



## Two Decades At The Queen's

**IT was in 2002 that Hethersett couple Richard and Phillippa Bond took charge of a closed village pub.**

They immediately set about renovating the building and turning it into a pub and restaurant with close links to the local community.

Richard and Phillippa celebrated 20 years as main hosts of Hethersett Queen's Head on 27th May and paid tribute to both their staff and customers who have helped them to make a success of the business over the past two decades.

Please turn to page 9 to read our special interview and chat with Richard and venue manager Lorraine Miller.



**Long-termers. Richard Bond with Queen's Head staff who have clocked up over 100 years of combined service at the venue. They are (left to right) - Marieanne Money, Phillippa Bond, Richard Bond, Claire Quantrill, Donna Kiddell and Lorraine Miller.**

## A Village of Growth

IT took Hethersett until 1825 to reach 200 dwellings and until the mid 1920s to reach 300, but from the 1970s the village began to grow at a fast pace.

It was in the 1970s that Hethersett really started to gather size and momentum and from then on it has surged in size far more quickly than the rest of the country. So says historian Lewis Buckingham. You can read his extensive and exclusive article on the growth of our village starting on page 62.

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# A Message From The Editor

## HELLO EVERYONE

A friend commented recently on how kind everyone had been during lockdown. A new spirit of togetherness had been in action.

Now we are out of lockdown, I believe that spirit is continuing as groups plan their programmes and spring back into action.

There is always a need in a village of our size for volunteers to help support those people who may be struggling.

Most of the village groups have re-started, although some such as Hethersett Pensioners and Hethersett Society have called it a day.

Many of the groups have much wider remits than might at first seem likely. This was brought home by a report I received this month from Hethersett Mothers' Union which campaigns and supports many local and national initiatives as well as enjoying time together.

Hethersett Hearts charity is looking for more volunteers so that it can support even more people in the village—something that will become more and more necessary as we continue to expand.

And talking of expansion, in this edition of Hethersett Herald you will find a major article from historian Lewis Buckingham illustrating just how we have experienced a population spurt in modern times.

I have been heartened by the news that the old outdated pavilion on the

Memorial Field could be demolished as early as this August. This is wonderful news. I was involved in obtaining the original planning consent for the new build almost a decade ago. It has taken a long time to start the project but now, thanks to the parish council and the Memorial Playing Field Trustees working together what once was a dream will over the next year become a reality.



You can be sure that Herald will be there every step of the way with full photographic coverage month by month as the new building rises like a Phoenix from the Ashes.

Similarly we are watching with great interest as the new community garden space is achieved at the back of the village hall. This will replace the old skatepark.

Talking about skateparks I know that there were moves to find an alternative site for a new and improved skateboard park but things on this front seem to have gone quiet. Let's hope that project can be regenerated in the near future.

The shape and content of our village is changing. It's up to all of us to ensure those changes are for the good of everyone and that Hethersett continues to be a wonderful place in which to live. Hope you enjoy this bumper edition of Hethersett Herald.

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# Jubilee Scarecrow Trail

HETHERSETT has come up with an original way of celebrating the Queen's landmark platinum jubilee whilst at the same time raising money for local schools and taking visitors around the world without them having to leave the locality.

During lockdown, Hethersett had rainbow trails, a giant bauble Christmas trail, a Hallowe'en trail and an art trail and now the village is organising a scarecrow trail.

Two of the village's schools – Hethersett Primary and Woodside Primary - have combined for the first time to share funds raised from the sale of trail maps with the event being organised by the Friends' group from each school.

More than 28 scarecrows of all shapes and sizes will be on display throughout the village until June 5th with a theme of "Round The World." The trail started on May 28th.

As well as making a colourful display, there will be prizes for the best scarecrow made by a child, the best made by an adult, the best made from reusable and recyclable material and the most amusing.

Jason Slack of the organising committee said: "Each year we see how amazingly creative people in the village are with Christmas and Halloween displays. We are hoping this



will be a fun and popular event with lots of people getting involved, making some lovely scarecrows and giving families the joy of searching for all of them whilst helping raise invaluable funds to benefit the children at our local schools."

Fellow organiser, parish councillor and leading village environmentalist Sarah Lawrence said:

"We're really excited and looking forward to seeing people out and about in Hethersett with their trail maps, hunting for scarecrows. This collaboration between the two Primary Schools in Hethersett shows how strong our community is. Even after withstanding the pandemic, we've come back stronger, together. Massive



**Head Teachers Jem Brereton and Matthew Parslow-Williams with Matthew's son Noe and Scarecrow Jake.**

thanks go out to all of the individuals and groups who have offered to host scarecrows to make the event a success, we're looking forward to seeing their efforts.

The Heads of the two schools underlined the importance to the community of such events.

Matthew Parslow-Williams said: "At Hethersett VC Primary School, we are delighted to see the community of Hethersett coming together to raise money for the local schools through the Scarecrow Trail. This year's theme is especially important to us as we have been proactive in raising funds for charities around the world, most recently, our fantastic Ukraine appeal which even saw our minibus go over to Poland to transport refugees around

Europe as well as the hundreds of donations of goods to feed and clothe refugees and even our cake sale which raised over £700.

"Hethersett VC Primary School is thrilled to be part of this and can't wait to see all the amazing scarecrows around the village, it will be a great community event."

Jem Brereton, Head of Woodside School echoed those words: "This is a really lovely way to bring the community together after such a challenging time for all of us. The children have had great fun making



some of the scarecrows,” he said.

“These events cannot take place without all the hard work and dedication of volunteers so a huge thank you to the Friends of both schools for all their hard work in organising this event,” Sarah Lawrence added.

Trail maps cost £2 and are available from Kett’s Kabin Charity Shop in Queen’s Road, Tesco Express in Great Melton Road, Hodge Podge Gift Shop

in Oak Square, Kin Café in Queen’s Road, Hethersett King’s Head and Queen’s Head in Norwich Road and Hethersett Social Club in Queen’s Road.

As a build up to the event the two Heads along with Matthew Parslow-Williams’ son Noe had their photographs taken with Oscar – one of the scarecrows that will take their place on the village trail.



**THE latest photograph of the re-wilding area around the village sign. This shot was taken on May 26th**

# Hethersett Supporting Ukraine

## Coffee For Ukraine

Residents of Hethersett Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex have raised a staggering £900 for the British Red Cross in aid of Ukraine from coffee mornings held in their lounge.

“Thank you for your open-hearted gesture of support and solidarity with the suffering people of Ukraine,” said scheme manager Stephen Baxter.

Residents will also be celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with a special lunch and you can read details of this elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.



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

## Death Of Another Village Stalwart

HETHERSETT has lost another tireless worker with the news of the death of Monica Moore.

Monica, who lived in Mill Road, died a few weeks after her husband Geoff. She was in her nineties.

She will be fondly remembered for her involvement with many village organisations and at the time of her death was treasurer of our sister publication Good News.

Friend Valerie Williamson said: "Monica was a very kind and helpful lady and a friend for a long time." Another friend, Ruth Denmark, remembered holidays in Scotland with Geoff and Monica Moore and Monica's involvement in flower shows. Ann Arnall said: "Monica was always a faithful church member and I shall always remember being able to take her for communion four days before she passed away."

We have also heard that Margaret Sexton has died. Margaret is the wife of former Hethersett Rector the Rev Michael Sexton.

## Simplifying The Road Disruption

RESIDENTS will already be aware of disruption to the road network close to Hethersett.

In an effort to try to simplify what's going on—here are the main points of changes to the road situation on the A11.

The Tuttle Lane interchange southbound entry slip road will be closed until June 2023 (that's a year of disruption).

There will be single lane traffic with a 40 mph speed limit on the A11 northbound carriageway between Spooner Row and the Tuttle interchange until June 2023.

## 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.



# Hethersett Hearts Looking For More Volunteers

The Hethersett Hearts charity which was launched during lockdown is looking to recruit more volunteers to help it to sustain and expand its operation.

Lockdown may be essentially over, but the need for support in the village continues and the charity is looking to recruit volunteers to keep up with the ongoing need of residents.

You can volunteer via the group's Facebook page where messages are left as the group explains.

"By joining the page it allows you to see when the team need a volunteer to go to the shop, or the pharmacy for example. You would then just comment back if you can do it, and they would message you further details.

"This is such a worthwhile thing to do, a sure fire way to know you are directly helping someone out. The more active volunteers there are, the more people that the group can help.

"There is never any obligation to volunteer, but by joining the page you can see any shoutouts when the team do need someone. You never know when you may need a helping hand yourself."

Hethersett Hearts is also organising a Platinum Jubilee celebration at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex. You can view details below.

**Let's celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together!**

**Hethersett Hearts and the Parish Council**  
have teamed up to invite you to a free lunch event

**Save the date!**  
Lifts available...  
Treasure Hunt/Quiz  
Music/ Dancing &  
more

**Celebrate with us!**  
Party Food and  
hot/soft drinks  
provided

**Where?**  
Woodcote  
Firs Road, Hethersett  
NR9 3JD

**When?**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022  
to 3pm to 6pm

Please let Hethersett Hearts know you'll be joining us...

**Contact Details:** ♥ t: 07716 769124 ♥ e: hethersetthearts@outlook.com

# Players to Please Again

**By Kathy Judkins**

HETHERSETT Players are back.

The village drama group is busy rehearsing a production for June.

After a number of dormant years and, with the pandemic putting paid to a planned production, Hethersett Players are now rehearsing for their first live, on stage performance for a number of years.

Two plays by the renowned David Tristram, "Last Tango in Little Grimley" and "Lockdown in Little Grimley," will have audiences laughing throughout.

All about a small amateur drama group with only four members, a terrible record for their productions and ticket sales and the lofty dreams of the chairman, Last Tango sees the group prepare the village for a sex comedy and farce - surely this will sell tickets!

Lockdown sees the group deal with the restrictions and a plan to raise money for the NHS - something that perhaps may not be good for the NHS!

Hethersett Players have re-formed after folding over eight years ago. With new members and a desire to bring back amateur dramatics, plays, musicals and drama, the June production is a chance to see the efforts of the new group.

Come and see the June production at Hethersett Village Hall - June 18th and 19th. Tickets are available from <https://Hethersettboxoffice.org.uk>.

If you are interested in joining Players in whatever capacity, front of house, backstage, acting, directing or just supporting them, please do get in touch with the secretary at [secretary@hethersettplayers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hethersettplayers.co.uk).

Please support your local groups. They are what make the village special.

You can view a poster for the latest production on the next page.

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## Hundreds of Greetings

SECOND Hethersett Girl Guide leaders have been overwhelmed with greetings cards following a social media appeal.

Leaders asked for old greetings cards that people were looking to throw away. These included birthday, thank you and get well cards and will be used towards the upcycling badge for the Guides.

The appeal brought in hundreds of cards.



Hethersett Players *Present*

Last Tango in Little Grimley -&- Lockdown in Little Grimley

by David Tristram



Hethersett Village Hall  
Back Lane, Hethersett,  
Norwich NR9 3JJ  
(W3W - [///nylon.grace.newsstand](http://nylon.grace.newsstand))

Saturday 18th June - 7.30pm  
Sunday 19th June 2.30pm  
Tickets - £10 (refreshments inc.)  
Tickets available from  
<https://hethersettboxoffice.org.uk>

This amateur production of "Last Tango in Little Grimley" and "Lockdown in Little Grimley" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

# Two Decades of Service

Hethersett Herald editor Peter Steward called into the Queen's Head to chat with staff about the pub's two decades under the leadership of Richard and Phillippa Bond.



Stalwart members of the Queen's Head staff photographed in the pub's garden.

THE date May 27th, 2002, looms large in the mind of Richard Bond.

For it was the day he and wife Phillippa took over at the helm of Hethersett Queen's Head and set about regenerating a pub that had fallen into disrepair.

I met up with Richard and long time pub manager Lorraine Miller who joined the staff just 18 months later to look back on the past two decades and discuss the good, the bad and the ugly of the licensing trade in that time.

Today the Queen's is a thriving pub with a restaurant that has 80 covers, but over the two decades Richard and Phillippa have seen many changes and faced a number of challenges.

Richard and Phillippa, in partnership with David Gowing from nearby Park Farm Hotel, took over the lease of the historic building which is now owned by the Stonegate Group in 2002 and set about re-generating it and turning it into a family restaurant with a real community spirit.

Looking back Richard, who was born in the village and who is the son of former local stalwarts Peter and Pat Bond, admits that it has been 20 years of low and high points with many challenges

having to be faced.

"We saw the potential of the village to have a large pub and restaurant with plenty of choice. Hethersett is continuing to expand and that should bring us more custom, but I don't think we will see another pub in the village. We found that once we made the alterations, the business took off very quickly," Richard said.

"We look after our customers and have good links with the community," Richard said. These links over the 20 years have included hosting groups such as a golf society and games group, sponsoring Hethersett Cricket Club, holding New Year's Eve discos, raising money for charity from breakfasts and donating prizes for raffles. The venue also supported Olympic themed games events and come and try sports days on the





Memorial Playing Field in the 2010s. In addition Philippa Bond and Lorraine Miller supported customers and local people during lockdown.

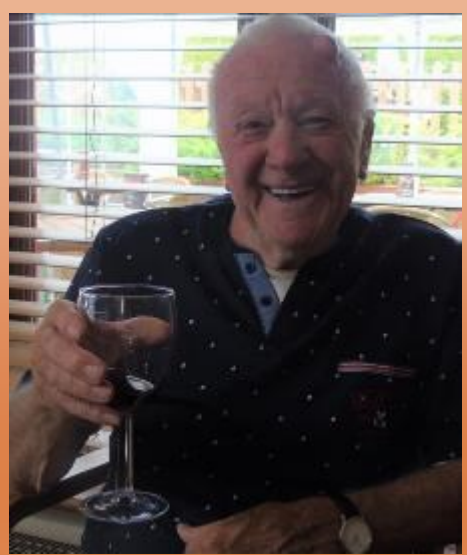
The biggest challenges for the business was undoubtedly lockdown and the current level of inflation which is bringing increased costs at a time when customers are finding their own disposable income squeezed.

“Food costs are going through the roof. The cost of chicken has risen by 50% and then there’s increased energy costs. We cannot cut down on quality but just have to buy better, but there is no doubt that the market is volatile,” Richard said adding that customers have changed their eating and drinking habits which means the pub is empty by 10 pm on weekdays, leading to them closing around that time.

“We had no idea what would happen after lockdown but we received good support from our landlords and the Government,” Richard said.

Other challenges came with the 2005 smoking ban which affected trade for some time but which Richard now believes has enhanced the business.

Then there was a kitchen fire which broke out on Mothering Sunday in



Bill Beattie is a proud Scotsman, originally from Montrose. He visits the Queen’s Head at least three times a week and says that for him the pub has been a life-saver.

Bill has been a regular for all of the pub’s last 20 years:

“It is a second home for me. When my wife died it really was a lifeline. I would be lost without the pub,” said Bill who is 88 years old.

2003 and forced the shutdown of the pub for some time.

Even the opening of a McDonalds restaurant at Thickthorn saw a drop in the number of families eating at the Queen’s Head for a while and then there was a number of recessions. The couple have survived all these thanks to the loyalty of staff, some of whom have been with them on the entire two-decade journey.

Richard is quick to point out that the



success of the venue is due to the loyalty of his staff.

Donna Kiddell, Claire Quantrill and Marianne Money have worked at the Queen's since it re-opened and manager Lorraine Miller joined the staff just 18 months later.

Today the Queen's has a staff of 22 working either full or part-time and that includes chef Nick Shingles (seven years) and assistant chef John Ransome (14 years).

“The highlight of the 20 years are definitely the staff. Their loyalty and dedication has been outstanding,” Richard said, adding that finding staff in these post COVID times has been hard with many people having left the catering trade.

Richard also prides himself on “providing reasonably priced food that people want and not food that we think they should have.”

As a thank you to loyal customers the venue offered 20% off bills between May 23rd to May 27th.

As for the future, Richard is determined to continue doing what the venue does well: “We are in for a very hard couple of years but we will still be here as long as we keep doing what we do well. We will just continue in the same vein.”

And Lorraine Miller was quick to point out that Richard and Phillippa have been a joy to work for:

“Staff retention is very important to us and we work as a team and there is a tremendous loyalty to Richard and Phillippa.”

So does Richard have any regrets



**Then and Now. Top shows the Queen's Head as it was in 2002 and below that is the pub as it is today. Over the page you can view more photographs of the 2002 re-construction work.**

about his 20 years at the Queen's?

“If I had my time again I would probably have taken on more than one pub. You can make a good living out of the licensing trade but it is very hard work,” he said.

The Queen's Head started life in the early 17th century as two adjoining cottages.

Fifty years later it became a charity building for poor families. It was later extended and turned into an Inn. The first listed landlord is Thomas Girling in 1797.



Photographs from the re-building and renovation work on the Queen's Head in 2002. Pictures courtesy of Hethersett Queen's Head.



More photographs from the history of Hethersett Queen's Head. Above is notice of the re-opening of the venue in May 2002. Opposite residents wait for the Tour of Britain cycle race to go through the village.

The Queen's Head staff wore special T-shirts for the day as shown in the photo below.

At the bottom of the page is an historic photo of the Queen's Head—date unknown.



Photographs courtesy of Hethersett Queen's Head.

