



# Platinum Jubilee Village Special

## Hethersett celebrating the Queen's Landmark Jubilee

SCARECROWS, flowers, street parties and a jubilee litter pick were just some of the highlights of the village's platinum jubilee celebrations.

But storms on Bank Holiday Sunday forced the cancellation of the Picnic In The Park event which was being arranged by the parish council in the grounds of Hethersett Village Hall. It has been decided not to re-arrange this event.

Parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan sent out the following message the day before the scheduled event and in light of expected storms:

"I am sorry to say that in view of the Yellow Weather Warning that has just been issued for tomorrow, we have had to take the decision to cancel the Picnic in the Park. It's very disappointing but I hope you still enjoy your day."

It has subsequently been decided not to re-schedule the event. Despite the cancellation, there was plenty going on in the village and our coverage begins on page four. Our top picture was taken at a flower festival in St Remigius Church. Below that is one of the village scarecrows.



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**The July edition of Hethersett Herald will be available exclusively online from the end of June. Please note that the editor's e-mail address has changed and items for inclusion should now be sent to [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)**



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# A Message From The Editor

HELLO EVERYONE

HETHERSETT hung out the flags and the bunting to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

There were comments before the weekend that not enough events were being organised in the community but really this was a celebration for individuals as much as anything else. A time for personal reflections and street parties.

I look upon Hethersett as an all year round community. To coin a phrase Community spirit is for life and not just for a national celebration.

And we do have a wonderful community. I attended as many celebration events as possible over the four days, but was always aware that there were just too many to get to.

The scarecrow trail brought smiles to everyone's faces, there was a major sporting event held by Hethersett Hawks on the Memorial Playing Field and a special afternoon tea organised by Hethersett Hearts at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex.

Then there was a flower festival in the parish church and a legacy walking trail which was launched to co-incide with the event.

You can read about these events in this special jubilee edition of Hethersett Herald.

I would also like to welcome Sarah Lawrence as our new Associate Editor. Sarah epitomises what is good about our village, volunteering in a number of

capacities including being vice-chair of Hethersett Parish Council and so much more. She also writes a regular column in the Herald and, in her new role, will also be covering other Hethersett events for us.



This is another very full issue of Herald and I hope that everyone finds something of interest within its pages.

I look upon Hethersett Herald as a multi-faceted publication featuring news, campaigns and everything that is good in the village, but also not shying away from the issues that affect us all.

It would be wrong to pretend that we have a Utopian style society with no problems. What we do have, without any shadow of a doubt, is a whole army of volunteers and people prepared to ensure that our community is vibrant and caring.

I have lived in Hethersett for well over 40 years. Today's Hethersett is as good and as caring as ever.

I would love to hear from anyone with news and features about the village as we continue to develop your e-magazine and its sister publication Good News which you can read about later in this edition.

PETER

ON the next pages you can read about just some of the events held in Hethersett to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

# Hethersett's Scarecrow Trail



Hethersett celebrating the Queen's landmark jubilee

SCARECROWS of all shapes and sizes brightened up the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in Hethersett and raised funds for the village's two primary schools.

A total of 28 scarecrows with a theme of "The World" were on display for a week from the end of May to the end of the four day





jubilee weekend celebrations.

Over £535 was raised from the sale of trail maps and this will be split between the Friends of Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery and the Friends of Hethersett VC Primary School.

It was the first event organised jointly by the two Friends' groups and it is hoped that scarecrows will become a regular annual event.

Organisers said that they had learnt considerably from the inaugural event and



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would be tweaking the event a little for 2023.

Photographs of the scarecrows from throughout the village are courtesy of the editor Peter Steward and associate editor Sarah Lawrence.

We hope you enjoy the coverage of what was a very colourful spectacle.











IN the June edition of Hethersett Herald we featured an article on the 10th anniversary of the day that the Olympic flame came to the village.

Organiser of that event, Shane Hull, contacted us to say: "It was great to reminisce as a result of your flame arrival article. However, in the mists of time you seem to have a couple of facts inadvertently confused? The flame in the Olympic Lantern was very real, having been kindled at Olympia and transported securely to Hethersett by the Met Police. The health and safety aspect referred to the "Hethersett Torch" designed and made by Hethersett High School Science pupils and village blacksmith Reggie Loveday -that flame was acrylic."

We are very happy to correct our wrong assumption.



A special jubilee banner on Hethersett Methodist Church during the celebrations.

The church is celebrating its centenary this year and you can read about this elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

## Hethersett Supporting Ukraine

Do You  
Have a Guest  
Staying With You  
from  
**Ukraine?**



Hethersett Methodist Church  
*Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB*

is offering

a **Gathering Space**

a **Coffee**

*(Tea and Squash is also available!)*

a **Warm Welcome**

Come and Join Us  
at the

**Coffee Stop**

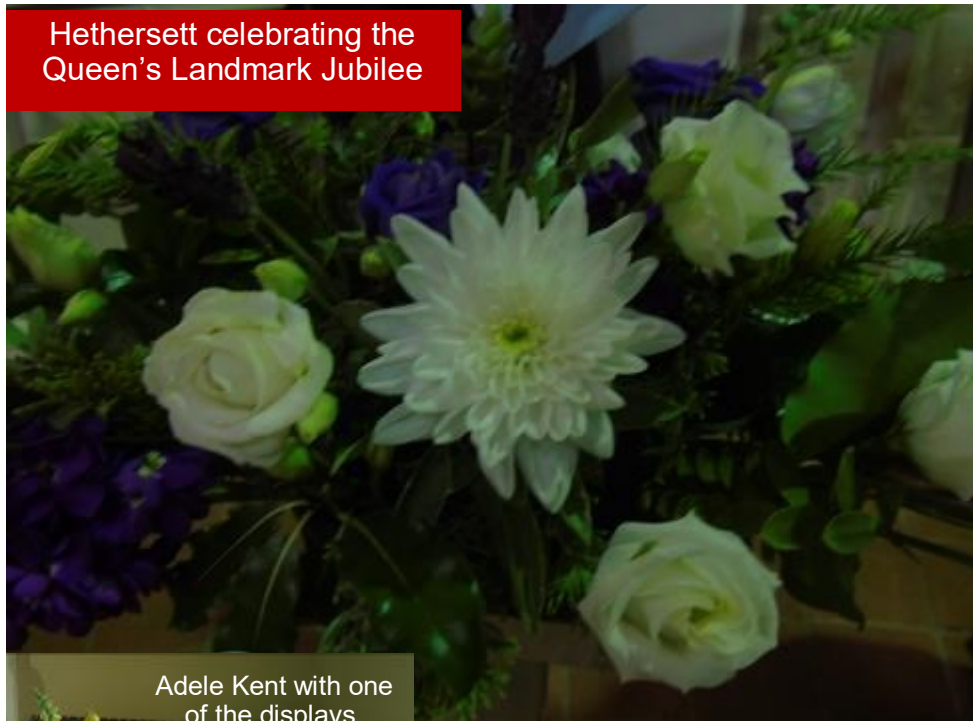
9am to 12pm  
Every Wednesday

# Colour in an Historic Setting

ONE of the highlights of the Jubilee celebrations in Hethersett was a four day flower festival in St Remigius Church. The following photographs were taken during the festival by Peter Steward and event organiser Adele Kent.



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Adele Kent with one of the displays.





Images are from the four day flower festival in St Remigius.

On the previous page one of the organisers Adele Kent is photographed with one of the displays.

Adele thanked all those who had taken part and helped:

“Thank you to all of our visitors for their support and kind comments. It meant a lot to all of us. Also a huge thank you to all the arrangers for all their hard work and creativeness depicting ‘The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.’ Also thanks to the stewards, choir, organist and everyone who helped to make it such a superb weekend,” Adele said.



**More images of the flower festival. Photographs on this page are courtesy of Adele Kent. A couple of scarecrow interlopers even managed to get into the action.**

# Fun and Laughter as Players Return



**By Peter Steward**

HETHERSETT Players are back.

Two days in June saw the village drama group springing back into action after re-forming in 2019 but then being frustrated by lockdown for three years.

So it was fitting that Players should kick off their new era with a couple of short comedy plays—one of which featured lockdown as its theme.

“Last Tango in Little Grimley” and “Lockdown in Little Grimley” provided the ideal kind of light entertainment we need as we get back to some kind of normality. The plays are by David Tristram, a playwright who by his own admission only writes comedy because he cannot take himself seriously.

Thankfully Hethersett Players are nothing like their Little Grimley counterparts. The drama group from that fictitious town are downright awful.

**David Hall as Gordon, Emma Court as Margaret, Danny Ellero as Bernard and Vicki Gale as Joyce in Last Tango in Little Grimley—the latest production from the re-formed Hethersett Players. Photograph courtesy of Hethersett Players.**

They attract audiences in single figures and lose money by the bucketload. So something has to be done and “Last Tango in Little Grimley” is their attempt to spice up their act (literally) with a risqué script.

“Lockdown in Little Grimley” is less effective but nonetheless topical. Together the two mini plays provided an excellent evening and afternoon’s entertainment on 18th and 19th June.

Eight actors/actresses were involved on stage and there was the usual army of helpers offstage to ensure it all went

smoothly. The same characters appeared in both plays, but with different quartets for each.

All coped well with the comedy timing needed to make such plays a success. In "Last Tango in Little Grimley" Gordon was played by David Hall, Margaret by Emma Court, Joyce by Vicki Gayle and Bernard by Danny Elloro, For "Lockdown in Little Grimley," Gordon was played by Ian Whiting, Margaret by Jane Cole, Joyce by Lynne Wood and Bernard by Sandra Warman. The plays were directed by Lloyd Parfitt.

A drama group in Hethersett goes back over 50 years to 1969, initially being under the auspices of Norfolk Education Department before going independent in 1975.

Sadly diminishing interest and numbers forced the group to disband in 1999. Four years later Players re-formed.

Once again Players were went out of business in 2016 after 14 shows.

In 2019, the Players group was resurrected again with big plans to bring live drama back to Hethersett. But this time the pandemic put paid to plans, although the group went virtual, producing two plays on the 1920s radio show Flash Gordon via the Internet.

And so to 2022 and Players looked in good shape as they united with Little Grimley to get back into action..

Writing in the programme, Players' chairman Paul Judkins spoke of his pride in putting the performances on:

"I want to thank all members who have worked extremely hard to put the show on. Each and every member and all volunteers, play a vital part in helping the group to be successful. I'm proud of everyone and hope that we can bring more performances to you in the coming years," he said.

## Pavilion Project Set To Go Ahead

FEARS that a proposed new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field wouldn't go ahead due to escalating costs have been allayed.

A special meeting of Hethersett Parish Council on 6th June heard that spiralling costs could put the project in jeopardy.

"Trustees appreciate that over the time taken to develop the project, anticipated costs had risen alarmingly and there was a potential threat to the project that has been so long in development and from which there is such and obvious and eagerly anticipated need," parish councillors were told by the playing field trustees.

The meeting decided, however, that the project should go ahead and approved an increase of £47,015 which will be met from parish reserves.

The cost of the pavilion has now risen to £864,555 much of which will be met by various grants. It is expected to start work on the new pavilion this summer with the project being completed by next spring.



# Youth At The Helm

**TWO Hethersett youngsters made a major contribution to the success of the platinum jubilee celebrations. Here we report on Josh Nicol's work in the community and Ethan Hayes' special sale outside the PACT Charity shop in Great Melton Road.**

GARDENING, car washing and dog walking are all in a day's work for Hethersett youngster Josh Nicol.

For the past few weeks, Josh has been helping in the community as part of a community-based project at his school in Norwich.

Ably supported and assisted by dad Michael, Josh is keen to continue helping even after his project is completed.

He also took his helping hands into Jubilee weekend by serving at the Hethersett Hearts event at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road.

Josh said that he thoroughly enjoys helping people, particularly the elderly and his school project helped him to support Hethersett people during the jubilee celebrations. His work has received accolades on social media and he is keen to continue even when his school project is complete.

Dad Michael believes that there are plenty of people in the village needing help in some way: "There must be plenty of people who need help who are either too apprehensive or embarrassed to ask," he said.





