



Hethersett at Christmas



This beautiful picture of a frosty Hethersett field was taken in the middle of December by Hethersett Herald reader David Bowden

IT has been an extraordinary build-up to Christmas in Hethersett with the pandemic now, hopefully, behind us.

Groups and organisations got back to celebrating the festive season in the traditional way without a hint of a mask to make celebrations difficult.

The lights are well and truly back on and we hope this edition of Hethersett Herald reflects just some of the Christmas spirit that has been flying around the village from the work of the Hethersett Hearts Charity and the building of a new pavilion on the Memorial Field, to the opening of a permanent post office in the library and the work of so many charities and village group.

It all combines to ensure that Hethersett continues to be a wonderful place to live. Happy reading and Merry Christmas. From us to you.

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A Message From The Editor

HI EVERYONE

Welcome to the pre-Christmas edition of Hethersett Herald.

Don't be fooled by the fact that it says January 2023 on the front page as this edition is being published on Christmas Eve in order to feature many of the Yuletide events that have taken place in the village in the run up to Christmas.

I was particularly impressed by the Christmas Fayre at Hethersett VC Primary School. It took me back a quarter of a century to the days when I was on the PTA at the school (which was then Hethersett Middle School before becoming Hethersett Junior School and now Hethersett Primary) and we had an annual Christmas craft fair which was always incredibly popular.

It felt that this year's fair was the big brother of that sale from all those years ago.

I spent some time as chair of governors at the school and it has always had a special place in my heart as both of my sons were educated there.

This year's event was held in what for me is a brand new building now that the school takes in all ages from nursery through to secondary.

There seemed to be more events in Hethersett than ever and the reason for that is quite simple.

After some horrible years we are now firmly out of lockdown and the number of festivities illustrate this perfectly.

It's certainly been a year of ups and

downs in the village but thankfully the ups down out the downs.

Next year will see the completion and opening of the new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Field.

This has been over a decade in the planning and it will be a momentous day when that ribbon is cut and the doors on the new building open.

Just before going to press a statement appeared on social media bringing a new health centre for Hethersett a step closer. We really hope that 2023 will see plans progress even further. This is probably the most important issue in the village and one that needs to be addressed as a matter of the utmost urgency. It might still be a slow process but at least things are showing signs of happening.

All that remains for me to do is to thank you for reading Herald throughout this year, to commit to producing another 12 editions in 2023, and to continue to campaign and fight on behalf of Hethersett.

We will continue to report on as many village events as we can.

I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and successful new year.

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Christmas Changes For Bin Collections

THERE are changes as usual for bin collections over the Christmas period. You can check when your new dates are in our table below.

Meanwhile brown bin collections will not take place over the two week period from 26th December to 6th January. Collections will recommence as normal from 9th January.

You can also keep a check on your bin collection dates and find out other information on a new app. Just search for Bin Collections South Norfolk on Google Play or Apple App Stores.

Normal Collection Day	Replacement Collection Day
Tuesday 27th December	Wednesday 28th December
Wednesday 28th December	Thursday 29th December
Thursday 29th December	Friday 30th December
Friday 30th December	Saturday 31st December

Survey For the Coronation

HOW would you like to see Hethersett celebrate the coronation of King Charles III in May?

That is the question being posed by the parish council which has set-up a survey to find out.

“The coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May with a Bank Holiday declared for



Monday 8th May. Hethersett Parish Council would like to consult with residents about the type of events we should hold in commemoration of this occasion, keeping in mind His Majesty has stated that his coronation event will be held ‘with the not at all extra and over the top’,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan (pictured opposite).

The survey consists of four multiple choice questions and can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SC8FHVZ>

Overcoming Health Hurdles

A NEW medical centre for Hethersett remains on the agenda as we enter 2023 with interested parties stating that the most significant hurdles have been cleared.

Just before Christmas, a joint statement was issued by South Norfolk Council, NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board (ICB), and the Humbleyard Practice stating that the partners were “still exploring options to provide additional healthcare” in the area which would include a new health centre in Hethersett.

The full text of the statement is as follows:

“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 area. 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.”

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Back in April we broke the story of a new health centre taking a giant step forward with the following words:

Hethersett's efforts to have a new health centre and surgery have taken a major step forward with the announcement of a £4 million shot in the arm

"South Norfolk Council has voted to set aside £4 million in its budget for the next five years with the money being made available in one chunk in the coming financial year.

"In addition, developers Taylor Wimpey are making a parcel of land available along with a six figure sum to support any project further. The NHS Commissioning Group has agreed to pay the rent on the building for the next five years.

"District Councillor Phil Hardy told the latest meeting of Hethersett Parish Council that negotiations were underway and interested parties were "sitting around a table and talking."

More on this story in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

Appeal To Help Stop Vandalism

HETHERSETT Memorial Playing Field Bowls Club has appealed for residents to help them fight vandalism.

The club which has a green and clubhouse at the back of the park and close to the cycle speedway track has suffered three break-ins over the past few weeks.

Very little has been stolen and David Smith from the club has appealed for help in ensuring that what he believes is more vandalism than burglary stops. He has appealed for anyone seeing anything suspicious to report it to the police and the club has been in touch with local community policing officer PC Stu Barnard.

Locks on the clubhouse door have been broken and a few beers stolen but ultimately Mr Smith believes that a group of youths are responsible.

"This is very disappointing as the club doesn't have a great deal of money and this kind of thing is a drain on our resources," Mr Smith said.

Christmas Comes To Hethersett

Primary School Christmas Fair

HETHERSETT VC Primary School was packed for a special pre-Christmas fair. Classrooms were full of craft stalls and Santa Claus was on hand to hand out presents.

Over 300 people attended over the four hours of the fair.

“What a day. A huge thank you to everyone who came. The turnout was just incredible.

“Also a big thank you to the amazing local businesses. We had 34 stalls and three food outlets. Also to all our volunteers in our grotto, café, craft tables, games, lucky dip, raffle and Father Christmas, our fabulous Head Teacher and staff who are always supporting us.

“We are very lucky to have an amazing group of Friends who join together to make events like these such a success,” said the organisers.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett

SANTA made it to the Hethersett VC Primary School's Christmas Fair and Head Teacher Matthew Parslow-Williams (below) also joined in the fun.



There were over 30 stalls and opposite is just one of them—this one organised by Hethersett resident Edna Standley. As reported on the previous page, over 300 people attended the event which has been heralded a big success.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett



FRIENDS of Hethersett Library held a traditional children's party at the library on December 3rd with a special visit from Father Christmas.

The party was part of the festive celebrations at the library and you can read more about the Friends group elsewhere in this edition.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett



All Shapes and Sizes

Christmas in Hethersett includes all manner of festive events as we hope our photographic diary illustrates.

On this page are just two of the images from Christmas 2022 in our village.

Above—Preparing Christingles for the annual service in St Remigius Church on December 4th.

On the right— The Christmas tree in St Remigius Church.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett

All Parcelled Up

1st Hethersett Brownies kept their Promise to serve their community and learnt a new skill at the same time!

The Brownies got busy wrapping presents for Hethersett Hearts, with Fluffy Owl showing them how to do it one step at a time. Then the Brownies had another go by themselves. In total, they wrapped 40 gifts and used 8 metres of paper! The bits of wrapping paper left over didn't go to waste either as they were the perfect size to use for some pass the parcel games at the last meeting of the term.



Words and pictures by
Sharon Watts (Tawny Owl)

Christmas Comes To Hethersett



IT wouldn't be Christmas in Hethersett without the annual display at the home of Tony and Margaret Dunton in Firs Road.

They have been lighting up their bungalow for over two decades and raised thousands of pounds for local and national charities and good causes.