# Steve Is A Sporting Legend

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**Herald editor Peter Steward renews acquaintance with an old friend who quite rightly deserves to be called “Mr Sport.” Photographs are courtesy of Kerry Lake and reproduced with permission**

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A STALWART Norfolk cricketer walked to the wicket on May 21st for a landmark innings that he thought might never happen.

Steve Phoenix was playing his 1000th senior game for Great Melton Cricket Club just months after being struck down by a rare virus.

Steve contracted Guillain Barre Syndrome towards the end of 2021 and spent three months in hospital—some of which was spent in Intensive Care on Oxygen.

But Steve was determined to battle the illness and continue a sporting life that goes back to his boyhood and which saw him play 750 competitive games of football in addition to his outstanding cricketing feats.

Guillain Barre Syndrome is a rare and serious condition affecting nerves and is thought to be caused by a problem with the immune system.

“I had a chest infection and one day felt dizzy and couldn’t see properly. Then my voice began to break up. The next day I could hardly walk and I had problems swallowing,” he said.

Steve was admitted to hospital where



he stayed until being discharged on New Year’s Day. He now believes he has recovered about 90% of his health.

“It was mentally very tough. I am somebody who has always been in control and suddenly I was at the mercy of others.”

But Steve dreamed during his illness of completing his cricketing milestone: “It’s taken some time to get there thanks to lockdown. I seem to have been in the 980s for ever.”



His 1000th appearance came for Great Melton's fourth team against—a match Melton lost.

Steve scored just three but admitted that he was just happy and relieved to be able to play again and he has vowed to continue playing for Melton “as long as they need me.”

“I will give up when I feel I am a liability and not worth my place in the team,” he added.

Steve's sporting life started at an early age when he and his brother, Mike, re-produced test matches and kicked a football about on a local park. Steve soon realised he was a born organiser.

Born in Great Melton, his father was a farmer. Steve attended Wymondham High School and some outstanding PE teachers helped to foster his love of sport: “I was never outstanding but useful at football and cricket as well as cross country athletics and a few others.”

Steve soon found that he had an ability for organisation and helped to form Little Melton Lads Football Club which played on the Norwich Youth Combination League. He also played for Wymondham Minors.

“I have always been an organiser. I enjoy keeping statistics and records as well as playing,” he said.



**Steve Phoenix receives a coaching award from former England captain Michael Atherton.**

He studied English at Borough Road Teacher Training College in Isleworth (now part of Brunel University). Soon he joined Wymondham Old Boys and Wymondham Sunday Football Clubs serving Old Boys as captain and club secretary.

Wymondham Old Boys sadly folded in



**Steve in action in his 1000 match, batting against Narborough A. Steve scored three runs.**



the 1990s but Steve continued to play for Mulbarton Reserves after that and in his forties joined Wymondham Town and also played veterans football for Archant Newspapers.

“I definitely had an extended football life. Most of the time I played full back or midfield but then became a centre half in which position I thrived.

Alongside his amateur football career, Steve’s daytime job was mainly teaching English with a bit of PE thrown in, Steve played cricket.

“I remember when the great West Indies team played Norfolk at Lakenham. I heard they were having a reception at Barford and so cycled there to get autographs. I felt very enthused by that.

“I was teaching at Dereham Boys School. A group of us got a cricket team together to play some midweek games. We didn’t have a name so decided to call ourselves Great Melton. We played all our games at home and our first game was in 1974 against Reephham. We then played our home games at Eaton Park in Norwich and then Browick Road Recreation Ground in Wymondham.”

In the mid 1980s Steve’s dad retired and approached the Evans Loomes estate to see if they would provide some land for a cricket club. The result of this conversation saw a move to the club’s current home at Melton Park in Great Melton in 1992. Steve admits that the club owes a great debt of gratitude to Sir Edward Evans-Lombe who sadly passed away in May. You can see the club’s comments about Sir Edward on the next page. Next year the club will be celebrating 30 years at the ground.

## Old Uns and Young Uns



STEVE says he was delighted to share his day with Under-13s player Rebecca Davey who was making her senior team debut.

“There’s was only 999 games difference between us,” Steve Joked.



Steve reflected on his milestone:

“When I was ill I wondered whether I



Great Melton Cricket Club has paid tribute to its patron Sir Edward Evans-Lombe who has died at the age of 85.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our Patron and benefactor, Sir Edward Evans-Lombe. A real 'cricket man' Edward's generosity, in the late 1980s, in granting us use of his land at 'The Park', Great Melton on which to develop a cricket ground was instrumental in enabling the club to grow to what it is today. A pavilion, the junior ground, a junior pavilion followed thanks largely to him and, throughout the years, he has felt enormous pride and pleasure in the way the Club has developed. We owe him such a lot and he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Marilyn, son Nicholas, daughters Harriet and Sarah and the rest of the family.

would do it. I am proud to have got there and it's nice to achieve it for one club. I am also proud that what started as a club that played all its matches away from home with borrowed kit has become a club running 21 teams for all ages. We are blessed with so many volunteers. It has become a massive juggernaut," he said.

For the record, Great Melton currently runs four adult Saturday teams, a Sunday team, a Midweek side, and Over-40s and 13 youth teams for youngsters aged from under-9 to under-19s. In his career Steve has scored 11,997 runs, taken 381 wickets and taken 448 catches (a club record for an outfield player excluding wicketkeepers).

Steve has also been club chairman for the past 39 years, a post he will be relinquishing at the end of the current season. We asked Steve if there were any outstanding memories of his sporting life:

"When it comes to football I remember Wymondham Sunday's two Norfolk Senior Cup Finals at Carrow Road and also scoring 24 goals in a season for Wymondham Old Boys. For cricket it



has to be my one and only century scored against Hales and hitting the winning six in a Norfolk Junior Cup Final against Cromer. Those were my champagne sporting moments, but overall I feel I have been blessed in both cricket and in life. For somebody who has always been an average cricketer I have still managed to have a successful amateur career.

Steve and wife Celia had the honour of attending a Buckingham Palace garden party in recognition of his cricket coaching work with youngsters where they got to talk with the Queen and

Steve also received an award for his coaching at the home of cricket Lord's from former England captain Michael Atherton.

Steve says that he has learnt many lessons on his sporting journey: "A very ordinary sports person, not rich in talent can get so much pleasure and so much reward providing he or she is willing to

put the effort in."

There is no doubt that while Steve believes he is "a very ordinary sportsman" he is an incredible ambassador who has given so much in the world of sport in Great Melton, Wymondham, Norfolk and in the country as a whole.

## Plans For Jubilee Picnic Lunch

HETHERSETT Parish Council is inviting residents to take part in a village picnic to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Hethersett celebrating the Queen's Landmark Jubilee**

Chairman Adrienne Quinlan has sent the following message to residents:

"The Parish Council invites you to the Big Jubilee Lunch to be held on Sunday 5th June 2022 between 12 noon and 3pm.

"Entertainment will be provided by Stella School of Dance and Jade Murray. There will be various competitions - a children's fancy dress, best crown and best dressed pet. Local organisations will be providing various stalls including a tombola, a human fruit machine, crafts and a raffle.

"Come and learn more about the Parish Council's latest project - 'Hethersett Community Garden' or perhaps buy a brick to support the construction of Hethersett Pavilion. This is a free event but tickets are required. Please remember to order a ticket for every member of your party including children. Teas, coffees and ice cream will be available to purchase but please bring your own picnic, chairs and a table.

"The Parish Council look forward to meeting you at this very special event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II,"

Tickets can be booked via the council's Facebook page or by e-mailing [hethersettpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersettpc@tiscali.co.uk) or by telephoning council clerk Annette Palmer. You will find her details elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

## Death of Mandy Woodbine

JUST before going to publication we were saddened to hear of the death of Mandy Woodbine. Many people will remember her fondly as a dinner lady at Hethersett Junior School and also for Woodbine's fish and chip shop in the village.

She is pictured opposite with husband Alan in a photograph taken by Hethersett Herald reader Trevor Radley.

Trevor thinks the image was taken about 15 years ago when Mandy and Alan ran the fish and chip shop which was eventually taken over by Tesco Express when the supermarket chain expanded a number of years ago.



## Taking The League By Storm

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club are taking the Norfolk Alliance Division One by storm with four consecutive victories to open their season.

Having just missed out on promotion to the Premier Division last season, Hethersett are looking to make the big step up this time.

They opened their campaign on April 30th with a comfortable seven wicket victory over Old Buckenham. Hethersett bowled the opposition out for 101 in 44 overs with Ian Bryce taking 4-26. They knocked the runs off in just 20 overs with Tom Collishaw top scoring with 51 in a total of 105-3.

The following week Hethersett scored 193-9 and then bowled Swardeston Seconds out for 133 in 38.5 overs.

The runs flowed when Hethersett took on Dereham with Tas hitting 291-7 (Tom Collishaw 74, Ian Bryce 85) and then bowled Dereham out for 274 (Crispin Clarke 4-51) to win by 17 runs.

They rounded off a quartet of victories by beating Downham Stow by nine wickets. They bowled the opposition out for 85 and then responded with 86-1.

The four victories see Hethersett sitting proudly at the top of the division.

# Eclipsing Hethersett



**Hethersett  
Herald  
columnist  
John Head  
was out early  
one morning  
in May with  
his camera  
to capture  
this eclipse.**





## Another Honour For Ollie

FORMER Hethersett resident Ollie Armstrong is making the headlines by carrying the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games Baton through the City of Toronto in Canada.

This is the second time Ollie has had the honour of carrying the Baton, the first was in 2002 for the Manchester Games when as a Hethersett schoolboy he ran through the streets of Bungay.

Co-incidentally he also carried the 2012 Olympic Torch during Metropolitan Police security trials through Loughborough a few months before the actual Torch Relay in the UK.

To “complete the set” he was one of the lead relay runners with a 1948 Olympic Torch, which in turn was carried by hundreds of children in 2011 from the then four village schools in Hethersett.

Oliver is currently living and working in Toronto as Lead Physiologist for the Canadian Olympic Cycling Teams.

You can read about the day the official Olympic Flame came to Hethersett by turning to our archive section later in this edition of Hethersett Herald.





## Hitting The Right Notes

**THE City of Norwich Brass Band entertaining in Eaton Park, Norwich.**

The band rehearses every Tuesday in Hethersett Village Hall.

Photographs courtesy of City of Norwich Brass Band and reproduced with permission.





## Church Hall Up For Auction

HETHERSETT Church Hall is coming up for auction.

The historic church hall, which was originally a school, has a guide price of £175,000 and comes with planning permission to change it into a four bedroom home.

It will go under the hammer on June 15th at Auction House, East Anglia.

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.

You can read an article about how the school came about and the history of education in Hethersett by going to the following

[www.hethersettherald.weebly.com/education.html](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com/education.html)



# Look How Our Garden Grows



IN the previous edition of Hethersett Herald we reported on plans to turn the old disused and neglected former skateboard park at the back of the village hall into a community garden and space for relaxation and contemplation.

Over the next few months we will be including a number of photographs showing progress. Here we show the progress made during May to bring the plans to fruition.



In our photograph above, volunteers begin to prepare the ground by cutting back on greenery that has grown out of control.

The photograph above was taken by Herald columnist Sarah Lawrence and you can read more about the new garden in her column starting on page 44.

# Tribute to Duncan

In the May edition of Hethersett Herald we reported the death of Hethersett stalwart Duncan Pigg. A memorial service for Duncan was held in St Remigius Church at the end of April when Hethersett Herald columnist and Duncan's friend, John Head, gave the following tribute. We are grateful to both John and Duncan's wife Jenny for permission to reproduce this tribute.

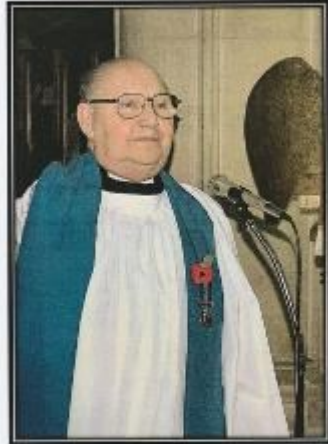
EVERY now and again you will come across a person who has contributed so much to a community that it is difficult to find a project that person has not been involved with or has been the source of.

Today there is no statue or plaque required to celebrate this person's achievements in life because his name will always be inextricably linked to the village of Hethersett. That of Duncan Pigg.

This afternoon, I am honoured to be standing in front of you having been requested by Jenny to present a tribute to Duncan.

"Where do I start?" was the challenge I was presented with. I think I can answer that very succinctly as I progress. The canopy over Duncan's life was his remarkable "Gift of Giving". The selfless way in which he was prepared to share his life and his time for the benefit of others and to the community that he loved. He cared for the community and was totally dedicated to all his commitments to it.

St. Remigius' Church  
Hethersett



A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of  
**Duncan Arnold Pigg BEM**

6<sup>th</sup> April 1926 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
at 2pm

Born in Norwich on 6th April 1926, Duncan went to Avenue Road School before, at the age of eight, attending Norwich Cathedral Choir School. At the age of 13, together with his mother, he moved to Kett's Oak, Hethersett, residing in the same house for the rest of his life. His bus journey to Norwich Cathedral Choir School became somewhat challenging and the days long.

The piece of music he always associated with Norwich was the anthem Holy, Holy, Holy written by the Norwich Composer - William Crotch. I



could never persuade him that it should be 'Low Star-led Chiefs' by the same composer.

But the music I will always remember Duncan by is the hymn 'How Shall I Sing That Majesty' which I am delighted forms part of this service. It was used by Duncan in one of his sermons to describe what God was like, his greatness and vastness. The two lines he used were 'Thou art a sea without a shore a sun without a sphere. 'I just cannot imagine a sea without a shore' he said to me after the service 'and God is far, far greater than that'

The key skill he learnt during his schooling and as a chorister was that of 'confidence' which was to serve him well throughout his life in his many professional and social roles; - as a Licenced Reader, Administrator, District Councillor, Choir Master, Governor of Hethersett High School and Woodside Infants and Nursery School, together with his pivotal involvement in the planning of Woodcote Sheltered Housing and his production of the annual village pantomime

After leaving the Cathedral Choir School at the age of 15, he worked for a time at a gentleman's outfitters in Norwich as well as being a Cathedral Lay Clerk. He also became a keen member of the Ex- Cathedral Chorister Guild for the rest of his life enjoying their annual reunions at various Cathedral cities in the UK.

As a teenager during the second world war, Duncan began to establish himself and contribute to village life.



**Duncan in Hethersett pantomime garb**

He became involved in the Hethersett branch of the Norfolk Youth Services and tried to raise money to buy a tank. He told me this was an impossible task, and so it was proved, as eventually £49 was raised against a target figure of £10,000.

He was involved with 'A Youth Week of Events' and the campaign 'Dig for Victory' which saw the cornfields of White Hall Farm being cultivated for vegetables.

He was engaged in drives to collect National Savings and involved in village events, dances, concerts and fetes to raise money for a Welcome Home Fund, organised by his stepfather, to give £10 to each returning serviceman and

servicewoman.

As a resident of Kett's Oak he also subscribed to an above ground air raid shelter just behind what was known as the Kinkajou cafe. He witnessed many air raids on Norwich but his only personal experience of a bomb was one which fell in the grounds of Hethersett Hall from which he collected some shrapnel from the crater.

He belonged to the Wymondham and District Air Training Corps experiencing a flight in a B17 Flying Fortress on a mock raid to a Hereford Bridge in a formation of 20. He learnt gliding at Hethersett Racecourse and, when proficient, flew from Horsham St Faith's airfield.

It therefore came as no surprise when, in 1944, he enlisted in the RAF and, whilst initially placed on deferred service for aircrew training, he became a clerk instead. During this short spell he saw service in Egypt. The RAF remained with him throughout his life as he was an ardent supporter of the Wymondham Air Training Corps.

After leaving the RAF, he joined the Health Service, first in the Treasurer's Department before being appointed Hospital Secretary at Wayland Hospital followed by St Andrew's Hospital Hellesdon with St Nicholas Hospital Great Yarmouth. He returned to Norwich in the Area Health Authority Planning Department. He retired from the Health Service in 1987 as Capital Planning Officer.

To 'ruffle' Duncan's feathers I would occasionally ask him why the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital was built at Colney instead of the other preferred location of Hellesdon. I believe Duncan favoured Hellesdon as



it was certainly a source of irritation to him (I also believe there was just one vote in it). However, this always served as a wonderful distraction if a gentle social event needed livening up by Duncan's distinctive and very persuasive voice.

I often smile when I remember Duncan telling me of his disappointment with the original hospital plans at Colney owing to the apparent lack of storage space. Strangely enough, adequate storage space was always his concern with any proposed development at the West End here at St Remigius.

In 1983, Duncan married Jenny which proved to be a loving and wonderful working marriage to the benefit of the community. They are pictured above.

To me Duncan brought music and laughter to the village. The writing and producing of the village pantomime,

which was first performed for his mother in 1970, has now become a village institution. Concerts, fetes and music festivals would always find Duncan at the centre of the organising. His enthusiasm was infectious. He loved the village and he loved life and would do everything he could to bring people together to share in this joy of life. He was also a brilliant narrator of the slide shows of Old Hethersett which was professionally performed with the assistance of Colin Wilson. This event enthralled audiences especially when they recognised their parents and grandparents in the slides. It gave them a deep sense of belonging to the community to which Duncan was the catalyst.

His contribution to St Remigius Church was immense and would see him, over the years, become a choir member, choir master, licensed reader, churchwarden, secretary of the church council, chairman of the Communicants Guild and Sunday School teacher.