## Josh Supports Animal Charity

ETHAN Hayes raised an impressive £150 for the PACT animal charity from a stall with games, tombola, lucky dip and jubilee cakes outside the shop in Great Melton Road on Bank Holiday Friday.

Ethan, who is a pupil at Hethersett Academy, ran a similar stall a number of years ago before COVID struck, putting a temporary end to his fundraising efforts.

"I just enjoy helping out and love animals. It is a way of supporting both animals and the environment,"



Ethan said, adding that he had received tremendous support from his mum Kerry who is relief manager at the PACT shop.

Ethan admitted that he had been “buzzing all day” with the amount

raised and is already planning another event for the August Bank Holiday.

“Originally we were going to do it on the August Bank Holiday but then we decided that having a jubilee theme would be ideal,” Ethan added.

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# Ready For The Bloomin Judges

**By Jill Williams**

The Hethersett in Bloom group has finished all the planting at the Woodcote Sheltered Housing, and in the planters outside the Methodist Church.

At the time of writing we had only completed half of the planting at the church, but the photo gives an idea of the result. We have finally been given a date for judging by two Royal Horticultural Society judges; the morning of the 13th July. We are feeling both excited and apprehensive.

While we are delighted at how things are looking at these three areas of planting, and are confident that we have fulfilled the criteria for horticultural excellence and sustainability, we are actually very disappointed in the response of the village to our appeals for involvement. One could say that the main point of the Bloom competition is to encourage communities to get together to improve their immediate environment, and to increase the sense of pride in the village.

It also provides a focus for sociability, neighbourliness and can decrease loneliness and isolation. But we can't do any of these things if we are not joined by other people! We started off as a very small group and, although we have worked extremely hard ourselves, we have not succeeded in bringing people on board and introducing new ideas and differing experiences. It's a real shame, and a missed opportunity, because our intentions were good.

New plantings uplift the spirits and make us all happier. We'll let you know how we get on, but it is possible we may not hear ourselves until September.



# Jubilee Spruce Up

THE special platinum jubilee village litter pick saw 41 volunteers collect 24 bags of rubbish from various parts of the village. There were a number of younger pickers taking part.

Ronan Sprake won a bar of chocolate prize for finding the most unusual articles—a bucket, a balaclava and a pair of socks.

The next litter pick will take place at the end of July. Photographs of the litter pick on this page are courtesy of Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence.





# Hethersett's Heart

HETHERSETT Hearts held a hugely successful tea and fun event in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road.

The lounge was full for an afternoon of food, fellowship, competitions and games as part of the village's platinum jubilee celebrations.

The loyal toast to the Queen was proposed by Hethersett's county and district council representative David Bills and scheme manager Stephen Baxter paid tribute to the hard work of



Mike Johns entertained with musical ditties accompanying himself on guitar.



Woodcote resident Richard Headicar with a special platinum jubilee cake which he won in a raffle.



Hethersett Hearts in setting up the afternoon.

Among the helpers was 10-year-old Josh Nicol who was carrying out duties as part of a community project which you can read about on page 17 of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

**Hethersett Hearts volunteers line-up for the camera. Photographs in this article are by Peter Steward, Hethersett Hearts and Viv Mountain.**

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## Looking For A Bright Future

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**THERE is new management at Hethersett King's Head. Herald editor Peter Steward popped along for a chat with landlady Jill Tickle and manager Vicky Poole about the new structures and what the future holds for the historic venue.**

YOU only have to spend relatively short time in the presence of Jill Tickle and Vicky Poole for their enthusiasm to revive the King's Head to shine through.

Jill has taken over as landlady of the historic Hethersett venue and has

promised exciting changes over the coming months and years.

This includes not only internal and external changes but also bringing the King's Head back to the community it serves.

Regular events are being lined-up such as fundays for the kids, quiz nights and a new snug coffee idea where coffee and cake will be served in the snug every day from 10 am until 5 pm.

Jill has been involved in the licensing trade for most of her life and admits that it is a hobby as well as a job: "I am always on the lookout for ideas when I visit a pub," she said.

"I've been a local in the pub for the past 15 years and I would always make plans in my head of the things I'd do differently every time I visited," she told the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper."

"It's such a lovely pub and I love Hethersett as well. We want to wake the King's up a little. I grew up in pubs and once you've done that it's like a switch that you cannot turn off. I was so concerned that the King's Head would be turned into a private house. Every pub that becomes a private residence is letting the local community down.," Jill said.

And to paraphrase that famous promise from the Kevin Costner film Field of Dreams: "If we build it they will come," Jill said with the "they" being customers. "We really want people to come here and feel really at home."

That "feeling at home" idea will see the old and tired fireplace renovated with a new wood burner, new signage, new barbecue/cooking areas in the garden, the knocking down of the old wooden building in the back garden. Already planned are themed food nights such as Fish and Fizz on and Steak Nights and the pub is once again open seven days a week with food being served every day. There will also be regular live music evenings including jazz, soul and acoustic events, There will also be quiz evenings on Tuesdays..

Jill wants the King's to become both a pub for locals and also what she refers to as "a destination" pub. That means a place where local people can feel at home but also somewhere that people are prepared to jump in their cars to visit from further afield.



**Jill Tickle and Vicky Poole—ready to rejuvenate Hethersett King's Head**

And to show her determination to “bring the pub back to it’s best,” she has already overseen a programme of internal decoration to show that she means business in every sense of the word.

Throughout a period of transition Jill has been helped by manager Vicky Poole who was born and brought up in Hethersett and has a very good idea about what makes the village tick and what local people want from a top class pub.

“Vicky absolutely understands what we are trying to achieve and has been totally supportive,” Jill added.

The pub’s menu has been re-designed by Head Chef Michael Mann and food is now served from midday to 3 pm and 5 to 8 pm on Monday to Thursday and midday to 9 pm on Saturday and from midday to 6 pm on Sunday.

Jill’s company Tickles Taverns also runs the historic Green Dragon at Wymondham. And she sees the two venues working hand in hand whilst each retains its own unique character.

Jill and Vicky acknowledge that the King’s has had a rather checkered history over a number of years with numerous changes of landlord and COVID. It was also closed for the best part of two years, falling into a bad state of repair.

“We are hoping to provide some much needed consistency. These aren’t false promises. We absolutely believe in the place and we really do care about it,” Jill said.

Jill summed up what she is trying to achieve with her parting words: “We want to give people a good experience from the time they walk in through the door until the time they leave. That means giving them good service, good food and drink and a good ambiance. I think people are intrigued to find out what we will be doing with the pub. We are very much looking forward to becoming an integral part of Hethersett” she said.

A new website and Facebook page is being worked on and the venue is looking for staff in all areas from chefs to bar staff and cleaners. Anyone interested in working at the King’s should contact Jill Tickle on 07525 687962.





# Street Parties Pictorial

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A number of roads enjoyed street parties over the four day Bank Holiday. Here we include photographs of just some of them.

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The photographs of the Birch Road celebrations were taken and sent to us by Kay Tate.

# Platinum Jubilee—Around the Village



Bob Stevens hung the flags out for the jubilee celebrations in Lakeland Way. These photographs were sent to us by his daughter Lorraine Carter.



In the pictures below, residents of Rowan Gardens enjoy the celebrations with a tea party.

Photographs courtesy of Viv Mountain



Thank you to everyone who sent us photographs of the Jubilee celebrations. The weather may have turned nasty but it failed to dampen spirits.



# Look What We Saw In Hethersett



**THIS Monarch vehicle was seen in the village on its way to the Strumpshaw Steam Rally over the jubilee weekend.**



# An Historic Lasting Legacy

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



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

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



A Tree-Lined Walk Through Hethersett's  
History

You can view a sample page from the booklet on the next page. The entire trail can be downloaded from Hethersett Parish Council’s website at:

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ar816WuemGYqgegpxHxB19BATzqTaw>

Just log on and follow the links.

## Warning Over Rogue Traders

A warning has been issued for Hethersett residents to be on their guard against rogue traders.

Three men offering to pressure wash driveways, have been quoting £140 for the work, doing a small amount and then demanding a higher payment.

The men are using a white Ford Transit van with red and black writing. One resident was charged over £500.

If you are unsure about any traders or concerned please contact the Citizen’s Advice helpline on 0808 223 1133 or Norfolk Police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency.



1. The walk starts at the Village Hall which was opened in 1994 following the building of the Steepletower Estate. The playing field on the left-hand side of the Hall has a coppiced tree belt around its perimeter. The native tree mix including hazel, guelder rose, blackthorn and spindle was planted by the Norwich Fringe Project with help from local volunteers to celebrate the Millennium. In February 2022 Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) added a border of Wildflowers. There is a tasty apple near the gate and the Millennium Oak (the iconic tree of Hethersett) stands on its own near the Hall. In the car park, barberry and cotoneaster (a Himalayan native) provide winter berries for hungry birds and laurel makes an all-year-round green fence.



2. Turn right out of the car park into Back Lane (the Backs are local landowners) and then left at the junction into Henstead Road. Pass an old smithy and Miller's Row on the left. The cottages were built in 1823 by James Miller, landlord of the Queen's Head. The arch leads to a well once said to provide the best drinking water in Hethersett. Many of the Millers were harness makers and sold them from a lean-to at the end of the row.
3. Turn right with the Church Hall (built in the early 1850s and originally a school) on the left into Lynch Green. Before the Enclosure Acts (1800) this area was part of an ancient open common, which extended towards Wymondham.



4. Lynch Green has many fine oaks which were probably boundary trees. Pass, on the right-hand side, a hornbeam hedge, some beautiful horse chestnuts (which get infected with leaf miner every summer), yew, holly and a large false acacia.

**Congratulations to Little Melton resident Wendy Kimberley who was awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours.**

**Wendy is a self taught artist and, during the COVID pandemic, depicted 50 of her friends and colleagues. Wendy who works at Wymondham Health Centre was honoured for charitable services to the NHS through her Portraits for Heroes initiative.**



**Wendy told the local Media that she was astounded by the news.**

## Red Sky At Night—Shepherd's Delight



**This lovely photograph of a red sky was taken by Hethersett resident Leonie Pritchard on June 19th.**



## Church Hall Exceeds Expectations

HETHERSETT Church Hall has been sold for £262,000. The building, which has planning permission to turn it into a four bedroom home, was auctioned on June 15th and far exceeded its guide price of £175,000.

The building has been used as a community hall since 1956 when it was bought by the church. But the building, which is in need of some serious work, became something of a millstone around the church's neck and a drain on finances.

Parts of the building will be kept and integrated into the new home.

The building was originally known as the British School and was built between 1850 and 1854. Much of the original building will be kept with the more modern additions being demolished including a 1950s kitchen extension and a 1980s toilet block. The main hall, the Jubilee Room will be kept and exteriors will be restored to make a four bedroom property set in its own gardens.

The new home will feature a ground floor entrance hall, a toilet, study, kitchen/dining room, utility room and living room. The first floor will include four bedrooms one of which will be ensuite. There will also be a store room and further bathroom



HETHERSETT Methodist Church is celebrating its centenary with a plea for people who were married or baptised there to get in touch.

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

“We are looking for people who had connections with the church over the years. People who were married or baptised here. People who worshipped at the church or were church leaders, preachers or ministers or part of a group that met during the week. We would love to welcome them back to celebrate our milestone,” the church said.

The church is organising a number of special centenary events including a thanksgiving for the original 1922 stone laying ceremony which will be marked with a café style service for all ages on July 17th. This will be followed by a centenary music and tea afternoon on 22nd September and a harvest thanksgiving service and parade on October 9th.

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

The organisers are also appealing for memories, photographs, newspaper cuttings and any other information on the church with the intention of mounting a display.

Any proceeds from the “special centenary events” will go towards a toilet twinning project which will see Hethersetts supporting the building of toilets in poor communities in different parts of the world, enabling families to have access to a basic toilet and clean water. Funding a toilet can cost as little as £60. Anyone with memories or materials or who would like to obtain more information about the centenary celebrations can contact the church via its website. Also see a special invite to all on page 48.