This year's collection is in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

On the right, Motorcycle Santa made several fun runs to the village during December to add some joy and colour to the festive season.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett

Finnbar's Lights
in Park Green.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett



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Hethersett Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship entertained with Christmas songs and carols at the December 6th Forget Me Not Café organised by the Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

Christmas Comes To Hethersett



HETHERSETT Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship have marked Christmas with a number of performances including appearances at a music and tea afternoon in the church, Christmas songs for residents at Hethersett Hall and the village's Forget-Me-Not café.

Carol singers pictured outside Tesco Express on December 17th. They were raising funds for the Finnbar's Force Hethersett based charity.



Christmas Comes To Hethersett



Staff at Hethersett Hall joined in with residents on Elf Day! Lots of cheeky fun was had by all.

The event raised money for the Alzheimer's Society which included support for the Hethersett-based Forget-Me-Not café which is run by Hethersett Dementia Support Group.



100 Not Out

By Anne Steward

HETHERSETT Methodist Church celebrated 100 years of worship and gatherings in the current chapel on Sunday 20th November.

A packed church welcomed friends from St Remigius Church, Little Melton and Great Melton Churches as well as friends from the Methodist circuit and the local community.

Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean brought congratulations and greetings from the Benefice and led prayers for the churches and communities.

Anthony Joule played the organ and a joyful anthem was sung by the choir of St Remigius.

Methodist Minister the Rev Steve Cullis led the worship with contributions from the Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship, the village praise group and the church's pianists and musicians.

It was a joyful occasion followed by refreshments in the hall.

The following week on Sunday 4th December (the second Sunday of Advent) brought another café style church with Continental breakfast with the food kindly supplied by Tesco Express.

The praise service was led by Steve, Michael and Charlie on the piano.

Hethersett Rainbows and their families were present and awards and badges were presented to the children.

A short video of the Christmas story was shown and craft activities were enjoyed on the theme of "Jesus Light of the World."



Playing Field Pavilion Update

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



The photograph of the new community pavilion above was taken on Saturday, 17th December.

Playing Field Pavilion Update



The pictures opposite and above were taken on Saturday 17th December



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 hethersettppcommunityprojects@gmail.com

Toadwatch - Little and Great Melton Patrols

By *John Heaser*

Since 2004, Toadwatch has saved many thousands of toads, frogs and newts from being squashed by cars during the spring migration to the breeding ponds at Little and Great Melton.

Without our help, the local toad populations would now be severely depleted and as a consequence there would be many more slugs.

If you would like to learn more about amphibians and how you can help them, then please come along to The King's Head in Hethersett on Tuesday 24th January at 7 pm.

There is more information at toadwatch.org or phone me on 812472.

Please take a look at your own fences and see if wildlife can migrate through your garden.

Many hedges and old fences are being replaced with impenetrable concrete gravel boards.

We suspect that this is having a serious impact on hedgehogs, amphibians and even some insects.

Please try and leave some gaps in or below your gravel boards.



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

THERE has been more praise for Hethersett's new post office this month.

The post office is now set-up permanently in Hethersett Library and is being organised by the Hethersett Hearts charity as reported in last month's Herald.

Local residents were quick to take to social media in support of the new set-up.

Comments included the following:

"Just been to our wonderful post office. Wow! What a great place. Friendly and helpful. A great village asset."

"I have used it a couple of times since moving here and it is very friendly."

"I've been impressed and I'm not the only one to judge from the numbers using it."

Church Services Over Christmas

24th December

Hethersett 4 pm
11:30 pm
Great Melton 6:30 pm
Little Melton 3:30 pm
Methodist 3 pm
4 pm

Christmas Eve

Crib service
Midnight Communion
Carols and All-Age Family Communion
Crib service
Rev Steve Cullis: Holy Communion
Christingle Service

25th December

Hethersett 9:30 am
Little Melton 9:30 am
Methodist 10.30 am

Christmas Day

All-Age Family Communion
All-Age Family Communion
William Twist

1st January 2023

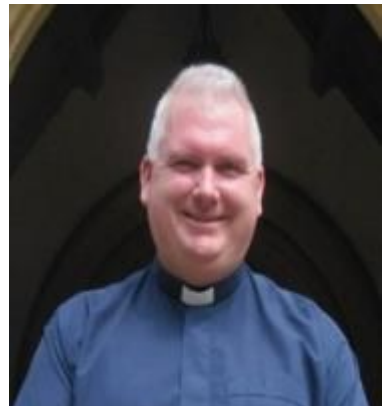
Hethersett 10:30 am Benefice Communion Service

Derek's Farewell Service

THE Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean has announced the date for his leaving the village.

In last month's Herald we announced that Rev McClean would be leaving to take up a new post in Gorleston. His last Sunday as priest of the Hethersett Benefice will be on Mothering Sunday on 19th March.

His licensing for his new post will take place in Gorleston on Sunday 16th April.



The Cheering Sound of Success

Words By Mel Perkins MBE

Photos by Jenny Melvin

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages welcomed over 70 members, families and supporters to their presentation evening at Hethersett Social Club to celebrate one of the most successful seasons in the club's long history.

Events opened with everyone cheering the successes as members were presented again with their club and Norfolk Championships plus the rare occurrence of four national titles and a Eurovets series winner.

To round this part off, the 10 most regular team members received trophies to celebrate runners-up position in South-East League Division Two.

After chaotic party games and a buffet, sponsored by Yellow Brick Mortgages, it was down to the main business of the evening - presenting club awards for the season.

First up was Mason Martin to receive the first team top scorer award followed by Commitment Awards - Oscar Copeland for attendances at club activities and Luca El-Labany for



commitment to competitions all over the country. Team managers then announced their awards for Team Rider of the Year - Lola Martin was presented with the youth team award and Harley Hamill the first team award. Club coach Nigel Longlands and his team had plenty to



choose from for their Coaches' Award but they agreed that Nigel should present the award to Arlo Davies.

Dave Martin, who had arranged sponsorship for many of the trophies by FedEx, stepped up to present the awards for Best Newcomers and Most Improved Riders.

The selection by committee members from shortlists were kept secret and, in true "Oscar ceremony" style, envelopes were opened to reveal the recipients -

Best Newcomers: Under-10 - Alfie Gunn; Under-14 - Yeva Makieieva; Over-14 - Michael Gunn.

Most Improved: Under-10 - Nyla El-Labany; Under-14 - Amelia Dodson; Over-14 - Ross Carman.

The award to Yeva was particularly well received - the Ukrainian refugee being a popular new member in 2022.

Dave Martin was centre stage again - this time to receive the Club Member of the Year award from the chairman.

His Tuesday training sessions from 8 pm have strengthened the riders and his experience in directing team members young and old, not just tactically but also in how to



behave and support one another, has helped the success of the club in 2022.

After a raffle, which raised £127 for club funds, the final awards, which were decided by those attending on the night, were presented by long-serving member Leigh Cossey.

The young people present voted as their Young Sportsperson of the Year Austin Brailey while the older people present voted as their Sportsperson of the Year Dave Martin - a fine tribute to someone who joined the club in 1990 and is now giving so much back.

During the evening the club made presentations to the coaches and trainers for their work over 59 sessions on Tuesdays and Saturdays and, to round off a thoroughly enjoyable evening, special presentations were made to the chairman and secretary.

Everyone went away eagerly anticipating the return to racing in March although some are involved in indoor activity and cyclo-cross this winter.



Panto Is Here Again—Oh Yes It Is

HETHERSETT'S 62nd pantomime will take to the stage in the village hall from January 21st to 28th.

Aladdin will be the Pantomime Group's first offering after a number of years were wiped out by COVID restrictions.

