



Providing Relief For Residents

Special Social Awareness Issue

HETHERSETT may be viewed from the outside as primarily a middle class rural village, but there is plenty of evidence that residents are struggling to meet ever spiralling costs.

Double figure inflation and soaring energy costs are making it difficult for many to simply keep their heads above water.

Norfolk Citizens Advice has noticed a steep increase in Hethersett residents using their services as CEO Mark Hitchcock, who lives in the village, explained:

“Hethersett and the surrounding parishes demonstrate very similar issues to the rest of South Norfolk. There was a four-fold increase in debt issues in the village in 2022 compared to 2021. The number of people looking for benefits help has doubled while the number of energy issues logged increased by 750%. What is really noteworthy is that over 70% of clients in the village are women – a much higher average than across Norfolk.

“The service has run in Norfolk since 1939 but has never seen as high a demand for its services as last year.

“We have seen a 20% increase in

people needing help with benefits as a direct result of people in debt increasing so significantly. Debt as an issue has grown 17% this year and has become the number one issue across Norfolk. Twelve months ago it would not have been in the top five issues and has been driven up as a result of energy costs and the wider cost-of-living crisis,” Mark said.

2022 saw a four-fold increase in debt issues in Hethersett.

Citizens Advice is only one of many groups and organisations being stretched to the limit.

So what is the village doing to alleviate as much suffering as possible.

Thankfully the answer is plenty. There are numerous groups that look after welfare issues. Hethersett Library has been set-up as a warm space to give people a break from worrying about soaring bills and the chance to enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee.

The Hethersett Hearts charity was set-up during lockdown and has done a fantastic job in looking after residents' welfare by regularly undertaking shopping trips, providing transport for hospital appointments and much much more.

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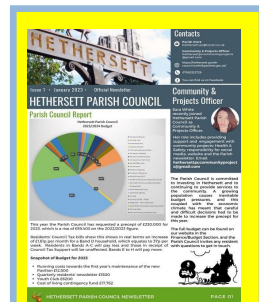


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A Message From The Editor

HI EVERYONE

January is traditionally a slow news month. It has always been known as such in journalism. The celebrations of Christmas are over and communities almost shut down, awaiting the advent of spring and warmer weather.

But that doesn't mean that plenty isn't going on behind the scenes in Hethersett.

Some groups may be taking a mid-winter break but for others the work of caring, looking after residents and leaving their mark on village history goes on.

As usual Herald highlights some of the work being undertaken by groups that represent everyone from babies through to pensioners. It wouldn't be Hethersett without them.

And casting off the mantle of Winter, there are so many things to look forward to in what could be a landmark year for the village.

Spring will see the finish of the new community pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field, providing top class sports facilities alongside a new community venue for groups to meet.

It is hoped that the pavilion can be officially opened in June, which will be just one month after the village celebrates the Coronation of the King—an event that will provide a slice of history for all, but particularly a memory for youngsters as they grow up.

We will also have a new community garden in the grounds of the village hall

and an open gardens' event will be held in June after a break of several years due to COVID restrictions.

By the time you read this, the village pantomime will have come and gone, but it will have been great to have it back after years of COVID restrictions.

Probably the most important matter in the village is the need for a new health centre and hopefully in 2023 this will take some large steps forward. We may not see it come to fruition this year but it is vitally important that talks and partnerships continue. It is absolutely vital that we have a new centre as the village's population continues to grow.

Herald will also be looking forward to district and parish council elections that are scheduled for May.

There will of course be much more happening in the village than we have mentioned here. One thing you can be assured of is that Hethersett Herald will continue to cover the stories and the issues that make our village what it is.

We are only too aware that many people in Hethersett are struggling to make ends meet at the moment. Let's hope that 2023 can at least bring us some happy and positive news.

PETER



Village Speeding Continues

By Roger Morgan

Community Speed Watch continues to operate in the village with the main hotspot still being New Road. Despite the presence of clear warning signs and hi vis jackets, some drivers appear to be unaware of the 30 mph speed limit.

Generally, most drivers respect the existing speed limits and drive in a responsible way.

However, in New Road on 11th January, a new record was set. Eighteen drivers were observed speeding in a one-hour time slot with two of these cars travelling over 40 mph.

Drivers who significantly exceed the speed limit will be notified by letter of the time and place where they were speeding.

A second warning letter will be sent if the driver is seen speeding again anywhere in the county. Persistent offenders will be visited by Norfolk Police.

The aim of the scheme is very much to raise people's awareness of the limits in force and to encourage them to respect the law. It is not the intention to 'catch' people speeding but simply to get drivers to realise that there are speed limits in the village.

The majority of residents and drivers appreciate and respect the work of the



team. However, occasionally drivers show their displeasure by

means of rude and offensive gestures. These incidents are duly recorded and reported to PC Stu Barnard, the Hethersett Beat Manager. He will then visit the offender to discuss the situation.

The team also carry out joint observation sessions with PC Barnard. He has the power to issue on the spot, fixed penalty fines.

Some members of the Speed Watch team are also responsible for a mobile speed monitoring device which was bought by the parish council.

This is placed at various sites around the village to warn drivers if they are exceeding the speed limit. It also records the number of vehicles and their speeds over a three-week period.

The data collected is given to the council so that they can see where and when vehicles are speeding. A report of the findings will appear in a future edition of Hethersett Herald.



Hethersett Pantomime Special

Another Colourful Spectacle

THE essence of pantomime is FUN and isn't that something we all need in these troubled times?

Hethersett Pantomime is pure escapism and that's something that has been missing in many of our lives in the past three years when COVID wiped out performances.

Sadly pantomime founder Duncan Pigg is no longer with us. Duncan was a constant ever-present in my life from when we moved into the village and his contribution to the church and village life was marked with his award a few years ago of a British Empire Medal (BEM)

So it was fitting that Hethersett Pantomime made a sparkling return to the village hall this year with 10 performances that ran from January 21st to 28th. The performances were dedicated to Duncan's memory and you can read about this in our coverage of this year's panto and in a reflective piece from an interview with him in 2007.

As for this year's show. Well Aladdin had all the glitz and sparkle that you would expect from a pantomime that has been honed and fashioned in over half a decade.

Back in 2007 Duncan Pigg said modestly that the pantomime would continue to do very well without him. What he omitted to say was that the

By Peter Steward



pantomime would be much poorer without him. Similarly Hethersett would exist without this annual colourful show, but it would be much the poorer without it.

Aladdin is a traditional panto with all the usual elements—a cave, a genie, an old lamp, a good fairy, a baddie and plenty of dancing and singing.

Much of the dressing up, as in so many occasions in the past, came in the shape of Neville Greenhalgh as

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Widow Twankey and Barry Foster as Abanazar. A definite highlight of the panto at Hethersett is the ad libs, the gibes at the audience and the way the cast cover up any cracks when somebody forgets their lines. I have often thought that Barry shouldn't be given a script but should just be allowed to make the plot up as he goes along.

On top of the fun, a pantomime always needs strong leads and Hethersett had these in the trio of Lloyd Parfitt (reprising the type of role that he has made his own for many years) as Wishee Washee, Sophie Cooke-Shaw as Aladdin and Lauren Ellero as Princess Cherry Blossom.

Sophie and Lauren are real life sisters

and their powerful voices meshed together beautifully.

Jon Goodrum (PC Chop) and Jono Angelo (PC Suey) injected plenty of humour into their roles and there were plenty of other sparkling performances from the remainder of the cast including Vicki Gale as Empress of China, Ian Whiting as Emperor of China, Tina Greenhalgh as the Good Fairy and many others. The full cast are listed over the next few pages.

As always it is important to recognise the work put in by so many people behind the scenes and to mention the wonderfully colourful sets of Colin Wilson and Keith Drinkwater.

Then there's the production of Lloyd Parfitt (a man of many parts) and the

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Cast of Aladdin 2023

Aladdin	Sophie Cooke-Shaw
Widow Twankey	Neville Greenhalgh
Wishee Washee	Lloyd Parfitt
Emperor of China	Ian Whiting
Empress of China	Vicki Gale
Princess Cherry Blossom	Lauren Ellero
Sing Hi	Freya Judkins
Sing Lo	Emma Court
Royal Vizier	Lily Stibbon
PC Chop	Jon Goodrum
PC Suey	Jono Angelo
Abanazar	Barry Foster
Good Fairy	Tina Greenhalgh
Genie	Daniel Orford
Babu/Sparkles	Aivars Bismanis
Rehearsal Understudy	David Hall



Townsfolk, Genie Helpers and Guards—Jane Cole, Poppy Collins, Lottie Collins, Neil Cork, Daisy Dawson, Ilyana Durrant, Amelia Evans, Millie Farrow, Millie Olson, Christine Haines, May Hamling, Elsie Hatt, Isabelle Appleton, Jade Neal, Victoria Rawlins, Harmony Stibbon, Sue Tuckwood, Lynne Wood and Ella Wood.