# Dogs and People Had Their Day

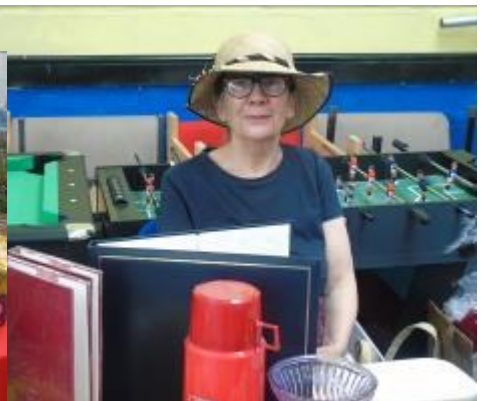
THE sun shone as the dogs had their day at Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club's fete and dog show.

Marquees, stalls, craft shows and various sales mingled with the champion pooches to help raise funds for the club.

Classes in the dog show were very varied ranging from most appealing eyes to best paw shaker, best trick and best fancy dress and many more.

There were plenty of refreshments available inside the clubroom.

We were out and about at the day which ran from midday until 3.30 pm. We hope you enjoy our montage of photographs taken on the day.





Photographs by Peter Steward



# Another School For Ghana

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

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

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

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

Now Lynne tells us that they have decided to provide the funds for yet another school in the area..

Lynne thanked them for their “incredible generosity.”

The original donation came following an article in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper. That article touched the hearts of the donors and their second donation has come after they saw how wonderful the first school is.

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



# Grants Help With Bowling Club Ditches

AS reported in the previous edition of Hethersett Herald, grants have allowed the bowls club on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field to undertake improvements to its ditches and greens.

Representatives from Saffron Community together with Hethersett's representatives on South Norfolk Council, Adrian Dearnley and David Bills visited the club to view the improvements to the ditches which have been made possible by grants from Saffron and the councillors.

“Luckily it was a smashing afternoon and there was a match in progress so all looked good,” said club official David Smith.

Our photographs are courtesy of Saffron Housing. The top photograph is of club officials with representatives from South Norfolk Council and Saffron Housing.

Below that is action on the greens and below that a photograph of the new and improved ditches.



# Hethersett Pictorial



**TWO**  
photographs of  
Hethersett St  
Remigius  
Church taken on  
the first day of  
the Platinum  
Jubilee  
celebrations on  
Thursday June  
2nd when the  
sun shone and  
the  
temperatures  
rose.



# From Around The Village

## Potential Danger Repaired

LAST month in Herald we highlighted the potential danger from a road sign that looked as if it could collapse at any moment. The pole was literally hanging on a thread.

The sign, close to the junction of Queen's Road and Henstead Road, indicates the way to the village hall.

Now the bottom of the pole has been repaired to make it safe as our photograph shows.

The base of the pole had corroded and rusted and the whole thing could have been a potential danger to anyone passing or coming into contact with it.

Parish clerk Annette Palmer asked for the column to be replaced "without further delay". It has now been repaired rather than replaced, but is safe again.

The bottom picture shows the pole as it was before repair and above that is the same pole after repairs.



# A Question of Nutrient Neutrality

How will the latest advice on 'nutrient neutrality' from environmental agencies, affect the rapid housing developments in and around the Hethersett area? Roger Morgan takes a brief look at an issue which could have a dramatic impact on the number of new homes being

NUTRIENT neutrality is the outcome achieved when a particular land use or a specific development, within catchment areas of vulnerable watercourses, does not result in an increase in phosphate and nitrate levels in those watercourses beyond current levels.

In 2019 the Conservative Party made the bold manifesto pledge to build 300,000 new homes a year by the middle of the decade. Shortages of materials, labour and drivers have already put the party's mid-2020 target in serious jeopardy.

However, the plans have been dealt a further blow, following advice issued by the environmental group Natural England (NE).

Natural England was established by an Act of Parliament in 2006 with the remit to conserve, enhance and manage the natural environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

The agency identified a serious problem with water pollution in the



Heather Gardens Hethersett

country and established that water quality was an issue, with less than 15% of rivers being in the right conditions.

A survey in Somerset estimated that 94% of this pollution came from livestock, arable farming or waste water treatment works with a further 4% coming from new homes.

Whilst this percentage may seem small, it was considered to be significant. The ammonia compounds in urine and the excessive use of phosphate rich detergents will greatly exacerbate the problem of nutrient pollution.

As a result, in mid-March, 2022, a



further 42 councils were issued with Natural England advice on nutrient neutrality. They identified a raft of protected habitats in a poor condition from nutrient pollution. Councils cannot issue any residential permissions in which nutrient pollution is not fully mitigated or offset.

The areas in Norfolk that have been identified are:

The River Wensum – with excessive levels of phosphates

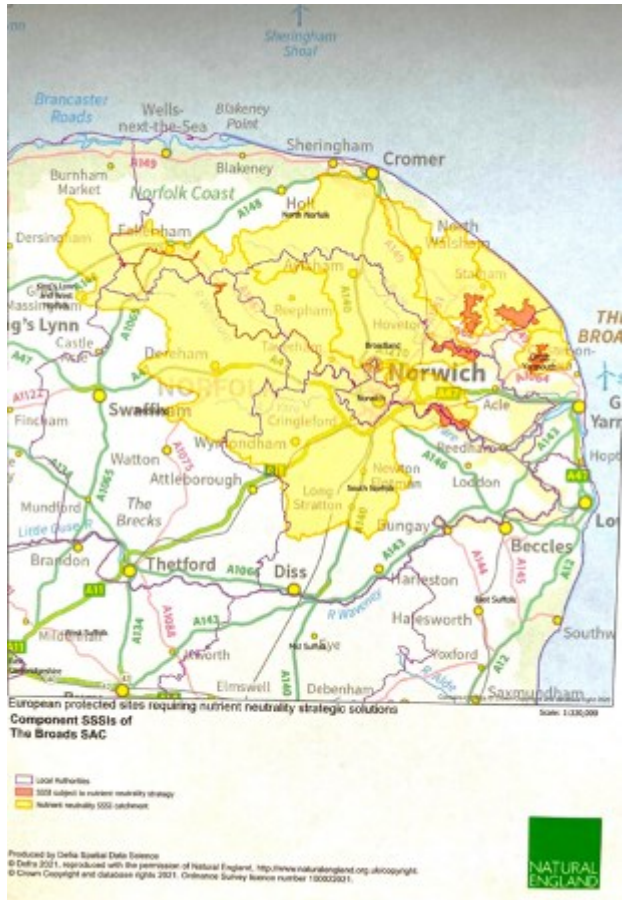
The Broads – with excessive level of both phosphates and nitrates

The map opposite shows the areas which are affected by the latest regulations. Hethersett, Cringleford and Wymondham are all in the Broads catchment area and will clearly be affected.

Natural England advice means that development decisions in the catchments for these areas has been paused, where it results in additional ‘overnight stay’, including new homes, student accommodation, care homes, tourism attractions, camp and glamping sites and holiday lets. Schools, shops and offices are not affected.

It is estimated that 100,000 new homes are now on hold indefinitely over the technical issues regarding nutrient pollution.

The guidance was issued without warning and has left local authorities



and developers scratching their heads and wondering how to proceed.

New residential developments can only happen if the nutrient load created through additional waste water from the development is fully mitigated.

Typically, this may involve creating new wetland areas to strip and fix nutrients from the water. The reed beds throughout the Broads have been doing this for many years.

This requirement will have a significant negative impact on the number of homes granted planning permission in



**A Norfolk Reed Bed**



**A local nod to the environment**

the future. Ambiguity about housing delivery and Natural England advice, means that the trajectory and the deliverability of the housing growth is being questioned.

Short term solutions being considered include improving the water efficiency of the existing housing stock at a cost of around £2,000 per dwelling. There are also ideas to pay landowners money to plant cover crops, have sediment traps and plant buffer strips.

However, the limited money on offer is unlikely to persuade farmers to agree.

In the longer term, new waste water treatment facilities will need to be provided and treatment wetlands will be established. Farmers will be encouraged to move away from intensive farming methods towards conservation programmes.

However, this may not be in line with the government's wish to improve food production in the country.



Paul and Nev of Home Farm Gin are pictured at this year's Royal Norfolk Show where they were featured in the food and drink section. They had four varieties of their gin for people to try and buy.

## Concern Over Village Speeding

HETHERSETT Parish Council is concerned about the current level of speeding in the village.

This follows the latest data supplied by a mobile SAM2 machine which provides information on speeds but doesn't identify individual details.

For the month up to 17th May, the machine was regularly used on both sides of New Road. During that time over 43,000 vehicles were checked with the majority (32,593) driving to the 30 mph speed limit.

A total of 8,534 were clocked at between 30 and 35 mph, 1,881 between 35 and 40 mph, 369 between 40 and 45 mph, 95 between 45 and 50 mph, 19 between 50 and 55 mph, six between 55 and 60 mph and one over

60 mph.

As the unit cannot identify individual vehicles, it could be possible that those driving at the higher levels were emergency vehicles.

The council will continue to monitor data from the machine and pass this to the police. It will also continue to support the speedwatch scheme which can identify the speeds of individual vehicles.

Meanwhile a traffic survey will be held in Back Lane before the end of the current school term to assess the need for a pedestrian crossing in the proximity of schools.

Following the survey, the county council will make a decision on whether a crossing is needed or not.

### Parish Shorts

Talks are ongoing to set-up a permanent post office and find a permanent postmaster/mistress for the village, the parish council heard. Current temporary postmaster Kevin Salmon has indicated that he wishes to leave the post at the end of August. Mr Salmon took over the temporary role when a temporary office was set-up in Hethersett Library following the shutting of the previous post office in Oak Square.

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Anglian Water is looking to site a smart meter antenna in the village and has asked the parish council's permission to place it in the grounds of the village hall. After a lengthy discussion, councillors decided that they needed more information on the matter, along with details of emissions from such a structure. They will also be asking Anglia Water to consider alternative locations bearing in mind the possibility of future expansion and changes at the village hall.

# News From The Parish Council

## Going Electric With An Open Mind

THE council is keeping an open mind when it comes to having electric charging points for cars in the centre of the village.

South Norfolk Council is contacting individual parishes to assess the interest in a district-wide network of charging points.

Hethersett will of course have charging points with news that they will be supplied at Thickthorn which is technically in our parish.

Councillor Mike Stark said: "Electric cars are the future and this idea is worth exploring." Chairman Adrienne Quinlan agreed but sounded a note of caution with charging points needing to be in an accessible car park and available 24 hours a day. At present the only car park meeting that criteria in Hethersett is the parish council owned park next to Tesco Express and putting in electric charging points would cut the capacity of what is a relatively small car park.

It was also pointed out that substantial large cabling would be required to be installed to provide quick charging units. It was thought that the majority of Hethersett residents have their own driveways from where to charge their vehicles.

Mr Stark added that the idea shouldn't be turned down out of hand as other areas in the village such as the Memorial Playing Field and the Village Hall might be suitable for charging points in the future.

Councillors agreed to "keep the door open" on the subject and to investigate possibilities for the future.

An octagonal bandstand style structure in the grounds of the former Woodside School in Firs Road should be moved and saved as part of the village's heritage, parish councillors heard at their latest meeting.

County and district councillor David Bills told councillors that money for the structure had been raised by the Friends of the School and he felt it to be an historic structure that should find a new permanent home.

A decision on the future of the structure will be made by the parish council at a later date.

In the meantime, councillors have agreed that a special plaque commemorating the day the Olympic flame came to the village in 2012 should be put up in the new Memorial Playing Field pavilion once it has been built.

# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: July 18th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st and December 19th.

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

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

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

## How To Contact The Parish Council

Parish clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 07902 322729 or via email at [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

The council has a website at

[www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://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.

HETHERSETT Parish Council is to continue its fight to have double yellow lines extended from the junction of Great Melton Road and Henstead Road.

If successful the cost of this could be met from a road safety community fund.

Councillors are concerned for the safety of motorists and buses negotiating the corner of the junction.

