a Meeting House. The Hethersett Society had now been transferred to the Norwich Circuit.

In the years following the death of John Wesley there were various secessions from the Wesleyan Methodist Church; the most notable were the Methodist New Connexion (1797), the Primitive Methodists (1810) and the Bible Christians (1815). Others made attempts for reform from within,

particularly the Wesleyan Methodist Association (1835) and the Wesleyan Reformers (1849). These two came together in 1857 to form the United Methodist Free Churches.

In 1858 the Calvert Street Circuit, including Hethersett, separated from the Wesleyans and joined this body. Some objected to too much power being in the hands of the ministers and the denying of responsibility to lay people. Others sought to combine the independence of the congregational system with the supportive role of connexionalism.

There are notes about village Societies that had failed to pay their dues; on one occasion representatives were appointed to visit Hethersett and Weston to "improve the organisation."

Since services had to be sustained in the villages by an itinerant ministry and local preachers, the local Society Steward was a person of some influence and importance. In Hethersett he paid the rent, kept the key and was

From The Archives

said to have power to admit and exclude from the building whom he would.

Robert Richardson was Steward from 1872 to 1909. In 1880 he allowed a temperance lecturer to use the building. To the objectors he said: "I pay the rent and I hold the key, and the teetotaler can have his meeting. Them that don't like it will have to lump it."



George Bunn, a Methodist ploughman who came to live in the village, preached twice a quarter and conducted a weekly class meeting. In 1910 William Wade a local coach builder became Society Steward. He helped to form the first Chapel Trust. It owned the organ, the pulpit Bible and the lamps.

It also purchased some land in the corner of Queen's Road and Lynch Green, for it was feared that the rented site on which the chapel stood might be lost when the land was auctioned on the death of its owner. In fact, it proved to be an unnecessary precaution.¹

On 7th July, 1920, the site including chapel with pitch-pine pews, gallery, platform and pulpit together with four cottages was purchased by the Methodists for £250. The notice of sale described it as a Wesleyan chapel. In fact, there had been no return to the Mother Church. In 1907 three break away connections had come together as the United Methodist Church. Together with the Primitives and the

Wesleyans they were to amalgamate in 1932 to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The previous chapel, which now forms the basis of the extended building of the 1980s, was built in 1922 at a cost of £1,814. The pulpit was made of native oak by C. W. Wiles and John Harvey and the wrought iron gates by C. L. Smith.

The 50th anniversary services were held on 28th and 29th October 1972 and in February the following year there were other events to mark the completion and rededication of the Schoolroom rebuilding. This included storage facilities and a kitchen with classrooms above.

In 1981 numbers of worshippers were increasing and it was felt that the church needed some sort of extension. "Operation New Look" - the fund-raising venture - with grants from bodies in Methodism, and other gifts, raised £123,000 to finance the project.

The church as it is at present (1989) has been turned from north/south to east/west by removing the east wall and building on an extension to the worship area, a General Purposes Room (which can be added into the worship area), toilets, two entrance areas and a vestry. The old vestry and toilet area at the north end was included in the worship area.



A balcony was created and the organ from the Chapel at Keswick Hall was brought in. The old pulpit was used to create a smaller pulpit and the lectern.

The new apse on the west side forms the back of the sanctuary area and the communion rail and the communion table of oak were crafted by Edmund (Teddy) Forster of G. W. Gooch and Sons of Norwich who were the contractors for the alterations.

The pitch-pine pews were removed and chairs are now used in varying formations. The re-opening of the extended and modernised premises took place in October 1983. The premises provide not only for the Methodists of the village but for other groups too. Gradually as the population of the village grew there was disquiet regarding the space available.

The space had seemed so adequate in 1922 but its shoe box shape with narrow central aisle from narrow door to pulpit and organ, prohibited expansion at the entrance and circulation and cloakroom space were quite inadequate.

Matters came to a head in 1970. Even before that date a detailed survey of the premises had made it clear that about £800 a year for the next five years would have to be spent to avoid deterioration.

The result of further discussions showed that a radical solution was necessary. On 1 April 1980 Kenneth James, a local architect, presented a report to a special meeting of the church council. Even minor modifications and improvements would cost £6,000.

A more revolutionary scheme, involving enlargement to a capacity of 175, meant adding length and breadth to the existing church. This, it was said, would cost about £45,000.

The meeting gave general approval, but referred the matter to the property committee for further discussion. On 4th November the council approved a more detailed scheme. One side of the church would be extended into the car park, giving more circulation and cloakroom space and an extra meeting



room. On the wall opposite would be the communion table, flanked by a pulpit and reading desk made from the existing large pulpit. The congregation would be seated in a semi-circle facing the table.

A small gallery was to be provided for the organ. Later an anonymous donor was to present a fine instrument, made available on the closure of Keswick College of Education. Additional gifts of a wooden cross behind the table and an enlargement of the window looking out to the road added to the beauty of the building. As the work began, the amount of the appeal had to be raised to £70,000.

Work started towards the end of 1982. On Saturday 19 March 1983 the stone laying took place. Stones were laid by Mr David Richardson in memory of his parents, who, over the years, had done so much for the church and by Mr Herbert Thrower and Miss Sian Evans

to represent the older and younger members of the congregation.

The formal re-opening and dedication took place on Saturday 22nd October 1983. This was performed by Mr Paul Bartlett Lang, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. Others taking part were the Chairman of the East Anglian District, the Superintendent of the Norwich Circuit, two members of the congregation and the minister, the Rev Brian Dann.

By this time the cost had risen to £126,000. It took four years to reach that target. Grants were obtained from charitable trusts such as the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trust. There were donations from the circuit and some of its churches. There was a loan from the Chapel Aid Department and also interest free loans from members and friends. Events were organised by the "New Look" Committee and individual and group efforts such as dinners,

coffee mornings, sales of work (under various names) were just some of the ingenious means of raising money.

Today the church and its hall is a hub of the community with regular Sunday worship and the hall being used by numerous groups from keep fit to

dementia support. The church also holds a number of regular coffee and social events.

Details of some of these are included below.

Hethersett Methodist Church What's On

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.

The Ecumenical Prayer Group will meet on Monday 8th August at 2.30 pm at St Remigius Parish Church and on Monday 22nd August at 2.30 pm at the Methodist Church

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

Historic Lasting Legacy

ONE of the lasting legacies of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be a special nature trail devised by Hethersett Parish Councillor and leading village environmentalist Dr Anne Edwards.

The historic Platinum Jubilee Walk is in honour of the Queen as Dr Edwards explained:

"We are inviting people to explore our village, discover our history and enjoy our very own Green Canopy. The route takes approximately two hours to complete. It is set along accessible pathways and you can begin at any point and complete it in sections. The trail passes 70 tree species—one for each year of Her Majesty's reign."

