



And Now For The Good News

HETHERSETT Herald is teaming up with another village publication to bring you unrivalled coverage of news and features about our village.

The Hethersett Good News magazine is published monthly and currently has a circulation of over 1,000 copies in Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton. The well-established publication has been in existence for over 150 years and is a Christian publication centred around the three Anglican churches in the Hethersett Benefice.

As well as carrying news from the three churches and Hethersett Methodist Church, it also includes news items of interest to the three villages.

Hethersett Herald editor Peter Steward will also take on responsibility for editing Good News, supported by a team. The cost of Good News is met from a low annual subscription (currently £4 for 12 copies) and paid advertising.

Hethersett Herald will continue to be published exclusively on line and Good News will also be available electronically as well as in its usual printed format.

“Together the two publications will complement each other and give us the opportunity to bring more Hethersett news to more people than ever before. Although different in content the two publications will dovetail together perfectly,” said Peter Steward. We will have more on this in the next Herald.



Santa Does The Rounds

FATHER Christmas came to Hethersett on December 18th to delight old and young alike.

Families turned out in force and you can see more pictures and read a report on page 11.



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A Message From The Editor

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the last edition of Hethersett Herald for 2021 or the first of 2022 depending on how you look at things.

We always like to bring out an edition just before Christmas to cover as many festive events as possible. So you have in your hands (or you would have if this was a written magazine) the January 2022 edition which also brings up our threequarters of a century by way of our 75th edition.

And while talking about in your hand publications we are very excited to tell you about our partnership with the village Good News magazine, the details of which you can read on the frontpage.

Good News is a publication that literally goes back centuries. Throughout the 20th century the magazine reflected what was happening in our village and was particularly important during two World Wars in keeping everyone informed about what was happening both in the village and further afield.

An acquaintance of mine cornered me a few weeks ago to say she thought there was too much about Hethersett on the internet. She found the amount of information rather daunting and said she couldn't face reading it all.

Of course I disagree about there being too much information on the village on the Internet. To my mind you can never have enough information. I'm sure nobody reads Hethersett Herald from cover to cover (except myself and our

proof reader Gary of course).

The idea always has been for readers to dip in and out and our aim always has been and always will remain to inform, educate and entertain and I sincerely hope that we have achieved this.

I was delighted when I was asked to become editor of Good News as well and to look at ways that the two publications can work hand in hand and sit side by side.

This is something I will be talking about with the Good News editorial committee over the coming months to establish just what direction the two publications will take and how they will complement each other.

Once again we seem to be living in troubled times and, at the time of going to press with this edition of Hethersett Herald, it looked quite likely that some further lockdown rules could be brought in.

If they are I know Hethersett will once again rise to the challenge and that our community will once again look after each other and prove that we have a wonderfully beating heart. Here's to a better 2022.

Best Wishes and a happy Christmas to you all.

Peter



Post Christmas Challenge

ARE you looking for a post Christmas challenge? Then the Hethersett Challenge 2022 could be for you.

It has been set-up for the second year running (apologies for the pun) by resident David Powles and the challenge is to run 5k or 10k during January in aid of the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity and the appeal for a new community pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

"it's a virtual challenge, so no race at the end as such. This year we are asking people to work their way up to a final run on the last week of January - 24th to 31st," David said.

Those taking part can post their 5k or 10k times to David during the month and there will be a prize for the most committed.

"This was fantastic last year for those looking for some motivation or wanting to try couch to 5k. For those not massively experienced, I'm happy to provide some tips and support during the month - and maybe even go out and do a couple of training runs," David added.

To enter you need to pledge £10 in the charity link below and email your details to dpowlesy@yahoo.co.uk.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-powles>

The event is being sponsored by Hethersett King's Head with every runner getting a free beer. It is open to runners of all standards.

CHARITY 5K OR 10K VIRTUAL CHALLENGE TO GET YOU UP AND RUNNING AFTER CHRISTMAS!

Get fit in January!

HETHERSETT CHALLENGE 2022

All running standards welcome
Perfect for couch to 5k runners!
Run in January as many times as you like - see if you can get faster

£10 to enter and all proceeds will be split between **Finnbar's Force** and the **Hethersett Memorial Fund.**
Contact David Powles on Facebook or at dpowlesy@yahoo.co.uk for full details

Sponsored by King's Head, Hethersett
Free beer for every runner!

Secret Agent On The Big Screen in January

HETHERSETT Village Screen will be licensed to kill in the New Year as they feature the latest James Bond film “No Time To Die.”



Daniel Craig’s swansong as 007 will be on screen in Hethersett Village Hall on January 2nd as a new year pick me up (COVID restrictions allowing of course).

The group has announced its programme for the rest of the winter and the spring season.

After the all action Bond movie, things calm down a touch in February when Timothy Spall stars in “The Last Bus.”



Spall plays elderly Tom whose wife has just passed away. He uses only local buses on a nostalgic trip to carry her ashes all the way across the UK to Land’s End, where they originally met, using his free bus pass. Unbeknown to Tom, his journey begins to capture the imagination of the local people that he comes across and his story hits the national headlines.



In March the feature will be “The Courier.”

April will see “Supernova” and the season is rounded off in May with the Princess Diana biopic “Spencer.”



We will have more on the coming programme of films in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

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

The group has a Facebook page to keep you up to date with coming features. Please check this in the light of possible coming COVID restrictions.

There is more from Village Screen on the next page.



Catering Volunteer Needed For Village Screen

HETHERSETT Village Screen is looking for a new committee member to organise catering on film Sundays.

Jacky Sutton will be stepping down from her role in the New Year and the group is looking for a replacement.

Duties aren't too onerous as James Utting from the group explained: "It will involve helping to select films for the Autumn/Spring seasons and running the refreshment bar at the nine showings (September through to May inclusive).

"Jacky Sutton- committee member and 'head of catering ' at HVS has regrettably decided to stand down in the new year, so we are looking for a replacement.

"There are a number of benefits to the job which include social, cultural and economic. In other words the post holder gets to see the films free of charge."

Anybody interested in filling the vacancy should contact James Utting by e-mail at: j-utting@outlook.com or call 07771876480.

Ketteringham Tip Closure

THE household recycling centre at Ketteringham has closed.

Hethersett residents will now have to take their waste to a new centre in the Harford Park and Ride or to nearby Wymondham.

The Harford site opened on December 1st with the Ketteringham tip closing a few days earlier.

They're In The Money

GREAT Melton Cricket Club has been awarded a massive £50,000 after being named runners-up in a national competition.

The Persimmon Homes Building Futures competition was split into three categories— education and arts, health and sport.

Great Melton came second in the sports section after hundreds of people voted for them to receive the prize

The money will be put towards improvements to the pavilion.

Christmas Is Almost Here

Finnbar's Force Lights Up Hethersett

There's still plenty of time to view the wonderful light show in Park Green, Hethersett, with money being raised for the Finnbar's Force charity which raises funds for research into childhood brain tumours and also supports families with children suffering from brain tumours. The lights will be switched on from 3.30 pm every day throughout December.

On the next couple of pages are some of our latest photos of the display.



Christmas Is Almost Here



The three musketeers—Alan Metcalf, Tristan Cork and Chris Ketley—responsible for putting up many of the 65,000 bulbs in the display which this year includes an illumination of the parish council owned Oak Tree.

A number of groups and organisations have also raised money for Finnbar's Force

Christmas Is Almost Here



A planned carol service in Hethersett Methodist Church on the Sunday before Christmas was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

But the church wasn't going to be put off so easily and moved their celebrations into the "road of lights" in Park Green.

Methodist Minister The Rev Steve Cullis led community carols and well over 100 people attended.

There was also a raffle held in aid of the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity.



This colourful display is in the passageway that links Firs Road and Priory Close.



Christmas Is Almost Here



Village Comes Together For Seasonal Cheer

FAMILIES came out in force to support The Force on Saturday, 18th December.

Santa on Tour saw the man in red travel round the village, accompanied by elves and a variety of animal characters much to the delight of youngsters throughout the village who lined the pavements to wave to their hero.

The tour started and finished at Hethersett King's Head where food was donated by the owners at the end of the tour with donations going to the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force Charity.

The event was organised by Annabelle Rose and Heidi

Afterwards they thanked all those who had helped to make the evening such a success:



Christmas Is Almost Here



“Wow what an evening! We have many thanks to give to people which we will give in due course but for now, thank you for everyone that came out to support us! We hope you had a great afternoon/evening. Lots of pennies raised for Finnbar’s Force,” Annabelle and Heidi said at the end of the event. You can read their full Facebook thank you on page 14.