His sermons at the Morning Prayer Services were unique as they usually involved a place or person in the history of Hethersett interwoven within a biblical theme . I can remember his sermon on a Remembrance Sunday when he took the name of Private Frederick Curson off the War Memorial and spoke about his life in the community of Hethersett and Frederick's cricketing prowess. In front of the young, mesmerised uniformed organisations, he brought Frederick Curson back to life demonstrating, in his own inimitable style, what 'Remembrance' was all about.

Duncan gave energetic support to the



Rectors of Hethersett helping them to establish themselves within the community. Margaret and Michael Sexton went on to become lifelong friends and there was usually a special part reserved in the pantomime for the Rector. Who could ever forget Di Lammas' role as the Vicar of Dibley with Crunchie Bars stitched within her robes and dear Rosie Hubbard as her dutiful verger, Alice Tinker?

Duncan played cricket for Hethersett for many years and his involvement with the club saw it develop into the successful Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club of today of which he was

an honorary vice president. When Test Matches were played on a Sunday, his knowledgeable cricket comments were delivered in the choir vestry prior to the Sunday Service inclusive of the bowling action deliveries resembling either Jim Laker or Derek Underwood.

Happy holidays were experienced in the UK and Madeira often with an entourage from Hethersett and he enjoyed meeting friends locally for drinks or for a meal in the Queen's Head.

Family meals were enjoyed particularly with Jonathan and Kelly together with trips to Ketteringham to visit Yvonne and Chris which usually developed into healthy political arguments with Chris

Highlights of his and Jenny's life were

i) visiting Australia and the South Pacific Islands.

ii) the Oberammergau Passion Play having first experienced Switzerland with a beautiful view over Lake Lucerne.

iii) His joy when his nephew Jonathan announced his marriage to Kelly and that the wedding would take place in Banff, Canada. The flight for a then 85-year-old was a doddle compared to the flight in a B17 Flying Fortress in 1944

iv) The ongoing highlight was always the Hethersett Pantomime - planning the storyline thinking of a suitable song for Lloyd, Barry or Neville to sing – who would be the dame? Barry or Neville or perhaps someone new? That Pantomime has now raised in excess of £120,000 for local charities and given tremendous pleasure to the community of Hethersett and beyond.

v) All this lifelong dedication to the

community of Hethersett was recognised by Duncan being awarded the BEM in the 2013 New Year's Honours List and an invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The award and the ceremony were the 'delights of his life'. This recognition was justly deserved.

I don't think I have been anywhere in Norfolk when answering "Hethersett" to the question "Where do you come from?" to have another question promptly posed to me "Do you know Duncan Pigg?" even though that person had never ever been introduced to him.

Seeing you all this afternoon is testament to what Duncan achieved in his life and the legacy he left us.

Duncan may deserve a statue, plaque or even a road named after him. These tend to commemorate the past but it is Duncan's legacy which he has left us, forming the cornerstone of our community, which has given us the future to build upon.

His 'gift of giving' has been passed to so many people in our community who were close to him. They now also give this gift to events and organisations that Duncan was at the heart of.

He brought music to the village. We have a SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass) choir which has the ability to attract singers for special occasions through a network developed by Duncan.

The Hethersett Pantomime (sadly interrupted by Covid) which Duncan initiated so many years ago has been placed in safe enthusiastic hands where the 'confidence' Duncan learnt as a chorister is given to children, older people and those with disabilities to



display that confidence and perform on stage. That confidence instilled by the pantomime is then carried forward into their schooling and working lives.

His great knowledge of places and characters in Hethersett together with his anecdotes have already been disseminated to people who care that these memories are recorded and preserved for generations to come.

To say a person was loved by several people in a community is an achievement but to say a person was loved by all the community is unique. Duncan was unique. Duncan, we thank you for all you have given to our lives and to our community not only during

your lifetime but by the rich legacy you have left us. Thank you for sharing all this with us. You will always be remembered with affection.

After the service, Duncan's wife Jenny thanked everyone for their kindness:

"I would like to sincerely thank Rev Derek McClean, Rev Christopher Mallett and The Venerable Martin Gray and all who were involved in any way with the excellent service of thanksgiving for Duncan. It was most comforting and meaningful for myself and the family. Also to all who sent cards, letters, messages and flowers. My most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all."

## Associate Archivist Needed

HETHERSETT is looking for a new associate archivist to work alongside village archivist Gary Wyatt (pictured opposite). Gary is cutting back on his involvement with the village archives due to personal reasons but will continue to work on them from home.



So the parish council, which is in ultimate charge of the archives, would like to appoint

a new associate archivist to look after the physical collection which is now housed in the former council office upstairs in the village hall. The Hethersett archive is a collection of historic documents, photos and artefacts covering the history of the village back through several centuries.

The new associate archivist will be responsible for continuing the indexing of maps, minutes and all the other collections from the village's past. The work could also include digitising collections.

Anyone interested in applying for the voluntary post or finding out more about just what it entails should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer. Her contact details are elsewhere in this edition.

# Open Library Scheme Returns



**Open Library**  
Extending opening hours at  
your library

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

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

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

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## Looking For Community Heroes

Do you know somebody who has gone that extra mile to help others or contribute to our communities?

If so you could nominate them for a South Norfolk Community Award.

Nominating is a way to say thank you and show appreciation for local volunteers.

There are a variety of categories including Inspiration of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Helping, Community Group of the Year, Helping Hand Award, Green at Heart Award, Business in the Community Award, Community Group of the Year and Community Hero. Winners will receive £250 for a charity or community group of their choice.

Nominations close on 6th June and can be made online at [southorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/CommunityAwards](http://southorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/CommunityAwards) or by calling 01508 533945.

You can see more information on the poster on the next page.

A graphic for the South Norfolk Community Awards 2022. It features a dark blue background with several golden, 3D-style stars of varying sizes and orientations. A large, flowing golden ribbon curves across the top left, ending in a star. The text 'South Norfolk' is in a gold serif font, 'COMMUNITY AWARDS' is in a large white sans-serif font, and '2022' is in a gold sans-serif font.

South Norfolk  
**COMMUNITY  
AWARDS**  
2022

**Say thank you to local volunteers and nominate them for a South Norfolk Community Award today.**

Winners will receive **£250** to spend on a charity or community group of their choice.

To nominate go online to :  
**[southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/  
CommunityAwards](https://southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/CommunityAwards)**  
Or call : **01508 533945**

The logo for South Norfolk Council, featuring a stylized white wave above the text 'South Norfolk' in a bold sans-serif font, with 'COUNCIL' in a smaller font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of three reeds or grass blades.

**South Norfolk**  
COUNCIL

# Doris Celebrates A Century

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**Woodcote Sheltered Housing Resident Doris Smith has celebrated her 100th birthday. The following article written by Woodcote resident Chris Poole is taken from the publication The Woodcote Review and is reproduced with permission.**

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**Doris Smith celebrates her 100th birthday with her daughter Elaine on Saturday 19th April.**

ON Saturday 19th April between 12 noon and 3 pm residents of Woodcote and the relatives of Ulliana ('Doris') Smith gathered in the scheme lounge with Doris to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Doris had many cards and of course the special card signed by Queen Elizabeth. We were all spoilt with home prepared food, a wonderful spread of sandwiches, and of course a cake, a tremendous effort by one of the younger members of the family.

The sun was shining and for the first time in over two years it looked like Covid and lockdowns were behind us as people mingled and brought life to a lounge that had not seen hardly any gatherings like this.

The celebrations were tinged with some sadness as Doris's best friend for many years on the scheme, Ivy, had not that long passed away and herself had reached the magnificent age of 103.

Doris was the very centre of attention with a special long table set out so that the family could surround her with love. The scheme manager's grandson, aged five, played his part and offered a lovely boutique of flowers to Doris, flowers that had kindly been donated by Broadland Housing Association.

On the following Monday, Elaine, Doris's daughter, and other members of the family, took Doris out for lunch at The Queen's Head in the village and met a group of Woodcote residents who were at the party on Saturday!

We all wish Doris well and good health in the coming years.



# Grants Help With Green Work

GRANTS have allowed Hethersett Bowls Club to make improvements to their playing surface on the Memorial Playing Field.

The grants have seen the refurbishment of ditch liners and rubber matting around the perimeter of the green.

“To enable us to continue playing in club matches it was felt that the ditches needed bringing up to current standards. Unfortunately we are a small club and finances were not available to pay for all the works,” said club official David Smith.

The club contacted the local district councillors and Saffron Community Trust for help: “The three district councillors donated £300 each from their members’ funds. In addition Saffron Community Trust awarded us a grant of £1000.

The actual cost of the work was in excess of £2.5k and the shortfall was made up from club funds.

“We are very grateful to the councillors and Saffron Community Trust for their contribution and we would like to invite the Councillors and representatives from Saffron to come along to the club to see how we spent their contributions,” Mr. Smith added.

The club holds a rollup on Wednesday afternoons.

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## New Post Office Opening Hours

Opening hours for Hethersett Post Office which is currently located within Hethersett Library are as follows:

**Mondays—13.30 to 17.30**

**Tuesdays—No Service**

**Wednesdays—11.00 to 17.30**

**Thursdays—13.30-17.30**

**Fridays—13.30-17.30**

**Saturdays—11.00-14.00**

**Sundays—No Service**

# From Around The Village

## A Potential Danger

A potentially dangerous road sign has been reported to county highways for replacement.

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

But the base of the pole has corroded and rusted and the whole thing is now hanging by a thread and could be a potential danger.

This was brought to our attention by resident Alan Woodbine who many residents will remember from his days running a fish and chip shop where Tesco Express is.

Alan lives nearby and was horrified by the state of the pole which looks as if it could collapse at any time. He has reported the situation to the parish council and village clerk Annette Palmer has passed this onto the county council's highways department.

It does look as if urgent action needs to be taken before the sign falls, potentially injuring somebody who could be passing at the time.

Parish council clerk Annette Palmer told us that she reported the column to Norfolk Highways on January 17th. Photographs of the column along with comments from a number of residents showed without doubt that it is dangerous and should be replaced as a matter of urgency before somebody gets injured.

The clerk has asked for the column to be replaced "without further delay" but states that she has sent a number of further chasers, the last being at the end of April, but to date the column still remains in place –just.





Come and celebrate with flowers, music and song at  
**St Remigius Church on Sunday 5th June 2022**

5pm Come and look at the flowers and enjoy light refreshments

5.30pm Organ Recital of pieces by English composers by

**Anthony Joule BA Hons Music, ARCO** (Associate Royal College of Organists)

6.30pm Jubilee Songs of Praise

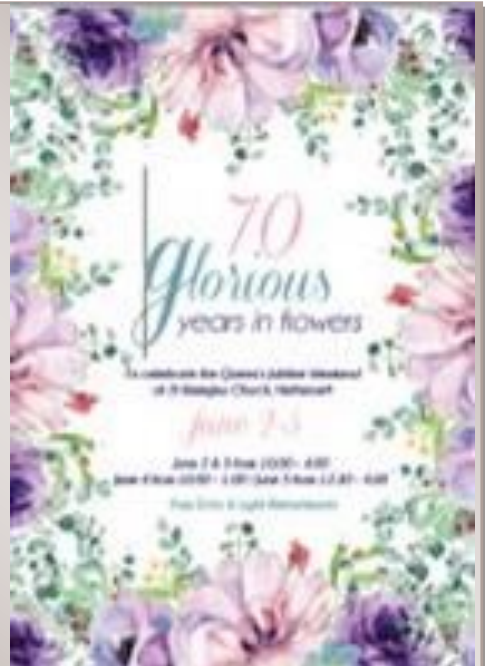
THERE will be a special flowers, music and song event in St Remigius Church on Sunday 5th June which starts with an invitation to view floral arrangements and enjoy light refreshments at 5 pm followed by an organ recital by Anthony Joule of pieces by English composers.

This will all be followed at 6.30 pm by a Jubilee Songs of Praise.

Meanwhile 70 glorious years in flower will be held in the parish church from June 2nd to 5th.

The church will be open from 10 am until 4 pm on June 2nd and 3rd and from 10 am until 1 pm on June 4th and 12.30 to 4 pm on June 5th.

Entry is free and light refreshments will be available.



## Fete and Other News From Jubilee Youth Club

**By Gillian Saunders**

We are all set now for the fete and dog show on the 25th June at the youth club hall and grounds in Back Lane 12-3.30 pm. This year car parking is even easier than before as we have been kindly given permission by the academy to use their car park next door to the hall. Please use that to help keep Back Lane flowing.

We need your help please as some of our stalls are looking rather depleted at the moment.

We need offers of cakes for the cake stall. These can be brought down on the morning of the fete.

Tombola prizes, bottles for the bottle stall, books and white elephant items are all needed.

Also plants for the garden or house which can be sold on the plant stall. Anything you wish to donate can be given to any Trustees or brought to the hall anytime the shutter is open. As long as it is labelled youth club fete that will be fine. Plants are really better brought down on the morning of the fete please.

Finally and most importantly we need your support on the day either entering the competitions, bringing the dog for the show or coming to buy from the stalls having a BBQ lunch and then tea served by the Brownies. Hopefully it will be a lovely day and you will be able to sit and watch the dogs even if you're

not entering yours! There will be games and side shows to keep you entertained as well as craft stalls from outside providers.

So come along 12-3:30 on Saturday 25th June.

Here are the competitions to enter:-

We would like a decorated cake with the Platinum Jubilee as the theme. We have left this very open to your interpretation. We are not judging the cake so if you need adult help with the cake making that is fine as long as you decorate it! Classes in ages 7-11 and 11-14s.

The Queen needs a new crown for her Jubilee! Can you make her one? (Doesn't have to be life size). Classes in ages you decide on materials etc.

When the Queen goes out on her duties she wears a hat can you design one for her? Make it from whatever you want! Again it doesn't have to be life size. Classes in under7s, and 7-11 and 11-14s.

If you're not into baking or making, perhaps you could do a drawing or painting of something you think the Queen would like to hang on her wall. Perhaps a Corgi, or a rose or something we hadn't thought of!

Just tell us why you think she would like your picture. This is open to the Under 7s and 7-11. Entries need to be at the hall no later than 1pm please! A piece of paper with you name and age and a contact telephone number needs to be placed under your entry so we don't know whose is who.

Then the dog show classes are:

Group 1: 12:15 Most Appealing Eyes, 12:25 Loveliest Lady, 12:35 Best



Rescue, 12:45 Most Fabulous Fella, 12:55 Best Paw Shaker, 13.05 Most Gorgeous Oldie (7+), 13:15 Judges Choice, 13:30 Best in Group 1 (winner and reserve from classes 1-7).

## Group 2

13.50 Best Canine King, 14:00. Best Canine Queen, 14:10 Best Heinz 57 Crossbreed, 14:20 Cutest Puppy (under 6 months), 14:30 Waggiest Tail, 14:40 Best Trick, 14:50 Best Fancy Dress (dog and owner), 15:00 Musical sit (for fun), 15:10 Best in Group 2 (winner and reserve from classes 7-11) .

15:20 Best In Show 2022 (winner and reserve from groups 1 and 2 with presentation of cup and rosettes. This year there are medals for our King and Queen as appropriate for Jubilee year!

We are still looking for someone to take photos on the day so we have a record of the event. Please get in touch with Gillian 01603 759449 if you can help.

We have been advertising a vacancy for leader of the Friday Youth Club from September for those aged 11+ (school years 7+) so by the time I come to write

the news for next month we should have a new leader in place to introduce to you. They will work alongside Lewis to provide a fun, stimulating evening and plan future events with the members.

I met with the garden landscaper a few weeks ago and he is promising to start the work before the fete so there should be something to see by then. He is going to do work on it inbetween his other work. We are getting excited at the prospect of having a garden to use and enjoy.

We are currently looking for a second assistant/ trainee for the Wednesday group as numbers are consistently high and, for the safety and enjoyment of the members as well as leaders, we feel another regular adult is important. We are still looking for volunteers to help on a rota basis for both clubs but especially the younger group on a Wednesday.

Please speak to Alahna or Rebecca if you can help.

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th June at the hall.

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IN the last edition of Hethersett Herald we paid tribute to Harold Kerlake who has died.

The Eastern Daily Press Newspaper had a fulsome tribute piece to Harold describing him as: "a man defined by living a life filled with love and dedicating himself to a number of services in his community."

"Whether it was his skills as an engineer, sportsman, and musician, or his devotion to his faith, Harold Kerlake was an individual who spent a lifetime supporting others," the article added.

Harold's family had the following to say in the article: ""He had a daft sense of humour, was fair in all things, would play to win, gave everyone a chance, and had a do-your-best attitude. As a grandfather, he was known affectionately as "silly grandad".

# News From The Parish Council

## Wildflower Meadow “Destroyed”

HETHERSETT Parish Council has expressed its dismay at the “destruction” of a wildflower meadow in the village.

Rectory Meadow has been cut by South Norfolk Council, much to the anguish of councillors and local environmentalists.

Councillor Bridget Williamson contacted South Norfolk to complain about their actions.

“One of your grass cutters has destroyed most of a wildflower meadow we have been growing for the past four years, almost certainly preventing any Pyramid of Bee Orchids that grow there from flowering this year. Residents had named it Rectory Meadow but sadly it’s a meadow no more.

“We are all devastated that this has happened and cannot understand why. Can you assure us that this meadow will not be cut again until the early Autumn?”

