

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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

## Re-Wilding Hethersett

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

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

## Post Office Returns

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

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

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# A Message From The Editor

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the March edition of Hethersett Herald. There's a well known saying: "A picture can paint a thousand words."

Well this edition seems to be heavy on the photographic front and we hope you agree that it makes it more colourful.

Very often photographs make a point or say more than words. Take for instance the work to re-wild parts of Hethersett where photographs certainly speak louder than words.

Then there's Home Farm Gin, somewhere I have visited quite a few times in the past as Paul and Nev get firmly to grips with the blossoming business.

In this edition we have pictures of the latest development and talk to Nev Leverett about plans for the future.

We have news at last about the former Woodside school site in Firs Road. Whilst the future of the building continues to hang in the balance, there are now plans to turn the playing fields into affordable housing. I know a number of local residents have been concerned about that site for sometime.

There was an interesting suggestion at the February meeting of Hethersett Parish Council that land at the former Woodside School in Firs Road should be taken into the Memorial Playing Field as an additional amenity area for the village.

A resident pointed out once again that the village desperately needs more

infrastructure and facilities before any more houses are built. This is something we have been pointing out for some considerable time but fear that the powers that be fail (or more to the point don't want to) listen.

Having this land as open space is a fantastic idea but I fear that it isn't one that will be taken up by the Secretary of State for Education when he comes to make his decision. Once again the views and wishes of local people will be ignored and on that subject we are still awaiting a response from our MP Richard Bacon to questions sent to him last November.

And we are very pleased to have some good news with regard to the future of a post office in Hethersett.

There were more than a few concerns when it was announced that the office in Oak Square was shutting in January following the retirement of postmaster Kevin Salmon who had been at the helm for over a decade.

I was very aware that major efforts were being made behind the scene to ensure that Hethersett didn't lose its post office completely.

Now a temporary pop up post office has been launched in Hethersett Library and Kevin will be filling in until person or persons are found to run the post office on a permanent basis.

Peter



# Village Post Office Returns

A post office is back in business in Hethersett.

The previous office in Oak Square closed in January and doubts were expressed about whether the service would be lost to Hethersett.

But the parish council, our county councillor David Bills and other groups have been working behind the scenes with the result that a new temporary office opened its doors in Hethersett Library on February 24th.

A notice on social media from the Post Office stated: "We are delighted to let you know that Hethersett Post Office will be restored as a temporary service in Hethersett Library in Queen's Road.

"The new services will offer a wide range of Post Office products and services. We hope that our customers will continue to use this service."

Former postmaster Kevin Salmon who retired when the office in Oak Square closed in January has agreed to return on a temporary basis to run the library post office until new staff have been found., but it looks as if the temporary office will eventually become permanent with its own entrance to save having to go through the library itself.

The new office will be open five days a week at various times and a total of twenty three and a half hours per week.

David Bills paid tribute to all those who have worked hard to make the new post office a reality:

"Everyone involved in finding a new venue has been very positive. We were determined to find somewhere for residents. We are now asking people to be patient. It won't be perfect from day one but we will be doing our best to provide the best possible service," he said.

The new arrangement was also discussed at the January meeting of Hethersett Parish Council. Members agreed that the library is a good location for a post office, being somewhere everyone knows. Ironically the post office will be located in a room that was previously set aside as an parish office.

Residents were quick to express their gratitude over the news on social media with comments such as: "fantastic news," "great news" and "brilliant."

We will have more on the new post office in coming editions.

## Opening Hours

**Mondays—13.30 to 17.30**

**Tuesdays—No Service**

**Wednesdays—11.00 to 17.30**

**Thursdays—13.30-17.30**

**Fridays—13.30-17.30**

**Saturdays—11.00-14.00**

**Sundays—No Service**



## Lisa Is The First

The first resident to use the new post office was Lisa Ashby who was there five minutes before the official launch. Lisa posted a parcel and expressed herself delighted that a post office had re-opened in the village, saving her a trip to either Eaton or Wymondham.



Within a few minutes of opening there was a steady stream of customers for the new facility.

Featured in our photographs are Lisa Ashby, temporary postmaster Kevin Salmon and County Councillor David Bills.





# Important Information

We are delighted to let you know that Hethersett Post Office will be restored as a temporary service:

Hethersett Library, Queens Road, Hethersett, NR9 3DB

#### Services

A wide range of services will be available.

#### Access

This branch has a wide door and slight ramp with handrail at the entrance.

#### Getting There

This Post Office service is located approximately 480 metres away from the previous branch, along varied terrain. There is a car park at the rear of the premises.

## On 24 February 2022 at 13:30

Monday	13:30 - 17:30
Tuesday	No service
Wednesday	11:00 - 17:30
Thursday	13:30 - 17:30
Friday	13:30 - 17:30
Saturday	11:00 - 14:00
Sunday	No service

For information in Braille, large print or audio call 03452 66 01 15, Textphone 03457 22 33 55 or to see a copy of our Principles of Community Engagement about changes to the Post Office network, visit our website [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk)

Above is the information that was posted on social media sites announcing the re-opening of a post office service in Hethersett

## Affordable Housing Idea For Former School Site

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### But could a play area be a better option?

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PLANS to turn the playing field of a former Hethersett school site into affordable housing are being submitted by Norfolk County Council.

Woodside Primary and Nursery School closed its premises in Firs Road, when it moved to a new purpose built building in Coachmakers Way on the North Hethersett development.

Since then the former school has been used as a store by Norfolk County Council with the playing fields being untouched.

The new plans do not involve the school's former building but only the playing fields. The county council's proposal is to sell the fields for affordable housing for people with care and support needs to help them to live independently in the community.

The development would include a mix of apartments to support independent living along with housing for people with disabilities.

If the plan for the fields fail to come to fruition the county council has said the



land will be offered for sale on the open market.

“We are confident that a scheme will come forward and our priority is for the land to be developed for independent living for local people with care and support needs,” a county council spokesman said.

No timescale has been given for the proposed work which is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Education.

Hethersett’s County Councillor David Bills said he was largely supportive of the idea but was waiting to hear the full details of the proposals:

“There is a definite need for this type of development and I am largely supportive and looking forward to hearing more about the scheme through meetings in the coming week or so,” he said.

A decision on what will happen to the former school building will be taken as a separate issue.

The matter was discussed at the February meeting of Hethersett Parish Council when councillors called on the Secretary of State to allow the land to

be incorporated into the existing Memorial Playing Field and kept as a village amenity.

Councillor Mike Stark who is also a trustee of the Memorial Playing Field said: “The Memorial Playing Field is a village amenity and the land should be incorporated into it.

Councillor Jonathan Loomer agreed : “We do not want to lose this land.. We have had 50 years of development in the village and it would be nice to keep this land as a play area.

Chairman Adrienne Quinlan agreed: “This resource should not be lost. Incorporating the land into the playing field would mean it would continue to be used by local children as an amenity area.

Councillor Bridget Williamson urged caution. “It would be a bit rash to adopt this area into the playing field without being aware of the financial implications,” she said.

This idea was backed by a number of residents present and the council decided unanimously to contact the Secretary of State for Education Nadhim Zahawi to express their views.



**This beautiful shot of the fields across Hethersett was taken by Dave Bowden—a regular contributor to Hethersett Herald**



# The Day The Storm Came

IT was very windy and very wet as Storm Eunice hit the village with a vengeance on Friday, February 18th. Fortunately apart from obvious tree and fence damage the village seems to have got off lightly. We appealed to residents for photographs of damage and some of them are included below.

We loved the comment left by Sue Sheard: "All I got was an empty multi packet of Quavers floating over my fence. Glad it seems that everyone in the village kept safe."



# The Day The Storms Came



**The track from Grove Road, leading to the parish pit.**



We would like to thank Gail McClinton, Jo Weston, Charlotte Hanna, Karen Stradling and Ria Collins for supplying the photographs of some of the storm damage in Hethersett.

Meanwhile regular columnist John Head took this photograph of St Remigius Church as part of his Hethersett natural sculpture walk.

You can view more of his photographs taken on this walk later in this edition of the Hethersett Herald.

# Gardening Group On The Horizon

A NUMBER of local people have shown an interest in a very unusual gardening project.

Park Farm Hotel took to social media with an offer that a number of people found irresistible.

Their call was for budding gardeners in and around Hethersett to get in touch to hear about what they described as “a fantastic opportunity.”

“Unfortunately we are unable to give our vegetable garden the time and love it needs,” the posting on the All Things Hethersett Facebook page stated.

“We are looking for a local group or an individual who would like to plant up and use the garden as their own and make the most of the produce,” the posting said.

The area would be theirs to use , however they wish with Park Farm just keeping a couple of the beds to use for their kitchen garden.

Park Farm even have a small shed for potting and tools.

“We would love to share this beautiful area with people who love gardening and growing their own produce but do not have the space,” the post added.

The post brought an immediate and enthusiastic response from numerous people who declared an interest in setting up a group to take the idea forward.



# Post War Drama Comes To Hethersett

THERE has been a change in programme for the March film in the Hethersett Village Screen series.

