

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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## Celebrating the Coronation

HETHERSETT celebrated the coronation of King Charles III with a community party at the village hall and a colourful flower festival in the parish church.

Both proved to be tremendous successes with the Bank Holiday Monday predicted rain holding off as hundreds enjoyed picnics and entertainment on the field next to the village hall.

It was also an important day for the Back Community Garden which was officially opened at the start of the Coronation Party. You can read more about the events and see photographs inside this bumper edition of Hethersett Herald.

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All too often the success of an event depends on the weather. Hethersett's attempts last year to have a village party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were washed out by rain.



Thankfully a similar fate (or should that be fete) didn't befall the Coronation celebrations with the weather behaving itself so that a village party and picnic could go ahead on the field next to the village hall.

How lovely it would be to see the village coming together on a regular basis on this piece of land and how good it was to see the community garden officially opened. I hope you enjoy our coverage of this and other village news in our bumper June edition.

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# Slight Change In Village's Political Map

THERE was a slight shift in the political balance in Hethersett following the district council elections on May 4th.

Nine candidates were up for election for three places with Local Conservative candidates David Bills and Kathryn Cross topping the poll but Labour and co-operative candidate John Morland capturing the third seat.

Mr Morland's election broke a stranglehold on the village that previously returned three Conservative candidates.

The full result was:

Elected:

David Bills (Local Conservatives)	1001
Kathryn Cross (Local Conservatives)	982
John Morland (Labour and Co-Operative)	896

Not Elected:

Salena Dawson (Local Conservatives)	847
Jakob Marshall (Labour)	698
Paul Barrett (Green)	643
Steven Palmer (Labour)	592
Paul Blathwayt (Liberal Democrats)	584
Francisco Paco (Independent)	230

Turnout was 34.33% of the electorate.

We asked all three successful candidates to tell us in up to 500 words what they are looking to achieve on behalf of Hethersett. Any responses we receive will be included in the July edition of Hethersett Herald which will be available exclusively online at the end of June.



**David Bills, Kathryn Cross and John Morland—elected to South Norfolk Council**

# South Norfolk MP To Stand Down

MP for South Norfolk Richard Bacon has announced his intention not to stand for re-election at the next General Election.

Mr Bacon has come under considerable pressure from his own party and voters who have claimed that he has become the “Invisible Man” .

Posters claiming that he had gone missing were put up in the area a couple of years ago and Mr Bacon has repeatedly failed to answer letters, e-mails and phone calls made to him by constituents.

Hethersett Herald has advocated the need to be represented by a Member of Parliament who represents our needs and views and who is high profile in our area—something Mr Bacon has failed to do.

We have also been concerned at his official website which is always out of date and which some 100 days after Rishi Sunak became Prime Minister was still welcoming Liz Truss to that position. Currently the front page of the website still includes a tribute to Her Majesty The Queen on her Platinum Jubilee

In making his decision Mr Baker told the local Media that it was “time to give someone a chance.”

Mr Bacon has been MP for South Norfolk since 2001 and had a majority of 21,275 at the last election in a seat that historically has been seen as a Conservative stronghold.

## Hethersett Is Becoming More Rubbish Conscious

The May litter pick organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council attracted 18 volunteers who collected 10 bags of rubbish.

Afterwards one of the organisers Geoff Dyett praised what he feels is a cleaner Hethersett.

“Now you may think that is par for the course, however not so. The majority of the bags were only half full (if that) and it was mainly small items of litter. Well Done Hethersett I think the message is getting through and the majority of the litter is now being put in the bin or taken home.

“Also thank you to Hethersett Care Home who came to support us and supplied us with some goodies! One of our volunteers picked up six bottles of beer (unopened). Mind you four of them were of the no alcohol version, so was this why they were dumped?”

# Lease Of Queen's Head For Sale

THE lease of Hethersett Queen's Head Pub is up for sale but current landlord Richard Bond has assured customers and supporters that the venue will not close.

Over the past 25 years, Richard and Philippa Bond have turned the Queen's into a top local venue with good food and drink and friendly service.

Now the couple are looking to retire as Richard explained to Hethersett Herald.: "The Queen's Head lease is for sale as after 44 years in hospitality I am looking to retire."

But he emphasised that he would continue to run the pub until a new leaseholder is found, however short or long a time this takes.

"We intend to continue to run the Queen's until a suitable purchaser is found, it will not close," he said.

Staff have been informed of Richard's decision: "All the staff have been aware of our intentions for several months as they are key to the success of the business."

Richard also corrected people who believe the pub to be owned by Park Farm Hotel.

"The owners of Park Farm do have an interest in the Queen's Head but they do not own it. The leasehold is owned by Stonegate PLC."

The lease for the pub is up for sale at £99,500 and the annual turnover is stated to be £883,000 or £16,981 per week as the official advert above states.

The advert describes the Queen's as a "high quality destination food pub with significant local trade."

**We had a full interview with Richard and Philippa to mark their two decades at the pub in the May 2022 issue which can be found at [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com)**



## Top Hethersett Norfolk Food Pub Boasts Local Trade & Prime...

Norfolk

£99,500 Leasehold

Turnover: £883,000 £16,981 per week

High quality destination food pub with significant benefit of significant local trade, marquee and smoking area, and garden with play equipment.



### Two Decades At The Queen's

It was in 2002 that Hethersett couple Richard and Philippa Bond took charge of a classic village pub.

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

Richard and Philippa celebrated 20 years in 2022 when Hethersett Herald's issue on 27th May will make it clear to all that their staff and customers who have enjoyed time in a pub and restaurant over the past two decades.

Please turn to page 2 to read our special interview and find out more about the pub's manager, Louise Hill.



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### A Village of Growth

11 new residential units, 100 to 200 new jobs and over 100 new homes in the next 10 years. The village begins to grow in a big way. It is a 10% increase in the number of people living in the village and an increase in the number of people working in the village. The village is growing and the number of people living in the village is increasing.

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## Fire At Former Woodside School Is Arson Say Police

SMOKE billowed from the grounds of the former Woodside School in Firs Road on May 23rd as Norfolk Fire Service attended a blaze that destroyed a shed and one of the former classrooms.

Police have subsequently confirmed that the fire is being treated as arson.

One local resident reported seeing a number of young people in the area at the time.

Appliances from Hethersett and Earlham attended and the fire was out within about 20 minutes.

The photograph opposite was sent to us by Andre Smith. Below that regular reader Tina Bowden posted a picture of the smoke billowing high into the sky.

The official fire brigade website had the following information following a call out at 7.04 pm.

“Appliances from Hethersett and Earlham attended an outbuilding fire on Firs Road. The crews used hose reel jets to extinguish. The stop message was received at 19:29.”



# New Crossing Planned

A new pedestrian crossing in Back Lane will make the area safer for local children.

The idea of a crossing to help with safety issues is something that has been supported by the parish council, our district councillors and County Councillor David Bills for some time.

Now after full consultation the go-ahead has been given and work will start shortly.

County Councillor Bills said he was delighted that the crossing will go ahead, making the area safer for everyone and in particular for children, parents and guardians at school times in the mornings and afternoons.

We will have more on this important safety story in the July edition of Hethersett Herald which will be available at the end of June.



THIS photograph shows the early days of building in Firs Road opposite what was then Woodside School. The school is now closed and has moved to North Hethersett. Hethersett Herald regular contributor John Head sent this along with numerous other photographs from the building of his own house. You can read his reminiscences and view the photographs later in this edition.

# Sisters in Marathon Walk For Cancer Charity

IT was a case of sisters standing (or in this case walking) together when Hethersett's Philippa Bond and sibling Sarah Tudge undertook a Norfolk hike over 14 miles of tough terrain in memory of their brother.

The duo were charity walking in North Norfolk and that walk included a three mile stretch of what they referred to as "a brutal three miles on a shingle beach."

The duo have so far raised over £400 from a Just Giving page and the money will go to MacMillan Cancer support in memory of Jamie Crawford.

"The walk was supposed to be the distance of a half marathon (13 miles) but was actually 14.6 miles which included three miles on a chesil beach. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and it's not too late to donate," the happy walkers said at the end.

You can visit the Just Giving page by using the following link and searching for Sarah Tudge.





# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation

## Village Comes Together for the King



HETHERSETT celebrated the King's Coronation in style with a massive picnic in the park event and a four day flower festival in the parish church.

The village event took place on the field next to the village hall and also saw the official opening of the Community Back Garden.

The event was organised by Hethersett Parish Council and included fun from Sam The Magic Man who entranced the younger visitors. There was also live music from Hunter and food outlets. Afterwards the parish council posted the following message on social media:

“Thank you to everyone who came along to the Hethersett King's Coronation event. There was such a lovely atmosphere. A huge thanks to our volunteers who made it run smoothly.”

The event was sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.

# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation

Thank you to everyone who sent us photographs of the Coronation weekend. Over the next few pages we feature some of these.



# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation

A pictorial round-up of Hethersett people and places involved in celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.

Photographs by Sarah Collins, Joanna Macfarlane, Sarah Lawrence, Vicki Dakin, Debbie Baker, Cat Bibb, Helen Nalod, Lesley Hurn, Don and Bridget Williamson, Jane Cole and Peter Steward.



Pippa Downes with her special Coronation Cake made for the village's Forget-Me-Not Café. You can read more about this later in this edition.



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More Celebration Photographs

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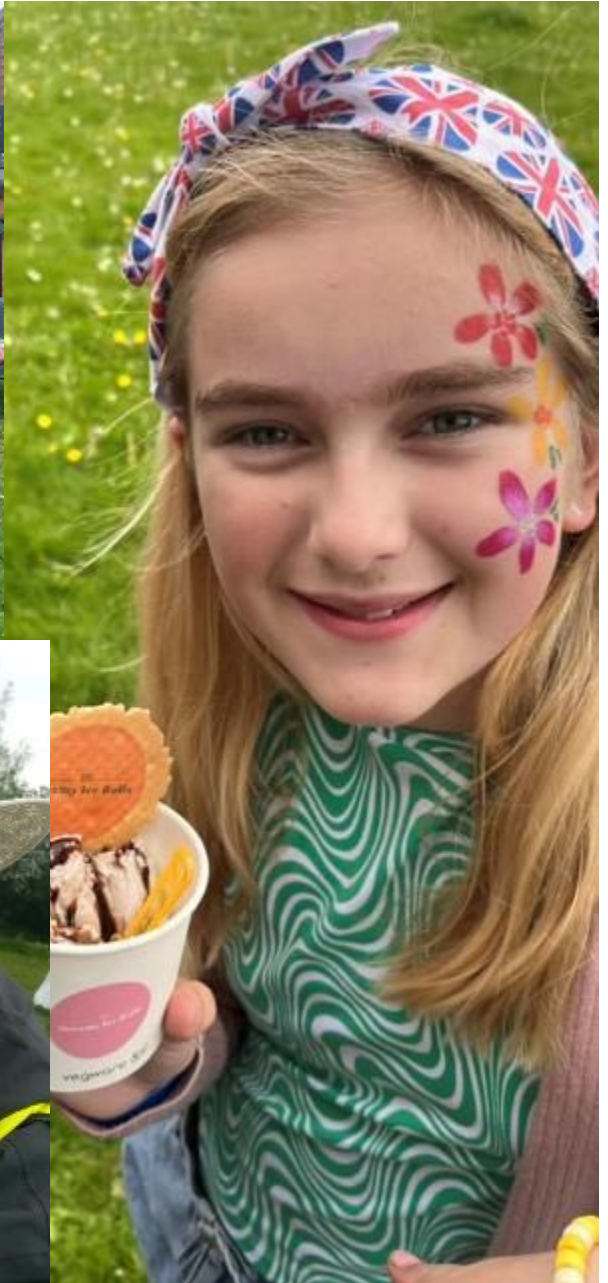


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THIS photograph was sent to us by Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence: “ My friend Lisa sent me this photograph. It’s at the Coronation event at the village hall, she took her 91 year old neighbour and her little girl Lucy there. It’s a lovely example of inter generational socialising at the event,” Sarah said.

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**Hethersett Scouts had a stall close to the new community garden.**



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Above are pictured staff from Hethersett Hall Care Home with their very own King and opposite bellringers from Little Melton Church get into the swing of things for a come and try event.

Thank you to everyone who sent in details and photographs of village events in support of the Coronation.

We hope you enjoy this colourful edition of Hethersett Herald which we hope will act as a good record of what was happening in the village during this historic occasion.



# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation

## Back To The Garden



Hethersett's Community Back garden on the field next to the village hall was officially opened on Bank Holiday Monday May 8th as part of the Coronation celebrations..

The garden commemorates the work over many centuries in the village of the Back Family and has been built by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council and thanks to sponsorship from a number of sources.







## Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation

# Coronation Floral Splendour

THE beautiful floral displays in St Remigius Church over the Coronation weekend certainly lived up to the title “Flowers Fit For A King.”

It was obvious that hours of preparation had gone into some stunning displays which brightened up the church over the four day Bank Holiday weekend.

“With talented ladies and gentlemen and generous sponsorship supporting us we have an amazing display celebrating King Charles,” said Adele Kent from the St Remigius Flower Guild.

The whole church was resplendent in

colour from the lychgate and entrance porch to the main church itself.

“We looked at King Charles’ life and loves to give us inspiration for our designs,” Adele said.

And there was great variety to the displays from places connected with the King including Highgrove, Sandringham and Balmoral, to displays representing his love of the environment to depictions of street parties and pastimes such as painting, fishing, polo and croquet. There were displays depicting the coronation and the commonwealth as well.

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The artistic people responsible for the displays included Ann Hammond, Doris Waymark, Irene Dack, Sandra Butler, Eileen Wyatt, Linda Wishart, Adele Kent, Pauline Gray, Ann Eckersley, Mary Guttridge, Pam Coldham, Jenny Walpole, Gillian Wright, Carole Richmond, Suzie Branson and Tina Carr.

A steady stream of visitors enjoyed the displays and refreshments over the four days with a special Coronation Songs of Praise on the Sunday. The coronation itself was shown on a large screen in the church on Saturday 6th May.

We hope you enjoy the

photographs on the next few pages taken by Adele Kent and Peter Steward.



# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation



AT the end of the event Adele Kent on behalf of the St Remigius Flower Guild thanked all those who had attended.

“A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our flower festival to celebrate the Coronation. We had a very busy weekend which made all the hard work of the arrangers, stewards and everyone who supported us worthwhile.”



# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation



**St Remigius showed the King's coronation on a large screen as shown in this photograph by Adele Kent.**

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All photographs on  
this page are  
courtesy of Adele  
Kent.

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HETHERSETT Hearts charity group helped residents and friends of Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex in Firs Road celebrate the Coronation with a special lunch on Friday May 12th.

Our pictures opposite and below show some of the volunteers that made the lunch possible and not only provided food but also decorated the lounge at Woodcote.

Well known Hethersett quizmaster Richard Headicar produced a history themed quiz and there was a raffle and a special Coronation cake.



Opposite is another photograph from work on the Back Community Garden project. This was taken by Don and Bridget Williamson during a working party day on May 21st. You can read more about the project earlier in this edition of Hethersett Herald.



# Hethersett Celebrates The Coronation

HETHERSETT Hall Care Home received a coronation surprise when Wymondham Garden Centre donated a pink blossom tree to mark the special event.

Residents expressed their delight to be given the tree and watched as it was planted in pride of place at the front of the hall.



# Where We Were – and Where We Are

BY the time that we are reading/listening to our various bits of writing for tonight's meeting we will, of course, be not long past the celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III – and sure we will all be glad if everything has gone off smoothly and enjoyably for everyone, be they participating or watching, either alone or with friends.

As with all 'benchmark' events, these occasions do, of course, bring back memories for all of us – either of the previous coronation (should we be old enough to remember it – I was born in 1951 so around for it but don't have any memories of it) or of other seismic events, either on the world stage – or on our own minute stages of life.

I am sometimes struck (as perhaps most of us are) by the similarity of so many of the items on stalls at bring and buy sales, car boots etc. We all, of course, like to think how very individual and unique we are – perhaps we even flatter ourselves on what excellent and exquisite taste we have in household decorations, ornaments, gadgets etc etc.

Still, as we wander around we're forced to realise just how much we all have similarities in the many choices that we make. What price individuality then? Also, maybe we wonder at some of the sheer tackiness of many

Anne Pearce is a member of Hethersett Writers' Group and came up with a slightly different take on coronations for the group's last meeting. We reproduce this here with Anne's permission.



Anne has published two books of short stories "Autumn Leaves" and "Winter Branches" - both of which are available on Amazon.

of the items (with uncomfortable memories perhaps of similar things lurking in cupboards – or even on display in our own homes)?

Is it the same with other things in life? Do we make our choices (be they which teabags to buy or who to vote for in an election) because of carefully considered judgements or are we pushed and prodded in different directions and choices by genetics, upbringing, the media (generally) and social media (in particular, perhaps).

Do we enjoy watching films like 'Titanic' because it's so pleasurable to watch others struggling in the water whilst we watch on our smart TVs from the safety and comfort of our dry land sofas?

Even with news items that we accept as 'real' – do they engender this feeling of schadenfreude?

No, no, no, we don't really enjoy the

sufferings of others – still, though it's pretty natural to feel relief that it isn't us in the various dire situations that feature so heavily on every news bulletin.

Anyway, we can always assuage these feelings by making some sort of donation to some sort of charity – and that has to be something positive to come from our various mixed feelings.

To return to the Coronation – whether we are ardent royalists or fiery republicans, I expect we all felt some sympathy for the major (and minor) players on this particular stage.

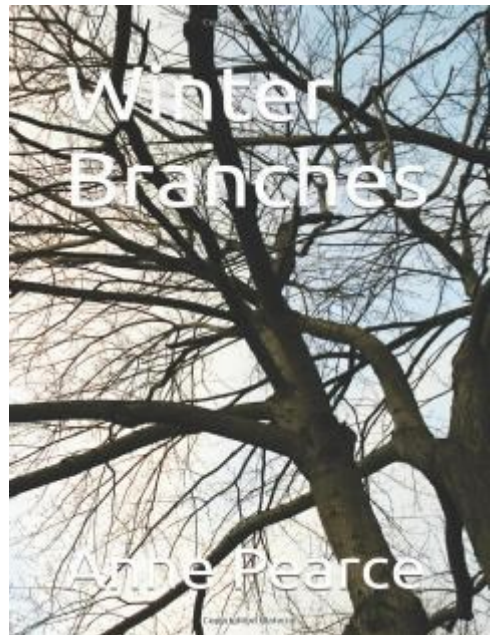
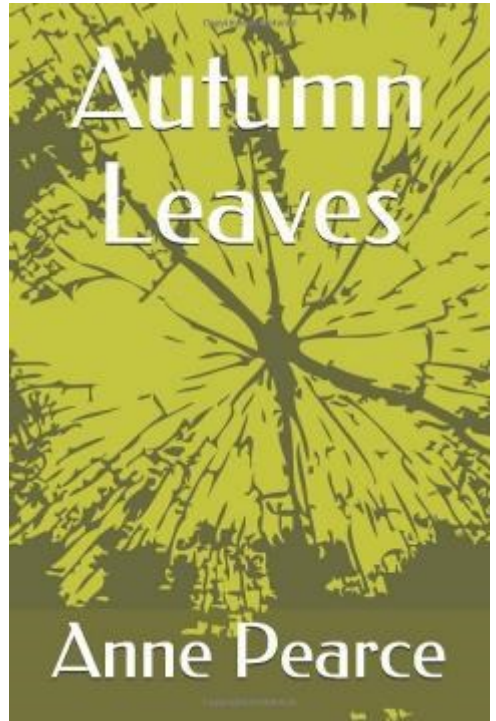
Having to get it all 'right' – with so many public and private eyes on us – must engender such a mixture of feelings, including anxiety and pride, of course.

Then there's all the feelings about the 'awkward' people there – those no longer entirely (or even slightly) within the family fold but who need to be invited (and their need to be present).

Perhaps most of us have (or have had) the odd bits of family discord, including people we no longer see, but wish that we did – or those that we do see, but wish that we didn't!

Maybe Tolstoy had it right: 'All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way'.

Expect we're fortunate if we're somewhere in the middle of those extremes – with just occasional moments of nostalgia prompted by the seismic public occasions in the lives of those more famous (but no more worthy) than ourselves.



# Lynne's Very Own Coronation

WHILE my husband was watching the coronation he reminded me of my first Queen-making/enskinment ceremony.

It lasted five days. Involved tough travel, very rough accommodation, heat stroke, multiple thousands of people, beautiful hand-woven robes, numerous dancers and drummers and a reporter from The Times who told us he had never ever had such a tough time even with all the dangerous assignments he had carried out.

He also collected a bladder parasite (not my fault). My golden coach equivalent was a young man who carried me triumphantly through the crowds.

My throne was made from huge goat-skin cushions (hence the term 'enskinment'). Further South chiefs, kings etc are 'enstooled' sitting on wooden or even golden stools.

My coronation feast was the raw innards of a just-slaughtered goat, brought in ceremony to me on a tray to select which organ I wanted them to prepare for me.

I slept in a room without electricity of

**Very few people get to have their own Coronation but Lynne Symonds from Great Melton is one of them. Lynne started the Wulugu Charity which works to tackle poverty through education in Northern Ghana. As a measure of the esteem that Lynne is held in, she was made an official Queen of one of the tribes. Here she recounts what happened to her on a very different coronation to that we have experienced in the United Kingdom.**



course, with 30 senior tribesmen and religious leaders sleeping on the ground outside of my room. The 'toilet' involved a walk in the dark and avoiding the snakes.

There was an eclipse that night--breath-taking - that the people said was an omen predicting the success of my new role.

I was, and am, the only white woman chief of the Mamprusi people. They have told me they will never bestow this honour on anyone else. Other



white people have been made village chiefs in return for helping, but there has never been a white woman chief of the whole tribe. Mamprusi are the second largest tribe in Ghana with an amazing history. They live proudly in North Ghana in the Mamprugu Kingdom. The people are amongst the poorest and most deprived in Ghana-- indeed in much of Africa. There is a huge divide between the North and South.



My tribespeople work hard to overcome the relentless poverty and are well aware that education, particularly for girls and women, is the most effective route forward.

The people are clever and strong, but often live without proper medical care and face unsurmountable challenges to their attempts to make better lives for their children, just needing a leg-up to overcome the neglect.

Over the years we have built a precious relationship of mutual trust and respect. The charity we set up 'The Wulugu Project' is regarded by many as the most effective education-based charity in North Ghana. It is known for overcoming the norm of corruption and has built or substantially re



-built almost 100 schools.

All the work in Ghana and UK is carried out by unpaid volunteers. Its work in bringing uneducated girls and women back into vocational training has been used as a model of good practice in tackling slavery.

It has an award from the world churches for helping keep peace.

I travelled back through Heathrow with piles of bloody animal skins and my throne. They let me through!

# Coronation Splendour

Hethersett-based Mulberrydays Celebrants make a small donation from every service they do for families and put the money into a pot that then goes to a local charity.

The latest donation has gone to the Finnbar's Force Charity which. The £100 was won by Ivan Fisher Funeral Home from a special photographic competition featuring the coronation. The funeral home won for its spectacular coronation windows and received a cheque to give to the charity of their choice which in this case was Finnbar's Force.

The picture opposite shows Davy Burrige who accepted the cheque on behalf of Ivan Fisher and Finnbar's Force and below you can see photographs of the windows which were sent to us by Tina Bowden from the Mulberrydays Celebrants.



**Photographs courtesy of Tina Bowden and reproduced with permission.**



## Plaque Finds A New Home

WE are pleased to announce that the plaque advertised in both Hethersett Herald and the Good News magazine has found a new home. It was left without a home after the bench on which it was mounted had to be taken down after being considered unsafe.

Regular Herald columnist John Head appealed for any members of Frederick Warman's family to come forward to claim the plaque. John writes.

"The plaque you advertised for me in the Herald and Good News has found an owner thanks to Hethersett Parish Councillor Leslie Dale contacting me.

"It has gone to Peter Warman at Eke's Farm who was delighted to receive it as the name on the memorial plaque is that of his uncle who worked at the farm for many years. The plaque will be displayed at his farm shop.

"I was interested to learn that the farm and his family go back to the 18th century at that location."

## Grass Cutting Concerns

RESIDENTS have expressed their concern to us at what they term "the mess" left on roads during the month following verge cutting by the district council.

We captured this pictured on New Road. Concern has also been expressed about the stones left on the road and paths in Mill Road.



# Pink Line Teething Problems Solved

**THE launch of the new bus service to the village didn't go exactly to plan on May 14th but is now fully active as we report here.**

IT is designed to improve the frequency of buses to the village as well as to serving the new North Hethersett development, but on launch day— Sunday May 14th - the new Pink Line number 11 service encountered an immediate problem.

The double decker found it impossible to negotiate the area around Recreation Road/West Croft due to weekend vehicles parked around the Memorial Playing Field.

The trustees of the Memorial Playing Field pre-empted the problems by contacting groups using the park to ask them not to park on the immediate roads.

Before the launch date the trustees sent out the following:

“Information has been received that First Bus are adding a new bus service (extending the service 11) to run from the hospital to Hethersett. The service will come into Hethersett via the new housing estate in North Hethersett and then down Mill Road, turn into Park Drive then West Croft returning to Norwich via Mill Road and the same route.

“The service starts on Sunday 14th May and will run seven days a week and be half-hourly. It is understood it will be double deckers.

“Clearly on the Playing Field's busy days, overspill parking tends be on both



**The new Pink Line bus route showing how it travels through the village.**

sides of West Croft and on Park Drive near the junction. If that continues we can see a load of problems for the buses and no doubt bring police presence.

“Please inform all your members to park sensibly and legally if they have to park outside the playing field, especially until the car park is extended.”

An anonymous posting on the All Things Hethersett Facebook site underlined the problems on the service’s first day:

“The bus was unable to serve a stop at West Croft/ Park Drive due to poorly parked cars being double parked from right on the junction well into West Croft making it a right squeeze even for small cars.”

First Buses seemed to think that the problems were partly caused by local residents who parked vehicles on the road to deliberately prevent buses from passing.

Steve Wickers, Bus Service Improvement Plan Delivery Manager, in a letter to residents of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex who had campaigned for a bus to stop closer to their homes, stated:

“You may be aware that there was an incident yesterday (May 14th) which the Police attended in respect of the section of the route around Park Drive/ West Croft re the new Pink Line bus service.

“This was subject to a diversion after residents refused to move parked cars (allegedly placed as a protest to stop the bus route).

“Although things have improved this

morning (May 15th), drivers from First Buses are still having some difficulties getting through.

“I do hope things settle down but wondered if you could use your contacts to further demonstrate the importance of this new service to local residents.”

Comments on social media seemed divided on the subject of the new route.

On Facebook some blamed users of the park and others local residents. Other posts pointed out that vehicles were legally parked at the side of the road.

It remains to be seen how this story pans out. Additional car parking spaces at the new pavilion should help with any problems but weekends can be difficult in that area.

Meanwhile residents of Woodcote have expressed their delight with the new service which brings buses much closer for them and North Hethersett development now has a twice hourly service to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and into Norwich.

And by the middle of the first week of operations, things had improved considerably as Mr Wickers pointed out in a letter to Woodcote:

“I have been advised by First Buses there is already good usage and I am sure this will increase as the services establish.

“I hope your residents are enjoying the new service and many thanks for your continued support,” the message said.

We were keen to try out the new service and you can read about how we found it on the next page.

# An Enjoyable Journey

JUMPING onto the new Pink Line service to the village was an enjoyable experience as I took the bus from West Croft all the way to Sprowston, purely in the interests of research you understand.

**In the interests of research and keeping everyone abreast of village matters, Peter Steward travelled from Hethersett to Sprowston on the new Pink Number 11 bus service to the village. Here's how he found the journey.**

Aided and abetted by my free senior bus pass, I caught the 9.50 am bus on a Monday morning. Prior to getting on, I had a delightful conversation with a lady whose bungalow is virtually next to the new bus stop.

"You don't mind having the stop outside your home or people waiting for a bus"? I inquired.

"Not at all. It's lovely to have the new service. It's so convenient for me," she replied adding that as a fan of the Metro Newspaper crossword she often pops out when she sees a bus coming to pick up her copy of the free paper. Ironically on this particular day there were no Metros on board.

I stayed on the bus through to Sprowston and it was a pleasant journey. I must point out that on this particular Monday morning the traffic was very light and there were no hold-ups apart from a set of temporary traffic lights on Colney Lane close to Norwich City's training ground.