The reply from South Norfolk was something less than placatory and suggested that the meadow area had just been made slightly smaller but the area where the Pyramid Orchids are located had not been touched.:

“It is our belief that the site has been enhanced rather than destroyed, South Norfolk said.”



The current state of the Meadow since its cut.

Mrs Williamson responded by pointing out that work on the project had been going on for a period of four years and questioned why the parish council had



Leading Hethersett environmentalist Dr Anne Edwards with the original meadow before it was cut.

not been made aware that the cut was taking place.

“The meadow has not been made slightly smaller, it has been decimated. The site has not been enhanced it has been destroyed. Can we have assurances that we will be included in any plans for cutting in the future and our views will be taken seriously?”

“This was an asset to the village which many people really enjoyed and appreciated and now it has all but gone.”

Parish Council Chairman Adrienne Quinlan said: “It has happened this year, but we need to be pro-active to ensure it doesn’t happen again next year.”

Opposite is a notice clearly showing South Norfolk Council’s support for leaving the meadow uncut.



The poster above stresses the partnership between Hethersett Parish Council and South Norfolk Council—a partnership that seems to have been ignored as the meadow was mowed.

# News From The Parish Council

## Chairman is Re-elected

Adrienne Quinlan was re-elected chairman of Hethersett Parish Council at the May meeting.

Stephen Slack stepped down as vice-chairman and was thanked for his hard work during the year. Sarah Lawrence was unanimously elected as his replacement although Mr Slack will be staying on the council.

## Table Tennis Again?

WE may not have seen the last of a table tennis table on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field

The vandalised/damaged table has been removed but the playing field trustees are researching the costings of a replacement table with the possibility of having another in place once the new pavilion project is completed.

## Celebration Litter Pick

THERE will be a jubilee celebration theme to the next village litter pick on Saturday, 4th June.

The event will, as usual, be organised by the HETHERSETT Environmental Action Team (HEAT) under the auspices of the parish council.

Those taking part are being invited to dress in jubilee garb and there will also be a prize for the most unusual piece of litter found on the day.

Pupils from Hethersett Primary School will be joining in with the pick which starts from Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm.

## Planning Approvals

Among the latest planning approvals are the following:

A single storey rear extension to 10 New Road.

Replacement signage for the former Hethersett Old Hall School which is now a training centre for Norfolk Constabulary.

Single storey front and side extension to 20 Back Lane.

## Volunteers Needed

THE parish council is looking for trustees for Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. and Hethersett Village Hall. Full details of what is involved in the volunteer posts are available by contacting parish clerk Annette Palmer. You will find her contact details elsewhere in this section of Hethersett Herald



# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: June 20th, 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 in this edition of Hethersett Herald along with contact details.

# News From The Parish Council



## HETHERSETT PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

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**Above are details of the 14 parish councillors with their contact details. Please note that Sarah Lawrence has replaced Stephen Slack as vice-chairman.**

# News From The Parish Council

## Affordable Housing Moves A Step Closer

**AN attempt by Hethersett Parish Council to get Norfolk County Council to integrate land at the former Woodside School in Firs Road into the Memorial Playing Field has failed.**



A letter from the county council has re-iterated plans to use the entire site for affordable housing for people with care and support needs in Norfolk over the next few years.

“As part of the scheme’s development and any pre-planning processes, the developers of the site will work collaboratively with local residents and stakeholders. Depending on the final scheme, some schemes of this nature can include facilities which are open to the local community such as rooms for hire and always look to welcome the local community.

“The intention is for the scheme to be available to existing residents of Hethersett and South Norfolk rather than bringing new residents to Hethersett.

“There is also evidence which shows how residents of housing with care schemes reduces the use of GP appointments and there are less hospital admissions, because they are in suitable housing and part of a community.

“Schemes of this type are for local people whose homes are no longer suitable and will also free up housing in the locality for families,” Norfolk County Council states.

In the event a housing with care scheme is not able to be implemented, the council has resolved that the property will be sold on the open market.

# Parish Council Environmental News

## The HEAT Is On For A Clean Hethersett

Once a month, the Parish Council's HEAT Committee, organises a litter pick around the village.

One month, the litter pick starts at the Methodist Church Hall at 10 am on a Saturday and the following month, the starting point is the Village Hall at 2 pm.

The Parish Council posts all the details of the litter pick each month on social media and it can also be found on the Hethersett Parish Council website.

Litter is not only an eyesore, it is also potentially harmful to wildlife, so it is imperative that we keep our pavements, parks, verges and hedgerows litter free.

The June litter pick, now known as the 'Platinum Pick' because it is being held during the Jubilee weekend, will start at 2 pm at the Village Hall on Saturday 4th June.

Please feel free to wear a crown, or other themed clothing. There will also be a prize for the most unusual piece of litter picked up on the day.

The Parish Council will be welcoming a year 2 class from Hethersett VC Primary School to our Platinum Pick, with their teacher, Hannah Kaliski – I know

we will all enjoy seeing the next generation help to keep their community clean and safe.

The Parish Council is also delighted to announce that employees from McDonald's and Taylor Wimpey will be joining in the Platinum Pick and we would give a very warm welcome to anyone from other local businesses who would like to come along.

It is a very simple, practical way of showing that you care for the community you live in and it also gives a great sense of satisfaction when the litter is in the bag and not on the ground.

If you would like your local business to be represented at our Platinum Pick, or any of our monthly litter picks in the future please contact the Parish Clerk, Annette Palmer, on 01603 810915 or by email at [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

Help us to get rid of the litter and bring back the buzz!

For more news on litter picking read Sarah Lawrence's regular column elsewhere in this edition.

We will continue to support and report on village litter picks in coming editions of Herald.



# 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.**

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# Sarah's World

**IN her latest column, Sarah Lawrence looks at coming school fetes, scarecrow trails, the village's big jubilee lunch, the community garden and also looks back on an Easter party.**

TIME waits for no one, isn't that what they say?

That's certainly been the case again this month. So many things to do, so little time to do it in. I can't believe that we're almost at the middle of the year and anyone with children at school knows that means it's school fete season!.

Of course, planning has been happening for months behind the scenes. Messages have been flying backwards and forwards, meetings have been taking place.

A lot has been happening at Woodside. The Woodside Primary School Summer Fayre is taking place on Saturday 2nd July, so save the date. We've got to make up for two missed ones.

Coupled alongside the planning for the Summer Fayre, we're upping the ante. A sub-committee made up of members from both Friends of Woodside Primary School and Friends of Hethersett VC Primary School have come together to organise a Scarecrow Trail around Hethersett.

The first event of its kind will be running from 28th May until 5th June, with several families and organisations in the village pledging to make and 'host' a Scarecrow to be part of the trail. We

## Preparing a Community Garden



are so grateful to each and every group that has offered to make a Scarecrow to help us. Maps will be sold at Tesco, Hodge Podge and Kett's Kabin for £2 each, and all money raised will be shared between the two schools' Friends Committees. If all goes well, we hope to make it an annual event.

Another event happening soon is the Big Jubilee Lunch, organised by a sub-committee of the parish council, myself included. It's on Sunday 5th June but preparations for this have been going on since long before Christmas! It's so exciting watching all the finer details come together.

The entertainment, the stalls, the games. It's going to be a lovely day if the weather is kind! That's the one thing that you can't really bet on, I guess. Don't forget that there's prizes on offer for the best children's fancy

# Sarah's World

dress, best dressed pet and for the best crown.

Also launching is the Platinum Jubilee Village Trail, which will be the lasting legacy from the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The lunch will be a ticketed event and you'll be able to apply for the free tickets by the time you read this. There's only a limited number, so be quick if you'd like to come! I think you can agree, Hethersett is in for a busy month or two.

Back at the end of April, I had the pleasure of helping a team of Hethersett Environmental Action Team members and volunteers to clear the old skatepark area behind the village hall, preparing the area in readiness for the new Hethersett Community Garden.

Part of the task was moving the rolls of turf from the sides of the field (cut when we cut out the wildflower beds) to the former skatepark area. It was hard work and we got covered in ants, which my two children weren't too happy about! It was really great to muck in though, ants or no ants, and my youngest was very pleased to have Parish Councillor Dr Anne Edwards talk her through all of the plants sprouting up from the wildflower beds.

The Community Garden has been discussed in both HEAT and parish council meetings and the idea has really gained momentum in a relatively short space of time. As I type, parish councillors Jenny Walpole and Bridget Williamson have been researching and



**Work on the new community garden. and below daughters united in community gardening**





# Sarah's World

applying for lots of grants in order to obtain funding for the big plans we have as a group.

This garden will be an incredible asset to Hethersett, a place for groups and individuals to contribute to a communal space. It will take shape over time and is such an exciting project, one I'm very proud to have a small part in. To find out more about the plans for the Community Garden, contact the Parish Clerk on [hethersettpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersettpc@tiscali.co.uk) or come and visit HEAT's stall at the Big Jubilee Lunch.



Finally, don't worry, I've not forgotten to tell you all about how the Playgroup belated Easter Party went! If you read my column last issue, you'll know that we held our party late because of Covid/sickness/holidays from our team of volunteers before the Easter break.

Despite it being later than planned, it went really well. In fact, it was probably one of my favourite parties that we've held! There was an Easter Bonnet crafting station, a sensory area, temporary tattoos, party food and Easter Eggs to take home.

We all had such a lovely time, and there were smiles all round. I hope that you enjoy the photos of our First Steps family which are scattered around this column. You can find copies of the posters for the Jubilee lunch and the

## Party Time



Scarecrow trail in the What's On section of this edition of Hethersett Herald.



# Sarah's World



Enjoying the party. Lots of smiling happy faces at the First Steps Easter event. All photographs courtesy of Sarah Lawrence.



## Landlords look back on 20 years at pub



### Church up for auction

A former church which has planning permission to be converted into a four-bed house is up for auction.

Church Hall in Henstead is on the market for £175,000 with James Ross East Angles.

The building, known as Henstead Hall, was originally constructed around 1840 as a school but is still the ownership remained in the church.

It has been used over time as a hall for church activities including services, meetings, fundraising, and social events. The property is set level

The area around is a residential

The original plan will be to have a school, with a kitchen, dining room, living room, and a garden. The house will be a three-bedroom house with a front garden and a rear garden. It is still going for sale.

## Villagers' anger after wildflower meadow mown by council



## 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.

This month the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News have featured a number of village stories including the mowing of a re-wilding meadow (see our story elsewhere), the coming auction of the Church Hall in Henstead Road and Richard and Phillippa Bond’s two decades at the Queen’s Head. We also cover these stories elsewhere in this edition.

## Hethersett's Flaming Success

THE date Thursday, July 5th, 2012, was an historic one for the village.

**10 Years Since Olympic Flame Lit Up the Village**

For 10 years ago on that date the official Olympic flame came to Hethersett on its way to the Olympic Park in London.

The visit marked the fact that, in the previous three years, Hethersett held more Olympic themed events per head of population than any other village, town or city in the United Kingdom.

The Olympic flame arrived at Hethersett High School (now Hethersett Academy) very early in the morning but attracted a crowd of around 2,000 people to see it paraded around the ground before going on its way.

The visit may have lasted just a few minutes but it was highly symbolic and a recognition for the village as it was the only place that the flame visited off route.

Children from all four village schools were armed with flags representing all 205 nations taking part in the Olympic



**Shane Hull with the Olympic Flame which came to Hethersett 10 years ago next month**

Games.

The organisation for the visit was undertaken primarily by Shane Hull who was chairman of Hethersett's Olympic Committee at the time. He told the local Media that he was "tremendously excited about the visit."

Speaking at the time, Hethersett's South Norfolk Councillor David Bills



# From The Archives



said: “The flame coming to Hethersett reflects the incredible efforts of our community and in particular the Olympic Committee headed by Shane Hull.”

A fanfare announced the arrival of the flame shortly before 6.30 am. For health and safety reasons, it

was decided that the torch housing would not be able to have a real flame, instead an innovative internal system gave the impression that the torch was lit by means of clever use of acrylics.

Hethersett also had an Olympic Legacy Committee which continued its work in the village following the 2012 Olympic Games.

This committee organised a number of sports related come and try events in conjunction with Active Norfolk and eventually became part of Hethersett and the Meltons’ Sports Association.





# From The Archives

The photograph at the top of the previous page shows those who took part in a 24 hour swimming marathon in the village and below that is a photograph of one of the village's highly successful funruns which will be re-introduced in 2013.

## Methodist Milestone

**THE Methodist Church in Hethersett celebrates its centenary this year.**

**Celebrations begin with a special music and tea afternoon on Friday 24th June at 2.30 pm. A warm welcome awaits you. Look out in the July edition of Herald for details of further events including a café church on July 17th**



# 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.



Dawn Mists Headstones and Furrows (around St Remigius Church)

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



Misty mornings a  
Hethersett study  
by John Head.

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



**Around St  
Remigius  
Church by  
John Head**



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



Pink  
Moon  
over Park  
Farm by  
John  
Head

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



All photos  
by John  
Head

# Somewhere Over The Rainbows



After many days without rain, Hethersett resident David Wyatt was delighted to capture this double rainbow on May 4th.

# Hethersett's Annual Parish Meeting

Hethersett's Annual Parish Meeting for residents was held in the village hall on May 11th. Unfortunately there was a poor attendance with only two non councillor residents attending.

HETHERSETT has shown in the past year why it is a wonderful place to live, parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan told the annual parish meeting.



To Be Replaced—The Pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field

Lieutenant Lady Dannett on the Memorial Playing Field to mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession and we are hosting a Big Lunch celebration at the Village Hall between noon

and 3 pm on Sunday 5th June to join in the celebrations.

"I would like to thank and pay tribute to all those who continue to support one another in caring for individuals and community as a whole and those who work within the various committees and organisations to give a heart to the village," Mrs Quinlan said.

She underlined a number of initiatives that had inspired over the past year:

"The Christmas lights set up by individuals and groups within the village did a lot to brighten up our December including the 6000 lights on the Oak tree with the red heart at its centre.

"A commemorative Oak tree was planted in the Autumn by the Lord



Adrienne Quinlan—  
"Hethersett has shown why it is a wonderful place to live."

"We are slowly progressing with our plans to replace the changing rooms at the Memorial Playing Field with modern facilities that are suitable for all and to provide a recreation room on the site along with accessible toilets and changing rooms. It is expected that work will start on this shortly with completion during Spring of next

year..

"Over the last 12 months, the parish council has also provided and installed a number of new litter bins in the village as well as a bench on the

junction of Mill Road and West Croft. The parish council is also arranging for all the bus shelters within the village to be cleaned of graffiti and algae



**Hethersett Library—the present venue for the temporary pop up post office.**

this month. I am sure it hasn't gone unnoticed that the brick bus shelter on the B1172 had disappeared. Unfortunately the bus shelter had to be demolished after being hit by a vehicle. A new shelter is now on order and will be installed shortly.

“The building of new houses in the village continues and we welcome our new residents. A development of this size will always cause some issues and we are working with the developers to keep them to a minimum. One of the major concerns has been the additional 200 homes that have been added to the scheme. This has delayed our access to the land and allotments that are part of the S106 agreement for this development and will be able to

provide more recreational space within the village.

“I am glad to say that the post office has been able to continue as a temporary

pop-up facility within the library while a more permanent solution is still under discussion. A major concern during the year has been about the doctors' surgery and, although, this is outside of the parish council's area of influence, we are grateful for the work that our district and county councillors have undertaken—land has been allocated as part of the S106 agreement and funding has been approved.

“Other issues that we will be concerned with in the next few months are the replacement of our aging stock of street lighting with more environmentally friendly ones and road safety within the village, particularly around the schools,” Mrs Quinlan said.

THE meeting received reports from the Memorial Playing Field Trust, the village hall management committee, the village archivist and Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club and also considered a number of local issues.

## Busy and Exciting Year Ahead

THE Memorial Playing Field Trustees looked forward to “a busy and very exciting” year in their annual report.

“The parish council led project to build a new pavilion is finally nearing a date when construction can begin. The sad deterioration of the existing facilities made the need to rebuild an urgent one.

“The current building is an embarrassment where visitors are concerned and its replacement promises to be an exciting and modern asset to the village,”



Trustees said. They added that phase one will see the existing building being demolished before the new structure can be built.

“The period of building will cause inconvenience, but watching progress will be a fascinating and exciting pleasure,” the report said.

Trustees have also been working with Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club as they improve their facilities: “A particularly impressive feature of their developing engagement with the village is the Wonky Wheels Community Bicycle Workshop. It has become a real asset to all those new and experienced cyclists seen around the village,” te report states.

The trustees paid tribute to local people who keep the field tidy: “We would like to thank the villagers that help keep it tidy and attractive through both small and sustained voluntary actions, including picking up mess and litter left by less caring neighbours. Their wonderful community spirit is appreciated and valued.”

The report also urged anyone witnessing vandalism or anti-social behaviour to contact Norfolk Police.

“The Memorial Field was provided back in 1959 for the enjoyment of all inhabitants and everybody wants to see it continue to be a lovely venue that improves the conditions of life for residents.”

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field was established by Hethersett residents in 1959 by public subscription in memory of local men who gave their lives in the Second World War. It is a charitable trust with the parish council being the custodial trustees and it is managed by a committee of seven trustees. Four of the seven trustees are appointed by residents at the annual parish meeting whilst the remaining three are appointed by the parish council.