Musical Director	Bernard Soper	Drums	Jack Sarsby
Guitar	John Head	Bass Guitar	Katie and Oliver Battley
Flute	Katie Carpenter	Cello	Francis Trappes-Lomax
Flute/Piccolo	Charlie Robinson	Violin	Alison Mills

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Dedicated To Duncan's Memory

THIS year's Hethersett Pantomime was dedicated to the memory of founder Duncan Pigg who died in 2022.

The panto group took to social media to explain how much Duncan will be missed.

"We would love to share with you as to why this production will be extra meaningful for us all.

"Not only are we back for the first time in a few years but last year, we said a very sad farewell to our amazing founder and dear friend, Duncan Pigg, who started the pantomime group in 1970 for his mother's WI group.

"We don't really have the words to begin to thank Duncan for all that he started and created all those years ago, personally, for the community and for the countless local charities we've supported! We will forever be thankful and remember him with the fondest and happiest memories of pantomime years gone by.

"We are proud to dedicate our 2023 production to him and the incredible legacy he has left behind. We love you Duncan, you are so missed, rest well and keep shining bright."

Hethersett Pantomime technically began on January 20th, 1966, when almost 50 handicapped people from the Forehoe and Henstead District were guests at a party given by Mrs Hagg to celebrate her birthday. Bingo and games were enjoyed and guests were entertained by "a most amusing pantomime" which subsequently sparked the idea of a regular village panto.

Duncan Pigg, who was Mrs Hagg's son, wrote his first full pantomime in 1970 and the group has never looked back despite having an enforced break due to covid restrictions. Hethersett Pantomime started life in the former Church Hall in Henstead Road before moving to its current home in Hethersett Village Hall.



Duncan Pigg dressed as a dame for one of the village pantomimes.

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Duncan Will Be Missed By All

Writing in the programme, Chairman of Hethersett Pantomime Group Neville Greenhalgh paid the following tribute to Duncan Pigg.

“OUR Honorary President Duncan Pigg passed away peacefully on 30th March, 2022. Duncan was “Mr Pantomime” and to many other people he was “Mr Hethersett” through his long association with St Remigius Church, the cricket club and his vast knowledge of the history of the village.

St Remigius Church staged the first village pantomime in the 1950s and Duncan and his wife Jenny took part in that. Fast forward to 1970 when Duncan wrote his first full pantomime and thereafter. These were performed in the old Church Hall (now a mosque), until the panto moved to the Village Hall in 1996.

Duncan continued to write and produce them until 2010 when our present writer and producer Lloyd Parfitt took over. However, Duncan continued to support the panto by attending rehearsals and the shows and his advice, encouragement and commitment was always appreciated.

It's no easy thing to write a script, chose the many songs in a show and come up with fresh ideas and wonderful new situations to transport us to a fantasy world but Duncan did this year after year for 40 years. He was always encouraging and supportive to not just the cast, but to all the many other people involved in putting on a production and of course he took on many roles himself in pantos over the years.

The pantomime is a village institution, looked forward to every year by so many people from around the area and, of course, thanks to Duncan's original concept of supporting charities, we have raised over £125,000 to date.

What a marvellous legacy for a wonderful person who will be sorely missed not only by his panto family but all our supporters, the village in general and of course his family and many friends.

God bless you Duncan and thanks for many happy years of panto.”



Duncan was Mr Hethersett says Neville Greenhalgh who is pictured above in a previous Hethersett panto.

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Over 50 Years of Hethersett Pantomime

1970 Sleeping Beauty	1996 Cinderella
1971 Dick Whittington	1997 Aladdin
1972 Jack and the Beanstalk	1998 Mother Goose
1973 Aladdin	1999 Jack and the Beanstalk
1974 Beauty and the Beast	2000 Dick Whittington
1975 Cinderella	2001 Robin Hood
1976 Red Riding Hood	2002 Sinbad the Sailor
1977 Sleeping Beauty	2003 Aladdin
1978 Dick Whittington	2004 Sleeping Beauty
1979 Babes in the Wood	2005 Cinderella
1980 Jack and the Beanstalk	2006 Dick Whittington
1981 Aladdin	2007 Jack and the Beanstalk
1982 Mother Goose	2008 Mother Goose
1983 Sinbad the Sailor	2009 Aladdin and His Ruby Lamp
1984 Cinderella	2010 Robin Hood & His Merry Men
1985 Robin Hood	2011 Snow White
1986 Beauty and the Beast	2012 Dick Whittington
1987 Sleeping Beauty	2013 Cinderella
1988 Dick Whittington	2014 Beauty and the Beast
1989 Snow White	2015 Treasure Island
1990 Aladdin	2016 Jack and the Beanstalk
1991 Cinderella	2017 Sleeping Beauty
1992 Jack and the Beanstalk	2018 Robinson Crusoe
1993 Babes in the Wood	2019 Cinderella '50th'
1994 Dick Whittington	2020 The Three Musketeers
1995 Sleeping Beauty	2023 Aladdin

Lloyd's Tribute to Duncan

WRITING in the pantomime programme, writer and producer Lloyd Parfitt said:

“A lot has changed in the last couple of years but for us it has been a very sad time following the loss of our pantomime founder and dear friend Duncan. Personally I will always be eternally grateful for the opportunity he gave me, 40 years ago, to be involved in this wonderful institution and for all the love, laughs and friendships that have come about as a result of this pantomime.”

An Enthusiasm That Never Waned

Back in 2007 I enjoyed a couple of hours with panto founder Duncan Pigg and director Sarah Wright (now Sarah Green). As part of a tribute to Duncan we reproduce that interview which was published a few days before the performance of Jack and the Beanstalk.

WHEN Duncan Pigg wrote his first pantomime in 1970 he never dreamed that he would still be coming up with ideas and scripts almost four decades later.

Duncan admits that his enthusiasm has never waned over the years.

"I never seem to run out of ideas. I have a whole year to think about things and there's always current trends that can be included. I start thinking about the panto in the summer and we have a pre-production meeting in September and kick around ideas from there," he said.

Over the years the number of people involved in the productions has more than doubled. The 1970 version of *Sleeping Beauty* involved 33 people.

This year over 70 will be involved either on stage or off.

It will also mark a landmark for producer Sarah Wright who will be in charge of her 10th panto. The Wright/Pigg partnership continues to flourish as the productions become much more hit-tech with computer graphics helping to plan scenery this year.

"When we started we had four pieces of 8 by 4 hardboard which we switched around. Now thanks to grants from South Norfolk District Council and the village hall management committee we have automatic back drops and superb scenery thanks to the skill of Colin Wilson," Duncan said.

Over the years, the panto has raised almost £50,000 for various charities. Last year's charities to benefit included Musical Keys, St Matthew's House, Friends of Woodside First School, Hethersett Middle School PTA, Hethersett Parish Church, Hethersett Methodist Church and Wymondham Roman Catholic Church.

This year both the script and scenery contain local and topical references and there will be one or two surprises along the way.

Sarah explained that as producer one of her major satisfactions is seeing

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members of the cast develop:
"We see people with potential and try and bring them on. We have a huge range of age groups taking part and they mix so well together. We have a lovely group of children. It is great that youngsters can go on stage and do something for the community," Sarah said.

So what does pantomime mean to Duncan and Sarah:

"I love the variety of being able to use different music. I have a wide taste in music and our pantos are very musical," Duncan said. Indeed the first ever pantomime was referred to as "A musical fairy tale."

"I still find it great fun and it is wonderful that the teenagers still accept me at the age of 80," Duncan said.

"We really don't have any prima donnas," Sarah added.

The success of Hethersett's annual pantomime is reflected in the fact that people attend from all over Norfolk as

well as from the north of England and the London area. Two former Hethersett residents have also travelled from their home in Turkey.

If you ask Duncan and Sarah what makes a good pantomime, they are very swift to put together a list of ingredients which include the following:

Good music
Originality
A good storyline
Entertainment and above all
A sense of fun.

Indeed panto gives the audience the chance to forget the stresses and strains of modern life for a few hours - it is pure escapism.

Duncan is already thinking about pantomime 39 in 2008.

"The group is in such great shape that they could carry on without me," he added.

I think that Duncan is just being too modest!