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One of the highlights of the evening was carol singing in the garden of the King's Head led by members of Hethersett Singers who are pictured above. On the right Santa and friends prepare to leave the King's Head.

There are more photographs on the previous page and also on the Facebook page. Just search for "Santa Claus is coming to Hethersett."



Christmas Is Almost Here

A Special Vote of Thanks For Community Spirit

After the event Annabelle and Heidi thanked all those involved with the following post on their Facebook page:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To the wonderful village of Hethersett for supporting the SANTA TOUR on Saturday, both in the streets and at The King's Head.

What a fabulous evening. Heidi and I were so delighted and happy that so many children, parents, grandparents and friends were able to attend.

We would like to send a heartfelt message to all those involved:-

Without Tim Rees and Claire Smithson, we wouldn't have had a vehicle. They went that extra mile and more to ensure that everything went so smoothly.

To Jorja Jade Roach and James Hammond at Hammond and Stratford for donating the fabulous Christmas tree and printing all our posters and song sheets.

The King's Head staff, Michael, Simon (head chef), Devon West, Elliot Martin, Molly Hill and the rest of the staff for doing a tremendous job with the food and drink.

Justin Harvey for offering the pub to us for the evening.

Susan Foster and some of the Hethersett Singers who, at the very last minute, came to our rescue to lead us in the Carols at the King's.

The absolutely fabulous Santa Claus, who took time out of his very busy schedule to visit our village along with his friends Snowman, Rudolph and two of his cheeky elves and he brought with him bags and bags of sweets for our children.

To Peter Steward for being there and taking lots of photos.

We actually raised £250 for Finnbar's Force.

Well done and thanks again everybody.....see you next year.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

ANNABELLE and HEIDI JANE

Christmas Is Almost Here

In Praise Of Hethersett Hearts

REGULAR Herald readers Pat and Peter Pierce contacted us to show their appreciation for the kindness of the Hethersett Hearts group as Christmas approaches.

“Something happened to us before Christmas that raised our spirits, showing us what kind thoughtful people there are in Hethersett.

“We were presented with a gift (on opening they are delicious mince pies) and lovely card from The Hethersett Hearts, as we had been recipients of prescription pick up and deliveries whilst we were isolating. I felt we should probably be giving them a

gift and thanks. We were very touched, “ Pat said.



News From Hethersett Hawks

Reflecting On a Successful Year

Words By Mel Perkins MBE

Pictures by Jenny Melvin

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages Cycle Speedway Club held its presentation evening in Hethersett Social Club and a packed room celebrated a successful season in which membership increased and fund-raising took off in aid of major improvements at the Memorial Playing Field track.

On-track successes were acknowledged with two riders gaining podium places at national championships and the club finishing third in the British Club Championship. Four Norfolk Championships were won by Hethersett riders and the youth team made a satisfactory return to the South East League.

Several Club awards were presented on the evening with the most prestigious being voted for by the members themselves. These were the Sports Person of the Year and the Young Sports Person



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of the Year. For the first time these were won by the same member - Under-10 rider Lola Martin.

Awards for Best Newcomers and Most Improved Riders were provided by FedEx and presented by Dave Martin to the following - Newcomers - Under-10 Austin Brailey; Under-13 Harry Dodds; 13+ Rob Silver. Most-Improved - Under-10 Jamal Musa; Under-13 Amelia Dodson; 13+ Mason Martin.

Amelia Dodson also won the Coach's Award while Russ Marling received the Club Member of the Year Award. Team Managers made awards to their Riders of the Year with the 1st Team award going to Daniel Martin and the Youth Team award going to Luca El Labany.

A Commitment Award was presented to Arlo Davies who attended 48 of the 54 training sessions. Finally the 1st Team Top Scorer award went to Paul Delaiche.

Members are eagerly awaiting the start of the next season in March although the club will be represented at the British Indoor Championships before that in January.



News From Hethersett Hawks



Pictures on this page and the previous two are of trophy winners at the Hawks presentation evening where members heard about a very successful year.

Where Is Our MP Part Two

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

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

THE above words are taken from the official website of the MP for South Norfolk, Richard Bacon.

As reported in last month's Hethersett Herald, Mr Bacon has received numerous e-mails from constituents over the past few months, but no answers to queries have been received.

One of the main topics Mr Bacon has been contacted over has been the lack of facilities to go alongside major house building programmes.

Mr Bacon's website, which currently has just one page shows his position with regard to housing development:



Mr Bacon has received a commission from the Prime Minister to develop a plan for a major scaling up of self-build and custom housebuilding. His website states:

“The Prime Minister has commissioned Richard Bacon MP to undertake a review to establish a plan to scale up self and custom build homes to boost capacity and overall housing supply.”

The full text of the letter to Richard Bacon from Boris Johnson is as follows:

“Since 2010 there has been a considerable increase in housebuilding; and the number of homes being built since the lifting of the first period of national coronavirus restrictions continues to rise. But we need to do more, and be more dynamic, to continue this progress. The way in which our housebuilding market operates constrains the supply of new homes because there is not enough competition and innovation. Unlike housing markets elsewhere in the world, there is a lack of consumer choice and diversity of supply. Self-build and custom

housebuilding can play a crucial role in increasing choice for consumers and ensuring people can live in the homes that they want, and that are designed to meet their needs.

We know that self and custom builders deliver high quality, well-designed homes that are energy efficient, accessible, affordable, and welcomed by their communities. The place for self and custom building has also been amplified by coronavirus. As we build back better and emerge from the pandemic, we need to push ahead with expanding access to opportunities in this market for more people.

The Government has begun delivering policy interventions that help drive the required changes but we need to foster much wider awareness, capacity and delivery capability among consumers, landowners, planners, developers and among the providers of services and materials. Working closely with Robert Jenrick MP, the Housing Secretary, I would like you to reach out nationally and internationally to consumers and stakeholders, to develop a plan for a major scaling up of self-commissioned new homes - across all tenures - to boost capacity and overall housing supply.

This should include increasing the availability of serviced plots of land across England. This should be brought together into a report (Terms of Reference attached) that sets out up to 10 specific and implementable recommendations to inform Government policy.

Coronavirus has highlighted the importance of the places we all call home. Our homes should maximise our creativity, our productivity, and the quality of our lives. I am convinced, as I know you are, of the role of self-build in this ambition, and as such I look forward to your proposals."

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On November 20th, Hethersett Herald e-mailed Mr Bacon with the following question:

"In the light of adverse comments made by Hethersett residents regarding a lack of response to their e-mails and claims that you are not truly representing the village, would you like to comment on how you will regain the confidence of Hethersett people and how will you be supporting our village in the future?"

We received no response to that e-mail, not even an acknowledgement that it had been received. The e-mail was sent over a month ago and still we await a response. But as Mr Bacon's website states:

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

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

We await a response.

What Now For Therapists?

AS reported in previous editions of Hethersett Herald, Rowan House has been sold and will become a veterinary surgery in the near future.

News From Rowan House

Café Kin remains open at the present time and we will bring you more about its future as soon as we have it.

In the meantime we wondered what has happened to some of the therapists who formerly practised out of Rowan House. Many have re-located to Park Farm Hotel. A few will continue to practice at Rowan House. Here are some details:

John Rhind, Reflexology

John will continue to practice at Rowan House. "There are bound to be changes that take place in future but my clients can be reassured that I will keep them informed," John said. John can be contacted on 07718 931631, by email johnrhi@aol.com or visit his website www.jrreflexology.co.uk

Clare Corcoran, Massage Therapist

Clare has moved to Park Farm and had the following message: "To my Rowan House family, my wonderful clients past and present. Thank you for your support from day one...it's been a pleasure meeting, treating and working with you all! Here's to the next adventure and May we all meet again very soon. "

Andrew Cook, Craniosacral Therapist

Andrew will be working at Reno Refills Health Food Shop in Market Street, Wymondham providing treatments for babies and new mothers, children and adults

"I am looking forward to converting some of my work to better suit the new world we live in," she said. Andrew can be contacted on 01953 483787 / 07806 602957 <https://www.body-mind.co.uk/>

Abi Rosen, Pilates Instructor

Abi is running Mixed Ability and Dynamic Pilates classes at Queen's Hill community centre, Costessey on Tuesday evenings and from January in Cringleford on a Tuesday morning.

For more information, please visit: www.optimalhealthuk.co.uk/pilates-classes-costessey or email ohsportstherapy@gmail.com.