Due to licence issues, “The Courier” has been replaced by “Mothering Sunday.” “Mothering Sunday” is a British romantic drama film, directed by Eva Husson and based on the novel of the same name by Graham Swift.

The film stars Odessa Young, Josh O’Connor, Olivia Colman, and Colin Firth. Set in the wake of World War One, the film follows the life of Jane Fairchild (Odessa Young), an orphaned maid who spends Mothering Sunday with her wealthy lover.



“Mothering Sunday” will be on screen in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday March 6th at 3 pm.

The season of films continues in April with “Supernova” and is rounded off in May with the Princess Diana biopic “Spencer.”



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

## A11 Work Continues

WORK on the A11 resurfacing will continue throughout March with vehicles once again being re-routed along the B1172 during periods of closure.

By the time you read this, Phase One should be completed. Phase Two will involve the closure of the southbound carriageway from Tuttle Lane at Wymondham to Spooner Row between 8 pm and 6 am until 4th March. The A11 will continue to be open during the day.

More closures are likely in the Spring as the work continues.



**Wildflower meadows and  
grassland provide shelter and  
food for important pollinators,  
including bees.**

**Wildflower meadows also  
capture vast amounts of  
carbon, which then has a  
vital impact on the air that  
we breathe.**

Run by HEAG/HEAT & Hethersett Parish Council

## Going Wild For Hethersett

THE Re-Wilding Hethersett programme is well underway with volunteers clearing and preparing to re-wild areas around the village sign and a corridor around the village hall.



Our photographs over the next four pages show the work in progress and were kindly sent to Hethersett Herald by Don and Bridget Williamson.

The Hethersett Re-wilding project is being undertaken by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team under the auspices of Hethersett Parish Council and you can read their piece on re-wilding of the village starting on page 15.

Below the area around the village sign which has been set aside for re-wilding.

We will be following the programme over the next few months with regular reports and photographs.

# RE-WILDING HETHERSETT 2022



**An area of wildflower meadows larger than Wales has been lost in the last 70 years. We hope that our effort this spring can inspire a community to embrace Re-Wilding.**

Run by HEAG/HEAT & Hethersett Parish Council





Parish Councillor and environmentalist Bridget Williamson is photographed on the left around the village sign besides the B1172—one of the areas being given over to re-wilding.



*‘To restore stability to our planet, we must restore its biodiversity, the very thing we have removed. It is the only way out of this crisis that we have ourselves created. We must rewild the world.’*

Sir David Attenborough

After months of planning and preparation, work on the first phase of Hethersett



Words by Hethersett  
Parish Council

Parish Council's rewilding project started on Saturday 12th February at the Village Sign. Eleven hardy and willing volunteers turned up with spades and forks to assist in the work. The turf cutter took a little getting used to, but the Turf Cutting Operatives soon had it figured out, and work got under way.

Following the turf cutter at a safe distance, the volunteers forked the soil over before wild flower seed was scattered and then raked over. Hethersett Parish Council is grateful to the 50 'likes'





on Facebook, and the positive comments such as 'Great job' and 'Thank you for all you are doing to enhance our village.'

The work at the Village Hall began on Sunday, 13th February. A group of 12 indomitable volunteers arrived, including our youngest members, Amelia and Hattie. This is a much bigger area and the work achieved in one day was really remarkable, as we managed to cut and remove the turf in just over two hours.

The Parish Council is so grateful to all the volunteers - the work is hard and muddy, and there was not one complaint to be heard, just enthusiasm for the project and how the field will look come the spring and summer.

On Tuesday, 15th February, the weather turned against us; what started out as light rain developed into a heavy downpour. This did not, however, deter the amazing eight volunteers who turned up and worked their little socks off in the pouring rain.

We were a little behind by the time Wednesday came around, and were down to seven volunteers, so despite absolutely sterling work from everyone, we were not able to finish.

The soil by this time was very heavy, and we feared for the state of our backs if we pushed ourselves any further.

Do not worry, however, as by the time you read this the digging will have been completed and the sowing, planting, and raking will all be done. The Parish Council is so looking forward to a lovely array of wild flowers at both the Village Sign and the Village Hall, especially as the Village Hall will be the centre of the Jubilee celebrations in June.

Hethersett Parish Council is so excited by this project and has plenty of ideas for the future. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Council clerk, Annette Palmer, on 01603 810915, or by email at [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

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## Floodlights Set For Hethersett Academy

HETHERSETT Parish Council will not be opposing an application for 22 floodlights on the playing field at Hethersett Academy.

But the council will be asking South Norfolk Planning authority to impose restrictions on the use of the floodlights to 9 pm in order to mitigate any nuisance caused to nearby residents.

The parish council's planning committee welcomed the idea that the three existing MUGAS (Multi Use Games Areas) will be available for community use during evenings

"In order to avoid any disruption to local residents as a result of an inevitable increase in traffic, members would like to see a condition imposed restricting the use of the floodlights to 9 pm at the latest," the council stated.

# Ivy Lived Through Two Pandemics



**Ivy Thraxton with best friend Doris Smith celebrating Ivy's 103rd birthday last November.**

HETHERSETT has lost one of its oldest residents with the death of Ivy Thraxton at the age of 103.

Ivy had the distinction of living through two pandemics. She was born on November 30th, 1918, in Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk, just days after the Armistice was signed to end the First World War. She was a baby and toddler through much of the Spanish Flu pandemic which killed between 20 and 50 million people between her year of birth and 1920 only to find COVID striking shortly after her 100th birthday.

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***“An Original Resident of Woodcote When It Opened.”***

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Ivy spent her childhood in Stoke Holy Cross but moved to Little Melton and then Hethersett when fate took a hand. She met her husband to be George during a visit to family friends in the village. After their wedding, the couple

moved to Little Melton and then to a cottage in Hethersett and eventually they built their own bungalow in Lynch Green.

She lived her entire life in Norfolk and was one of the original residents of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, Hethersett, when it opened 36 years ago.

Much of Ivy's working life was spent at Norwich High School for Girls where she undertook a variety of jobs. Whilst her husband was away in the Army in the Second World War, Ivy walked every day from her home in the village to clean at Norwich Girls High.

On one occasion the air raid sirens went off whilst Ivy and a friend were walking into Norwich. When they arrived at the school they found it deserted as all the pupils had gone to the shelters.

In 2018, she celebrated her 100th birthday at Woodcote surrounded by residents, friends and relatives. Ivy had

two daughters, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

On her 100th birthday, she reminisced about how life in Hethersett had changed over the years, looking back at the days when the village had a large coal yard which delivered coal to various parts of the country and a bakery which delivered to various parts of Norfolk.

Woodcote scheme manager Stephen Baxter said: "She will be greatly missed as one of the foundation stones of our little community' and she was warmly loved by all residents and never had a bad word to say about anyone. She was independent minded even after a full century, nothing could deter her from walking around the scheme and attending events in the Lounge and she had a perceptive smile and didn't miss a trick about what was going on around her! Woodcote will be the poorer for her absence but we know she would want us that are left to enjoy life as she did."

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# Anglia In Bloom Returns

**By Jill Williams**

At last the Anglia in Bloom competition is going ahead, after being cancelled in 2020, and going online only in 2021.

We have a strong entry, particularly in the sustainability category, which is explained below. The section which needs more work is community

involvement.

Entering the competition helps to give everyone a sense of pride in their village. It connects us to other people, encourages co-operation and develops friendships. We can discover new areas of our community and learn new skills.

And we all know that gardening and being in green environments is linked to improvements in mental and physical health. Can we encourage anyone interested in finding out more about the competition and about our plantings to get in touch? You do not need to be experienced gardeners. We would welcome people who know the area well, and have ideas about which bits of Hethersett could do with an uplift or people who are new to the village and want to join in. Please ring Sue, evenings only, on: 07957 234387.

To increase our credibility in the sustainability section, we are using peat-free compost and buying plants from nurseries which supply plants in peat-free compost. We are growing organically, without artificial chemicals and sprays, and using no-dig methods. By only using perennials we will not be throwing away bedding plants at the

end of the season. And our choice of drought resistant hardy plants that do not need staking, pruning, deadheading and feeding will also give us extra points.

I believe that we are also doing well in the horticultural section, too. We are using healthy mature plants which will make a real impact and a contribution to pollinating insects. Being able to plant up a couple of areas in Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex means that we can display woodland edge planting, as well as a sunny patch of perennial meadow with swaying tall grasses and prairie flowering plants like Echinacea and Rudbeckia.

In these areas we are also demonstrating our ability to grow in blocks, in drifts, and intermingled. So give us a call on: 07957 234387 during the evenings and speak to Sue.

## A £340 Challenge

THIS year's Hethersett January challenge raised well over £300 for charity.

Throughout the month residents were encouraged to run or walk whilst being sponsored.

As a result, £340 was raised which will be split equally between the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity and the Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Pavilion Fund.

Organiser David Powles said: " Thanks to everyone who supported. We had about 30 runners in total and it's been great to see people out and about sharing their runs on Strava. All those who signed up are entitled to a free pint at the King's Head who sponsored the event."

Sally Browne is this year's winner of a bottle of gin courtesy of Tesco's. Sally ran numerous 10k runs during the month.