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Group



Writer and Producer	Lloyd Parfitt
Director	Sarah Green
Musical Director	Bernard Soper
Choreography	Andrea Farrow and Kate Green
Stage Manager	Bob Fell
Back Stage Team	Bob Fell and Chris Lewis-Smith
Set Design and Painting	Colin Wilson and Keith Drinkwater
Graphic Design	Daniel Orford
Wardrobe Co-Ordinators	Kate Green and Amy Wood
Wardrobe Team	Sarah Collins, Linda Braden, Jan Burnett, Liz Cox, Rosie Cox, Vicky Gale, Tina Greenhalgh, Helen Lawn, Caroline Reynolds and Sarah Roughsedge
Chaperones	Rebecca Appleton, Claire Cork, Lydia Durrant, Eppie Dawson, Freya Evans, Helen Lawn, Kathryn Jones, Sharon Olson and Holly Stibbon
Sound	Danny Ellero and Steve Louis

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Construction of set and props	Aivars Bismanis, Julie Cooke, Lauren Ellero, Bob Fell, Tina Greenhalgh, Paul Judkins, Daniel Orford, Beverly Orford and Lloyd Parfitt
Lighting	Chris Goldspink, Paul Judkins, Lucy Wright and Andrew Wright
Prompt	Judith Press
Makeup	Maggie Bunting, Julie Cooke, Lindsay Westgarth
Box Office	Kathy and Paul Judkins
Social Media	Holly Stibbon and Lauren Ellero
Refreshments	Co-ordinated by Jenny Bond

HETHERSETT Pantomime group is on the look out for new members to join the team.

If you have an interest in amateur dramatics and want to volunteer to help with the annual production, then the group is looking for you.

If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity or just want further information please visit

www.hethersettpanto.org.uk or e-mail panto.hethersett@aol.com

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Raising Money For Charity

OVER the years Hethersett Pantomime has raised over £125,000 for charity.

The previous show—The Three Musketeers—in January 2020 donated £3,100 to Norfolk Blood Bikes and £500 to the CLIC Sargent charity.

“We are very grateful for the generosity of our audiences on performance nights and for supporting us by buying tickets,” said Neville Greenhalgh, chairman of Hethersett Pantomime Group.

Each year a bucket collection is held at the end of each performance. The money collected this year will be donated to the Take Our Hand charity.

Take Our Hand supports young people aged from 16 to 25 across England who have suffered bereavement.

It offers support in a variety of ways including providing alternatives to counselling such as art, sport and music therapy and also sending bereavement packages to those in need.

You can find out more about the charity at:

<https://takeourhand.org.uk/our-aims/>

Take Our Hand is also organising its first charity ball on Friday 3rd March at Carrow Road and tickets at £60 each are available from

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/take-our-hand-bluebell-ball>

The evening will include a drinks reception, a three course dinner, live music and guest speaker former Norwich City footballer Grant Holt.

You can see a poster for this event on page 72.



ON our front page of this issue of Hethersett Herald we have given a set of figures that highlight the social problems in our village due to rising prices and inflation.

Spiralling energy costs has seen many Hethersett residents struggle to make ends meet. Over the next three pages we highlight many of the good things that are happening in the village in an attempt to lighten what is becoming a very heavy load.

Over the coming months Hethersett Herald will continue to monitor the situation and highlight areas where help can be obtained.

Warm In The Library

HETHERSETT Library is an officially designated “warm space” during the winter months.

Not only is it somewhere that residents can get warm, it is also somewhere to have a free hot drink and also join in one of the many clubs that take place in the library.

Hot drinks are available during staffed opening times which are:

Mondays 1.30 pm to 7 pm

Wednesdays 11 am until 7 pm

Thursdays 1.30 pm until 7 pm

Fridays 1.30 pm until 7 pm

Saturday 11 am until 4 pm

Those struggling with the cost of living can pick up bags of essential items from Hethersett Library.

The bags range in contents and include the following:

- 1/ A scarf, a hat, gloves, a blanket, socks and a hot water bottle.
- 2/ Toiletries containing shampoo, bodywash, deodorant and toothpaste.
- 3/ As above but for children with bubble bath instead of deodorant.
- 4/ Two packs of sanitary pads.

Vests and toothbrushes are also available on request.

A Shiny Beacon

HETHERSETT Hearts has been one of the shining beacons during and after lockdown.

The charity’s work has epitomised the “can do” attitude in the village.

Picking up shopping or prescriptions, helping to run the village’s new post office are just two of their achievements.

Hethersett Hearts was initially founded as a community group to support South Norfolk Council in helping the elderly, vulnerable and those self-isolating during the pandemic.

The group has continued to evolve and it is now a permanent support group as an “integral part of the village.”

Hethersett Post Office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm and Saturdays from 9.30 am until 2.30 pm.

Understanding Where The Problems Are

The Rural Services Network is asking households to complete a short survey regarding the cost of living crisis. The survey is being held in partnership with the Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group.

Research commissioned by the RSN last year showed that rural areas are suffering more acutely from the rise in the cost of living than urban areas.

The purpose of the survey is to understand more about rural household budgets at, what is, a very difficult time for many.

Results from the survey will help RSN to engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers.

The survey can be found at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/.../Rural_Households_Cost...

The survey closes on 31st March.

Police Chat Time

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

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

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

27th February

27th March

24th April

22nd May

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

Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

Help and support with living costs

Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods. You can apply yourself or a support organisation, such as Age UK Norfolk or Citizens Advice can apply on your behalf. The fastest way is to apply online www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas. If you do not have internet access call **0344 800 8020**.

Citizens Advice provide information about benefits, how to deal with debt, what you are entitled to and who to speak to if you are at risk of losing your home. Visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call **0800 144 8848** and select option 1.

Fuel - do you use oil to heat your home? Community Action Norfolk's community oil buying scheme can help get the best price and offer payment options to spread the cost. Visit www.communityactionnorfolk.org.uk, call **01362 698216** or email office@communityactionnorfolk.org.uk

Ofcom provides advice on what to do if you are struggling to pay bills or need debt advice. There is also information on their website under Phones and Internet detailing social tariffs for cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. For more information Call **0300 123 3333** or visit www.ofcom.org.uk

Age UK offers free, confidential advice if you are over state pension age. Call **0800 678 1602** or visit www.ageuk.org.uk

Ask Bill offers free and impartial advice about money and bills. Visit www.askbill.org.uk

Your local council will be able to check that you are claiming all of the benefits that you are entitled to. They can also help with emergency funding if you are in crisis and general signposting to other services that you may be able to benefit from. Contact your local council or visit their web site for more information:

Breckland District Council - Call **01362 656870** or visit www.breckland.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living

Broadland and South Norfolk District Council - Call **01603 430431** for Broadland or **01508 533933** for South Norfolk or visit www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/help-hub-1

Great Yarmouth Borough Council - Call **0808 196 2236** or visit www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk and select 'Support for residents'

Open Gardens Date Set For The Summer

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

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

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

Please look out for links to the application form online.

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

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





World Day Of Prayer in Hethersett



THIS year's World Day of Prayer service in Hethersett will be held in the parish church at 2 pm on Friday March 3rd.

The service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.

Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables people to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.

The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

Finally on Friday March 3rd people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk .

Young Football Players Needed

HETHERSETT Athletic Under-12s football team is looking for new players.

The youngsters will be from school Year Seven. The team trains at Kett's Park, Wymondham, on Thursdays and plays matches on Sundays.

More details are available by contacting hethersett12@gmail.com

Tribute to Tireless Worker Phyllis

Great Melton and the surrounding area has lost a tireless worker with the death of Phyllis Curson. Here daughter Judith, sister Gill and friend Mary Tuddenham tell us about an “extraordinary life.”



PHYLLIS was born on a farm in Wramplingham in 1932 and went to Wramplingham and then Barford School, living through the Second World War and rationing.

She passed the scholarship as it was called then and attended Norwich High School where she was deputy head girl and school games captain.

She then went to Lincoln Teacher Training College and taught at Hingham Primary School until her marriage to Mike in 1957. She had met Mike on the school bus into Norwich and, after their marriage, the couple moved to Great Melton.

Theirs was a long engagement as Phyllis wanted to become a fully accredited teacher before “settling down” to be a farmer’s wife. Phyllis and Mike initially lived with his parents at High House.

They had two daughters—Judith who was born in 1959 and Sally in 1962. While most farmers’ wives helped full time on the farm, the lure of teaching was too much and she started teaching

again at Norwich High while her daughters were still there at primary school.

Later she turned to one to one tutoring at which she excelled, taking as much pride in the children who progressed from teenage non-readers to literate adults as with those who secured scholarships at leading schools. She continued this tutoring for about 50 years, using skype to tutor throughout Covid. She stopped only with the diagnosis of her cancer and an emergency operation followed by chemotherapy. She received Christmas cards from many of her former students and attended many of their weddings.

Phyllis played the piano for music lessons at Little Melton School, where she was a governor for several years.