One of the highlights of the Hethersett Panto is the scenery which has once again been provided through the artistic talents of Colin Wilson and Keith Drinkwater.

They are pictured here with their Aladdin curtain and over the page you can see one of their new and original backdrops—this one being of Ancient Egypt.

There will be a total of 10 performances with evening shows on 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, matinees on 21st and 28th and two performances on Sunday 22nd. Tickets are £8.50 and can be booked at

www.hethersettboxoffice.org.uk

At the time of writing tickets were still available for all showings but were selling fast. You can see a photograph of another piece of scenery over the page.





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 December 24th, Rishi Sunak had been Prime Minister for 62 days following the resignation of Ms Truss.

It seems our MP still believes that his fellow Norfolk MP is still MP in reverse ie PM.



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. [Click here for my contact details.](#)

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.

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

Garden Begins To Take Shape



Volunteers hard at work on a very cold December day to continue to produce a community garden on land at the village hall.

During 2023, the area will be turned into another community asset thanks to grants.

The area was formerly a disused skateboard park all of which has subsequently been dismantled. We will have more about the garden throughout 2023.

Photographs on this page courtesy of Don Williamson and used with permission.

A Roaring Success

By Peter Steward

Over my lengthy career as a journalist I have attended many launch and opening events.

In Hethersett I have reported on and witnessed openings of buildings, openings of new classrooms and schools, launches of football teams and probably hundreds of similar events.

But until December 12th I had never before experienced the opening of a new fireplace.

But on that date village stalwart Don Williamson officially cut the ribbon to open the new wood burning fire at the King's Head.

Don even recited a poem written especially for the occasion and this was filmed for posterity to be run on a Facebook feed.

Don is pictured above with Jill Tickle from the King's Head.



Another stunning photograph from David Bowden



Memories of the Past For Colin

THE pre Christmas craft fair at Hethersett VC Primary School brought the memories flooding back for one of the stallholders. Colin Wilson takes up the story.

“Joy and I moved from Pakefield near Lowestoft, to Hethersett in the summer of 1984 and I joined the Hethersett Middle School PTA. About the same time I agreed to join as treasurer and did it for several years.

“I had an idea that starting a craft fair similar to one they had at Pakefield might be a good fundraiser for the PTA and we (the PTA) made plans for our first one to be in the following year 1985 and as far as I am aware, the Hethersett Middle School Christmas Craft Fair first started that year.

“I’m not sure how many years it ran for but I also have a photo of our stall cc.1990, but I think it ran longer than that or may even have never stopped.

“Rod was the PTA chairman at the time and Liz Hovey a bit later. Mr. Jones was the school headmaster. They were enjoyable times and fondly remembered.

“Other PTA fundraising events included the summer fete and car boot, Artificial ice skating, and the Turkey Supper. I feel there were other events but can’t remember what they were.”

Colin’s photos show himself and his wife Joy, Joy’s mother, and Colin and Joy’s son and daughter Jonathan and Claire. The up to date photo taken this



Colin Wilson circa 1980s.

December includes Claire’s daughter (Colin and Joy’s granddaughter).

“It’s interesting that four generations are depicted at the same event at different times - Joy’s mum, Joy, Joy’s daughter

Claire, and Joy’s granddaughter Daisy and of course, me,” Colin said.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

“I joined the PTA at the school after Colin but remember my time as vice-chairman with great affection.

“I particularly remember the summer fete with the legendary gunge tank that resembled a mobile toilet, the craft fair which continued for many years and which saw every classroom filled with Christmas goods and, of course, the turkey supper.

“The turkey supper was exactly what it says—a turkey meal which was followed by a disco. This event was always over subscribed with a waiting list in case people dropped out. People booked immediately for the following year.

“I served my legendary Christmas punch/mulled wine, using a secret recipe which in reality was just chucking in anything I could get my hands on. Red wine, orange juice, apple juice, lemonade and herbs all got chucked in, heated up and then served. I suspect that by the time it got to the mulled wine everyone had had enough to drink to not worry about what the ingredients were.



Colin Wilson pictured in 2022.

“After being on the PTA for a number of years, I became a governor at the school and was chair of governors for a number of years.”

“It was wonderful before Christmas this year to be able to renew acquaintances with a craft fair which for so many years had been a highlight of the school calendar.

“One other social event I remember vividly was spending the last night of the millennium at the school and ensuring that I stayed sober as I was due to be at work at 11pm. As the revellers at the school saw in the new millennium I sat on my own in an office waiting to see whether an anticipated international virus affected computers. It didn’t and about 3 am I made my way home again.

“I will always remember with great affection my involvement with what was Hethersett VC Middle School and which subsequently became Hethersett VC Junior School and which now is Hethersett VC Primary School.

“I enjoyed returning this year to have a look round the new teaching block and look back on what was a good time in my life.”

Incidentally Colin is a very accomplished artist whose paintings we featured in Hethersett Herald during lockdown.

Colin is also responsible for the backdrop scenery at the annual Hethersett village pantomime and you can read more about that in this edition of your magazine.

Back To The Future



Winter Warmers



**The two
photographs
on this page
were taken by
Hetherset
resident
Leonie
Pritchard**



News From The Parish Council

Adele Signs On As A Councillor

HETHERSETT has a new parish councillor.

There has been a vacancy on the council since the resignation of Katy Adams.

Long standing resident Adele Kent (pictured opposite) has been co-opted.

Adele has lived in Hethersett for 36 years and has two daughters who attended schools in the village.

Adele has sung in St Remigius Church choir for over 25 years and has been an integral part of the flower arranging team at the church, being a leading light in a number of highly colourful flower festivals. This included organising the flower festival to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee earlier this year.

In the past she has been on the Church Hall Committee and was wardrobe mistress for Hethersett Pantomime Group for 10 years.

Outside of the village, Adele has been a committee member of Costessey Flower Club for over 25 years and chair for 15 years..

Adele volunteered at Priscilla Bacon Lodge until Covid struck and she worked for R. J. Bartram Funeral Directors as a funeral arranger for five years when they had an office in



Hethersett.

"We love living in Hethersett and seeing the growth of the village since we moved to one of the first houses on Steepletower. Having seen how the village has expanded and will continue to grow, I would like to play a part in ensuring that the local services and infrastructure also develop appropriately to support the ongoing residential development," she said.

News From The Parish Council

Tax On The Rise

HETHERSETT Parish Council is to increase its part of Council tax by 37.7% for the 2023/2024 financial year.

A budget of £230,000 has been set, an increase of almost £60,000 on the previous year's figure of £170,597. This means the parish part of the council tax will see a Band D property go up from £65.18 to £84.56 or an additional £19.38 a year.

At its latest meeting, councillors agreed on the new budget with seven voting for and three abstaining with four councillors absent.

Chairman Adrienne Quinlan pointed out that it was the first effective rise for three years and represented an increase of less than the price of a cup of coffee a month for a Band D property.

“Rise is less than the cost of a cup of coffee per month” — Parish Chairman Adrienne Quinlan

“We need to keep the cost as low as possible but we have certain commitments to the village,” she said.

Councillor Eileen Mulvaney queried the cost of grass cutting in the village which now takes over £2,000 a year.

The council agreed to look into this matter as part of financial discussions in the coming year.

Parish Shorts

A new commemorative tree has been planted on the Memorial Playing Field to replace the original tree which failed to take. The tree was originally planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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The council still has Platinum Jubilee mugs for sale. Nineteen of the 32 mugs have been sold and the council will advertise the remainder in the run up to Christmas

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The council is obtaining quotes for the painting of the World War Two Memorial Bench in the village centre and also the railings around Kett's Oak off the B1172.