# Century and a Half For Magazine

**Hethersett Herald has been in existence for six and a bit years but is eclipsed by our sister publication Good News which has been around for 150 years in one form or another. In the first of two articles we look at how the parish magazine came into being.**

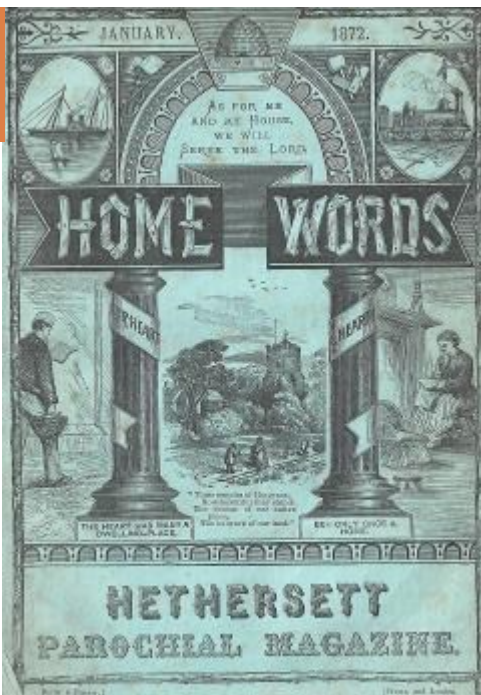
## ***The History of Good News Magazine – Part One***

THIS year the Good News magazine is celebrating its 150th anniversary, although it didn't always go by that name. It started life as an insert in a national magazine known as "Home Words for Heart and Hearth" – a Christian publication which was full of home-spun philosophy.

Tucked into the January, 1872, edition was a four page green coloured publication entitled "Home Words – Hethersett Parochial Magazine." The magazine cost one old penny and began with a parish history. There was a couple of news items about local groups, a list of local church services and some national adverts one of which brought a smile:

"Glenfield Starch: If there are any ladies who have not yet used the Glenfield Starch they are respectfully solicited to give it a trial and carefully follow out the directions printed on every package; and if this is done They will say, like the Queen's Laundress. It is the finest starch they ever used."

The Hethersett section of the magazine explained its aims and how it came about:



"This magazine is almost new to the inhabitants of Hethersett, though it has found many readers in various parts of the country, and we hope it will obtain some more here. Its circulation during the past year has been about 50,000 copies a month. In about 120 parishes it has been made a local or home magazine, by using the cover to convey information about the church services, religious and other meetings, the Schools, Clothing Clubs, the Births, Marriages and Deaths in the parish and other events of local or home interest that may have occurred during the previous month.

"To this purpose we intend to apply a special cover to this Magazine, printed for the benefit of parishioners of Hethersett. We have now to add that the price of the magazine is 1d a month, paid on delivery. It may be

obtained on application to Mr Rotherham, National School House or to Mr Sharman.”

There is no indication of the identity of the editor or author of the first Hethersett insertion which is taken up with church matters apart from the following piece:

“The alteration of what was recently the Infant schoolroom into a Boys’ School including a new boarded floor and a large lobby and the removal of the Infants’ gallery to the Girls’ Schoolroom, has been successfully carried out.

The extensive alterations as outlined above cost £44 2s (£44.10p) with the builder a Mr George Bailey. The money was raised through public subscription with the largest donation of £12 coming from the Rector, the Rev W. R. Collett. This would be the equivalent of just under £1,000 today. William Collett was one of the longest serving rectors of Hethersett, serving from 1855 until 1903. He was also an honorary canon of Norwich Cathedral.

In part two of this feature we look at the various names the parish magazine has gone under over the past 150 years.

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## New Volunteers Help With Clean-Up

THE February Hethersett litter pick attracted 24 volunteers who braved the cold and wind to collect 19 bags of litter .

The numbers included seven new volunteers. “Our village is looking much better thanks to their efforts,” said the organisers.

The next litter pick will be on Saturday March 5th from Hethersett Methodist Church, beginning at 10 am.



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10am**

Meet at the Methodist Church  
Equipment provided.  
Please wear sensible footwear.  
All welcome!  
(under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)



## Smiling Faces Mark Opening Of New School In Ghana



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In previous editions of Hethersett Herald, we featured the Norfolk-based charity The Wulugu Project which builds and equips schools in Northern Ghana. Following an article in the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper an anonymous donor came forward with a generous and unexpected donation which has built a new village school. Here Wulugu project co-ordinator Lynne Symonds, who lives in Great Melton and who was formerly a teacher at Hethersett Old Hall School talks about the new Ghana school and how it came about.

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“I am just over the moon to tell you about our brand new school in Ghana. Truthfully, this would probably not have happened without the Eastern Daily

Press writing about our work to bring better education to children in impoverished villages.

The new Kanshegu Village Primary School was officially opened on Monday 7th February amidst huge celebrations.

Kanshegu is a village of 8,000. The people live in extreme deprivation and poverty, working as peasant farmers or in petty trading. It had only a make-shift shelter as a school.

Most of the 300 pupils had lessons under the trees. The eight teachers have done what they can to overcome the problems but morale and motivation were, understandably, low.

During the long rainy season and, when the sun was unbearable or the winds destructive, there were no lessons.

This has worried the parents as they are increasingly aware that, with education, their children can move out of poverty and into healthier, happier lives with less disease and hunger.

The wonderful new school opens doors to a better future and is already motivating teachers and boosting their morale.

Both teaching and learning are improved. This will impact on the whole community and its effects will be felt for generations in Kanshegu and 12 nearby communities.

And all of this happened because a reader read about the work of our charity, The Wulugu Project. This very kind person was impressed by the article, and further researched the charity.

His family had been looking for a really

effective way to commemorate a family member who had recently died. They wanted a meaningful and long-lasting memorial. And now they have just that.

They paid for a school, complete with desks. This will transform lives. It will ensure that girls as well as boys are educated to a level that will open opportunities for earning a living instead of being sold as a wife at 13.

The Wulugu Project has many awards, including ones for tackling slavery and racism. It has built or substantially repaired over 100 schools, hostels for girls, toilet blocks. It is held up as an example of best practice.

To help slow covid spread, it has drilled almost 50 boreholes, bringing the first ever clean water to well over a 100 villages. Despite this, it has never, ever, been able to get any help from larger charities or from our government .

The amazing track record is thanks to thoughtful, caring people like the family that made it possible to build Kanshegu School.”

Lynne added that there is a long list of schools to build and repair. If you are interested in helping or even build a whole school, please contact: [www.wulugu.co.uk](http://www.wulugu.co.uk) or phone Lynne on 01603 810748.

Many thanks to Lynne Symonds for providing the photographs to illustrate this report. They are of the new school at Kanshegu. On the next page you can see the children having to learn in the open whilst below it they can enjoy the comfort of the new school village.

We will have more news from the Wulugu Project in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.







Meanwhile back in Hethersett



# Gin Is The Thing



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**OVER** the past couple of years we have watched with interest the blossoming of a gin business in Ketteringham Lane. Peter Steward made a return visit to see how things have been developing.

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THE last time I visited Home Farm Gin, proprietors Paul Dunnnett and Nev Leverett were looking to the future by turning a ramshackle old barn into a distillery, shop and tasting building.

In February, I was invited back to see the finished article and it's certainly impressive, allowing the owners to organise gin tasting evenings which include not only tasting of Home Farm's Gins but also showing off Nev's skills as a mixologist with guests making their own cocktails.



Nev Leverett outside the new distillery building

Home Farm Gin still specialises in the three varieties of gin—strawberry and mint, raspberry and London Dry (a generic style of gin rather than having anything to do with the city). Over Christmas they produced special cinnamon and cranberry and pineapple and black pepper is on the menu for the future.

The special tasting and cocktail evenings cost £42.75 per person and include a number of Gin tasting shots along with the cocktails—which are White Lady and Clover Club. There's also a game where guests are asked to

identify some botanicals.

But the duo haven't just stopped at the new distillery/tasting room. They are now busy renovating and kitting out an old horse box as a mobile gin vehicle with bar which can be used either to dispense gin or sell it. It will also give Home Farm the chance to get its name known to a wider audience through attending events. The company is also looking to spread its wings into the Suffolk market.

Their operation has already diversified to not only include clubs and bars but

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also farm shops and delis. They are also looking into the merchandising market with engraved glasses a possibility.

Covid meant that Paul and Nev had to re-think many of their plans and Nev admits that they are still constantly re-evaluating their business model with the possibility of some kind of ticketed open house event in the summer.



The new distillery in situ and above Nev Leverett with one of the stills. Below—the new mobile converted horse box which will be used to take Home Farm Gin on the road this summer. Photographs on this, the previous and the next page are by Peter Steward and Nev Leverett.





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# News From The Parish Council

## Car Parking Problems at Village Hall

CONCERN has been expressed about the use of the village hall car park at school times.

Vehicles have been left in the car park at school dropping off and picking up times and councillors are concerned about the risk of accidents from a narrow entrance and exit and also problems that may arise for hirers of the hall wanting to park there.