Husband Mike was a churchwarden for many years and Phyllis was organist at



Phyllis photographed with friends at one of the Edwardian Days held in Great Melton.

Great Melton. Together they set-up and ran children's church which frequently met at their home. Some of the "graduates" of children's church now have children of their own. When Mike died in 2006, Phyllis took over as churchwarden and only stepped down last October. She was also on the parochial church council and Great Melton Parish Council where she was an excellent minute taker.

Phyllis was a big supporter of Great Melton Cricket Club and part of the team instrumental in getting the pavilion built at Melton Park. She stayed on the committee that ran the pavilion. She ran a livery yard at her farm until the last few days of her life and was also on the committee of Great Melton Rides.

Chairman of Great Melton Parish Council Rob Richardson paid tribute to Phyllis: "Having been born and having grown up in Great Melton, I haven't known a time when Phyllis Curson was not a substantial presence in our community, village and church. Her kindness, devotion and dogged determination to do things right for our village and its occupants are unmatched.

"As a parish councillor, Phyllis was loyal and dependable and she has been sorely missed since her retirement from the council last year. The void that this lovely lady leaves will be hard to fill. She will be missed by all who knew her and our condolences and best wishes go to her family."

Great Melton churchwarden Mary



Tuddenham also had great memories of Phyllis:

"I was born in Great Melton and Phyllis was my Sunday School teacher when I was young (late 50s).

"I returned to Great Melton in 1984 at which time she was running Children's Church. My daughters joined. They were seven and five at the time and there were on average 20-25 children involved with ages ranging from three to teenagers. Mike and Phyllis included them in all the services by getting them to read

lessons and prayers, put on small plays, play musical instruments etc.

“Children came from lots of the neighbouring villages and as far away as Norwich. When they got to about 13 and 11 she realised that the children’s church was a bit young for a lot of her ‘children’ so she started the famous Youth Group.

“Phyllis and Mike ran this from their home on a Sunday evening – the young people loved it especially the outings that were organised, going as far afield as Alton Towers and many visits to the beach. During these years the Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle ride was another highlight with picnics organised.

“During the years, Mike and Phyllis fundraised relentlessly for the church – they had many suppers and summer barbecues at High House and worked tirelessly at every fete. Even in 2022

whilst undergoing chemo, she was to be seen running a stall and apologised profusely for not having been able to bake her renowned banana muffins.

“Phyllis was definitely instrumental in getting me to return to church and become involved in the Parochial Church Council etc. Speaking to many others they say the same. It is going to be a huge loss to the church because of her dedication and inspirational ways. In the words of so many people, there will never be another Phyllis Curson.

“Even on the morning she passed away (no longer texting herself) she asked her daughter to check up on us to make sure everything was in place for the Christingle Service. She passed away very peacefully on Sunday 11th December at her home with family at her bedside listening to Carols being played by her Grandson in the USA.”



Misty Morning 1 Hethersett by Dave Bowden

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 May 2023 and an official opening in June.



Despite the freezing weather there has been progress made with the roof trusses and the fascias and soffits have been completed. The block laying to gables was stopped due to cold weather. Roof coverings were due to be put in place before the end of the month,

The project is scheduled for completion by 22nd May, weather permitting.



Playing Field Pavilion Update



Photographs Needed

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

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

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

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

**Pictures courtesy of
Hethersett Parish Council
and the Editor**





Off The Road And Upside Down

The photographs above and opposite were taken at the entrance to the pedestrian path/cycleway off the B1172 between Hethersett and Wymondham on January 16th.

The car, which was on its roof, has driven off the road and collided with a lamp post before turning over and ending in a field.



Norfolk Police are aware of the situation and are investigating.

The car and lamp standard have since been taken away.

Herald Baconometer

EACH edition of Hethersett Herald will feature the Baconometer to assess how long it takes our MP Richard Bacon to change his official website from welcoming Liz Truss as the new Prime Minister.

At the time of going to Press on January 31st, Rishi Sunak had been Prime Minister for 100 days following the resignation of Ms Truss.



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

Pink Ladies Tractor Road Run



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



Misty Morning Hethersett 2—By Dave Bowden

Lent Course Dates Announced

THIS year's Lent Course organised by Hethersett and District Churches Together is entitled "Jesus' Final Week" and is produced by Life Builder Study Guides.

There will be an introduction to the course with pancakes in St Remigius Church on 21st February from 6.30 pm.

The following weekly sessions will take place:

Mondays from 27th February to 27th March, 7 pm via Zoom—further details are available on the Hethersett Methodist Church website at: www.hethersettmethodist.org.uk

Wednesdays from 1st March to 29th March. Hethersett Methodist Church at Noon (bring your own lunch if required. Teas and coffee will be served..

This year's Christian walk of witness will take place on Good Friday (7th April) from Hethersett Methodist Church, beginning at 9.45 am. This will continue to St Remigius where worship will be led by the Rev Martin Gray.

Gardening Bricks

The Hethersett Back Garden project has received a donation of substandard bricks from Taylor Wimpey.

Once the bricks have been broken up by the garden's team of volunteers, they will be placed at the base of the large raised beds for drainage.

"Thank you to Taylor Wimpey and all those who are helping to make this a brilliant community project," said chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Adrienne Quinlan.

Our photo shows Hethersett Parish Councillor and Back Garden volunteer Jenny Walpole with the bricks.



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

Hawks Take To The Indoors

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had three riders in action at the British Indoor Championships held in Coventry over the January 7th / 8th weekend.

Lola Martin rode well for her first time doing indoor events and she was the youngest person riding in the mixed under-14 championship. In her five rides she had a second place and two third places to finish with nine points in 13th place.

She also raced in the Women's Regional team event for the South East scoring four points and as the racing went on she gained in confidence.

The Hawks' top teenager Mason Martin came second in his first race in the Under-16s but was unlucky to slip off in his second race. He finished with seven points in 10th place.

Dave Martin came through qualifying heats to make the Over-40 Final. After a tough first race he should have won his second only for an opponent to fall as they were approaching the line.

He finally got that elusive win in his third race followed by a second place but slipped off in his final outing to finish on 10 points.

This was good enough for joint 8th place so with a bit more luck he could have been closer to the podium. That is the nature of indoor racing - on the compact circuit things happen quickly and it can be a lottery if you are not in front.

In the same event Rory Freeman, who will be joining the Hawks after the transfer window, scored seven points.

More details on the outdoor season should emerge after this weekend's South-East AGM with the Hawks looking to be back on track on March 4th.



News From The Parish Council

Meeting Dates

Full council dates for 2023 are: 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 usually on the third Monday of each month except for August when there is no meeting. Please note that the January 2023 meeting will be on the fourth Monday due to the village pantomime taking place in the village hall. 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
	Adele Kent		
	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

Official Newsletter Is Published

ON the next six pages you can read the first edition of Hethersett Parish Council's new official newsletter.

The newsletter is produced by the parish council and is reproduced in Hethersett Herald as part of our service to the local community and residents..

The newsletter is also available via the council's website and also printed copies are available in Hethersett Library.

News From The Parish Council

TESCO Community Grants

Voting is open for our project until 15th January 2023

Each time you visit Tesco Hethersett Express, Norwich Drayton, Norwich - Acres Way or Taverham store you have the opportunity to support The Back Garden - Hethersett Community Project. 1st place receives £1500, 2nd £1000 and 3rd £500. The funds will be used to create a community garden with rewilding and areas to sit and enjoy plants and nature. We need your support. **Collect your blue token** and pop it into our allocated box. The Hethersett Express store shows that we are level with a project outside of the area.



Community Warm Place

Need a 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 chat or join one of our clubs like Knit & Knatter. The tea trolley will be out and ready 30 minutes after we open - so join us for a tea, coffee, hot chocolate or cup-a-soup in staffed times.



MONDAY 13:30 - 19:00
WEDNESDAY 11:00 - 19:00
THURSDAY 13:30 - 19:00
FRIDAY 13:30 - 19:00
SATURDAY 11:00 - 16:00

Hethersett Community Post Office

Hethersett county councillor David Bills, the parish council and community group Hethersett Hearts have worked together with the post office to bring about the reopening of the service which is now based out of Hethersett library. Thank you to the staff and incredible volunteers who dedicate their time to the running of this service.

MONDAY 09:30 - 17:30
TUESDAY - CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 09:30 - 17:30
THURSDAY 09:30 - 17:30
FRIDAY 09:30 - 17:30
SATURDAY 09:30 - 14:30



Community Speed Watch



The Community Speed Watch team is a small group of local volunteers who monitor the speed of drivers in Hethersett once a week. The main aim of Speed Watch is to reduce the speed people are driving at to within the safety limits of the road, which is why we have to put out our signs, and we also wear hi-vis jackets so that we are clearly visible. The vast majority of drivers in Hethersett are either driving at a safe speed, or regulate their speed on seeing us; however, a few do not, and so we pass their registration numbers on to Norfolk police, and they receive a letter detailing the speed they were doing. We hope we have the full support of Hethersett residents in trying to make the village safe for all.