So for those not quite sure of the route the new service takes, here is a rundown with timings thrown in for good measure.

The bus left West Croft at 9.50 and turned right onto Mill Road and then right again into the village (9.55 am) and then left into Henstead Road and

right into Back Lane and then left onto Coachmakers Way (9.58). It went right at the end of Coachmakers and then left onto Colney Lane and past Norwich City's training ground (10.03).

It turned right into Rosalind Franklin Road and arrived at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital at 10.06. The journey from Hethersett to the hospital took just 11 minutes, although I must point out once again that the traffic was very light.

The bus set off from the hospital at 10.10 and drove alongside the grounds of the University of East Anglia, arriving at the Cringleford Bus Interchange at 10.15 am.

It then went the customary route along Newmarket Road and into the city arriving at St Stephens at 10.25, Castle Meadow at 10.32 where it changed drivers and then Tombland at 10.41, Anglia Square at 10.42 and Wroxham Road at 10.46. It stopped outside the Brickmakers Pub at 10.51 and I alighted just the other side of the roundabout on the inner ring road and walked back into the city.

I caught the Pink Line bus back at 1.15 pm. It was at the hospital at 1.40 and the centre of Hethersett at 1.49, taking just 34 minutes from the centre of Norwich to the centre of Hethersett. Obviously at busy times this journey will

be longer. The route has a lot going for it: It's great if you need to get to the hospital and don't want to pay their crazy car parking charges. It's a double decker bus so there is plenty of room without cramming in as we often have to do on the service 15.

The route serves part of the new North Hethersett development which is another good enhancement of the service and it's a good way of getting into the UEA grounds for a walk round the University Broad and, dare I say it,

a cup of coffee at their café/restaurant. The only drawback is that it's a slower route into Norwich than that of the 15 which also goes through the village and the number 6 and 13 which go along the B1172.

Overall it's a good addition to the bus service to the village and a comfortable way of getting to the hospital, into Norwich and beyond and it runs twice an hour.



More photographs from the launch of the new Community Garden in Hethersett.

You can see more dotted around this edition.

Photographs here are courtesy of Jenny Walpole.



# Julian's Big Day

Celebrations have been in full swing at Hethersett Hall, as one of its residents reaches her centenary in style.

Julian was joined by staff, relatives, friends and other residents as she received a telegram from the King in recognition of her landmark birthday.

It was a full day of celebrations, with the morning starting by taking a trip to her local church with one of the birthday cakes, yes there were multiple cakes!, to begin the day with a birthday cake ,coffee and chat with Julian's Church and Methodist friends.



Then on her return to Hethersett Hall residents and staff gathered in the library for a buffet lunch and another cake, made by our chef Becky, you can never have too much!

Julian is a big part of the church community in Hethersett before coming to Hethersett Hall, where she is enjoying a new chapter of her life

The birthday girl, said: I am overwhelmed with joy and it's so lovely that all my friends could come and celebrate with me

Among those attending were members of the Methodist Church who played host for the afternoon to lots of guests. Speaking about her centenarian, they said: "Julian is and has been a fantastic friend to so many over the past hundred years, and it's wonderful to be with her on this very special day to say just how proud she makes us feel."

Elena Sandu, General Manager of Barchester Hethersett Hall added: "We're delighted to be celebrating a truly remarkable woman as she reaches this amazing milestone. Julian is such a popular resident who always has an interesting tale to tell, and we look forward to hearing many more as she breaks into her next century."



# Rev Christopher Celebrates 40 Years As A Priest

CHRISTOPHER Mallett made history when he became the first man to be ordained in Hethersett in over 1,000 years of Christianity in the village.

Now 40 years later, the Rev Christopher Mallett is celebrating his Ruby anniversary of that day.

He was ordained as deacon in St Remigius Church by the then Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Maurice Wood.

A few months later there was another special ordination service, this time in Norwich Cathedral.

Rev Mallett was born in Tilney All Saints and educated in King's Lynn. After a period in banking, he trained as a State Registered Nurse and registered mental nurse before becoming Senior Nursing Officer at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

He moved to Hethersett in 1975 and has been closely connected with the parish church ever since.

To commemorate his landmark, a special communion service led by the Archdeacon of Norwich will be held on 25th June in St Remigius Church..

We will have a full interview with Christopher in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.



The original cutting from the Eastern Daily Press newspaper of Christopher Mallett's ordination ceremony.

In the picture are (left to right) - Oliver Prior (Bishop's registrar and legal officer), Christopher Mallett, the Bishop of Norwich, Robert Drayson (Bishop's chaplain) and the Rev Michael Sexton (Rector of Hethersett)



**HETHERSETT NEWS ROUND-UP**

## Priest breaks new ground

A UNIQUE occasion took place at Hethersett Parish Church on Wednesday when Mr. Christopher Mallett became the first man to be ordained in the village in the 1000 years of Christianity at Hethersett.

Mr. Mallett was ordained as deacon by the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt. Rev. Maurice Wood. He was presented by the Archdeacon of Norfolk, the Ven. Peter Dawson, assisted by Canon James O'Byrne, deputy director of ordinations and a former principal of the Norwich ordination course on which Mr. Mallett completed his training.

Mr. Mallett, who lives at 2, Bailey Close, Hethersett, is married with two children.

He was born at Tilney All Saints near King's Lynn. He was educated at King's Lynn and after a period in banking, trained as a State Registered Nurse and Registered Mental Nurse before becoming Senior Nursing Officer at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

He came to Hethersett seven years ago and has served as a reader at the parish church for almost four years. His early Christian life was spent in north-west Norfolk, where he became a parochial church councillor at the age of 17 and served as a chorister, altar server and Sunday school superintendent.

□ Mr. Christopher Mallett — ordained on Wednesday.

Christopher Mallett and another cutting from the local Media heralding him as a "ground-breaker."

# Return of the Scarecrows

HETHERSETT'S friendly visitors have made a welcome return to the village. Yes the scarecrows are back and will be on display until Sunday 4th June.

This year's theme is "Stage and Screen" and once again the event is a joint venture between Hethersett's two primary schools.

The trail was launched on Saturday 27th May and we have been out with our camera to capture just a few images of the highly colourful scarecrows. We hope you enjoy the images and we will have a few more in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

Trail maps are just £2 each and are available from Tesco Express, Hodge Podge, Kett's Kabin and Kin Café. Proceeds from the sale of the maps will be split between the two schools.

Families can vote for their favourite scarecrows at either Hodge Podge or Tesco Express. This year's trail features 22 scarecrows.





Jo Boggin's Wallace and Gromit in Queen's Road carries a serious message. Jo campaigns for the release of Beagles from a testing lab in Huntingdon. Its aims are to shut down the puppy factory and ban animal testing in the UK with a switch to modern methods not using animals.



# Sporting Hethersett



HETHERSETT Athletic's Men's Saturday team could soon be celebrating despite only finishing fourth in the Central and South Norfolk League Division One.

That finish means that they could be accepted into the Anglian Combination for next season, thus fulfilling a dream that has gone on for over a decade.

	Played	Points
Norwich Medics	19	50
Lakenheath Casuals	19	48
Yaxham	20	40
<b>Hethersett Athletic</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>
Weasenham	20	33

Poor facilities on the Memorial Playing Field have up to now prevented the club from moving up into the next tier of local football. But the building of a new £800,000 pavilion has taken away the constraints and provided the club with the opportunity of once again applying for membership of the Anglian Combination.

The only thing standing in their way was their league position.

Players and officials were told that the club needed to finish in the top four to be accepted into the Anglian Combination. And the matter was taken out of Hethersett's hands as they completed their league programme of 20 games with 35 points and were sitting in fourth place.

But fifth placed Weasenham still had a game to play and victory would see them leapfrog Hethersett and see our village team finish fifth.

But the club was left celebrating after UEA beat Weasenham 5-0 in that game, thus securing fourth place for Hethersett who are now busy preparing their application to join the Anglian Combination. One thing that will no longer stand in

their way is a lack of facilities.

So overall it will be a good end to the season for the team who also reached a cup final where they will play Yaxham in the final in Bowthorpe on June 2nd.

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**HETHERSETT Athletic Under-11s are simply champion.**

The village youngsters produced not one but two cup victories in the Norfolk Combined Youth League's finals day.

In the Under-11 Upp Cup Final held at Sprowston, Hethersett beat Necton in the final

and in the 4Sports Under-11 Final, Hethersett overcame Sprowtston.



Over the page you can see how one of the Hethersett teams celebrated by all trying to grab the trophy at once. Pictures courtesy of the Norfolk Combined

Youth Football League and Sara Brown.

## Darren is Football Club's Special Guest

Hethersett Athletic Football Club coaches and volunteers recently enjoyed an evening in the company of Canaries legend Darren Eadie *writes David Powles*

The former City winger was the special guest at an evening to thank volunteers, parents and supporters for all of their hard work over the 2022/23 season.

Eadie, who is now manager of Leiston Football Club, took part in a Q and A session at Hethersett Social Club, hosted by EDP Norwich City writer Connor Southwell, before taking questions from the audience.

The ex-Leicester City star impressed all who took part with his insight and honesty, covering a range of topics including the Canaries' current plight, coaching tips and having to cope with the heartache of having his career cut short by injury.

Club chairman Neal Luther and Secretary Mike Kenny also updated those gathered on future plans for the club and the latest on the Memorial Park Pavilion.

It is hoped the evening, put on free by the club, can be repeated again next season with another special guest.



**Hethersett Athletic Under-11s grab their trophy**

# Tough Start In Top League For Cricketers

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club have had a sluggish start to the season due to the weather.

The club's first team saw two of its opening fixtures in the Norfolk Alliance Premier Division ruined by rain.

The season got off to a bad start as they went down by nine wickets to old adversaries Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers in their opening game in their first ever season in the top division of the Norfolk Alliance, having gained promotion to the Premier Division last season.

Their second game against Downham/Stowe was abandoned due to rain with Downham on 143-4 and their third match against Norwich was called off without a ball being bowled.

At home to Garboldisham, Hethersett posted a decent score of 227-8 from their 50 overs with Jed Mockford top scoring with 65.

After a shaky start, Garboldisham got into their stride and reached the target for the loss of just two wickets and with over 121 overs to spare. The defeat left Hethersett in ninth place with just Cromer below them.



The photographs were taken during the match between Hethersett and Garboldisham with Hethersett batting.





**Hethersett Force Under 12's Youth Football Team are looking to recruit players for next season.**

**Players must be in current Year 7 school year**

**Training is on Thursdays and matches on Sundays**

**Please contact Andy via email  
hethersett12@gmail.com**

## Sticky Conditions For Hawks

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages staged Round Two of the Norfolk Go-Ride and Grand Prix Series.

**Hethersett Hawks with Mel Perkins MBE**

After missing the worst of a storm which flooded Norwich an hour before start time, the weather did not relent and steady rain started to fall just as the riders lined up for heat one. With puddles appearing, the decision was made to carry on and the bumper attendance of 29 riders battled on to stage 40 heats in 90 minutes which was a credit to the riders, officials and track staff. Not the ideal evening to make competitive racing debuts but four did - Cerys Williams, Thomas Barnard and siblings Elsie and Lewis Brook.

In the end the finals resulted in little change of winners from Round One apart from the much-improved Lola Martin winning the Under-12 gold medal. It was also good to see more senior riders taking part displaying all their variety of skills for the youngsters to watch and learn. Results (Hethersett unless stated) -

Under eights and Under tens—A - 1 Oscar Copeland, 2 Arlo Davies, 3 Nyla El-Labany (U8 1st), 4 Thomas Barnard.

B - 1 Alfie Gunn, 2 Owen Stephens, 3 Elsie Booth (U8 2nd).

Under-12 and Under-14s—A - 1 Aiesha Musa, 2 Lola Martin (U12 1st), 3 Luca El-Labany (U12 2nd), 4 Zachery Eastwood (Norwich - U12 3rd).

B - 1 Amelia Dodson, 2 Will Clarke, 3 Jamal Musa, 4 Austin Brailey.

C 1 - Lewis Booth, 2 Will Blackmore (Norwich - ns), 3 Cerys Williams (ns).

Under-16 and Senior—A - 1 Mason Martin (U16 1st), 2 Dave Martin, 3 Harry Everiss (Norwich), 4 Jamie Medler (Norwich).

B - 1 Paul Delaiche, 2 Tom Blackmore (Norwich), 3 Nick Davies, 4 Ross Carman.

C - 1 Michael Gunn, 2 Jack Weston (Norwich), 3 Katie Adams (ns).

HETHERSETT HAWKS / YELLOW BRICK MORTGAGES had a busy weekend of Grand Prix style racing. On Saturday 18 members travelled to Ipswich for Round 3 of the South-East Grand Prix which for some categories doubled up with a Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League. Hethersett's points tally in the latter means they look certain to qualify as a Club for the National Rounds for the first time in many years.

Some riders, especially those making their debuts there, found the fast, banked track difficult to adjust to but will have gained useful experience. Five riders reached "A" Finals with Nyla El-Labany (Under-8s) Aiesha Musa (Girls) and Glyn Morgan (Vets) achieving third places and Amelia Dodson (Girls) and Dave Martin (Vets) finishing fourth.

Team - Kesgrave 114 Hethersett 67 Ipswich 41 Hellingly 39 Norwich 11 Gt.Blakenham 6

U8s - Nyla El-Labany (A - 3rd) Isaac Emms (B - 2nd) Henry Everson (B -4th)

U10s - Ronnie Harding (B -2nd) Arlo Davies (B - 3rd) Alfie Gunn (C - 2nd) Neve Snook (C -3rd) George Snook (D -1st)

U12s - Lola Martin (B - 2nd) Luca El-Labany (B -4th) Austin Brailey (C - 3rd) Jamal Musa (C -4th)

U14s - Matthew Sidell (B 2nd) Hugo Kemp (B - 3rd)

Girls - Aiesha Musa (A - 3rd) Amelia Dodson (A -4th)

Vets - Glyn Morgan (A -3rd) Dave Martin (A -4th)

Round 4 will be at Hellingly on 10th June.

The following day it was a squad of 18 again who competed in Round 3 of the Norfolk GO-RIDE and Grand Prix series at Harford Park. Series leaders consolidated their positions by winning their categories with the exception of Nyla El-Labany who withdrew after a fall. This left the gold medal up for grabs which was duly won by a beaming Isaac Emms. Oscar Copeland is coming under increased pressure from Arlo Davies in the Under-10s.