# News From The Parish Council

Below are details of the 14 parish councillors

| Position    | Name               | Address                   | Telephone     |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Chairman    | Adrienne Quinlan   | 8 Childs Road, NR9 3HN    | 814379        |
| Vice-Chair  | Sarah Lawrence     | c/o Parish Council Office | Via the clerk |
| Councillors | Katie Adams        | c/o Parish Council Office | Via the clerk |
|             | Leslie Dale        | 46 New Road               | 810952        |
|             | Anne Edwards       | 6 Queen's Road            | 812309        |
|             | Samantha England   | c/o Parish Council Office | 07582225895   |
|             | Jonathan Looome    | 6 Miller Close            | 07799608978   |
|             | Chris Morriss      | 19 Haconsfield            | 810060        |
|             | Eileen Mulvaney    | C/o Parish Council Office | Via the clerk |
|             | John Nightingale   | 2 Buckingham Drive        | 811513        |
|             | Stephen Slack      | 70 Priory Road            | 811824        |
|             | Mike Stark         | 61 Lynch Green            | Via the clerk |
|             | Jennifer Walpole   | 16 Cann's Lane            | 811932        |
|             | Bridget Williamson | 8 Churchfields            | 810259        |

## Parish Shorts

The council has given the go-ahead for the Norfolk Plant Heritage group to continue holding fairs at the village hall, providing proper marshalling for car parking is provided. The organisers have agreed to ensure this is the case and that nobody parks on the re-wilding areas. The next Heritage Fair will be on 28th August, followed by another on 30th April, 2023. Councillors agreed that the events are well organised and an asset for Hethersett.

The council is still looking for a trustee for Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. Appeals have failed to come up with a new trustee. Anyone interested in finding out more about the role or applying for it should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer whose contact details can be found elsewhere in this edition.

# News From The Parish Council

## To Re-Wild or Not To Re-Wild—That Is The Question

SHOULD the area around the village sign off the B1172 be returned to its former “cut state” or continue to encourage bio-diversity and re-wilding?

That was the question parish councillors faced at their June meeting.

The discussion was prompted by Councillor Chris Morriss who had cut an area around the edge of the site after finding it overgrown and a “hazard to motorists.”

Mr Morriss, who is also chairman of the Haconsfield Residents’ Society, said he had been approached by local residents who had complained about the dangers motorists faced through not being able to see.

“I cut a strip around the area so that motorists could see, but there were objections from parish councillors to what I had done and I was asked to promise not to do it again. Can I have an assurance that the edges will be cut in order to ensure road safety?” he said.

Parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan admitted asking Mr Morriss not to cut the verges.

Members agreed that Hethersett Environmental Action Group, which is under the auspices of the parish council, should be asked to discuss re-wilding in the village as a whole and come up with a comprehensive report on the subject.

Our photographs show the area around the village sign and were taken on June 23rd.



# Parish Council Environmental News

## Green Charter For Hethersett

HETHESETT Parish Council is looking to produce a “green charter” for the village. Councillor Eileen Mulvaney tabled the following question at the council’s June meeting:

“How do we as a community respond in the face of opportunistic developments despite reassurances given during the recent inquiry?”

“We need to think global and act local and pull together a green charter about what is important for our village and our residents,” Ms Mulvaney said.

She agreed to put together a green charter document for the parish council to discuss before putting it out for comments from residents.



## Hethersett **Methodist** Church

*Gt Melton Road NR9 3AB*

Invites you to join us for a  
light breakfast of pastries and drinks  
**on Sunday, 17th July**  
between 9 and 10:30am.

At 10:30 we will begin  
a Café Style Service for all ages.

(Come early and bring some flowers from the garden,  
or non-perishable food\*, to help decorate the church.)

\*Any non-perishable food will be given to the Food Bank after the service



# 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

## Fun All The Way in Hethersett

STRAP yourselves in for another long one. Have I got some things to tell you about this month? Where to start?

First, some jolly exciting news. I've just been promoted to Vice Chair of Hethersett Parish Council. Council Chairman Adrienne Quinlan put me forward after previous Vice Chair Stephen Slack stood down. It's a massive honour, and something I would have wanted to do eventually, although admittedly, I hadn't thought it would happen so soon. I couldn't turn the opportunity down though. I'd never forgive myself if I did. It's hugely daunting, but hopefully I can rise to the challenge and make Hethersett proud.

Now, the elephant in the room. The Jubilee celebrations that weren't to be. So, nine months worth of meetings, preparations and emails, only for Mother Nature to step in and ruin everything on the day.

The Jubilee planning started around September, when we still weren't sure



Family time with the Hethersett scarecrows.



# Sarah's World

what would go with Covid, or if anyone would have the appetite for celebrations about the Queen! But, with a team consisting of parish councillors including myself, Anne Edwards and Jenny Walpole, along with Chairman Adrienne Quinlan, and Parish Clerk, Annette Palmer, we soldiered on regardless. Planning ramped up a notch after Christmas, with our minutes presented at each full council meeting. We secured Stella's School of Dance to perform throughout the event, and a local singer Jade Murray too. Stalls had been planned in, tickets had been issued, bunting had been sourced, as well as ice-cream and coffee vans. You get the idea. We'd put in a lot of work.

In the days leading up to the June 5th celebrations, I'd been weather watching. People told me not to, but I couldn't help myself! I didn't worry too much, after all, weather can change. That is until, three days before when I started to panic a bit. We didn't have a wet weather plan in place, that would limit numbers to an amount so small that the event wouldn't have been worth holding. We were literally at the mercy of the weather.

The morning before the event, Jenny sent an email over saying that the Wymondham Town Team had cancelled their Jubilee event because of the weather. Within a couple of moments, Adrienne called me to discuss. By this point there was also a yellow weather warning in place, so that made the decision for us really. The event was to be called off for the



First steppers enjoying the Jubilee

safety of all volunteers and attendees. It has been decided not to re-schedule the event.

Thankfully, even with the miserable weather over, the weekend and the cancellation of the Big Lunch, we still managed to find things to do. Good, considering I had booked the weekend off work! On Saturday 4th June we held the litter



# Sarah's World

pick, branded the Platinum Pick for the Jubilee weekend. We had an amazing turn-out, probably a record breaker in terms of attendance over recent years. Forty one attendees, and 21 bags of litter! Definitely an amazing figure, especially considering the weather. The next litter pick is scheduled for 30th July, at 10 am starting from the Methodist Church on Great Melton Road, hope you can join us.



Also on the Saturday after the litter pick, my eldest daughter Amelia went to a very special session of her Guides group, where families were invited along at the end to come to a mini indoor fete that they were holding to raise money for charity. We went along and played a few of the games. Hattie enjoyed the skittles and George and I giggled as we tried to stuff the sleeping bag into its outer in the speediest time (harder than it seems!) But my favourite part of the afternoon was the scones that they were serving. They were warm with jam and cream.

**A special day for the Guides (above) and materials for crown making on the right.**



The Guides were very good waitresses! I've since found out that the Guides raised £86.15 from the afternoon's fun, which is going to FABB (Food and Beverage Buggies) who provide hot drinks and lunches to the homeless in Norwich. Well done 3rd Hethersett Guides!

First Steps Playgroup also joined in on

the Jubilee fun with a special Jubilee session, with a crown-making station, bunting and snacks. The crown-making was a very popular activity, not many children went home without one! It was fully booked that day and everyone seemed to have a good time. It brings joy to my heart to see parents mingling, and the children all with smiles on their faces. It makes all the time and effort worthwhile.

Last but not least, let's not forget to talk about the massively popular Hethersett Scarecrow Trail which ran during the half term leading up to the Jubilee weekend! Again, between six of us, there were countless Whatsapp

# Sarah's World

messages flying around trying to plan it all in a hurry. Sherilee Dellar-Witt, a friend of mine and graphic designer who lives in Hethersett, designed the posters for the trail which enticed 28 scarecrow hosts (and two more who unfortunately didn't submit their forms on time) to design and make the scarecrows to put on show for the trail.

The trail was really popular, we ended up raising over £535 from the sale of maps, to be shared between the two

Primary Schools in Hethersett, Hethersett - VC and Woodside. A fantastic result for the first year, and for a trail that was quite hastily put together!

We hope to replicate the trail with a different theme in 2023, it should come together a bit easier now we've done it once. We also know of things which worked well or things we could have done differently. This year was a big learning curve.

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

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

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



# NEWS

## New landlady of village pub to make 'really exciting' changes

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This story on the new landlady of the King's Head appeared in the Eastern Daily Press and Wymondham Mercury. You can read our interview with Jill Tickle elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.



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## Press Cuttings—An Explanation

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

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

News From The Media



# From The Archives

A few of the characters from Hethersett's past. The photographs are taken from the Hethersett Heritage Archive. To see more go to:

[www.hethersettheritage.org/gallery](http://www.hethersettheritage.org/gallery)



On the left are George and Maria Moore (date unknown). They lived in a cottage overlooking Hethersett Hall. Below is Mr Riches the purveyor of turnip manure.



HADFIELD'S  
TURNIP MANURE

Mr. RICHES says - I have used your TURNIP MANURE for the past six years, and am pleased to inform you it has given me every satisfaction as to quality and weight.

# From The Archives



The picture above shows Robert "Bob" and Hilda Richardson who many people will remember for their leading roles in Hethersett Methodist Church.

Bob wrote the book *Some Fell On Stony Ground* about his life in Hethersett and the surrounding areas.

On the right is a photograph of former Hethersett resident Joyce Hodges (nee Bicker).





# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

Hethersett resident and Hethersett Herald regular contributor, John Head, is a keen photographer who regularly posts his excellent photographs on Facebook. Here we feature a selection of John's photographs taken during his wanderings in and around Hethersett, along with a description from his vivid imagination.



**Captain Nemo's Nautilus.**  
Two photographs of a cloud formation taken over the fields off New Road in November of last year. They reminded me of Captain Nemo's Nautilus in the book "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea"... but that's my vivid imagination.



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The photographs on this page, the previous page and the next page were taken during an evening walk around Hethersett from sunset into the twilight.



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**Pictures of the Strawberry Supermoon taken in June across the field opposite the junction of New Road. All photographs courtesy of Hethersett Herald columnist John Head**



# Stone of Commemoration

*By Peter Steward*

**Over a quarter of a century has passed since more than a ton of Caen Stone made its way up Norwich Cathedral Close to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the building of the Cathedral.**

**I met up in Hethersett to have a chat with the two men who were instrumental in bringing the commemorative stone to Norwich.**

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COVID prevented the 25th anniversary being marked but now, after 26 years, two of the men behind the commemoration stone looked back with pride on what they achieved.

Such was the involvement in the project of John Tarrant and Hugh Tusting that they still jokingly refer to each other as Caen Stone One and Caen Stone Two.

The idea of a commemoration stone came from John who, at the time, was deputy vice chancellor at the University of East Anglia.



**The stone as it is today—in need of a clean and spruce up.**

He often held field trips for students which included studying structures and building materials and this gave him the idea of bringing a commemoration stone to Norwich from Caen in Northern France where the original stone used in the building of Norwich Cathedral came from at the end of the 11th century.

He was keen to do

something “a bit more unusual” to mark the occasion.

One of the first things John did was enlist the help of Hugh Tusting from Wymondham.

“I needed somebody who knew about building materials, knew about sailing and somebody who couldn’t think quick enough not to help,” John joked. The duo worked

tirelessly alongside the Cathedral authorities to make their unusual dream a reality.

“I couldn’t have done it without Hugh’s expertise,” John added.

There followed a period of what the duo referred to as: “hard work with some stress but with lots of fun.”

“We contacted the Mayor of Caen to ask them if the stone quarries were still open and we got a reply to say that the quarries were still open to provide materials to repair buildings in both France and the United Kingdom. We asked them if they could provide us with a stone and they even agreed to add an inscription.

“We visited Caen and had a look round the quarries. We were taken around the subterranean quarries round the city tunnels,” John said.

“The stone was a gift from the people of Caen and it was a way of celebrating a 900 year link between Caen and Norwich,” Hugh added.

At first it was planned to have the inscription in Latin, but this was changed to English.

There was still a big



Hugh Tusting and John Tarrant as they are today (above) and as they were back in 1996 (opposite)

logistical problem to get the stone to Norfolk from France and that involved a considerable amount of planning and distance driving to bring everything together.

Eventually everything did come together. The stone landed in pouring rain in Great Yarmouth and then put onto the Wherry



Albion and sailed up the river to Coldham Hall before being escorted on the final part of its journey to Norwich by a flotilla of Wherries.

Thousands lined the River Wensum to view a special pageant featuring boats of all kinds to welcome the commemoration stone in late May of 1996. It was accompanied by music as it stopped at Pull's Ferry.