Community Litter Pick



We had a great turn out at the November litter pick with 14 bags of litter collected.

Thanks to all those who turned up on the day, including the little helpers who are making a BIC difference.

Here's a list of the forthcoming litter pick dates:

- 14/01/23, 10am - Methodist Church
- 18/02/23, 2pm - Village Hall
- 25/03/23, 10am - Methodist Church
- 22/04/23, 2pm - Village Hall

All kit is provided and under 18's must be accompanied.

Did you know that participating in this event can help you work towards a Duke of Edinburgh award or Brownies / Guides / Cubs / Scouts badge?



News From The Parish Council

Help & Support

Help for Households Campaign

The government has published energy saving advice as part of the Help for Households Campaign. Advice is given for:

- Reducing boiler flow temperature
- Turning down radiators not in use
- Draft-proofing windows and doors

Help for Households website:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>



Citizens Advice - Big Energy Saving

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/our-work/our-campaigns/awareness-raising-campaigns/besw/>

British Gas Energy Trust

An independent the British Gas Energy Trust has provided consistent financial help for vulnerable households and is one of the largest, grant-giving energy trusts in the UK, whether you're with British Gas or another supplier.

<https://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/british-gas-energy-trust>

Help Hub

Everybody needs a bit of extra support from time to time and the Help Hub makes sure people get that help as soon as possible. The Help Hub is a partnership between organisations that support people in Broadland and South Norfolk. It can offer practical support, suggest community groups, and offer advice and guidance to get you back on track.

Areas of Help:

Covid 19 / Afghan Refugee Support / Help in your community / Money & Debt Worries / Benefits / Relationships & Domestic Abuse / Bullying & Cyberbullying / Wellbeing and Health / Employment & Training / Housing / Handyperson Service / Families & Children.

South Norfolk Council call 01508 533933 or email: helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

Telephone lines are open Monday to Friday from 8:35am until 10pm (excluding bank holidays)



South Norfolk
COUNCIL



Warm Home Discount Scheme:

You could get £150 off your electricity bill for winter 2022 to 2023 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Keep warm and well this winter

Struggling with the rising cost of living? Norfolk Libraries are here to help. Until the end of March 2023, bags of essential items and hot drinks will be available to take for FREE from all Norfolk Libraries. Please help yourself, no questions asked.

1. (Adult and Child bags) containing: a scarf, a hat, gloves, a blanket, socks and a hot water bottle.
2. Toiletries To Go (Adult bags) containing: shampoo, bodywash, deodorant and toothpaste.
3. Toiletries To Go (Children's bag) containing: shampoo, bodywash, bubble bath & toothpaste.
4. Tricky Period To Go: Two packs of sanitary pads (1 normal, 1 super/night or long in the case of some supplies).
5. Vests and toothbrushes will also be available on request.



News From The Parish Council



Update from Humbleyard Practice

Humbleyard Practice would like to inform our patients about the challenges we face and what we are doing to try and address these issues.

- The practice is oversubscribed by almost 5000 patients, this is expected to double over the next 3-5 years.
- Each week we offer up to 975 appointments with a wide range of qualified clinical staff. Our administrative staff will ask questions to triage and signpost you to the most appropriate healthcare professional. This may not be a doctor but instead an appointment with another healthcare professional suitably qualified to deal with your query.
- Our GPs have 30 appointment slots per day, a mix of face to face, telephone consultations, on the day appointments and routine pre-bookable appointments. Our clinics are full EVERY DAY, with the GPs often working through their breaks (something we do not encourage).
- We release a certain number of appointments daily. We always try and release more bookable appointments earlier in the week when demand is highest.
- We have online 'Get Help' forms via our website. These forms are at present available 7am to 8am, Monday to Thursday. They can be used for ROUTINE enquiries only. During this hour we receive 75-100 forms. Every form received is triaged.
- We still do home visits and have 3 large care homes who need weekly ward rounds. Each GP daily deals with blood test results, referrals, letters (we get almost 1000 / week), medication reviews as well as ad hoc queries from the various community teams. The volume of work coupled with a shortage of GPs means doctors work well over their contracted hours, with their individual patients lists growing daily.
- Please be kind and courteous to our staff. They continue to work incredibly hard to provide the care you need.

Joint statement from South Norfolk Council, NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB, and Humbleyard Practice

Update on the potential new GP Surgery in Hethersett

The NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board (ICB), the organisation which commissions services provided by GP practices, South Norfolk Council, and the Humbleyard Practice are continuing to engage with local partners to explore options that will provide additional healthcare and medical provision within the Hethersett area.

The ICB, Humbleyard Practice, and South Norfolk Council are all committed to improving the healthcare facilities in the Humbleyard catchment. All three parties are working together to scope a project which, if delivered, would likely see a new build surgery in Hethersett, involving the relocation from existing premises into larger facilities. This potential investment will support the delivery of sustainable, excellent patient care for the future, provide an expanded range of clinical services, and also offer a new healthcare provision for local residents.

Currently, the Humbleyard Practice, which serves Cringleford, Hethersett and Mulbarton, has a registered patient list of more than 21,750 patients across its three existing sites. It is acknowledged that the practice is already oversubscribed and is working with the ICB to ensure it has the premises and workforce to serve the current patient list and meet the future demand of the proposed 1,700 - 2,000 homes still to be built in its catchment area.

While the project will need all the parties to work together, South Norfolk Council is proactively working with all partners to secure an appropriate serviced location in Hethersett together with the necessary finance to construct a GP practice. Detailed planning permission and commercial discussions will be required but the most significant hurdles have been cleared. The partners will be engaging with the local community as the project develops to ensure that the needs and views of the community are considered in the proposals.



News From The Parish Council

The Back Garden Project



At their March 2022 meeting, Hethersett Parish Council gave permission for the Hethersett Environmental Team (H.E.A.T) to turn the derelict skate park at the Village Hall into a community garden. The site has long been a real eye-sore and is totally neglected; skaters say it is too small for their needs, so it was in desperate need of a make-over. H.E.A.T submitted a plan for the site to the Parish Council, with a plan of action, both of which were approved. In June 2022, we received the exciting news of a grant award from the National Lottery in the sum of £5360.



We will have a vegetable plot, an area for wild flowers, a sensory garden, fruit trees and bushes, and ultimately a seating area for all to enjoy. Our aim is for the garden to be chemical-free and any purchases from sustainable sources. We really want this to be a community asset, so we would like lots of people to be involved in enjoying the garden, learning about growing plants and vegetables, and helping with the planting and maintenance - it doesn't matter what your age or level of expertise - this garden will benefit everyone and bring back the buzz!

Rewilding - Bringing back the buzz



Why is rewilding public areas so important? Wildflower meadows were once present in every parish in the country, yet meadows and grassland now cover just 1% of the UK. Over 97% of wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s - 7.5 million acres, 1.5 times the size of Wales. Wildflower meadows and grassland provide shelter and food for important pollinators, including bees. The more diversity we have in our natural habitats, the more seeds, birds, animals and other insects there will be. Wildflower meadows also capture vast amounts of carbon, which then has a vital impact on the air that we breathe.

Progress so far: February - November 2022

February 22 - Work was started at two areas in the village - around the Village Sign and at the Village Hall field. Two wildflower beds were dug at the Village Sign and seeded with a mixture including corn camomile, corn marigold, corn cockle, cornflower and field poppy. The formal bed around the Village Sign was planted with bee-friendly species. We seeded a 1 metre-wide corridor around the field at the Village Hall, using a mixture suitable for this site including bluebells, meadow buttercup, white campion and yellow rattle. **March 22** - Radio Norfolk's Treasure Quest visits the Rewilding Project at the Village Sign on a beautiful Spring day as the seedlings emerged. **May 22** - The two wildflower beds at the Village Sign were protected with a border of willow hoops as the young wildflower plants began to grow quickly. **June 22** - Bountiful colour adorns the Village Sign as the wildflowers burst into bloom including cornflowers, corn camomile, field poppies and corn cockle...as promised on the seed packet! **July 22** - Due to the different seed mix and weather conditions, mixed results were achieved at the Village Hall field. The shady border performed the best with an array of colourful blooms including red campion, poppies, evening primrose, phacelia, flax and yellow rattle. Woodside School pupils enjoyed making the bee hotel, at the Village Hall field, ready for its buzzy guests. **Sept 22** - Harvesting of seed at the Village Sign. The beds were strimmed and the debris removed. **Oct/Nov 22** - Pollinator-friendly plants and extra daffodil bulbs have been planted in the formal bed at the Village Sign.



