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Hethersett's Big Switch On

HETHERSETT'S winter wonderland is up and running again.

The big switch on of lights in the Park Green area took place on November 27th and they will be on throughout December in aid of the Finnbar's Force Charity which raises money in support of children suffering from brain tumours. It also supports families.

The colourful display will run every day from 4.30 until 10 pm and once again the oak tree on parish council land off Great Melton Road will be awash with lights.

There will also be a special carol singing event in Park Green at 6.30 pm on Sunday, December 18th organised by Hethersett Methodist Church.

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Rector On The Move

THE Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean (pictured opposite) is leaving.



Rev McClean told a packed St Remigius Church on Remembrance Sunday (November 13th) that he will be moving to Gorleston sometime in the New Year.

"It is with mixed emotions I announce that, after nine years as the Rector of this Benefice, I have been called to serve as the Minister of the Cliff Park Community Church.

"This is a Local Ecumenical Project between the Church of England and the Eastern Baptist Association in Gorleston. It has been my privilege to serve the communities of this Benefice. It is yet to be agreed when my final Sunday will be, but this will be announced in due course," he said.

We will have a full interview with Derek about his time in Hethersett in a coming edition of Hethersett Herald.

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The January edition of Hethersett Herald will be available exclusively online from Christmas Eve. Please note that the editor's e-mail address has changed and items for inclusion should now be sent to petersteward@sky.com

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A Message From The Editor

HELLO EVERYONE

There's nothing like a bright Christmas display to lift the spirits and they don't come much better than the Hethersett display in the Park Green area.

Walking through it is truly a magical experience and I can't do it without thinking about Harry Potter. As I go through the display, I expect the J. K. Rowling character to step out from behind a bush at any time, with wand in hand. It really is that magical.

Having spoken at length in the past to the organisers, I can only wonder at the amount of work that goes into this display. I know the planning and the implementation start in September. As with everything, the preparation is never seen. All we see are the results—which in the case of the Christmas display are spectacular.

And it is heartening to know that the road hasn't been put off by the ridiculously spiralling energy costs which I know have put other displays in jeopardy.

It's all for a good cause, so please do give generously.

As usual there is plenty going on in the village and I hope, as always, that we reflect at least some of this with our modest publication.

You will find a small tribute on page eight to Steve Walker. I knew Steve through our association with local football and various other village groups. He was always happy to stop and have a chat and I, like so many others, will miss his smile and his

friendship.

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One of the best pieces of news to come out of the village this year is the continuation of the post office in its new permanent home in Hethersett Library.



Thanks to the efforts of Hethersett Hearts and many other individuals and supporters, our post office has been saved whilst many others go to the wall.

I am old enough and have lived in the village long enough to remember when we had a branch of Barclay's Bank in the village.

It always amazes me how as more and more development comes to the village, services seem to get cut. But I suppose that is the way of the modern world when King Dollar (or should we say King Pound) dominates everything.

I would like to take the opportunity here on behalf of all at Herald to wish you a happy Christmas but the good news is the January edition will be published on Christmas Eve so that we can carry the usual round-up of Christmas news before the festive season rather than after it when it will all feel rather stale and out of date. With all best wishes.

Peter

A Wonderful Community

HETHERSETT has a wonderful community and this has been shown by the opening of a permanent post office in the village library, County and District Councillor David Bills said at the official opening on November 21st. Here Herald Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence writes about launch day.

Hethersett Post Office is like a phoenix rising from the figurative ashes of its former premises in Oak Square.

After the move to Hethersett Library in February this year, the former Postmaster Kevin Salmon had continued to run the new premises in Hethersett Library until a more permanent solution (and Postmaster) had been found. After much worry, talks and negotiations between Hethersett Parish Council and local businesses, in walked Hethersett Hearts.

Hethersett Hearts is a community group started during the pandemic to support residents who were shielding or needed additional help.

This then expanded to helping people with lifts to the hospital, shopping trips and more, to helping refugees that have moved to Norfolk. Coordinated by Samantha England and an army of volunteers, Hethersett Hearts is the true definition of community spirit.

Words - Sarah Lawrence

Pictures—Peter Steward



Top picture—a celebration cake at the launch and below that Norfolk County and South Norfolk District Councillor Margaret Dewsbury at the launch with Samantha England of Hethersett Hearts and Hethersett County and District Councillor David Bills. On page six, David Bills cuts the ribbon at the official opening and below that staff and volunteers prepare to welcome customers. The post office is open five days a week.

Opening hours can be viewed towards the back of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Hethersett Hearts has now taken over the Post Office within the library premises, with new Postmaster Michael Chater at the helm. Michael, helped by two paid employees and an army of volunteers, have saved a local amenity from disappearing, something that would have been massively missed had it gone. It also allowed previous Postmaster Kevin to retire!



Hethersett's County Councillor David Bills cuts the celebration cake at the official opening of the rejuvenated Hethersett Post Office.

The ribbon cutting for the Post Office was well attended on the morning of Monday 21st November, to applause. Councillor David Bills cut the red ribbon to officially open the service, saying, "It has been great to see the Hethersett Post Office open, start to finish in just over a year.

Thank you to the Post Office, County Council, the Library service and of course the volunteers. The community spirit in Hethersett is fantastic, it's a really nice place." Samantha England also added, "A massive thanks goes to the volunteers, so many people have helped with this. It's great to see so many people working together, all connected, joining the dots."

The event was then finished off with the cutting of a huge cake decorated with 'Hethersett Post Office' and of course, hot drinks and photos.

The Post Office is now officially open

to the public, stocked with all of the items you'd find in the old premises. Greeting cards, wrapping paper and parcel wrapping equipment all fill the room and they offer all of the services you would expect a village Post Office to provide.

A big thank you goes to Samantha, Michael and the Hethersett Hearts team for saving this valuable community asset. Make sure you pop in and see them all soon!

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There was praise at the November meeting of Hethersett Parish Council for all the volunteers and those who had worked tirelessly to keep a post office in the village. Chairman Adrienne Quinlan thanked all those involved.



Lit Up At Christmas

HETHERSETT is getting lit up again this Christmas.

Over the past few years the area around Park Green has provided a winter wonderland in support of the Finnbar's Force charity. Local resident Jean Starling contacted us to say the lights would be on every day during December from 4.30 pm until 10 pm.



"Finnbar's Force is again putting on a spectacular showing of Christmas lights in the Park Green area every day during December. Please come and support this wonderful charity that fundraises for research into children's brain tumours," Jean said.

Finnbar's Force was set-up following the death of Hethersett youngster Finnbar Cork in August 2016. Once again this year, Hethersett Parish Council has given permission for lights to be attached to the Oak tree on their land off Great Melton Road.

Hethersett's winter wonderland is one of the brightest and best displays in Norfolk **writes Peter Steward**.

I was walking through another display at a nearby town last year when I overheard a discussion ahead of me. People were admiring the display but one of them said 'there's an even better one at Hethersett.

That seemed to sum everything up and this year's display was launched towards the end of November when the photographs on the next page were taken.

Walking through our Hethersett winter wonderland raises the spirits and helps everyone to forget their troubles for a few minutes. It really is like stepping into a different world and the anticipation increases the closer you get to the display.

The lights were officially switched on at 6.30 pm on Sunday November 27th with a large crowd of onlookers who also enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies. The road filled up with local people from 5.30 pm and will continue to attract hundreds of people over the next four and a bit weeks.

We will have more photographs of the display in our special pre-Christmas edition of Hethersett Herald.

Hethersett's Winter Wonderland



We will have more pictures of the lights in the January Herald which will be online on Christmas Eve.

Death of Football Stalwart

Peter Steward remembers a remarkable man and a good friend of Hethersett.

HETHERSETT has lost a football champion and village stalwart with the death of Steve Walker.

Steve was a leading light in local football for many years, running youth teams at all ages and supporting the game in Hethersett. Such was his contribution to the club that a few years ago he was awarded the prestigious Lee Thompson Memorial Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the club.

Steve was a familiar face around Hethersett, always happy to share a joke and a story and always with a smile on his face.

Steve also played an integral part in the successful Hethersett team that was named South Norfolk and subsequently Norfolk County champions in the county games organised for many years by Active Norfolk.

As soon as Steve's death was announced, friends took to social Media with an outpouring of love. Below are just a few of the tributes.

"Dear Stephen, not sure how or what to say other than you were a lovely guy and always had a great big smile on your face whenever I had the pleasure of being in your company."

"No words I could ever write will do this man justice. He was the most amazing, kind hearted man you could ever meet and I feel very privileged to have had him as such a close family friend, with many memories together that will forever be cherished."

"He was the heart of the community, someone that would go above and beyond for anyone. Everyone knew Steve, with not a bad word to say. In life you don't





Steve Walker with one of his Hethersett Athletic Youth Teams photographed in 2016. Steve is back row far right.

come across many people like Steve and he will be so greatly missed.”

“Your smile will stay in our memories for ever.”

Steve leaves a wife Shelley and sons Jack and Aaron.

Son Jack posted the following:

“Doesn’t quite feel real right now, but I know you will be missed by so many and I’m proud to be able to call you my Dad. Rest in peace big man.”

The announcement of Steve’s death came from his wife Shelley who posted the following:

“So hard to find the right words but today I lost my husband my soulmate and my best friend. You were so very brave and strong right to the end but after a short, hard, and very cruel battle with cancer Steve passed away peacefully in his sleep. Words cannot express how much we are all going to miss him.”

Steve battled cancer with all his old resolve and good humour. He celebrated his birthday at the beginning of November by helping to raise funds for Cancer Research and just a few days before his death, posted the following message on his Facebook page:

“I just want to thank everyone for your lovely comments and birthday wishes. It’s very much appreciated and overwhelming. Had a lovely afternoon with friends and family after a tough couple of days in hospital. Then a lovely evening meal with the boys cooked by my darling wife and rock Shelley.”



Steve was a member of the successful Hethersett village games team. He is in the back row of this team shot.

The 2022 Winter Mini Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with Science Museum starts on December 1st.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 saw thousands of children reading and exploring science and innovation as part of this year's Gadgeteers theme. Now that it's getting chilly and the winter holidays are approaching, they're back with the Winter Mini Challenge.

Children can join the Gadgeteers as they use their ingenuity and creativity to keep everyone entertained during a snowstorm.

The Challenge runs from 1st December to 20th February 2023 and is online - borrow books from the library and add books read to the website: wintermini.org.uk.

More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3mbcmcw6>





Remembering The Fallen

HETHERSETT and the Meltons came together in St Remigius Church on Remembrance Sunday to remember those who gave their lives in the two world wars.

Villagers and members of the uniformed groups gathered around the war memorial to observe two minutes' silence at 11 am. Jeremy Lightowler played the Last Post and the names of those from the village remembered on the war memorial were read out by John Head.