News From The Parish Council

Meeting Dates

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

The council meets monthly 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

Contingency Plans for Memorial Playing Field Equipment

THE parish council will use contingency money to foot the bill for any repairs needed to play equipment on the Memorial Playing Field.

Councillor Mike Stark, who is also a trustee of the playing field, said the council had to plan for unexpected costs which could arise during annual inspections of the equipment.

No costs were anticipated in the coming year, however, but an amount needed to be set aside in case of problems.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan said that any work needed on the equipment could prove expensive and councillors decided to meet any repairs up to £3,000 from the contingency pot.

News From The Parish Council

New Community and Projects Officer Appointed

SARA White (pictured opposite) has joined Hethersett Parish Council as Community and Projects Officer.

Her role includes providing support and engagement with community projects and looking after health and safety issues.

She will also be responsible for social media and the website and parish newsletter.

Sara can be e-mailed at:

hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com



Office Closure

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

Open Gardens Date Set For The Summer

A provisional date of July 9th has been set for the next Hethersett Open Gardens event.

A number of residents have already come forward to offer to open their gardens and a parish council working party is looking into possible sponsorship and for community groups to get involved.

Any proceeds from the event will be used by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) for its environmental work.

News From The Parish Council



A Matter Of Life and Death

By Sara White

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 in Great Melton Road, to the left of the entrance door.

It is housed in a yellow case. We have also purchased a set of paediatric electrode pads which can be found inside.

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.

Location: Boots Pharmacy - 35A Great Melton Road, Hethersett. Norfolk. NR9 3AB

National Database of registered defibrillators can be found at:

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



News From The Parish Council

Are Falling Leaves Just A Nuisance?

The quick answer to this is 'No!'.

Green Issues

Fallen leaves provide wildlife, especially pollinators, with some winter cover. Bees, moths, butterflies, snails, spiders, and dozens of arthropods and pollinators overwinter in dead plant material for protection from cold weather and predators, so if you can, do consider creating a leaf pile or two and allow it to break down naturally.

The resulting mulch can then be spread on your flower and vegetable beds, as leaves are an amazing organic matter, and are a rich source of calcium, magnesium, phosphorous and potassium; they also feed earthworms and beneficial microbes.

You can also rake your leaves on to your flower or vegetable beds (you can chop or shred them first if you like), leaving space around the stems of growing plants to avoid crown rot.

You can pile the leaves up to 10cm deep to make a cosy winter blanket for your plants' roots. I doubt any leaves you have are dried out, considering the rain we have had, but if they are, you can run over them with a lawn mower before spreading them.

Leaves also make a good insulating layer for cold-hardy vegetables and root crops stored in the ground, such as carrots, kale and leeks. They are also very good at insulating tender plants from the cold.

Ignore the leaves on your lawn – continue mowing your lawn as usual, until both leaf fall and grass growth have ended for the year. Leaf and lawn clippings will both break down quickly in the lawn, feeding the soil for next year. Just don't leave thick layers of matted leaves on your lawn, as this blocks oxygen to the soil and invites disease.

Please don't sweep or blow leaves in the streets, as they will clog up the drains. Please do rake or blow leaves under hedges, as they create a wonderful winter habitat for wildlife.

Leaves are also perfect for your compost heap, as they are a fabulous source of carbon to balance the nitrogen in your compost.

So don't be a perfectionist! Leave leaf litter to feed worms, fungi and soil bacteria, as well as sheltering our precious wildlife and insect population.

Sara White

News From The Parish Council

Opposition to Planned Thickthorn Extension

HETHERSETT Parish Council is opposing extensions to the existing park and ride at Thickthorn.

Proposals are to increase the size of the park and ride to give additional car and coach parking, more disabled and motorcycle spaces, bus shelters, cycle storage and Amazon hub facility and drainage work.

But the council's planning committee believe that the extension would be constructed on land within the Hethersett/Cringleford Strategic gap which would set a precedent for future development.

The extension would be close to a site of historical interest and on a flood plain.

In addition the council feels that the B1172 would not be able to cope with the additional traffic that the extension would create.

Members questioned whether there is a demand for the extension. "Has a feasibility study for the need of an expansion been carried out post Covid? With changing habits e.g more people working from home and shopping online, is an extension to the existing facility still deemed necessary?"

The final decision on the planning application will be made by South Norfolk Council.

Gritty Problem Around School

CONCERN was expressed at the December meeting of the parish council about the slippery state of the road leading to Woodside School during December's cold snap.

The road was not gritted by Norfolk Highways due to it not being adopted.

The council is to talk to developers Taylor Wimpey about gritting the road if another cold spell arrives in the New Year.

Once the road is adopted it will be Highways' responsibility to grit it.

Councillors agreed that once the road is adopted the situation will improve but felt a short term fix is also needed in order to avoid accidents caused by frost, snow and ice.

News From The Parish Council

Pedestrian Crossing Request

THE council has received a request from a resident for a pedestrian crossing on the B1172 close to the junction of Colney Lane.

The resident said that they were “too nervous to cross the road with my children and I feel isolated as the Hethersett village facilities are entirely on the north side from Norwich Road. I tend to drive as a result. There is a bus stop near this junction on the south side of Norwich Road so the passengers using the bus service also need a safe crossing area.

“I would like to see a pedestrian crossing across Norwich Road near the bus stop to the east of Colney Lane and Station Lane. This will give safe pedestrian crossing, encourage walking and reduce the need for the use of cars for short distances,”

Plans to have traffic lights at the junctions of Colney Lane and Station Lane will be going ahead despite a temporary hold-up and councillors want to see what effect this has on the area before discussing the possibility of a pedestrian crossing further.

It was also felt that the traffic lights when in place will give pedestrians the chance to cross the road.

More Shorts

THE council is streamlining its committee system due to shortages on some of the committees and working groups. The development committee will be dropped along with the Pavilion Committee which will no longer be needed.

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Two bays at Hethersett Village Hall will be set-up in the near future for Beryl Bikes which can be hired by residents. There will also be bike bays at the library.

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There are plans to turn the current green area at Great Melton Close into a wildflower meadow. Local residents will be consulted, however, before any action is taken. The council is also looking into the possibility of creating another rewilding area on the B1172 adjacent to Church Farm.

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It will be the New Year before any definite celebrations can be made for the May coronation of the New King. Hethersett has received no official protocol announcement from Buckingham Palace.

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

Sarah's World Christmas Special

Sarah Lawrence rounds off her year of Sarah's World with a Christmas Special.

WELCOME to the Sarah's World Christmas special!

The Woodside Christmas Fayre went off without a hitch, or so I'm told. Unfortunately due to my work schedule, I wasn't able to go.

I did however spend a lot of time in the run-up helping with planning, even spending the afternoon of the day before with a team helping to set up Santa's grotto, and the morning of the day of the Fayre folding tombola tickets!

From chats to the other members of the Friends of Woodside, the Fayre was extremely busy, and we have estimated that we have made about £1,500 profit from the event, though we're still waiting on our final total.

Of course raising money from events like the Christmas Fayre means we can spend it! One of the exciting things bought recently has been a



book vending machine filled with books, located in the school library and pictured opposite.

It's definitely been a talking point for the children at the school! The idea behind it is that the children have a reading challenge to complete over the course of the school year, where they are set a challenge to read 26 books (some on a list, and some free choice) and do some work around it to



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demonstrate that they've read and understood each one.

After they've completed the challenge, they're given a token as a reward for their hard work to pick a book from the vending machine.

My Amelia, a year six student at Woodside, is around five books into her challenge, after starting in September.

She already enjoys reading, but this has really lit a fire under her! She came home talking about the vending machine after hearing from her friends about it and then sneaking into the school library to have a look for herself (clearly she gets her nosiness from me).