The entire trail can be downloaded from Hethersett Parish Council's website at:

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ar816WuemGYqgegpxhxhB19BATzqTaw>



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 taken during his wanderings in and around Hethersett, along with a description from his vivid imagination.

'Elegy in a Country Churchyard' by Thomas Gray

I have always loved 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard' by Thomas Gray. On a July evening I visited St Remigius which was 'Far from the Madding Crowd' (the words come from the Elegy) These are two verses which came to mind as I rested in our churchyard for a while.

Now fades the glimm'ring landscape on the sight,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,
And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds;

Save that from yonder ivy-mantled tow'r
The moping owl does to the moon complain
Of such, as wand'ring near her secret bow'r,
Molest her ancient solitary reign.



**Photographs
from St
Remigius
Churchyard
courtesy of the
John Head
collection.**

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

Billowing white fluffiness between Ketteringham Lane
and Kissing Alley



My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



All photos
courtesy of
John Head.

News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton

Friendly Friday

Our little visitors from Friend In Deed descended on the lounge during the month and it was blissful fun watching all the amazing interactions with their older friends.

They happily showed off their toys and loved making new friends!.

A big thankyou to Friend in Deed for setting it up for us, it's really taking off now!



Music Therapy

Dean Jones came to see us for some music therapy. Our residents enjoyed playing the different instruments to varying rhythms.



News From Hethersett Hall

There were singalongs galore, which of course our residents knew all the words to. Then they were treated to some fantastic singing and even music played live on brass instruments!

Our residents in Memory Lane loved the morning baking session making chocolate fridge cake!

They especially loved bashing the biscuits and mixing it all together, the smell of the melting chocolate, butter and golden syrup was delightful!

The finished product was then left in the fridge to set and was served with their afternoon tea later in the day. Delicious.

Our residents were delighted to try their hand at a bit of flower arranging, "Oh how beautiful" one of our ladies said. A nice mix of colour and a little perfume sprayed onto the artificial flowers gave a real sensory feel.

Trip Out Tuesday

A lovely afternoon was spent at The Ferry Inn at Surlingham Ferry. We enjoyed watching the cygnets on the river while sipping cups of tea.

It was also a nice introduction for our newest activity team member Rachel, welcome to the team.

A few months back we were lucky enough to take part in a joint care home effort to paint our very own GoGoDiscover dino with the charity Break. Our residents had the tail to paint,



News From Hethersett Hall

Afterwards it then travelled to a further three care homes - Woodside, The Warren and Ashfields for them to paint their sections. The final home then coated our dino in a glossy finish to really make it stand out!.

We then we met up with our artistic residents from each home who took part in the painting at Castle Quarter in Norwich to view our Roarsome Foursome Dino in its new home.

You can view a photograph of our Dino below.



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 September 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of August.

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

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

petersteward@sky.com

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Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

Member of Parliament

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

Email - Richard@richardbacon.org.uk.

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

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

South Norfolk Council

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

Hethersett Parish Council

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

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

Agendas of meetings are displayed on village noticeboards at Churchfields, Hethersett Library, Hethersett Post Office, the Memorial Playing Field, and Hethersett Village Hall. Copies of minutes are held at the library or are available from the clerk. The parish council office is currently closed but will eventually be open in the Back Room at the Village Hall (upstairs) on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon.

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

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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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Janey's Village Café -

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

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

Park Farm Hotel

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

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

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

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

Hethersett King's Head

Norwich Road. Food is served every day including Sunday lunch. The venue is now open seven days a week.

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

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

There may be even better value if you go slightly further afield and please note that these prices were checked towards the end of the month but may have changed further before publication.

Once again our advice if you want the best deals is shop around and avoid paying inflated petrol and diesel prices. You could save yourself hundreds of pounds over a year and that's a lot of additional motoring mileage.

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	188.7	-1p	195.7	NC
Tesco Express, Earham Road, Norwich	190.9	NC	196.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	188.9	-1p	195.9	-1p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	188.9	-3p	196.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	187.9	-3p	195.9	-1p
Abbeygate Wymondham	191.9	+1p	199.9	NC
Waitrose Wymondham	191.9	+2p	199.9	+1p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	194.9	NC	199.9	NC

ON a recent holiday to Devon and Cornwall we found that prices in the south were 10p a litre cheaper with 174p commonplace.

It will be interesting to see whether the new prime minister will have a positive effect on both the cost of living and the cost of fuel which seems to have risen to an entirely unacceptable level.

The Editor

How Many Kett's Oaks Are There?

Is the so called Kett's Oak on the cycle path alongside the B1172 in Hethersett the real deal or an imposter. If the latter where is/was the real Kett's Oak. The excellent Facebook page Norfolk Tales, Myths and More posed that question in a recent post. Here we reproduce the article written by Haydn Brown with his kind permission.

WE have entered the period of the year when Kett's Rebellion will be mentioned, in fact it already has! Inevitably, the well-read will put forward the facts as written on documents and by historians; plus a few others who will continue to promulgate long established myths. Not least, the reference to Kett's Oak – a title which always seems to raise confusion; together with stories, some of which cannot be proven conclusively but are believed passionately. Take first a certain oak tree which stood (maybe still does) in the private grounds of Ryston Hall in Norfolk, some 300 yards from the Hall itself.

Often, I am apt to think that everyone, from time to time, likes to claim a piece of history for themselves. So, was that the case for those who once lived in the parish of Ryston many years ago – at a time when they claimed that this oak tree was 'Kett's Oak', and for good measure, 'Oak of Reformation':-

"Where Coniers [Coniston?], the

chaplain of the rebels, read prayers and preached, and their court sat to administer justice and regulate disorders during the Peasants' Revolt of 1549."

It has been said that, at the time of Kett's Rebellion, this specimen stood in



A 300-year-old Ryston oak showing how Kett's Oak would have appeared in 1549. Credit 'The Glaven Historian' (BAHS).

an open seven-acre field, and that the rebels left a carved wooden tablet beside it. This disintegrated over time and was replaced by a stone tablet in the 19th century with the same

message on it, which read:

“Dear Mrs Pratt, your sheep are very fat, and we thank you for that. We have left you the skins, to buy your lady’s pins, and you’ll thank us for that”.

This story was aired again as recent as May, 2015, when the



Louisa Pratt, of Ryston Hall, looking at the said ‘Kett’s Oak’ which stands in the grounds of the Hall. Credit Ian Burt.