Getting the stone up the Cathedral Close wasn't without its problems, however, as initially it wouldn't go under the arch at Pull's Ferry and this necessitated letting air out of the tyres of the support vehicle.

Eventually it found its way to its permanent place outside the cathedral's West Door where it was welcomed by officials from both Norwich and Caen including the Mayor of Norwich. The then Dean of Norwich Cathedral the Very Rev Stephen Platten, gave a speech in French and 900 balloons were released

The stone still stands over 26 years later outside the West Door, despite now looking a little neglected. John and Hugh would love to see it cleaned up and restored to its previous glory.

Hugh continued to live in Norfolk but John moved to live in West Yorkshire between the planning and delivery stages of the stone to take up a post as vice chancellor at the University of Huddersfield.

Today he is retired and lives in North Yorkshire but when he returned to Norfolk, he regularly meets up with Hugh and they reminisce about the day they brought a very important lump of Caen stone to Norwich and



The Caen stone as it was when first put in place outside the west door of Norwich Cathedral. This is how the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper reported the event:

“Thousands of people flocked to Norwich Cathedral to see a stone arrive from the French city of Caen. The event marked nine centuries since the building of the cathedral from stone quarried near Caen. Its arrival on Saturday launched a summer of festivities to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the cathedral and diocese of Norwich. The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Sir Timothy Colman, the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter Nott, and the Dean, the Very Rev Stephen Platten, accompanied the stone on its journey aboard the wherry Albion. Church bells rang as wherries and a flotilla of small boats passed along to Norwich. The stone was craned off the wherry at Pull's Ferry and taken to the cathedral in procession. There were also celebrations in the Cathedral Close, including a balloon race and bands playing.”

The stone contains the words "upon this rock I will build my church" in French.



once again united the people of two countries.

“We look back with pride on what we achieved. It was hard work and fun,” John said.

Photographs opposite are taken from John and Hugh’s private collection and originally appeared in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

They show hundreds of people lining the route down the River Wensum.



Were you at this event or do you have any memories about the 900 year celebrations. Then we would love to hear from you.

Articles and items for publication should be sent to the editor:  
[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

# First League Wins For Hawks

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages achieved their first league wins of the season and then hosted a staggering number of riders after contractors finished laying concrete in the pits the day before.

The South East Grand Prix Round Three (which doubles as a regional round of the British Youth and Junior League) attracted 65 riders, 29 of them were Under-10 and 19 came from the home club. There were A Final victories for Luca El Labany in the Under-10s and Mason Martin in the Under-16s (Other Hawks to catch the eye were Nyla El Labany, Oscar Copeland, Ronnie Harding and Aiesha Musa plus George Morris in his first competitive match). Full results -

BYJL Team Scores (U12 U14 U16 U18 and Girls)

Kesgrave 115, Norwich 59, Hethersett 55, Hellingly 23.

Grand Prix Finals

Under-8: A - 1 Lincoln Powling (Kesgrave), 2 Freddie Mower (Gt Blakenham), 3 Alfie Rawlings (Kesgrave), 4 Lauren Fenn (Kesgrave).

B - 1 Leo Piggott (Gt Blakenham), 2 Harry Holder (Gt Blakenham), 3 Alfie Gunn (Hethersett), 4 Freddie Faies (Gt Blakenham).

C - 1 Evie Fenn (Kesgrave), 2 Nyla El Labany (Hethersett), 3 Grace Cameron (Hethersett), 4 Brody Harris (Kesgrave).

D - 1 Ava Harrison (Kesgrave), 2 Josh

Morris (Hethersett).

Under-10: A - 1 Luca El Labany (Hethersett), 2 Theo Case (Kesgrave), 3 Frank Spauls (Kesgrave), 4 Oscar Copeland (Hethersett).

B - 1 Ronnie Harding (Hethersett), 2 Oscar Pemberton (Kesgrave), 3 Samuel Ridley (Hellingly), 4 Jasper Johnson (Gt Blakenham).

C - 1 Austin Brailey (Hethersett), 2 Caiden Rawlings (Kesgrave), 3 George Morris (Hethersett), 4 Arlo Davies (Hethersett).

D - 1 Harry Holder (Gt Blakenham), 2 Noah Cameron (Hethersett), 3 Oliver Spurgeon (Kesgrave).

Under-12: A - 1 Ollie Edmunds (Kesgrave), 2 Demi-Blu Harris (Kesgrave), 3 Connor Jarrett (Kesgrave), 4 Will Blackmore (Norwich).

B - 1 Harry Ridley (Hellingly), 2 Charlie Spurgeon (Kesgrave), 3 Isaac Powling (Kesgrave), 4 Lola Martin (Hethersett).

C - 1 Zachary Eastwood (Norwich), 2 Jamal Musa (Hethersett).

Under-14: A - 1 Shaun Kell (Norwich), 2 Harvey Shumake (Kesgrave), 3 Oscar Hammond (Kesgrave), 4 Luca Woodhouse (Kesgrave).

B - 1 Paul Edwards (Hellingly), 2 Dylan Geer (Hellingly), 3 Will Clarke (Hethersett), 4 Matthew Sidell (Hethersett).

Under-16\*: A - 1 Mason Martin (Hethersett).

Under-18\*: A - 1 Tom Blackmore (Norwich).

Girls\*: A - 1 Ella Case (Kesgrave), 2 Aiesha Musa (Hetherset), 3 Josie Kell (Norwich), 4 Amelia Dodson (Hetherset).

Seniors\*: A - 1 Noah Woodhouse (Kesgrave), 2 Owen Wells (Ipswich), 3 Fraser Harris (Ipswich), 4 Jamie Medler (Norwich).

B - 1 Luke Dunningham (Ipswich), 2 Paul Delaiche (Hetherset).

Veterans\*: A - 1 Paddy Wenn (Norwich), 2 Rory Freeman (Norwich), 3 Steve Hammond (Kesgrave), 4 Paul Jay (Kesgrave).

B - 1 Barrie Geer (Hellingly), 2 Gavin Whitehouse (Gt Blakenham).

\* Qualifying heats for these categories were raced as one competition with 18 riders.

Hawks travelled to Great Blakenham for South East League matches. The Division Two team was weakened by holidays and work commitments but put on an excellent show to record their first win of the season. Mason Martin was outstanding, scoring a maximum while Glyn Morgan, a week after extending his lead in the Eurovets Over-60s series by winning in Glasgow, had his first league outing of the season and was beaten only once. A steady start then saw Hawks pull away when Morgan assisted Aiesha Musa to a 7-3 win and then substitute Dave Martin came in for two 7-3 wins to set the Hawks on course for their 87-73 win. Result: Great Blakenham B 73, Hetherset 87.

Hetherset scorers: Mason Martin 20, Glyn Morgan 17+2, Paul Delaiche 16+1, Lola Martin 12, Aiesha Musa 11, Dave Martin 6+2, Oscar Copeland 4, Jamal Musa 1.

Disaster befell Great Blakenham for the Youth League fixture as late call-offs reduced their team to just three riders. They borrowed some riders from Hetherset to make sure a competitive match ensued and indeed Blakenham won it 66-64. Of course the official score will look much different once guest rider scores were adjusted giving Hetherset a comfortable win. Luca El Labany was unbeaten by a home rider and Aiesha Musa dropped just two points. Great Blakenham Under-16s 36, Hetherset Under-16s 80. Hetherset scorers -Luca El Labany 19+1, Aiesha Musa 17+1, Lola Martin 12+2, Nyla El Labany 12+2, Austin Brailey 10+2, Oscar Copeland 10+2.

At a much more grassroots level, riders were at Eaton Park for a Wednesday night Grand Prix with expected numbers down due to school holidays. Winners on the night were Lola Martin (Under-16s) Josie Kell (Females 12+) and Paul Delaiche (Senior). The strongest Under-16 riders chose to race in the Seniors. There were some spectacular crashes involving the girls with Aiesha Musa coming off worse with an arm injury. Results of finals.

Under-12: A - 1 Lola Martin (Hetherset), 2 Jamal Musa (Hetherset).

Females 12+: A - 1 Josie Kell (Norwich), 2 Aiesha Musa (Hetherset), 3 Amelia Dodson (Hetherset).

Seniors: A - Paul Delaiche (Hetherset), 2 Harley Hamill (Hetherset), 3 Mason Martin (Hetherset), 4 Shaun Kell (Norwich).

B - McKenzie Loombe (Norwich), 2 Jamie Medler (Norwich), 3 Rory Freeman (Norwich).

# In Memory of Rod

HAWKS welcomed a big crowd to the Memorial Playing Field when they staged a special tournament to remember a person who had such an influence on the sport locally, nationally and internationally and who sadly passed away in 2020 - the Rod Witham Memorial Fours.

The first semi-final set the tone for the day after the Ipswich B team was transformed into what was essentially their A team due to start time availability of riders. This meant three strong teams chasing two final places and Hethersett left to battle for scraps of seconds and thirds. Scores were close at the interval but Suffolk side Great Blakenham won five of the next six races to ease into the final. Ipswich and Horspath (Oxfordshire) were battling for second place. An exclusion in heat 13 cost Ipswich and Horspath did all that was necessary to retain their advantage. Scores:

Great Blakenham 50 - Josh Brooke 15, Adam Peck 14, Leon Mower 13, Jamie Chittock 8.

Horspath 40 - Mark Boaler 14, Zak Payne 14, Will Jeffery 7, Steven Beesley 5.

Ipswich B 39 - Ash Hill 12, Lewis Brinkhoff 12, Ben Clarke 11, Owen Wells 4.

Hethersett 26 - Leigh Cossey 8, Paul Delaiche 5, Olly Buxton 5, Mason Martin 4 Glyn Morgan 4.

The second semi-final was an easy victory for Birmingham with Chris

Timms and Paul Heard unbeaten but the battle for second was well contested with Paddy Wenn, wearing a former Galley Pirates shirt displaying Rod Witham's name, just the difference between Norwich and Ipswich A with Birmingham B having Connor Steel's win from grid four in heat five as their highlight. Scores:

Birmingham 59 - Chris Timms 16, Paul Heard 16, Ricky Johnson 15, Mark Winwood 12.

Norwich 39 - Paddy Wenn 12, Lee Grange 10, Ben Loombe 8, Jamie Medler 7, Shaun Kell 2.

Ipswich A 35 - Fraser Harris 10, Kai Gowers 9, James Porter 9, Luke Dunningham 7.

Birmingham B 27 - Connor Steel 9, Paul Timms 7, Jake Steel 6, Bekah Humphries 5.

Next up was the consolation final and it was no surprise to see narrow semi-final losers Ipswich B take this by storm dropping just three points and with three riders unbeaten. Hethersett salvaged some home pride by taking second place, Leigh Cossey's win in heat 14 getting one of the loudest cheers of the day. "Super Vet" Glyn Morgan weighed in with a solid 11 points being probably the only rider in the field to have raced against Rod Witham. James Porter was Ipswich A's only winner while Birmingham B battled really hard for little reward. The winners trophies were presented to Ipswich B by Rod's brother Mel.

Ipswich B 61 - Ben Clarke 16, Lewis Brinkhoff 16, Ash Hill 16, Owen Wells 13.

Hethersett 42 - Leigh Cossey 12, Glyn Morgan 11, Mason Martin 11, Paul Delaiche 8, Olly Buxton 0.

Ipswich A 38 - Luke Dunningham 10, James Porrtter 10, Fraser Harris 9, Kai Gowers 9.

Birmingham B 17 - Connor Steel 5, Paul Timms 4, Jake Steel 4, Bekah Humphries 4.

After a minute's silence in memory of Rod and the National Anthem to acknowledge the Queen's Jubilee, it was down to some furious and robust racing in the grand final. No quarter was given and the crowd were immersed in some amazing racing, the likes of which had not been seen at the Hawks track for many years. Throw in the odd controversy and it was the ideal entertainment mix.

Great Blakenham set the early pace but by half-time Birmingham were two up over their two closest rivals. Their four grid one starts produced 15 points

and the other teams were then left with much to do in the last four heats.