U10s - Oscar Copeland (A - 1st) Arlo Davies (A 2nd) Alfie Gunn (A 3rd)

Thomas Barnard (A -4th)

Isaac Emms (B - 1st U8 - 1st) Henry Everson (B - 2nd U8 2nd) Dakota Ridge (B - 4th) Nyla El-Labany (C - 1st ns U8 3rd)

U14s - Aiesha Musa (A - 1s) Luca El-Labany (A - 2nd U12 1st) Lola Martin (A - 3rd U12 2nd) Amelia Dodson (B - 1st) Austin Brailey (B - 2nd) Hugo Kemp (B - 3rd) Jamal Musa (B - 4th)

Seniors - Mason Martin (A - 1st U16 1st) Dave Martin (A - 4th) Katie Adams (B - 3rd)

Round 4 will be at Hethersett on Wednesday June 7th.

The previous weekend Glyn Morgan finished second behind series leader and reigning British Over-60s Champion Phil Gard in the Eurovets Over-60s round at East Park. Third place in the Over-50s final too meant a real test of stamina - a seventh ride and a number of restarts on the biggest track in the UK!! Next up in this series is Exeter on 24th June.

Lola Martin made a long trip to Bury in Greater Manchester for the Women's Battle of Britain. With the home region short of riders she guested for the North & Scotland gaining a lot of experience paired with British Champion Emily Burgess. She went on to win the Intermediate B Final in the Grand Prix Series. The next round is not until 24th September at Ipswich.



**SPRING BANK HOLIDAY**  
**bin collection day changes**

**Garden waste collections will be one day late**

Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 1 June
Thursday 1 June	Friday 2 June
Friday 2 June	Saturday 3 June

The poster features a light blue background with green text for the title. Two bees are flying on the left and right sides. A brown garden waste bin with a leaf logo is shown in the bottom right corner. The background also includes green foliage and a white path.



A brooding picture looking across the Norwich Road towards the B1172 as storm clouds gather ahead of a torrential downpour on May 5th.

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## Facebook Page Hits 5,000

All Things Hethersett's Facebook site has signed up its 5,000th member.

The milestone was announced on its Facebook page by administrator Sarah Lawrence.

"We've hit 5k members. Thank you all for making this group what it is," Sarah said.

All Things Hethersett is a community group where the residents of Hethersett can post village updates, village news, and much more.



### All Things Hethersett >

Private group · 5.0K members

# Standing Up For Our Volunteers

## Herald Comment

MY daily blog brings forth numerous comments, most of which are supportive of the views that I express about the village.

But recently I feel I have been fighting on behalf of volunteers following comments made by a resident who seems to think that events in the village somehow automatically organise themselves.

Now we all know this isn't true. Take away volunteers from our village (or any other village, town or city for that matter) and many groups and organisations would cease to exist.

This in essence was the theme of the King's Coronation. Prince William actually thanked the thousands of volunteers when he gave his speech during the Coronation concert.

But, as I have already said, people still exist who do not realise the thousands of hours put in by volunteers. We should never take this army of people for granted.

The comments I received were directed at local councillors who the writer claimed were aligned to the Government and who did absolutely nothing. The language was slightly stronger and more emotive than that.

When I pointed out the contribution made by one of our councillors whose work on behalf of the village I described as immense, a cynical reply came back suggesting that this work automatically came with being a councillor—something that is absolutely not true.

To me this ignorant remark sums up some people's attitudes. Thankfully these comments are in a minority but it doesn't alter the fact that sometimes the voluntary work of individuals isn't completely appreciated.

I will forever bang the gong and shout for those in our village that give of their time, their effort and often their money in support of the groups and organisations that make Hethersett what it is—a very special place to live.

**HETHERSETT** does celebration weekends well.

**And the King's coronation was marked by a fun event on the field close to the village hall.**

**Thankfully the weather held as people enjoyed a picnic in the park and once again it was an army of volunteers that made it all possible.**

**Wouldn't it be lovely if this kind of event could be repeated every summer as it brings the village together?**

**Just a thought as I know the amount of organisation that goes into such events.**

# Motorists Continue to Observe 20 mph Limits

LATEST figures show that the majority of motorists are keeping to under 20 mph in Great Melton Road.

The figures for the Sam 2 Mobile Speed sensor show that between 31st January and 21st March a total of 96,011 vehicles passed the machine with 72,526 driving at under 20 mph. A further 21,425 vehicles were being driven between 20 and 25 mph.

Vehicle Speed	Vehicle Numbers
10 mph	3013
15 mph	24240
20 mph	45273
25 mph	21425
30 mph	1907
35 mph	142
40 mph	10
45 mph	1
Above 45 mph	0

A total of 2060 vehicles were being driven in excess of 30 mph. The full table is opposite.

The machine monitors speeds in order to collect data which can then be used by both the parish and the Police.

Meanwhile the volunteer speedwatch team is continuing to monitor speeds in the village.

# Residents Asked For Views on New Rector

HETHERSETT, Little Melton and Great Melton residents are being urged to “join the conversation” as the hunt for a new rector gets underway.

A special flyer was included with the May edition of the villages’ Good News magazine asking for help in putting together a profile for the person local people would like to see as the new rector.

“Hethersett and the Meltons would love you to be part of the conversation as we begin to form a profile for our next

rector. We would like to hear your thoughts, whether you are already part of the local church community or not,” the leaflet states.

People are also being invited to drop in and share their thoughts at Little Melton Village Hall on July 1st from 10 am to 2 pm with lunch provided.

More details are available by emailing: [HethersettBenefice@gmail.com](mailto:HethersettBenefice@gmail.com)

You can view a copy of the leaflet on the next two pages.

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Hethersett and the Meltons would love you to be part of the conversation as we begin to form a profile for our next Rector. We would like to hear your thoughts, whether you are already part of the local church community or not.

To join the conversation you can complete the questionnaire overleaf or online via the QR code.

We also invite you to drop in and share your thoughts:

Little Melton Village Hall  
on  
Saturday 1st July 10am-2pm  
with lunch provided.

Please email [HethersettBenefice@gmail.com](mailto:HethersettBenefice@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more.

Thank you.



HETHERSETT  
& THE MELTONS

**Rate the following qualities for the new Rector in order of importance to you: 1 being not important and 5 being very important:**

Inspire with their teaching \_\_

Forward thinking \_\_

Community minded \_\_

Good academic knowledge \_\_

Value and facilitate diverse worship styles \_\_

Person of Prayer \_\_

**What are your hopes and aspirations for the benefice in the future?**

**What would encourage you to come to church?**

**What would you like to see happening in your local Church?**

**Any other comments:**



Please return this survey to  
Hethersett or the Melton Churches



# New Treasurer Needed For Youth Club

HETHERSETT Youth Club is looking for a new treasurer to replace Kevin Jermy when he steps down from the position at the annual meeting in September.

Kevin is also stepping down as a trustee of the club.

The main responsibilities of the treasurer are:

- To work with accountants to produce the youth worker's payslips each month and set up payments using Barclays online banking.
- To pay invoices using Barclays online banking.
- To bank the subscriptions and other money collected by youth workers.
- To regularly update a spreadsheet to show how youth club funds are spent and its sources of income.

- To produce a regular one-page finance report from a template already established .
- To arrange a yearly inspection of the youth club accounts.

Hethersett Youth Club has been in existence for about 40 years and regularly attracts between 30 and 40 young people each week. The youth sessions are led by paid youth workers and supported by volunteers. In addition the Jubilee Hall, where the youth club is held, is let out to the public to raise additional funds.

There are currently 10 trustees who are responsible for the safety of the young people attending and also for the hall and its grounds.

The existing treasurer will give training and support to the new treasurer.

If you are interested or require further information please contact chair of trustees Samantha England on 07582 225895 or Kevin Jermy on 07469

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## School Fete On The Horizon

Woodside School will be holding its school fete on Saturday 24th June from 11 am until 2 pm. There will be plenty to do including games, a bar and barbecue. The event will raise money for the schools outdoor area.

You can see a poster for this event and many other events taking part in the village over summer by turning to our What's On section.

# Death of Former Postmaster



WE were greatly saddened to hear of the death of former Hethersett Postmaster Randall Keeley.

Mr Keeley was a well known face in the village, running the post office for many years with his wife Shirley before handing over the reigns to his daughter Heather and son-in-law Phil Emery.

Mr Keeley died in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital on April 10th.

He leaves his wife Shirley, two daughters—Heather and Diane—four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held in St Remigius Church on May 9th.

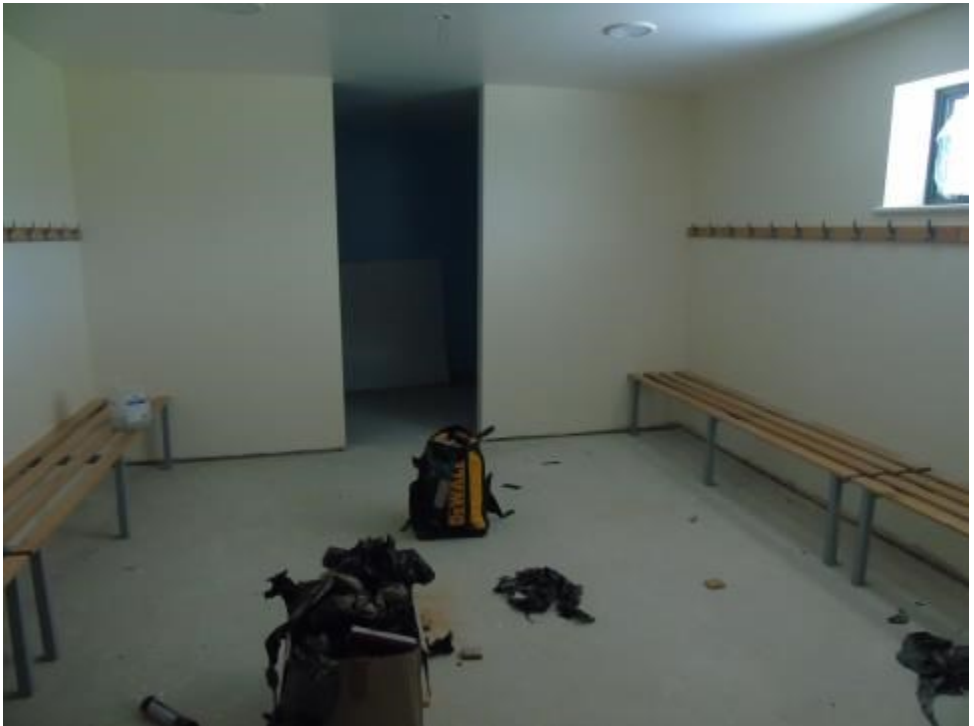
Our photograph shows the former post office which was opposite the PACT charity shop and close to the junction of Henstead Road with Queen's Road and Great Melton Road. It is now flats and private houses. The post office was an Aladdin's cave of goods and many older residents will remember shopping there regularly.

# Playing Field Pavilion Update

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**The pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field will be just days away from completion when you read this. In early May, Hethersett Herald was invited along by the trustees to view the inside of the building. A date of June 9th has been provisionally set for the official handover of the building to Hethersett Parish Council, but an official opening date has been delayed and will be announced later.**

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The photograph above is one of the sports changing rooms. Although it is still to be completed, the photograph gives some idea of the size of the room which will also have toilets and individual showers.



**The community kitchen**



**The Community Hall**

Two photographs of the outside of the building.



Photos on this page courtesy of Hethersett Parish Council.



# News From The Parish Council

## Two More Councillors Needed

HETHERSETT Parish Council still has two vacancies with 12 of the 14 places now filled.

A possible election on May 4th was cancelled due to a lack of candidates with only half of the previous council standing again.

They were joined by newcomers Kelsea Law and Heath Dakin. At the first meeting of the new council on May 15th Habib Ur Rehman, Paul Everett and Salena Dawson were co-opted onto the council.

The three co-opted members outlined their reasons for wanting to join the council. Mr Rehman stated that he is treasurer of the Hetherset Mosques and has lived in the village for two years. He said he felt excited at the prospect of becoming part of Hetherset life.

Salena Dawson stated that she has lived in the village for 12 years and has her own company Dawson's Law working from an office in Great Melton Road. She told the meeting that her professional life has brought her into contact with many local groups and organisations and she felt the time was right to increase her contribution to the local community.

Paul Everett has lived in Hetherset

for two years and told the meeting that he worked for the NHS for 36 years, specialising in the field of psychiatry. Since moving to Hetherset, he has been impressed by the diversity and enthusiasm in the village.

The meeting also welcomed two new district councillors Kathryn Cross and John Morland both of whom were present.

Mr Morland, who came third in the recent poll and represents the Labour and Co-Operative group, said he was planning to hold surgeries on some Saturday mornings at Hetherset Methodist Church..

Ms Cross introduced herself and spoke about the new bus service—The Pink Line—going through the village.

Anyone interested in joining the council should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer.

The meeting elected Sarah Lawrence as chair and Bridget Williamson as vice-chair.

Mrs Lawrence originally took over as chair of the council on the resignation of Adrienne Quinlan for health reasons.

# News From The Parish Council

## More Parking Concerns in Village

THE parish council has received three letters from residents about parking problems in the village.

The first referred to the area around the junction of Great Melton Road and Cromwell Close, the second parking close to the Mosque on Henstead Road and the third abuse of the short stay car park in Great Melton Road. A resident expressed concern at parking around the Mosque in Henstead Road which they claimed has become dangerous..

“Driving down the road is impossible when the overspill of cars are everywhere. Let alone the parking on paths which is making it impossible to get a pushchair through. The parking cannot continue as it is not considerate to others living within the area and is dangerous.”

Parish clerk Annette Palmer has passed the comments onto the Mosque authorities.

A separate contact from the public complained about parking around the junction of Great Melton Road and Cromwell Close.

“The parking in this area is becoming more and more problematic and dangerous. It is a bus route and can cause delays. It is a hazard to vulnerable users accessing both the shops and health services. Cars are more frequently obstructing the footpath increasing the difficulty for

wheelchairs, parents with prams, mobility scooters and dog walkers.”

The parish clerk pointed out the difficulties in taking action in such matters:

“The Parish Council has discussed inconsiderate parking in the village on many occasions. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to police/manage. If a vehicle parks on single or double yellow lines this can be reported to South Norfolk Council by email at [parking@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:parking@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk). The matter will then be dealt with by the Civil Enforcement Officer.