EDP published an article, titled “A glimpse of Norfolk’s other Kett’s Oak”. Now, I don’t know; but the likes of Norfolk Heritage, for one, certainly pours cold water on such a thought of Ryston ever having such an oak. In particular, they point to a reference to “Kett’s Oak” at Ryston, as marked on an old Ordnance Survey map, saying that ‘there seems to be no evidence for this attribution’. But in the opinion of the Ordnance Survey itself, the name and reference were ‘genuine’; and it supported this by stating that “a map of the time of Charles II, dated 1675, gives this name to this tree”. Norfolk Heritage believed, however, that the references given by the O.S. all referred to the ‘Kett’s’ Oak that once stood on Mousehold Heath - the ‘Oak of Reformation’ – a name and a location to continually bear in mind; so too the fact that the Reformation Oak was cut

down shortly after Kett was hanged!

Norfolk Heritage is quite clear that there is no historical evidence for connecting Kett with the Ryston area; adding that it was perhaps significant that the neighbouring estate of West Dereham Abbey was marked as the seat of one Thomas Kett – now that’s a thought! There was also a suggestion that the Ryston oak may have been the meeting place of rebels from Fincham and Swaffham who were going to Norwich; but, again, they felt “this sounds a little far-fetched”. However, to cover itself maybe, N.H stated that there was a camp of rebels at Downham Market at the time of Kett’s Rebellion, although Kett himself was not involved with them. Possibly, therefore, the naming of the Ryston tree as ‘Kett’s Oak’ may have come about by simply ‘an association of ideas’ – if, in fact, the

rebels were in this area at the time?

Maybe it was indeed the case that the Ryston Oak was an assembly point for the local hundred, where groups organised themselves before heading off to the 'Great Camp' on Mousehold Heath. It may also have been named "Oak of Reformation" simply in memory of Mousehold. It has even been suggested

that the verse quoted on the Ryston tablet may have been a local attempt to pass judgement on the local gentry, for it refers to 'sheep consumption'; this therefore being a deliberate step, by them, to 'even things out' with the gentry - given that their flocks were blamed for causing the depopulation and impoverishment that led to the rebellion?

The other, and maybe it seems the more favoured 'Kett's Oak', is between Wymondham and Hethersett on the old A11 (now the B1172); this specimen has long been claimed as the main meeting point for the rebels. It is preserved nowadays by Norfolk County Council, which unveiled a plaque there in 2006 and, because of the tree's poor condition, filled a large split with cement and bound it with iron bands. Then, in August 2020, the Council applied 'biochar' to the roots to improve its health. All this points to the probability that the authority is convinced that this claimant is the worthy winner of any such debate!

Others, of course, have disagreed, for it has been claimed that the oak tree



Ryston Hall by WHS Kingsway.

planted near Hethersett was planted after the rebellion! Some further believe that the original meeting place, for those rebels from around Wymondham, was on the crossroads near Morley Old Hall. From there, they were said to have taken back roads, possibly travelling through Bowthorpe, seeking additional fighters for the cause along the way.

But before that, the rebels were said to have started out from Becketts Well, which, apparently, is located on the road between Wymondham Abbey and Mid-Norfolk Railway station. Today, this well is in private property, but at the time of Kett it was in open ground. It seems that Robert and William Kett, together with the small band of leaders and about twenty other leaders of the rebels assembled at Becketts Well to ask for a blessing on their journey. Understandably, 'saints' were then the only spiritual comfort for rural leaders and peasants; their stories kept and passed down - but not so by the urban areas of towns and cities which had dismissed them at the time of the Dissolution in 1536.

Finally, it has also been suggested as

a possibility that from Becketts, the rebels may have moved on to also pray at St Walstan's Well, before eventually making their way round to Mousehold Heath where they camped. Mousehold Heath was where Kett set up his "Great Camp" and his HQ for some 16,000 of his followers. As for both the Morley oak and the reformation tree at Mousehold, these were soon to be cut down



The Wymondham/Hethersetts version taken in 2014 before the building of the cyclepath. Picture by Martinburo/Wikimedia.

and the wood apparently sent to dock yards to be used in building ships for the king. The quick removal of both of these trees may have been because the gentry were determined to erase the memory of Kett and the events of 1549.

By the way; we must not forget another possible myth – ‘Nine of the rebels were afterwards hanged at Kett's Oak’ – if true, which one?

Now again, I don't know; but I'm thinking that there is a simple and straightforward answer to all those references to a 'Kett's Oak'.

First and foremost, I understand that there was only one 'Oak of Reformation' where "the chaplain of the rebels, read prayers and preached, and their court sat to administer justice

and regulate disorders" - and that was on Mousehold Heath. All other oaks mentioned, plus those yet to be claimed as candidates were, in my opinion, simply assembly points around the county; nothing more; the order or plea going out from a local leader saying "meet at the great oak at....." It was from each of these oaks that small bands of men went forth to meet with others along the way and, eventually, do battle.

Those left behind, and those fortunate to return to their homesteads afterwards would forever remember each of those oak trees and say:

"That's Kett's Oak". It would be those within future generations who would 'make things up' and nurture possible myths!

Groups and Societies

First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

9:45 – 11:00 every Tuesday during term
time



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

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

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

Spaces are limited to stay Covid safe.

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

Groups and Societies

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

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

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Groups and Societies

Hethersett Woman's Institute

By Margot Markham

On June 18th, 1918, the President of Hethersett Woman's Institute was Mrs Fanning. She described some forthcoming lectures for the local W.I.—"Pig and Hens in Wartime," "The Prevention of Consumption and Preservation of Good Health."

There was also rush basket and mat making. The competition was to "to darn a stocking in 10 minutes" Everyone was to take half a teaspoon of tea and a bun.

We have just celebrated our 104th birthday. So much has changed since the time of Mrs Fanning, although the basic ethos hasn't.

We invited friends from neighbouring institutes and we just played games. We enjoyed Jubilee trifle and other home made goodies. It was a lovely evening. I am so glad the WI has survived all these years. It has a lot to offer.

Who knows we may have to start darning stockings again! More on the WI on page 71.

Hethersett Mothers' Union

By Branch Secretary Kate Reynolds



Our June meeting is normally an outing but this year we decided to have a traditional afternoon tea which was made, shared and enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting was scheduled for Monday July 25th and featured a visit from 'Blood Bikes'. August is our holiday month so there is no MU meeting. Our meetings recommence again on Monday September 24th when we look forward to a visit from 'Dogs Trust' plus a dog.

Don't miss our coffee morning in September: This will be on Saturday 24th from 10 am until midday at 8, Norwich Road, Hethersett. There will be cakes, a raffle and a bring and buy sale. All are welcome.

Groups and Societies

CRINGLEFORD & HETHERSETT FLOWER CLUB

Affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS)

Do you love flowers?