The machine is even wrapped with colourful vinyl displaying book covers and has a sign on it saying that it was donated by the FOWS. It's pretty impressive looking if I do say so myself.

The Finnbar's Force Christmas lights are a fixture in Hethersett during December these days. Above and opposite are photographs of the lights. You can find others elsewhere



Sarah's World

in this edition of Hethersett Herald

Started by the Cork family and their neighbours in Park Close to pay tribute to their son, Finnbar, these lights are the most spectacular, but tasteful, ones I have ever seen.

Five year old Finnbar passed away in August 2016, after a hard fought battle with a childhood brain tumour. These lights certainly do Finnbar justice and keep his memory alive. I was glad to be present at the switch-on this year, after missing it year after year due to my work schedule.

I was also working this year, but luckily for me, I had someone there who could run the shop for a few minutes while I stepped out into the crowd.

What a fantastic turn-out there was! People were in the festive mood drinking mulled wine, eating mince pies and listening and singing to Christmas tunes.

When Tristan (Finnbar's Dad and founder of the charity, Finnbar's Force) welcomed everyone to the switch-on and introduced the very special guest – the one and only Santa Claus – there were loud cheers all around. After a countdown, the lights were on, and gosh, did they look amazing.

Please do visit the lights if you can, a lot of hard work and planning has gone into putting them up and they will be there for the remainder of December. I could go on and describe how gorgeous they are, but my words really wouldn't do them justice, it's like a winter wonderland over in Park Close



of an evening.

If you're able to, please also consider making a donation to this wonderful charity. They raise awareness of brain tumours, support families after diagnoses and support research projects that will help children with brain tumours. Without donations, they wouldn't be able to do all that they do.

You can even pick up tick sheets from various businesses in Hethersett (including Tesco) for children to tick off all the lights that they see for a suggested donation of 50p, with all money given to the charity. RIP little Finnbar, your memory is kept alive every time we look at these beautiful lights.

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Tesco in Hethersett have been continuing to do their bit for the community with even more charity donations going out.

In addition to the donations mentioned last month, we've sourced and donated some of the oranges needed for the Christingle services at St Remigius and Hethersett Methodist Churches, donated raffle prizes to Little Melton Pre-School and Woodside Primary School, and chocolates to Hethersett Academy for their Chocolate Tombola.



We've also given a gift voucher to Hethersett Hearts for them to buy gifts for Woodcote residents for their Christmas party, donated pastries for a family breakfast and service at Hethersett Methodist Church, donated food to Friends of Hethersett Library for their children's party and made a cash donation to the charity, Circus Starr.



Phew, It's been a really busy month! I suppose the surge in these charities asking for help goes hand in hand with the worrying rise in the cost of living. We've had more requests this year than we ever had.

All we can do is try to continue

supporting these charities and community organisations as much as we can.

In another act of charity, this month Tesco Express stores in our area have been collecting new and unused toys in

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their stores to give to children whose families rely on foodbanks. Customers have been extremely generous, we should have made a lot of children happy with the toys that people have brought in.

Foodbank volunteers are due to come in before Christmas to collect the donations to distribute the gifts to the children. It makes me very proud to take part in an incentive like this, it really tugs on the heartstrings, especially this time of year.

As a mummy to two girls, it breaks my heart that some children wake up on Christmas morning with nothing to unwrap. Donating a gift means you are literally donating a smile, and I think that's its own reward.

The annual Playgroup Christmas party was a fantastic morning, with lots of smiling faces, from the adults and the children! We had the usual Christmas crafts and party food, along with a visit from the big guy in red. There really is nothing like seeing Christmas through the eyes of a child.

When Father Christmas showed up, the children were surprised and happy (with some obviously crying, but that's children for you!) and when he read them a story and sang jingle bells with them, you'd have to be made of stone to not find the look in their eyes heart-warming.

A huge thanks goes out to Father Christmas, who well and truly stole the show, the volunteer team and all of our



attendees. I definitely feel a lot more festive after that session!

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of the



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readers of Hethersett Herald and my column, and their families, a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2023!



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 January 14th. Volunteers are always welcome and tools are provided. This session will start from the car park of the Methodist Church at 10 am.

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

February 18th from 2 pm starting at the village hall.

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

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

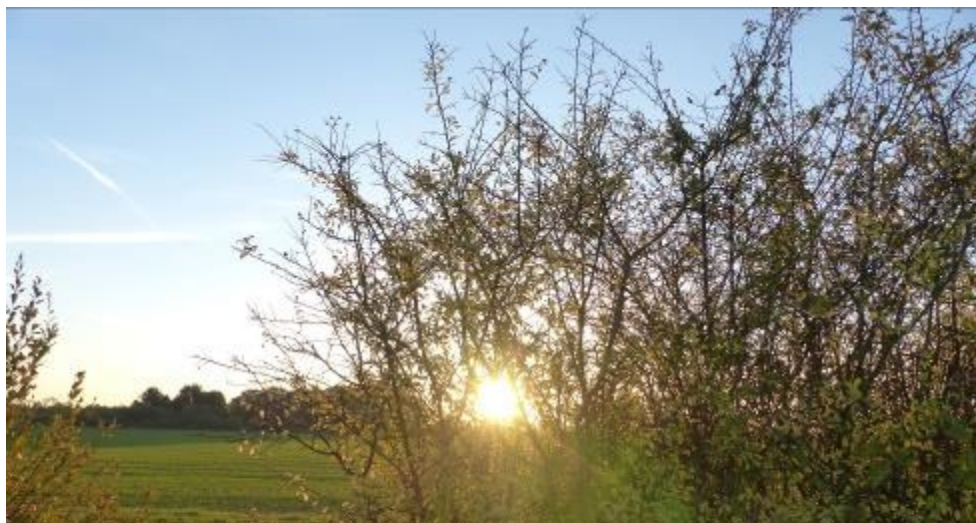
My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

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.

John's photographic diary this month is of a recent November sky across the fields off the B1172 and opposite David James' Cars.



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My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



News From Hethersett Hall

Words and Pictures by
Emily Parton



Wow! what a fabulous day we had at our Christmas Fete. Fabulous stalls, lots of wonderful goodies. Thank you to all who took part.



News From Hethersett Hall

Gail Calls It A Day After A Decade of Service

After almost 10 years of continuous service at Hethersett Hall in Hethersett, much-loved Carer, Gail has decided to retire.

Staff and residents at the home sent Gail off in style with cake and presents to thank her for many years of dedication with lots of singing and dancing. Everyone at the home has very fond memories of Gail and she will be sadly missed.

During her time at Hethersett Hall, Gail has worked her way up from being a Care Assistant to being a Senior Care Assistant and Team Leader.

Gail said: "Hethersett Hall is like a family to me and though I'm looking forward to retirement, I'm really going to miss everyone here so much."



Choir Delights Residents

We were delighted to welcome in the children from Woodside School choir, 60 children came to sing carols at the home for our residents and staff.

They were fabulous.



News From Hethersett Hall

School Visit For Residents

WE organised for the residents of Hethersett Hall to visit Framingham Earl High School.

The residents were greeted by the school council to enjoy mince pies and refreshments in the head teacher's

office. All ages discussed how schools have changed over the years and pupils showed examples of school work to their older visitors.

The year sevens put on a fabulous Christmas performance including; readings, jokes, singing and acting... one resident said attending the school was "a marvellous experience."



We had a lovely afternoon with the Handbell Ringers, complete with renditions of Silent Night, Jingle Bells and other Xmas favourites. After the performance our residents and bell ringers enjoyed warm mince pies and delicious mulled wine!