In the past year improvements have been made to the children’s play equipment including safety surfaces and repairs. Picnic benches, seats and litter bins have been installed and an oak tree planted to mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen’s accession.

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HETHERSETT Village Hall has begun to recover following lockdown, the meeting heard. But bookings from regular users are down by 33.6% on pre pandemic income.

“Income from hall users is now returning to normal levels and, with hopefully the panto returning, we will see improved income in 2022/2023,” the report stated.

During 2021/2022 availability of the hall for activities was reduced by COVID but did include parish council use, sporting and keep fit activities, blood donor sessions, village cinema, a toddler group and art groups.

The village hall is also the home for the village archives and heritage records.

# Hethersett's Annual Parish Meeting

## Hethersett's Archive

HETHERSETT'S archive is a collection of several thousand documents, maps, photos and records of local families, businesses, schools and churches, the meeting heard.

Honorary Archivist Gary Wyatt reported on receiving "a steady stream of enquiries from members of the public, most of which come from outside the village. Most enquiries are family history related.

"Recent correspondents have included contacts in South Wales and the west coast of Scotland.

"The far flung location of many correspondents illustrates the value of the website," Mr Wyatt said. He added that the long-term aim is to digitise and upload further archive material.

The archive is now located in the former parish council office upstairs in the village hall.

The archive welcomes donations of material and Mr Wyatt can be contacted at [hethersettheritage@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettheritage@gmail.com). The website address is [www.hethersettheritage.org](http://www.hethersettheritage.org).

Hethersett is now looking for an associate archivist to help Gary with his duties. You can see more details about this elsewhere.

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KEEN Hethersett cyclist Bart Anderton is inviting local residents to join him on a special ride in memory of a dear friend.

"In memory of my friend Hannah Purvis, on Sunday June 5th who fancies a nine mile bike, jog or run, using cycle lanes/paths only! Start: Thickthorn Park and Ride, Runners/Joggers start at 10 am, cyclists start at 11 am. The destination is the lovely Wymondham Garden Centre who are very kindly making extra teas/coffees and cakes for us. Then on the return, a break at Hethersett Social Club and then back. Please share It's a very gentle, easy going ride for everyone to enjoy."

Anyone wishing to join Bart on his event can contact him through his Facebook page. Just search Bart Anderton.

# The Growth of Hethersett

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**In a major article, historian and regular Herald columnist Lewis Buckingham looks at how Hethersett has grown over the centuries.**

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**I've probably written this before, but I'm much more familiar with what Hethersett may have looked like 200 or so years ago than I am with the present layout of the village.**

This is on the whole intentional. The larger a village becomes, the more impossible it becomes to keep track of its history. As time marches on, so a village grows, and I initially capped the tail end of my research to the years of the First World War in order to keep things manageable.

That being the case, it's always a little bit of a surprise when I survey the size and scope of Hethersett in the present day and how far the plans for its expansion extend.

The latest news that an extra 200 or so homes are being squeezed into the existing estates being built in the north of the village throws my sense of perspective out entirely.

That's not necessarily because it is or isn't unreasonable. It's because the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Hethersett that I know best didn't hit 200 dwellings in total until some time around 1825. It didn't hit 300 until the mid 1920s.

This was actually pretty much on par for the UK as a whole. If you look at the graphs for the population of Hethersett

and of the UK on the next page, you can see that until the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Hethersett tracked pretty much evenly with the wider population. The country was after all primarily agrarian.

The pace of age increased quickly after that and you can see that, while the UK as a whole shot up fairly briskly from 1800 onwards, Hethersett remained more rural, as did much of the land area of the country. It was the cities that dragged up the population so steeply.

It wasn't until the 1970s or so that Hethersett really started to gather size and momentum, and from then on it has surged in size far more quickly than the rest of the country - I suppose because it still had room to move, while the cities did not.

If you look closely you'll see the same little kink at the end on both graphs. Hethersett is tracking quite closely now with the general growth of the population.

Now that's reasonable. However, we must remember that the UK population is a combination of both the rural and the urban areas.

Hethersett's rise in size now looks much more like the growth of a city population than it would of a village perhaps farther afield from a major city.

Reading the Hethersett Herald, it's clear that it is important to Hethersett's residents to maintain the green spaces around the village. It's important that it retains its character and its being as a village. This makes total sense - not

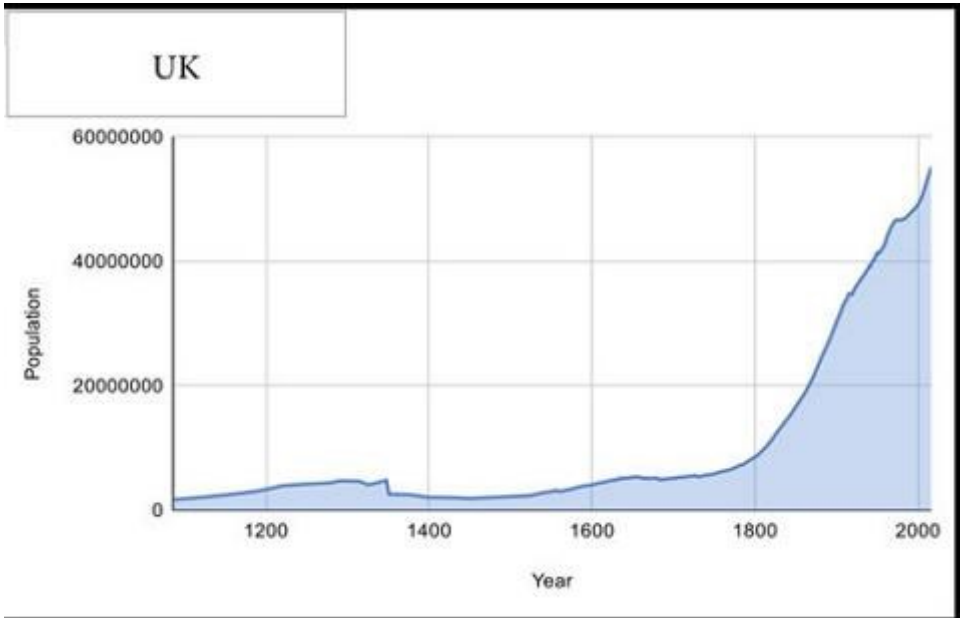
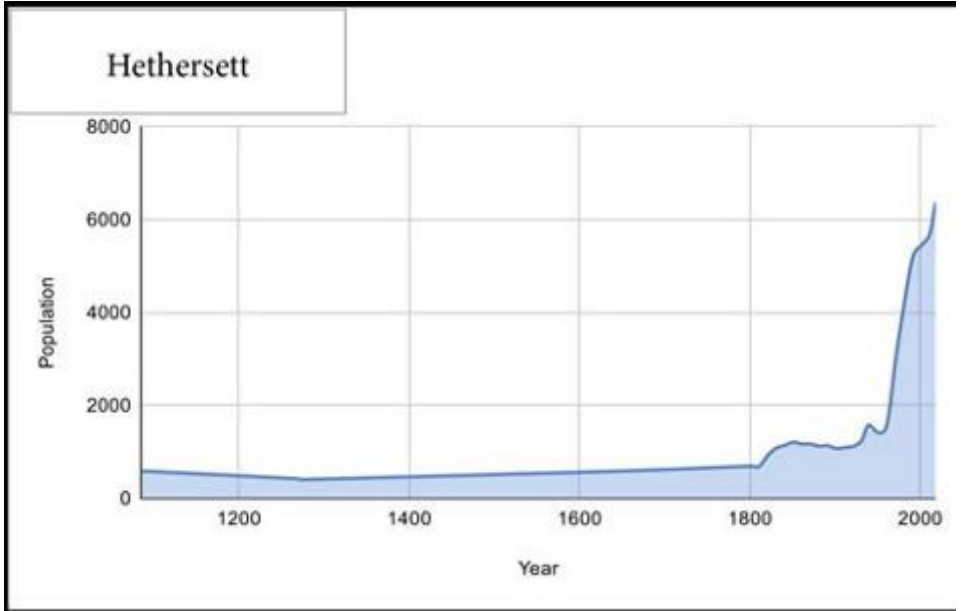


Image 1 - Hethersett v UK  
Population from Domesday to  
Today.



just for liveability and sense of place, but because Hethersett has been a green place for so very long.

If we go back to the earliest description of Hethersett in the Domesday Book of 1086 - there was wood for 40 pigs - whatever that equates to in acres I do not know - 1166 acres of land under the plough (plus a further 68 acres owned by the two churches), 35 Acres of Meadow and enough flowers to support seven beehives.

To till all of that land, Hethersett had 131 households. This was quite a large village for the time - in the top 20% of villages in the country - and the largest in their own district of Humbleyard.

Despite this large population, it was not a large town, but instead a group of three or four hamlets, each probably around their own village green, with common fields laid out around them.

In the North of Hethersett, the boundary between it and Little Melton was already porous. The lands intermingled and common fields were shared.

In the South, Ketteringham also laid claim to some of the common lands, however this was sorted out over the next 500 years by the vigorous pursuits of some very strong personalities.

By the late 13th century, there were about 100 dwellings. The decline in population may well have been due to the depredations during the second Rebellion of the Barons in the 1260s. One hundred or so raiders from the surrounding villages and from further afield were charged with raiding and taking lands in Hethersett around this time. The Church at Cantley was burned down at this point.

The population hovered around this size up until 1332, on the brink of the Black Death, when 64 families could be found who could afford to pay the new taxes. Perhaps 30 or 40 managed to dodge them through lack of means, or perhaps through having enough means to make a deal.

Exactly what impact the Black Death had on Hethersett isn't known, but it no doubt added to the green space within and around the hamlets that made up the village. What can be said, though, is that within 60 years the Hamlet of Cantley - just south of the present day A11 - was no more.

This may have been due to actual loss of life directly, or it could have been a result of the volatile labour market which followed. With fewer labourers, those that remained realised that they need no longer be bound to the land their family had worked for the Lord for generations.

They could offer their services at better rates to the Lord next door. Many Landlords came to the conclusion that if they had sheep, they only need pay one shepherd.

So they booted the residents out and cleared the land, which is probably what happened to Cantley, as those lands would for hundreds of years be known for their grazing.

A hundred or so years later, John Flowerdew - of Kett's Rebellion fame made his way to Gentleman status through careful husbandry of his lord's sheep in various manors. He eventually grazed his own flock on those lands in Cantley and on others between Hethersett and Ketteringham.

That land he used South of the B1172

is still on the whole green today, primarily populated with scattered farm and Manor houses. In many respects, if you squinted at a map, it probably looks much the same today as it did then, although The Highwood of Hethersett no longer remains.

It once covered about 260 acres and lay to the West of Ketteringham Lane. This had disappeared by the 1600s - either into the houses of Norwich and Wymondham, or to the ships of the burgeoning Royal Navy - and the landscape there took on much of the character of today.

By the late 1600s, Hethersett's housing had crept up to the same level as Domesday - 133 dwellings. They were mostly strung along the Norwich Road (pretty much the B1172), with small gatherings around the greens - Bracket Green at the junction of Ketteringham Lane and Norwich Road, Lynch Green, and Shop Green, nestled in the bend of Shop Lane.

Common fields radiated out from each little cluster of buildings, and the Great Common spread West between Wymondham and Hethersett, a small neck of common land, extending up to a head at Lynch Green.

Over the next 100 years, people drifted away and the land greened for the last time, for at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, the common lands were enclosed. Only 93 homes remained by this time, but like the beginnings of a modern real estate development, new roads were laid down in anticipation of new homes.

Mill Road was laid down the centre of the neck that stretched up to Lynch Green and the funny pentagonal Lynch Green Road was put in place. So too were New Road, Shop Lane, Grove

Road, Back Lane, plus a few little extensions here and there where footpaths became roads.

A part of the diplomatically named "Great Common" was claimed by Hethersett from Wymondham (who thought they owned the lot) because the villagers of Hethersett had buried an old man found there at their own expense. It stood to reason that Wymondham would have been obliged to do so themselves if he had been found on land they owned.

Ten years later there was only one more dwelling in the village.

You see, the enclosure was a measure put in place to produce more from the land, not a bid to house more people. Nevertheless, a few speculators started to buy up their neighbour's land, and with a good supply of brick clay in Lynch Green, things began to take off.

By 1820 the number of homes had doubled to 183. For the first time Hethersett significantly over-reached its size at the time of William the Conqueror.

The village grew at a more sedate pace over the next 30 years, before plateauing for the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century as the economy declined.

From then on, with a slight blip during the Second World War, Hethersett has expanded exponentially.

We can see this visually, with thanks to the work of Nora Pearson and the Hethersett Heritage Group who produced a wonderful map which charted the changes to Hethersett through the 20th Century.

You can see as the decades pass on the map over the page, that from a

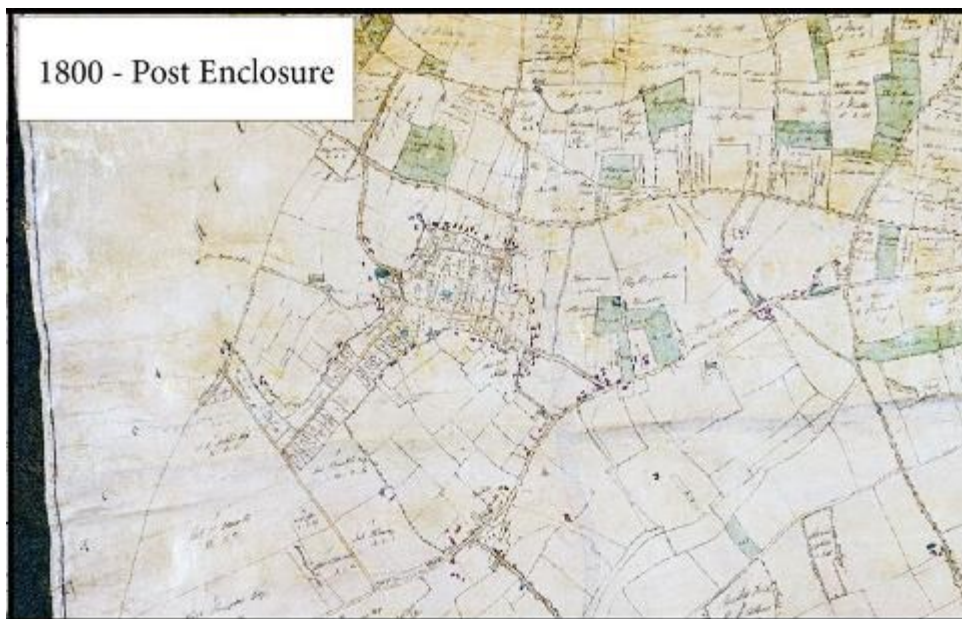
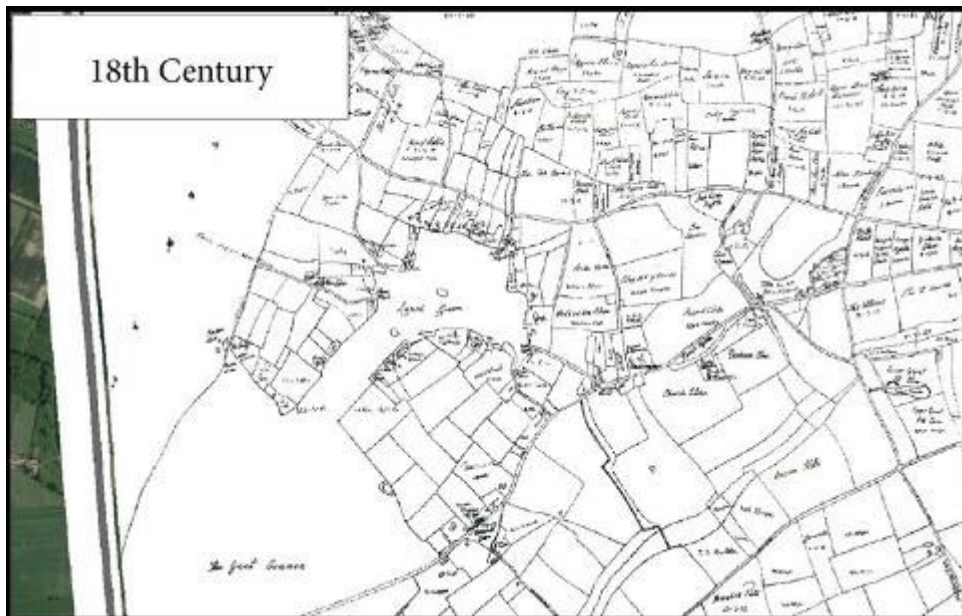


Image 2 - Pre and Post Enclosure Hethersett



**Image 3—The 19th Century**

hesitant start in the years after the Great War, development increased gradually until a sudden increase in the 1970s - much the same as can be seen in the Population Graph on the previous page.

Which brings us up to today. To the North of the village, the old common Fields of Bray Meadow are being built on. They were once tilled by the Danes and Anglo Saxons who lived on the slight hill above the marsh there.

The Hethersett of tomorrow is also under way. You can see the trenches dug in the earth to the west of today's new homes.

The archaeologists are looking to see whether the past will be disturbed there, but they have found little, as these too have been common fields and green space for time immemorial.

They were once known as Foxnell Field, and before that as Beck Field. The Romans once walked there, and farmers from Melton and Hethersett tilled the land, or checked their hives for honey.

Beyond that, who can say?

A proposal has been put forward to build down in the South West, on the edge of what was once the Great

Common. For more we will have to wait and see.