Would you like to know more about arranging flowers in traditional and trendy ways?

Visitors are warmly invited to watch a demonstration by a qualified NAFAS Flower Arranger for only £5 or become a member for £25 for the year.

There is an opportunity to win one of their flower arrangements as these are raffled off at the end of the evening

Our friendly Club meets at Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett at 7.30 pm (unless otherwise stated)

Our 2022-2023 programme:

Mon 26th Sept 2022 – Demo by Moira Neville ‘Second Hand Rose’

Mon 24th Oct 2022 – Workshop with Rachel Andrews (Cromer florist)

Mon 28th Nov 2022 – OPEN MEETING * with National Demonstrator

Sat 3rd Dec 2022 – Daytime Xmas Workshop *

Mon 23rd Jan 2023 – Demo by David Wright, title tba

Mon 27th Feb 2023 – Demo by Vicki Hease, title tba

Mon 27th Mar 2023 – AGM * inc supper and speaker – Simon White (Beales Roses)

- **Ticketed events**

For further information please contact our Chairman, Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888. Follow us on Facebook Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club.

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Gardening Club

By Leslie Dale

Neil Thomas described his life as a fully qualified arborist and tree surgeon. We heard about his training and later employment at Easton College followed by the formation of his own company. His experience has included firefighting in America, Australia, Japan and elsewhere and we heard about the skills required as well as the risks and dangers involved. Neil demonstrated some of the equipment he uses and he emphasised the need for safety and good training. He also talked about trees in the environment and stressed the need for regular care. A fascinating talk.

Next meeting: Wednesday 17th August at 7.30 pm. A talk on Fungi by Dr Tony Leech

Hethersett Woman's Institute

A Royal Occasion

By Margot Markham

A fellow W.I. member from an Institute in Cawston has spent a couple of years crafting a life size Queen Elizabeth II at the time of her Coronation in 1953.

The lives of Lois Gill and her band of knitters started the project to raise money for their village hall and their local church, The Church of the Holy Cross.

Her Majesty was knitted onto a dressmaker's dummy and the lower part was supported by a photographer's tripod. Her Majesty was simply amazing. I don't know how many balls of wool were used, but the sheer time and splendid craftsmanship was just stunning.

The Queen stood with a Union Jack at her feet. She was adorned with robes , crown and sceptre. The fitted bodice and the slightly flared dress had the emblems of the United Kingdom on it together with the Commonwealth.

The dress was in ivory, which was the colour of the original dress. A necklace had also been knitted together with gold rings and bracelets.

Sadly at the end of the talk , HRH and all her Coronation finery, was bundled into a body bag. I'm not sure what the future holds for her. It certainly was a privilege for us to see HRH and admire the industry which went into her making. I do hope " The Queen " has a permanent fixture somewhere for others to enjoy .

Groups and Societies

Forget-Me-Not Café (run by Hethersett Dementia Support)

By Anne Steward

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 am in the Methodist Church Hall. We offer speakers and activities to stimulate and sustain interests and memories with plenty of time for a chat and refreshments.

The first of the meetings in July saw members reading some of their favourite poems. The second meeting which should have been a strawberry event was postponed due to the heatwave and was re-scheduled to take place on August 2nd.

For further details about the café please contact me on 01603 811052.

Hethersett Herald What's On

August Diary

Tuesday 2nd—Forget Me Not Café in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Strawberry meal.

Wednesday 3rd—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9-12.

Tuesday 5th—St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group, from 10 am.

Wednesday 10th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9-12.

Tuesday 16th—Forget Me Not Café in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am.

Wednesday 17th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9-12.

Wednesday 24th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9-12.

Wednesday 31st—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9-12.

If you would like your event featured in Hethersett Herald or our sister publication Good News please send details of event, time, date and venue to the editor at: petersteward@sky.com.

Groups and Societies



St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

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

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on TUESDAY 2nd August.

Future Dates:

6th September

4th October

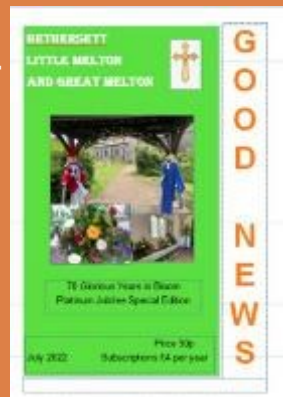
For more information tel: Pauline 01603 812610

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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.

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Hethersett Herald What's On



Buy a Mug!

Hethersett Parish Council have a limited supply of Commemorative Mugs to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



These are available for sale at £7.50 each.

Stocks are limited so they will be sold on a first come first serve basis.



To register your interest, please email the Parish Clerk at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk



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

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

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Hethersett Parish Council's Environmental Action Team

LITTER PICK



Saturday 13th August 2022
2pm

Meet at the Village Hall

(at this litter pick the Parish Council shall also be accepting empty medicine blister packs for recycling)

Equipment provided.

Please wear sensible footwear.

All welcome!

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

Do you usually throw empty medicine blister packs into you black bins?
If so please collect them and bring them along to our next litter pick—
the details of which are above.

Hethersett Herald What's On

Parish Churchyard Tidy up

Can you spare an hour? Could you help maintain the grounds of the oldest building in Hethersett for all the village to enjoy?

Please come along on Saturday, 24th September, from 9 am to noon to help clear away weeds, brambles and bushes that have taken root through the churchyard.

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

For more information contact Alex Woodall on 07525 246689.



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The Assassination of Kennedy—Part 4



Power Dynamics and Mutual Interests By Phil Hardy

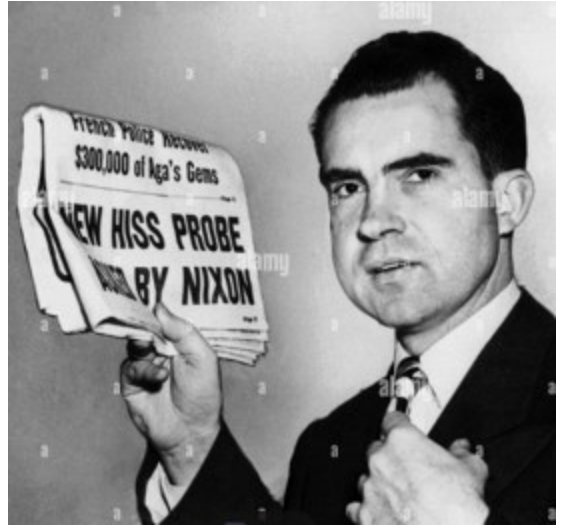
WE have already considered in this series how Richard Nixon set up the CIA-Mafia alliance in 1959 whilst chairing the National Security Council (NSC) meetings that prepared the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

President Eisenhower was in poor health and Nixon as his Vice-President took on the role of White House Action Officer.