The car park is under the jurisdiction of the parish council. Councillor Chris Morriss, who is also a trustee of the village hall management committee, said that over 30 vehicles a day are using the car park and parking for up to 30 minutes at a time. He added that he expected the number of vehicles to continue to increase particularly if Hethersett follows other parts of Norfolk in banning vehicles from the immediate vicinity of schools during

morning and afternoon set downs and pick-ups.

The council is to ask for a meeting with representatives from schools, the village hall management committee and the parish council to discuss the matter.

Mr Morriss said that any moves to shut the gates to the car park at school times would lead to even more congestion on surrounding roads.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan said school time parking at the hall would make it “awkward for people using the hall.”

The council heard that no response has been forthcoming from Norfolk County Council over safety concerns on roads around the new Woodside School.

### Parish Shorts

The parish council is looking to put together a communications' strategy to help with the way it interacts with residents.

The council is to look at the legal position with regard to future use of a gate linking the Memorial Playing Field to the former Woodside School in Firs Road. The gate was previously used by parents dropping off and picking up children to and from the school but is currently not used since the school moved.

Plans are well advanced for a village party in the grounds of Hethersett Village Hall to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 5th from midday to 3 pm. This will include a village fete and food and will be a ticketed event. We will have further details in future editions of Hethersett Herald. The Hethersett Hearts charity is organising a separate afternoon tea for older residents on June 9th. Also see the poster on page 86.

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## Graffiti Wall Idea

Graffiti on the side wall of the village hall has been cleaned off and at its February meeting the parish council considered the idea of providing a graffiti wall somewhere in the village.

Councillor Jonathan Loomer brought the idea of a graffiti wall up after being approached by a resident.

With the village hall and bus shelters being attacked by graffiti, members

agreed that some kind of graffiti facility could be a possibility if council funds continue to have to be spent on cleaning off graffiti.

Councillors also agreed to contact the village's jubilee youth club to see if a facility could be set-up if needed and will keep the idea in mind as a possibility for the future.

### More Parish Shorts

The bicycle locked to the noticeboard in the car park of the village hall has been removed and is now in the possession of Norfolk Police. The bike was locked to the noticeboard for a number of months without being claimed. To free it the council had to pay for the noticeboard to be lifted and then replaced.

A new anti-speeding unit will soon be up and running in the village. The SAM 2 mobile unit will be used by the village speedwatch group to check speeds in various roads in the village.

Parish councillors are to receive .gov e-mails to help with the security of their work with the public. Until now councillors have been using their own personal e-mails but it is thought that this is no longer appropriate. The new system will be run through the Microsoft 365 platform

Councillors have agreed to spend over £200 in protecting the newest oak on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. The guard will be put round the tree planted in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was planted in November. The council discussed a number of options before settling on a guard with rounded edges and similar to that around a second oak close by. The guard will cost £240 plus VAT.

Hethersett's district councillor Phil Hardy is working with residents of Longview to ensure that a suitable buffer area is put in place between residents and new development. Developers had suggested a five metre buffer area, but those living in Longview are looking for less dense landscaping than that proposed.



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## Meeting Dates

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

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

Committee and full council meetings are open to the public.

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

## How To Contact The Parish Council

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

The council has a website at

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

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

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

**Allotments are on their way to Hethersett, the council heard at its February meeting.**

**The allotments will be provided as part of the new village development and could number between 30 and 60.**

**They will be provided with water and power and there could be public toilets as well, although sheds won't be provided due to the danger of theft and vandalism.**

THE cost of a new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field has increased to £800,000 but is edging closer to becoming a reality, councillors heard.

Chairman Adrienne Quinlan stated that an application has been made to the Football Foundation for a £250,000 grant, £150,000 has been banked from village development money and a 25-year loan can be taken up to make up the remainder, although a number of fundraising events are also taking place.

# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



### DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett

Ketteringham or Little Melton?

### ARE YOU

or is someone you know, in need of financial help because of illness or disability?

**Infirm  
Convalescing  
Sick  
Unwell  
Disability**

#### Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

- Car adaptations.
- Wheelchair or other mobility items.
- Support during a sudden medical crisis.
- Nebulisers and other equipment.
- Pre-payment certificates for prescriptions.

For further information or to apply for a grant please telephone one of the trustees listed below. If you have a need for something which is not mentioned above please apply and we will try to help.



Alex	07805 242326
Rachel	01603 812596
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Barbara	01603 810502
Christopher	01603 811010
Debby	01603 812221

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Registered Charity Number 211284

## I Love Hethersett

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Once again we delve into Sarah Lawrence's life in Hethersett.

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I LOVE Hethersett. I've lived here since I was 13 and never left! I got together with Mr L when I was 20, we met while working together at Tesco, here in the village. We got married when I was 23 and we then went on to have two amazing (but very different) daughters who are now ten and five. I hope we always live here, it's the perfect place to bring up children. I am very lucky to have a wonderful network of friends and family here, or nearby, and have the opportunity to walk to my job which is just around the corner.



Graffiti at Hethersett Village Hall—this isn't art says Sarah.

I am very proud to live here too. I am on the Parish Council, the Village Hall Management Committee, Vice-Chair on the Friends of Woodside Primary and Nursery School and, with a group of friends, run First Steps Playgroup. I want to see the community thrive and do well, and for people to support each other through the good, and the bad. I want my children to be proud of me, and know that to make good things happen, you have to work for it. Things don't just fall into your lap.

Which is why, when bad things happen it's hard not to get disheartened. Take

the Village Hall for instance. Not one, but two graffiti incidents happened over the Christmas/New Year break.

Contrary to what most people think, I actually quite like graffiti done in a tasteful way. I quite like Banksy's works, and there's an artist called Knapple who does pieces in and around Norwich. Knapple's art is colourful and vibrant and some people even pay her – yes, Knapple is female – to create murals on the walls of their businesses, garages. She's even painted on schools. Her most famous pieces were the portrait of Bimini (of Ru

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Paul's Drag Race UK fame) and the Black Lives Matter murals on the Norwich underpass. The pieces on the Village Hall were not like that though. They were graffiti tags, large coloured, stylised nicknames of the 'artist' for all to see.

At a Village Hall committee meeting, one of the members present said something along the lines of: "If they think it's that nice to look at, why don't they do it on their own house?" I'm inclined to agree. It's not art, it's not a political statement, ultimately it's just someone writing their name on a wall. Unfortunately, that also leaves someone else – the Village Hall Management Committee in this case - to foot the bill for cleaning, this time, to the tune of £200. Leaving it be can encourage more people to add to the 'art' and create more of a problem.

I also spotted that at sometime over the last week, someone had broken off the 'books' sign on the Back Lane Book Swap. Just snapped it clean off and left it on the ground. In times like this, I like to think of what I tell my daughters when they break or damage something that we own, "This is why we can't have nice things."

Fortunately, when I'm in this kind of funk I am able to shake myself out of it when I look at the people I have as my role models, and how much good is around us too. Geoff Dyett is an environmental angel. He has been organising the litter picks for years, standing in freezing cold and boiling



The broken sign at the book swap—is this another act of vandalism?

hot weather to try to tidy up Hethersett with the help of an army of volunteers. The volunteers are key obviously, without them we wouldn't have a very far range at all, but he is the number one organiser of the litter picks and he should be recognised for how much he does.

Which brings me to the February Litter Pick, which was a great success! It was a nice-ish day, but definitely a chilly one too. Unfortunately Geoff couldn't be present at this one, but Bridget Williamson took the reins. We had 24 volunteers with a grand total of

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19 very full bags of litter collected! A lot of Churchfields and Kett's Meadow was covered this month too, which was nice to see. The most popular find was a small squeaky rubber ball which was enjoyed by some of the volunteers after the Pick on the car park of the Village Hall. Thank you to all of our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you.

Playgroup resumed on 1<sup>st</sup> February after an extended Christmas/New Year break, thanks to the Covid outbreaks in and around Hethersett. The first two sessions back have been really popular, both fully booked. It's been great to have back some of the familiar faces, but also really nice to see some

new faces and meet some new families. As I'm writing this, we have broken up for half term, but we hope to keep the momentum up when we return on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, right through to Easter when



Collected Rubbish

we have our party! For more details about First Steps, visit our Facebook page First Steps Hethersett Stay and Play Playgroup or email us at [firststepshethersett@outlook.com](mailto:firststepshethersett@outlook.com), booking is essential.

And finally, the update on Rewilding Hethersett that you've all been waiting for! During half term, a team of volunteers from Hethersett Environmental Action Group and kind people from the community gave up their time to put in hard work, both at the Village sign and the perimeter of the Village Hall field (to the left of the Hall). A turf cutter was used to cut the turf at both areas, then came the painstaking task of rolling it into manageable rolls to remove, raking it to prepare the ground for seed sowing, and then sowing the seeds themselves, a mixture of suitable wildflower seeds decided by our resident expert Dr. Anne Edwards.