Kate Blanch, Osteopath

Kate has moved to Park Farm and can be contacted on Mobile: 07579 826023
Email: kblanch@talktalk.net
<https://kate-blanch.uk1.cliniko.com/bookings>

Maria Gillam, Osteopath

Maria has moved to Park Farm and can be contacted on Mobile 07730 521297
Patients can book online via her website
www.revocohealth.co.uk

Sophie Simpson, Life Coach

Sophie said: "It has been a true pleasure to practice at Rowan House over the past four years. A big thank-you to all of my Rowan House clients, and very best wishes to my Rowan House colleagues." Sophie will be based in Lingwood for both Counselling and Life Coaching. Her contact details are:
My contact details will remain the same; sophie@ses-coaching.co.uk and 07769 349380

Catherine Jeans, Functional Nutritional Therapist

Catherine will continue working online, offering appointments and coaching both one to one and in groups, using zoom. You can find out more information about her services, including her new functional yoga and breathing classes, at her website www.thefamilynutritionexpert.com or you can email her info@catherinejeans.com

Lucy Eggleton, Women's Health Physio

Lucy said: "t has been so great to be at Rowan House with so many other wellbeing experts. I will miss the wonderful community of clinicians and patients there. Norfolk Women's Health Physiotherapy will continue to practice from the Global Clinic, Colney Hall, Watton Road, Norwich. I look forward to working with the Pelvic and Maternal Health team there to continue to improve the lives of Women.
www.norfolk womenshealthphysio.co.uk

Emily Wheeldon, counselling

Naturally Me counselling has moved to two venues- The Yoga Tree in Norwich and Proactive Therapies in Honingham. You can contact her via email at info@naturallymecounselling.co.uk or by phone on 0736 8940271

Anna Ryan, Pilates instructor

Anna said: "Thank you to all of you who have attended Pilates class, 1-2-1 and

workshops at Rowan House, over the past six years. I have wonderful memories of meeting so many lovely people and being able to help you all.” Anna can be contacted via her website www.corebalancewellbeing.co.uk
Anna Linton, Counselling and Psychotherapy

Anna will continue work from her clinic in Cringleford and on-line. She can be contacted on 07881656872 or
Info@annalinton.co.uk

Clare Collis, Massage & Beauty Therapy

Clare said: “I’m sad to say goodbye to Rowan House, while i’ve only been there for a few months it already felt like home for Salix Therapies, and I’m so glad to have been able to meet all the lovely staff, therapists and visitors to the centre! “ want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been to visit me.”

Clare is now working from a new dedicated room at Sunkissed Tanning & Beauty Hub Wymondham, Tuesday to Saturday. She can be contacted on 01953 604663. She can be followed on social media at @salixtherapies to stay up to date with everything that’s going on!

BHA, Homeopathy

To find out more about Dr Raggoo at the Norwich clinic and to book an appointment please visit the website <https://www.tryhomeopathyuk.org/clinics/norwich-homeopathy/> or call 0203 640 5903 and use option 1.

About Birth & Babies

About Birth & Babies has been running Early Pregnancy Classes, Antenatal and Hypnobirthing Classes and Speed Bumps.

They will be continuing to provide classes at other venues across Norfolk including Sprowston Diamond Centre, Cringleford Patteson Rooms and Roundwood Centre.

They can be contacted via their website www.aboutbirthandbabies.co.uk or email info@aboutbirthandbabies.co.uk

Village Litter Picks

THE latest Hethersett Environmental Action Team litter pick took place on December 18th. Thirty volunteers turned up to help keep the village tidy.

“The weather wasn’t great but our volunteers are,” said the organisers.

The next village clean up will take place on Saturday 15th January at 10 am starting from the Methodist Church car park in Great Melton Road.

Everyone is welcome and equipment is provided.



THE Taverham Band who played a pre-Christmas concert in St Remigius Church, Hethersett is aid of the East Anglia Air Ambulance. Photograph courtesy of Tony Vale.



THIS stunning photograph of a Hethersett sunrise was taken by regular contributor Dave Bowden and reproduced with his kind permission.

Road Closures Update

Vehicles re-routed along B1172

WORK on stretches of the A11 continues throughout December with just a break for Christmas.

The work started on October 24th and will continue in one form or another until next February. It will see parts of the A11 repaired where the road has suffered cracks. Potholes will also be filled in. There will be new drainage and road markings and cat's eyes will be installed.

The northbound carriageway will be closed overnight from January 4th until February 13th although there will be no closures over Christmas. This period should see the work completed.

During the closures vehicles will be re-routed along the B1172 through our parish.



Hethersett dentist Mike Ackerman (right) who has given many years of service to the village is pictured with fellow dentist Paul Baisley on his retirement.

The Dilemma of a Bike

A BIKE padlocked to the village hall noticeboard is providing quite a dilemma for the parish council.

The bike has been attached to the noticeboard for over a month but moving it isn't quite as easy as it might seem as councillors have found out.

The owner of the bike has not been traced despite a note being placed on the crossbar asking the owner to contact the parish council.

The council contacted local police beat officer PC Stu Barnard but were informed that the police have limited powers and cannot justify breaking the lock.

One suggestion is that the council could free the bike without damaging the lock by lifting the noticeboard out of the ground and then placing it back. This would be a costly solution.

Once freed the bike would have to be kept in a safe place until collected by the police as found property. The council has been told that damaging the lock could be considered criminal damage if the owner comes forward and wanted to take the matter further.

Councillors decided to defer a decision in the hope that the owner of the bike will come forward and remove it.



News From The Parish Council

Meeting Dates

Council meetings in 2022 will take place on the following dates: January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 20th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December 19th. There is no meeting in August. All meetings are on a Monday except for April which will take place on a Wednesday due to Bank Holidays. Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm. For other committee dates refer to the council's website which can be accessed at:

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

Committee and full council meetings are open to the public.

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

How To Contact The Parish Council

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

The council has a website at

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

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

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HETHERSETT PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

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Councillors:

Miss K Adams c/o the Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Hethersett

Via the Clerk

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Tel: 812309

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Tel: 07582 225895

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Via the Clerk

Mr J Loomer, 6 Miller Close, Hethersett NR9 3GD

Tel: 07799 608978

Mr C Morriss, 19 Haconsfield, Hethersett NR9 3AW

Tel: 810060

Ms E Mulvaney, c/o the Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Hethersett

Via the Clerk

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Tel: 811513

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Via the Clerk

Mrs J Walpole, 16 Canns Lane, Hethersett NR9 3JE

Tel: 811932

Mrs B Williamson, 8 Churchfields, Hethersett NR9 3AF

Tel: 810259

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

PLANNING decisions made by South Norfolk Council over the past few weeks include approval for the following:

The demolition of later additions to Hethersett Church Hall in Henstead Road and the change of use of the building to a one storey private dwelling with access onto Hensetad Road.

The reconstruction and repair of an historic garden wall at the former Old Hall School on the B1172

The replacement of windows and doors at the former Old Hall School on the B1172.

A single storey side extension at 4, Buckingham Drive.

Erection of a conservatory to the rear of 14, Recreation Road.

Erection of a single storey front and rear extension with front porch to 11A Lynch Green.

News From The Parish Council

Wind Farm Opposition

HETHERSETT Parish Council is one of 80 signatories to urge the Energy Secretary to refuse planning consent for what would be the largest offshore wind farm in the world.

Our parish council is concerned at the extent of cable trenching which would scar the countryside.

The signatories which include parishes from throughout Norfolk state the following.

"The difficulty arises with the hundreds of miles of cross-crossing cable trenches, the endless years of heavy goods vehicle traffic along country lanes often not wide enough for the school bus to pass a bicycle ... and a totally unnecessary legacy of more than 1,000 acres of drain-damaged farmland."

The group wants the energy cables to be connected at sea, joined up with other offshore projects, to minimise disruption on land.

Remote Meeting Request From Council

HETHERSETT Parish Council is seeking permission to hold remote meetings once again.

During lockdown the council held full council and also committee meetings via the Zoom platform. It returned to face to face meetings once restrictions were eased.

Now, with another lockdown looking more and more possible, councillors are supporting moves to return to zoom meetings.

Permission to do so has to come at Government level but our council is writing to Kemi Badenoch, Minister For Levelling Up Communities, and MP for South Norfolk Richard Bacon, to ask for flexibility to decide how best to conduct meetings.

The council will be using template letters put together by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

The letter to Richard Bacon states:

"Before the coronavirus pandemic, council meetings took place in person with elected members, officers and the public present in one place. The contagious

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nature of the pandemic made this impossible and appropriate provision was made for councils to meet virtually under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. During this period of crisis, virtual council meetings allowed councillors to continue to meet and make democratic decisions safely and without delay or relying on delegating decisions to officers.