Wreaths were laid by Hethersett's community police officer PC Stu Barnard on behalf of Norfolk Constabulary, by representatives of the East Anglian Ambulance Service, the Royal British Legion, Hethersett Parish Council, Hethersett Methodist Church, First Hethersett Beavers, First Hethersett Cubs, First Hethersett Rangers, Second and Third Hethersett Guides, First and Fourth Hethersett Brownies, First Hethersett Scouts and Explorer Group and one that said simply "Old Comrades."

The church was then full for the service of remembrance which was led by the Rev David East and Hethersett Rector, The Rev Derek McClean.

In his address, Rev East talked about the meaning of remembrance and the importance of those who gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have today.

Uniformed organisations paraded their colours inside the church and the choir closed the service with an anthem following the singing of the National Anthem. A collection was taken for the work of the Royal British Legion.

You can view more photographs on the next page.



John Head, the Rev Derek McClean and the Rev David East

Memories Of Norman

A FEW days before this year's Remembrance Service we received the photograph opposite from Robert Lavender who added the following:

"I was going through my late father's navy photos and found this one of my dad (standing in the centre) visiting a grave of somebody he must have known,

"I researched the name on the grave and the photo appears to be taken in Cyprus. The person in the grave is mentioned on your local war memorial as having died in an accident whilst serving in Cyprus. I thought you may be interested in the photograph as the person probably has relatives still in your village and might find the photo of some interest."



The grave is indeed that of Norman Folkard whose name features on the Hethersett War Memorial. Norman was a sergeant with the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

He was killed in action on September 1st, 1956, during the Cyprus Emergency, when the vehicle in which he was travelling left the road and went down a ravine. He is buried in a cemetery in Nicosia. He was 22 years of age.

Playing Field Pavilion Update

Continuing our monthly photographic update on progress being made on the new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field. The old pavilion is now long gone and work is progressing well with an anticipated finishing date of April 2023.



Playing Field Pavilion Update



A Christmas Message

The following is a Christmas message from the Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, and the village's Methodist Minister the Rev Steve Cullis. It is followed by a list of church services for Christmas 2022.

GIFT giving is one of the stresses and joys of the Christmas season.

We spend endless hours looking at various websites, or catalogues, or browsing through stores. We become bombarded with Christmas ads, sometimes before September is even here, never mind November.

Whatever we get for people, one thing is normally true – they are an expression of love and affection.

And this is the key to understanding why we give gifts at Christmas: we give gifts because of the first ever giving of gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

However many Wise Men there were, they brought three gifts to the infant. Gifts that tell us much about Jesus: Gold for a King, Incense for a Priest, and Myrrh for His sacrificial death.

Important as these gifts are, they aren't the main point. No, that is reserved for the greatest gift of them all: the gift of Jesus himself.



Rev Derek McClean



Rev Steve Cullis

The most quoted verse in the Bible (and the one most often searched for online) is John 3:16 – “For God so loved the World that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

In his wonderful paraphrase of the Bible, *The Message*, the late Eugene Peterson began that verse by writing: “This is how much God loved the World...” The birth, life and crucifixion of Jesus are an expression of love. The greatest love ever shown.

As we give and receive this Christmas, let us “try to keep the main thing, the main thing” as we say. We will see joy

and gratitude aplenty when gifts are opened, and thanks given. But that joy is a small thing compared to the joy that Jesus brings.

All over the world, people will gather in Churches to celebrate this greatest gift and give thanks for the free gift of eternal life. Why not make this part of your Christmas.

Below you will find the list of the services in Hethersett, Great Melton,

and Little Melton. We would love to see you.

Do be in touch with either of us if you want to know more:

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Rev. Derek McClean – 01603 946656

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Church Services in December

4th December

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| Little Melton | 9:30 am | Communion |
| Methodist | 10.30 am | Rev Steve Cullis: All Age Worship |
| Hethersett | 11 am | All-age Informal Communion |
| | 4 pm | Christingle |
| Great Melton | 4 pm | Garden Church at Little Melton Village Hall |

11th December

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| Methodist | 10.30 am | William Twist |
| Hethersett | 11 am | Parish Communion |
| Great Melton | 3:30 pm | Christingle, including Carol Service |

18th December

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| Hethersett | 9:30 am | BCP Communion |
| | 6.30 pm | Carol Service |
| Methodist | 10.30 am | Leonie Pritchard and Juliet Harwood: Carol Service |
| Little Melton | 11 am | Carol Service |

24th December

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| Hethersett | 4 pm | Christmas Eve Crib service |
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| | 11:30 pm | Midnight Communion |
| Great Melton | 6:30 pm | Carols and All-Age Family Communion |
| Little Melton | 3:30 pm | Crib service |
| Methodist | 3 pm | Rev Steve Cullis: Holy Communion |
| | 4 pm | Christingle Service |

25th December

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| Hethersett | 9:30 am | All-Age Family Communion |
| Little Melton | 9:30 am | All-Age Family Communion |
| Methodist | 10.30 am | William Twist |

Christmas Day

1st January 2023

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| Hethersett | 10:30 am | Benefice Communion Service |
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There will be a special village carol singing in the Park Green area on Sunday December 18th organised by Hethersett Methodist Church. This is scheduled to start at 5 pm and last for half an hour. All welcome

There will also be carol singing outside Tesco Express on December 17th at 10 am in aid of Finnbar's Force Charity.

SCAMMERS are at it again in Hethersett.

An elderly resident received a telephone call allegedly from British Gas claiming they could lower their service plan price as there hadn't been a call out in two years.

Thankfully the resident asked them to put any offer in writing. When a relative checked with British Gas they were told no calls had been made from them with regard to this.

Another attempted scam came from a pre-recorded call allegedly from Amazon regarding Prime membership and asking for updated bank details to re-activate the account.

Please be alert to these telephone scams.

And The Winner Is

Hethersett's Nanette Bursts Into Print

HETHERSETT'S Nanette Olsen has told her remarkable life story in a new book entitled "And The Winner Is..."

The book takes us on a journey with Nanette from descriptions of her family and their roots in London's East End, through her years as a beauty queen, her successes in ballroom dancing, her marriage to a handsome USAF pilot, the birth of her two children and the tragedy of losing her husband in an air crash over Norfolk.

It's all there, written in a style that is both conversational and engaging.

You really do feel pulled into her world as you live through the highs and lows of what has been a very varied and hugely rewarding life, but one tinged at times with great sadness..

Whatever happened though, Nanette's humour and optimistic outlook on life shines through.

And The Winner is... is a lavish book with hundreds of photographs from Nanette's various careers along with press cuttings and other items.

It is available from Amazon and other bookstores or from Lulu Publishing at:

www.lulu.com



This is what the promotional blurb has to say about "And the Winner Is.."

Many little girls dream of becoming a ballerina – Nanette Slack Olson was no exception.

However, life doesn't always take us in the direction we expect.

Nanette swapped her ballet shoes for heels and enjoyed huge success in national and international beauty competitions during the 1960s.

A fairy tale wedding followed, and the chance to travel the world. But not every fairy tale has a happy ending.

In her fascinating autobiography, Nanette reveals how she has coped with the worst of tragedies, fought for her children's rights and forged a whole new career. Told with honesty, humour and more than a little showbiz sparkle, Nanette's story takes us through the highs and lows of a life lived with integrity and determination.

Queen Elizabeth II



Richard has paid tribute to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the House of Commons on behalf of his constituents.

Richard welcomes appointment of Prime Minister Liz Truss



On 6 September we saw a change in the leadership of the United Kingdom, from Boris Johnson to Liz Truss.

Pink Ladies Tractor Road Run



What a huge pleasure it was to see the Pink Ladies Tractor Road Run in Hethersett.

Out of Touch

Herald Comment

HETHERSETT Herald is an independent publication with no connection or affinity to any organisation or political party.

Since our launch over seven years ago, we have prided ourselves that we have campaigned on behalf of our village and highlighted many of the issues that affect our residents. We will continue to fight on behalf of Hethersett.

Over a year ago we wrote to the MP for South Norfolk Richard Bacon to ask him, in the light of criticism about his inactivity, what he was doing to re-assure Hethersett residents on a number of matters.

To date we have received no reply and no acknowledgement that our email was even received. We are not alone in this as many others have sent letters and received no response.

Now we note that Mr. Bacon's official website is welcoming the appointment of Liz Truss as Prime Minister. This would be funny if it wasn't so serious.

It is well over 30 days since Rishi Sunak took over as Prime Minister and Liz Truss resigned as PM.

In our view our MP is no longer representing the people he is paid to represent and is totally out of touch. His website perfectly illustrates this.

Hethersett and South Norfolk deserves a strong Member of Parliament standing up for it and fighting for our needs. At the present time we are struggling to understand just what our present MP is doing to support and represent us.

Spooky Hethersett



THERE were plenty of spooky goings on in Hethersett as once again the village celebrated Hallowe'en. The Ghostbuster car made its customary visit to the village and there were plenty of ghosts and ghouls abroad as youngsters went tricking and treating.

We hope you enjoy the photographs that follow.





These photographs of a property in Park Drive were taken by Herald reader Viv Mountain.

Take A Walk

A NEW and updated book featuring two historic walks around Hethersett has been published by the parish council.

We are pleased to be able to offer the Hethersett Walks booklet

via our Hethersett Herald website at the address at the bottom of this page.

It is also available for download from the Hethersett Parish Council website.

The two walks take about one and a quarter hours each and will take you past some of the village's most iconic and historic buildings with descriptions of each.

They have been put together in conjunction with former Hethersett archivist Gary Wyatt.

The booklet also contains details about the history of the areas you will be passing.

HETHERSETT WALKS



This guide describes two short rambles around our village

www.hethersettherald.weebly.com

Grants Available For Warm Spaces

SOUTH Norfolk Council is looking for welcoming places where people can keep warm this winter.

The council is working with local communities to create a network of warm spaces where South Norfolk residents can come together to stay warm, enjoy a cup of tea and “a biscuit or two.”

The council explained the rationale behind the idea.

“We want to support our residents, working with our thriving communities to ensure we:

- Continue to put people and families at the heart of everything we do.
- Provide safe non-judgmental spaces for people to come together.
- Support our communities to support themselves and each other.
- Offer a warm welcome from the volunteers running these sessions.

“Warm space events/venues will offer a warm welcome from the volunteers. Every warm space is a non-judgmental space; whatever the reason for attending everyone will be treated the same,” the council added.

South Norfolk is offering grants to groups/organisations to take on a warm space place.

Those who can apply include community groups, faith organisations,



Hethersett Library—a warm space with a welcoming cuppa.

parish and town councils and trusts. But proposals that promote a religious or political purpose will not be eligible to apply.

Grants can be used for any means that support the opportunity to provide a warm space this winter. These include, but are not limited to, energy bills, provision of free warm food/drinks, provision of new events or activities, supporting warmth by purchasing hats, scarves, blankets etc to be given to residents.

Each space must be available for a minimum of one session of at least four hours every week. Organisations can also combine to bring about bids and the grants are up to £600.