Birmingham set about a damage limitation exercise which was enough to secure the victory by two points over Great Blakenham who finished with four wins. Scores:

Birmingham 49 - Paul Heard 14, Chris Timms 13, Ricky Johnson 11, Mark Winwood 11.

Great Blakenham 47 - Jamie Chittock 13, Josh Brooke 13, Leon Mower 11, Adam Peck 10.

Horspath 39 - Mark Boaler 13, Zak Payne 11, Will Jeffery 8, Steven Beesley 7.

Norwich 23 - Paddy Wenn 7, Ben Loombe 6, Lee Grange 6, Jamie Medler 3, McKenzie Loombe 1.

Rod's widow Karen was on hand to present trophies to all the finalists, sponsored by Yellow Brick Mortgages, and afterwards thanked the Hethersett Club for a fitting tribute to Rod.

Referees on the day were Shaun Dyball and David Ewbank.

## Miserable Run of Defeats

A miserable run of form has seen, Hethersett and Tas Valley Crick Club lose their last three matches after setting the early pace at the top of the Norfolk Alliance first division.

Hethersett opened the season with six consecutive wins but have followed that with defeats at the hand of Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers by 127 runs, Acle by 30 runs and Bradenham by six wickets.

The first team's fixtures for July are: 2nd away to Old Buckenham; 9th home to Swardeston Seconds; 16th away to Dereham, 23rd home to Sprowston, 30th away to Downham Stowe.

Hethersett plays its home games at Flordon, which is about a 15 minute drive from the village.

# News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton



## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

WE had the best of the weekend weather for our afternoon tea to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 year reign. We also had authentic bone China tea cups and saucers.

Delicious pastries and finger sandwiches were served on tiered plates along with delicately prepared desserts and scones with jam and clotted cream.

We were treated to a live performance from 1940s' sweetheart Liz Monroe singing well known songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s.

She even taking a break to play the saxophone!

It was a fabulous afternoon enjoyed by all our residents and family members. More tea anyone?

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Welcome Back Little Visitors and a Stroll To Hethersett Village

WE were delighted to welcome back our little friends from Friend in Deed this month.

Residents from Main Hall and Garden House were overjoyed to spend the morning chatting, playing games and having cuddles.

One lady was thrilled to meet her pen pal in person – finally! We look forward to our next Little Visitor session.

Later that day, we enjoyed a lovely walk to Hethersett village in what was National Walking Month.

One of our residents enjoyed telling us all about Hethersett and its history having lived there most of their lives. The sun was shining as we found a great spot to sit for a while and watch the world go by.



All photographs  
courtesy of  
Hethersett Hall

# News From Hethersett Hall



## Gentlemen's Club

Last month we had an introduction to our new club which we have set up especially for our lovely gentlemen with Tony our Ccef and volunteer John.

This gives our gentlemen the chance to get together each month for a chat about cars, sports or to enjoy a game of chess, draughts, pool, ping-pong or even darts.

We hope to host special events too, to include Beer or Whiskey tasting and even a trip out in the minibus.





# News From Hethersett Hall



A couple more photographs from the month at Hethersett Hall.

## Hethersett Herald What's On



# 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](http://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](mailto: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 August 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of July.

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

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

[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

## We Are On Facebook

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

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

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

# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

Email - [Richard@richardbacon.org.uk](mailto:Richard@richardbacon.org.uk).

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: [www.richardbacon.org.uk](http://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](mailto:dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk), Phil on 07985 695668 or at [phardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:p Hardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk) and Adrian on 07957139880.or at [adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

Website – [hethersettpc.info](http://hethersettpc.info)

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# HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



**Insp Louise BISHOP**  
Local Policing Commander

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



101 Ext: 5635



[Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk)



**PC Vicky BAILEY**  
Engagement Officer

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.



101 Ext: 1113



[Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk)



**PC Stu BARNARD**  
Beat Manager

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

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



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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

Petrol prices continue to hurtle towards the £2 a litre mark with nothing to stop them as our survey of local garages shows this month.

It's price rises across the board once again over the past month, Prices continue to be either at or approaching an all time high, however. This month's survey was taken on June 28th.

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

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

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

|                                     | Unleaded | Change | Diesel | Change |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Asda Hall Road, Norwich             | 189.7    | +14p   | 195.7  | +17p   |
| Tesco Express, Earham Road, Norwich | 190.9    | +14p   | 199.9  | +20p   |
| Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich    | 189.9    | +15p   | 196.9  | +20p   |
| Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich      | 191.9    | +15p   | 199.9  | +20p   |
| Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich      | 190.9    | +25p   | 196.9  | +18p   |
| Abbeygate Wymondham                 | 190.9    | +19p   | 199.9  | +12p   |
| Waitrose Wymondham                  | 189.9    | +21p   | 198.9  | +13p   |
| Thickthorn Services, Hethersett     | 194.9    | +16p   | 199.9  | +10p   |

# Groups and Societies

## **First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup**

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

**Email: [firststepshethersett@outlook.com](mailto:firststepshethersett@outlook.com)**

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

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

Spaces are limited to stay Covid safe.

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



# Groups and Societies

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

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

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**If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.**

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

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

[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)



# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Library Friends' Group

The widow Kett gave an enlightening presentation at the latest talk arranged by the Friends of Hethersett Library.

The Widow, alias Georgette Vale, spoke about her husband's hanging, Kett's Rebellion and her family.

A healthy attendance then enjoyed refreshments.

The next Friends' event will be on August 10th when Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens will talk about her latest book on the Great Thorpe Rail Disaster.

The Widow Kett is pictured above.



## Hethersett Women's Institute

*By Margot Markham*

Our WI has had a busy month. We enjoyed a coffee morning in a member's garden and then, to support our WI charity, we went for a walk in lovely fields south of Hethersett. More ladies joined afterwards to continue the natter at a local hostelry for lunch.

I think, like many, I was born and raised to be frugal and to learn the value of money. As my mother got older she started dishing out a bit, saying there were no pockets in a shroud. Our local solicitor, from downtown Hethersett "Dawson's Law" came to talk to us. It was interesting.

Not only did she remind us of our own mortality but it nudged us into considering our health and wealth as we age and what the future holds.

I'm not sure if my children are frugal but I do think of mummy's words "better with a warm hand than a cold one." Yes history repeats itself.

# Groups and Societies

## CRINGLEFORD & HETHERSETT FLOWER CLUB

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

Do you love flowers?

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

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

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

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

### Our 2022-2023 programme:

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Daytime Outing to English Peonies, North Walsham

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Demo by Stephanie Laing, title tba

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 – Demo by Moira Neville 'Second Hand Rose'

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 – Workshop with Rachel Andrews (Cromer florist)

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 – OPEN MEETING \* with National Demonstrator

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022 – Daytime Xmas Workshop \*

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023 – Demo by David Wright, title tba

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 – Demo by Vicki Hease, title tba

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 – AGM \* inc supper and speaker – Simon White (Beales Roses)

- **Ticketed events**

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

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Gardening Club

*By Leslie Dale*

At our meeting on Wednesday 18th May, Martin Davey spoke of "Allotments and Vegetable Gardening," covering the many facets of the works involved.

Many people will know of Martin through his appearance in the weekend section of Saturday's Eastern Daily Press newspaper, writing on gardening matters or sometimes as one of the "expert panellists" on Saturday's BBC Radio Norfolk gardening programme.

Martin's career has involved the education and training of persons involved in rural husbandry in his role as a lecturer at Easton and Otley Colleges. Currently he runs a nursery for rather special culinary plants.

In his, sometimes, humorous talk, Martin discussed many subjects including the garden conditions, earth type, whether to be sheltered or not, the costs of allotments, manure and compost properties (beware if it contains someone else's weedkilling chemicals), weeds and diseases, crop rotation, composting, green manures, no dig vegetable plots, pests from deer to slugs and avian pigeons to carrot fly. He emphasised the need for seeds to be as new as possible and stored in a cool dry environment. Finally he urged us to love ducks, geese, hedgehogs and hoverflies as pest eaters and bees as pollinators.

At our meeting on Wednesday 15th June, Richard Clark, of Panache Plants, owner of a major "national collection" of Eucomis flowering bulbs outlined some of the more common plant varieties and the foliage and flowering properties.

Originating from the Drakensburg mountains of South Africa, these bulbs become colourful plants which are as hardy as the Nerine, which some of us might associate with the Channel Islands. Having awoken from its winter hibernation the plant itself usually resembles a pineapple of many flowers with a frilly top of green leaves. There are around 200 known varieties, coming with different flower colourings and leaves which may or may not be variegated.

Eucomis are ideal for hot and dry garden locations but if well watered, grow in size, one variety at least can reach six feet high.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th July, when Neil Thomas will be advising us on trees and tree surgery. On Wednesday 17th August, Dr Tony Leech describes "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly - a look at Fungi".

# Groups and Societies

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

**By Anne Steward**

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

**A Jubilee celebration was held on 7th June with a Royal archive film and special refreshments, including a Jubilee cake baked by Pippa Downes (pictured opposite).**

**On June 21st, members were entertained by Hethersett Writers' Group which included a play written by member Tony Vale, along with prose and poetry. A lively discussion followed on the joy of writing as a hobby. Group member Anne Pearce described the process of self publishing a collection of short stories.**



**The July meetings will take place on 5th and 19th with a strawberry event planned for the latter.**

**The group was saddened to hear of the passing of both Harold Kerlake and Sir Edward Evans Lombe. Harold was a founder and committee member of the dementia support group and Sir Edward was our patron. We send our condolences to their families and friends.**

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

# Groups and Societies

## The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group)

*By Viv Hawes*

Hello once again. Another month has gone in our return to a new normal and we are beginning to see speakers queuing up to visit us.

At our meeting in May, Dr Peter Merry regaled us with many anecdotes about his training and eventual specialisation in Rheumatology and particularly how things have changed in a relatively short time. A question and answer session allowed us to learn about the latest thinking at the department.

Our meeting on 6th July is at Owlswood, Shipdham, courtesy of Jane and Robert Scarfe with Professor Karl Gaffney as guest but we have a meeting on 27th July in the village hall at Hethersett with our speaker, retired Detective Superintendent Ian Sturgess. Some of you may know him already as he is a former resident of Hethersett and he has promised to spill the beans on his many years of Police service.

Can I please assure everybody that all are welcome at our meetings regardless of which type of arthritis (or none) that you suffer from. As our name implies, we were once allying ourselves to the Rheumatoid form of the disease, but things have moved on so rapidly in its treatment that we felt we should embrace arthritis in all manifestations.

The orthopaedic implications are there for all sufferers and so we try to get speakers in to inform of any new developments in any/all forms of care. We do not charge for membership any longer so our entrance fee is £4 with tea and coffee and scrummy home made cake. We hope to see many of you at our next meeting, but if you require more information please call me on 01603 811347 or e-mail me at [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net).



# Groups and Societies

## SANDS Charity Craft Fair

There was a good turnout for a craft fair held in Hethersett Village Hall on June 12th organised by the Stillbirth and Neo Natal Death Charity (SANDS) which provides bereavement support services both nationally through its Freephone helpline, mobile app, online community and resources, and locally through a UK-wide network of around 100 regional support groups.

The sale was organised by Sarah Brailly and included craft stalls, refreshments, tombolas and much more including information about baby loss.

“A huge thank you to all the stall holders and customers that came out to make the craft fair a success,” Sarah said.

Photographs on this page are by Sarah Brailly and Anne Steward.



# Groups and Societies



## St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

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

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on **TUESDAY 5th JULY**.

Future Dates:

2nd August

6th September

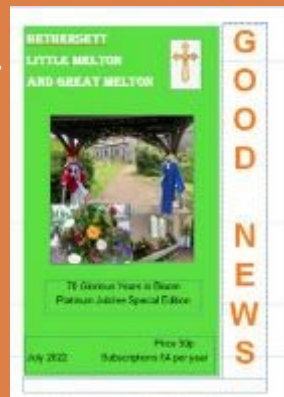
For more information tel: Pauline 01603 812610

**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.





# Hethersett Herald What's On

## July Diary

**Saturday 2nd**—Shoppers' coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

**Saturday 2nd**—Woodside School Summer Fayre, 11 am to 2 pm.

**Tuesday 5th**—Forget Me Not café in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am.

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

**Wednesday 6th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**Wednesday 6th**—RiNG visit to Owlswood at Shipdham.