“If a vehicle has parked across a dropped kerb which prevents access from a driveway, then this may be considered an offence of wilful obstruction under S137 of the Highways Act 1980 and should be reported to the police using the 101 service.

“Whilst it is not an offence to partly park on the pavement, it is an offence under S72 of the Highways Act 1935 to drive onto a pavement. It is also an offence under S137 of the Highways Act 1980 for vehicles to wilfully obstruct a pavement. Again, this should be reported to the police using the 101 service.

“Going forward on steps that can be taken to prevent inconsiderate parking, the installation of yellow lines may be one option. However, this is a very



# News From The Parish Council

lengthy and expensive procedure. Public consultation needs to be undertaken which may result in legal challenges. Additionally, it may be deemed that the 'problem' is simply being moved onto other areas in the village. "

The matters weren't discussed at the May meeting of the parish council due to time constraints. The third "problem area" was discussed, however.

A resident of Great Melton Close spoke about the abuse of the short term car park with vehicles being left all day. Others were left on the path, causing an obstruction. Motorists also parked on the path whilst they waited for a space to become available. The resident claimed that the road surface

has been damaged by vehicles thinking that they could get through the road, finding their way blocked and turning around. This was also making the area dangerous for local residents.

"We shouldn't have to put up with vehicles causing damage and we are concerned that somebody will get hurt. Something has got to be done before somebody gets injured. We have had people tearing into the close and then finding they can't get through. Because of this, the tarmac is beginning to break up," the resident said.

The public were urged to report cases of obstruction to the police. District Councillor Kathryn Cross agreed to take the matter up with the village's county councillor David Bills.

Below are details of the current 12 parish councillors.

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Sarah Lawrence	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
Vice-Chair	Bridget Williamson	8 Churchfields	810259
Councillors	Paul Everett	7 Haconsfield	07871 700228
	Heath Dakin	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Leslie Dale	46 New Road	810952
	Salena Dawson	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Anne Edwards	6 Queen's Road	812309
	Kelsea Law	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Jonathan Loomes	6 Miller Close	07799608978
	Eileen Mulvaney	C/o Parish Council Office	811997
	Habib Ur Rehman	14 Miller Close	07899 719173
	Jennifer Walpole	16 Cann's Lane	811932

# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

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

The council meets monthly usually on the third Monday of each month except for August when there is no meeting.

Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm. For other committee dates refer to the council's website which can be accessed at:

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

The website includes agendas, minutes and supporting documentation for items to be discussed at meetings.

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

## How To Contact The Parish Council

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

The council has a website at

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

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

# 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  
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#### 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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## Summer Fun In Hethersett

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### **Sarah Lawrence continues her monthly look at Hethersett.**

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I can't believe it'll be June by the time you read this, where has this year gone? Over the summer months, my diary really begins to book up. Scarecrow Trails, Fayres, Dog Shows.. All in an average summer in Hethersett. Never let anyone tell you that there's nothing to do in Hethersett, they're obviously just not looking hard enough!

In May we were lucky enough as a country to have a bonus Bank Holiday courtesy of HRH King Charles III. Never one to shy away from a chance to have a celebration, we did just that. First, at Playgroup the Tuesday before the King's big day, we had a usual session but put up some bunting and had crown making as our craft activity for the week.

Dubbed the 'Coronation Station', the crown making went down a storm with the little ones. I did have slight regret when I saw sequins all over the floor, but that was blown away when I saw the children's smiling faces. The clean-up operation was quite something though, no matter how much we swept, we couldn't clear all of the sequins.. I was at a Parish Council meeting the following night, and still I could see

sparkling glints on the floor!

The second celebration we had was on Bank Holiday Monday, when we volunteered at the Picnic in the Park event at the Village Hall, organised by the amazing Sara White, Hethersett Parish Council's Community and Projects Officer. I volunteered with my two children, along with several members of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team and members of Sara's family. The day was



# Sarah's World



a resounding success, everywhere I looked, everyone was having a wonderful time. The girls were chuffed to bits that HEAT asked them to help cut the ribbon on the community garden for their grand opening too! Despite us worrying about the weather (the one thing you can't guarantee, here in old Blighty) it held out to our relief, only starting to spit at around 4pm when festivities were winding down.

I had the honour of judging the Crown competition at the Coronation Picnic. Before the day, children had been asked to make a crown and bring it with them to enter the competition. The entries were fantastic, and it was really hard to choose winners. My daughters even made crowns (even though they were warned that they wouldn't be able to win!) I had six runner up prizes, and then had to pick a grand prize winner to win the trophy – made by Flashpoint and one-of-a-kind – and a selection of sweets donated by Waitrose.

The runners up all received a bag of goodies supplied by Tesco Express, and every child who entered was able to pick out some sweets, kindly donated by Morrisons. The overall winner was Abigail aged 6, who made and decorated her crown with gems and photos of Hethersett. (Photo of Abigail taken and used with permission from her Dad, Jason Slack) Thank you to everyone who made the effort to take part!

At the event, I kept thinking that back in 2020/2021, we never thought anything like this would happen again. In a world full of restrictions where you couldn't even see your own family, going to an event like the Coronation Picnic seemed like nothing we'd be able to do again. But here we are, three years since the beginning of the pandemic, rubbing shoulders with our families and friends again. Isolating seems like a bad memory, I'm so glad that we're able to be able to socialise again. I really think that that was the saddest

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thing about that time.

Just after the Coronation weekend, my eldest daughter and the rest of the Year sixes at Woodside (and obviously throughout the country) took their SATS exams. Amelia was wracked with nerves on the Tuesday morning that they started. She had practised at home with her workbooks, and obviously it was something that they were working towards at school for quite some time.

We've always told her that we don't mind how she does, just that she tries her best – I know most parents say the same. At pick-up time on the Tuesday, I was anxious to pick her up and see how she was, but she was all smiles! Then on Wednesday and Thursday she was the same.. I was relieved. Then on Friday she, and all of her school friends, came out wearing party hats that they'd made and designed to celebrate the end of their tests. They

each had a doughnut each too!

Woodside did such an incredible job of looking after our children during a challenging week, getting the best out of them and making them feel relaxed.

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I'm really proud of Amelia for the hard work she put in preparing for that week, and for how she did during the week itself. I'd like to give a massive thank you to Woodside, and in particular, Miss Duncan (Amelia's teacher) for supporting our children during a very challenging time.

And finally, work is underway preparing for the various fetes and fayres happening in the committees that I'm a part of. Save the dates for the Friends of Woodside Primary School Summer Fayre on Saturday 24th June, and the Jubilee Youth Club Fete on Saturday 1st July!

Both look to be great events – though I realise I may be slightly biased. At the time of writing, we are unsure as to whether the traditional dog show will be happening at the Youth Club fete, though just yesterday we have managed to find some volunteers to help organise and run it for us.

This group of wonderful volunteers look to have a lot more canine expertise between them, so we're hopeful the dog show can go ahead in 2023 with their help. Please come and support both of these worthwhile organisations, they do a lot of good in Hethersett. Both events could do with more volunteers if you could spare some time on those days, or donations of raffle prizes, cakes and tombola prizes. Contact me on [sarahlawrence87@live.co.uk](mailto:sarahlawrence87@live.co.uk) if you



# Sarah's World



## Walkie Talkie Idea for Hethersett

SARAH and friend Hannah Baldry have both contributed a huge amount to Hethersett life and are now looking to start a new walking group in the village.

Sarah posted on Facebook:

“Hannah and I have an idea of organising group walk where we meet at a certain location, have a walk and a chat between ourselves. Walking is great for health and who doesn't like a natter?”

“Anyone can join in and there would be no commitment, you can stay as long as you like. Just an informal group walk around Hethersett.”

And Hannah has come up with a name for the group—Walkie Talkie.



# Kitchen Garden Is Available Again

PARK Farm Hotel is looking for a group to take over its community garden.

Writing on social media, the hotel said:

“Unfortunately due to the previous arrangement falling through, the opportunity has arisen again. We are looking for a local group, school, club, or an individual who would like to plant up and use the garden as their own and make the most of the produce. The area would be yours to use however you wish, we would just like to keep a few of the beds to use as the kitchen garden.

“There is a small shed that can be used for potting and where tools can be locked away.

“Any suggestions are welcome, as we would love to share this beautiful area with people who love gardening and growing their own produce, but do not have the space.

Anyone interested should contact Park Farm direct.



## New Leaders Needed

HETHERSETT Brownies are looking for new leaders.

The current leaders will be retiring at Christmas and replacements are needed as Sharon Watts explained.

You can view a poster put together by the group on the next page



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

# Girlguiding

1st Hethersett Brownies

## BROWNIE LEADER HELP NEEDED!

Could you volunteer to be a Brownie Leader? The current leadership team will step down at Christmas so we need to find a new Leader or two to take the unit into 2024 and beyond! Full training and support given!

Have fun



New activities

Learn new skills



New badges

Build your confidence



Make friends



We meet on Thursdays in the village, from 5.00-6.30pm



For further information please contact the District Commissioner Pam at: [hethersettdistrictcomm@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettdistrictcomm@gmail.com)

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# Brownies

# 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 he combines his photographs with a slice of village history as he remembers buying his current house in Firs Road. So we turn the clock back to January to March 1988.

It was on a November evening in 1987 with torch in hand and in the pouring rain we decided to purchase an infill plot on Firs Road Hethersett.

On 21st March 1988 we completed our move there from King's Lynn.

Our plans were to stay for three years.

Thirty-five years on we are still here as the house became a home and our plans changed as the years progressed.

I initially posted these photographs on All Things Hethersett which created a degree of interest.

I hope it does the same being posted in the Hethersett Herald.

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Well appointed throughout, the generous specification incorporates:- Full Gas Fired Central Heating by Radiators; Cavity Wall Insulation; Sealed Unit Double Glazed Windows with draught excluders and security locks; Feature staircase; solid jannelled doors with brass handles and cope architrave; Jettie skirting throughout; Sliding patio doors to Dining Room; choice of colour schemes; Fitted Built-in & Full Kitchen with allowance of £2,500 retail; choice of sanitary ware with allowance of £1,000 (Excl. the retail); Bathroom Hall fitted to bath rail - Cloakroom with tiled splashbacks - 6 square metres allowed to Kitchen - in all cases £8 per square metre (retail price) is allowed; Open fire to Lounge with 1250 allowance (retail) for fire surround or gas fire. All main services connected. No road charges. Each property will be issued with the A.B.E.C. Certificate upon completion. Conveniently situated in the popular village of Hethersett some five miles South East of Norwich and four miles from the thriving Market Town of Lynnholm. Local amenities include various shops, excellent schools and regular bus services.

**PART EXCHANGE FACILITIES:** The Builder will consider taking a cheaper property in Part Exchange thus saving the Purchaser both inconvenience and expense.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Mill Road, proceed down Park Drive, bear right at the end and take the first left, left again at the end and the property will be found on the right.

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Cont...

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



John's house is nearing completion in the top photograph.

The car in the second photo dates the photograph and next to that is a general view as Firs Road begins to take shape.

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website

[www.hetherssetherald.  
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## Have You Missed Out ?

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

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

It is currently available only online. If you have news or would like to be featured in Hethersett Herald contact editor Peter Steward on [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

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# News From Hethersett Hall

## Flags at the Ready

Words and Pictures by Emily Parton



RESIDENTS had a right royal knees up over the coronation weekend as they drank themed cocktails of which King Charles was the favourite of course.

They waved flags and hankies and cheered as the coronation parade went past on the television.

Residents sang their hearts out with the 1940s tribute led by vocalist Charlene Jean

It was a weekend to remember as our photographs show.



# News From Hethersett Hall



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## Coronation Flowers

We took a couple of our green fingered residents to see the fabulous arrangement of Coronation themed flowers at our local church St Remigius made by volunteers in Hethersett.

There were some amazing displays, including Buckingham Palace and Balmoral. The picture below shows us standing in the Highgrove garden arrangement.

Afterwards we had a sit down with a cup of tea and perused the amazing selection of home made cakes on display which obviously we had to taste!



The picture above is of 1940s entertainer Charlene Jean who led some of the coronation celebrations.



## **Hethersett Community Post Office**

**Monday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm**

**Tuesday: Closed**

**Wednesday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm**

**Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm**

**Friday: 9:30 am - 5:30pm**

**Saturday: 9:30am - 2:30pm**

**Sunday: Closed**

## **Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours**

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

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

# Join The Email Group

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

We also post copies of new editions, along with an archive of editions from the past seven and a half 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 now be sending the Herald as an attachment to those who have registered their e-mail address with us.

Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to any third parties and will be used exclusively for notification of new publications.

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

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

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

# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

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

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: [www.richardbacon.org.uk](http://www.richardbacon.org.uk)

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are John Morland, Kathryn Cross and David Bills. David Bills can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at [dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk), Kathryn Cross can be contacted on 0722 019116 and John Morland can be contacted on 01603 813247.

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

Clerk to the council Annette Palmer can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Sarah Lawrence can be contacted via the clerk.

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)

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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



[SNTHethersettandMulbarton@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:SNTHethersettandMulbarton@norfolk.police.uk)



[SNTHethersettandMulbarton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SNTHethersettandMulbarton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)



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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 from Monday to Friday inclusive.

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.

Hethersett King's Head is currently shut and awaiting new leaseholders prepared to re-open the venue.

# Where Are The Best Deals?

## Herald Petrol Watch

	Unlead- ed	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	<b>142.9</b>	-1p	<b>146.7</b>	-11p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	143.9	-1p	<b>146.7</b>	-14p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	143.9	-1p	149.9	-12p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	143.9	-1p	147.9	-14p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	143.9	-2p	151.9	-9p
Abbeygate Wymondham	152.9	-4p	162.9	-9p
Waitrose Wymondham	151.9	-5p	161.9	-12p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	148.9	-4p	161.9	-8p

Latest prices at our chosen eight garages. Best value in bold.

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

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

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

# Groups and Societies

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

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

**Email: [firststepshethersett@outlook.com](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!

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

# Groups and Societies

## Friends of Hethersett Library

The Friends of Hethersett Library had ghostly times on their mind when Michael Walmsley entertained with readings from the supernatural pen of M. R. James.

The Friends next event will be a talk and presentation by Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens on June 15th.