“The relevant provision for council meetings ceased to have effect from 7 May 2021 and in person public meetings resumed from this date. Councils are known for making things work in difficult circumstances and democratic services, monitoring officers and directors of public health have worked hard to ensure that council meetings go ahead as safely as possible. Despite this, in-person council meetings are not and cannot be fully accessible, without more flexibility as to how people can attend them. For people who are clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 and people who care for them, attending council meetings presents very real risks.

“As a consequence, councillors are being forced to decide between representing their residents in council meetings and protecting themselves or their loved ones. The combination of vulnerable councillors, self-isolation and children being sent home from school to isolate can mean it is difficult to get full attendance at council meetings. In most cases, the ability to attend meetings virtually would enable councillors who are unable to attend a meeting in person to attend and represent their communities from another location.

“Councillors are glad to meet in-person where it is safe to do so, but this past 18 months demonstrated how inclusive councils could become. Returning to in-person only meetings is a missed opportunity to open up local democracy and create a ‘new normal’ where anyone interested in local democracy can participate, particularly people who are underrepresented or currently denied access due to their personal circumstances preventing them from attending meetings in person.

“For these reasons and in the interest of local democracy, we implore you to support our call for the Government to amend legislation to provide councils with the flexibility to use virtual meeting options for council meetings.”

Councillors felt that rising Covid rates could make it unsafe to continue holding face to face meetings. Chairman Adrienne Quinlan said she felt face to face council meetings should be halted when the public is told to work from home. “This is our work,” she said.

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Parish Shorts

South Norfolk Council has removed graffiti from the youth shelter in Admirals Way, members of the parish council heard. Previously the council had expressed concern about the poor state of the facility with graffiti and rubbish around it.

A pothole in Childs Road has been reported to the county council.

A total of 33 crimes were recorded by Norfolk Police in Hetherset in October, the parish council heard. This included 20 cases of violence and sexual offences and seven public order offences,

Jo's Thought-Provoking Art On Display

THIS thought-provoking piece of art is the work of Hetherset-based artist Jocelyn Jacobson.

It is on display in Norwich Cathedral Hostry as part of an exhibition by the Norwich 20 Art Group entitled "Horizon" which will be there until 15th January.

The display features the work of about 50 members.

The exhibition is free and will be open Monday to Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm and Sunday from 10 am until 3 pm.



BRINGING NATURE BACK

MORE ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS FROM HETHERSETT PARISH COUNCIL IN THEIR NEW REGULAR COLUMN

HETHERSETT Parish Council has great news about the managed rewilding project, organised by the Hetherset Environmental Action Team (HEAT), a committee of the Parish Council.

Before we tell you, we would however, like to explain why rewilding public areas is so important. Wildflower meadows were once present in every parish in the country, yet meadows and grassland now cover just 1% of the United Kingdom.

Over 97% of wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s – 7.5 million acres, one and a half 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.

HEAT has been planning the project since the beginning of 2021 and now have the go ahead to seed two areas at the Village Sign with a mixture including corn chamomile, corn marigold, corncockle and field poppy. The rest of the area will have pathways cut to access the bench and the flower bed, which is already planted with daffodils, foxgloves and cornflowers.

The Parish Council will also seed a 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.

This is where it gets really exciting – HEAT are asking you, the residents of Hetherset, to come along and help us with this vital work. We will start at 10 am on Saturday 12th February at the Village Sign. The ground will have had the turf cut, so we need people to fork it over, sow seeds and tidy the area up.

As the area is so near to the B1172, this session is unfortunately not suitable for children. We then move onto the Village Hall on Sunday 13th February at 10 am, where we would be delighted to welcome accompanied children. We have two further sessions planned at the Village Hall, on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February starting at 10 am. Please dress suitably, bring a pair of gloves if possible and your own gardening fork if you have one!

If you can help, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Annette Palmer on 01603 810915 or 07902 322729 or send her an email at hetherset.pc@tiscali.co.uk – it would help us enormously if we knew in advance who could do which session. We can't wait to get started and we hope that you can join us in this exciting project for the future.

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Sarah's World

WOW, December rolled around quickly, didn't it? This time of year is a whirlwind of raffles, fayres and Christmas activities.

Trying to squeeze every last drop of festive fun out of the season. Well, it is for us, anyway.

This year, I've felt a little overwhelmed. I've had a lot to do this December. Organising the playgroup Christmas party, Christmas shopping and wrapping, selling PTA raffle tickets, not to mention work being hectic, amongst other things here and there as well. I've had a touch of festive burnout, I think. I'm trying to make a conscious effort to put down the phone and spend time with my family. Christmas time is meant to be enjoyable after all!

Thinking back to the last part of November, we had our Pudsey party at playgroup, to raise money for Children in Need. We donated all of the admission money and held a raffle for prizes donated by playgroup, individuals and Tesco Express.

We had the usual toys out, plus some Pudsey colouring on tables which the children loved. Parents and children made a real effort, wearing their Pudsey shirts and outfits and we raised a total of £143.54, thanks to the amazing, generous families that come.

The end of November also saw my eldest daughter Amelia turn 10. Double digits, I can't believe it. It doesn't seem that long ago that she was born (I guess everyone says that) and we're so proud of her. When she was little she had quite a severe speech disorder that meant she had to undergo some intense speech therapy for a few years both before school and in her Reception year.

It's incredible to think back to how much she struggled, because now she is on the School Council and speaks on behalf of her whole class and the school. She

Christmas Can Be Overwhelming



Sarah's World

also finished Brownies in December, and she's hoping to start Guides in the New Year. She is an amazing, caring young lady who I am very proud to call my daughter.

Christmas is a busy time for Woodside Primary School. There has been a LOT going on, it's sometimes hard to keep up! The Friends put together a Bauble trail to kick off December, where people who bought Baubles put them in their windows to form a Trail, which people could then buy maps to follow round.

The Friends also sold raffle tickets (if I ever see another raffle ticket stub again, it'll be too soon) with prizes donated from parents and businesses, and held a Mini Christmas Fayre outside after school one day. It's been a really busy few weeks, but I'm hopeful we'll have made lots of money for the school.

Some readers may know that I'm a member of the Village Hall Management Committee – one of the many hats I wear! At our last virtual meeting it was decided that the hall decorations needed to go up. Of course, the decorations weren't a concern in 2020, for obvious reasons.

But, because of the things happening in the Village Hall over the Christmas period, it was decided that in early December we'd go over together – those of us who could make it – and deck the Hall, as it were! It took us about an hour, Claire, Chris, Tony and I. I sorted the small corner Christmas Tree, Claire and Chris sorted out which garland went where, and Tony drew the short straw, he was up and down the ladder. The results look lovely though, the perfect backdrop for the Christmas events going on at the Hall. I know playgroup really appreciated it, and it adds to the Christmas magic.

The Playgroup Christmas Party. Fully booked after one day, it was always going



Sarah's World

to be good, and it's one of the parties that we look forward to year on year. This year was no exception, a lot of hard work had gone into the planning by our merry team of volunteers.

Jo did an excellent job of sorting a sensory area, something which went down really well at the Hallowe'en party so we had to do again. There was party food, temporary tattoos, Christmas colouring. Oh, and a special appearance from a certain man dressed all in red!

He came in ringing his bell, handed out gifts that were expertly wrapped by Charli and Lisa, and made all the children smile.

After he'd greeted all of the children and given out the gifts, he went off on his merry way with a smile and a "ho ho ho" at the door. It was a magical session. Massive thanks to all of our volunteers who make the sessions happen, and to all of the families that come.



Lastly, I'd like to wish all of the readers of Hethersett Herald a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Thank you for reading Sarah's World, I love that I have a creative outlet to tell you all what I have been up to.

More in 2022! :-)





Road lit up for the festive season with 65,000 bulbs in memory of Finnbar, 5

Local residents

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The light display in Park Green hit the headlines in both the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News newspapers as illustrated on this page.

You can read about the festive lights in the village elsewhere in this edition.



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A Brantub Of Opportunism and Greed

NORFOLK legend Keith Skipper took to his column in the Eastern Daily Press to talk about development in our towns and villages.

Author Keith, who has written numerous books on the county and who is a Norfolk man through and through is forthright in his opinions telling us that “Norfolk’s precious character doesn’t need further wrecking”



Keith so obviously has a way with words, summing up how so many of us feel: “I’ve lost count of how many overblown housing applications are being touted as” must-have” presents by those who readily bend a knee at the brantub of opportunism and greed.