Nixon was renowned for his staunch anti-Communism stand which had been on show since his election to Congress in 1947 when he pursued Alger Hiss and ultimately had him imprisoned.

A State Department official accused of passing classified information to the Soviet Union, Hiss had always declared his innocence. But it is now known that Nixon was being passed top secret espionage-related information by Allen Dulles, director of the CIA at the time and Nixon used it to raise his profile and pursue Hiss relentlessly.

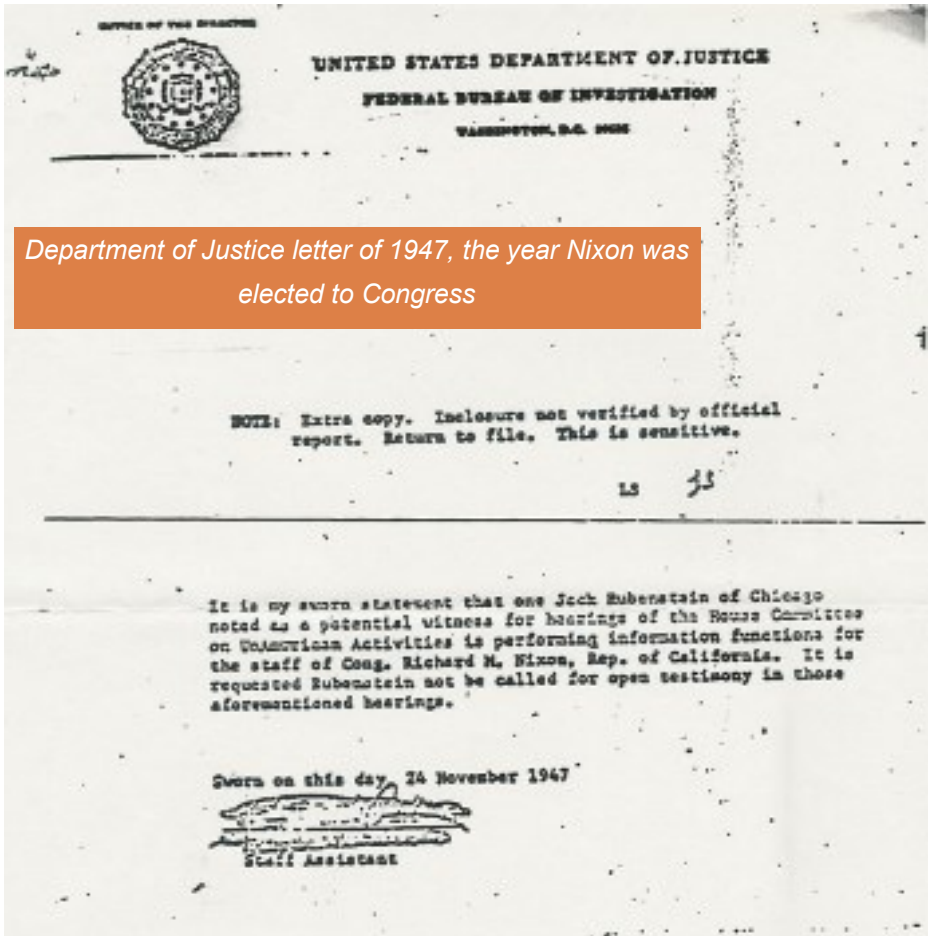
In 1959, ten years later, he was chairing the NSC and overseeing planning for an invasion of Cuba worked up by Allen Dulles which included the simultaneous assassination of Fidel Castro who had



Nixon's political career was backed by CIA director Allen Dulles who gave Nixon espionage-related material

reached out to the Soviet Union for aid and assistance since taking power in January 1959.

A Soviet outpost just 90 miles off the coast of Florida was unthinkable to Nixon and his CIA friends and the recruitment of mafia bosses to assassinate Castro would satisfy mutual interests: Castro had kicked out mafia operatives from their lucrative casinos in Havana and even imprisoned mafia bosses such as Santos Trafficante.



Department of Justice letter of 1947, the year Nixon was elected to Congress

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It is my sworn statement that one Jack Rubenstein of Chicago noted as a potential witness for hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities is performing information functions for the staff of Cong. Richard M. Nixon, Rep. of California. It is requested Rubenstein not be called for open testimony in those aforementioned hearings.

Sworn on this day, 14 November 1947

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Staff Assistant

Interestingly, there are reliable reports Jack Ruby visited Trafficante in prison in Cuba in 1959, bringing him meals to his liking. Remarkably, there is also evidence Jack Ruby (Jacob Rubenstein was his real name) worked undercover for Richard Nixon in the late 1940s when Nixon was part of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the same committee he was on when he pursued Alger Hiss.

The plans were in place for the invasion and simultaneous murder of

the Cuban leader when the 1960 Presidential election was taking place. Dulles had briefed JFK on the invasion plans prior to the first televised debate between JFK and Nixon and JFK subsequently argued a hard line should be taken in the first debate on removing Castro.

Nixon as the White House Action Officer planning the surprise invasion could not respond truthfully as it was top secret so he merely said what JFK was suggesting would be irresponsible. JFK's tough stance left

Nixon looking soft and Nixon's team felt JFK had exploited the situation, knowing Nixon could not respond.

Edward Howard Hunt of Watergate fame had been charged with assembling the anti-Castro Cuban exiles for the invasion in 1959 and he put together the Cuban Revolutionary Council, preferring the right-wing groups (Hunt ultimately stood down from the role refusing to engage with more left-

leaning exile groups such as JURE). They were trained for the invasion in Nicaragua, Panama and the US. In November 1959, there was a slight hitch in the plans: Kennedy won the Presidential election by a very narrow margin over Bay of Pigs organiser, Nixon. JFK was briefed on the final plans and told there would be an uprising in Cuba at the same time as the invasion and JFK said all along there would be no direct US military intervention.

Yet the CIA knew all along together with the military that US military intervention would be required to oust Castro but believed if JFK saw the invasion failing, he would intervene and not accept a military setback so early into his presidential term. As the subsequent invasion was failing, the CIA leadership pleaded with JFK to provide air support but JFK refused.

The exiles Hunt and his CIA colleagues trained were killed or captured and when it was suggested the CIA thought



Kennedy versus Nixon – 1968 Presidential TV debate

JFK would not accept a defeat so early into his term, JFK responded: "well they had me figured all wrong".

Within a few months of the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, the Berlin Wall was erected segregating the east of the city from the west into capitalist and communist camps respectively.