Hethersett has always undergone change, at sometimes quicker than at others.

Until the last 50 years of its existence, most of the growth and change has been organic - an extension of the life of the village, and of its circumstances.

In the past half century, it seems that Hethersett has still grown as a result of its circumstances.

However, perhaps the growth is no longer a result of the village itself expanding, but of the world around it reaching out for its own idea of green space.

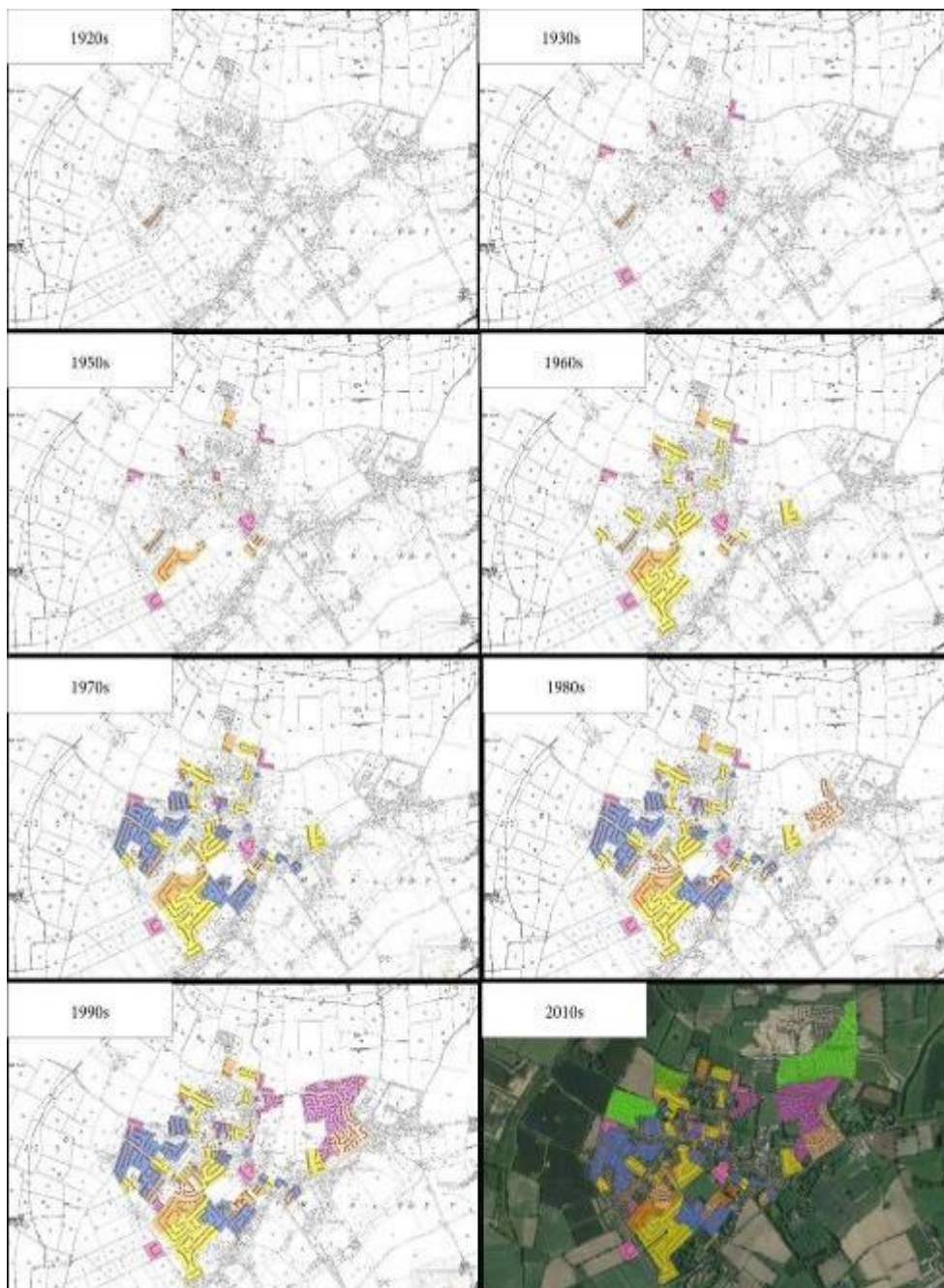
The green borders of the village may be diminishing, but for someone who has lived their whole life in a city, perhaps a bungalow with a decent lawn is the green space that they have always dreamed of.

Is all of this growth progress, or is it just change?

Only time will tell.

You can view more photographs on the next three pages.





100 Years of Hethersett Change.

Today - In Progress



Tomorrow - Approved



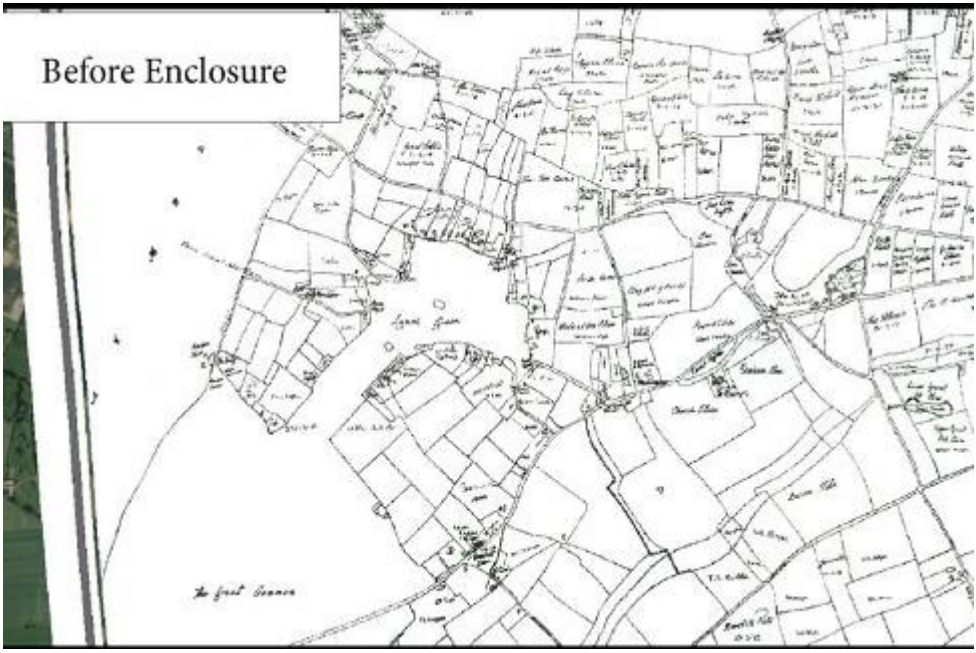
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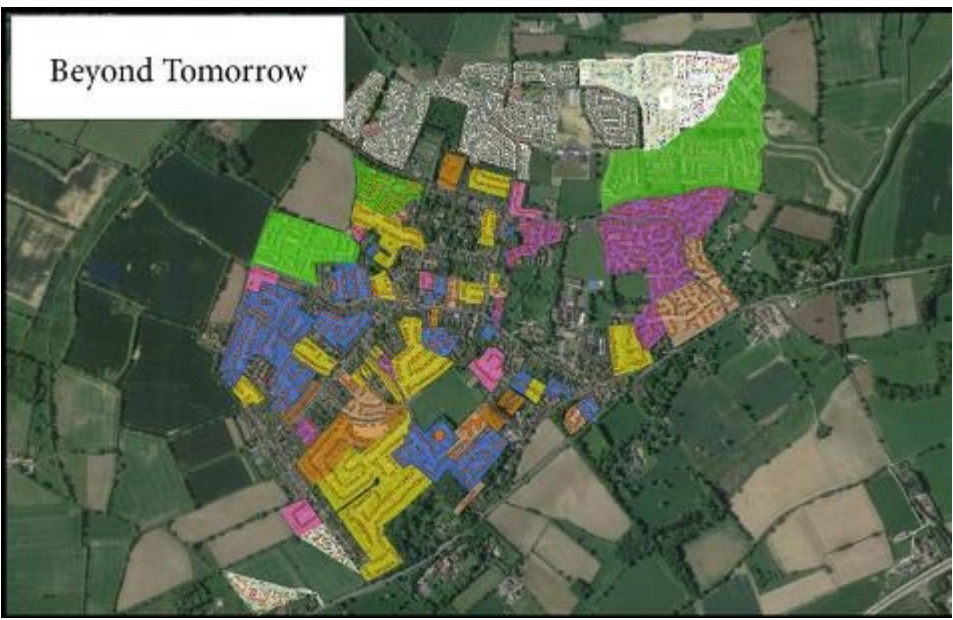
**Today, Tomorrow and Beyond**



Before Enclosure



Beyond Tomorrow



From the past to the future.

# News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton

## VE Day Celebrations

Our residents celebrated VE Day in May in style with a fabulous afternoon of cupcakes decorated with V E Day themes and Pimms and lemonade galore.

It was topped off with the wonderful Miss Kitty Collins performing wartime favourites accompanied by everyone waving flags and singing along





# News From Hethersett Hall

## PAT Dogs and Puzzles

We held a puzzle morning and welcomed back our PAT dog Wesley after an absence due to lockdown restrictions. Wesley was accompanied by his human Jan.

Its great to welcome them back to the home, our residents definitely missed them!

Photographs courtesy of  
Hethersett Hall Care



## Bank Holiday Fun

Bank Holiday Monday fun saw quality time being spent with our lovely residents, perusing photo albums, chatting and doing a jigsaw or two.

In the afternoon we put our dexterity to the test with target games, hundreds of points were scored and many balloons swatted, all rounded off with a well deserved cup of tea afterwards.

In the top picture residents meet Wesley and in the other two photographs, residents enjoy Bank Holiday activities.





**In the previous edition of Hethersett Herald we highlighted a special charity bluebell walk at Ketteringham Hall. It proved very successful and here one of the organisers, Clive Chapman, tells us about the day. The photographs are courtesy of Ketteringham Hall and Peter Steward**

The Ketteringham Hall bluebells walk in aid of Priscilla Bacon Lodge proved to be a great success. Thousands of people attended over the two days with Sunday especially busy. Feedback was positive, without exception (although the sweets along the trail for the children ran out on the Sunday due to the amazing attendance). The bluebells were at their peak - both in terms of

colour and scent - such that the general consensus amongst the visitors was that they were the best display they had ever seen, anywhere.

Happily the donations at the entrance proved to be very generous, realising a total of more than £9,000.

Ketteringham Hall Limited manages the letting of the Hall as offices for numerous local businesses and they generously agreed for the donations to be matched, resulting in a further £9,000. The Orangery Tea Rooms pop-up takeaway service was inundated, resulting in their enthusiastic team working flat out all weekend. Proprietors Laura Butler and Sarah Softley kindly donated £1,000 of the takings to the fund. All these things add



up to a splendid grand total of more than £19,000.

Radio Norfolk Treasure Quest appeared on the Sunday, at the conclusion of their quest, which turned out to be at the site of the stained glass window stone frame that came from Norwich Cathedral when the Boileau Family funded a new window in the cathedral, in the 1800s.

The Care For Life At Home Fund was established by Marcus Hepworth in memory of Sarah Hepworth. The Fund helps Priscilla Bacon Lodge to provide palliative care in the home for complex cases. The PBL Support Group volunteers attended the event entrance throughout the weekend. Many thanks to Elizabeth, Kate, Gay, Margaret and Peter for coping with the huge numbers in such a relaxed and friendly manner. The ancient woodlands had been restored over the last couple of years, by a combination of Easton College students and a band of local volunteers, led by Peter Schoene, from Swardeston. The Hall grounds were



looking their best, thanks to the Ketteringham Hall team of Jane and Will Payton and former Team Lotus stalwarts Ian Martin and Roger Pestell.

The event was organised by the Hepworth, Payton and Chapman families, for the first time since 2010. A big thank you from all of them to the thousands of visitors - which included many friends who have supported the fund since it was established, in 2007 - for enjoying a simple day out in the countryside in the best of good spirits and for being so generous towards such a worthy cause.





# 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 July 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of June.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by June 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)

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



# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

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



101 Ext: 2386



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# Where To Eat In Hethersett

## **Janey's Village Café -**

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

## **Hethersett Queen's Head -**

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

## **Park Farm Hotel**

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

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

## **Café Kin**

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

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

## **Hethersett King's Head**

Norwich Road. Food is served every day including Sunday lunch.

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You will also find a variety of eating outlets close to the Thickthorn Services area off the B1172. These are technically in Hethersett, although they are two miles from the village centre. Outlets include Burger King, Subway and McDonalds and there is also a petrol station and Travelodge.



# Where Are The Best Deals?

## Herald Petrol Watch

Petrol prices seem to be hurtling 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 after a month where prices stabilised.

Prices continue to be either at or approaching an all time high, however. This month's survey was taken on May 26th.

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	165.7	+7p	178.7	+8p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	166.9	+8p	179.9	+9p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	164.9	+6p	176.9	+4p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	166.9	+7p	179.9	+9p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	165.9	+7p	178.9	+6p
Abbeygate Wymondham	171.9	+6p	187.9	+7p
Waitrose Wymondham	173.9	+8p	185.9	+6p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	178.9	+11p	189.9	+7p

# 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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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 next talk/presentation organised by the Friends of Hethersett Library will take place on June 8th when the Widow Kett will be making an historic appearance courtesy of Wymondham-based Georgette Vale. On August 10th, Norfolk-based author Phyllida Scrivens will give a talk on her latest book about the Great Thorpe Railway Disaster and on October 12th author Ray Rumsby will be talking about his latest novel entitled "The Prentice Boy".

Tickets for the talk by the Widow Kett are £5 and available from the library or at the event. The charge includes light refreshments at the end of the presentation.

## Hethersett Mothers' Union

*By Kate Reynolds, Branch Secretary*



During our meeting in May we enjoyed a talk by Jenny Hockham from Diocesan House telling us about the MU here in Norfolk and its national work. Firstly, she spoke about the life of founder Mary Sumner and her life and mission, nationally and locally.

Some very important work is carried out by MU through relationship workshops, toddler groups and prison work, hospital support and holidays.

The MU actively reaches out to support all ages at all stages in life. Our members campaign locally on issues of importance and take part in national and global campaigns promoting equality and justice.

In Norfolk the MU is also very involved in helping to prepare a comfortable environment for refugees, providing them and their children on arrival with warm baby blankets and comfortable bedding amongst many other things.

Our next meeting was scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and was due to be a talk by the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS).

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



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## 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:

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Workshop with Katherine Potter (Flowershack florist)

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

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## **THE RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group)**

***By Viv Hawes***

A big thank you to all who attended our first meeting in two years and, although we were slightly down on numbers, it was gratifying to see how pleased we all were to meet each other again. We hope that the news of our renaissance will spread and we will see some new faces as well as old friends.

Our inaugural speaker was Erica Betts, Lead Governor at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, successor to our own Jane Scarfe, and her update on the responsibilities and satisfaction of her post were very informative. The hospital is recovering from the Covid crisis and starting to look forward to new treatment facilities in this 250th year since its opening.

Our speaker next month will be Dr Peter Merry, Consultant Rheumatologist who will be giving us answers to questions put by the audience.

The meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> (no meeting in June) sees us celebrating at Owlswood, Shipdham by kind invitation of Jane, and Professor Karl Gaffney will be our guest. This will be a chance for a relaxed afternoon of chat, delicious cake and good company in a lovely setting.

We have had to say farewell to Cathy and David, our friends in the kitchen, as they felt it was time to bow out but a big thank you goes to them for seven years of help. It is for this reason that the regime has changed slightly with us now using paper cups and plates (no washing up and less Covid risk). The cakes however remain as yummy as ever. Another change has also been made in that we will no longer be charging the £6 a year membership fee, but our meeting fee will now be £4, our only increase since our start in 2008.

For those yet to join us, we meet at Hethersett Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 pm and we will welcome you warmly if you have arthritis or live with someone who has it, sometimes the family and friends could use a little more information and this has always been the principal aim of the group. We hopefully help people to become part of their own Healthcare Team.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Take care

If you require more info please email me at [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net)  
or phone 01603 811347.

# Groups and Societies

## **Year 7+ Jubilee Youth Club**

It has been lovely to see the group develop since I first started in October 2021. This group is different because at the age of 11, these people are developing into young adults and have their own thoughts and opinions about what they want to do. We listen to them and get to know what they enjoy. We have done science experiments, cooked pizzas, played bingo and had team games on using computers, to name but a few.

They don't have to take part in the activity as there are many other options for them to develop in independence, social skills and communicating with others of different ages. If you have a son/ daughter or know of someone who would benefit from gaining these skills and sharing their opinions and ideas with others, please get in touch.

The email address is [youthc89@gmail.com](mailto:youthc89@gmail.com)

You will also find us of Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/Yr-7-Hethersett-Jubilee-Youth-Club-110486428131380>

<https://www.instagram.com/hethersettyouthclub/>

## **Hethersett Woman's Institute**

***By Margot Markham***

WE are all so familiar with “ Jarrolds “ aren't we? Maybe carpets from the Wymondham shop and an outfit or anything else from the wonderful shop in London Street in Norwich. Pete Goodrum came to our meeting in April. He has written a book about the history of Jarrolds across the last 250 years.

The roots of the business were in shopkeeping. In 1770, John Jarrold opened a grocers and drapers in Woodbridge. He died of typhus when he was only 31 . After a few years his son, John ( they were all called John ) took up the reins when he was only 21.