Hethersett groups interested in setting up a warm space can download an application form from the address at the end of this article.

Hethersett Library has already announced its intention to provide a

warm space throughout the Autumn and Winter as announced in last month's Hethersett Herald.

The library is offering a warm haven with a free cuppa as it explained on social media:

"Autumn has arrived at Hethersett Library and we are inviting people to come and warm up. Hethersett Library is here for you with free hot drinks all winter.

"Come in out of the cold and read a book, have a chat or join one of our clubs."

The library will be available as a warm space during the hours when it is staffed which will be:

Monday 1.30 to 7 pm

Wednesday 11 am until 7 pm

Thursday 1.30 until 7 pm

Friday 1.30 until 7 pm

Saturday from 11 am until 4 pm.

We understand that the Queen's Head Public House has also applied to be a warm place for people to go during the coming winter months.

More details at:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/south-norfolk-warm-spaces-grant>

Keeping The Speed Down

PC Stu Barnard has been conducting speed checks with the Hethersett and Mulbarton Community Speed Watch groups as part of Road Safety week.

Come rain or shine the groups were out, and multiple warnings were issued during the week.

"Thank you to our local speed watch groups for helping to keep our local villages and towns safe," PC Barnard said. Our photograph shows PC Barnard with the Hethersett speedwatch team.



Full Speed Ahead For Community Garden

IT'S full speed ahead as the village's new community garden begins to take shape.

Back Garden (so named in honour of the Back family) is on land at the village hall previously used as a skateboard park.

More volunteers have joined the team to turn the area into a community facility. These include one family new to the village who planted 100 English bluebells under the trees of the village hall field.

The front border has been planted with lavenders, alchemilla mollis and verbena plants as well as allium and daffodil bulbs. The compost bins from the former Woodside School have also been reconstructed and put in place. A pergola from the school has also been transported to its new home.

The project is being undertaken under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council and on the next page the council reports on progress to date.

Meanwhile 17 volunteers picked up 16 bags of rubbish on the November



village litter pick. The rubbish was disposed of thanks to the support of Tesco Express. The next pick will be on December 17th starting at 2 pm from Hethersett Village Hall.

How The Garden Came About



By Hethersett Parish Council

Parish Council Environmental News

HETHERSETT Parish Council received a grant of £5,360 from the National Lottery during the summer which enabled members of our HEAG/HEAT (Hethersett Environmental Action Group/Team) Committee to commence work on 'The Back Garden', a community project which can be found at the Village Hall. Members have been working hard on the plans for the garden and work has started in earnest to bring the project to fruition.

That is not to say that members haven't already had several working parties to start clearing the site. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who have already worked so hard to get this project up and running. David Walpole has made a compost bin from pallets, so we are already on our way to making our own compost.

On Sunday, 23rd October, members and volunteers met at the Village Hall site to clear the front and right-hand side of the Back Garden in order to plant lavender and other plants. The team also planted bluebells under the trees. On Saturday, 29th October, members and volunteers met at the

former Woodside School in Firs Road to dismantle equipment which Norfolk County Council has kindly donated to us for the Back Garden. This includes a pergola, three compost bins, a litter bin, planters and a noticeboard. The Back Garden will begin to take shape very quickly once the wood has been treated. The Parish Council had a group of volunteers for this particular working party, which has taken some planning and preparation.

Hethersett Parish Council is so excited about this project and can't wait to share it with residents and groups within the village. Please do get in touch if you have an idea for sharing the Back Garden.

The Parish Council would love to hear from you. To get in touch with the Parish Council about the Back Garden project or anything else, please email our clerk, Annette Palmer in the first instance at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk. Annette can also be contacted by phone on 01603 810915 during working hours.

Funday End To Hawks' Season

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks / Yellow Brick Mortgages ended their season in balmy conditions after heavy early morning rain by staging a final day funday event.

Twenty six members were split into four teams across five one-hour sessions competing in a variety of relay, Kierin and elimination races plus the ever-popular limbo challenge. It simply was a fun day and a terrific way to end one of the busiest and most successful seasons in the Hawks' 56-year history.

Active members total 83 of whom 40 tasted the sport for the first time. A total of 52 members have represented the club in competitive activity beyond the internal training sessions of which there have been 59 on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Diversity of members continues to expand, especially with the club welcoming disabled and neuro-divergent children in special sessions under the WINGZ Access to Sport

programme. Just under 25% of members are female and the biggest growth area has been Under-8s - 23 taking part this season.

It has not just been the quantity of riders that has been impressive but this season has seen amazing quality. Runners-up position in the South-East League Division Two capped the season which brought one British Team Championship (Under-10s) and two British Individual titles (Under-10 Boys and Under-8 Girls) to the club. Series wins at national level were achieved at Under-10s and at the other end of the spectrum - a Eurovets Over-60s champion. Closer to home, the club has five Norfolk Champions and five Norfolk GP series winners.

The infectious family atmosphere within the club is what is most quoted by newcomers and this will no doubt be borne out at the presentation evening on Friday, December 2nd, in Hethersett Social Club.

SOUTH-EAST LEAGUE DIVISION TWO final positions

| | PL | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Kesgrave B | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 943 | 744 | 16* |
| Hethersett | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 841 | 775 | 12# |
| Hellingly | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 820 | 787 | 12# |
| Ipswich B | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 859 | 807 | 12# |
| Norwich B | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 763 | 809 | 6 |
| Gt Blakenham B | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 654 | 964 | -2* |

*Deducted 2 pts for cancellation. # positions determined by head-to-head results.

SOUTH EAST YOUTH LEAGUE final positions

| | PL | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Kesgrave Pumas U16 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 851 | 632 | 22* |
| Kesgrave Panthers U16 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 899 | 679 | 20 |
| Hellingly U16 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 816 | 678 | 12 |
| Ipswich U16 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 759 | 777 | 11 |
| Hethersett U16 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 737 | 793 | 10 |
| Norwich U16 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 693 | 786 | 7 |
| Gt Blakenham U16 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 503 | 913 | -2* |

*Deducted 2 pts for cancellation

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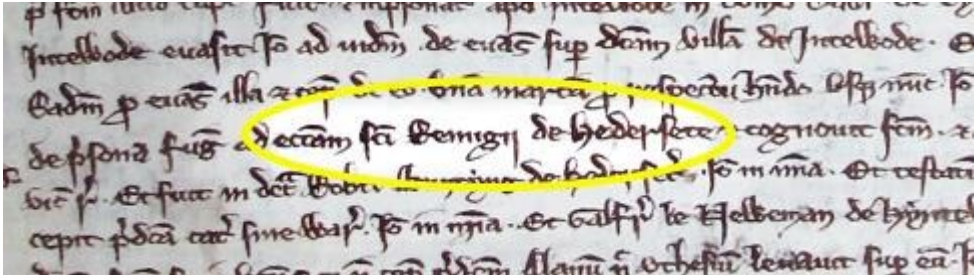
9am to 12pm

Every Wednesday

History of St Remigius Church

"William son of Roger of Intewood and Alan le Marchant of Hederset were in dispute over a boundary in the town of Swerdestone."

"So moved by the contention between them, the aforesaid Alan cut the aforesaid William with a certain knife in his belly. So that he died immediately."



By Lewis Buckingham

ALAN was imprisoned in a house in Intwood, but escaped a few days later. He fled to the sanctuary of the church of St Remigius in Hetherset. There he admitted his crime before the coroner and "abjured the realm" - promised to leave the country and never return.

This was perhaps the only legal recourse left to him. His possessions were forfeit, but he was allowed to leave the country with the clothes on his back.

The year was 1268 and this is thus far the earliest discovered reference to the church of Hetherset being named for St Remigius.

While the name remains the same, the present church of St Remigius looks much different to that in which Alan le Marchant confessed his crime.

Around 50 years later the Bernak family either completely rebuilt - or at least

The Earliest Reference to St Remigius in Hetherset by name - "Ecciam Sancti Remigij de Hedersece"

drastically remodelled - the existing church.

A church had stood there or nearby since Domesday, if not before.

In 1857 when some work was being done to the outline of an arch, a few stones showed "traces of a Norman chisel." A few years later more signs of Norman work were found when working on the East Window.

Although the information is uncertain, it's possible that this location had been a place of great meaning since before Christianity found its way to Hetherset.

In 1990, three burials were found beneath the wall of the West end of the south aisle of the church. Their heads were within, and their feet outside the wall. All were oriented North-South, as



The Church of St Margaret's, Hales - an example of an early Norman Church. St Remigius may have looked similar at the time of the Domesday book.

The Church of All Saints in Cantley was destroyed by fire some time in the early 1270s. Thomas, son of the Rector, was fined for being present at the time, although it was proven he wasn't even in the county. Presumably it was rebuilt as it was still in use as a chapel 300 years later.

Perhaps they rebuilt the church as a mark of their status and wealth. This was certainly a common motivation around that time. The building of what later became known as "Wool Churches" was an excellent way for a community to show off just how well they were doing during the boom in the wool trade.

It was also the case, however, that without the money derived from wool they would not have been able to rebuild their church in the first place. So a less cynical view would be that such mercantile success gave the divine inclined both opportunity and reason to praise God all the more, and to offer more in devotion.

It was common for people from all levels of society to leave money in their wills for the "Reparations of the Church." Or often more specifically for whatever cause was then most pressing: new bells, repair of the steeple, or what have you. This was often over and above the guilty death

opposed to the traditional East-West of Christian burials. It has been suggested that this could mean there was once a pagan cemetery on the site before the first church was built.

It is highly possible that this first church was Anglo Saxon - a conquest of a pagan sacred space once Christianity had taken root. It was perhaps a wooden building, although it could well have been made of stone.

The later church in Alan de Marchant's time could possibly have been thatched with a round tower and a curved chancel, similar to St Margaret's, in Hales, pictured above.

St Margaret's still stands today, and was in use as a church until the 1970s. If Hethersett already had a church much the same, why did the Bernaks go to the great expense of rebuilding it?

It's possible it burnt down.



Ordination of a Priest from the late 12th Century

bed contributions they made in case of tithes "forgot."

We don't have wills for the Bernaks, however their families must have had some affinity for the church.

William's elder brother Gilbert was a priest, and his son with Alice - Hugh - was also ordained, becoming one of the two parsons of Hethersett in 1339.

Alice's brother was already Rector of both medietyes of St Remigius in Hethersett when they arrived, and her brother John - or perhaps another John de Driby, it's unclear - joined him as the second Rector in 1311.

We must also remember that the Bernaks were not the only Lords of the Manor in Hethersett. While not the Lord of Hethersett, Simon de Hedersete (Lord of the Manors of Cringleford, and what would later be known as Hethersett Woodhall) had a stake in

things. Not only was he Lord of Cringleford Manor, but of the town as well. He was a Chief Justice of the King's Court and responsible for tax collection in Norfolk. He also happened to have been tasked with the collection of customs from wool.