When the good doctors of Great Britain, Europe and the World descended upon Norwich in August 1874, the city welcomed their status, knowledge and wealth with open arms. Phyllida will invite you to attend their grand dinner and meet some of the notable guests. Tickets for this presentation will be available on the door on the evening, priced at £5 which includes light refreshments.

In September, Paddy Anstey will be talking about the Mid Norfolk Railway in a talk postponed from its original date in April.

The Friends group is also organising a quiz in October and a children's party in December and we will have more details of these in coming editions of Good News.

The library has a full programme of regular events and you can see these outlined on the next page.

## Hethersett Women's Institute with Margot Markham

I felt that my education had failed me. I didn't know what a "Sommelier" was. I thought I had better find out before our speaker Cheryl Cade came to talk to us. She described herself as a "sommelier of cheese." I thumbed through the OED and a "sommelier" is really a wine specialist. Obviously, Cheryl knew a bit about cheeses. She has a love of both cheese and beer. She spoke of local Norfolk cheeses and the sensation of taste.

It has been a busy month as, just after this meeting, we got together with friends from neighbouring institutes. A group of ladies calling themselves Norwich Harmony came to sing. They were about 20 very slick ladies who obviously just love singing in harmony in a very professional way. A girly version of Barber Shop. It was wonderful. There were some familiar tunes and many others we didn't know all adapted for six parts. As they would say on television, they were fab-u-lous. Their singing was interspersed with a duet from one of the choir playing her oboe accompanied by another playing the piano. We all chuckled as their leader read a piece by Joyce Grenfell, the actress and writer entitled "The Flower". To finish the evening we enjoyed some delicious nibbles made by our members. We agreed it was a super night.

# Groups and Societies

## The RiNG Norfolk Arthritis Group with Viv Hawes

Isn't it difficult to believe that almost half the year has gone already and likewise it's hard to credit that THE RiNG just celebrated 15 years of existence? We obviously had the enforced break due to Covid but we picked ourselves up and are now back in gear.

Mary Anne Massey gave us an update in April on the new style Citizens Advice and how it works now. It is a far cry from its early days but still a very useful organisation for those with problems they don't know how to deal with.

The May meeting sees the very welcome return of Professor David Scott, our oldest friend and great supporter and we are hoping for good weather on 28th June when we will be at Owlswood, Shipdham, with our guest Clare Jacklin, CEO of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS).

If you think you may be interested in joining us on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm, you are very welcome. The entrance fee is £4 and tea/coffee and cake are provided.

For more information please contact me on 01603 811347 or by email at: [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net)

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## Hethersett Bridge Club Appeal For Players

Do you enjoy playing social bridge? Why not give our club a try?

We can accommodate singles but pairs are welcome. We are also wheelchair friendly.

We play Chicago Bridge at Hethersett Social Club (38 Queen's Road, Hethersett), four to six tables, most Thursdays between 7 pm and 10 pm.

We are not EBU affiliated but play in a relaxed friendly manner in pleasant surroundings. The annual fee is £10 which includes Hethersett Social Club membership with an additional weekly £2 table charge.

If interested please contact myself as chairman by email at [john@coadwell.com](mailto:john@coadwell.com) or telephone 01953 601162.

John Coadwell (Club Chairman)

# Groups and Societies

**HETHERSETT GARDENING CLUB**—with secretary Leslie Dale

At our May meeting Tom Everett, Head Groundsman at the University of East Anglia spoke about the “Conservation of the UEA’s Landscape”.

Originally sited on a golf course within the Earlham Hall estate, we learned of its five County Wildlife Sites :- The Yare Valley, the University Marsh, the 18 acre Broad, the Heronry and Violet Grove.

It has 2500 trees, 360 acres of accessible land and a sculpture trail.

It enjoys an eight point Landscape Strategy Plan which is very biased toward promoting biodiversity, one which local community groups, including the “Norwich Fringe Group” participate in.

The Earlham Hall herbaceous border will be of particular interest to gardeners; whilst its “Dutch Garden” has been developed into a “Silent Space”.

The University Lands are open all year round to everyone and its reassuring to know that all its trees are subjected to a two and a half yearly exam process, involving both winter and summer visits.

The Hethersett Gardening Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month excepting December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road.

All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st June when Barry Gayton will be illustrating some of the ‘The Weird and Wonderful of the Plant Kingdom’.

**On** Wednesday 19th July, Gabi Read of “Gabriel’s Garden” will describe ‘A year in the cut flower garden - growing a productive garden with nature and wildlife in mind’

For more details I can be contacted at [lsdale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lsdale@yahoo.co.uk)

# Groups and Societies



## Music and Royalty

Hethersett's Forget-Me-Not café which meets in the Methodist Church Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month is enjoying a very varied programme. On May 2nd Michael Delph and the Mustangs made a welcome return and



# Groups and Societies

on May 16th members were treated to a right Royal presence in the shape of Queen Victoria who ran through the history of the country and her family in the 19th century.

Queen Victoria was portrayed by Georgette Vale and her performance was greatly appreciated by those present.

Café dates for June will be June 6th and June 20th.

Everyone is welcome and the café has a mixture of films, games, chat, music and various presentations.

For more information please contact Anne Steward on 811052.



**Coming Dates:**

**June 6th**—Time For A Chat

**June 20th**—Chair workout with Celia Alden

## Support Group For Parkinson's

The Wymondham Support Group of Parkinson's UK holds its monthly meetings in Hethersett Village Hall on the second Monday at 2 pm.

Their programme contains talks on a variety of subjects including help and medical advice on all aspects of Parkinson's. It also organises outings and entertainment.

For more information contact Mrs T. Dye on 01508 499220



# Groups and Societies

## **St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group**



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

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

**TUESDAY 6TH JUNE**

**Future Dates:**

**4th July**

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

# Groups and Societies

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

our programme. Visitors are always welcome

Forthcoming events

Vicki Hease was our demonstrator for February, her title was 'A Vintage Affair'. She did lovely displays depicting Clarence Cliff, and Constance Spry, and with only one arrangement using floral foam which is something we are aware of as flower arrangers these days.

We had our annual general meeting in March. We started the evening with delicious individually boxed fish and chips delivered from local company Tasty Bites. This was followed by the chair's report of the previous year, the treasurer's report and this year's programme 2023/24 was announced.

Simon White, the Garden Manager from Peter Beatles Roses, set us a gardening quiz and the winning team were each given a bare root rose! Christine Hewson, a local lass, returned in April to give us 'Spring has Sprung' with lovely arrangements, lots of garden material and spring flowers leading into summer. It cheered us all up on such a cold evening.

Our friendly club usually meets on the fourth Monday of the month in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Refreshments are offered on arrival. After the demonstration by a qualified floral demonstrator, there is a chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle. Other events and outings are including in

We are holding a Sustainable Flower workshop on Monday 22nd May.

On 26th June, Madeleine Bradley is demonstrating, 'Splendour of the Season' and on 24th July it will be Jacquie Aldous 'Encore the Autograph'.

On 25th September a workshop with Elizabeth Robertson on Early Autumn Flowers will take place.

We also have two outings planned:

June 7th to English Peonies, North Walsham and on

2nd August a visit to Natural Surroundings, Bayfield Park, Holt.

For further details please ring Chair Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888 or 07307886902.

Follow us on Facebook too – Cringleford & Hethersett Flower Club



# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Changes To Library Service in Little Melton

Changes are being made to the mobile library service in Little Melton as Rebecca Heaser explains.

The changes follow the public consultation last year and the final decisions made by Norfolk County Council Cabinet in January 2023. One mobile library will be decommissioned. The county council will continue to operate five vehicles, and an electric mini mobile, due for commission later this year. In accordance with the key principles agreed by members, Norfolk Library and Information Service will cease the majority of stops that happen within 1.5 miles of a branch library.

They will be working with customers to ensure they know what is happening. Anyone unable to visit a branch library will be able to contact their local library and request a visit from the Home Library Service (HLS) that they operate in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Services (RVS).

Every route and stop has now been reviewed and, whilst they have tried to minimise disruption, it does mean that in a number of cases the day and time which the mobile library visits has had to change. This is to ensure best use of the mobile library resource for as many people and communities as possible.

**From Monday 3rd July the only stop in Little Melton will be on Thursdays at 5 pm at School Lane outside no 93/95 with a postcode of NR9 3LA.**

**The new dates for 2023 are: July 13th, August 10th, September 7th,**

## Hethersett Parish Council



**Looking for a self-employed person who is able to undertake minor repairs on an ad hoc basis**

# At your Library

## in Hethersett



**Knit, Stitch and Natter** - Mondays, 2 - 4 pm

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme** - Mondays, 2 - 2:30 pm

**Stay, Chat and Play** - Mondays, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

**Colour Me Calm** - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

**Just a Cuppa** - Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

**Board Games for Families** - Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

**Board Games for Adults** - Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Autism Café** - 1st Friday of the month, 5 - 6 pm, drop  
in event so no need to book

**LEGO Club** - Saturdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Community Puzzle** - Every day, come and help us  
complete the jigsaw!

**Tricky Period** - Free sanitary products in grab and go  
bags, available to anyone in need

See staff for more details, visit  
[www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk), or call 0344 800 8020

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JOIN US FOR OUR

# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

HETHERSETT V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL  
QUEENS ROAD, HETHERSETT, NORWICH NR9 3DB

All Saints Church Little Melton

# SUMMER FAYRE



Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

12.30 - 4pm

At the Church, Mill Road, Little Melton

Stalls Cream  
Teas Barbeque

Prize Draw Games

Ice Cream

Summer fun for everyone

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**HETHERSETT**  
Woodside Primary and Nursery School

**Summer Fayre**  
**Saturday 24th June 2023**  
★ ★ ★ **Ham - 2pm** ★ ★ ★

Adults - £1  
Children - Free

**BBQ • Face Painting • Ice Cream**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Coconut Shy • Bar • Games**

Parking available at Hethersett Academy (Churchfields)  
Entry to fayre through main school entrance on Coachmaker Way

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## Murder Mystery Time For Players



## Prepare To Meet Thy Tomb

HETHERSETT Players return to action in June with their latest production—a murder mystery entitled “Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb.”

There will be performances at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June.

The play is the third in a trilogy by Norman Robbins about the family that play together and slay together.

Tickets for the Hethersett performances can be booked via the website:

<https://hethersettboxoffice.org.uk/>

or by telephoning 01603 810343 by choosing option two and asking for Kathy (during business hours only).

You can view a poster for this event elsewhere in this edition.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Hethersett

## • Farmers Market



SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY  
SUNDAY 19TH MARCH  
SUNDAY 16TH APRIL  
SATURDAY 10TH JUNE  
SATURDAY 8TH JULY  
SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST  
SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER  
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER  
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

**9:00 - 15:00 • HETHERSETT VILLAGE HALL**

**BACK LANE, HETHERSETT, NORWICH NR9 3JJ**

[farmersmarketnorfolk@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarketnorfolk@gmail.com)

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

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



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

## Wymondham Youth Music Society

On July 8th WYMONDHAM YOUTH ORCHESTRA

will end its 34th season in Wymondham Abbey with a performance ranging from the intimate **J.C.BACH** to the magical grandeur of **STRAVINSKY'S FIREBIRD** and a festive **L'ARLESIENNE** suite by **BIZET**.

Together with the **PULHAM ORCHESTRA**, this year celebrating 40 years of music-making in South Norfolk, they will **'BOUNCE'** in a piece by the composer Tom Armstrong commissioned for both orchestras in 2004.

Come and listen **QB**, if you are **19 or under** and a **Grade 5+** instrumentalist, **COME AND PLAY WITH US!** Sign up via our website.

You may wish to wait to join for the new season starting in September. BUT . . . .

.....before that, come and listen to our super **JUNIOR STRINGS** performing in Queen St. Baptist Church Wymondham at 6:30pm on JULY 13th.



For further details contact LINDA: 01953 529158 or go to

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

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## Free Tennis and Free Reading

Hethersett has a tennis court at the back of the village hall. The court is kept unlocked and is free to play with no booking necessary. The court is owned by Hethersett Parish Council.

If you fancy a read, close to the village hall on the other side of Back Lane you will find the book swap where books can be left and also taken.

This is another free facility for the village and is always well used.



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SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023



Open up your garden to  
help raise funds  
for Hethersett community  
green projects



For an application form please visit the Parish Council website, email  
[hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com)  
or call 07902322729

# Hethersett Herald What's On



## Hethersett SCARECROW

Raising funds  
for both  
primary schools  
in Hethersett

## TRAIL



Saturday 27th  
May -  
Sunday 4th  
June

Scarecrows on  
a 'Stage and  
Screen'  
theme



For photographs of some of this year's scarecrows turn to page of this edition of Hethersett Herald.



Hethersett Players present

A comedy thriller that will leave you laughing all the way to the grave

# Prepare to meet thy tomb

by Norman Robbins



*Hethersett Village Hall  
21st, 23rd  
& 24th June 2023*

*7.30pm*

*£10 per ticket*

*Refreshments included*

This is an amateur dramatic production  
by Hethersett Players under license  
from Concord Theatricals

# Friends of Hethersett Library

*Kindly supported by  
Tesco Express Hethersett*



*The Friends of Hethersett Library presents*

## **When The Medics Came To Norwich**

### **Thursday 15th June**

at 7pm in Hethersett Library

Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens presents a talk about the 42nd Annual Congress of the British Medical Association of 1874 in Norwich.

Then join the Friends Group for refreshments  
**Tickets £5 per person on the door**

**For more information, speak to staff or email us at  
[hethersett.lib@libraries.norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:hethersett.lib@libraries.norfolk.gov.uk)**

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## Open Library

Extending opening hours at your library

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

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

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

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**Methodist Church dates for your diary include the following.**

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

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

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

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As mentioned in last month's Herald, Hethersett-based artist Jo Jacobson will be one of the artists exhibiting at an exhibition in Norwich from June 8th to 18th.

You can view a poster for the event opposite

HETHERSETT Methodist Church held a coffee and cake morning to mark one of the Bank Holiday Mondays in the month. The photographs were taken at the event.

The church also has a coffee stop every Wednesday from 9 am until midday to which everyone is welcome.

The art and craft group meets every Wednesday at 10 am and a special Men's Mardle will be held on 7th June from 10 am.



HAVE you seen our sister publication Good News?

This is a printed monthly magazine based around the churches of Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton. It also carries news from the three parishes and as from the June edition will be going full colour.