In October 1962, it was discovered the Soviet Union had sent offensive nuclear missiles to Cuba to fend off another invasion and the world hung in the balance for 13 days until JFK sent his brother Bobby in a back-channel attempt to get the missiles out of Cuba via his Soviet KGB friend George Bolshikov.

U2 spy planes had detected the sites and JFK was under immense pressure from the military as well as his own advisers to invade Cuba but he decided on a blockade so no more ships could get to Cuba whilst diplomacy could be allowed to work. Now, on day 12 of the crisis - Black Saturday as it is now



Captured Brigade invaders at the Bay of Pigs – JFK negotiated their release at the end of 1962

known - a U2 spy plane monitoring progress at the sites was shot down over Cuba and the pilot killed.

This was an escalation in tensions the military wanted to avenge without delay, but JFK resisted and sent Bobby on an urgent mission. We now know had JFK invaded Cuba at that time, the Cubans had tactical nuclear weapons and the Soviets had given them authority to use them against invading forces and it is difficult to see how an uncontrollable series of events would not have occurred resulting in full-scale nuclear war had JFK caved into military advice and invaded Cuba. Edward Howard Hunt blamed Kennedy's lack of nerve at the Bay of Pigs for the erection of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis: Hunt believed Kennedy's weakness emboldened the Soviets.

When Kennedy was assassinated, the FBI was tasked initially with investigating the assassination before the Warren Commission was set up. J

Edgar Hoover was FBI director at the time and there is compelling evidence that the CIA as well as the mafia had the 'fix' on Hoover. CIA operative Gordon Novell recalled seeing photographs of Hoover engaged in homosexual activity with his number 2 in the FBI, his assistant director Clyde Tolson who he lived with for most of his adult life until his death. Others in military circles told of similar compromising photos being passed around at a dinner event after alcohol had started to flow.

Mafia boss Meyer Lansky was also reported to have had the photos and it explains why Hoover, who initially went after organised crime bosses, stopped pursuing them, denied they existed and ultimately shifted his focus on rooting out communist subversion within the United States.

The Mafia gave Hoover horse racing tips for races they rigged and Hoover and Tolson holidayed for a month every year free of charge at a luxurious

hotel, Del Charro, owned by a wealthy Dallas oilman, also frequented by New Orleans mafia boss Carlos Marcello and his lieutenants. This was a gift that broke the law, as were the free Dallas oil interests gifted to Hoover by Dallas oilmen.

There is compelling evidence too that there was a 'party held in Dallas the evening before the assassination which was attended by Richard Nixon, Lyndon Johnson, J Edgar Hoover and the rich oil people of Dallas.

Nixon flew out of Dallas at Love Field airport just a couple of hours before JFK flew in for his rendezvous with death the morning after the party. What the next two Presidents of the United

States were doing the evening before the murder in the city the assassination would take place in, with the director of the FBI is not known.

But Nixon would not acknowledge he was in Dallas initially and only admitted it years later when his presence there could not be denied. Most people alive at the time famously say they knew where they were and what they were doing when they first heard JFK had been shot; Nixon and Edward Howard Hunt were two exceptions.

The oil people stood to lose their Oil Depletion Allowance under Kennedy who promised to cut them dramatically; this equated to millions of dollars every year for the oil people in Dallas and it



Jack and Bobby Kennedy agonizing in a hotel room over whether to allow LBJ on their ticket.

was a loophole in taxation that had led to their extreme wealth. David H Byrd was a prominent Dallas oilman adversely affected by Kennedy's cut in the allowance and he also owned the Texas School Book Depository where Oswald worked at the time of the assassination after gaining employment there just weeks before the assassination after Ruth Paine, Oswald's landlady arranged it.

Ruth Paine you will recall was one step removed from former CIA director Allen Dulles who Kennedy had fired after the Bay of Pigs debacle.

Interestingly, Byrd also founded the Civil Air Patrol, an organisation Oswald

joined when he was 15 years of age under his Captain David W Ferrie who was affiliated with the CIA as well as mob boss of New Orleans Carlos Marcello. Oswald and Ferrie were seen together with Guy Bannister in the months before the Kennedy assassination in New Orleans around 544 Camp Street (the same building Hunt had used to house the Cuban Revolutionary Council and Government in Exile and address which Oswald used on his leaflets which incriminated him as a Pro-Castro supporter).

Bobby was replaced soon after the assassination as Attorney General to the relief of organised crime bosses and operatives as well as J Edgar Hoover.

Bobby had been brash with Hoover as his boss and the two men detested each other. It was a shock when JFK selected Lyndon Johnson as his vice-president as the campaign for the Democrat-nomination between JFK and Johnson to be the candidate in 1960 was vicious.

Johnson and Hoover were close as they lived close to each other and Hoover often babysat for Johnson's children. Hoover accumulated 'dirt' on all US presidents and politicians and reportedly had a whole floor of files on JFK, mainly in relation to his womanising and extramarital affairs.

We now know from JFK's secretary Evelyn Lincoln that Johnson used the files given to him by Hoover to blackmail JFK into making him his vice-president, which both Kennedy brothers agonised over. Lincoln said they were boxed in, unable to get around it and had to concede and make Johnson Jack's running mate.

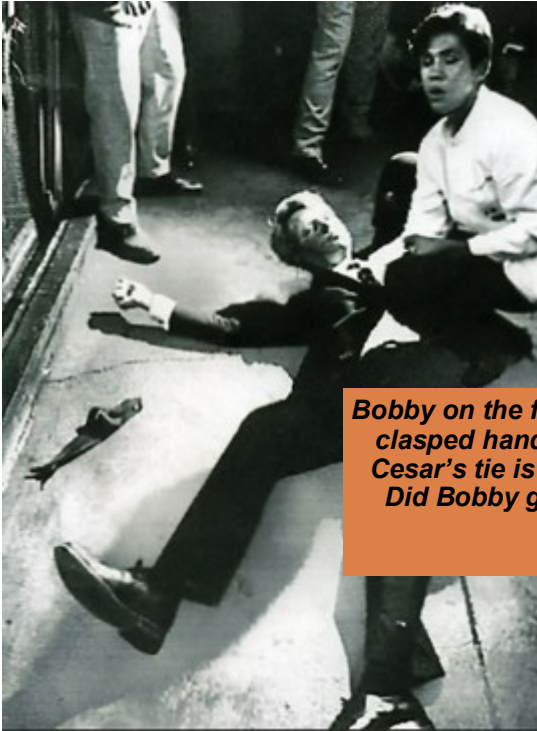
Bobby loathed both Johnson and Hoover for it and the feelings were mutual. Whilst JFK was planning to replace Hoover as FBI director in 1965 as the statutory retirement age was 70, and Johnson as vice-president on the 1964 presidential ticket as corruption scandals had started engulfing him, one of the first things Johnson did as president following JFK's murder was to appoint Hoover director of the FBI for life.