The team did a fantastic job at the Village sign, taking a day to prep and



Re-Wilding Hethersett For All Ages

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seed the area, along with putting up the signs to remind people that it was a work in progress, and promote the Rewilding message. The Village Hall area took a bit longer due to the sheer amount of ground to cover, but by the end of the first morning there, turf was removed, rolled up and put to one side. I was there for that morning with my girls. It was fun, albeit messy and exhausting work! I've said before that

we're not gardeners, but it goes to show, you don't need any previous expertise to get stuck in. I was down there, rolling turf in my waterproof trousers, and my girls were both helping to move the rolls, and cutting them into manageable rolls with a shovel. Thank goodness the weather was kind to us though, otherwise I may have had more complaints! Below is a picture of the First Steps Playgroup.





## Primary school opens in Ghana thanks to £50,000 gift from an EDP reader

**By Keith Skipper**  
 A primary school in Ghana has opened its doors thanks to a £50,000 gift from an EDP reader. The school, named after the donor, is the first of its kind in the area and will provide education for over 100 children. The donor, a long-time EDP reader, expressed her joy at being able to contribute to the community. The school is set to open in September and will offer a full range of primary school subjects. The donor hopes that the school will provide a better future for the children in the area.

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## Skip Mentions Us Again

NORFOLK legend Keith Skipper regularly mentions Hethersett in his column in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

In February under the heading of "Will levelling up in Norfolk become an operation in dumbing down?" Skip states: "I've a good mind to start my own levelling up programme in a bid to forestall too much more meddling and muddling by a bossy government pretending to know what's best for diehards determined to call themselves locals. (continued on the next page).





## Tribute to 103-year-old Ivy, who lived through two pandemics

**A woman celebrated her 103rd birthday on the 10th anniversary of the end of the second world war in Hethersett.**

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(continued from previous page) - Keith Skipper went on to say. "Hailed as a new model of planning tailored to meet different areas' different needs rather than to satisfy an insatiable national masterplan for widespread development, that has gone down like an unordered load of bricks around **Hethersett**, Wymondham, Attleborough and countless others destined for such caring treatment."

### Press Cuttings—An Explanation

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

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

## Time For Landscaping

**By Gillian Saunders**

PLANS are underway for the work on the outside area at the hall.

We are working with a garden designer for plans for the outside, but we will need a landscaper who will turn these plans into reality.

There is a snag, we haven't got a huge amount of money so ideally we are looking for someone who has experience of working with designers but who could do the work without costing us a fortune as the budget isn't very big and we need the money for the furniture etc.

In exchange we are willing to offer you publicity and the opportunity to use photos of your work to advertise yourself.

If you are interested in helping the community and the young people please get in touch to discuss the project.

We are pleased to welcome Lewis as assistant youth worker to work alongside Rebecca at the Friday youth club and we know he has some great ideas to put into action to make the club exciting and a place young people will want to come. We welcome him to the team.

We are always looking for new volunteers to work with both groups but especially the Friday group as being new we haven't got our band of volunteers in place yet! If you are interested please get in touch with me or pop into the club on Wednesday or Friday and speak to either Alahna or Rebecca.

Plans are well underway for the Fete and Dog show on Saturday 25th June 12-3.30 pm at the hall. There are to be some competitions this year for both adults and children as well as games, refreshments, activities, BBQ, stalls and of course the dog show!

Please put the date on the calendar and support the club as this is our major fundraiser of the year. The list of dog show classes and competitions will be in next month's magazine.

We are collecting items for the White Elephant, tombola, and book stalls already. If you have anything to donate please leave it with either Becca, Alahna or Rebecca, on Wednesday or Friday evening letting them know it is for the fete!

Then nearer the time we would be really pleased to receive perishable goods and cakes for the cake stall and refreshments.



## Remembering Loved Ones With Flowers

By Adele Kent

Would you like to remember a loved one at Easter?

As part of decorating St Remigius at Easter, the church flower guild will incorporate lilies in our flower arrangements and if you provide the names of those you would like remembered, we will have a list at the back of the church.

Easter lilies will be £1.50 each.

Please send names and money to me at 19 Cann's Lane, Hethersett.



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

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



With my imagination running wild I walked down Kissing Alley to discover Hethersett had its own natural 'sculpture' park. At times it was very spiritual.

I labelled the picture above The Bisected Earth's Sphere and the one opposite The Gnome's Seat.



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More images from Hethersett's natural sculpture park.

Above A Blanket

Welcome. On the left below A Quill's Nib and on the right Snowdrops leading to Narnia.



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



On the left a draw-bridge and below an iguana.



**Mango swamp in Hethersett.**



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



Above witches broomsticks  
and on the right, Tunnel to the  
Pearly Gates.



**The 12 Apostles**



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



Above is  
On  
Reaching  
the  
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and on  
the left  
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Journey  
ends.



# Lord Kitchener, The Great War and The Hethersett Link

**Herald columnist John Head brings you the story of Lord Kitchener and a local link.**

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FIELD Marshal Lord Kitchener was appointed Minister of State for War on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1914, a day after Parliament had authorised extending the British Army by 500,000 recruits. Prior to this he had a distinguished career which included securing control of the Sudan, being appointed Chief of Staff in the Second Boer War, Commander in Chief of the British Army in India before finally becoming the British Agent for Egypt in 1911.

With his previous experience, Kitchener had the ability to judge that the Great War was going to last at least three years and would be hard fought. Using his instinct to raise the additional 500,000 army recruits, he decided not to extend the Territorial Army, which was already under strain, nor to promote conscription as this was a politically sensitive issue which could lead to national unrest. Instead, he



opted to create a 'New (Kitchener) Army' based on volunteers. His now iconic 'Your Country Needs You' poster was aimed at promoting patriotism and to those who had an appetite for adventure. The initial

stream of volunteers became a flood enabling a considerable number of 'service battalions' to be raised destined for the front line.

As Minister of State for War, he was a prestigious appointment and this was popular with the press and the general public and good for overall morale. However, he had a dislike for

together with the calamitous errors in the supply of artillery shells in 1915 (The Shell Scandal). Parliament dared not cast him aside but reduced his responsibilities.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> 1916 Kitchener embarked on a secret mission to Archangel on board HMS Hampshire bound for talks with Russia, Britain's ally. Within

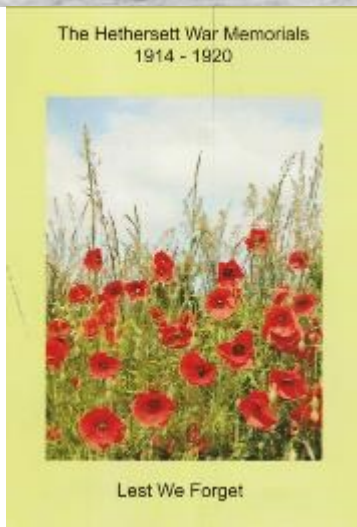
hours of his embarking, HMS Hampshire had vanished off the Orkney Islands.

The Hampshire was ordered not to follow

the obvious routes regularly patrolled by minesweepers. Whilst a storm built up off the Orkneys, Hampshire still maintained a speed to outrun a U-Boat which would have difficulty firing a torpedo accurately under the weather conditions. Soon the Hampshire had even outrun its escort destroyers which returned to Scapa Flow. Within



politicians. He considered them a risk to security and 'dabbled' in military matters they had little experience or understanding of. This was proved by the ill-fated Dardanelles (Gallipoli) campaign which demonstrated the political over the military. Nevertheless, he took responsibility for this campaign



less than an hour the Hampshire suffered a tremendous explosion and was sinking bows down with lifeboats unable to launch. The explosion had been witnessed by Orkney observers but whilst an SOS telegraph was sent by the local post office to alert the Naval authorities, the Hampshire went down in 15 minutes. Reports listed 643 dead but the true figure was probably in excess of 700. Whilst bodies were washed ashore for several weeks after, Kitchener's body was never found. This incident occurred shortly after the Grand Fleet, which included the Hampshire, returned from the Battle of Jutland. Had he have lived it would have been under a month before Kitchener would have witnessed one of the worst days in British military history when his 'New Army', comprising many pals brigades, was slaughtered on the first day of the Somme Offensive.

There were many conspiracy theories regarding Kitchener's death and the loss of the


In Memory Of  
Able Seaman

## RALPH ANGUS BUCKINGHAM

Service Number: J12909

H.M.S. "Hampshire.", Royal Navy who died on 05 June 1916 Age 21  
Son of Frederick Thomas and Agnes Mary Buckingham (nee Shrimpton), of Hethersett, Norfolk.

Remembered with Honour  
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL  
12.



COMMONWEALTH  
WAR GRAVES

COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH  
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

Hampshire but after several investigations it was concluded Hampshire must have hit a mine.

Whilst Britain mourned the loss of Kitchener, many families mourned the loss of those who also went down with the Hampshire; none more so than the family of Able Seaman Ralph Angus Buckingham the fifth son of Frederick and Agnes

Buckingham of Hethersett. Agnes Buckingham had been widowed for five years when she was notified of the loss of her son.

As a young boy, Ralph Buckingham was involved in many Hethersett village activities being a boy scout and a member of the church choir before joining the Navy at the second attempt in February 1913 aged 18. He joined the crew of HMS Hampshire on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1915 which came through unscathed in the Battle of Jutland (31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 1916).