“Our MPs, local councillors officers and, planners along with hand-rubbing developers are acting like a government-appointed Santa with a flock of obedient subordinate Clauses ordered to turn a special place into a boring photostat of Anywhere Else.

“It seems our once-attractive market towns and larger villages have been picked off in turn for character-crushing expansion schemes.

“I have watched Dereham and Fakenham, Watton and Wymondham, Aylsham and Swaffham, Holt and North Walsham. **Hethersett** and Rackheath, Mattishall and Mundesley, Caister and Costessey .Swanton Morley and Shipdham plus several other sprawling parishes bullied into putting on far too much weight and so blotting out precious local heritage and community cohesion.”

We couldn’t have put it better ourselves.

Press Cuttings—An Explanation

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

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

Consider Tax When Gifting

Sophie Harvey from Spire Solicitors urges readers to consider tax when gifting this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS shopping usually means a visit to the high street or browsing online retailers, but the season of giving can be a good time to make sure you're maximising your opportunities for inheritance tax reliefs, whether to family, friends, or charity, while spreading some seasonal cheer.

While larger gifts may be taken into account for inheritance tax purposes, anyone can make smaller gifts without tax being considered, as long as some simple rules are followed.

Broadly, these come under two headings: **gifts where the exemption is automatic if the gift fits the rules**, and those where **the exemption must be claimed after death, such as gifts out of surplus income**. The exemption includes gifts to charities or political parties, gifts on marriage or civil ceremony (subject to the limits stated below), an annual exemption of £3000, and small gifts up to £250 per person.

Any number of so-called small gifts can be made each year, of up to £250 per recipient, with no limit on the number of recipients if no one person receives more than £250. If anyone receives more than £250, then the whole small gift exemption in relation to that recipient is lost for the year, not just the excess. Gifts include money, household and personal goods, property, land, and stocks and shares. Gifts can also include any money you lose when you sell something for less than it is worth.

The annual exemption of £3000 can be used to make gifts to one or more people. There's an added benefit if the allowance isn't fully used in any year, as any remaining allowance can be carried forward one year. It cannot be combined with the small gift exemption for any one individual.

In any tax year, you can also give a cash gift when a friend or family gets married or has a civil ceremony. The limit is £5000 for a child and £2500 for a grandchild, or £1000 for those outside immediate family, whether a friend, niece, or cousin.

You can also make payments to help with another person's living costs, such as an elderly relative or a child under 18.

If you're looking to give to charity this Christmas, it's worth knowing that gifts to charities and political parties will not count towards the total taxable value of your estate. You can also cut the Inheritance Tax rate on the rest of your estate from 40% to 36% if you leave at least 10% of your 'net estate' to a charity.



When it comes to relief on gifts from surplus income, record-keeping is essential as the gift will only qualify for exemption if it is part of a regular pattern of giving, and if you can demonstrate that you maintained your normal standard of living after making the gifts and all other usual expenditure.

The exemption for gifts from surplus income must be claimed after death, by the executors of a person's Will, and can be used for any regular payments, such as monthly contributions to a grandchild's savings account or payment of school fees or making regular gifts on special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas.

Any other gifts made to individuals will be potentially exempt transfers (PETs), which become exempt if you survive the making of the gift by seven years. Otherwise, the value will be brought into account for inheritance tax purposes. Further, it is important if you want a gift to become exempt for inheritance tax purposes that you do not retain any benefit from the gift.

If you are considering larger gifts this Christmas and need some advice, or would like to discuss anything in this article, please contact our Wills, Tax & Probate team on 01603 677077.



THE bench above was bought with donations made in memory of Old Hall School which is now a training centre for Norfolk Police. The bench has a temporary home but will find a permanent place in a kitchen garden area. The money was raised at a school reunion and online appeal and the inscription is: "To Norfolk Constabulary honouring HOHS 1924-2019."

An Historic Hethersett Argument

Lewis Buckingham continues his look through Hethersett history

LAST month we learnt how Claude Roberts came to live in Hethersett: A ditch-digger cum steward to Alice Goddard, a very rich older lady. He literally became her right hand after her stroke and was so good at his job that she gave him all her lands in Hethersett before her death. And no I'm not referring to that time he proved her will before she was quite dead.

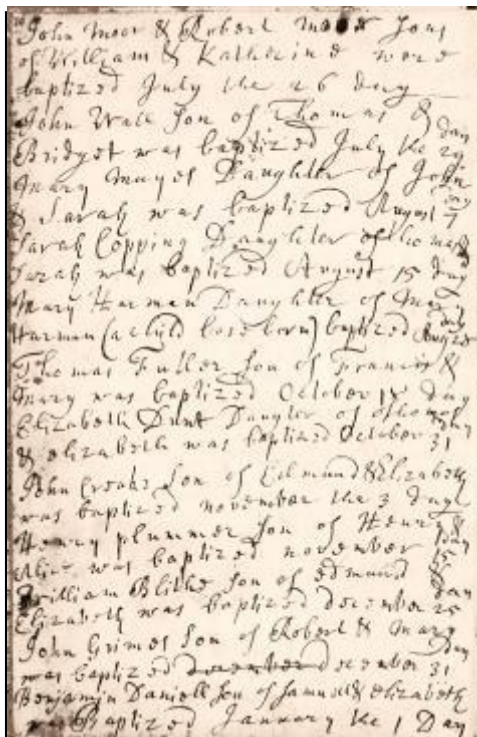
By the time John Berney - future Rector of Hethersett and the other protagonist in this story - came on the scene, Claude was well ensconced on his 70 acre farm with his special friend Sarah Sudbury and of course Alice, who thought he was doing a wonderful job.

It's not clear exactly when Berney became involved with the Parish.

His tutor at Cambridge lived in Hethersett, so perhaps he first heard of Hethersett from him - and that his College of Gonville and Caius had the right to elect each Rector.

Officially Berney was instituted as Rector November 26th 1736, about five months after he had literally buried poor John Marrant his predecessor at the end of June. Yet the first Parish Register entry in Berney's clear formulaic hand was in early May.

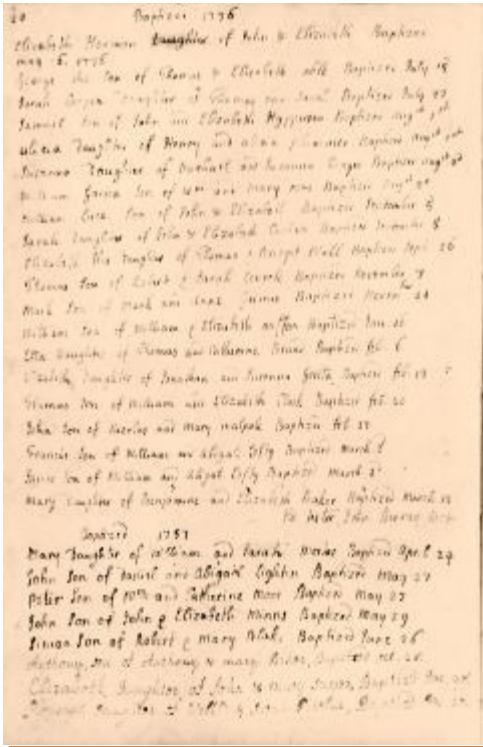
Berney's entries look like the serried lines of a punished child on the Blackboard - even and ordered if not boring. They were probably all written



John Marrant's Chicken scratchings

up in one go at the end of each year. There is almost a clear geological break in the leadership of St Remigius where Marrant's spidery chicken scratchings leave off and the ordered ranks of Berney's Hatches Matches and Dispatches begin.

Back in January of that year, however,



John Berney's lines on the chalkboard

Morrant wrote:

"I Beseech My Successor (whoever he shall be (I hope Mr Berney)) for Gods sake to Gather Tithe

or else he will be Cheated as I have been year after year & year after year &c"

- John Morrart, Rector of Hethersett

So Berney was definitely in the running for the Parish of Hethersett, and Morrart - five months before his death - knew that he wouldn't be around too much longer. No doubt during the time they co-existed at Hethersett, Morrart let Berney know just who the troublemakers were and what tricks they would get up to.

Even before Morrart had died, Berney had hired a fellow named Phillip Mortar to help look into the tithes. Mortar was a local man who had worked for John Amyas - the Rector previous to Morrart. If there had been anyone helping Morrart, he had been passed over as he clearly hadn't done a great job.

And it was a good thing he'd hired someone, because that old game of "Let's see what we can get away with" started up in earnest almost immediately.

A couple of weeks after being hired, Mortar ran into Thomas Bawde, who had the farm next to Claude Roberts.