Copies cost just £4 for the entire year (12 editions) and can be delivered to your door. For more information or to be added to our distribution list please contact Kim Arnall at [kim.arnall.goodnews@gmail.com](mailto:kim.arnall.goodnews@gmail.com)

# Wymondham Helicopter Group presents the following Charity Shows in Aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity at Wymondham Central Hall

**Wymondham Helicopter Group**  
presents  
**Charity Show**




The Wymondham Central Hall  
Sunday 14th May 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm - Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Dates for  
your Diary:**

**Hey Beatles  
14th May**

**Freddie &  
Queen  
8th July**

**THE FREDDIE & QUEEN  
EXPERIENCE**



FEATURING  
MAX KERRICK  
AS FREDDIE MERCURY

UK'S PREMIER TRIBUTE

The Wymondham Central Hall - Saturday 8th July 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm - Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Wymondham Helicopter Group**  
presents  
**'An Evening of The Four Seasons'**  
A Tribute to The Four Seasons




The Wymondham  
Central Hall  
Saturday 16th Sept 2023  
Doors 7pm Show  
7:30pm - Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen -  
01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop  
Market Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Evening of  
Four  
Seasons  
16th Sept**

**ABBA - Kiss  
the Teacher  
11th Nov**

**Wymondham Helicopter Group**  
presents



*Kiss the Teacher*

YOUR FAVORITE ABBA TRIBUTE SHOW

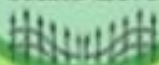
The Wymondham Central Hall  
Saturday 11th Nov 2023  
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm  
Tickets £18  
Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market  
Street Wymondham  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)

**Tickets: Norman & Helen - 01953 600563  
George Reeve Book Shop Market Street  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)**

Tickets for the above concerts are also available from Hethersett Butchers.

**SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023**

**HETHERSETT  
OPEN  
GARDENS**



**Step Inside for one day  
only to explore the private  
and community gardens  
of Hethersett**

**10AM-4PM**

**Garden market  
plus  
refreshments at  
the Village  
Hall**

**Entry pays for  
a Map and  
programme  
available at the  
Village Hall on the  
day**

**Entry £4 per  
person  
Children  
free**

**Funds raised will go to supporting Hethersett community green  
projects including 'The Back Garden'.**

**For an application form to include your garden, please visit the Parish  
Council website, email [hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettcommunityprojects@gmail.com)  
or call 07902322729**





# JUBILEE YOUTH CLUB SUMMER FETE

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023, 11:00am to 2:00pm**

- ★ 12:00 noon Talent Show
- 1:00 pm Fancy Dress ★
- ★ 1:30 pm Raffle

Plus loads more.... ★

Refreshments

Cakes & Ice Creams

BBQ ★

★ Guess the teddy's name

Stalls

Tombola

Hook a Duck ★

Splat a Rat

**COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

Jubilee Youth Club, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3QW

# Lords of the Manor

THE manor that would eventually become known as Hethersett Cromwells was originally one of two manors in Hethersett.

It was the larger of the two, and is best thought of as an estate. At the time it was not what is known as nucleated - it does not seem to have been a village with all of the residents grouped in the one location. Instead, there were dispersed farms and dwellings grouped around small common greens or fields.

It was likely in existence for a century, perhaps more, before Harold fell at Hastings in 1066. This is however the earliest mention of Hethersett itself, but from then on, we can trace the line of the Lords of the Manor through to the 20th century. Many of these Lords were quite remote from the village. It was one of very many holdings and we know nothing of who lived in Hethersett at the time. However some were resident, or lived nearby.

Whether their lord was local or not, if they were drawn into conflict or controversy, the villagers would be also. It could be through excess rent, a call to arms or by raids of their Lord's enemies.

In some respects tracing the lordship of Hethersett is an academic pursuit.

It doesn't directly describe life in the village itself.

But if we pull at the strings attached to these "Great Men" (and Women), we can discover crumbs of information about the village and discern new places to search for more.

**Historian Lewis Buckingham continues his history of the village with a list of Lords of the Manor in bygone times.**

## The last Anglo-Saxon Lord

**c1045 - c1069**

**Ulf, son of Manni Swart**

A Thane of Edward the Confessor. Also referred to as a man of Esgar the Staller.

His background was Danish, his grandfather having come with King Canute in 1016. Ulf held much land in Norfolk and Suffolk, as well as elsewhere. He is mentioned in Norfolk as far back as around 1045 and likely held Hethersett from at least that time. He withdrew from a land dispute with the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds after being bitten by a snake, in fear it was a sign of God's displeasure with the case.

## From the Time of the Conqueror

**c1069-c1075**

**Earl Ralf Guader**

Earl of East Anglia

Of mixed Breton and English parentage. He fought at the Battle of Hastings. Hethersett was given to him (amongst many other properties) by William the Conqueror some time after the conquest of 1066.

This was perhaps around 1069 when he, alongside Esgar the Staller (the lord of Ulf, the previous Lord of Hethersett),



**The seal of Ralph son of Ribald.**

defeated a force of Danes at Norwich. Ralf was made Earl after this battle.

Ralph forfeited his lands after he led the Revolt of the Earls in 1075. He fled with his army from Cambridge - presumably through Hethersett - to Norwich. His wife was left behind to defend Norwich Castle while he went to the continent.

### **The Lords of Middleham**

**c1075-c1110**

#### **Ribald de Middleham**

Lord of Middleham

Illegitimate half-brother of Alan, Earl of Richmond, Ribald probably fought alongside his brother at Hastings. They were Bretons and their contingent was at the vanguard of William's army, arriving half an hour earlier at Hastings than the rest. Earl Alan gave Ribald the Lordship of Middleham, which had been laid waste by the harrying of the North. By a strange quirk this land in Yorkshire

included Hethersett and other land in Norfolk. Earl Alan had become tenant in chief after the forfeiture of Earl Ralph. Ribald retired to a monastery after the death of his Wife Beatrice around 1110.

**c1110-1168**

#### **Ralph de Middleham**

Lord of Middleham

Took up the Lordship of Middleham after his father retired to a monastery. Ralph married Agatha, daughter of Robert de Brus, the 4x Great Grandfather of the later King of Scotland.

**1168-1185**

#### **Robert fitz Ralph**

Lord of Middleham.

Inherited upon the death of his father Ralf. He built the castle at Middleham.

His wife Helewise was the daughter of Ranulph de Glanville, the Chief Justice of England.

**1185-1194**

#### **Waleran fitz Robert**

Lord of Middleham.

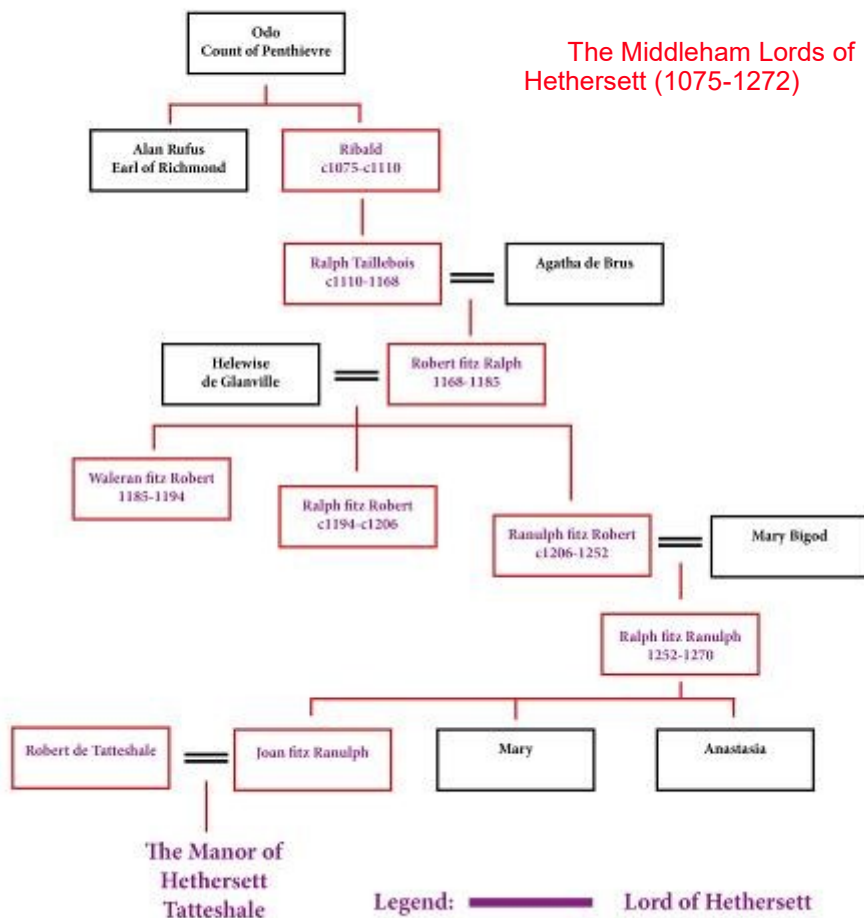
Aged 15 at the death of his father, Waleran and his brothers were wards of their grandfather Ranulph de Glanville, Chief Justice of England. The future King John was educated by de Glanville and may have been raised by him for a time alongside Waleran and his brothers.

Waleran and his mother founded a monastery in Swainby, Yorkshire, while he was still underage. Among other things, they gifted the monastery

# Hethersett Middleham

## 1075-1270

The Middleham Lords of Hethersett (1075-1272)



tithes and pasture for 1000 sheep and 40 beasts in Hethersett and Pikenham. Waleran's mother Heloise died around the same time as he did, and was buried in the monastery. Waleran

died without children.

**1194-c1206**

**Ralph fitz Robert**

Lord of Middleham.



Brother of Waleran, he inherited upon his death, but died around 1206 without children.

**c1206-1252**

**Ranulph fitz Robert**

Lord of Middleham.

Third son of Robert fitz Ralph, he inherited upon his brother Ralph's death. He married Mary Bigod, the daughter of Roger, Earl of Norfolk. The Bigods around this time held land in Hethersett, including Thickthorn.

Ranulph moved the abbey at Swainsby to Coverham, near his home, so that his mother's bones could be close by. He followed King John to war in Ireland and fought against him in the First Barons. War. Ranulph made peace with John before the king's death. Upon his accession the following year John's son Henry III forced Ranulph to give his daughters as hostages as a surety for his conduct.

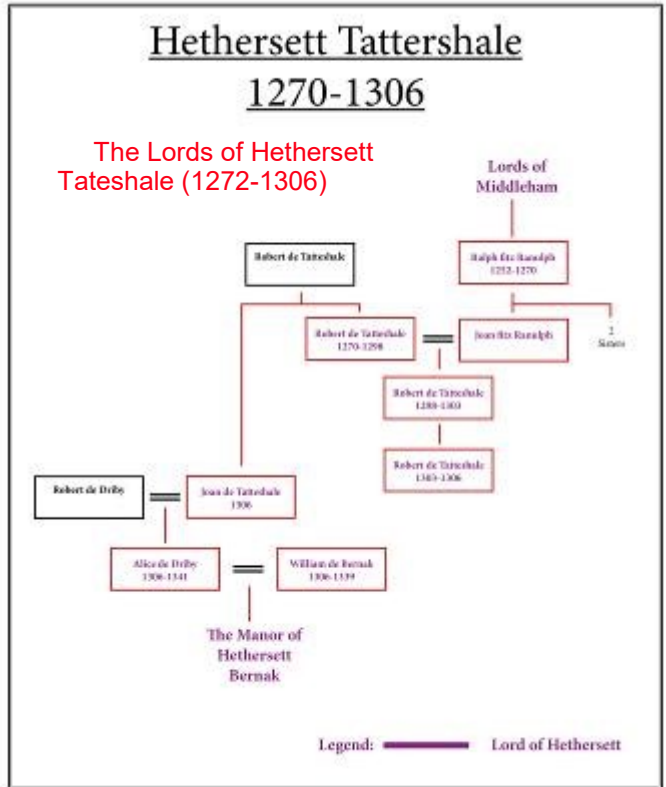
**1252--1270**

**Ralph fitz Ranulph**

Lord of Middleham.

Inherited on the death of his father Ranulph.

Fought with King Henry III twice in



Gascony. Ralph supported the King during the Second Barons. War against Simon de Montfort. During the conflict Hethersett was raided and land and goods were seized by supporters of the Barons. Ralph died without a male heir.

**1270-1272**

**Daughters of Ralph - Joan, Mary and Anastasia each inherit a third.**

Their husbands held the portions of the manor "by right of" their wives - Robert de Tateshale for Joan, Robert de Neville for Mary, and initially the King for Anastasia, who was unmarried. King Henry owed his son

the future Edward I a large debt and gave him the right to give away Anastasia's hand in recompense. She was then married (for a large price) to Gilbert Haunsard, but died soon after.

**The Manor of Hethersett Tateshale (1272-1306)**

**1272 -1298**

**Robert de Tateshale (by right of Joan his Wife)**

1<sup>st</sup> Lord of Tatteshale

Joan and Robert bought out her sister Mary's share of Hethersett.

Robert fought with Edward I many times in Wales and Scotland. He was made the first Lord Tateshale for his valour, and died in 1298. At the time he had 80 tenants in Hethersett.

**1298-1303**

**Robert de Tateshale**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lord of Tateshale

Inherited as son of Joan and Robert. Robert joined his father on expeditions in Gascony and Wales, as well as fighting in Scotland after his father's death. Close with the Driby and Bernak families.

**1303-1306**

**Robert de Tateshale**

A minor, he inherited from his father Robert and died young without heirs.

**1306**



**19th Century Sketch of William and Alice Bernak's Tomb**

**Joan de Driby (nee Tateshale)**

Joan and her two sisters inherited, as heirs of their brother Robert, the first Lord Tateshale, who died in 1298.

Joan's share of the estate included Hethersett

**The Manor of Hethersett Bernaks (1306-1360)**

**1306-1339**

**William de Bernak and wife Alice (de Driby)**

Purchased Manor from Alice's Aunt Joan de Tateshale as joint tenants.

First Lords of the Manor to live in Hethersett. William died in 1339 and was buried in St Remigius in Hethersett.