As President of the United States, Johnson's own scandals would be forgotten.

Johnson won the 1964 presidential election and shocked the world when he did not stand for a second term in 1968. Bobby Kennedy had entered the race to run against Johnson for the nomination, then pursued it relentlessly when Johnson dropped out.

On the night Bobby announced his candidacy, Nixon reportedly told close colleagues that it would unleash dark forces who would not want Bobby to become president. On the night Bobby won the vote in California, he was shot dead in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on 6th June 1968 as he walked through the pantry after he had given his victory speech.

A Palestinian immigrant Sirhan Sirhan was apprehended, and every single witness said he never got closer than 2-3 feet to Bobby when he fired his pistol. Yet Thomas Noguchi who carried out the autopsy said the gunshots that killed Bobby were fired at point blank range to the back of his head as there were powder burns in Bobby's hair that could only appear had the muzzle of the gun been between 1-3 inches from the head. Standing directly behind Bobby was a



Bobby on the floor after being shot – Notice his clasped hand and a tie on the floor below it. Cesar’s tie is missing in subsequent photos. Did Bobby grab at his real assassin as the shots started?

to win the Presidential election for the Republicans in November 1968; Bobby’s assassination helped pave the way.

‘security guard’, Thane Eugene Cesar who started working for Ace Security services just the week before. He admitted trailing Bobby leading up to the shooting and having his arm interlocked with Bobby’s. Witnesses reported at the time of the shooting Cesar had his gun drawn and another witness saw him fire it.

A recording of the shooting picked up 13 distinct shots, with two fired simultaneously, indicating two different guns were fired, certainly more than the eight shots capable from Sirhan Sirhan’s gun. And it is now known that Cesar worked for Robert Maheu, a former senior FBI officer who was the go-between used by Nixon and Dulles for the CIA-Mafia alliance to kill Castro in 1959. Nixon would of course go on

In the days leading up to the presidential election in 1968, Johnson attempted to broker talks with the South Vietnamese to stop the war. Nixon, however, had been using a young woman called Anna Chennault to speak directly with the South Vietnamese President instructing him not to attend the peace talks as he would get a better deal from Nixon.

Nixon said he was going to win the election so he should hold back. President Johnson found out about these actions bordering on treason by Nixon just days before the election and informed Hubert Humphrey, the Democrat candidate but they both decided it would be bad for the country had they informed the public.

Nixon won the election by a small margin and the war in Vietnam went on for another four years. Under Nixon, 20,763 more Americans died, 111,230 were wounded, 109,230 South Vietnamese died and almost half a million communists. Nixon ended the war on no better or more worthwhile terms than was offered in Paris in 1968 and the South Vietnamese Government collapsed in 1975.



Nixon after he was elected President with Anna Chennault in the White House Oval Office.

Whilst he told the US electorate before the 1968 Presidential campaign he would end the Vietnam war within six months, he privately told South Vietnam's president Thieu he would give him four more years of military support, followed by four years of economic support in a second term.

During Nixon's first term, Daniel Ellsberg, an official who worked for the Pentagon, leaked the Pentagon Papers to the world which clearly showed that the US government had lied to the people about how the Vietnam war was going. Far from being a resounding success as reported, there was no end in sight and the military knew it despite the optimism being projected.

Nixon was furious. He appointed his close associate and admirer Edward Howard Hunt and his team of CIA colleagues to the White House as his

own internal intelligence group and called them "The Plumbers" as they were tasked with plugging the leaks that had embarrassed his administration.

Ellsberg was high on the "Enemies List" put together by Nixon's goon squad that would use extremely underhand measures including spiking Nixon's opponents with LSD, to humiliate them and cause car crashes, dishing 'dirt' on them to discredit them and even murder when deemed necessary. They broke into Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office to try to find personal information on Ellsberg to discredit him.

When Nixon stood for re-election in 1972, he appointed his Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP) who included many of his "plumbers" including Hunt who were tasked with bugging and finding 'dirt' on many Democrats who were his opponents

and also included on the “Enemies List”.

Many in Nixon’s own administration also worked with CREEP. Nixon was obsessed with Edward Kennedy, who he wanted to humiliate with his womanising. Late in the night on 18th July 1969, Senator Edward Kennedy’s car drove off a bridge in Chappaquiddick. The woman he was with, a campaign worker for Edward’s brother Bobby who was assassinated a year before was called Mary Jo Kopechne. She died whilst Ted managed to swim to the surface and survive. Ted didn’t report the “accident” for 12 hours, certainly strange behaviour, and a diver said Mary had survived for hours in an air bubble, therefore early reporting could have saved her. Ted was engulfed in scandal and he ruled himself out of running for President against Nixon in 1972. Nixon had sent one of his own people to Chappaquiddick within hours of the scandal breaking to pose undercover as a journalist and send Nixon regular briefings.

Edward Muskie was a potential candidate to run against Nixon too and the campaign against him was so vicious, including a forged letter attacking French Canadians in his name and attacks on his wife for alcoholism.

Muskie broke down emotionally on television and then ruled himself out as a candidate to run against Nixon in 1972. Many thought his emotional breakdown on television was due to



Wallace shot five times at a campaign rally – he survived and reversed his views on race, championing Civil Rights in subsequent campaigns.

being under the influence of some kind of drug. The FBI concluded the letter attacking French Canadians was forged by Nixon’s team.

Democrat George Wallace was a serious threat to Nixon in the South as he stood on a racial segregation platform which was popular there at the time.

There was significant concern this could cost Nixon the election. Wallace was shot five times during an election rally in 1972 and on hearing the news, Nixon immediately instructed Hunt to break into the accused assassin’s house before the local police and FBI arrived and plant leftist literature in it as he expressed concerns people may think the orders to shoot Wallace came from his campaign. With all his main opponents neutralised, Nixon won the 1972 election with a relative landslide.

But what had happened a year before the 1972 election in the Watergate complex would ultimately lead to

Nixon's downfall. His team of plumbers and members of CREEP would ultimately go to prison for their crimes, whilst Nixon was pardoned by his successor Gerald Ford.

The plumbers broke into the offices of the Democrats, looking to bug their phones to expose their use of prostitutes, to find out what they knew about Nixon's role in setting up the CIA-Mafia alliance in his White House Action Officer role as vice-president in 1959 and to get 'dirt' to throw at his opponents in the 1972 election campaign. But they were caught in the act. Despite the gravity of what had happened, it was kept largely out of the public perception and the media barely reported it until after the 1972 election.