Bawde asked him, "Why have you not come for your Master's Tythe Milk?"

"But aren't you supposed to bring it to the porch of the Church?" Mortar replied.

"I would have done so," said Bawde. "If it had not been for Mr Roberts."

Bawde assured Mortar that he would bring it to the church the next day it was due.

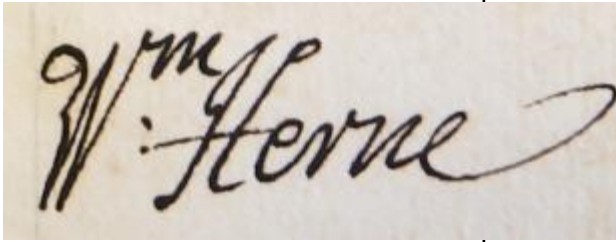
"Let other people do as they will," he told him. "I will have nothing to do with it."

Yet his milk did not arrive on the next tithing day.

Around the same time Mortar encountered Francis Fuller, another of the main farmers, and another who had a farm that neighboured that of Roberts.

Fuller had sought him out to ask why Mortar hadn't come for a Tithe Calf.

"If you do not come for it, I will make



Signature of William Herne

your Master pay sixteen pence a week for the Board of it."

The calf was only three weeks old, and Mortar told him they couldn't take any animal under a month old so it could be properly weaned from its mother. The calf would be old enough the following Monday, and so they agreed to meet.

When Mortar arrived the following week to take it, Fuller told him, "I must not part with it, as *our Folks are pretending that they have a custom in regards to it.*"

Now I don't know how Fuller expected the Rector to take this information. Perhaps as Mortar was a local farmer too, he thought it was "Just between us." Or perhaps as Marrant was still not in the grave, he didn't think it would matter either way.

And so the phoney war began.

Very soon after Marrant died in June, William Herne - Rector of Horningtoft - was appointed by the Archdeacon as the sequestrator of the living at Hethersett. He was sort of like the Executor of the Church's property and dues there.

By a bit of a "coincidence" Herne had been appointed Rector at Horningtoft by John Berney's older brother

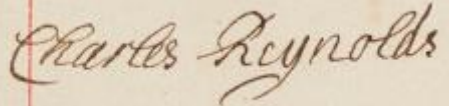
Baronet Thomas Berney. It may come as no surprise then that Herne was not only in the same year at Cambridge with Berney, but that they had also both been in the same class under a Mr Pate at the School in

Norwich before that.

As soon as Herne arrived, he "made it his business to enquire into the manner of tithing" there. First things first, he interviewed a couple of the chief occupiers of Land in the Parish.

Charles Reynolds, one of the senior farmers, told him that there was no strict rule as to how the tithes were dealt with, and suggested that he should either compound (negotiate a cash payment) or gather for all.

Thomas Bawde told him the same, and that his father who'd farmed for 50 years before him had never told him of

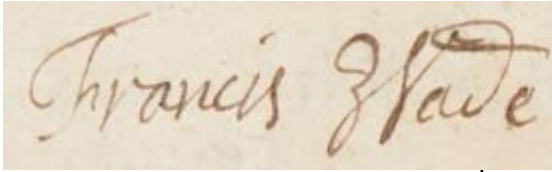


Signature of Charles Reynolds

any. Bawd had actually been born on the farm that Claude Roberts now held, and had lived there with his father until the age of 16.

As these discussions progressed, and the niggles about where milk tithes were picked up began, the Court case that John Marrant had brought against William Pightling still came up before the Justices of the Peace every month.

Every month John's wife Elizabeth was charged by her lawyer to bring it



The meeting was probably held on the Church porch after divine service.

Berney perhaps started off a little casually with a little bit of a: "Hi guys. While you're all here, I had some thoughts on that Tithe thing. It's no biggie, but I thought

Signature of Francis Wade

up once more. And every month Pightling's lawyers told him they were still thinking about what they might pay in terms of owed Easter Offerings. By November, either Elizabeth or William Herne had decided that they had to stop throwing good money after bad, and they let the matter drop.

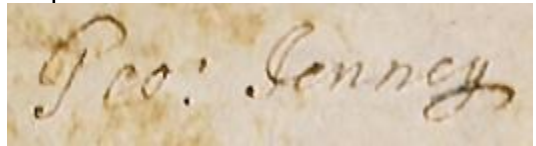
At least one of the local Farmers - Francis Wade - made sure that he had paid Elizabeth 6p for the fruit he had picked in his orchard before her husband's death. It's hoped that he was not the only local who saw that the Morrants had now retired from the "Game of Tithes."

At the close of November John Berney was formally instituted as the Rector of the Parish and hit the ground running. He had no time to mess around. In mid-January he planned to go off to Cambridge for a few months to further his studies. He figured he should make it back in time to perform the Easter Services.

So with William Herne in tow (as he knew all about Hethersett Tithe matters) Berney held what he called a "Treaty on Foot" with the Parish. Just for luck, Berney also had by his side George Jenney Esq, the owner of pretty much half of the farmland in Hethersett, including Thickthorn Farm and Cantley Farm, not to mention much farmland in Cringleford as well.

And he made an offer to the villagers for cash payment instead of payment in kind - or in the terms of the day, he offered to "Compound" with them.

The larger farmers - those who occupied farms worth £10 or more a year in rent - were to pay him 3 shillings in the pound of their farm's

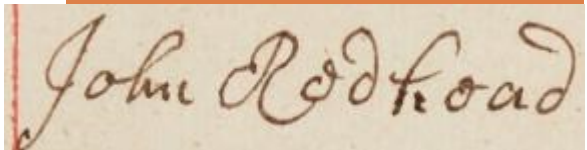


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rental value. These were the proper farmers - those with large tracts of land, and who made farming their business.

The middling farmers - those whose properties were worth between £5 and £10 - would pay 2 shillings and sixpence per pound. They probably made a bit of money on the side farming, but they didn't produce anything near what the larger farmers did, and so the lower rate was a guess at a reasonable payment when Berney and Herne factored in economies of

Signature of John Redhead



scale.

Those whose property was worth less than £5 would pay a flat 2 shillings. Undoubtedly many in this category kept a few chickens, had a little garden with a few veggies or perhaps a cow they grazed on the common meadow - all of which were tithable. But realistically these were personal stocks, and would never have amounted to much when it came to tithes.

From this great distance in time and circumstance, it's difficult to tell exactly how good a deal this was. Berney and Herne had obviously thought their offer enticing, and it seems that at first there were some generally positive murmurings in the crowd.

Those at the higher end of the scale were probably going to do pretty well out of this agreement, and who knows perhaps the other would too.

You see, although at the higher scale, the rate was actually 15% (3 shillings out of 20 shillings which made up a pound, instead of the 10% owed for tithes) it was based on the rental rate of their farms. It was not based upon what was made selling produce. When it came to the larger farmers, this rent was a nominal rate as they owned their own farms, or they kept their financial dealings private.

The general guide to a property's worth was what it was valued at in the local Poor Rates at the Parish level, and these rates remained fairly fixed for extended periods. The nominal rental value for most properties had changed little since the Poor Law Acts of 1601, if at all.

It is because of this that Claude

Roberts, for example, could categorically claim that his Farm was worth £56 in 1736. He had proof: it was worth £56 during the tenure of Isaac Bell, who held it for the 14 years before Roberts. It was the same for Thomas Merry who had it before Isaac. If push came to shove Claude could even produce Thomas Bawde, a local farmer, who could testify that the farm was worth no more than £56 when his father had owned it back in the 1680s.

And this was despite any improvements that we know happened in the meantime, such as the nice apartments Alice Goddard and Claude Roberts had set up soon after their arrival in Hethersett.

The rental value of the farms was heavily undervalued through not just a less aggressive property market than we are used to, but also by decades of quiet undervaluation by the members of the parish vestry when they decided upon Poor rates. Nobody enjoyed setting the rates, and nobody enjoyed enforcing them. It was better to leave them as tradition dictated and so keep each others noses all in joint.

By linking the offer to these old values, Berney was giving each farmer a good opportunity to minimise their Tithe burden. And if it looked like it would cost them more to Compound with him, they could always do it the old way - payment in kind. Couldn't they?

And here came the great sticking point - though from Berney's perspective it was an eminently reasonable point to make.

Berney declared that the agreement would not be binding if they did not all come into the agreement. He would either Compound with all, or collect

Tithe in kind from all - just as Charles Reynolds had earlier suggested to Herne.