Collegial bonds between the Bernaks and Hedersetes can't help being strengthened by the three consecutive members of the Hedersete family who were appointed Rectors of Attleborough on the Bernak's watch.

A new Church in Hethersett could not but add glamour to the de Hedersete name, and Simon de Hedersete's own brother Remigius had been instituted as the Parson of Great Melton in

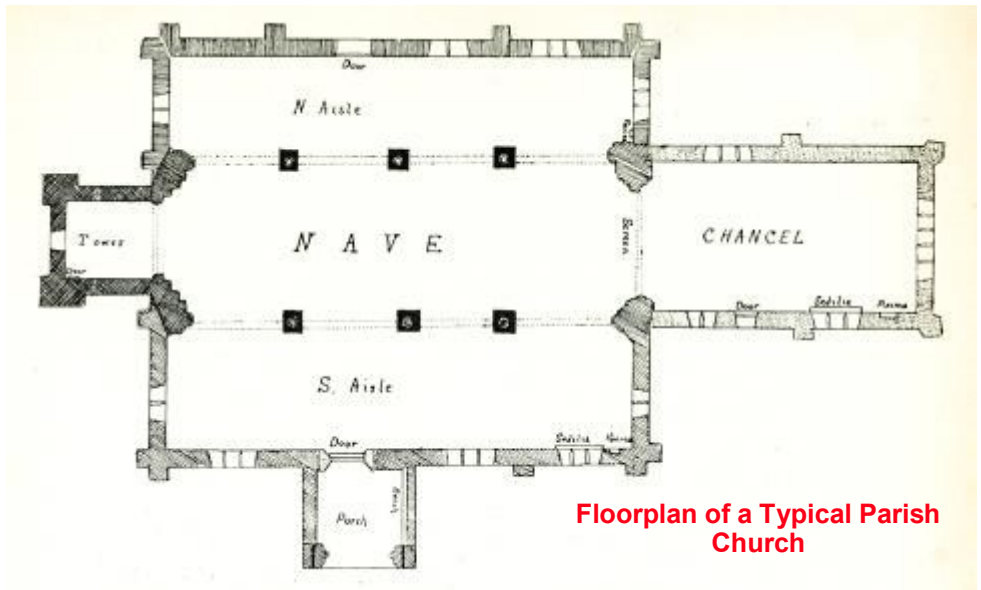
1301 - just after Alice's brother Robert became Rector in Hethersett.

You won't find Remigius de Hedersete in the early records of Great Melton, however - he was appointed under the name of "Remigius de Skileman".

In this period, surnames were still in flux. It was often unclear whether a last name was inherited, it was derived from your profession, or from where you lived. Nevertheless surnames were at the time beginning to firm up and become fixed.

There were other Skileman's before Remigius, and so perhaps their name bounced back and forth between Hedersete and Skileman for a while until fixing on Hedersete.

We can be sure that Remigius had used both names at different points of his life. When John Peverell - the Lord of Great Melton - died in 1314 it was



said that Remigius de Hedersore (which is undoubtedly a misreading of Hedersete) was parson of Melton.

The Manor of Hethersett Woodhall was also still remembered in Tudor times as having once been called both Hedersete's Manor and Skileman's Manor.

The name "Skileman" was an anglicisation of the Norse word *skillmathur* - "Trustworthy Man."

Remigius seems to have made a name for himself being just that - a Trustworthy Man.

His name was brought up after his Lord's death, because he had been enfeoffed - or entrusted - with the Lordship of Brakene (Braconash). Peverell had given it to him in trust, so that after his (Peverell's) death, Remigius could pass it on to whomever Peverell had chosen, without the laws of inheritance or the law courts themselves getting in the

way.

Francis Blomefield, a Norfolk Historian of the 18th century described Remigius as:

"a man of great note in his time, being trustee and feoffee for most of the best families in the county."

It has been suggested that the church of St Remigius in Hethersett was named for Remigius de Hedersete's patron saint. Remigius both is and was an unusual name, but he was probably born in the mid to late 1270s. This was, as I've shown above, later than our earliest reference to the Church of the same name.

He has, however, been strongly linked to the rebuilding of the church in Hethersett, and even more so to St Andrew's in Hingham, Norfolk, where he acted as Rector from 1316 to 1359. The architecture of both St Andrew's and St Remigius have been linked by the same mouldings on the original

windows and the same "Perpendicular" style of design.

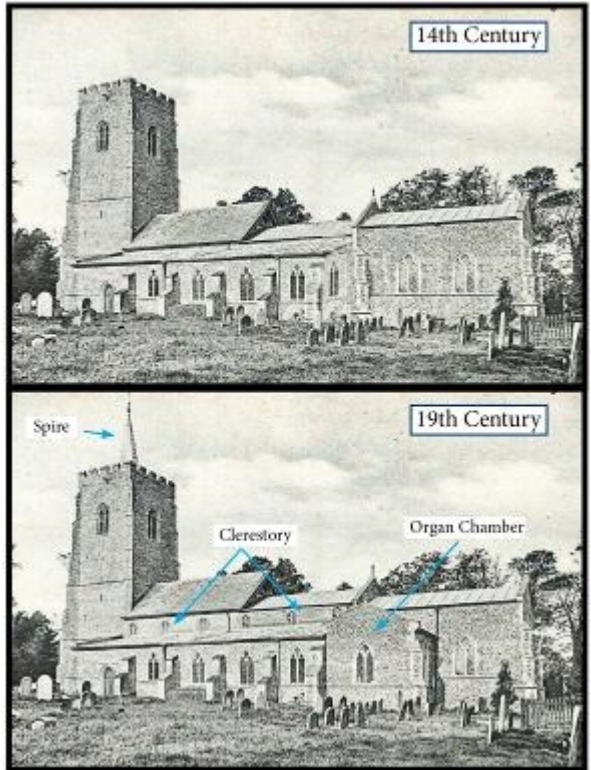
The Perpendicular Style is evident even today when looking at Hethersett's St Remigius. The tall tower, large stained glass windows surrounded by tracery, and buttresses are all trademarks of the style, as well as exposed wooden beams in the ceiling, lead roofs at quite shallow angles to enable walking upon them, and rounded pillars within with often angled or octagonal bases.

The East window that stands behind the altar is original, although it has migrated twice since the time of the Bernaks, and the glass is 19th century.

This section of the church - the Chancel - where the altar stands, was taken down in Tudor Times by John Flowerdewe (of Kett's Rebellion fame). Apparently he had wanted the lead the Chancel was roofed with. The East window, however, must have been thought worth saving and it was disassembled carefully before being replaced in the truncated Eastern end of the church.

Come the Victorian era, it went without saying that the window would be saved, and it was placed where we see it today.

By a quirk of fate, we can now look through that window and see the same view that William and Alice Bernak saw, as the new Chancel we see now, was built upon the still existing



St Remigius Spot the Difference - 14th Century to 19th Century.

foundations of the original.

If you were to travel back in time and approach St Remigius, you would recognise it, yet it would feel strangely shrunken.

The first thing you would notice as you approached would be the tower. The pointed wooden spire was an 18th century addition, and the clock was of course not around in the 14th Century. It has been suggested that even the tower itself was not there in the Bernaks' time, but that may be something best left to a proper expert to determine.

At the other end of the church, the

chancel appeared much longer from the exterior, while the main body of the church was shorter.

Although the Chancel of the 1890s was built on the foundations of the original, the aisles on either side of the main body of the church were extended, like shoulders shrugged up against either side. This was to accommodate the organ chamber and vestry.

The roof itself would have appeared less lofty too. If you look along both sides of the church, in the wall above the roofs of either aisle, there is a row of windows - known as a Clerestory. They were a later addition, the roof (as I understand it) actually being raised to accommodate them.

Their purpose would have been evident upon entering the church.

Fourteenth Century St Remigius would have been a gloomier place than today. The Clerestory windows raised the roof and let in beams of light to brighten the entire interior.

Without the Clerestory, the bare floor would have gone some way to brightening the room - there were no pews or seating for the congregation in the 14th Century.

There was, however, a large wooden screen that blocked off the view of the Eastern window. This was a fixture in all churches in England, and was known as a Rood Screen. It separated



Rood Screen of the Church of All Saints, Filby, in Norfolk

the congregation from the holiest place in the church - sometimes in fact, and sometimes only nominally. It would have been ornately carved, and perhaps painted, pierced by holes known as 'squints' through which sacred ceremonies could be glimpsed.

The murals around the windows and arches within St Remigius would not be painted until the Victorian era. However there is a suggestion that there may have been some decorative motifs around some of the walls.

The baptismal font, however has stood in St Remigius since at least the time of the Bernaks - though it did not stand in its present day position.

Alice de Bernak would have perhaps often watched on as her brothers John and Robert, or her son, Hugh, dipped the heads of babes into that same font while welcoming them to salvation.

So now that I've had a stab at the

"Why" of the Bernaks rebuilding the church, and the "What," we come to the "How."

A bit of money always comes in handy when one is building a church and if the Bernaks hadn't had ready money at hand, no doubt Remigius de Hedersete could have used his connections to secure loans for them.

Unfortunately, we don't have any bank statements from that far back. What can be said, is that just after Alice de Bernak's death, her son John acknowledged that he was in debt to the tune of £2000. That's £1.5 million in today's terms - or about 100,000 days' wages for the average labourer of the time.

It's quite a hefty debt to have. Yet the rich know that you have to owe money to make money. They could afford to spend up big on vanity projects if they had the assets.

The funny thing is, though, they probably didn't need to take any large loans to build St Remigius. It seems that a typical church would have cost somewhere in the region of £200 to build. In the 1360s, the Bernak's Norfolk lands were worth about £120 a year when leased by the king to the Earl of Suffolk. And the Earl knew he was going to make a profit out of the transaction, so there was quite a bit of money coming in.

Much of the costs in building a church were to do with labour, but, as we've seen, the Bernaks' tenants all owed labour of some kind, and they were no longer required to work the Lord's fields now they were given over to grazing sheep.



A 14th Century Baptism

The villagers could do the unskilled labour, while artisans did the detailed work and a master mason would guide them in the construction of the church as a whole. The villagers could fetch wood for scaffolding and fell trees for roofing. They could dig for materials - for flint, and clay - and cart them to the site.

Costs would also have been cut when it came to the materials themselves. There may still have been some good Roman stone left in the Villa which straddled the bounds of Hethersett and Great Melton, and the Lords also had all the rights to soil and earth. We also must not forget those marks from Norman Chisels found within the arches of St Remigius by the Victorians. The previous church would also have gone some way towards furnishing them with materials.

As late as the 17th century there were still references to "Skilman's Pit," which lay just below the top of present day Mill Road. Though at the time it lay on the common. Gravel, flint or clay

could have been dug there.

Perhaps this was Simon de Hedersete/Skileman's land, and part of the contribution to the building of the church?

If I had to hazard a guess at when all of this happened, my leaning is towards the 1330s.