Party Time At The Hall

We love a Christmas Party and sure do know how to throw one at Hethersett Hall.

We had Deano singing, mulled wine flowing and snowballs and apple punch served.

Fabulous disco atmosphere.



News From Hethersett Hall



Fabulous Fun For All Ages

Absolutely fabulous fun with the junior ambassadors from Old Catton Junior School and Garrick Green.

They brought along the bingo machine and cards, called all the numbers, and everyone won sweet treats.

Your Hethersett Herald in 2022



And Now For The Good News

HETHERSETT Herald is bringing you an annual overview of news and features about our village.

The Hethersett Good News magazine is published monthly and currently has a circulation of over 7,000 copies in Hethersett, Little Wymondley and Great Wymondley. The well-established publication has been in existence for over 100 years and is a Christmas publication centred around the three Anglican churches in the Hethersett village.



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

Hethersett Herald editor Peter Stead will also take an opportunity to address 'Good News', supported by a team of Good News to meet from a new 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 those Hethersett news to more people than ever before. Although the focus in the two publications will diverge slightly, accordingly," said Peter Stead. We will have more on this in the next Herald.

Santa Does The Rounds

FATHER Christmas came to Hethersett on December 15th to delight old and young alike. Families turned out in force and you can see more photos and read a report on page 11.



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Hope For Post Office

THE future of a post office in Hethersett hangs in the balance following the closure of the evening office in the middle of the month.



But there are optimistic signs that an office will open in the village in the next few weeks. A letter from a temporary post office in a garden shed, Hethersett Post Office, which took over the running of the office in Oak Square 10 years ago, that for the first time in January 2022.

In a joint annual meeting, chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Andrew Gurney hopes that a new venue for a post office in Hethersett would be found. The Parish Council has been in communication with Post Office Southern Limited since November 2021 in an attempt to retain a full office within the village. The Parish Council also confirms that new premises plans remain in discussion with Post Office Southern and we are working with North Devon Council and Post Office Southern to secure temporary accommodation in order for the office to open in the next few weeks.

But readers to brace it in the moment.

My Quirky Facebook postmaster friend Susan for her 'survive in the village over many years'.

In a letter to customers, the Parish Council said: "We are writing to inform you that, regrettably following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use, the office has had to be closed temporarily on Thursday 10th January. The letter goes on to say: "I would like to assure you that we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to commence a post office service to the local community as soon as possible."

It is also to be noted that the office has been closed since the end of the year. The letter goes on to say: "I would like to assure you that we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to commence a post office service to the local community as soon as possible."



To find out why these African youngsters are smiling, see our feature on page 23.

Re-Wilding Hethersett

The work to re-wild areas of the village has begun.

Working parties set out during February to re-wild areas around the village sign and in the open land at the village sign. You can see photos of the work and read more about it in our article on page 13.

Post Office Returns

A Post Office has returned to Hethersett and a few weeks after the office in Oak Square closed. A temporary service has been set up in Hethersett Library and will be open five days a week. Read just how by following the page from page 11.

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A Giant Leap Forward

HETHERSETT efforts to have a new health centre and surgery have taken a major step forward with the announcement of a £4 million grant to the village.

Residents of Hethersett have been calling for improved facilities following major development in the village.

The town surgery has administered a total of £4 million in grant to the village to have a new health centre and surgery. The grant will be used to build a new health centre and surgery on the site of the old village hall. The grant will also be used to improve the village hall and to provide a new health centre and surgery. The grant will also be used to improve the village hall and to provide a new health centre and surgery.



Hethersett Health Centre, South Devon Health Foundation and NHS Foundation Trust

In addition, developers Tropic Wymondley are making a parcel of land close to the North Hethersett Development. Agreed to say the well on the funding for the next few years. Hethersett is one of five areas identified by the South Devon and Wymondley Council Commissioning Group for new sign. The sign will be located in Hethersett. They will be working with the Council.

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Community Garden At Former Skatepark

HETHERSETT'S conversion of an area of grass in Oak Square to a community garden has taken a major step forward.

The village has had two different attempts at the site of the former skatepark. The site has been used for a community garden.



The garden at former skatepark

This new community garden at the former skatepark will bring a new lease of life to the area. The garden will be a community garden. The garden will be a community garden. The garden will be a community garden.

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Two Decades At The Queen's

IT WAS IN 2002 that Hethersett village school and Phillips closed down a charge of a closed village path.



Two decades at the Queen's

This immediately led to the reopening of the village path. The village path has been closed since 2002. The village path has been closed since 2002. The village path has been closed since 2002.

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Platinum Jubilee Village Special

Hethersett celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The village has been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The village has been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The village has been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Improvements All The Way

IT WAS A YEAR of improvements all the way for Hethersett. The village has been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

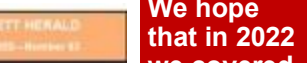


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Islamic Mosque For Hethersett

HETHERSETT has a new mosque. The mosque will be a community mosque.



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We hope that in 2022 we covered all the major issues affecting our village and will continue to do so in 2023.

Your Hethersett Herald in 2022



On this and the previous page are the front pages of our editions for 2022 which have brought you some of the stories and issues facing our village. We look forward to bringing you more from Hethersett throughout 2023.

You can read back copies of Hethersett Herald by going to :

www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com

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

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

petersteward@sky.com

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<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.

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Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

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

South Norfolk Council

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

Hethersett Parish Council

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

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

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

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

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HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



 Insp Louise BISHOP
Local Policing Commander

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




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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.




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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	150.7	-9p	172.7	-10p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	149.9	-10p	171.9	-11p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	154.9	-5p	176.9	-6p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	149.9	-10p	171.9	-12p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	160.9	NC	183.9	NC
Abbeygate Wymondham	168.9	-1p	191.9	-1p
Waitrose Wymondham	167.9	-1p	191.9	NC
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	161.9	-7p	184.9	-7p

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.

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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

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Friends of Hethersett Library

The Friends group held its annual meeting in the library with the following being elected:

Chairman, David Bills; Vice-Chairman, Peter Steward; Secretary, Paula Green; Treasurer, Angela Farrington; Library Representative, Jo Shelton. Committee members, Carol Reeve, Gary Wyatt, Kathy Riviere-Wright.

The group is currently sorting out its programme for 2023 with talks and presentations every two months. Speakers have still to be lined-up but there will be events in the library on the following dates: February 16th, April 20th, June 15th, September 21st.

The group will be organising a quiz on October 28th and a children's party on December 2nd.

Chairman David Bills reported on a successful year which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the library.

The Friends will shortly have a noticeboard at the library to promote its events and they will share this with the post office which opens in the library five days a week.

The group held a fundraising quiz in Hethersett Village Hall and raised around £250 which helped to finance the children's party. There is more news from Hethersett Library elsewhere in this edition.

THE RiNG Norfolk Arthritis Group

The programme for next year is filling up:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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the chance to chat, make new friends or renew old acquaintances.

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

viv.hawes@talktalk.net or phone 01603 811347

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 3rd JANUARY

Future Dates:

7th February and 7th March

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

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Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Group

By Jenny Walpole

OUR Open Meeting at the end of November was a great success and got us into the Christmas spirit. We started the evening with a glass of Gluhwein and a mince pie or two! National demonstrator Christine Gledhill from Yorkshire was a joy, her beautiful flowers giving us a contemporary festive extravaganza. 'Sparkles and Laughter' was the title and we certainly enjoyed plenty of those. The spectacular designs were raffled at the end of the evening and lots of people took flowers home to enjoy over the next few weeks.



As well as welcoming Janine from Flamingo Paperie with her display of lovely Christmas cards and stationery etc, Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club Committee put together a festive craft table with potted plants in vintage containers, bee hotels and foliage door wreaths ready to be embellished with Christmas decorations.