NEXT STEPS...



- Repair of existing benches
- Reconstruct pergola
- Install water butt to harvest rainwater
- Set up smaller raised beds for children to plant up
- Design a permanent sign for The Back Garden

During the Winter - preparing and tending the beds for next year's display.



News From The Parish Council

Hethersett Hearts



Hethersett Hearts was originally set up in response to the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown. Since starting, the group has gone on to deliver hundreds of prescriptions to residents, helped with cleaning, ironing, gardening and provided lifts to and from the GP and local hospital.

Many of the residents have claimed it has been a life saver and have been very grateful to the volunteers who give their time.

Hethersett Hearts works in conjunction with their community connectors and the South Norfolk Help Hub. Hethersett Hearts also run a community kitchen, every second Friday of the month where residents of Hethersett meet for a yummy free lunch. These community lunches are a great opportunity to make friends and connect with others. For more information or if you would like to attend one of our lunches please call **07716769124**.

Community Defibrillator



Knowing the location of the nearest defibrillator could be a matter of life and death. The defibrillator is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and is located on the exterior wall of Hethersett Boots Pharmacy, to the left of the entrance door. It is housed in a yellow case. We have also purchased a set of paediatric electrode pads.

In the case of Cardiac Arrest, please call 999 and provide the location, you will be given a code to access the unit and provided with instructions by phone.



Boots Pharmacy
35A Great Melton Road
Hethersett
Norfolk
NR9 3AB

<https://www.theircircuit.uk/>

Hethersett Pavilion Update

We are enjoying watching the progress of this project, despite the rain delaying some of the works and we look forward to the opening in Spring 2023. In the next edition, we will bring you more detailed information about this new building, including the facilities and room capacity. If your community or sports group is interested in the future hire of this facility, please email the Parish Council.

Within the Pavilion community room, we are planning a small display about the Memorial Playing Field and we'd be really interested to hear from anyone with photos of the field in use over the years, since it was first opened in 1959, especially those featuring the the previous changing rooms, old playground equipment or sports team.

Contact: Sara White at
hethersettpccommunityprojects@gmail.com or call **07902 322729**



thank you
so much!

To all of the volunteers who contribute to the parish of Hethersett. You're amazing!

If you would like to volunteer for a project or group, please contact Sara White via email: hethersettpccommunityprojects@gmail.com phone: **07902 322729** or come into the Parish Council office.



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett

Ketteringham or Little Melton?

ARE YOU

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

**Infirm
Convalescing
Sick
Unwell
Disability**

Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



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

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Registered Charity Number 211284

Issues Affecting Hethersett

VEHICLES parking on pavements and the future of the former Woodside School in Firs Road are just two of the issues that have become talking points in the village over the past few weeks.

Taking a look at some of the issues in our village.

The issue of pavement parking has been an active one in Hethersett for many years.

One resident took to Social Media to highlight the problem:

“Why do so many cars and work vans park on the pavement so pedestrians have to walk in the road. It makes me so cross?”

Another poster said:

“I find it particularly frustrating when vehicles park outside the charity shop in Henstead Road with no consideration for either pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchair users.”

“The consensus of opinion appears to be that if you are working it is fine to obstruct others,” said another.

Another resident said they couldn't understand why people who have driveways don't park in them: “It drives me crazy,” they said.

I saw at first hand the problems that parking on the pavement can cause by an incident on January 24th. I was returning from a visit to the dentist and looking to stop off on my walk to take a photograph of the new pavilion on the memorial field.

A very large car was parked almost entirely on the path close to the entrance to the playing field. I had in my hand a small compact camera. As I tried to squeeze past the car I was verbally abused by the driver who was returning to his vehicle. He had a go at me for not waiting until he had driven away and another go for scratching his car with the camera—something I didn't do.

It left a nasty taste in my mouth and left me wondering why I felt like the guilty party when any offence was actually committed by this man. It did highlight the problem to me.

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The state of the former Woodside School in Firs Road is also causing concern for local residents. Many have complained about the untidy nature of the site and the amount of rubbish being dumped in the grounds. Some of the comments on social media include the following:

“It's been going on since virtually the day after the school shut. It appears to have evolved into a furniture and office equipment recycling warehouse.”

“The county council who act as their own planning authority seem to give themselves generous flexibility in interpreting planning consents.”

“It’s a pity that Firs Road residents are not kept in the picture. We are completely in the dark.”

“I’m rather concerned that it is turning into a waste recycling place for Norfolk County Council. We are trying to make the village nice and not a dumping ground.”

We contacted our county council representative David Bills about this and below is his response.

“The council is still awaiting the approval of the Secretary of State for Education to cease using the field for education purposes. The timescales are entirely within the Secretary of State’s control so it’s not possible to predict when it might be forthcoming.

“Once approval has been given officers will proceed with implementing the cabinet resolution which was to redevelop the site for an Extra Care scheme including seeking planning permission.

“Regarding the building, the last I was told was that as interest in the re-use of this site for education purposes has been withdrawn, Norfolk County Council has instructed Norfolk Property Services to progress with the change of use by the Secretary of State. This needs to be approved before the council can progress with any form of disposal, whether leasehold or freehold. Once again the time scales are entirely within the Secretary of State’s control so these are unknown at the present.”

Councillor Bills said he will take up the comments made by residents complaining about the site being used as a “dumping ground” and not as an internal storage facility as agreed.

Cricket Club’s Major Signing

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club has made a major capture as it prepares for its first season in the top flight of Norfolk Cricket.

Tas gained promotion last season to the Premier Division of the Norfolk Alliance for the first time in its long history.

Now the club has announced the signing of talented Sri Lanka teenager Inesh Chandeesiri who is described as “a highly talented 16 year old and a free flowing batsman with a very bright future.” Inesh comes to the club from his home in Wennappuwa in order to further his dream of playing cricket at the highest level he can.

He will be studying at Langley School and will be playing for the club’s first X1.

Sarah's World

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

HELLO January! Can you believe that we're into 2023 now? Christmas and New Year seem like an age ago and the hustle and bustle of everyday life has returned, for us at least.

I have to say, I really enjoyed (and needed) the break this festive season. Though I worked a lot of it – retail doesn't stop, of course - the Christmas break did mean that the meetings and obligations I usually have to deal with grind to a halt.

This allowed me some much needed time with my family and friends, a bit of time to be just Mummy/Sarah. I was really thankful for that

We went to see Christmas lights, rode the carousel outside the Forum in Norwich, ate various takes on Christmas dinners (including battered sprouts and Christmas dinner loaded fries), went to see the Grinch graffiti mural in Norwich and swapped presents with loved ones.

Christmas Day was a quiet one for us, seeing us just staying in, the four of us. George did another fantastic job at cooking our Christmas dinner and a lot of food was consumed.

We opened gifts, played with gifts and watched awful telly all day. It was wonderful. I was back to work on



Boxing Day, but a couple of days later, we had another festive day around George's sister's house in Happisburgh. We even made time to do a spot of geocaching while we were there!

Back to reality of course now. My year officially started on Wednesday January 4th, with the children's return to school. School runs have hit me hard. I was getting used to lazy mornings on my days off. That was an extremely busy day, as I had also

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committed to helping out with Youth Club that evening, and had a Parish Council Finance and General Purposes meeting shortly after.

A few days prior, I had had a phone call from Samantha England (the Chair of the Hethersett Youth Club committee) who told me that the lady that usually runs the Youth Club on a Wednesday was going to be unavailable that day.

Samantha then asked if I wouldn't mind taking the reins that night, along with Nicola (another Trustee of the Youth Club who was volunteering at

that night's session). Although very daunted by the prospect, I agreed. I'd rather that than the session get cancelled, my daughter who attends would never forgive me.

Aided by Rebecca – a Youth Worker who works at the Wednesday sessions - Nicola and I got stuck into our session at the Youth Club.

Though I was a bit nervous, I shouldn't have been. The children who attended were all very nice! One of our planned activities was to try to design a new logo for the club, so we got the pens and paper out and a fair few children

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had a go at designing their own. The idea is that we take the designs and, with the help of a graphic designer, contact that Samantha knows, we create a logo that encapsulates the children's designs.

The designs we had were all fantastic, so it gives us plenty to work with. The end product will be something for the children to be proud of I'm sure.



First Steps Playgroup kicked off with a bang too. Our first session back was held on January 10th, but we were fully booked the week before. I think it was probably one of the busiest sessions we've had that wasn't a party!

At the moment, we have several babies who attend with their mums. Almost like it's the next generation of Playgroup coming through. I really hope that they continue to attend.

Along with that group of lovely women, we've had several new families attend, some from as far away as Queen's Hills and Poringland. I'm really proud to see First Steps thriving.