The widow of the original John wanted to return to her home in Norwich and the business was established at 3, Cockey Lane. This later became London Street. John Jarrold became a bit of an entrepreneur and diversified into farming and printing. Norwich was a growing city and their business as bookseller, publisher and printer was established. In 1878, the first edition of “Black Beauty” by Anna Sewell was published. Jarrolds went from strength to strength.

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With the increase of tourism, Jarrolds produced a series of postcards and guide books and there was even a circulating library on the second floor. George Skipper, the leading Norwich architect, redesigned the frontage of the building and the lovely building seems to get lovelier.

Behind the retailing business, the John Jarrold Trust has distributed a huge amount of money to local charitable causes. The story was certainly a fascinating one.

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 "Dawsons 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.

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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.

The venue has returned to bar service and the wearing of face masks is optional

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## Hethersett Hawks



By Mel Perkins MBE

### Young Hawks in Sussex

Hethersett Hawks/Yellow Brick

Mortgages had a Bank Holiday weekend break from racing but one member was on his travels again. Glyn Morgan was at Wednesfield in the West Midlands to contest Round Two of the Eurovets series. It was certainly a test of his fitness as he ended up having seven races on the big circuit.

In the joint Over-50 / Over-60 heats he scored 14 points which was enough to get him into the Over-50s B Final where he finished fourth. The 16 points awarded for that place added to his score in Round One now sees him in fifth place in the Over-50s.

His main focus is the Over-60s and he did enough to get into the A Final. He finished runner-up in the final behind his old regional adversary Ray Pyke from Kesgrave but the 23 points kept him top of the series leader board after his win at Horspath.

Hawks managed to get commitment from 12 riders for the long trip to Sussex to



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face Hellingly Lions in the South East League and, although the home side put their home track knowledge to good use, Hawks gave a good account of themselves.

The Youth League match was staged first at Hethesett's request and the Hawks fielded a very young team including four Under-10s, one of whom, six-year-old Nyla El Labany, was probably the youngest ever to represent the club in the regional league. Her brother Luca adapted to the track the best while Will Clarke rode consistently and Oscar Copeland looked sharper.

Result: Hellingly Under-16s 87, Hethersett Under-16s 43. Hethersett scorers—Luca El Labany 12, Will Clarke 10, Oscar Copeland 8, Thalia Silver 5, Nyla El Labany 4, Austin Brailey 4.

Rob Silver was the rider-of-the-match in the Division Two match, only his second regional league outing. He rode steadily and the more experienced heat-leaders - Leigh Cossey and Paul Delaiche - also scored well. Again the home track advantage was clear to see but at least the score was kept respectable. Cossey and Rod Burke scored a 7-3 win in heat 10 while Silver and Nigel Longlands repeated the feat in heat 15.

Result: Hellingly 88, Hethersett 72. Hethersett scorers: Leigh Cossey 16+2, Paul Delaiche 16, Rob Silver 14, Rod Burke 9, Nigel Longlands 8+2, Katie Adams 4, Will Clarke 4, Oscar Copeland 1.

The previous day, nine Hawks travelled to Ipswich for the second South-East Grand Prix and three finished runners-up in their category's "A" Finals - Luca El Labany in the Under-10s, Aiesha Musa in the girls and Glyn Morgan in the Veterans. In the Under-10s, Hawks provided the winners in the "B", "C" and "D" Finals - Ronnie Harding, Oscar Copeland and Arlo Davies respectively - while Austin Brailey rode well to finish third in the "B" Final. Amelia Dodson finished fourth in the girls while Jamal Musa won a race-off to qualify for the "C" Final of the Under-12s where he finished third.

The second Norfolk Grand Prix for the younger age groups was held at Eaton Park with 17 riders present - 14 from Hethersett and three from Norwich. The racing was competitive and entertaining as always with all riders getting encouragement from team colleagues and opponents.

Despite some exceptional performances in the heats, notably from Alfie Gunn and Lola Martin, in the end, when it got down to the Finals, there was an uncanny similarity to the results of Round One at Hethersett. The only major change was Will Blackmore getting revenge over Aiesha Musa in the Under-13 A Final after they were both unbeaten in the heats. Luca El Labany (Under-10) and Remy Davies (Under-8) consolidated their leading positions by winning their "A" Finals, the latter bravely recovering from a heavy fall in the heats.

# Groups and Societies



Results (Hethersett unless stated) -

Under-8

"A" - 1 Remy Davies, 2 Alfie Gunn, 3 Nyla El Labany.

Under-10

"A" - 1 Luca El Labany, 2 Stanley Budds (Norwich), 3 Austin Brailey, 4 Ronnie Harding.

"B" - 1 Oscar Copeland, 2 Arlo Davies.

Under-13

"A" - 1 Will Blackmore (Norwich), 2 Aiesha Musa, 3 Zachary Eastwood (Norwich), 4 Matthew Sidell.

"B" - 1 Lola Martin, 2 Jamal Musa, 3 Amelia Dodson, 4 James Hankey.

The next Grand Prix will be for Under-16s, Female (10+) and Seniors at Eaton Park on June 1st.

# Groups and Societies

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

By Anne Steward

The Forget-Me-Not café meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

The first Tuesday is usually an informal morning featuring chat and light refreshments and the third Tuesday features a variety of entertainment from games and talks to films and music. June's cafes will be held on the 7th and 21st.



On May 17th, singer/guitarist David Wyatt (pictured opposite) entertained. Members enjoyed joining in with some old favourites as well as listening to original songs written by David. Lunch followed the entertainment.

David has already agreed to a return visit.

On 7th June a special Jubilee morning will be held with a Royal

Occasions Film show, a quiz and special refreshments to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. This takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 a,m until midday and is run by Hethersett Dementia Support.



# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Gardening Club

*By Leslie Dale*

At our meeting of Wednesday 20th April, Matthew Willer described “The Papillon Project” which is about gardening projects within local schools.

Matthew Willer’s career commenced in 2015 as a teacher of “humanities” at Reepham High School. Here he soon felt that the young people would benefit from learning about sustainable living. With the aid of an initial two students he set about converting bare grassland into an allotment. Raised beds and other growing habitats were created out of recycled materials. The project went from strength to strength.

Matthew and local community friends determined that, unlike other allotment projects at other schools, the initiative should not die with any career move of his. Consequently the project eventually morphed “butterfly like” into the registered charity named the Papillon Project. Matthew and three other people are now prime movers for this project which has so far involved about one third of all the secondary schools in Norfolk. We were very pleased to note that the Hethersett Academy is involved. Please see [www.thepapillonproject.com](http://www.thepapillonproject.com).

At our meeting of 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 EDP newspaper, writing about gardening matters or sometimes, as one of the “expert panelists” on Saturday’s BBC Radio Norfolk Gardening programme.

Martin’s career has involved the education and training of persons involved in rural husbandry, whilst employed 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 the garden conditions, earth type, sheltered or not, the costs of allotments, manure and compost properties--beware if it contains someone else’s weed killing chemicals, weeds and diseases, crop rotation, composting, green manures, no dig vegetable plots, pests from deer to slugs and avian pigeons to carrot fly, seeds to be as new as possible and stored in a cool dry environment. Finally to love ones’ ducks, geese, hedgehogs, hoverflies as pest eaters and bees as pollinators.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2.00; refreshments are included.

# Groups and Societies

Our next meetings are on Wednesday 15th June when Richard Clark of Panache Plants will be guiding us with his knowledge of Eucomis and other South African Bulbs. On Wednesday 20th July, Neil Thomas will be advising us on trees and tree surgery.



## St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am until midday in St Remigius Church.

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on TUESDAY 7th JUNE.

Future Dates:

5th July

For more information telephone Pauline on 01603 812610

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Garage Sale is Back

THE Friends of Hethersett Academy's garage and car boot sale is set for a comeback following the lockdown years.

The event will take place on Sunday 26th June between 9 am and 1 pm and pitches can be booked.

You can see details on the poster on the next page.



# Hethersett Herald What's On

FRIENDS OF HETHERSETT  
ACADEMY



# GARAGE AND CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 26th June 2022  
9am - 1pm



Cost of pitch:

**£7 (Garage or Car boot)**

Closing date to secure a pitch:

**Friday 17th June 2022**

Contact email:

**[foha.ac.uk@gmail.com](mailto:foha.ac.uk@gmail.com)**

**Hethersett Academy Car Park (Queen's Road Entrance):**

- Car boot sale
- Refreshments
- Maps

**Hethersett Academy Car Park (Back Lane Entrance):**

- Maps

# Live Performance

## The Widow Kett

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

7-9PM

@ Hethersett Library



Alice is pondering on the events of 1549 that led to her husband Robert being hanged as a rebellious traitor.

This hour long performance is brought to you by Georgette Vale Wymondham Walks And Talks / Live History

Tickets are **£5**. Refreshments will be available.

Book online at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/whats-on>

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)



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# Hethersett Herald What's On

## June Diary

**Wednesday 1st**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th**—Scarecrow trail in Hethersett

**Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th**—70 Glorious years in flower, St Remigius Church.

**Friday 3rd**—Platinum jubilee celebration meal organised by Hethersett Hearts and Hethersett Parish Council at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex in Firs Road 3-6 pm.

**Saturday 4th**—Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 pm.

**Saturday 4th**—Jubilee village litter pick, starting from Village Hall at 2 pm.

**Sunday 5th**—Village picnic lunch organised by Hethersett Parish Council. Village Hall 12-3 pm.

**Sunday 5th**—Flowers, music and song in St Remigius Church (details elsewhere in this edition)

**Monday 6th**—Closing date for nominations for South Norfolk Community Heroes awards.

**Tuesday 7th**—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

**Tuesday 7th**—St Remigius Baby and Toddler Group. St Remigius Church 10 am until midday.

**Wednesday 8th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon., 7 pm.

**Wednesday 8th**—Friends of Hethersett Library, Talk By The Widow Kett.

**Sunday 12th**—Craft Fair for SANDS the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity. Hethersett Village Hall.

**Wednesday 15th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon,

**Wednesday 15th**—Auction of Church Hall by Auction House, East Anglia.

**Wednesday 15th**—Hethersett Gardeners' Club. Richard Clark of Penache Plants, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Saturday 18th**—Hethersett players present Last Tango in Little Grimley and Lockdown in Little Grimley. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Saturday 18th**—Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 pm.

**Sunday 19th**—Hethersett players present Last Tango in Little Grimley and Lockdown in Little Grimley. Hethersett Village Hall, 2.30 pm.

**Monday 20th**—Hethersett Parish Council meeting. Hethersett Village Hall 7.30 pm, preceded by planning committee meeting at 7 pm.

**Tuesday 21st**—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am. Hethersett WQriters Group Present.

**Wednesday 22nd**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**Saturday 25th**—Fete and Dog Show for Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, Midday to 3.30 pm.

**Sunday 26th**—Garage and car boot sale, 9 am to 1pm. Various points in the village.

**Monday 27th**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club workshop with Katherine Potter.

**Wednesday 29th**—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

**If you would like your event featured in Hethersett Herald or our sister publication Good News please send details of event, time, date and venue to the editor at: [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com).**

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# Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club** plays 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.

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



June is Sands Awareness Month! Please come along and enjoy the craft fair at Hethersett Village Hall. Representatives from baby loss support groups will be there to chat and offer or direct people to support if anyone would like to find out more within a relaxed environment.



## CRAFT FAIR

A craft fair being held during Sands Awareness month. Come along to find out more about available support and also browse a wonderful array of gifts and crafts.

**WHEN:** Sunday 12th June 2022 from 10am-3pm.

**WHERE:** Hethersett Village Hall Back Lane Hethersett Norfolk NR9 3JJ

For more information contact

**Norfolk Sands:**



[www.norfolksands.org.uk](http://www.norfolksands.org.uk)



**Norfolk Sands** is part of Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity. Sands supports anyone affected by the death of a baby, works to improve bereavement care and funds research to save babies' lives.



[sands.org.uk](http://sands.org.uk)



Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society) is a registered charity in England and Wales (299679) and Scotland (SC042799).

# Hethersett Herald What's On



## The Big Jubilee Lunch

Sunday 5th June  
Hethersett Village  
Hall

12 Noon - 3pm

Garden  
Games

Side Stalls

Entertainment

Prizes for best children's  
Fancy Dress, Best Crown  
and Best Dressed Pet!

Launch of Platinum  
Jubilee Village Trail

Bring  
your  
own  
picnic!



To apply for free tickets,  
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phone 01603 810915 or  
email  
[hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

NOT everything in Hethersett Herald is about our village.

At times we do use some artistic licence by including articles and features on non Hethersett items.

The only criteria for inclusion is they have to be written by a Hethersett resident. This month Phil Hardy continues his look at the Kennedy assassination and we start off with regular columnist John Head who shares his love of Irish history.

# The Assassination of Kennedy—Part 2



**By Phil Hardy**

**Who was Lee Harvey Oswald?**

**Introduction:**

IN the last article, we saw how the mother-in-law of Lee Oswald's landlady was the best friend of a former mistress of CIA director Allen Dulles. President Kennedy had fired Dulles after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, together with deputy CIA director General Charles Cabell, whose brother Earle Cabell was Mayor of Dallas in 1963 and was involved in presidential security arrangements with the Secret Service.

The security for President Kennedy had been largely removed and the House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded in 1978 that the arrangements in Dallas differed dramatically from those in Houston just the day before and were 'uniquely insecure' when Kennedy was murdered.

The Church Committee set up to investigate CIA excesses in the post-

Watergate period recommended re-opening the JFK assassination investigation after they discovered the CIA had recruited the mafia to kill foreign leaders including Fidel Castro and Patrice Lumumba of the Congo during the Kennedy presidency and Dulles withheld this vital information from the Warren Commission, despite him being the most active member of the Commission. Following the committee's work, its Chairman Senator Richard Schweiker said:

"We don't know what happened, but we do know Oswald had intelligence connections. Everywhere you look with him, there are the fingerprints of intelligence."

What follows should help the reader assess if Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone nut gunman as portrayed by the Warren Commission or whether he was in fact something very different altogether.

**Lee Harvey Oswald – Communist loner or low-level undercover intelligence agent?**

Lee Harvey Oswald joined the Marines when he turned 17; he attempted to join a year earlier with a fake birth certificate but, when the deception was noticed, he was made to wait and joined a year later. In the Marines, he performed well in radar operation and was stationed in Atsugi, Japan, where the CIA's top secret U2 spy plane ran missions.

The official version simplified claims that Oswald, a devoted Marxist, became disillusioned with the Marines and defected to the Soviet Union. He returned to the US two years later, disillusioned with Soviet life, with a Russian wife and child. A disgruntled loner, he assassinated President Kennedy when the opportunity presented itself as he was the ideological enemy of his Marxist views. Yet there is significant trouble with this version as we will consider. Whilst it is not possible to go into every detail in this article, the main points will be considered.

Oswald was given a Russian test whilst in the Marines; this is not normal practice for a regular Marine. Why was Oswald taught Russian by the US military? Oswald claimed he learned it listening to Radio Moscow, but that explanation is neither viable nor believable. When he met his future wife Marina, his Russian was so good, she initially thought he was from another part of the Soviet Union. J Lee Rankin of the Warren Commission confirmed that Oswald had studied at the Monterey Language School whilst in the Marines and his 'defection' must be considered suspicious in this context, particularly since Oswald kept quiet about how he really learned the language.



**Victor Marchetti in 1975**

When Oswald 'defected' to the Soviet Union in 1959, that same year the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) ran a fake defector programme, attempting to place Americans within the Soviet Union. These undercover agents were conditioned in their training to appear disillusioned with life in the US and ready to see what communism was all about. This was run at Nag's Head in Raleigh, North Carolina, and we know this because Victor Marchetti, the former Executive Assistant to the CIA director Richard Helms, admitted that this programme was being run there. [Remember this location because this will resurface shortly in a remarkable way with information we now know].

In the Marine Corps, Oswald also read Russian books, read Russian newspapers and played Russian

records so loudly in the army barracks, his colleagues referred to him as Comrade or Oswaldovich. This certainly begs the question: would this behaviour have been tolerated by his superiors in the military? Embracing the ideological enemy of the US in this way would have been seen as treasonous and certainly not fitting for a Marine.

Oswald was stationed at Atsugi Air Base in Japan as a radar operator where the CIA's U2 spy planes took off and landed; they would take photographs over the Soviet Union and China from a great height and Oswald was given a top secret clearance. When Oswald travelled to Moscow, he told official Richard Snyder of the US Embassy there that he would offer the Soviets all the top secret information he possessed and that he knew something of special interest.

Despite Oswald offering the Soviets all he had learned in the Marines, when Oswald was to return to the US when 'disillusioned' with life in the Soviet Union two years later, the State Department loaned him the money to return to the US and no charges of treason were ever made against him, despite a U2 being shot down over Russia on May Day 1960, six months after Oswald 'defected'.

Jumping ahead somewhat to August 1963, just three months before the assassination, Oswald made a slip in a radio interview by saying that whilst he was in Moscow, he was always under the protection of the American government. He stopped himself mid-sentence and said "...that is not to say I was under the protection of the American Government, but that I was at all times considered an American

citizen". As he made this slip, his voice wobbled nervously, as if he had almost blown his cover. Yet when the Warren Commission reported the transcript of the radio interview in their report, it claimed Oswald had said he was not under the protection of the American Government, as if the slip never occurred. Fortunately, the voice recording of what Oswald actually said is today in the public domain.