Ralph Buckingham is remembered on the Hethersett War Memorial and the Naval Memorial at Portsmouth.

Trivia: In Parliament Lloyd George regularly clashed with Kitchener. Concerned with the security risk among politicians, Kitchener was alleged to remark “If I tell them anything , they tell their wives, except for Lloyd George who tells somebody else’s wife”. David Lloyd George was born David George. He added the surname of his uncle, Richard Lloyd, as a tribute to him owing



to the influence his uncle had on him in his early years. However, some say it was to add a touch of class to his name and he was easily annoyed when referred to as Mr George. Perhaps Kitchener also had a habit of winding him up by referring to him as Mr George. It wouldn't

have surprised me.

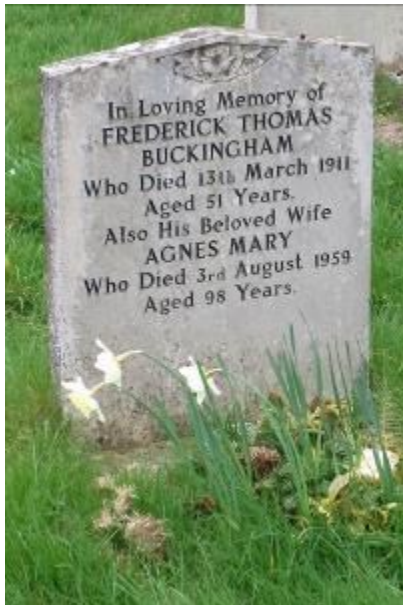
Poster of Lord Kitchener – Accreditation Allposters.

Photograph of HMS Hampshire – Accreditation Wikipedia.

Information in respect of Ralph Buckingham – Taken from the booklet “The Hethersett War Memorials” researched and written by Bob Andrews and the late Bea Ewart (Compiled by Peter Steward). Please note this booklet is now out of print.

Able Seaman Ralph Angus Buckingham Commemoration Certificate – Courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Photographs of the Hethersett War Memorial and the grave of Frederick and Agnes Buckingham – John Head.



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# More On The Tithes

## Lewis Buckingham continues his wander through Hethersett history

It was a few days before Plow Monday - the 10<sup>th</sup> of January - in 1737, and the weather was atrocious.

A rancorous meeting was in progress in the front room of the Parsonage House, and Phillip Mortar, servant to the Rector, did his best to remain inconspicuous as he carried through armload after armload of firewood to feed the fire.

He heard Rector Berney repeat himself with implacable determination:

"I will agree with all or with none."

Many parishioners present thought he had offered reasonable terms for cash in lieu of payment in kind for their tithes. And they argued they should be allowed to pay him.

Those that thought they'd be better off providing the actual fruit of their labour stuck to their guns. And so their fellow parishioners sought to change either their minds, or the mind of Berney - so that those who wished could pay him their cash.

It was a little like a sad version of the three musketeers' motto - "All or none, so none for all." There seemed little chance of an agreement being made.

The meeting collapsed, and the pressure was on for Berney.

In a couple of days it would be Plow Monday - the day when the previous years' tithes were paid. A lack of an agreement would cause him all manner of headaches, but there was no way he would accept the pittance that poor John Marrant his predecessor had accepted on his journey into madness and despair.

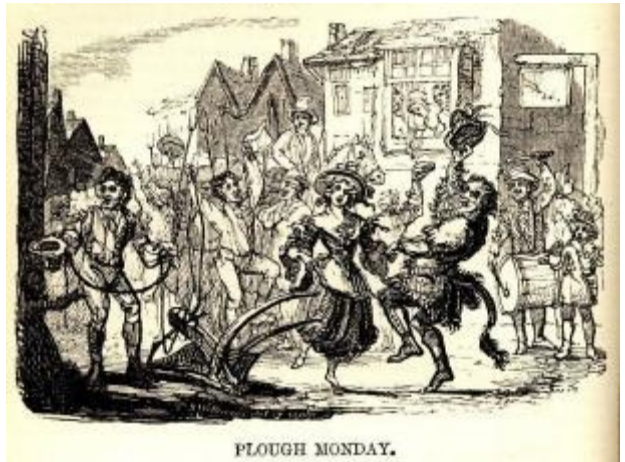
What made the situation even more critical, was that in nine days he would head back to Cambridge to continue his studies. He'd be gone until Easter break.

Once there he simply wouldn't have the time to worry about how the parish would support him as he provided for their salvation.

Berney was studying to be a Doctor of Divinity. It would be a real feather in the cap of each member of the parish of Hethersett. He had to concentrate on that instead. For the good of the parish.

Having been born into wealth, he was used to having others do things for him, so after cancelling church due to a head cold the following day, he invited his friend William Herne to visit him the morning of Plow Monday.

You may remember that William was the Diocese's executor of estate - their



sequestrator - after the death of the previous Rector John Marrant. He was also Berney's resident expert on all things to do with Hethersett Tithes.

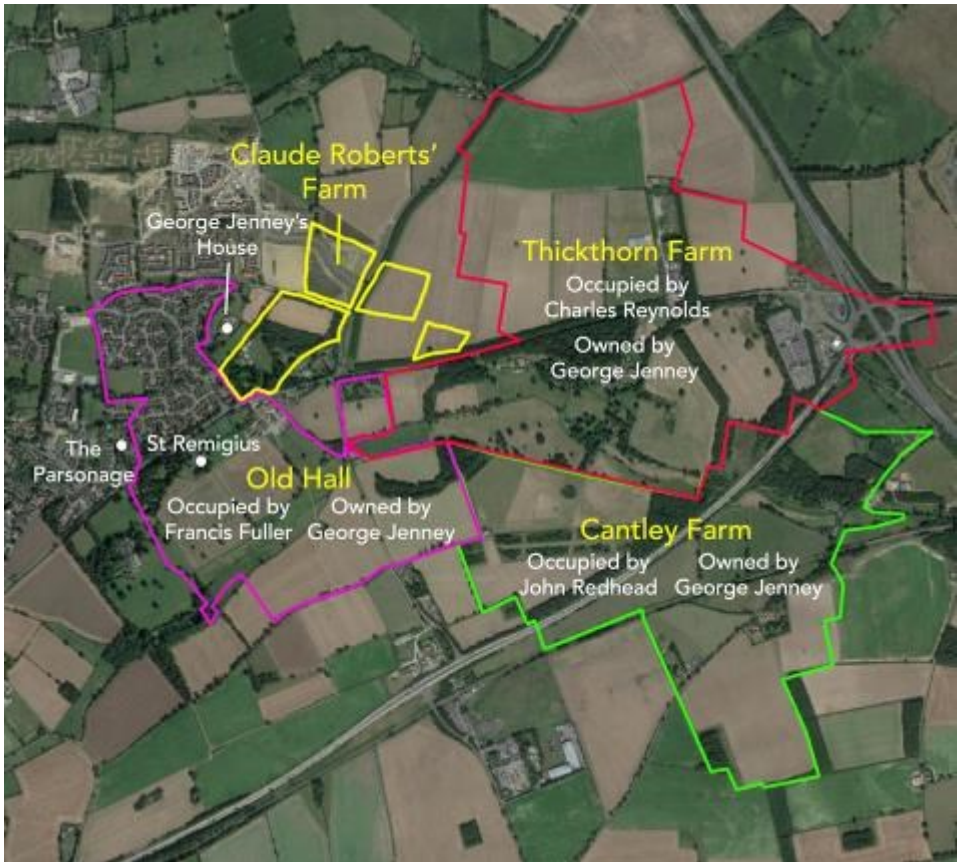
When Herne arrived at the Rectory, Berney told him of his head cold, and that he didn't feel up to that day's tithe collection. Would William mind terribly if he asked him to front up and take the tithe? And while he was there, there was a certain piece of paper Berney had managed in his illness to write out.

It put into writing the offer, and made it clear that all must agree, or none. Would William mind all that much reading it out to to each parishioner and having them sign it in agreement?

And you know William didn't mind.

They'd known each other for 20 years since their schooldays, and John's older brother had given William his very first appointment as Rector, so they were tight. And when you read Herne's words he very much seems to have been happy to help.

So William fronted up as Marrant's agreements for the previous year were fulfilled, and he dutifully read out the



**George Jenney's Farms in Hethersett**

new proposal aloud where needed. Some folk agreed and signed. Some folk didn't.

In turn William read the page to Claude Roberts, ending with the final words:

*"Unless every one of them Agreed thereto it was or Should Stand for Nothing"*

Roberts asked to see it for himself. Taking it to the window's light he perused it carefully before he returned it to Herne.

"I will consider of it," he said. "And then speak of it with the Rector."

There would perhaps have been a

slight emphasis on the word "Rector" as it would become clear soon enough that he thought it beneath him to deal with the help.

A week or so later on the 19<sup>th</sup>, as Herne took leave of Berney on the road to Cambridge, Berney asked one more favour.

Would he mind reminding the parishioners that they had until the 30<sup>th</sup> to agree? Otherwise the deal was off.

And with that parting request he left to study the divine.