This month sees five years of Playgroup under the charge of Jade and I, and it really has changed so much. Despite the challenges of Covid, and living with the aftermath of

it, it has gone from strength to strength. I think back to five years ago when we first took it on, with our dwindling amount of visitors and the worry that we might have to close. Thankfully since then, we've never looked back.



Finally, I'd like to make another little mention of the plastic recycling we do at Tesco in Hethersett. It's especially handy if you've made a new year's resolution to be more eco-friendly!

At our store we have the ability to

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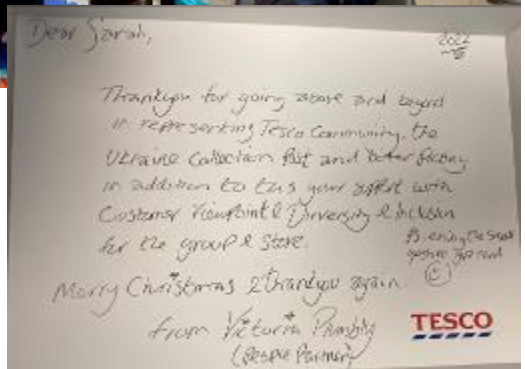


recycle plastics that we aren't able to recycle in our household bins here in South Norfolk. We will take most plastic waste generated from homes, but we cannot recycle business waste, or things like large plastic toys.

Tesco also reserves the right to refuse waste if it looks like something doesn't fit the criteria for recycling.

We offer this service on Wednesdays and Sundays and invite you to drop your recycling in to a member of staff who will take it for disposal. Tesco then use the plastics to recycle into more packaging, or turn into car parks!

We already have a number of customers who use this service, but it would be great if more did, if only just to reduce the amount going to landfill.



Sarah's World



The photographs on this page are from Sarah's personal collection and cover just a few of the topics covered in this edition of Sarah's World.



The Christmas carousel outside Norwich Forum.

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 February 18th.

Volunteers are always welcome and tools are provided. This session will start from the village hall.

Litter picks for the following two months of 2023 will be on these dates:

March 25th from 10 am starting at the Methodist Church.

April 22nd from 2 pm starting at the village hall.

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.



Photographs
Courtesy of
John Head



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News From Hethersett Hall

On Target

Words and Pictures by
Emily Parton

Target practice recently with our fun afternoon activity, we had a mix of physical games in a knockout contest of target based events.

Horseshoe pitching was followed by magnetic darts, then a quick tea break and on to Ping the Pong (a game where you score by bouncing your ping pong ball into a cup) then finally a fun game of Tin Can Alley with actual Nerf Guns.

Everyone had a laugh and were very ready for another cup of tea afterwards.



A Special Visitor

I promise this is the last of the Christmas posts.

We all had such an amazing time we just had to share it with you all.

Here and on the next page are some more photos of our great Christmas party and a special visitor or two we had on Christmas Day.

News From Hethersett Hall



News From Hethersett Hall

We had a fabulous time with little visitors making new friends and forging new relationships with residents. They all played a variety of games, read books and just enjoyed chatting with each other.



Have You Missed Out ?

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

www.hethersettherald.weebly.com

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

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

petersteward@sky.com

How To Adopt A Rescue Dog

IF you are interested in adopting a rescue dog, more details will be available at a special event being held by the Safe Rescue For Dogs group.

A coffee morning will be held at Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club from 10 am until 2 pm on February 18th when full details on how to adopt or how to volunteer to help the group will be available.



Hethersett Community Post Office

Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Friday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Sunday: Closed

Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours

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

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

Join The Email Group

We currently use Social Media to inform residents when a new edition of Hethersett Herald is published.

We also post copies of new editions, along with an archive of editions from the past six years, on the website www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com.

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

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

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

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by February 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	146.7	-4p	168.7	-4p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	146.9	-3p	168.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	146.9	-8p	168.9	-8p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	146.9	-3p	168.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	146.9	-14p	168.9	-15p
Abbeygate Wymondham	159.9	-9p	183.9	-8p
Waitrose Wymondham	159.9	-8p	183.9	-8p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	153.9	-8p	176.9	-8p

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.

Groups and Societies

First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

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

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

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

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Women's Institute

Bones, Joints and Ligaments

It has 52 bones, 33 joints and 107 ligaments. It is a foot. We have two of them to help keep us upright and to support our weight when we walk the 6000-8000 steps or more a day.

Alistair Bielby from the "shop" Footsure in Wymondham is a "Footman", a Podiatrist. He talked to us all about FEET, healthy ones and problem ones. It was most informative. I'm not sure if it was meant to be amusing ...but it was!

Alistair generally sees people who have perhaps neglected their feet and nails. The condition onychocryptosis is where the nails have ingrown whereas onychogryphosis shows nails which have grown resembling a ram's horn.

Alistair talked about viral conditions like verrucae and warts and then fungal growths causing athlete's foot. We learnt so much.

Bunions are more common in women often because fashion shoes are not really foot shaped. The condition for some can be inherited.

The increasing incidence of Diabetes mellitus often results in decreased blood flow to the feet and toes. In severe cases, gangrene results. Alistair is involved in the care of these patients.

Alistair stressed the importance of correctly fitted and supporting footwear. He even said it was good to go barefoot to help maintain healthy feet. I smiled as I thought of the newsreaders on television who used to teeter around in stiletto winkle-pickers. Now, what do we see...still wearing lovely dresses, but sporting white trainers, "sensible shoes," I can hear my mother say.

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The main aim of the WI is to give fun, friendship and education to its members.

At our meeting in December we entertained ourselves on a Christmas theme.

There were anagrams on the walls to solve. We made items out of playdough and, to finish off, we resurrected the old game we used to play as children, the "memory game". Lots of oohs and aahs.

We finished off with delicious food. It wasn't informative or educational but hey ho we had fun.

Margot Markham

Groups and Societies

St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group



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

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

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Future Dates:

7th March

4th April

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

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Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

By Jenny Walpole

27th February at 7.30 pm – Demonstration by Vicki Hease – “A Vintage Affair” (Hethersett Village Hall).

27th March at 7.30 pm – AGM – a ticketed event – details to follow. (Hethersett Village Hall).

For further details please contact Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888 or email leopardlynn@hotmail.com and follow us on Facebook—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club.



Paint With Us Art Group

The Paint With Us Art Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall every Thursday from 1.30 until 4 pm.

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.”

A Familiar Face

FANS of indoor bowls may have recognised one of the contestants at the recent World Championships at Potters Resort at Hopton On Sea.

Wayne Willgress (pictured opposite) who comes from Mulbarton is a member of the well known family that runs the deli and shop at Church Farm on the B1172 at Hethersett.

Wayne reached the quarter finals of this year's singles competition before narrowly losing to fellow Englishman Jamie Walker who went on to win the title.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

ON behalf of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank everyone in Hethersett, Little Melton, Bawburgh, Marlingford, Barford and Ketteringham for their magnificent support for the 2022 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Once again thank you to all businesses and schools who were willing to have collection boxes.

Thanks to the outstanding support of the public, a magnificent total of £3,587.95 was raised—a 9% increase on the 2021 figure.

I am personally truly grateful for your support for this important charity and I now look forward to the 2023 appeal.

If you would like to help with the next Poppy Appeal at the end of October by doing a bit of door-to-door collecting – perhaps just in your own road - please give me a call or drop me a text on 07977 530977.

Richard Gunstone – Poppy Appeal Organiser

Barry Foster is pictured opposite as Abanazar in Hethersett's village pantomime which ran for 10 performances in January .

You can read about this year's panto elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald



Groups and Societies

The RiNG Norfolk Arthritis Group

A new year and so many opportunities to improve our social skills after so long in the doldrums. Christmas may seem a long while ago but I would just like to thank the Queen's Head for a lovely lunch, with the staff rushing to cater for a large number of diners.

The speaker for February 22nd is a member of the local Lions, talking about the work they do supporting local groups and individuals.

March 22nd, our speaker is the energetic Peter Steward paying a return visit.

April 26th, our birthday month, is also a return visit this time from Mary Anne Massey. Some of you may remember her talk on being a magistrate, but this time her talk is about her work as a Trustee of Citizens Advice. With things as they are in the country at the moment, any advice will be welcome.

May 24th will also see the welcome return of Professor David Scott, always an interesting speaker.

I hope there is something there to whet your appetite for an afternoon with friends and, of course, tea and cake.

We meet at Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm. If you require any more info please contact viv.hawes @talktalk.net or 01603 811347

Hethersett Gardening Club

Hethersett Gardening Club can save you pounds on your orders.

The club has a promotional code with Suttons Seeds SUGS120K lasting until August.