In 1329, Alice's mother Joan died, and her brother John - who just happened to be the Rector of St Remigius - inherited. John died in 1334 and Alice inherited the lot.



Building Labour - both Skilled and Unskilled - in the Middle Ages

That would have taken care of any money needs they had. Perhaps they then asked their old friend Remigius - who was just finishing up his new church at Hingham - whether he could suggest a good stonemason for Hethersett.

The rest - as they say - is history. Or at least as near as we can guess when we look between the

cracks.

Next month we'll backtrack a little and complete the story of the Bernaks and Hethersett.

Pulham Orchestra Concert

“The British Isles in December”

Saturday December 10th at 7.30 pm in Hethersett Parish Church

The Pulham Orchestra under the musical direction of Margery Baker, is delighted to return to the beautiful church in Hethersett to perform a concert of music featuring some of the best melodies and orchestral music from around the British Isles.

The programme will include Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony (No 3); Nursery Suite by Elgar (written for Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret); Vaughan-Williams' Folk Song Suite and Norwegian Dances by Grieg (his father was Scottish).

There will be familiar tunes: The “Londonderry Air,” and “Country Gardens” by Grainger and something in the spirit of Christmas.

Interval refreshments will be available.

News From The Parish Council

Meeting Dates

The final parish council meeting of 2022 will take place on December 19th. Full council dates for 2023 are: January 30th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August (no meeting), September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th. The annual parish meeting will be held on April 19th.

The council meets monthly on the third Monday of each month except for August when there is no meeting. Some of the dates above will be Wednesdays due to the relevant Mondays being Bank Holidays.

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

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

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

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

How To Contact The Parish Council

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

The council has a website at

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

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

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 | Leslie Dale | 46 New Road | 810952 |
| | Anne Edwards | 6 Queen's Road | 812309 |
| | Samantha England | c/o Parish Council Office | 07582225895 |
| | Jonathan Loomer | 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 |
| | Vacancy | | |

New Councillor To Be Appointed

THERE is a vacancy on Hethersett Parish Council following the resignation of its youngest member Katie Adams who is moving away from the village.

The resignation takes the number of parish councillors down to 13.

The voluntary post will be advertised and an election will take place if more than one resident puts themselves forward. If nobody steps up the council will have the right to co-opt a new councillor.

Anyone interested in applying or wanting more information should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer or chairman Adrienne Quinlan whose details are in this edition of Hethersett Herald. Closing date for applications is December 12th.

Full parish council elections are scheduled for next May.

News From The Parish Council

More Village Litter Pick Dates

THE next village litter pick organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council will take place on Saturday December 17th. Volunteers are always welcome and tools are provided. This session will start from Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm.

Litter picks for the first four months of 2023 will be on the following dates:

January 14th from 10 am starting at the Methodist Church

February 18th from 2 pm starting at the village hall

March 25th from 10 am starting at the Methodist Church

April 22nd from 2 pm starting at the village hall

The Open Spaces Debate

A HETHERSETT Parish Councillor has questioned the council's commitment to open spaces in the village.

Councillor Chris Morriss claimed the council "is not that concerned about public spaces in the village" or worried about what he refers to as "interference" with public spaces.

Cllr Morriss has in the past voiced his concern about the re-wilding of certain areas in the village including around the village sign and around the perimeter of land at the village hall.

Council chair Adrienne Quinlan said she felt the council had achieved quite a bit with its support for open spaces. This included the building of a new pavilion on Hethersett

Memorial Playing Field and green spaces on the North Hethersett development.

Cllr Jenny Walpole pointed out that a

community garden is being provided at the village hall on land previously used as a skateboard park.

Mrs Quinlan (pictured above) underlined the council's commitment to re-wilding and stated that there are no plans to change the areas already given over to this.



News From The Parish Council

Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

PROPOSED electoral boundary changes will not affect Hethersett with the village remaining in the South Norfolk constituency, members of the parish council have been informed.

The changes will see Diss, Roydon and Costessey leaving South Norfolk but Wymondham moving into South Norfolk from Central Norfolk.

Marking The Coronation

THE parish council is looking into the possibility of holding a public event to mark the coronation of King Charles III in May next year.

But members heard at the November parish council meeting that any events would have to be self financing and no budget will be made available.

New Community and Projects Officer Sara White has been asked to co-ordinate any events with support as necessary from councillors.

It was agreed that any events should be “forward looking” and embrace the interests of the King—possibly being of an ecological nature.

Any event will be held on Bank Holiday Monday (May 8th) which is two days after the official coronation. The venue looks likely to be Hethersett Memorial Playing Field and it is hoped that the new pavilion will be completed by this date.

Ideas being considered include fancy dress parades, fun games and the burial of time capsules. The parish council will also encourage residents to organise their own individual events in celebration of the coronation.

Hethersett Herald will keep you informed on the progress of any plans to celebrate the event.

Office Closure

The parish council office in Hethersett Village Hall will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Friday 23rd December, re-opening on 3rd January.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



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**Infirm
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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.



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| Barbara | 01603 810502 |
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| Debby | 01603 812221 |

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Monster Ball Brightens Playgroup

Sarah Lawrence looks back on a month where everything has become even busier than normal.

THIS time of the year is when everything starts to ramp up a notch.

Planning for that big day in December starts, along with all the other festivities that the Autumn/Winter brings. Hallowe'en is a big celebration in our family, we love all things spooky.

Because of that, Playgroup obviously has to have a massive Hallowe'en party, this year named the First Steps Monster Ball! The Monster Ball was a well-attended affair, becoming fully booked after just a few hours, and a waiting list was set-up.

We wish everyone could come, but for that to happen we'd need a hall double the size!



The Hallowe'en shindig itself was a massive success. The children all had a frighteningly fun time and I think the grown-ups did too, if slightly exhausting! We had a

Hallowe'en playlist on our music system, themed snacks, a spooky craft and sensory area, and let's not forget the ever-popular temporary tattoos (always a hit). We also had prizes for the best dressed visitors, won by a mini-Frankenstein, a witch and an astronaut respectively, and party bags filled with goodies to take home. By the end, I think we were all wickedly worn-out, but beaming



Sarah's World

with smiles and pride at putting together such a devilishly fun party.

Speaking of Playgroup, I've been finding that recently we have become busier than ever, booking out every week. I wonder why that is?

I hope it's because we try everything we can to make it a safe space, somewhere people can come with their children for a cheap morning out and a natter.

We are relaxed in the way we run. In my opinion, structure has no place in a baby and toddler group! I often watch little ones while their grown-up nips to the loo, or runs to grab a biscuit, and we have grandparents come with their children, as well as Mums and Dads and Aunties. People tell their friends, who then tell theirs. I am so proud of way our little First Steps family is growing.

I am also massively thankful for the way our volunteer team has stepped up to support each other and the group, each of us a really important part of the puzzle. Jade, Charli, Vince, Jo, Jess, Julia, Jenn, Holly, Lisa—you are all amazing and we wouldn't function nearly as well without you. Thank you for giving up your Tuesday mornings!

I made a difficult decision this month. After being approached by Samantha



England, the new Chair of the Youth Club Committee,

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asking me to hop aboard, I was keen to join. But, I knew that in order to do that, I had to look at my current workload and make a choice.

I really couldn't join another committee without stepping down from another, my husband would really tell me off! With that in mind, I decided to resign from the HEAG/HEAT (Hethersett Environmental Action Group/ Team) committee that I've been a member of for a few years now.

It was a difficult choice to make, but the parish council has now taken on a new member of staff, Sara, who will be running litter picks as the Health and Safety Officer going forward. This was really one of the only contributions I was making as a member of HEAT, and I really feel like I can be of more use elsewhere, using more of my skill-set.

I am still very keen to be a regular volunteer with HEAT and have requested to remain part of their volunteer list, especially with the Back Garden now making some real progress.

Just because I've stepped down from HEAT, doesn't mean that we're



going to stop getting our hands dirty! Our whole family attended the November litter pick, with us all miraculously having a day off together.

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It was a glorious day to be out and about in our beautiful village, which obviously looked a lot more beautiful after us litter pickers joined forces to clear up. We went along Mill Road, down West Croft, Flowerdew Close and Park Drive, with myself and my husband collecting two rather heavy bags of rubbish in the process. When we returned to our Methodist Church meeting point around an hour or so later we were greeted by Geoff and Sara who said that they had had around 17 or so volunteers that morning.

With more than ten bags of litter collected between us, it wasn't bad for a morning's work.

Tesco has been doing its bit for the community this month too. As well as disposing of all of the litter picked during the litter picks, November and December tend to be our busiest months for donation requests due to the amount of Christmas raffles, fayres and fundraisers going on at various organisations.

This month so far, we have donated ten tubs of chocolates to the Hethersett Pantomime Group, a bottle of Prosecco for a Christmas raffle to Mid Norfolk Group of Riding for the Disabled (RDA), a bottle of Baileys to Food and Beverage



Buggies (FABB) for their Christmas raffle, and we're going to support Woodside Primary School with a raffle prize for their Christmas Fayre too.

Tesco's new core purpose is 'Serving our customers, communities and planet a little better every day' and I feel really honoured to have a small part in creating the link between the community and our store.

Planning for the Woodside Primary School Christmas Fayre is now in full swing, with jobs being allocated

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to people involved. Letters are being sent out to local businesses requesting raffle prizes or donations, lucky dip prizes are being ordered and wrapped, and Santa's Grotto is being organised.

The Christmas Fayre is always a lot of hard work behind the scenes, so if you're able to help in any way, please contact me or Woodside directly. Many hands make light work!

The more money we earn, the more money that we can spend on the children during their time at the school. This school year we have already put plans in motion to purchase a Defibrillator for the use of the school, and an exciting project to encourage reading among the children. It's lovely to see the money we have raised being put to good use!

Lastly, I thought I'd mention that if you're finding things tough at the moment, please don't forget that Hethersett Library is a lovely place to while away some time if you're struggling with money, worried about heating your home, or even if you're just lonely.

During staffed hours, there is tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cup-a-soups available 30 minutes after opening, and with regular clubs like Knit and Knatter and Colour Me Calm, there's plenty of opportunity to get your social needs seen to too.



They even have 'Go bags' just inside the front entrance for people to help themselves to, no questions asked. There's one called 'Warm and Well' which contains gloves, a thermal top, socks, a scarf, blanket and hat, another called 'Warm and Well Toiletries' containing deodorant, shampoo, body wash and toothpaste, and one called 'Tricky Period' containing a variety of sanitary products.

This is a wonderful service that the library provides. Along with now housing the Post Office, Hethersett Library is an important asset to our community.

Remembering John

By Lavinia Ganley

Some of you may have heard the sad news that John Symonds passed away peacefully in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital on 11th October aged 91.

John, his wife Helen and their two daughters first moved into Little Melton in 1974, and moved to their bungalow on Mill Road in 1988.