That evening Herne sat and wrote an open letter of reminder to the parishioners. In it he most particularly singled out the major tenant farmers - William Redhead, who had Cantley Farm, and Charles Reynolds, who had Thickthorn.

After checking his letter, he folded it up and placed it inside a letter he'd written earlier that day.

This particular letter was addressed to George Jenney of Hethersett. You see, while William Redhead and Charles Reynolds were the major tenant farmers of Hethersett, it was Mr Jenney that actually owned their farms.

Herne had realised that he was still an outsider. He had no clout, and even less in the way of connections within Hethersett. Mr Jenney, on the other hand had immense power, so perhaps when the reminder came from him, it would carry a little more *gravitas*.

Nevertheless the gambit came to nothing.

Claude Roberts visited Herne in Norwich the day before the agreements were due and explained again that, although he really wanted to pay himself - as did Mr Jenney's major tenants - not everyone did. It seemed so very hard on those who like him just wanted to be agreeable when others were intractable.

And so things gathered pace.

A couple of weeks later, around Valentine's Day, a stranger was spotted as he wandered the small and great paths of Hethersett. He would pause and take notes as he viewed the fields - clearly accounting for what grew and grazed within them.

This was clearly the tithe gatherer. And to not put too fine a point on it, he was judging them and their value.

It must have rubbed Roberts up the wrong way.

He sought out Herne and tried to reason with him. It would cost £200 or more to build a tithe barn to hold all of the tithes. Where would Berney find that cash? Didn't it make sense to take some payments from those who wanted to do as Berney had asked?

From Berney's perspective it did not.

Berney returned from Cambridge on Easter Saturday and immediately ensconced himself with Mr Jenney that night and the next.

And so on Easter Monday the next meeting came about and Jenney's tenants all put their hands up and agreed, as did some of the smaller land holders. Many still did not.

A few days later, Berney summoned John Redhead, who farmed Mr Jenney's land at Cantley Farm, to meet with him in Norwich. Berney grilled him on how much he thought each farm was worth. Among others, Redhead said that Claude Roberts' farm was worth a tithe of about £9 payment. Berney wrote it down carefully by Roberts name, as he did for all of the other farmers. Berney asked him to go from farm to farm and confirm these prices, and have who he could sign the agreement. Redhead could not but comply.

He went from door to door through the parish and, when he came to Roberts, he showed him the paper.

Roberts saw the £9 against his name and was taken aback.



"It is 20 shillings too much," he said.  
"Yet I desire you to give my service to Rev Berney and tell him that I will pay it."

Redhead had some luck with the residents, but not enough, and he knew as he returned to Berney, that Berney would not agree.

He showed Berney the list and proved himself right. They had a short chat, and as Redhead took his leave of Berney at the door, the Rector asked him to try them again.

"Tis to no purpose," replied Redhead.

"Then I look upon my Self to be entirely at liberty."

"Sir you are so," said Redhead, and left.

And so two days later Berney introduced Daniel Hughes - his new Tithe gatherer - to Roberts.

"You would not agree with me for your Tythes. This is the person you now must treat with," he told him.

Roberts at first appeared to show some concern, but after a little stop, he replied, "He shall meet with and have fair and civil usage on your account."

Yet he did not.

A little later, when Hughes came across Roberts bringing in his Clover Hay, he asked him how he wanted to go about turning in his tithes.

"I won't talk to you," Roberts answered. "You are but a servant. I'll give Mr Berney Three Shillings in the Pound and I don't doubt but He'll be Satisfied with it."

About a month before Harvest, John Redhead sought out Hughes. He asked

him whether he thought Roberts would go through with his plan to pay cash.

Hughes refused to be drawn, however. The talk was already around the village that Roberts was thinking of Court proceedings. Roberts believed that anyone who had signed that first piece of paper had already made a binding agreement with Berney that the Rector could not avoid.

He had already asked Redhead to be his chief witness against Berney, and Hughes told him what he knew.

"A silly old fellow," Redhead said of Roberts. "The agreement is good for nothing. I would have given Mr Berney three shillings in the pound, and so would several more, but he would not agree with any unless he agreed with all."

A meeting between Berney and Roberts was held to sort the matter out, but both remained inflexible. If anything the matter became worse.

Roberts offered £9.

Then 9 Guineas.

Then £10, but still Berney refused.

"From what I see of your fields, they are worth far more, Mr Roberts," Hughes told him.

They were at an impasse.

The Rev Berney soon put pen to paper.

He had tried having his people do his work for him. He had attempted to use his influential friends to see the matter to a satisfactory completion.

Both attempts had come to nothing.

Yet he was not prepared to go the way of Marrant - chewing out his soul with

what might have been. Further, he was simply not about to receive any less than was his due.

And so he wrote a letter to the King.

Well, not actually the King. It was to the King's Chancellor, which in legal terms was effectively the same thing.

He would now use his standing and the Chancellor's sense of what was fair to find his way through. For the Chancellor's court of equity was not one of law. It debated instead what should reasonably be the right thing done, when matters became too complex for those that dealt simply with law.

And so he wrote:

"Humbly complaining ....."

It was perhaps around the time that Roberts received a letter from the Chancellor asking for his take on things, that some desperation crept in.

Roberts went with Francis Fuller, who farmed Mr Jenney's lands at Old Hall and hadn't in the end wanted to agree with Berney, to a week day service around Lady's Day - the 25<sup>th</sup> March. When Berney had finished preaching, the two made their way to the porch, where in front of the milling congregation Roberts pulled a pile of gold coins from his pocket - £9 worth - and held them before Berney, who refused.

A week later Roberts came to Berney at the Parsonage House and laid down nine guineas. Now a Guinea was worth £1 and 1 shilling, so it was



### A Quarter Guinea

almost nine and half pounds, but again Berney would have none of it.

Roberts by this time would rather have had the whole thing resolve itself somehow, but it wasn't working out that way.

He could see the writing on the wall - as well as that from the Chancellor. He also knew that Mrs Goddard probably had not long for this world. Indeed, a month later he would be acting as her good right hand in writing her will.

He didn't need this aggravation, but he also didn't like losing.

As the gears of government ground on, Roberts proved Mrs Goddard's will, then after she died did so once more for good measure.

Two more attempts at probate - this time in London - and he was a very wealthy man.

And so at the end of that month he gave in and paid tithe in kind for that year.

When it came to the previous year, however, he stuck to his guns. It was a matter of principle. £9 or nothing.

The war itself was over, but still they needed a peace treaty to apportion

blame.

So how did things end up?

The Chancellor declared that Roberts should pay Berney £9, but as for the tithe of milk and other small customs, that was a case of law.

Berney was required to take Roberts to Court at the lower courts - at his own expense - in order to establish what the truth of those customary milk tithes and other odd offerings truly was.

In the end, it doesn't look like this ever happened.

So who won?

Roberts ended up paying the £9 he desired, yet he still paid in kind the year following. After that, it was all a moot point. He owned his farm outright and was now a wealthy man.

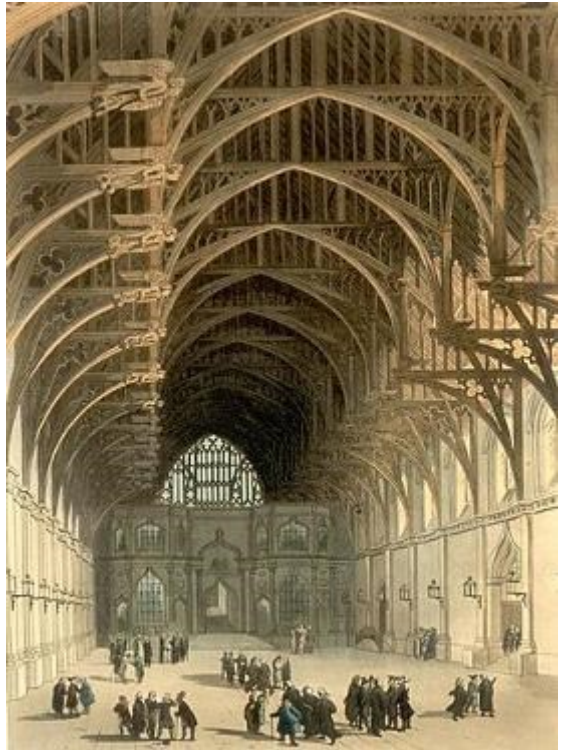
He had come onto the scene as a ditch digger, and now he had come good. Eventually he left his lands to his special friend Sarah Sudbury's son John. Everybody knew him as John Roberts.

Claude's name never appears in the tithe accounts, and he never again pays tithe. He had another man farm his lands for him, and instead became a true gentleman.

And after all, wasn't that all he had ever wanted?

And the Reverend Berney?

The town fell into line, and from 1740 to the end of his life in 1781, his little book of tithes records an unending stream of payments. He had what he wanted, and had not needed a tithe



The Court of Chancery in Westminster Hall.

barn in the end.

The year that followed his stoush with Roberts, John married an heiress - who just happened to be daughter of the late Dean of Norwich. A week after that, John bought an estate of his very own in Hethersett. And a further two years later John was himself the Dean of Norwich.

So I guess John came out well in the end as well.

He'd made his peace and his money at the same times.