### **Traitor or undercover agent?**

On Oswald's return from the Soviet Union to the US, J Walton Moore of the CIA's Domestic Contacts Division (DCD) encouraged wealthy CIA agent George de Mohrenschildt to make contact with Oswald.

George de Mohrenschildt became close to Lee and Lee and Marina had dinner with George and his wife regularly. For New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, de Mohrenschildt was Oswald's 'babysitter', someone overseeing him whilst a new mission was being prepared for Oswald whose return from the Soviet Union with a Russian wife and child gave him excellent credentials as a left-wing Marxist and sympathiser of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Lee could infiltrate subversive groups with this cover and report back to his intelligence masters. George got Lee a job at Jagers Chives Stovall, a company that made maps and carried out classified work for the US army and Lee began his role there just days before the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962. This was a baffling appointment for a returned Marxist defector who threatened to give classified information to the Soviet Union (unless, of course, Oswald was not a real defector at all but something



else altogether). De Mohrenschildt told researcher Edward Epstein that he was told to make contact with Oswald by CIA officer J Walton Moore who said Oswald was ok.

The interview with Epstein took place just hours before House Select Committee on Assassinations investigator Gaeton Fonzi approached de Mohrenschildt at his home and left his business card with de Mohrenschildt's daughter to contact him.

De Mohrenschildt had begun to talk to reporters about Oswald more openly and was being sought by HSCA investigators to testify on the record. Just hours after Fonzi left his business card with de Mohrenschildt's daughter, de Mohrenschildt was found dead of a gunshot wound: the official cause of death was reported as suicide. De Mohrenschildt had known future CIA director and US President George H W Bush through his oil interests (George H W Bush owned Zapata Oil in Houston, Texas and had shared a room with de Mohrenschildt's nephew Edward Hooker at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts).

Bush was undoubtedly involved in the Bay of Pigs debacle in 1961 for the CIA, the agency he would direct in the late 1970s when the HSCA was

Mr. G. de Mohrenschildt  
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Apartment 142  
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear George:

Please forgive the delay in my reply to your September 5th letter. It took time to explore thoroughly the matters you raised.

Let me say first that I know it must have been difficult for you to seek my help in the situation outlined in your letter. I believe I can appreciate your state of mind in view of your daughter's tragic death a few years ago and the current poor state of your wife's health. I was extremely sorry to hear of these circumstances.

In your situation, I can well imagine how the attentions you described in your letter affect both you and your wife. However, my staff has been unable to find any indication of interest in your activities on the part of Federal authorities in recent years. The flurry of interest that attended your testimony before the Warren Commission has long since subsided. I can only speculate that you may have become "newsworthy" again in view of the renewed interest in the Kennedy assassination and, thus, may be attracting the attention of people in the media.

I hope this letter has been of some comfort to you, George, although I realize I am unable to answer your question completely. Thank you for your good wishes on my new job. As you can imagine, I'm finding it interesting and challenging.

Very truly yours,

  
George Bush  
Director

investigating the Kennedy assassination. The code name for the invasion was Operation Zapata (Bush owned Zapata Oil) and the first ships that sailed in as part of the invasion were called 'Barbara' and 'Houston' (Bush's wife was Barbara Bush and his oil company Zapata Oil was based in Houston).

De Mohrenschildt had written to CIA director George Bush in 1978 asking for his help to evade the intense scrutiny on him in relation to Oswald and Bush wrote back a polite letter brushing his situation off. What would happen if a CIA agent sought help from seniors in the CIA when in a sticky situation? We will return to that later. For now, it is important to note that de Mohrenschildt was also an

acquaintance of Allen Dulles, as was of course, Oswald's landlady Ruth Paine, who also knew de Mohrenschildt well.

### Serious Threats

Bobby Kennedy as Attorney General of the US had hit the Mafia harder than any other US administration in history. Before the Kennedy presidency - in 1960 - there were only 35 convictions for organised crime

offences; by 1963 there were 288 convictions - a figure that doubled the following year because of the momentum Bobby Kennedy's organised crime crusade built up during the dying months of the Kennedy era.

Bobby Kennedy's arch-rival Jimmy Hoffa who headed up the Teamsters Union that had been infiltrated by organised crime was reported by informant Ed Partin as planning to murder Bobby Kennedy. According to Partin, Hoffa said of the Attorney General;

"Someone needs to bump that son of a bitch off... You know I've got a run down on him... his house sits here like this [Hoffa draws with his fingers], and it's not guarded. He drives about in a convertible and swims by himself. I've got a .270 rifle with a high power scope on it that shoots a long way without dropping any. It would be easy to get him with that. But I'm leery of it; it's too obvious."



**Bobby Kennedy grilling his nemesis Jimmy Hoffa in an open hearing.**

He also considered bombing Bobby's house, allegedly saying, "What I think should be done, if I can get hold of these plastic bombs, is to get somebody to throw one in his house and the place'll burn after it blows up. You know the S.O.B. doesn't stay up too late."

Florida Mafia boss Santo Trafficante was reported by Cuban exile Jose Aleman as saying:

"Have you seen how his [JFK's] brother [Bobby] is hitting Hoffa, a man who is a worker, who is not a millionaire [Hoffa was in fact a millionaire], a friend of the blue collars. He doesn't know this kind of encounter is very delicate... it is not right what they are doing to Hoffa... Hoffa is a hard working man and does not deserve it."

He went on to say that the Kennedys were "not honest. They took graft and they did not keep a bargain. Mark my word, this man Kennedy is in trouble,

and he will get what is coming to him." When Aleman disagreed and said he thought Kennedy was doing a good job as President and would be re-elected, Trafficante replied very quietly, "You don't understand me. Kennedy's not going to make it to the election [in 1964]. He is going to be hit." Aleman said he was left with the impression that Trafficante was not guessing about the killing, but knew he was going to be killed and that he was personally involved in arranging it.

New Orleans Mafia boss Carlos Marcello, whom Bobby Kennedy as Attorney General of the US deported to Guatemala at the start of the Kennedy Presidency in 1961, was reported by Edward Becker a year before the JFK assassination as saying Robert Kennedy was "going to be taken care of." Comparing the Kennedy brothers to a dog, he allegedly said that if you cut off the dog's tail [kill Bobby], the biting will continue. If you cut off the dog's head [kill JFK], however, the biting will cease, as Bobby [the tail] would no longer be Attorney General and would lose his power base. Becker said Marcello had "clearly stated that he was going to arrange to have President Kennedy murdered in some way". Furthermore, Marcello spoke of taking out "insurance" by "setting up a nut to take the blame" for JFK's murder, someone who would point away from organised crime. Becker said that is "the way they do it all the time in Sicily".

### **Oswald the Marxist Loner - The Perfect Patsy?**

When Oswald was handing out Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) leaflets in support of Fidel Castro on the streets of New Orleans just a few



**Carlos Marcello as he appeared before the Senate Rackets Committee, March 23, 1959, Washington, D.C. Marcello invoked the Fifth Amendment 35 times in 15 minutes in refusing to answer questions about his occupation, sources of income and associations. Bobby went after him ruthlessly.**

months before JFK's murder, the address stamped on many of the leaflets - 544 Camp Street - turned out to be the office of ex-FBI agent Guy Bannister who received CIA funds in relation to anti-Castro activities; who worked on Mafia boss Carlos Marcello's court case to keep him in the US after Bobby Kennedy had him deported; who was affiliated with far-right circles; and who allowed the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC) - the Cuban government in exile - to work at that address. These anti-communist affiliations are polar

opposite to those of the pro-Castro Oswald, yet Oswald was using their address.

Bannister's partner said Oswald came to the office in the summer of 1963 to fill out a form to become an undercover agent for Bannister and that he used the upstairs office for his activities; her daughter said she saw Oswald use the upstairs office; Jack Martin who carried out private detective work at 544 Camp Street as

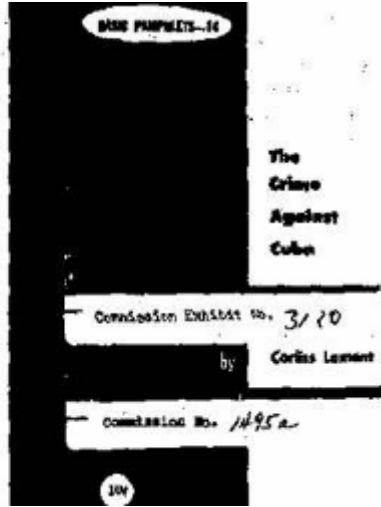
a front for CIA activities said Oswald used the office; brothers Daniel and Allan Campbell who worked as undercover agents for Bannister confirmed they saw Oswald at 544 Camp Street; and CIA operative William Gaudet, who worked in close proximity to 544 Camp Street, said he saw Oswald in the company of Bannister, David Ferrie and anti-Castro Cuban exiles. That Oswald was indeed an undercover agent trying to infiltrate left-wing groups on behalf of Bannister and his associates is beyond a reasonable doubt

David W Ferrie also worked out of 544 Camp Street with Guy Bannister and was Oswald's Civil Air Patrol (CAP) leader when Oswald was 15. A photograph of them together at a CAP barbeque surfaced years after the assassination. Ferrie, who also worked on Marcello's court case (the

National Guardian, 107 East 4th Street, New York 9, N. Y. (especially see dispatch from Guardian: Editor-in-Chief, Cedric Belfrage, Havana).  
New York Times, Times Square, New York, N. Y.  
J. F. Sorensen Weekly, 5018 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington 16, D.C.

Petition to the President of the United States and the Attorney General, by American Lawyers, and supporting Memorandum of Law criticizing the Policy of the American Government relating to Cuba under the Neutrality Laws, Frontier with Cuba, and International Law, New York, 1963. (Copies may be obtained from Mr. Jesse Clendon, 335 Sixth Avenue, New York 14, N. Y. Price \$1.00 to cover cost of printing and mailing.)

FOUO  
544 CAMP ST,  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70111



**A copy of the leaflet Oswald handed out for FPCC in New Orleans. The 544 Camp Street address is the key to the perpetrators of a conspiracy, if one existed**

Mafia boss who talked of setting up a nut to kill Kennedy), was asked to leave the podium during a speech to the New Orleans Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars in which he became very critical of President Kennedy and admitted using what he called "an offhand or colloquial expression" that Kennedy 'ought to be shot'.

Oswald had a 'fight' in the street in New Orleans with Carlos Bringuier of the DRE, a student anti-Castro exile group based there just months before the assassination and around the time of his leafleting activities in support of Castro.

Oswald was handing out his leaflets supporting Castro when just days earlier, the exile who attacked him said he had offered his services to the anti-Castro side as a former Marine,

even leaving with him his Marine Corps manual. Arresting police officers said the incident looked 'phony', like it was staged. The 'fight' in the street, the photographs of him handing out leaflets supporting Fidel Castro and his radio appearances were in Jim Garrison's words part of Oswald's 'sheep dipping', so he could be portrayed to be something he was not in order to carry out some low-level intelligence mission.

It is now known that the CIA, the FBI, Military and Army intelligence had targeted the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), the organisation for which Oswald was handing out leaflets, at the very time of Oswald's activities. Oswald was indeed displaying all the signs of an agent provocateur, infiltrating left-wing groups, gaining names and addresses of followers with these views, then reporting them to the FBI, CIA and military intelligence so they could be put under surveillance.

Yet at the same time, he was wide open to manipulation by the very forces violently opposed to President Kennedy for his perceived weakness at the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Whilst the CIA and the anti-Castro Cubans they had trained were infuriated by Kennedy for not providing military support for the invasion, the Mafia had lost all their lucrative casinos in Cuba and mafia boss Santos Trafficante of Florida had actually been imprisoned in Cuba by Castro following the revolution on the island.

The CIA, Mafia and anti-Castro Cuban exiles had joined forces to kill Castro and were all swirling around Oswald in the months leading up to the



**Oswald leafletting outside the New Orleans Trade Mart for FPCC in the summer of 1963**

assassination. Furthermore, since Kennedy pledged not to invade Cuba as part of a deal with the Soviet Union to resolve the Cuban Missile Crisis, Kennedy had started closing down the anti-Castro Cuban exile training camps, confiscating their weapons and limiting the movements of certain exiles, which angered them and their CIA mentors further.

In the next part of the series, we will consider what actually happened in Dealy Plaza on 22nd November 1963 together with other events that fateful weekend. Just 36 minutes after President Kennedy was murdered, police officer J D Tippit was shot dead just two miles away in Dallas suburb Oak Cliff, almost a mile from Oswald's rooming house.

Oswald was arrested in a nearby theatre within an hour of the Tippit killing and despite the Warren Commission claiming that Oswald



killed Kennedy for his place in history, Oswald denied shooting anyone in the strongest possible terms.

When Oswald was in police custody on 23rd November, the day after the assassination and the evening before he himself was shot dead by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner with mob connections, he tried to make a telephone call to a Mr John Hurt.

He was told by a nervous telephone operator that there was no answer to the numbers he provided, when in reality she didn't even attempt to dial the numbers at all. The call was to a number in Raleigh, North Carolina, the very place the fake defector program was ran out of Nag's Head. Was Oswald trying to call for help to get him out of this situation in which his cover could very easily be blown?

How would Oswald's handlers have reacted to Oswald calling on them to come to his aid in the situation he had got himself into? Former CIA officer Victor Marchetti said Oswald would have known that nobody could ever admit to his undercover role and the call to help him in itself could have been sufficient to justify his silencing (remember George de Mohrenschildt asking CIA director George H W Bush for help when he was under scrutiny over his relationship with Oswald and what happened to him?).

The next morning, 24th November



**In the photograph at the top, Civil Air Patrol leader David W Ferrie on the left and 15 year old Oswald on the right.**

**In the photograph below that, Oswald (centre) a split second before he is shot in the stomach by 'friend' of the Dallas Police and mob-connected Jack Ruby, bottom right**

1963 at 11.21 am, the most wanted prisoner in US history was shot dead in a heavily guarded Dallas police station whilst being transferred. Police complicity in the murder as we will see was beyond a reasonable doubt as concluded by the HSCA.

Phil will continue his series on the Kennedy assassination in the July edition of Hethersett Herald.

# The Famine Statues

HETHERSETT Herald columnist John Head is an authority on Irish history. In a special article he tells us about some Irish statues and their meaning for him.

My article is not a 'conversation starter' about the rights and wrongs of the retention of certain statues/ sculptures but one for the support of one which affected me so deeply that I feel it should remain for time in perpetuity as a stark reminder to us all of man's inhumanity to man.

On one of my research days concerning the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin, I was looking at the position of the gunboat Helga on the river Liffey. As I traced the gunboat's movements my day came to an abrupt halt as I came across the Famine Statues.

The statues depict the starving Irish people walking towards the ships which would take them away from hunger and poverty. The men, women and children are emaciated and in rags, there is even a starving dog in attendance looking for just a morsel of food.

As I looked into the eyes of these statues in my mind I was saying "I am so, so sorry". I felt naked with nowhere to hide, I felt anger. I felt pity but most of all I felt ashamed. How could we, as a nation, have done this to these people? There was no famine ; yes



there was a potato blight but other crops, particularly cereals, were being exported from Ireland to England whilst these poor people looked on. Potatoes were their staple diet and means of living and when it was lost they had no money to afford to pay prosperous land agents who controlled the estates of



absentee landlords. The pigs and cattle these tenant farmers had to supplement their income were taken by the land agents in lieu of rent. How bad was it ?

During the Great Hunger over a million died and the same number left the country. The book 'Famine' by Liam O'Flaherty will reduce the reader to tears – mothers suffocating their children because the children were in so much pain from starvation.

Eventually the only food available to eat was what was around them, for example, small fish from overfished rivers and streams and nettles. Yes, there was an attempt to feed the population but this fell foul of bureaucracy and conflicts of interest.

It is an old cliché that you cannot change history but you can learn from it (but do we?). These statues are so appropriate and bring out the feelings of sorrow and compassion. The Irish people have always been most welcoming to me and have demonstrated a most difficult virtue, that of forgiveness.

They cannot, however, forget and neither should we as we look, and take for granted, the abundance of what is grown in our Hethersett fields.

#### Postscript

Close to the Famine Statues is a replica of the Jeanie Johnston. This ship made 16 voyages to North America with emigrants from a famine ravaged Ireland. The average length of the journey was 47 days and the maximum she carried on one trip was 254 persons.

Incredibly, despite the long voyage and the number of passengers on board the Jeanie Johnston, no lives were ever lost thanks to the presence of a qualified doctor and no attempt to 'overload'.

#### Recommended Reading

Famine; Liam O'Flaherty.

Knocknagow or the Homes of Tipperary : Charles Joseph Kickham

The Great Hunger (poem) : Patrick Kavanagh









All photographs  
courtesy of John  
Head





# Memorial In Cathedral Close

HETHERSETT Herald editor Peter Steward and columnist John Head are both involved with researching the massacre of 97 British soldiers at Le Paradis in Northern France in May 1940.

This year has seen a memorial set-up in Norwich Cathedral in memory of those from the Royal Norfolk, Royal Scots and other regiments who were murdered by the Germans in the small hamlet.

The memorial is the culmination of years of hard work by numerous people to bring the massacre to a wider audience.

The pictures on this page were taken by Nick Smith and show a guard of honour at the Cathedral evensong of remembrance and also the memorial which is very close to that of Norfolk heroine Edith Cavell.



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