As a builder, modernising the bungalow was a labour of love. However, he also completed many building projects in the village and erected the village sign. John's hobbies included ballroom dancing, his love of music resulted in him learning to play the keyboard and as 'Mr Music' he played recorded music for many events and social gatherings across East Anglia.

In his later years his passion was his beloved allotment. He was a regular winner of The Best Kept Allotment prize and heaviest pumpkin at the village show. This really was his happy place and he liked nothing more than to share his knowledge or to sit and chat with the other allotment keepers.

John was a huge supporter of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and donations in memory of John can be made via Harvey's Funeral Directors or direct to EAAA.

The information for this article was supplied by John's daughter Sue.



Hethersett Singers Preparing for Christmas by David Kinnaird

The Hethersett Singers will be hosting a concert on Saturday 10th December.

There will be a wide variety to enjoy, including a repeat performance of the 'Snow Angel' by Sarah Quartel. There will be some well-known carols, of course, but also a beautiful arrangement by John Rutter of the 'Jesus Child' and a choir's favourite – his 'Carol of the Magi'.

The choir has especially enjoyed learning an arrangement of 'Carols from Eastern Europe' (you'll recognise them) and easy songs by Greg Gilpin and Gordon Lightfoot.

Entrance is just £8 and it is at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church, Great Melton Road. You can pay on the door.

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.

November Twilight as night creeps up like mountains over the fields of New Road Hethersett.



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News From Hethersett Hall

After School Visit

Words and Pictures by
Emily Parton

Our residents had their first after school club recently with our new Junior Ambassadors from local schools.

They brought an array of games to play and one of our ambassadors had made her own version of a Getting to know Book called "About Me" which included pictures and photos that are important to them.

One resident said "I hope they come back soon." Well they will be back for a Christmas bingo session this month.

A Dramatic Event

We really got into character recently with the drama session in our memory lane.

All the residents put on a hat of their choice and then read a line corresponding to that character.

A lot of fun and laughter was had.

Mr Entertainer Pays A Visit

Our residents had a fantastic afternoon with one of our favourite entertainers, Johnny Cleveland.

He sang songs from across the decades and had everyone singing along, requesting songs and having an armchair shuffle to all the old favourites.



News From Hethersett Hall

Sing a Long Saturday

Recently our residents enjoyed a fun cabaret session with vocalist Charlene Jean. The residents knew all the words as they sang a long with classic 50s and 60s songs.

Spooky Science

Friend in Deed recently joined us for our spooky science session with local scientist Lucy.

Our residents liked taking part in the fun but most of all loved watching the children and seeing their reactions to the different experiments. We had a witch flying on a broom, a bubbling cauldron and even a floating ghost! At the end the children gave each of our residents a colour changing heart as a thank you.

It was definitely a sight to see.



Penpals

Our residents recently received lots of letters from the local infant school who are learning about toys in years gone by.



They asked our residents about toys they had and what their favourites were. The residents have been hard at work replying to them and look forward to hearing from them again.





Spooky Science

Colourful Art On Display

THEY are known as the Sensational Six.

That's how Hethersett Hall refer to residents Dulcie, Margaret, Peter, Raoul, Sylvia and Terry who produced a very colourful display of over 60 pieces of art in November.

Friends and relatives joined the six artists who meet regularly on Tuesday mornings under the tutelage of their teacher Juli Mobbs for a mini exhibition in the library lounge'

Our photographs were taken at the evening which was held on November 22nd and there's a special article on one of the six—Peter Pilkington on page 58.



Four members of the Sensational Six with art teacher Juli Mobbs. They are (left to right) - Terry Cable, Peter Pilkington, Sylvie and Raoul Baker.





Flattened In The Blitz

HETHERSETT Hall artist Peter Pilkington still remembers vividly the day his home in London was “flattened” during the Blitz.

Peter was born in Erith in 1931 and is now 91 years of age. He lived with his mother and father and elder brother Leonard. In 1940 at the age of nine his family were bombed out of their house.

“The place was absolutely flattened,” he said. Peter was lucky to be alive but the noise of the bombs shattered his eardrums and left him severely deaf.

The family stayed together through the war and moved to Greenwich. Leonard became a pilot and Peter studied engineering at Eltham Technical College.

He went on to work for a number of companies including GEC and ended up with Lewisham Borough Council. At the age of 30 he married Anne and they had twin boys—Jonathan and Julian and a daughter Justine.

Peter and Anne lived together in Hethersett Hall until Anne died two years ago. They had been married for over 60 years. Anne had a pink memorial rose planted in the grounds of Hethersett Hall. Peter has nine grandchildren.



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 January 2023 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online on Christmas Eve in order to bring you news and photographs of the festive season in the village.

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

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

petersteward@sky.com

We Are On Facebook

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

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

Please share details of the Herald so we can increase our readership.

Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

Member of Parliament

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

Email - Richard@richardbacon.org.uk.

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

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

South Norfolk Council

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

Hethersett Parish Council

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

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

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

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

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Your Monthly E-Magazine

News, views, comment, information and photographs keeping you up to date with what is happening in our village. Hethersett Herald is published on the first day of each month exclusively at:


www.hetherssettherald.weebly.co



HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



 Insp Louise BISHOP
Local Policing Commander

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




101 Ext: 5635



Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk



 PC Vicky BAILEY
Engagement Officer

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.




101 Ext: 1113



Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk



 PC Stu BARNARD
Beat Manager

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

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



101 Ext: 2386



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Where To Eat In Hethersett

Janey's Village Café -

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

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

Park Farm Hotel

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

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

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

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

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

| | Unleaded | Change | Diesel | Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Asda Hall Road, Norwich | 159.9 | -6p | 182.9 | -1p |
| Tesco Express, Earham Road, Norwich | 159.9 | -8p | 182.9 | -1p |
| Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich | 159.9 | -5p | 182.9 | NC |
| Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich | 159.9 | -8p | 183.9 | -3p |
| Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich | 159.9 | -7p | 182.9 | NC |
| Abbeygate Wymondham | 170.9 | -2p | 192.9 | -2p |
| Waitrose Wymondham | 168.9 | -4p | 191.9 | -3p |
| Thickthorn Services, Hethersett | 168.9 | -3p | 191.9 | -6p |

Latest prices at our chosen eight garages.

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

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

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

www.hethersettherald.weebly.com

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

If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.

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First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

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

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

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

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Hethersett Gardening Club by Leslie Dale

Simon White of Peter Beales Roses treated us to anecdotes and a multitude of photographs of the Royal Horticultural Society shows at the Chelsea Hospital site and Hampton Court Palace.

The first Great RHS Spring Show was held in 1862 at Kensington, moving to Chelsea in 1912, where it has continued to open annually except during both world wars. It is the oldest flower show in the world. The Hampton Court Show first started in 1990 with the RHS adopting it in 1993. It is the largest flower show in the world.

Besides enjoying a variety of photographs of gardens and show tents, Simon spoke of the organisation involved in making these shows a success and particularly so for Beales, whose investment has resulted in many gold medals, along with sales orders. The large steel platform structure, now several years old, hosts a major exhibition of roses at Beales' Attleborough site.

One final word, beware the mud if it rains at Hampton Court, bring wellies. Your scribe, who lived nearby for 37 years, recommends the train as the best way to arrive.

This was followed by a talk from Dr Anne Edwards who spoke of her "working visit" to Shanghai. The talk was entitled "Nodules and Noodles."

Anne started her talk with an astounding assertion that several thousand years BC, farmers had noticed the connection between growing legumes eg peas and beans and soil fertility for other crops. Given where the world seems to be going in running out of affordable fertiliser, there is an added importance in growing legumes within a regular crop rotation cycle—which was invented in Norfolk, in the 17th Century by one "Turnip Townsend".

Anne explained how certain bacteria in the soil work with legumes, allowing them to create root nodules which then make ammonium nitrate, a fertiliser. If made industrially, the process involves high temperatures and has a high carbon footprint.

There is a longstanding relationship between researchers in Shanghai and in Norwich who asked her to share the research technology involved. After the physical chemistry explanation by Anne, she treated us to a glimpse of Shanghai. Photographs included its people, their food, the city, research facilities and a rare plant conservation establishment harbouring some impressive trees and shrubs.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December,

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which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th December when Ted Hallett will be talking about Walter P. Wright a prolific writer of books on the subject of gardening.

On Wednesday 18th January Jim Paine, of Walnut Tree Nursery will be taking us on a grand tour of Botanical Gardens.

Leslie Dale, Committee Secretary

Isldale@yahoo.co.uk

THE RiNG Norfolk Arthritis Group

By Viv Hawes

Hello again everybody. Christmas is nearly upon us and once again we look forward to a fantastic lunch at the Queen's Head. We have just about filled the spaces and, because of a very generous donation from the Lions Club, we have been able to reduce the cost of lunch to £23 and also to enjoy a glass of something as a welcome. The lunch is on December 14th and we hope a good time is had by all.

The programme for next year is filling up:

January: Max Yates will bring us up to date with Rheumatology.

February: A member of the Lions will talk about the good work they do.

March: Our friend Peter Steward is back to inform and divert us.

April: Our birthday- we are hoping for a visit from an old friend of the group.

We are also planning for a visit from Claire Jacklin, the CEO of NRAS on a date to be arranged.

We hope there is something for everyone and a visit to Hethersett Village Hall on the Fourth Wednesday of the month will be put in your diary. We still have home-made cake and tea/coffee for the £4 entry fee, but the big draw should be the chance to chat, make new friends or renew old acquaintances.

If you require any more info, please feel free to contact me.

viv.hawes@talktalk.net or phone 01603 811347

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CRINGLEFORD & HETHERSETT FLOWER CLUB

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



OUR September meeting was presented by Moira Neville whose title was "Second Hand Rose". She made a terrific effort, not only with wonderful arrangements, loads of tips and good ideas, but she dressed up as a flapper and had the appropriate music to accompany her!

Definitely a demonstrator to invite back.

October saw lots of us arranging dried flowers in an assortment of containers. Dried flowers are making a comeback especially with the current costs of flowers and the sustainability of foam. We had a fun, informal and relaxed evening and shared ideas, all of us taking home arrangements to decorate our homes for the next few months.

On Saturday 3rd December 10 am to 3 pm there will be a Christmas workshop to include a two course lunch with a glass of wine for £20. A lovely start to the festive season. Contact Lynn (below) for details.

There is a change of venue for 23rd January's demonstration with David Wright. As Hethersett



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Pantomime will be performing in the Village Hall, we have secured the use of the Methodist Church Hall on Great Melton Road. This has plenty of car parking and the church can be found close to Tesco Express but on the opposite side of the road.

Our friendly club usually meets on the fourth Monday of the month at Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

After a demonstration by a qualified floral demonstrator, there is a chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle. We always complete the evening with a cuppa and a chat!

For further details please ring Chairman Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888.

Follow us on Facebook too – Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club.



Hethersett Women's Institute with Margot Markham

In 1881 Ebenezer Mather founded the Fishermen's Mission. It was founded on Christian principles although people of all faiths are supported by the mission.