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

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

We will have more from Hethersett Gardening Club in the next issue of Hethersett Herald which will be available at the end of February.

Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

The King Comes To Hethersett Village Screen

THERE was an enforced change in the scheduled film in January for Hethersett Village Screen. The mystery comedy “See How They Run” couldn’t be shown due to licence issues and was replaced by the highly enjoyable “Fisherman’s Friends All For One.”

February’s offering is the excellent bio about Elvis Presley with plenty of music to enhance the story of The King as seen through the eyes of his manager Colonel Tom Parker. It is simply called “Elvis.”

The search for the grave of King Richard III is featured on 5th March with The Lost King which is based on a true story.

On Sunday 2nd April, “Mrs Harris Goes to Paris” and the season is rounded off with the murder drama “Where The Crawdads Sing.”

You can see more details of coming films by turning to the next page.

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Elvis (12)

Sunday 5th Feb, 3pm

A typically lavish Baz Luhrman bio features Tom Hanks as Colonel Parker and a star turn by Austin Butler in the title role. A must-see for film and music fans alike!



The Lost King (12)

Sunday 5th Mar, 3pm

Based on a true story, Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan bring to life the tale of an amateur historian's search for the grave of Richard III, in this comedy drama from the makers of Philomena.



Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG)

Sunday 2nd Apr, 3pm

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



Where The Crawdads Sing (15)

Sunday 7th May, 3pm

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

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take **OUR** hand 



Bluebell Ball

3RD MARCH 2023 | 6.30PM UNTIL LATE

Drinks Reception | Three Course Dinner
Entertainment - including live music from Ben Lawrence

Tickets from £60 per person | Table Packages Available
Top Of The Terrace, Carrow Road, Norwich
Dress Code : Glitz & Glam

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SKOOL
DISCO**

DJ CHRIS WATT

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

FREE ENTRY

8PM-12AM

80'S

CLASSICS

90'S

THE KINGS HEAD HETHERSETT *VALENTINE'S DAY*



Come & join us on
February 10th, 11th & 14th
for our delectable
Valentine's Menu.

Saturday 18th February

Valentine's Disco

Free Entry!

8pm - 12am

DJ - Chris Watt

Couples & Singletons welcome!



Love

Call 01603 814043 to Book!

An Invitation From Hethersett Library

By Library and Information Assistant Kay

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

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

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

Monday 13:30 - 19:00

Wednesday 11:00 - 19:00

Thursday 13:30 - 19:00

Friday 13:30 - 19:00

Saturday 11:00 - 16:00

We also have adult and children's warm and well bags, as well as adult toiletries and children's toiletries bags, to help those who are struggling financially this winter. They are available at the library during staffed times to anyone who needs them, no questions asked.



Players To Please Again

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

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

<https://hethersettboxoffice.org.uk>

ETHEL GOOCH—WYMONDHAM'S FIRST LADY



Thursday 16th February

At 7 pm

Mrs Gooch will meet you in the year 1952. She will tell you about the changes in her lifetime and her work in the local community as the wife of a prominent Norfolk MP.

Tickets—£5 available in advance from the library or on the door.

This is a live history presentation brought to you by Georgette Vale

Village Shorts

Thirteen commemorative mugs from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee remain unsold and the parish council has decided to donate 12 of them to the village hall for the use of hirers. The 13th will be donated to the village archive.

Taylor Wimpey have agreed to supply free hardcore to help with the establishment of the new community garden on land at Hethersett Village Hall.

The installation of traffic lights at the Colney Lane/Station Lane junction on the B1172 is unlikely to start before late May at the earliest.

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

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

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

Hethersett and the Nidderdale Connection

Columnist John Head looks at a link between Hethersett and an area of North Yorkshire.

OUR illustrious editor of the Hethersett Herald, as many of you know, has a daily blog which has attracted comments on a global basis from a membership of over 600. These persons are affectionately known by him as his 'Blogettes'.

One such person plays a prominent role in the Upper Nidderdale Women's Institute which has also seen, on certain occasions of festivity, the Hethersett Old Gits (known also by a more disapproving name) drink the health of this cultural, educational and social group. I am a member of both Peter Steward's Daily Blog and the Hethersett Old Gits.

However, I am drawn to Nidderdale for other reasons. I have a family connection there in that my late brother resided in the Yorkshire Dales for many years and I also have one of remembrance in that the memorial to the 15th Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment, informally known as the 'Leeds Pals', is situated in Nidderdale. .

On 26th May 2017, together with about 50 pilgrims, I visited Serre, an area of the Somme which is so poignant. This is where the 'Pals Battalions' were slaughtered on the first day of that offensive and where their unique memorials now stand.

Setting the Scene of The Somme Offensive 1st July 1916

At the 2nd Chantilly Conference held at General Joffre's headquarters in December 1915, it was decided, amongst other things, to withdraw from Gallipoli and create another front just south of Arras to the River Somme.

This would be an Anglo-French initiative primarily to ease the pressure off Verdun and create its own pressure on the enemy. The offensive date was initially fixed for 25th June 1916 but was delayed owing to the weather.

Field Marshal Haig was not keen on the Somme Offensive. He saw the opportunity to relieve Verdun by taking the offensive up to Ypres where the regular army was situated as there was an opportunity to breakthrough at Passchendaele a year earlier than when it happened.

In respect of the Somme, unfortunately the enemy had held this line for 18 months during which time woods, hills, villages and towns had become strongholds and fortresses.

Add to this the enemy defences were exceptionally strong; Dugouts were up to 40ft down

Barbed wire was up to 40 yards in width

Trenches and defence systems

The Hawthorn Ridge Mine exploding



stretched between 3,000 - 4,000 yards from the front-line trench to the artillery emplacement and could be as wide as six miles in places.

We were therefore expected to attack this with a volunteer army supported by a poor infrastructure where, for example, our trench systems were seldom deeper than six feet.

Even though we bombarded the enemy front line with over 1.5 million shells for a week prior to the offensive, many shells failed to detonate and those that did often failed to penetrate the depth of barbed wire and deep dugouts.

The Pals action (31st Division)

7.30 am on July 1st 1916 Objective 3 - The capture of the village of Serre in which many of the 'Pals Battalions' were involved. There were two major

observations made following the slaughter at this objective on the first day of the offensive.

There was a major gap in our line between Objective 3 (Serre) and Objective 2 (the Gommecourt Diversion) which meant the enemy had clear unhindered sight of the happenings and would not be fooled by the diversionary tactics at Gommecourt. This allowed for enemy enfilade (raking) fire on the 'Pals Battalions'.

The Hawthorn Mine, which was in close proximity, was blown eight minutes early at 7.20 instead of 7.28 before the pals went 'over the top' at 7.30. This meant the enemy was alerted and had eight minutes to come out of their deep dugouts to man the machine guns.



The Accrington Pals Memorial

wounded and dying. The total number of casualties for this objective was 3,600. Five pals battalions had casualties in excess of 500; The Accrington Pals, The Leeds Pals, The Barnsley Pals, The Bradford Pals and the Sheffield City Pals.

Serre was held by the Germans until early 1917 when they made a tactical retreat to the Hindenburg Line. It was recaptured by the Germans in March 1918 in the German

Spring Offensive. They then retreated again from it in August 1918.

I visited the Accrington Pals , the Barnsley Pals and the Sheffield City Pals memorials whilst at Serre in 2017.

In 2020 I kept a promise to visit the Leeds Pals Memorial at Breary Banks Nidderdale Yorkshire to complete my 'Pals Pilgrimage'.

The Memorial is appropriately sited on what became known as Colsterdale Camp which was used for the training of the 15th West Yorks Battalion (Leeds Pals). It was previously a village for reservoir workers and later became



The Barnsley Pals Memorial

The Pals fell in their hundreds through a hail of steel and few reached the barbed wire let alone the enemy front-line trenches. As the firing died down the air was filled with the cries of the



The Sheffield Pals Memorial



a prisoner of war camp.

The memorial can be found on a part single-track road between Masham and Ramsgill. The memorial is stark compared with those at Serre and overlooks a bleak landscape at the time of my visit.

Such was the devastation wreaked on the Pals Battalions and the communities they came from that the future formation of such battalions was banned and those that remained absorbed into other battalions.



We Will Remember Them.

Photographs

From the John Head Collection. The Photograph of the Hawthorn Ridge mine exploding was a photograph taken by the writer of a photograph which is on an information plate at Hawthorn Ridge Cemetery No 2.

HETHERSETT Parish Council is issuing a second, very short survey regarding the possible King's Coronation celebration event.

This is due to the feedback received in the first survey, including the type of events people were interested in attending and on which date.

“This information will really help us to plan in better detail and to have the public involved in these choices. The more responses we receive the better,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.



The new survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XJ2NFFL>

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