**Wednesday 6th**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club trip.

**Saturday 9th**—Hethersett VC Primary School summer fete, 11 am to 2 pm.

**Wednesday 13th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**Saturday 16th**—Shoppers' coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

**Sunday 17th**—9 am to midday—Café church at Hethersett Methodist Church as part of the centenary celebrations. Pastries, teas and coffees will be served and there will be a service of celebration.

**Monday 18th**—Hethersett Parish Council, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm

**Tuesday 19th**—Forget Me Not Café in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am.

**Wednesday 20th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**Wednesday 20th**—Hethersett Gardening Club, Neil Thomas on Trees and Tree Surgery, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 25th**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club, demonstration by Stephanie Laing, Hethersett Village Hall 7.30 pm.

**Wednesday 27th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**Wednesday 27th**—The RiNG talk by retired Detective Superintendent Ian Sturgess. Hethersett Village Hall.

**Saturday 30th**—Village litter pick. Meet Methodist Church car park at 10 am.

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# Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Summer Fayre

Adults: £1  
Children: Free

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

**11 am – 2pm**

Face Painting

BBQ

Ice Cream Van

Games

Welly Wanging

Bouncy Castle

Licensed Bar

Coconut Shy

Fire Engine – Treasure Hunt – 100 square – Café – Inflatable obstacle course –  
Penalty Shoot Out – Tombola – and so much more!

Parking available at Hethersett Academy (Churchfields)

Entry to fayre through main school entrance on Coachmaker Way

# The Assassination of Kennedy—Part 3



What actually happened that day? By Phil Hardy

## Phil Hardy continues his investigation into the Kennedy assassination.

IN the last article, we saw how both Oswald and his close associate in Dallas George de Mohrenschildt died shortly after asking for help to resolve the predicaments they were in over the assassination of President Kennedy.

Whilst Oswald was an ideal fall guy pointing away in the opposite direction from key suspects in the shooting, de Mohrenschildt had started talking to journalists and had asked CIA director and future US president George H W Bush for help evading the intense scrutiny he was receiving in relation to his 'friendship' with Oswald when a congressional committee was investigating it in the late 1970s.

The Mr John Hurt who Oswald tried to telephone in the Dallas jail the evening after Kennedy's murder worked in counterintelligence in Raleigh, the same place from which the fake defector programme seeking to plant spies in Russia was run. Oswald almost blew his cover in a radio interview in New Orleans in August 1963 by saying when he was in



Moscow defecting to the Soviet Union, he was always under the protection of the American government. His concern his cover may be blown resurfaced on the afternoon of the assassination.

Dallas Deputy Sherriff Roger Craig had been at the assassination site at the time of the assassination and had heard a whistle from close to the knoll just minutes later.

A man he said was identical to Oswald then ran down the hill and climbed into a station wagon and it drove off. When Dallas Police Captain Will Fritz told

Oswald at the City jail just hours after his arrest “this man [Craig] saw you leave”, Oswald replied “I told your people I did. That station wagon belongs to Mrs Paine, don’t try to tie her into this”.

He went on to say “everyone will know who I am now”. Craig said this was no brag as it was portrayed at the time, but Oswald was despondent as if his cover would be blown, one he had cultivated with his activities for over four years.

### **Best evidence**

In most cases of murder, we have access to autopsy findings yet quite incredibly, the autopsy for the assassinated leader of the Free World was carried out by military doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland near Washington who had no experience of gunshot wounds.

In addition, the Warren Commission was never shown autopsy photographs so they could determine the direction of the shots; instead they were provided artist’s drawings.

It was likely managed this way on purpose so the truth of what happened, where the shots originated and how many people were involved in the killing, would remain uncertain forever. It also explains why there are still so many unresolved questions and theories today over what happened, almost 60 years on.

New President Lyndon Johnson had railroaded Earl Warren to head the Warren Commission despite his initial refusal as he said World War Three was possible should people think Oswald’s links to the Soviet Union and Castro’s Cuba pointed to formal Soviet and Cuban backing for the

assassination. This was the smokescreen the real perpetrators hid behind, and likely why so many participated in a cover up and accepted artist’s drawings at the time of the Warren Commission.

### **The killing of President Kennedy**

When Kennedy was shot in the head, his head dramatically jerked backwards and to his left, consistent with a shot in front of Kennedy and to his right. The sixth-floor sniper’s nest in the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) where Oswald allegedly shot Kennedy was directly behind and above Kennedy at the time of the headshot.

That someone was shooting from the sixth-floor window is not in doubt. There is serious doubt whether it was Oswald, however, as he was seen on the second floor of the TSBD less than 10 minutes before the motorcade was scheduled to arrive (it may have been as few as five minutes), and vitally, he was seen there again 90 seconds after the assassination when a policeman pointed a gun at him and asked his supervisor if he was an employee.

Multiple witnesses saw two men in the famous window of the sniper’s nest on the sixth floor of the TSBD - one with a gun - around the same time Oswald was seen on the second floor 10 minutes or so before the shooting. Witnesses assumed they were secret service agents tasked with protecting the president.

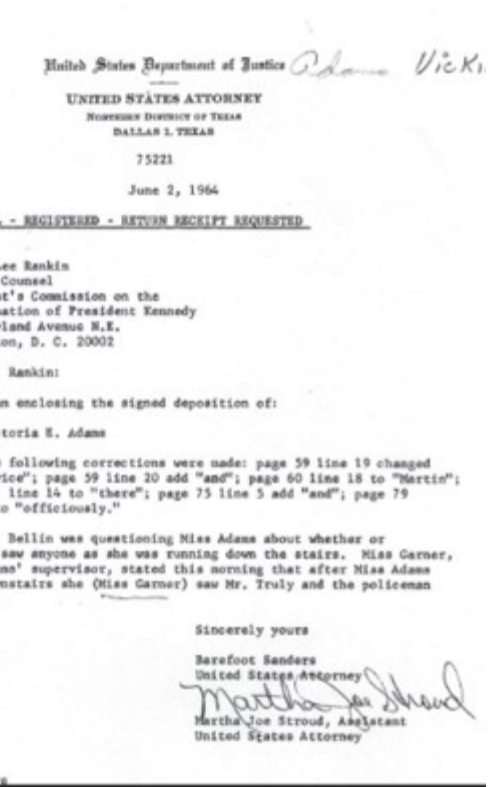
Yet some of the most explosive new evidence in the whole case completely exonerates Oswald, and disturbingly, the Warren Commission knew it all along. Vicki Adams and her fellow co-worker Sandra Styles were watching the motorcade pass from the 4th floor

of the TSBD and after the shots, just before the limousine with the mortally wounded president entered the underpass - about five seconds or so following the final shot - they saw people running up a grassy knoll in front of Kennedy and to his right and curiosity made them want to find out what was going on down there.

They walked quickly to the stairwell at the back of the floor, ran down four flights of stairs and went outside. Vicki told the Warren Commission over and over they ran down 10 – 15 seconds after the shots but the Warren Commission

concluded she was mistaken because had they done so, they would have either seen or heard Oswald on the stairs at the time he made his descent to be confronted on the second floor by the policeman just 90 seconds after the shooting.

If Oswald was running downstairs for his encounter with the policeman and his supervisor, Vicki and Sandra would have seen or heard him and the Warren Commission conceded that. So they insisted Vicki was mistaken and she and Sandra must have gone downstairs a few minutes after the shooting. Vicki made it clear her co-worker Sandra Styles could corroborate her, but the Commission did not ask her; they said they were



happy with just Vicki's testimony. When researcher Barry Ernest interviewed Vicki and Sandra in the last 15 years, it was clear Sandra corroborated Vicki that they left just seconds after the shots. But it was the discovery of a Warren Commission document suppressed for 30 years that exonerates Oswald from the shooting.

Researcher Barry Ernest found a Warren Commission document in the National Archives that makes it clear they interviewed Dorothy Garner, Vicki and Sandra's supervisor in June 1964.

The document states that having heard Vicki and Sandra go down the stairs, whilst standing close to the stairs, Garner saw Roy Truly, the building

supervisor, and the policeman come upstairs. Remember they had already encountered Oswald on the second floor when policeman Marion Baker pointed a gun at Oswald and asked if he was an employee, to which Truly confirmed he was, therefore Dorothy had seen Truly and Baker



following that encounter. If she waited by the door after her workers ran downstairs, did she see Oswald run down?

Did the Warren Commission ask her that? The document does not make that clear. But when Ernest interviewed Garner in 2011, she remembered the girls running downstairs, hearing their footsteps after they began their descent and followed them to the door. She told Ernest that she did not see Oswald come down and she would have remembered if he had. The gravity this letter has on the JFK assassination and Oswald's involvement in it cannot be understated or downplayed.

### **The frontal shot – Beyond a reasonable doubt.**

Six railroad workers standing on the Triple overpass with a bird's eye view of Dealey Plaza heard gunshots and saw puffs of smoke rise from the bushes on the grassy knoll which was in front of Kennedy and to his right at the time of the headshot.

Lee Bowers was a railroad watchman in a watch tower near the grassy knoll and he saw two men standing behind the picket fence - one was wearing a policeman's uniform - shortly before the assassination. At the time of the shooting, he said that some kind of commotion caught his eye behind the picket fence, a flash of light or a puff of smoke, something which made him believe something out of the ordinary had occurred there.

Motorcycle policeman Billy Hargis was splattered so hard with Kennedy's brain matter at the time of the headshot that he too thought he'd been hit by a bullet. Hargis was traveling behind Kennedy and to his left, consistent with a shot in front of Kennedy and to his right, in the area of the picket fence on the grassy knoll.

Grotesquely, Jackie Kennedy climbed onto the back of the presidential limousine immediately after the head shot to retrieve a portion of Kennedy's skull that had been projected behind Kennedy, also consistent with a shot from the front.



The HSCA said it was possible that Kennedy was hit in the head by two shots within a second of each other, the first from the front and the second, half a second later from behind. This is supported by a motorcycle dictabelt recording picked up by a motorcycle policeman of the shooting which has four clear shots (one too many to come from one man alone shooting behind the motorcade) and the last two shots come within a second of each other.

So many witnesses described the final two shots coming almost on top of each other and the Zapruder film taken by a Dallas dressmaker shows Kennedy's head moving backwards and to the left consistent with a frontal shot coming from the direction the puffs of smoke were seen and even smelt by multiple witnesses.

The film whilst not conclusive shows it is possible another shot struck Kennedy from behind almost simultaneously judging by the movement of Kennedy's head forwards a split second later.

Whilst an autopsy conducted by professionals with experience would have determined what happened with more precision, an observer at Bethesda did say it was obvious Kennedy had been hit in the head from in front and behind but they were sworn to secrecy. This would explain why every single doctor at Parkland hospital in Dallas described a large exit wound the size of a fist or an egg at the back of Kennedy's head and how a frontal shot would also be demonstrated on autopsy photographs that surfaced in the late 1970s, as well as the blood splatter that was projected to the front of the limousine.

Three 'tramps' who were seen by railroad watchman Lee Bowers running from the grassy knoll to a rail carriage were subsequently arrested by Dallas 'policemen' and marched through Dealey Plaza to the local police station. All three men were subsequently released with no record ever being made of who they were.

The 'policemen' marching them away from the scene of the assassination





had different hats on from one another and the trousers on one of them do not appear to fit. The 'tramps' have fresh haircuts and new shoes on and do not look like real tramps.

Notice how the police are carrying shotguns rather than rifles contrary to standard operating procedure in Dallas at the time and how the 'tramps', despite acting suspiciously at the very site the President was murdered just minutes before are not handcuffed and are nonchalantly being escorted to the police station with a member of the public walking the opposite way next to them. This would appear to be a very relaxed and laid-back way of detaining suspected presidential assassins or conspirators.

### **The killing of J D Tippit**

The murder of Dallas policeman J D Tippit on the streets of Oak Cliff 35 to 40 minutes after the assassination of

Kennedy is a perplexing mystery, just as intriguing in many ways as Kennedy's.

Oswald is said to have left the TSBD and walked up Elm Street and got on a bus. When it headed back to Dealey Plaza, the scene of the Kennedy assassination, it got stuck in traffic so Oswald got off and took a taxi outside the Greyhound bus station.