Andy Malcolm spoke about the charity as it works today. He works tirelessly across the whole of East Anglia to get financial support and to raise awareness of the work carried out.

The mission aims to give not just financial aid but emotional and pastoral support for fishermen. They may be at work at sea or retired. The families of fishermen may be in need of support too and they are taken care of. Andy outlined the poverty many fishermen experience to provide us with those delicious "fish and chips".

Andy was amazing as he was a superb raconteur. His story of the mission and his own experiences were quite touching. These were interspersed with some sea shanties which he sang, together with little tests to check our knowledge of sea ports and fish types. He kept our attention so well. He hadn't even gone through the trials of teacher training. Perhaps he could have sold sand to the Arabs but for us, he provided a thought provoking and most enjoyable evening.

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Hethersett Dementia Support Group

Angela Bishop gave a fun and highly interesting talk on street sellers at the meeting of the Forget Me Not Club on November 15th.

Angela jogged many memories of street sellers from milkmen to chimney sweeps, coalmen to rag and bone men and even included the muffin man and Scouts' Bob a Job week.

She coloured her display by wearing relevant costumes to illustrate her talk and also bursting into song on numerous occasions.

Her talk was warmly appreciated and prompted many memories.



Remaining Programme For 2022

December 6th—Christmas Carols with the Methodist Singers.

December 20th—Christmas Crafts



Angela Bishop talking to the Forget Me Not Club in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall.

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St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group



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

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

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Future Dates:

3rd January 2023

For more information telephone: Pauline 01603 812610

FRIENDS OF HETHERSETT LIBRARY

The friends of Hethersett Library held a fundraising quiz in Hethersett Village Hall and raised around £250, the majority of which will go towards a traditional children's party at the beginning of December. The party has proved so popular that a waiting list has had to be set up.

We will have a report of the party along with photographs in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

The Friends group will be meeting in December to finalise events for 2023 which will include talks and presentations.

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Paint With Us Art Group

The photograph above has been sent to us by Ann Wright of the Paint With Us Art Group. It shows just some of the artists that meet in Hethersett Village Hall every Thursday from 1.30 until 4 pm.

“As you can see we are a happy group who welcome new artists. Whatever your painting ability do come and join us. Just drop in to find out more,” Anne said.

Group member Carol Towells said:

“I’ve been a member of this art group for 20 years and always look forward to Thursday afternoons. We all do our own thing—water colour, oil, pastel, acrylic, card making.

“We enjoy art together and encourage one another. If anyone is interested, come along to the Village Hall on a Thursday afternoon and have a look.”

Another member said:

“I joined the art group in March this year as a complete novice. Everyone welcomed me so warmly and have always been encouraging.”

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FACE PAINTING, 30+ LOCAL CRAFT STALLS,
REFRESHMENTS, SANTA'S GROTTO, SWEETS, STOCKING
FILLERS, GIFTS, PLANTS, LUCKY DIP, GAMES, RAFFLE,
WOOD FIRED PIZZA, HOG ROAST

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

11AM-2PM

£1 ENTRY • CHILDREN FREE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

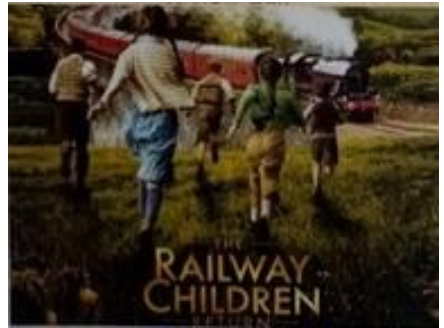
If you would like your event featured in Hethersett Herald just send an e-mail to the editor with details.

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Return To The Railway

The Railway Children Return is the December offering from Hethersett Village Screen. This is a sequel to the original classic "The Railway Children" film.

The film stars Jenny Agutter, Tom Curtenay and Sheridan Smith. Siblings Lily, Pattie and Ted are evacuated from Manchester to the West Yorkshire Countryside where adventure awaits.



This is the last film in the Autumn season for the group. We will have details of New Year offerings as soon as they are at hand.

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.

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

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



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

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I'M ALREADY DREAMING OF A
Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
In aid of
Star Throwers

Sunday 4th December
AM Workshop: 10am
PM Workshop: 1.30pm
at the Star Throwers Centre
£35 per person

Join us for a morning or afternoon of festive wreath making - all materials included as well as light refreshments, kindly supported by Nicky at The Enchanted Willow

All profits will be donated to Star Throwers - Cancer Support Charity and will go towards supporting people affected by cancer

To book: Call 01793 823864 or email victoria@starthrowers.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 118237

Star Throwers
Cancer Support Charity

Wreath Making Date

AT Wymondham Star Throwers cancer charity they are dreaming of Christmas with a wreath making workshop. You can book a place by emailing: victoria@starthrowers.org.uk. The workshop will take place at the Star Throwers centre in Melton Road, Wymondham, on Sunday 4th December and is led by Nicky, from The Enchanted Willow florist. All proceeds go back to Star Throwers Cancer Support Charity.



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Christmas Services

HETHERSETT & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

In Great Melton - All Saints & St Mary

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| 11 th December | Christingle and Carol Service | 3:30pm |
| Christmas Eve | Carols with Communion | 6:30pm |

In Hethersett

17th December outside Tesco Express at 10am
18th December in Park Green 5 to 5:30pm

**Community Carols
in Support of
Finnbars Force**

Methodist Church

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|---------|
| 4 th December | All Age Café Style Service | 10:30am |
| 18 th December | Carol service | 10:30am |
| Christmas Eve | Christmas Eve Communion | 3:30pm |
| | Christingle | 4pm |
| Christmas Day | Christmas Morning Worship for all the Family | 10:30am |

St Remigius

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|---------|
| 4 th December | All Age Service with informal Communion | 11am |
| | Christingle | 4pm |
| 18 th December | Carol service | 6:30pm |
| Christmas Eve | Crib Service | 4pm |
| | Midnight Communion | 11:30pm |
| Christmas Day | All-Age Family Communion | 9:30am |

In Little Melton - All Saints

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 18 th December | Carol Service | 10:30am |
| Christmas Eve | Crib Service | 3:30pm |
| Christmas Day | All-Age Family Communion | 9:30am |

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Open Library

Extending opening hours at your library

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

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

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Hethersett Singers

Saturday 10th Dec 7.30pm
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*A Concert of beautiful and fun
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**Conducted by Rob Goodrich
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**Tickets £8 - incl refreshments
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Groups and Societies

By Branch Secretary Kate Reynolds

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



At our Meeting in October we had a speaker from The National Accident Rescue Service (NARS). NARS is a nationwide organisation that has its Norfolk headquarters in Dereham. There are 40 clinicians who give their time and skills on a voluntary basis. These include doctors and trained medical staff, first responders and ambulance support. They are highly skilled professionals who freely give of their time to cover shifts enabling a 24 hours a day service. All NARS personnel are trained to use the latest medical equipment and deal with all emergencies. They have well equipped ambulances and transport to cover every type of situation they may encounter.

There are first responders ready to attend emergencies and care for patients whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Many of these responders have saved lives themselves by their immediate support and during the talk we heard of many instances of this happening. Another aspect of the work of NARS is that they offer training in resuscitation and CPR skills. We found the talk given to us by their representative Jess very enlightening and reassuring.

On December 5th we hold our annual Christmas lunch at The Queen's Head.

Hethersett Mothers' Union would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have You Missed Out ?

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

www.hethersettherald.weebly.com

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Pieces of Hethersett History

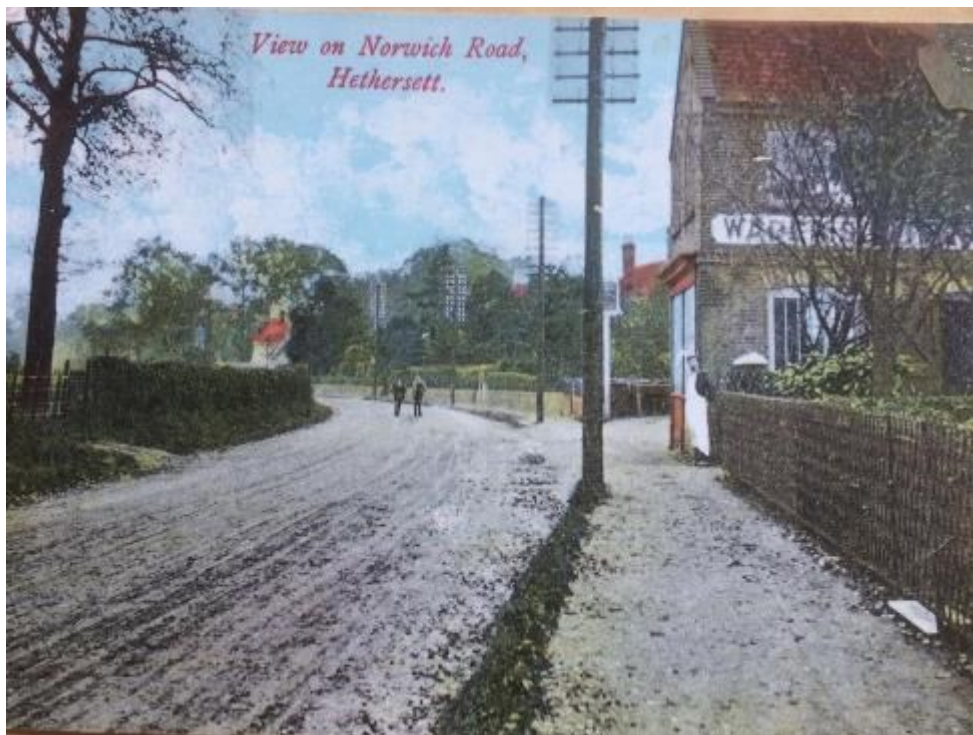
Historic Postcards

We have featured postcards from historian Steve Sheens in the past and we are grateful to Steve for permission to reproduce the following three that he initially posted on social media with the following comments.

“Three nice old postcards I have of Hethersett. One shows Wade and Son in a glass fronted shop. The King’s Head can be seen in the distance and the old Prince of Wales Pub is in the foreground. Lovers Lane is on the left. This is where Harvey’s foundry used to be.

“The photograph of Kett’s Oak looks as if it has an old milestone on the right side.

“The third is of Norgate’s Shop on Queen’s Road/Great Melton Road. I can remember in the late 60s there was a woman called Sylvia Beaumont and her sister worked there.



Pieces of Hethersett History



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TESCO
Community Grants

Vote Vote Vote—It's Your Votes That Count

HETHERSETT Community Garden could be inline for up to £1,500 from the Tesco Community Grants Scheme.

You can vote for Hethersett's Back Garden Project at Hethersett Tesco Expressi in the village as well as the other stores listed on the poster above.