**1339-1341**

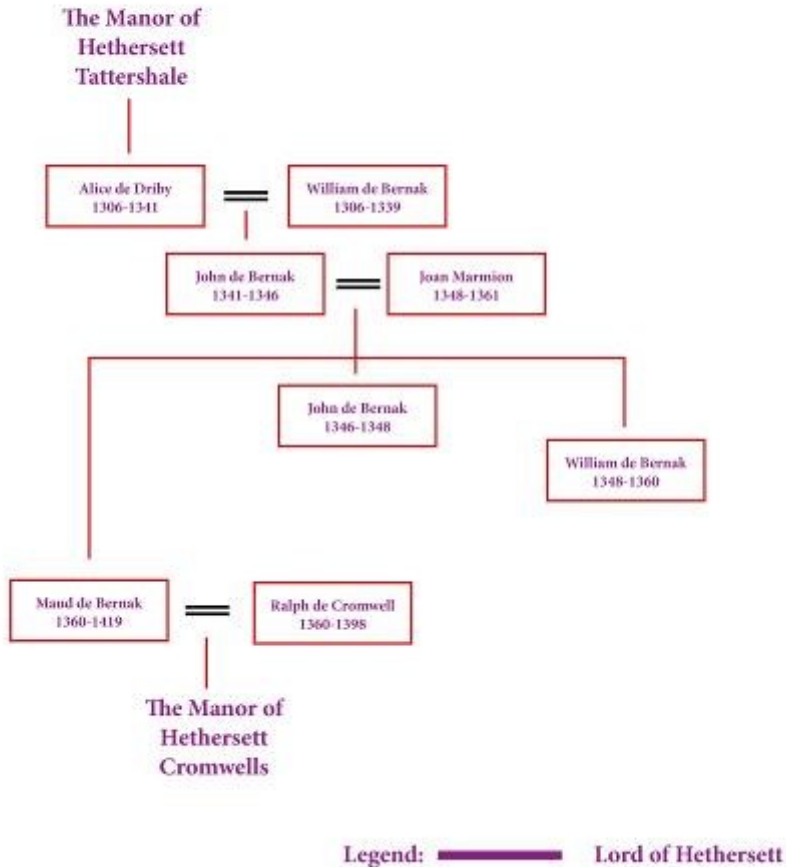
**Alice de Bernak**

Lady of the Manor in her own right after the death of William.

A wealthy heiress, she inherited the lands of the Driby and Tateshale families and was buried in St Remigius

# Hethersett Bernak

## 1306-1360



in Hethersett

**1341-1346**

**John de Bernak**

Son of William and Alice de Bernak, he inherited upon Joan's death.

Described as perpetually sick a few years before the end of his life.

### 1348-1361

#### Joan de Bernak (nee Marmion)

Widow of John, she held 1/3 of the Manor as her Dower after his death. She outlived both of her sons.

### 1346-1348

#### John de Bernak

Son of John - a minor - inherited 2/3rds on the death of his father John.

Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk had Wardship of John and his brother William. He was close to Edward III, advising him as to the location chosen for the Battle of Crecy.

He loaned the king a great deal of money in order to finance his wars. It was on the eve of departure for the campaign that included Crecy that the King granted him the wardship of the Bernak children, and the proceeds of the Manor of Hethersett.

Ufford's wife Margaret was the niece of Simon de Hederse, the Lord of the other Manor in Hethersett. Her first husband had been Thomas de Cailly, Alice de Bernak's cousin.

John died while still in wardship, possibly of the Black Death.

### 1348-1360

#### William de Bernak

Brother and heir of John - a minor also. He inherited his brother's 2/3rds of the Manor. He also died while a ward of Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, and predeceased his mother.

Upon the failure of the male line, John and William's elder sister Maud de Bernak inherited Hethersett and much more besides. She was married to Ralph de Cromwell, from which the

Manor of Hethersett Cromwells took the name it would hold for evermore.

Her descendants would hold it until the time of the Flowerdewe family 200 years later.

More from Lewis in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

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## Dates For 2024 Pantomime Announced

Next year's village pantomime will be held from Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th January, it has been announced. Tickets will go on sale in November. We will have more details in future editions of Hethersett Herald.



Entries for this year's South Norfolk Community Awards have now closed.

We will let you know whether any Hethersett-based group or organisation has been shortlisted in our next edition.

# The Birth Of A Nation

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**Historian and Hethersett Herald columnist John Head turns the clock back to the First World War in his latest column and talks about the battle of Vimy Ridge.**

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**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April 1917**

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was part of the Battle of Arras where the four divisions of the Canadian Corps in the 1<sup>st</sup> Army fought against three divisions of the German 6<sup>th</sup> Army.

When Britain declared war on Germany in 1914 Canada, as a Dominion, was also at war, albeit Canada had the right to decide what form its contribution to the war effort would be.

Vimy Ridge was a pivotal moment in Canadian history in that all four Canadian Infantry Divisions serving in France attacked together.

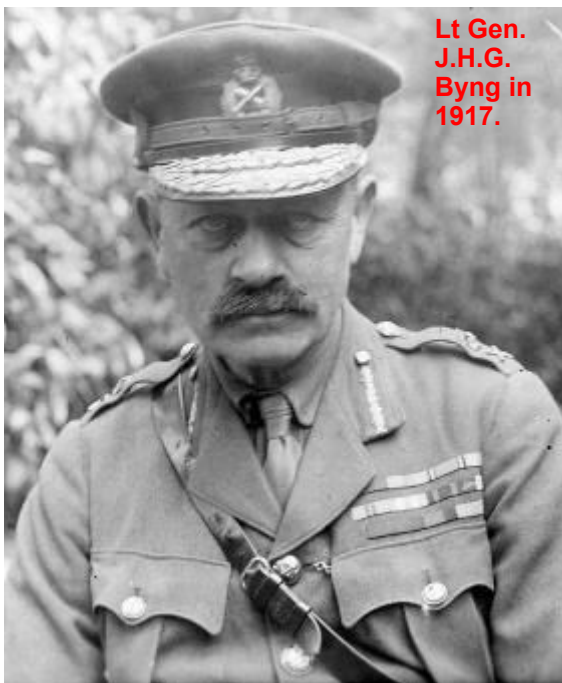
On Easter Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917 in driving sleet the four divisions of the Canadian Corps commanded by Lt Gen J. H. G.

Byng, attacked Vimy Ridge, one of the strongest German defensive positions in Northern France which had resisted all previous attacks.

The attack was well rehearsed and was assisted by miles of tunnels and trenches to approach the enemy lines under a rolling artillery barrage. By mid-day only the highest point of the ridge remained in enemy hands. This fell the following day. On the next page you can see six examples of the tunnels and trenches in 2017 at Vimy Ridge

With incredible bravery and discipline the Canadians took Vimy Ridge in only four days.

“It witnessed the birth of a Nation” (Brigadier General A.E.Ross ).



**Lt Gen.  
J.H.G.  
Byng in  
1917.**

# The Tunnels and Trenches at Vimy Ridge



# The Tunnels and Trenches at Vimy Ridge



3,500 Canadians were killed and 7,000 wounded.

Lest we forget

Over the page are photographs of the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge 100 years on in 2017 inclusive of the poignant Weeping Woman.

## **Photographs**

Lt Gen. J H G Byng – Wikipedia

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We will have more articles from the pen of John Head in the July edition of Hethersett Herald.

# The Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge







# Keep Your Peepers Peeled

KEEP your peepers peeled because there are coincidences around every corner.

When it comes to unearthing history and coincidences I am something of a champion.

Wherever I go I search for coincidences and they abound in Norfolk.

A rather cool but sunny day in May found us in St Mary's Church in Great Massingham. On the wall was quite an elaborate painting and underneath it an inscription which read:

“Presented to the church in memory of Mabel A McAnally by her husband the Rector July 1st 1931.”

The name McAnally stood out. A number of years ago I put together a website for my home village of Hethersett entitled Hethersett A Village At War. It was a look at the village from 1910 to 1950 with particular emphasis on the two world Wars.

The Rector of Hethersett during the First World War was a fascinating man by the name of Frederick Jarvis. He served for a year as a chaplain on the Western Front and regularly wrote reports and letters for the village Good News magazine which I currently have the honour of editing.

He was succeeded as Rector by the

## Hethersett History



Rev Thomas McAnally and you can probably see where this is going.

Rev McAnally wrote about life in the village and the international situation as the Second World War unfolded. Before war broke out he told us there wouldn't be a conflict as Mr Hitler was an honourable man.

So we had a rector of Great Massingham called Charles McNally

# War Writing

The Rev James Mortimer La Fontaine McAnally spent over seven years serving the village before the outbreak of the Second World War.

He wrote extensively about war and the part it played in Hetherset. The Rev McAnally was married with a daughter Rachel Mary. Rachel married Donald Dashwood on 21st December 1940 and died on 8th May, 2001. Rev McAnally had a very varied career.

He was born in 1888 which made him 44 when he moved to Hetherset and 51 at the outbreak of the second world war. He was educated at Keeble College, Oxford, gaining a BA degree in 1909 and a Masters Degree in 1913. He was made a deacon in 1911 and a priest in 1912 and was curate at Wymondham from 1911 to 1913 before working at Edgbaston in Birmingham from 1913 to 1916 and Eton College from 1917 until 1921.

He was Rector of Newdigate in Surrey from 1921 until 1927

and a rector of Hetherset called James McNally. Not being a particularly common name, I felt there must be a connection and this was confirmed when I

found out that Mrs McNally's maiden name was La Fontaine and that the Hetherset Rectors full name was

and Rector of Haslemere in Surrey from 1927 until 1932 when he moved to Hetherset where he stayed until 1942. He was also vicar of nearby Ketteringham from 1939 until 1942. He moved to Alton Barnes in Wiltshire where he stayed until 1945 when he became vicar of Netherbury with Solway Ash in Dorset. He served there until 1953 and was curate in charge of nearby Stoke Abbott from 1949 to 1951 and Rector from 1951 to 1953.

He was Rural Dean of Beaminster in Dorset from 1948 to 1953 before moving to St Edmundsbury and Ipswich from 1953 to 1956 and that saw him living in Southwold. He was Rector of Spexhall with Wissett in Suffolk from 1956 to 1958 before being awarded the living of Shotesham in 1959. He was curate in charge at Worstead and at Westwick with Sloley from 1962 to 1964. It is likely that he died in either 1976 or 1977.



James Mortimer La Fontaine McAnally.

It didn't take long and a small amount

of research to find out that Hethersetts James was indeed the son of the Rev Charles and Mrs Mabel McAnally. Incidentally Mrs McAnally was born in Constantinople in Turkey (now Istanbul).

Just finding the link gave me a kick. And the moral of this story is quite simple - coincidences are everywhere, just keep your eyes and ears open to find them.

If anyone is interested in the website mentioned here you can find it at [www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com).

I also write a daily blog which can be found on Facebook by searching "Peter Steward's Daily Blog."

There follows a couple of pieces of writing by Rev McNally—the first is from May 1938 as the world moves towards war. It shows the rector's concerns at the amount of money being spent in defence.

As I anticipated in my letter last month, a comprehensive agreement with Italy has been signed, which materially lessens the feeling of tension. And now that France has decided to follow suit and to settle the outstanding Franco-Italian points of disagreement, a real beginning has been made with what has been described as general appeasement in Europe.

It remains to be seen whether a similar agreement can be reached with Germany and perhaps in particular between Germany and Russia. If that were possible, a great load of anxiety would be lifted from the minds of the peoples of the world. But at present Germany, through her leader, has preferred to keep us guessing what

she will do next and to strike suddenly at her prey rather than to formulate precise demands which might be discussed calmly and deliberately round a conference table.

Until she is willing to do this, we cannot but remain profoundly anxious and we must continue to pile up armaments costing millions of money which could so much better be spent on all matter of social improvements. A considerable reduction in taxation could raise the whole standard of living and at the same time provide a large surplus for much needed reforms. To take one or two instances at random, just think what it would mean to have a proper water and drainage system in every village, a bath and electric light in every home and more adequate pensions for old people. All these things and much else could be provided, if we were not compelled to spend about 350 millions a year on armaments.

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The following article by the rector appeared in Good News of June 1939 as war became closer:

"I continue to be entirely optimistic about the world situation, especially now that the prospect of an alliance with Russia is much brighter. Great Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Rumania, Turkey and Greece present a truly formidable military combination, and if the USA, also gave active assistance it would seem there is an overwhelming balance of power on the side of democracy and peace.

“Incidentally we might add there is the nucleus of a great new League of Nations into which Germany and Italy would be welcome just as soon as they gave any positive proofs of a change of outlook.

“But we must not relax our our efforts towards rearmament, for at present it is only too clear that the two dictators understand nothing except superior force. And any weakening would encourage them to make further raids on other people's possessions.

“The introduction of conscription in peace time is a revolution in British policy, but it is necessitated by the gravity of the world situation. We don't know how many young men from Hethersett will be called up but we hope they will realise that there is a dignity and honour in service.

“And British people as a whole need to be reminded that a period of military service is compulsory in all other democratic countries. “

By October 1940 the war has begun and the Rector seems to feel it will soon be over as he writes:

“As I sit in the garden writing, I can hear an Air Raid alarm, which may add point to what I am about to say. Although it requires considerable effort to take one's mind off the immediate events of the war and to look forward, I am sure that the effort is worth making. In fact it is one of the best ways by which to preserve ones'



Great Massingham Church

mental balance. All who are not actually engaged in the war should bring their minds to bear upon the problems that will arise after the cessation of hostilities and try to get clear the ideals for which we strive and explore the means by which they can be achieved.

“The international problems are plain enough: the policy to be adopted towards Germany: the restoration of the invaded countries: fixing of new frontiers: the limitation of armaments: the disposition of the colonial empires and mandated territories: the question of security.

“Many of our own social problems are also clear: the return of soldiers to civil life: housing and standards of wages: the precarious position of the middle classes under increased taxation: the reform of the civil service: state of voluntary hospitals: agriculture, self supporting or state aided.

“All of us should be concerned with these questions.”

# Business Opening Hours

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**Kin Café** at Rowan House in Queen's Road is open on Monday to Friday from 8 am until 4 pm, You can find the café as part of the Rowan House complex in Queen's Road.

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

## Group Meeting Dates

**Paint With Us Art Group**—The Paint With Us Art Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Thursdays from 1.30 pm until 4 pm.



Come and Join Us  
at the

### **Coffee Stop**

9am to 12pm  
Every Wednesday

### **Hethersett Methodist Church**

*Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB*

is offering

### **a Gathering Space**

*A space for all, as well as an opportunity for Ukrainians settling in the area, to meet each other.*

### **a Coffee**

*(Tea and Squash is also available!)*

### **a Warm Welcome**

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