He taxied to his rooming house where he went in around 1 pm. On his arrival, his landlady told him the President had been shot and whilst he was in his room, she heard a pip of a car horn outside the rooming house, like a tit-tit. She looked out the window and saw a police car outside, in which she thought she saw two policemen. Oswald left shortly after the pips were heard with a pistol he took from his room and stood by a bus stop at 1.04 pm that would have taken him back towards Dealey

Plaza. Who was in the police car? Did it pick Oswald up? We will never know for sure but Oswald was accused of shooting officer Tippit 9/10ths of a mile away at the corner of East and Patton 12 minutes later.

Putting aside whether Oswald could have walked that distance in 12 minutes, which the official story has him doing, there is a lot of trouble with the murder of Tippit taking place at 1.16 pm.

Firstly, the witnesses to the shooting who called the police using the radio in Tippit's car did so at 1.16 pm, but said they had waited some time after the killing to do so in fear the murderer would return to the scene. In addition, a neighbour said she was watching TV with her husband at the time and the TV clearly showed it was 1.06 pm just seconds before the shots and her husband corroborated her.

Deputy Roger Craig who was in the TSBD at the time said he heard there had been a shooting from other officers and he looked at his watch which stated it was 1.06 pm. It is therefore unlikely that Oswald covered that distance by foot.

He could have got there in time in the police car that pipped its horn outside his rooming house, of course, but nobody saw him get in it in the same way nobody saw him walking between his rooming house to the scene of the Tippit murder on that 9/10ths of a mile route despite police knocking on doors along the route to establish if anyone had seen him walking or jogging.

Some witnesses said they saw two men involved in the killing of Tippit, one waving to the other to get away. Another witness said he saw Tippit roll

over following the final shot and a man get in a car and drive away.

Witnesses can often describe the same incident in different ways, particularly since they were not expecting it to happen and being in the moment can often lead to different perspectives and memories of what happened. But it was the observations of an astute car mechanic that provide indications of conspiracy in the strongest possible terms.

Carl White was at his garage at around 2 pm on 22nd November, around 50 minutes after Tippit was shot and 15 minutes after Oswald was arrested in the Texas Theatre as a suspect in Tippit's murder.

A car raced down the street and pulled into a restaurant just over the road from where Carl was and with police sirens sounding in the background, it looked suspicious. The driver of the car appeared to be trying to hide and White walked over towards the car. When he got just 10 to 15 feet from the car, the occupant looked straight at White so White stopped. He got a good look at the driver and wrote down the car registration number.

After seeing the suspect in the Dallas police station later that day on TV, he said the man in the car was identical with Lee Harvey Oswald. Yet Oswald was already in custody at 2 pm and Oswald could not officially drive in any case. White passed the registration number to a future Dallas mayor who gained media coverage of the incident and they traced the car to a Carl Mather, an employee of Collins Radio, a business that worked closely with the CIA. Furthermore, Mather was a close friend of J D Tippit.

It was Mather and his wife who went to comfort Marie Tippit, the slain officer's wife that afternoon around 3.30 pm. What Mather's vehicle was doing driving suspiciously with a driver trying to hide that looked like Oswald may never be known. But Collins' Radio received large contracts in the coming years of the war in Vietnam and had been expecting to receive funding for a radio system in Vietnam in Autumn 1963 until Kennedy had pulled the plug on the funding.

## The Killing of Oswald

When Jack Ruby silenced Oswald two days later, shooting him whilst being transferred from the Dallas Police and Court Building to the County Jail, HSCA concluded in 1978 that Ruby had help getting into the building from his police 'friends'.

Furthermore, as soon as Oswald came into sight in the basement where he was murdered, someone sounded a police car horn.

Once Oswald walked next to Ruby, the car horn is heard again and Ruby at that exact moment lunged forward and fired one shot into Oswald's abdomen. It sounded like some sort of signal. Curiously, all the Dallas police were wearing black except James Leavelle, the policeman to whom Oswald was handcuffed.

When questioned by the Warren Commission in prison, Jack Ruby asked Earl Warren if they could take him to Washington with them as he couldn't tell the truth in Dallas as his life was in danger there. Warren refused.

Shortly before he died of cancer very suddenly in 1968, Jack Ruby told a

news reporter that JFK would have not been assassinated if Adlai Stevenson - the twice beaten Democrat-candidate who was judged to be soft on communism and have a weak foreign policy - had been his vice president. When asked to repeat what he said, Ruby responded "the answer is the man in office now". The man in office then was Lyndon Johnson of Texas whose associates frequented Ruby's club.

When asked if the truth would ever be told about JFK's assassination, Ruby replied that it wouldn't. He said there were too many people in high places with a vested interest in keeping the truth relating to the assassination and Ruby's involvement from the public.

When begging Earl Warren from his jail cell to take him to Washington because his life was in danger in Dallas, he told Warren if he didn't, then a whole new form of Government would take over the country and he would not live to see him another time. All this is in the Warren Commission report and findings.

In the next article, the aftermath of the assassination over the following decade will be considered up to Watergate.

Nixon had set up the CIA-Mafia alliance to kill Castro at the same time as the Bay of Pigs invasion when he chaired the National Security Council meetings in 1959 when President Eisenhower was in poor health.

He knew Watergate burglar Edward Howard Hunt well since the early 1950s; Hunt admired Nixon's staunch anti-communism and the two men became close.

It was Hunt who supervised the anti-Castro Cuban exile groups and installed the Cuban Government in exile at 544 Camp Street in 1960, the same building in which Oswald used an office for his pro-Castro activities in 1963.

The Watergate hearings heard that a goon squad consisting of former Bay of Pigs operatives including Hunt, Frank Sturgis and anti-Castro Cubans had not only burgled the offices of the Democrats on the orders of President Richard Nixon, but orchestrated a campaign against Nixon's opponents on an 'Enemies List' that would see them consider using LSD to spike them causing car crashes or humiliating TV interviews, bugging them to gain 'dirt' on them to undermine their chances when running against Nixon, and alarmingly, as we will see came out in

the Watergate hearings, murder using 'aspirin roulette' (the placing of a fatal pill in a medicine bottle and waiting for the victim to take that pill).

The use of LSD to cause fatal car crashes was also contemplated and simple murders in the street to be blamed on street crime as a cover.

At the height of the Watergate, Hunt wrote Richard Nixon a letter blackmailing him for \$1 million to help support their families. He said the Watergate was just one of a series of illegal operations carried out on behalf of senior White House officials and that these crimes could still be proved.

Nixon on his White House tapes clearly states he knew how to get the money and to pay him. When asked what he would be paying him for, Nixon replied "silence".

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| Friday             | 8am – 7pm  | Friday        | 1.30pm – 7pm |
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**Kin Café** at Rowan House in Queen's Road is open on 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.

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## 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.

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**Mondays—13.30 to 17.30**

**Tuesdays—No Service**

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**Thursdays—13.30-17.30**

**Fridays—13.30-17.30**

**Saturdays—11.00-14.00**

**Sundays—No Service**

# Controversial Statue—But What Do You Think?

IN last month's Herald I wrote about one of the statues that had most affected me; the Irish Famine Statues. This month I decided to write about one of the most controversial ones that still challenges me.

The statue of 'Verity' guards the mouth of Ilfracombe harbour arriving in October, 2012. It stands 20.25 metres (66.43 ft) tall weighing 25 tonnes. She is on long term loan to North Devon Council as a gift from the London and Devon based artist Damien Hirst.

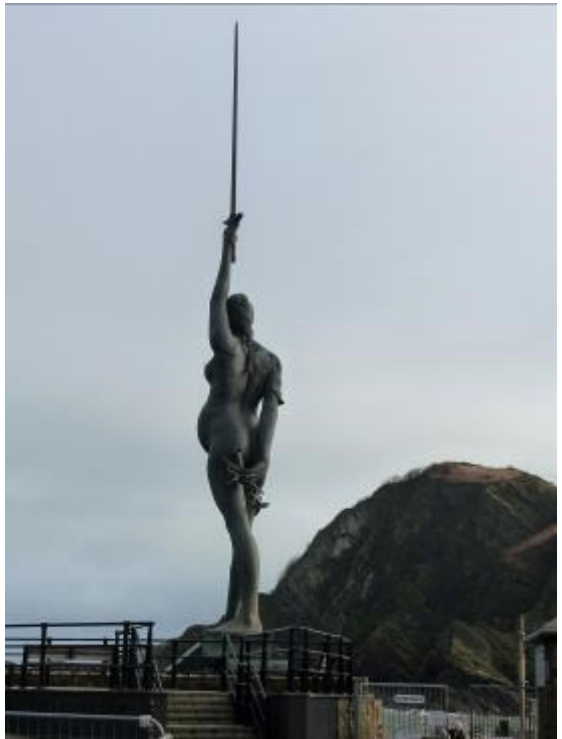
Half of the sculpture shows the internal anatomy of a pregnant woman, with the foetus clearly visible. The sculpture is an allegory for truth and justice and her stance is taken from Edgar Degas' 'Little Dancer of Fourteen Years' c1881 (see photo courtesy of Wikipedia).

Standing on a base of scattered legal books, Verity holds the traditional symbols of justice – a sword and scales.

Representing truth, her scales are hidden and off- balance behind her back, whilst her sword is held confidently in her upstretched arm.

This controversial body sculpture has often been referred to as an eyesore promoting 'Hirst on Sea'. Harsh words have ranged from grotesque to outrageous, but that is the style of Damien Hirst's provocative art and Ilfracombe has, overall, benefitted by her placement.

Initially I was a little shocked, primarily as I thought it was not in keeping with this

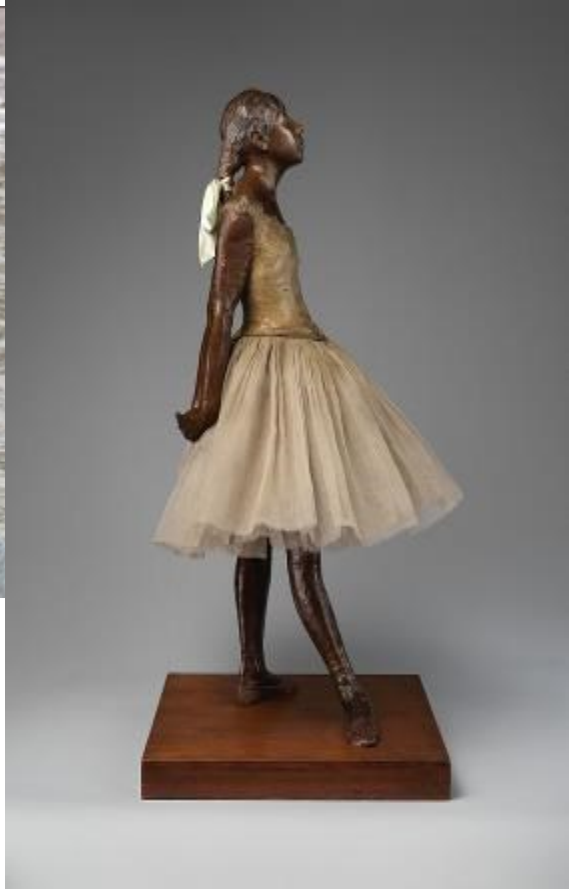




Victorian seaside town but I slowly got to like her imposing figure on the harbour. Whilst representing truth and justice, it could be said that Verity also represents the strength of child bearing women. It is understood that Hirst's sculpture was out to address vanity and beauty, death and rebirth, medicine, technology and mortality.

I posted this on my Facebook page inviting my friends to comment on the statue using only three words without expletives. I was surprised by the courteous responses which ranged from 'not my thing' to 'very thought provoking'. Over to you Herald readers.





Credits:

Photos of Verity - from the John Head collection.

Photos of Edgar Degas' 'Little Dancer of Fourteen Years' – Wikipedia

## Next Funrun Will Be in 2023

The 10th running of Hethersett's Run the Square two mile funrun will now take place in July 2023 and not this year.

The event was suspended during lockdown and organiser Shane Hull promised that a very special event will be held next year.

In the past the funrun regularly attracted up to 300 runners and walkers on a two mile circuit starting and finishing from Hethersett Primary School in Queen's Road.



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