For:

"It would be as much Trouble Fatigue and Incumbrance to bring his Servants & almost as much Expencc to go over the Lands & wait the whole time of the Harvest to gather three quarters of the Tythes as to gather the whole."

No doubt this perplexed the Parishioners, or at least they didn't voice any objections at the time.

For when Berney went back to George Jenney's place, that evening, he told him he thought things had gone rather well, and Jenney was very happy for him.

So I assume that the meeting disbanded peacefully.

Then again, perhaps Berney's bar for success was lower than mine. You have to remember that he was judging his success against Morrants' experiences. You may remember that Morrants wrote that George Baker had:

"Called me out a Rogue in publick for taking tithe & averred tithing to be a wicked & abominable Error from the beginning."

Whether or not Berney had read the room adequately, the villagers all met up a little later on. The large landowners had figured out that they would do well out of the deal. Many others thought not. A quarrel began, tempers flared and no agreement could be made.

John Redhead - who farmed



The porch of St Remigius Church, Hethersett

Thickthorn and Cantley Farms - was all for the deal, as was Claude Roberts, but the smallholders held out.

While things were becoming heated, they all knew each other—the village of Hethersett was a family, with ties that bound them back many long years. They had lived with each other, and had to live with each other.

The anger of Redhead and Roberts wasn't directed at their fellows, it was more at the position in which they had been placed. They laid this trouble at Berney's feet. All he need do was change his mind: let some make the deal, and others pay in kind.

While nobody could recall any custom *per se* that said Berney could not do what he had done, it seemed to stand against all notions of

Independence and Industry. Berney shouldn't be able to change the rules of the Game.

The more powerful landlords were used to being just that - more powerful. And now they were being held to the decisions made by neighbours who may have had a single hen and nothing more.

Redhead said that he thought it a:

"Hardship that they who were willing to Come into the Composition should Suffer equally with the rest and have their Tyths gathered."

There had to be a way to make this work, thought Redhead.

We shall see what followed in February's edition of the Hethersett Herald.

Seat Idea Is Discussed Again

A NEW bench on the B1172 cycle/pathway close to the historic Kett's Oak is a step closer .

Hethersett Parish Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee discussed the idea which was put forward by a resident who felt that people walking along the path would welcome a seat.

Originally the council considered a quote of over £1.100 for a bench didn't represent good value for money compared with the number of people likely to make use of the bench.

Following a second request the council agreed to reconsider the matter and has now decided to obtain up to date quotations for the purchase of a bench.

It was also agreed to speak to the county council's highways' engineer to see if his view on installation differed from that of his predecessor.

It was also agreed that the cost could be met out of CIL money. There is also the possibility that part of the cost could be met from the personal budgets of Hethersett's three district councillors.

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

Hethersett resident and friend of Hethersett Herald, John Head, is a keen photographer who regularly posts his excellent photographs on Facebook. Here we feature a selection of John's photographs taken during his wanderings in and around Hethersett. You will also find other photos taken by John dotted throughout this edition of Hethersett Herald.



**Oh why won't the sun
come out. Fields
around Hethersett
taken an noon on
December 10th.**



My Photographic Diary *by John Head*




HETHERSETT HERITAGE
+ AN ARCHIVE OF OUR VILLAGE HISTORY +



The photograph above shows a Hethersett Sunday School outing to Great Yarmouth and was taken around 1930 on the beach.

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A poignant memorial tablet that is at present in the church hall in Henstead Road commemorating former pupils of the British School who died in the First World War. With news that the hall, which was formerly the British School, has been granted planning permission to be converted into a home, the tablet will be finding a new home in Hethersett Junior School in Queen's Road.

Atmospheric Memories of Christmas at Old Hall School

"Memories of carols in the Front Hall and the cold walk down to St Remigius for a festive service. As 25th December drew closer boarders would fill their bags ready for the end of term collection or trips to the airport to fly home. We enjoyed the smells of the open fire and the distinct aroma of wet blazers drying on a heater after a playtime spent in the woods with crunchy winter leaves beneath our feet."

Taken from The Blue Newsletter—the magazine for former pupils and staff.

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.

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We will then draw up a 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 February 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of January.

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

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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

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HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



A/Insp. Dave BURKE
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: 4151



David.Burke@norfolk.police.uk



PC Andy HUDSON
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: 2377



Andrew.Hudson@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.



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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 Health and Well Being complex on Queen's Road. Food and coffee served during certain days. From July 26th opening hours will be Wednesday to Friday 8 am to 2 pm, Saturday 9 am to 1.30 pm. The café will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It will also be closed between August 30th and September 4th for staff holidays.

Hethersett King's Head

Norwich Road. The venue has re-opened with food served every day including Sunday lunch.

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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?

AT last a bit of Christmas cheer with our latest survey of petrol prices for garages within reasonable travelling distances of Hethersett.

Herald Petrol Watch

After months of rising prices, there has been some relief this month with prices dropping slightly as our table shows.

Over the previous months petrol had reached record highs, peaking at over £1.50 a litre. Now prices have been pegged back with the cheapest of our eight stations surveyed now down to 141.9 a litre.

Obviously the news didn't get through to our closest three stations. Abbeygate and Waitrose at Wymondham and Thickthorn Services have remained over the 150 mark which is surely not acceptable with oil prices decreasing once more. Each month we will be using the eight garages listed below to show how prices have increased or decreased over the past month. The best value petrol and diesel is highlighted in red.

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

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	142.7	-2p	144.7	-2p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	141.9	-4p	145.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	142.9	-2p	144.9	-2p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	143.9	-3p	143.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	141.9	-3p	147.9	NC
Abbeygate Wymondham	151.9	NC	154.9	+1p
Waitrose Wymondham	151.9	NC	153.9	NC
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	151.9	NC	156.9	NC

Groups and Societies

First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

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

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

Spaces are limited to stay Covid safe.

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

Groups and Societies

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

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

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Have You Missed Out ?

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

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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 Pfeter Steward on petersteward@lineone.net



Groups and Societies



The Friends of Hethersett Library group has met for the first time since COVID restrictions were eased. Things are beginning to get back to normal and a number of talks and presentations are being organised for 2022.

These will take place every two months on the second Wednesday, starting on February 9th when Hethersett Archivist Gary Wyatt will be giving an illustrated talk on some aspect of Hethersett History.

Events on April 13th and October 12th still have to be arranged. On June 8th The Widow Kett will be making an historic appearance and on August 10th Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens will give a talk on her latest book which features the Great Thorpe Rail Disaster.

The Colour Me Calm group has re-started on Wednesdays from 11 am. This is a colouring group for adults and coffee will be provided.

Current opening hours for the library are as follows (open library is currently not available).

Monday—1.30 to 7 pm
Tuesday—closed
Wednesday—11 am to 7 pm
Thursday—1.30 to 7 pm
Friday—1.30 to 7 pm
Saturday 11 am to 4 pm.
Sunday—closed

Books have to be renewed once again as from the beginning of November.

Groups and Societies



Change of Name For Dementia Support Group

HETHERSETT Dementia Support Group enjoyed some festive fun at their pre-Christmas meetings.

On December 7th members enjoyed Christmas Carols sung by the Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship.

On December 21st, Michael Delph (pictured above) entertained with songs and carols ranging from Streets of London to Silent Night.

In the new year the group will change its name to the Hethersett Forget Me Not Group to better reflect its aims which are to provide a twice monthly meeting for those living with dementia and their carers and also anyone who fancies a coffee/tea and a chat. There will also be a programme of entertainment including live music, films and games. The group has decided to cancel its scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday of January. Usually it meets from 10 until 11.30 on the first Tuesday of each month for informal coffee and chat and the third Tuesday for a more structured programme from 10 until midday.

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Christmas Church Services

December 24th	Christmas Eve Communion	Methodist Church	3 pm
	Crib Service	Little Melton	3.30 pm
	Crib Service	St Remigius	4 pm
	Carols with Communion	Great Melton	6.30 pm
	Midnight Communion	St Remigius	11.30 pm
December 25th	All Age Family Communion	Little Melton	9.30 am
	All Age Family Communion	St Remigius	9.30 am
	Family Worship+	Methodist	10.30 am
December 26th	United Benefice Communion*	St Remigius	10.30 am
January 2nd	United Benefice Communion*	St Remigius	10.30 am

+ - Please bring a present to show

* - No services in Little or Great Melton

Please note that the Christingle service at Hethersett Methodist Church scheduled for Christmas Eve at 4 pm has been cancelled.

Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours Over Christmas and the New Year

Friday 24th	3-10 pm
Saturday 25th	11 am—1 pm
Sunday 26th	Midday to 8 pm
Monday 27th	Closed
Tuesday 28th	Midday to 11 pm
Wednesday 29th	7-11 pm
Thursday 30th	7-11 pm
Friday 31st	7 pm to 1 am.
Saturday 1st January	Midday to Midnight
Sunday 2nd January	Midday to 8 pm.

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THERE are a number of changes to household bin collections over the Christmas period. The new dates are listed below.

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Change
Tuesday 28th December	Wednesday 29th December	One day later
Wednesday 29th December	Thursday 30th December	One day later
Thursday 30th December	Friday 31st December	One day later
Friday 31st December	Tuesday 4th January	For days later
Tuesday 4th January	Wednesday 5th January	One day later
Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January	One day later
Thursday 6th January	Friday 7th January	One day later

No garden waste or bulky waste will be collected from 27th December to 7th January. This service resumes on 10th January, So just what can be put in the re-cycling bin from Christmas. The following is acceptable:

- glass bottles and jars
- food and drink cartons
- cardboard, shredded paper, envelopes and greetings cards
- newspapers and magazines
- plastic bottles, food pots, tubs and trays
- aluminium foil and foil food trays, including those from takeaways
- wrapping paper scrunch test: if you scrunch up the wrapping paper and it stays in a ball, it can be recycled

The following items are not acceptable:

- wrapping paper and cards with too much glitter, tape and/or ribbon
- tinsel cannot be recycled
- tissue paper, party hats, streamers or anything made from very thin paper
- string lights (take these to the local recycling centre)

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

Hethersett Croquet Club meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays during the summer.

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 on page 71 for full details.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group's monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday every third Tuesday. There is also a social morning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30 am.

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

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

ST Remigius Church has changed the time of its morning Sunday service. Services will now start at 11 am rather than the previous time of 10.30 am. This year's Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday, November 14th.

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DECEMBER

Friday 24th to Friday 31st—For details of Church Services over the Christmas period please see elsewhere in this edition.

JANUARY

Wednesday 5th—Morning coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church, 9 am until noon.

Saturday 15th—Village litter pick. Meet in Hethersett Methodist Church Car Park at 10 am.

Monday 17th—Hethersett Parish Council meeting. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Preceded by planning committee at 7 pm.

Tuesday 18th—Hethersett Dementia Support café with light refreshments and entertainment. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday.

Wednesday 12th—Morning coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church, 9 am until noon.

Wednesday 19th—Morning coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church, 9 am until noon.

Wednesday 26th—Morning coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church, 9 am until noon.

Wednesday Morning Coffee Stop

Do you work in the centre of the village, walk to school, wait for public transport, visit the shops, doctors or dentists? Why not drop in for a coffee at this new community venture at the Methodist church, Great Melton Road.

Specially brewed coffee is available between 9 am and 12 noon every Wednesday morning.

Hethersett's Armchair Mountaineer

By Herald Columnist John Head

Since 2002 when I looked up at the naked height of the Eiger from Grindelwald in Switzerland I became an armchair mountaineer. This was rekindled in 2012 when the clouds disappeared and I could see the Matterhorn from our hotel window in Zermatt.

In my armchair mountaineering adventures, I found myself dressed in enough clothing for three men together with hobnailed boots, accompanying Edward Whymper and Michael Croz to the summit of the Matterhorn on 14th July 1865. I witnessed that fatal descent when four of the party fell to their deaths but could not see whether the rope snapped or was cut.

I was in the two Everest parties of 1922 and 1924 nearly succeeding in the latter with Colonel Edward "Teddy" Norton and Howard Sommervell reaching an altitude of 28,126 ft (900 ft from the summit). Norton, who was leading and climbing in a tweed coat without oxygen, had to return to save Sommervell who was coughing up the inner lining of his throat. This was a few days before Mallory and Irvine's ill-fated attempt at the summit.

I also struggled with Joe Simpson who laid at the bottom of a crevasse with a broken leg realising the only way to survive was to crawl downward following water, light and air flow.

All these global heroic and adventures I always feel are surpassed by what could happen on the North Face of the Eiger. Get it wrong and you could be

trapped for days on a vertical ice face exposed to the elements whilst in view of the telescopes and binoculars sited on the balconies at the hotels in Grindelwald and the Bahnhof Kleine Scheidegg. When the ice face starts to thaw there then follows a cannonade of rocks hurtling down the face.

Joining the tragedy and heroics of the first British attempt at the Eiger's North Face

On July 24th 1962, two British climbers Barry Brewster and Brian Nally made



The author and wife Ros on the Jungfrau Glacier in 2002

an attempt to be the first British climbers to ascend the Eiger's North Face. With Brewster leading it seemed the pair would make Death Bivouac (10,800 ft) before the day ended. Death Bivouac so named where the first two mountaineers to attempt the summit, Max Sedlmayer and Karl Mehringer, froze to death in August 1935.

Suddenly Brewster hurtled downwards accompanied by an avalanche of stones. Whilst attached to Nally by 100ft of rope, Brewster fell the total length of it.

With most of the pitons wrenched out Nally still managed to hold the rope but it was impossible to haul Brewster up. With the only one remaining piton above his head, Nally managed to secure the rope. Whilst under a constant bombardment of rocks, Nally moved down to his injured friend who was unconscious on the end of the rope.

Nally cut a ledge for Brewster in the hard ice and secured him. Then, returning to his original stance, Nally found additional clothing and provisions for his friend until the morning.

From the gallery exit (Stollenloch) on 'the face' a rescue attempt led by Karl Schlunegger was launched. This exit allows mountaineers to start climbing the North Face avoiding the lower part of the climb.

At the same time there was a second British climb happening comprising of Chris Bonington and Don Whillans who, having learnt of the accident, abandoned their climb in an attempt to assist. Being better placed than the initial rescue party, the rescue attempt was left to Bonington and Whillans as conditions on 'the face' were



North Face of the Eiger from Kleine Scheidegg June 2002

worsening.

As they attempted to traverse 'the face' they realised the sheer scale of the rescue attempt. They were then shaken by a loud sound and witnessed the figure of a man shoot down the ice face.

This turned out to be the body of Barry Brewster which had been swept off the ice ledge by a cannonade of rocks. Later Nally revealed that Brewster, who was paralysed from the waist down, had earlier died in his arms, his final words being 'I'm sorry Brian'.

Bonington and Whillans continued to cut their way across the ice field to try and rescue Nally. The rock falls were

continuous and the weather was closing in.

Continuing their traverse, both men pressed themselves close to the ice face to lower the chances of being hit by rocks as they cut across in a straight line. All the time Nally was lying inactive on a small spur of rock. With the other guides gone, Bonington and Whillans were very much on their own and in constant danger of being swept off 'the face' by falling rocks. Shortly before reaching Nally, Nally shouted that he was now in a position to reach them and did so by calmly cutting steps in the ice. It was clear Nally was exhausted. However there then was an unbelievable conversation between Nally and Bonington and I quote from Bonington's book 'I Chose to Climb'.



The Eiger—June 2002

Nally: Are you going to the top? Can I tie on to you?

Bonington: We've come to get you down you bloody fool'

Nally: But why not go on up, now you've come this far?

Bonington: Your friend is dead! Do you realise that! We're taking you down!

It was apparent that Nally was in a state of shock and unable to think straight. However, he followed his rescuer's instructions, it taking 20 minutes to unravel his ropes and secure him between Bonington and Whillans.

They started their slow descent as previous steps had been washed away by water pouring down the ice. During the descent a violent thunder storm occurred and the party was hit by a torrent of hail.

The situation challenged the experience of the mountaineers as they were suspended on the same ice piton which was now under considerable strain. Remarkably the storm stopped and the party managed to abseil and traverse their way down 'the face' until they reached the Stollenloch window where they were pulled through by a reception party to a blaze of publicity following the heroic rescue.

This was then the rule of



From the Eigerwand Station window in the North Face 2002



mountaineering – if somebody was in trouble then all is abandoned to carry out the rescue. I find it sad that today mountaineer in distress, particularly on Everest, are often passed by and left to their fate without assistance being given.

The most famous being that of David Sharp who, in 2006, was attempting to summit alone. It is said about 40 climbers passed by as Sharp froze to death, noting he was in distress but not stopping to help.

Back to the armchair.

Recommended Reading

Into the Silence – The Great War Mallory and the Conquest of Everest: Wade Davis

Last Hours on Everest: Graham Hoyland

Triumph and Tragedy – The life of Edward Whymper: Emil Henry

Touching the Void: Joe Simpson

I Chose To Climb: Chris Bonington

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