Everybody enjoyed themselves and we had some lovely comments on our Facebook page.

"It was a fabulous night. Christine's flowers were lovely and I was lucky enough to win one of her designs. The Dereham Flower Club ladies thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, thank you for the warm welcome."

"It was an amazing demonstration with such beautiful flowers."
"Lovely evening ."

Our next meeting will be on Monday 23rd January at 7.30 pm when we welcome local florist and demonstrator David Wright - "Gold." The venue will be the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road. Please note the change of venue for this meeting. Doors open at 7 pm. We look forward to welcoming members and visitors (£5 entry) for the first demo of 2023. Other dates:

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

27th March 2023 at 7.30 pm – AGM – a ticketed event – details to follow.

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CRINGLEFORD & HETHERSETT FLOWER CLUB

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

(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.”

Hethersett Dementia Support Group

The Forget-Me-Not Club continues to thrive and meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 a.m

In December members enjoyed singing from the Methodist Church Singing Fellowship on the first Tuesday and then made Christmas Christingles on the third Tuesday.

The café will start up again after Christmas with a coffee and social event on January 3rd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Return of the Village Screen

HETHERSETT Village Screen returns after Christmas with its Winter/Spring programme of five of the latest films which encompass drama, comedy and much more.

You can see the full programme and details of films on the next page.

The series starts on Sunday 8th January with the mystery comedy “See How They Run” which stars Sam Rockwell, Adrian Brody and Saoirse Ronan.

This is followed on 5th February by 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.

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 “Where The Crawdads Sing.”

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See How They Run (12) Sunday 8th Jan 2023, 3pm

An all-star cast featuring Sam Rockwell, Saoirse Ronan and Adrian Brody feature in this mystery comedy in which a seasoned police inspector and an inexperienced constable investigate a murder at a West End theatre.



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.

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.

We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at Hethersett Library. We're looking forward to another year of books and helping our wonderful community'.

Opening hours over the Christmas/New Year period are as follows:

Christmas Eve—open library until 12 pm and then closed.

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and December 27th closed

December 28th to 31st—Normal opening hours

January 1st and 2nd—Closed

On the next page you can read what's on at the library in January.



At your Library



Knit, Stitch & Natter - every Monday, 2 - 4 pm

Baby Bounce & Rhyme - every Monday, 2 - 2:30 pm

Colour Me Calm - every Wednesday, 11 am - 12 pm

Just a Cuppa - every Wednesday, 11 am - 12 pm

***NEW* Digital Support** - every Wednesday, 5 - 6 pm

***NEW* Kids Games** - every Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

***NEW* Adult Games** - every Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

***NEW* Autism Café** - Date and time TBD

LEGO Club - every Saturday, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

FREE Hot Drinks - Every day during staffed hours

The Winter Mini Challenge 2022 - the Reading Agency's online Challenge until 20th February

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

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Open Library

Extending opening hours at your library

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

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

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

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Methodist Church dates for your diary include the following.

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

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

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

Marathon Walk To End

DURING 2022 I have been walking 1,500 miles in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and I'm delighted to say that with just a handful of miles to complete by the end of the year I have managed to raise over £1200 for the charity.

I am extremely grateful to all those who have sponsored me.

It hasn't been an easy challenge to walk an average of over four miles a day for the entire year. The walks have been specific and not included moving about the house, garden etc.

There have only been five days in the year when I was unable to get out through bad weather or, at times, lethargy.

There was a second part to my challenge and that was to write 365 blogs during the year - one for every day. This will also be achieved by the end of the year.

If you are interested in reading my daily blogs which include regular pieces about Hethersett you can find them by going to Facebook and searching for "Peter Steward's Daily Blog".

Ultimately I have just been so happy to be able to help such a worthy charity. 2023 will see me hang up my walking boots. It won't be the end of my charity challenges, however.

I intend self publishing a number of books in 2023 with any proceeds going to local charities. Read my daily blog for more details on this.

Peter Steward

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

BACK GARDEN
HETHERSETT COMMUNITY PROJECT

VOTE FOR US IN STORE UNTIL JANUARY 2023

Vote for us in store to support our chances of receiving up to £1500 towards The Back Garden - Hethersett Community Project. 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. Pop into one of these stores, collect your blue token and put it into in our allocated box.

HETHERSETT EXPRESS NR9 3AB
NORWICH DRAYTON SUPERSTORE NR8 6PT
NORWICH ACRES WAY EXPRESS NR8 6AX
TAVERHAM NORWICH EXPRESS NR8 6AD

TESCO
Community Grants

Vote Vote Vote—It's Your Votes That Count

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

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

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

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Debt Is The Number One Issue

Hethersett resident Mark Hitchcock is CEO of Norfolk Citizens' Advice. Here he talks about the high and increasing response to the charity's services.

NORFOLK Citizens' Advice is one of 250 charities based in local communities across the UK providing high quality, free and confidential advice on any issue.

The service has run in Norfolk since 1939 but has never seen as high a demand for its services as this year. It is funded through donations and advice contracts, and largely delivered by a team of fantastic volunteers.

Citizens Advice (CA) monitors the types of issues that clients are asking about and regularly reports on trends across Norfolk and in local communities.

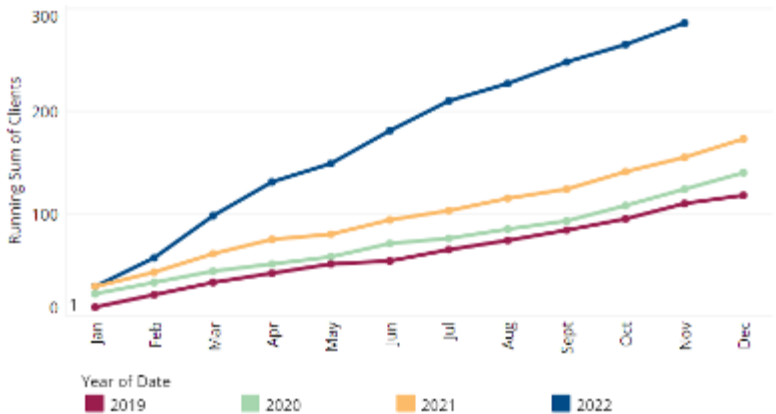
CA helped over 2,100 people in South Norfolk in 2022.

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.

South Norfolk is clearly feeling the

Charitable support and food banks cumulative

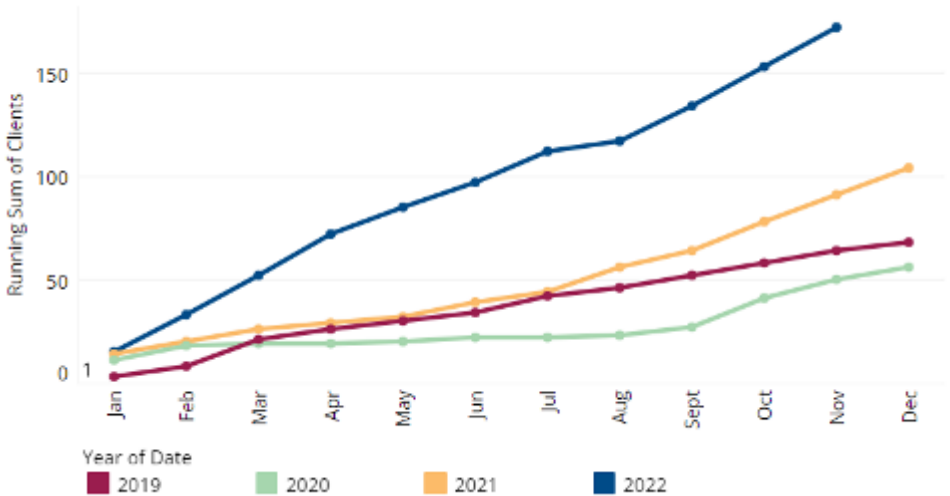


impact of cost of living pressures with the need for charitable support and foodbank usage up significantly this year. In the last three months alone, there has been a 40% increase in clients needing this sort of help.