Hunt had overseen the bodged burglary in the Watergate and he ultimately blackmailed Nixon for hush money: \$1 million dollars so the families of the burglars acting on Nixon's orders could be looked after. Nixon always denied any knowledge of the Watergate but politely blackmailed CIA director Richard Helms to cover up the break-in initially. Nixon advised his chief of staff H.R. Haldeman on how to get the CIA director to kill the FBI's probe:

"Say, 'Look, the problem is that this will open the whole, the whole Bay of Pigs thing, and the President just feels that, ah, without going into the details ... don't, don't lie to them to the extent to say there is no involvement, but just say this is sort of a comedy of errors, bizarre, without getting into it, the President believes that it is going to open the whole Bay of Pigs thing up again.'

He didn't stop there:

"You open that scab there's a hell of a lot of things, and we just feel that it would be very detrimental to have this thing go any further. This involves these Cubans, [ex-CIA man and Watergate burglar Howard] Hunt, and a lot of hanky-panky that we have nothing to do with ourselves."

In his book *The Ends of Power*, Haldeman made it clear that every time Nixon referred to the Bay of Pigs, it was code for the Kennedy assassination. CIA director Richard Helms lost his cool, grabbed both arms of his chair and shouted "this [the Watergate burglary] has nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs!".

But it worked as Helms did assist in a cover-up which ensured the scandal would stay off the radar for a year until after the 1972 Presidential election. Perhaps the personnel (CIA-Mafia-anti-Castro Cubans) involved with Nixon, CREEP and the Watergate were also involved in the 'Bay of Pigs'?

Nixon had tried to justify the Watergate break-in by saying the Democrats had bugged Nixon when Lyndon Johnson was president. As Watergate fell hard on Nixon, he desperately tried to get Johnson to admit to using his friend Hoover and the FBI to bug him to suggest it was normal behaviour.

Johnson became angry and said if Nixon did not leave it alone, he would tell the world Nixon sabotaged the Paris peace talks in 1968. Maybe it was just a harmless threat by Johnson, but it was no longer a concern for Nixon two weeks later when Johnson died.

In the final piece in this series, we will consider how the events in the United States during the 1960s and 1970s offer us lessons we must learn in the world today.

Talking About Big Jim Larkin

Herald columnist John Head continues his look at intriguing statues

CONCLUDING on the subject of statues, I return to Dublin, a most vibrant city which has many statues and memorials. These are some of my favourites:-



James Joyce is pictured above.

Molly Malone affectionately known as the 'Dolly with the Trolley' or the 'Tart with the Cart' is also pictured on this



page. On the next page are three statues of Oscar Wilde and two of rock musician Phil Lynott.

My favourite, however, is of 'Big Jim' Larkin (1876-1947) which is in O'Connell Street. It is an imposing statue standing over six feet tall.



The pose of 'Big Jim' with his arms outstretched was taken by the sculptor Oisín Kelly from the iconic photo of Larkin addressing a crowd in O'Connell Street shortly after he returned from America in 1923.

On one side of the plinth is a piece by one of Ireland's most popular poets, Patrick Kavanagh,



from his poem 'Jim Larkin'
 "And Tyranny trampled them in
 Dublin's gutter
 Until Larkin came along and cried
 The call of Freedom and the call of
 Pride
 And slavery crept to its hands and
 knees
 And Nineteen Thirteen cheered from
 out the utter
 Degradation of their miseries"
 The inscription on the front of the

monument
 is an
 extract in
 French,
 Irish and
 English
 from one of
 his famous
 speeches:
 "Les grands
 ne sont
 grands que
 parce que

nous sommes à genoux:
 Levons-nous."

"Ní uasal aon uasal ach
 sinne bheith íseal: Éirimis."
 "THE GREAT APPEAR
 GREAT BECAUSE WE ARE
 ON OUR KNEES. LET US
 RISE."

So, who was James (Big
 Jim) Larkin?
 'Big Jim' Larkin was born in
 Liverpool to Irish parents
 and became involved in the
 labour movement in that



city. He moved to Ireland in 1907 to work for the trade union movement there. He organised the Belfast dockers into a union following the Belfast Dock Strike or Belfast Lockout (26th April 1907- 28th August 1907).

He was an accomplished orator and soon had the Catholic and Protestant workers united in solidarity against their employers. During an organised strike, police were sent in to break up and disperse it. Using his impressive speaking skills, he convinced the police they too were underpaid and a section of the Belfast Metropolitan police also went on strike.

Larkin went to Dublin in 1908 and founded the Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU).

The Dublin Lockout of 1913 (6th August 1913 – 18th January 1914) was the most important industrial struggle in Irish history. It was a concerted attempt to crush militant trade unionism once and for all. Police regularly baton-charged crowds, resulting in over 300 injuries and the death of two workers.

With incredible courage the Dublin workers, led by Jim Larkin and the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, held out for nearly six months hoping for change. The strikers were eventually forced to return to work due to the risk of starvation, without any changes to their conditions or wages. However, the strike proved that unions could affect the nature of business in Ireland and bring some social issues to prominence. It also demonstrated that workers could organise.

Jim Larkin went on to play a significant role in the Easter Rising as it was from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU) that the Irish



Citizen Army (ICA) was formed.

Larkin was in America at the time of the Rising to raise funds for the union leaving his colleague and fellow organiser, James Connolly, in charge of the Irish Citizen's Army. Connolly was one of the signatories to the 1916 Easter Proclamation. This document was issued by the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army during the Easter Rising in Ireland which began on 24th April 1916. Connolly was one of the sixteen executed after the Rising. He was tied to a chair as he was unable to stand owing to a serious leg wound acquired whilst fighting at the GPO on Sackville Street (now O'Connell Street).

Whilst in America Larkin was imprisoned for almost three years during the 'red scare' (1919) before being deported to Ireland in 1923.

Despite his efforts and charisma Larkin never regained his earlier dominance in the Irish labour movement.

His militancy led to his expulsion from the union he had founded but he was, on two occasions, elected to the Dail. He died in 1947.

James Connolly said of Larkin, his colleague in the labour movement: "We have amongst us a man of genius, of splendid vitality, great in his conceptions, magnificent in his courage".



George Bernard Shaw described him as "the greatest Irishman since Parnell."

During Larkin's fight for the unskilled workers to unionise he coined the phrase "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay"

The Grave of James Larkin, Glasnevin Cemetery Dublin is pictured opposite

Photos:

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Larkin on Sackville/O'Connell Street in 1923 Accreditation RTE Stills Library.



More anecdotes from John Head in the September edition of Hethersett Herald which will be online at the end of August.

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Steve Minns is organising a meet up of sports car owners at Hethersett King's Head on Saturday, 3rd September from midday to 3 pm. The photo above was taken at last year's event.

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