Ask for a blue token or you can usually find them by the side of the till. The project has the potential to win up to £1500 and the deadline is January 2023. "This is a great and easy way to support local projects and initiatives in your parish,"

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.

Triumph To Tragedy

EDWARD WHYMPER
(born April 27th, 1840, London, England—died September 16th, 1911, Chamonix, France).

THE ASCENT OF THE MATTERHORN – TRIUMPH TO TRAGEDY.

**A special Hethersett Herald feature
by John Head**

AS many of you know, I am an ‘armchair mountaineer’ and one mountain, owing to its distinctive shape, has always fascinated me and that is the Matterhorn.

In 2012, we took the opportunity to holiday in Zermatt hoping to see this most beautiful of peaks. It was a gamble as, having researched the possibilities from previous visitors, we were advised some had spent up to a week in Zermatt without seeing the Matterhorn owing to the cloud cover.

After three days there we were rewarded by the most magnificent and majestic sight of this mountain as early as four o’clock in the morning.

You can understand why people are drawn to its precipitous slopes to make the perilous ascent.

One such person was the English mountaineer Edward Whymper who, in July 1865, after several failed attempts, gathered a party together for a further

The Matterhorn



The Matterhorn



attempt on the Matterhorn’s lofty height (14,690 feet).

His climbing party comprised:

Lord Francis Douglas, son of Archibald William Douglas 8th Marquis of Queensbury.

Two Zermatt Guides, Peter Taugwalder

and son, also named Peter (they were called Old Peter and Young Peter to distinguish between them).

Rev. Charles Hudson, the vicar of Wakefield, who was considered to be the best amateur climber at the time.

Michel Croz, a very experienced mountaineer from Chamonix, who had accompanied Whymper on climbing expeditions on many occasions.

Douglas Hadow, an inexperienced 19-year-old who was recommended by Rev. Charles Hudson although his climbing ability may have been slightly overestimated.

The Ascent

Early preparations were thwarted by bad weather. As the weather cleared and Whymper prepared for the ascent, it came to his attention that an Italian party led by an experienced guide, Jean-Antoine Carrel, had already started the ascent.

Jean-Antoine Carrell was expected to join Whymper's party when Michel Croz was initially unavailable. However, without Whymper's knowledge, Carrell had contracted himself to the Italians. The climb had now become an intense competition to reach the summit first.

On Thursday 13th July at 5.30 am the party of eight (Taugwalder's other son acted as a temporary porter for the first day) left the Monte Rosa Hotel in Zermatt with Whymper carrying the party's wine bags! They were attempting the ascent via the Hornli Ridge and successfully bivouacked overnight at 12,000 feet.

They were up at dawn on Friday, 14th July concerned about the progress of



Two photographs of Edward Whymper

the Italian party and therefore eager to proceed to the summit as early as possible.

Finding a spot to cross from the Hornli Ridge to the North Face, Croz took the lead followed by Whymper, Hudson, Hadow, Old Peter, Douglas and Young Peter.

With the summit in sight, Whymper untied the rope between him and Hudson and he and Croz raced to a dead heat at the summit. As the summit had two peaks, the Swiss Peak, where they stood, and the Italian Peak 350' to the south - Whymper hastened to it. They had beaten the



The fall depicted by Gustave Doré

was absolutely taking hold of his legs, and putting his feet, one by one, into their proper positions. So far as I know, no one was actually descending. I cannot speak with certainty, because the two leading men were partially hidden from my sight by an intervening mass of rock, but it is my belief, by the movement of their shoulders, that Croz, having done as I have said, was in the act of turning round, to go down a step or two himself; at this moment Mr Hadow slipped, fell against him, and knocked him over.

“I heard a startled exclamation from Croz, then saw him and Mr Hadow flying downwards; in another moment Hudson was dragged from his steps, and Lord F Douglas after him. All this was the work of a moment. Immediately we heard Croz’s exclamation, Old Peter (Taugwaler) and I planted ourselves as

Italians who were about 1200 feet below them. Determined to make their presence known to the Italians, they shouted and threw small rocks down at them (not a clever practice). Upon noticing them, the Italian party headed back down the mountain. The climbers had taken nine hours to reach the summit from their previous night’s bivouac.

The Fateful Descent

This is best given by Whymper’s own account which is taken from the book ‘Whymper’s Scrambles with a Camera’ by Peter Berg, former Honorary Archivist of the Alpine Club.

“Michel Croz laid down his axe and, in order to give Hadow greater security,

firmly as the rocks would permit; the rope was taut between us, and the jerk came on both of us as one man.

“We held; but the rope broke midway between Taugwalder and Lord Francis Douglas. For a few seconds we saw our unfortunate companions sliding down on their backs, spreading out



Whymper Memorial on the side of the Monte Rosa Hotel Zermatt.

their hands, endeavouring to save themselves.

“They passed from our sight uninjured, disappeared one by one, and then fell from precipice to precipice onto the Matterhorn gletscher below, a distance of nearly 4,000 feet in height. From the moment the rope broke it was impossible to help them. So perished our comrades!”

The Matterhorn had exacted a terrible vengeance.

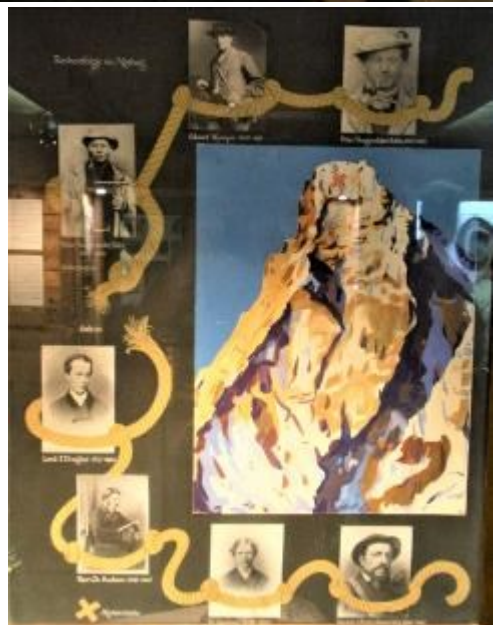
In a state of shock for about 30 minutes, the remaining party of Whymper, Old Peter and Young Peter (Taugwalder) moved cautiously downwards. Whymper took what remained of the broken rope discovering it as being the thinnest and weakest of the party’s three ropes (a sashline). Their careful descent was, for a short time, accompanied by an apparition of two large colourless crosses over them. As the ghostly image dissolved they regained their composure and descended to Zermatt and the Monte Rosa Hotel in silence.

Search and Recovery

The search and recovery efforts, which included Whymper, located the mangled remains of Michel Croz, Douglas Hadow and the Rev Charles Hudson. The remains of Lord Francis Douglas were never found and still stay within his ice tomb.

The Rope

Shortly after the incident, a hastily arranged enquiry, presided over by a local magistrate, came to the conclusion that guilt should be attached to nobody. Mr. Hadow had caused the



The ascent route of the climb and the broken rope in the Zermatt Museum

accident and, with no crime being committed, there were no grounds for prosecution.

However, this did not stop rumours beginning to circulate, particularly as to why an experienced mountain guide such as Old Peter Taugwalder chose to link himself to Douglas by a mere sashline referred to by Old Peter as a 'special rope' (plaited).

Further, Whymper's account of the events were never placed under scrutiny or challenged. With global publicity, speculation abounded. Certainly, Old Peter would have used a stronger rope if he thought the sashline unsafe.

Nevertheless, the choice of rope was questionable albeit Douglas and Taugwalder had been roped together similarly in previous climbs which were not without incident, so there was trust between them and the use of the 'special rope'.

It is interesting to note that the year before the incident, in 1864, the Alpine Journal stated that plaited ropes were now considered unsafe to be used as fixed ropes although Taugwalder and Douglas may not have been aware of the report at the time of their ascent of the Matterhorn.

The fact that the rope had snapped led to a more significant rumour that Old Peter had 'cut' the rope to save himself and his son whilst the others fell. This charge was without substance but it was nevertheless damaging.

The malicious gossip caused Old Peter to emigrate to America in 1874 leaving his family behind. The climbing order of those who descended is another interesting aspect to the story which involves the analysis of the climbing

experience of each member of the party and is too detailed to write in this account.

Whilst Whymper went on to make several successful ascents in the mountain ranges of South America, the Matterhorn tragedy affected him for the rest of his life.

"Every night, do you understand, I see my comrades of the Matterhorn slipping on their backs, their arms outstretched, one after the other, in perfect order at equal distances—Croze the guide, first, then Hadow, then Hudson, and lastly Douglas. Yes, I shall always see them."

The Mountaineers' Cemetery Zermatt

The Memorial of those who died in the incident is located as a designed grave in the Mountaineers Cemetery, Zermatt.

You can see photographs of the graves on the following page.

Two of the English climbers who died on the descent were laid to rest at the English Church in Zermatt: Douglas Hadow is buried outside, while the Reverend Charles Hudson lies by the church altar. The third English climber who lost his life on the expedition, Lord Francis Douglas, has no grave as his body was never found.

The grave of Michel-Auguste Croze, the mountain guide from Chamonix is also in the Mountaineers Cemetery.

His gravestone stands beside that of the two Taugwalders, the father and son mountain guides who accompanied Whymper. They died naturally rather than owing to an accident the mountain.

Further information of interest

The fastest ascent of the Matterhorn was in 1961 by Ian Angell in a time of 3 hours 25 minutes.

Ulrich Inderbinder 1900 -2004 ascended the Matterhorn 370 times in his lifetime. The last time was when he was 90!

Photos

From the John Head Collection except the pictures of Edward Whymper and The Fall by Gustav Dore; accreditation Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons.

Recommended reading

Triumph and Tragedy The Life of Edward Whymper : Emil Henry.

Whymper's Scrambles with a Camera: Peter Berg, former Honorary Archivist of the Alpine Club



Graves and Memorials



Business Opening Hours

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

Business Opening Hours

Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours

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Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

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WE have been contacted by the Build Charity which supports and helps people with disabilities.

The BUILD Charity is looking for people to support our social events with a small group of adults with disabilities, with all expenses covered. If it is a relaxing weekend that you are after, this could be a Sunday Roast, a Sunday afternoon Walkabout, a Grow and Go gardening session or even a Sunday afternoon cinema trip. If you enjoy even more excitement, why not head into the city for our Ten Pin Tuesdays or even a Wednesday Club Social!

Alternatively, if you have expertise in marketing, fundraising, event management or photography and are willing to share your skills with us, we would love to hear from you!

We believe that volunteers should get as much out of the BUILD Charity as they put in, so there are many benefits to these roles. As a BUILD Charity volunteer, you attend events whenever it suits your schedule, all volunteer expenses are covered by the charity and by becoming a BUILD volunteer, you receive your disability awareness training and safeguarding training.

If any of these volunteering opportunities are of interest to you then either call the office on 01603 618029, email us at volunteer@buildcharity.co.uk, or check out the website for our sign up form and donation pages.



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