Energy continues to be the biggest issue and key driver for debt.

CA services supported just over 100 people with energy issues locally in 2021 – and surpassed that figure by

Energy cumulative



June this year. Of course, the figures only relate to those who come to CA and probably only relate to new contacts for energy advice.

This underlines the continuing trend of people falling into debt who have never had to consider their budget so carefully before. We're seeing more and more people who have never had to ask for this sort of support before.

Of the people coming to us for cost-of-living issues, 64% are women, 60% have a disability or long-term health condition and 66% are aged 30-60 years of age.

Hethersett and the surrounding parishes demonstrate very similar issues to the rest of South Norfolk. There's been 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.

There is a lot of information available for people struggling with the cost of living and particularly those working through issues with energy providers.

If you are facing debt in any way, you are advised to seek help from experts at Citizens Advice or another debt expert. Make sure they are FCA authorised to advise you.

Visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk for advice on a wide range of issues or visit the Norwich office to discuss your issues in-person.

Visit www.ncab.org.uk if you would like to volunteer in the service or donate this Christmas.

We will be exploring the problems of debt affecting our village in coming editions of Hethersett Herald and looking into the question of people struggling to make ends meet.

EDITH CELEBRATES HER CENTURY



By Chris Yemm

On the afternoon of Saturday 10th December, a birthday party was held by the Wymondham U3A at Central Hall, Wymondham, by one of our founding members, Edith Pleasance who was celebrating her 100thth birthday.

A frame was put up with photographs of Edith in her youth, together with her husband who was a prisoner-of-war in Eastern Germany during World War II, returning home in 1945.

Wymondham U3A celebrated its 21st birthday in February and Edith has been a member since 2001 with a membership number of 1002, just missing out on number one.

The afternoon tea of sausage rolls, scones and cake was enjoyed by all, accompanied by wine, tea or coffee. The afternoon was supported by some great music from the 'Dell Boys' with everyone thrilled at seeing Edith on the dance floor with pure delight on her face, obviously enjoying every minute of the afternoon.

The party was attended by a large number of members, many of whom are her friends and hold her in great esteem and respect. Over the years she has both instigated and been involved in a variety of our groups and activities and for

many years, has been and still is, a regular player of bridge.

She has been a prolific writer throughout her life and has regularly contributed articles and poems to, what was the Wymondham News, the Wayland News and the Mid Norfolk Times. In 2005, one of her articles was broadcast on BBC Radio Norfolk.

The ceremony of the cutting of the amazing cake, baked by Jennifer Attwell, came towards the end of the afternoon before departing for home.

Chris is a Hethersett resident and supporter of the U3A (University of the Third Age) which has a number of members from Hethersett.



HETHERSETT Posties took to Social Media to express their appreciation of Hethersett residents and to wish everyone a happy Christmas.

“Thank you to all of you in Hethersett. We have had the pleasure of delivering to you all year! We hope you have the best Christmas and new year. Thank you for all your kind tips and presents. We are very lucky to deliver to such amazing people! Much love from your Hethersett posties.”

The message is signed: Jade, Holly, Callum, Dave, Tim and Steve.

A Great Britten

Herald columnist John Head looks back at the career of a Suffolk music legend.

BENJAMIN BRITTEN

(22 November 1913 – 4 December 1976)

ANOTHER memory of my time at Wymondham College (1964-69) was compulsory music lessons where we were herded into a Nissen Hut to listen to our music master, a genial man known to us as 'Gutty' Baker, extol the virtues of the classical composers.

He always asked us what we would like to hear but always declined our requests for Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture or Sibelius' Karelia Suite – Intermezzo.

So, we were forced to listen to his choice which always included Ravel's Bolero, long before it was made famous by Torvill and Dean, and Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra.



Years on, and when my interest in music matured, I became fascinated as to how the Suffolk landscape around Aldeburgh so inspired Benjamin Britten to write his music, especially his opera Peter Grimes.

Britten was born in Lowestoft, Suffolk, and educated at Gresham's School



The Suffolk Coast at Aldeburgh



Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears

before studying at the Royal College of Music in London. He moved to Aldeburgh in 1947 living at Crag House, Crag Path, overlooking the sea. Britten lived and worked in Suffolk for most of his life.

In 1948, together with the tenor Peter Pears and the theatrical director Eric Crozier, Britten formed the Aldeburgh Music Festival.

In 1967, to give this festival a permanent home, it moved to Snape Maltings which again was the creative idea of Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears.

Whilst I had visited Snape Maltings on several occasions it was not until this year that I stayed for a few days in Aldeburgh and it was easy to see how Britten was inspired by the vast skies and changeable seas of the Suffolk coast which so inspired his music.

Benjamin Britten's life was completely entwined with that of Peter Pears and he began to compose vocal music for Pears to sing including major roles in operas.

They lived together in The Red House Aldeburgh from 1957 until Britten's death in 1976, after which Pears remained in the house until he died in

1986.

Discovering Benjamin Britten August 2022

The Red House Aldeburgh where Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears lived .



Three photographs of The Red House

Over the page are two photographs of the Composition Room at the Red House.



The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul Aldeburgh: The last resting places of Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears.



Opposite are the graves of Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears side by side at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul Aldeburgh.

Church of St Peter and St Paul, Aldeburgh

Over the page is The Benjamin Britten Memorial Window inside the parish

This stained-glass memorial window



the beach at Aldeburgh and was commissioned in 2003. It is a four-metre-high sculpture by local artist Maggi Hambling to the late Benjamin Britten who used to take his afternoon walks along the beach. The sculpture consists of two broken interlocking scallop shells. Cut into the rim of the upright shell are the words "I hear those voices that will not be drowned" from Britten's opera Peter Grimes.

by John Piper was commissioned in 1979 and celebrates Britten's three church operas: The Prodigal Son, Curlew River, and The Burning Fiery Furnace.

It is a wonderful and fitting tribute to Benjamin Britten. And you can see images of it on the next two pages.

Britten also composed the War Requiem which was performed in 1962 for the consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral after the previous one was destroyed in a World War Two bombing raid.

The War Requiem was a public statement of Britten's anti-war convictions. It was a condemnation of the wickedness of war.

The music incorporates the settings of the First World War poet Wilfred Owen of whom I wrote about in the November edition of the Hethersett Herald.

Photographs

From the John Head Collection except the photographs of Benjamin Britten and Benjamin Britten with Peter Pears: accreditation Classic FM.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For me it isn't Christmas until I have listened to St Nicolas Cantata by Benjamin Britten, and watched the films "White Christmas" and "It's a Wonderful Life." Once that has been done I feel ready to enjoy the festive season.



The Benjamin Britten Tribute Memorial Scallop: The 'Scallop Memorial' sits on





All photographs
courtesy of John
Head

Business Opening Hours

This is a free service for businesses in Hethersett. If you would like your opening hours posted here please e-mail details to petersteward@sky.com

Kin Café at Rowan House in Queen's Road is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 am until 2 pm and Wednesdays to Fridays from 8 am until 4.30 pm.

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

Do You
Have a Guest
Staying With You
from
Ukraine?



Hethersett Methodist Church
Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB

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a **Gathering Space**

a **Coffee**

(Tea and Squash is also available!)

a **Warm Welcome**

Come and Join Us
at the

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9am to 12pm
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