An interesting thing to note is that John Berney managed to pick up the Rectory of Saxlingham two days before

his marriage. His recently departed father in law - John Baron - had held the living.

In Dean Baron's will, he made a specific bequest of the tithes of Saxlingham to the Bishop of Norwich. By a funny coincidence John Berney just so happened to be the Bishop's personal chaplain at this time.

Anyway, Baron had just recently purchased the rights to the tithes from

a gentleman who had bought them from a previous Bishop.

In Baron's will he states that he gives the tithes to the Bishop with the express intent that they: "permit the Rector of the said Parish quietly to have and enjoy the said portion of Tithes."

So I guess they both got what they wanted in the end.

More from Lewis next month.

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## Parish Churchyard Tidy up

*By Rebecca Heaser*

Can you spare an hour?  
Could you help maintain  
the grounds of the oldest  
building in Hethersett for  
all the village to enjoy?



Please come along on  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from  
10 am to noon to help clear away weeds, brambles and bushes  
that have taken root through the churchyard!

You don't have to stay all morning, even if you can only manage half an hour it will make all the difference! If you have them, please bring along, gloves, secateurs, pruning tools, kneeler etc. There will be jobs for all ages and abilities.

Refreshments will be available for a mid-morning break. For more information contact Alex Woodall on 07525 246589.



## Executed For A Lack of Belief

**Matthew Hamont** was a lowly Hethersett ploughwright who was executed for his beliefs (or lack of them). Hamont fell foul of the Bishop of Norwich and was accused of heresy and was burnt at the stake in Norwich Castle on 20th May, 1579.

Bishop Edmund Freke, accused Hamont of denying Christ to be a Saviour. On 19th May, 1579, Hamont's ears were cut off and the following day he was burnt to death.

There are a number of alternative spellings of his name which include Hamonte, Hammonte, and Hammante. It is likely that his family were of Dutch origin.

Early in 1579, he was cited before Edmund Freke on a charge of denying Christ. The articles exhibited against him represented him as "a coarse kind of deist," holding the Gospel to be a fable, Christ a sinner, and the Holy Ghost a nonentity. Theologian William Burton had this to say about Hamont (we have kept the original English spellings to add authenticity)

"I haue knovven some Arrian heretiques, whose life hath beene most strict amongst men, whose tongues haue beene tyred with scripture upon scripture, their knees euen hardned in prayer, and their faces wedded to sadnesse, and their mouthes full of praises to God, while in the meane time they haue stowtly denied the diuinitie of the Sonne of God, and haue not sticked to teare out of the Bible all such places as made against them; such were Hamond, Lewes, and Cole, heretikes of wretched memorie, lately executed and cut off in Norwich."

Hamont was condemned in the consistory court on 13th April and handed over to the custody of the sheriff of Norwich.

His offences were aggravated by a further charge of 'blasphemous words' against the Queen and council, for which he was sentenced to lose his ears, and for his heresy to be burned alive. Hamont left a widow, who died in 1625. He had a son Erasmus.

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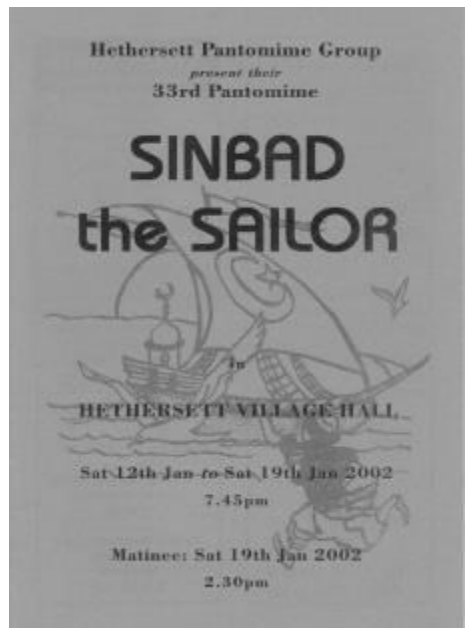
# HETHERSETT HERITAGE



ON the previous page we have an advert for the Kinkajou café and restaurant which was located in Kett's Oak but which was demolished many years ago.

Below that is a photograph of some early cycle speedway in the village.

Above is a spectacular provision cart pictured by the famous Kett's Oak and on the right is the front of a programme for the pantomime Sinbad The Sailor which took place in January 2002 in Hethersett Village Hall.



# Join The Email Group

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The April 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of March.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by March 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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# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

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

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

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

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

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

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

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

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

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

Email: [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

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

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 Insp Louise BISHOP  
Local Policing Commander

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.




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

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# News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton

OUR residents enjoyed taking part in some Valentines Day art fun, especially seeing the end result. They loved our little Valentines teddies with their special Valentines Day messages.

To finish the day off we had a live streamed Zoom performance from Deano which topped off what had been an excellent Valentines celebration for our well deserving residents!



## Exercise with Oomph!

Our residents enjoyed armchair aerobics recently with Oomph on Demand. One resident was heard saying:



“That was really good, a good choice of music too”

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Table Magic and Dancing Delights

Here's a picture of one of our residents getting lost in the music of the 60s recently. She needed a dance partner, our very own host Bev was happy to oblige.

Later that day we relaxed with some magic table painting and virtual jigsaws to finish the day.

To find out more about life at Hethersett Hall please visit our website at <http://www.barchester.com/home/hethersett-hall-care-home...> or phone 01603 810478 today and speak to one of our friendly team members.



Giant Scrabble is one of our most popular activities, it's a great way to give the mind a workout and a really fun social event too.



# 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 complex on Queen's Road. Food and coffee served during certain days. From July 26th opening hours will be Wednesday to Friday 8 am to 2 pm, Saturday 9 am to 1.30 pm. The café will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

## **Hethersett King's Head**

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

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

# Where Are The Best Deals?

IT will come as no surprise to find out that fuel prices in our featured garages have hit new highs during February.

## Herald Petrol Watch

Abbeygate and Waitrose at Wymondham and Thickthorn Service have all topped the £1.50 a litre mark for unleaded petrol and are now closer to £1.60 a litre for diesel.

This comes after a month that saw the increase of prices arrested or indeed going down.

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

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

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	144.7	+3p	146.7	+3p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	144.9	+3p	146.9	-1p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	144.9	+3p	146.9	+3p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	145.9	NC	146.9	+1p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	144.9	+3p	147.9	+2p
Abbeygate Wymondham	150.9	+1p	156.9	+2p
Waitrose Wymondham	150.9	+1p	155.9	+2p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	154.9	+5p	158.9	+4p

# Groups and Societies

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

Hethersett Village Hall

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**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  
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Spaces are limited to stay Covid safe.

**Find us on Facebook – First Steps  
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# Groups and Societies

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

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# Groups and Societies



## Events Lined-Up For Hethersett Library

The Friends of Hethersett Library group has organised a number of talks and presentations.

These will take place every two months on the second Wednesday and started on February 9th when Hethersett Archivist Gary Wyatt gave an illustrated talk about Hethersett.

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

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

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

Monday—1.30 to 7 pm

Tuesday—closed

Wednesday—11 am to 7 pm

Thursday—1.30 to 7 pm

Friday—1.30 to 7 pm

Saturday 11 am to 4 pm.

Sunday—closed

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Gardening Club

***By Leslie Dale—Gardening Club Secretary***

In the well attended January meeting, our long standing friend, Ian Bedford, gave a talk entitled “Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden”. The thrust of Ian’s talk was about trying to avoid using potentially noxious chemicals in our gardens and bring about pest control by use of cunning measures such as bright flowers to encourage pollinating insect visits and noxiously smelling plants to discourage or confuse the pests.

Even if agro chemicals are used as directed, intended to be safe in our gardens, there may still be unintended consequences along the insect and mammalian food chain. Ian’s recommendation included planting onion family species to confuse and divert carrot flies, whilst marigolds can dual purpose as attracting both pollinators and act as a diversionary host for white aphids.

Despite it being a very windy evening some 31 people attended our February meeting. This is usually designed to uplift spirits, by hearing about someone’s foreign travel experience.

We rapidly warmed to Kathy Gray’s recollections of her journey through much of Chile and also visiting the Easter and “Robinson Crusoe” islands, whilst also mentioning Chiloe Island.

Primarily this holiday clung to the coastal territory with occasional climbs in the Andes and involved seeing its flora, fauna and landscape.

The tour encompassed Chile’s capital Santiago, much of its central part with its Mediterranean like climate, heading toward the Atacama desert.

We saw photographs of flowering plants, including a few species many of us would recognise, like Alstromeria and Lobellia. Wildlife varied from the wide wingspan of a condor, to a small marine otter, to alpaca and vicuna.

Of the three islands we noted Chiloe’s claim to fame was that it was thought to be the origin of our humble potato. Easter island is renowned for its “Moai” statues and it was Alexander Selkirk’s self imposed stay on Juan Fernandez island, which precipitated Daniel Defoe’s famous novel “Robinson Crusoe”.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th March when Rosemary Ward is reliving “A Year in the Life of a Market Garden” and on Wednesday 20th April, Matthew Willer will inform us

# Groups and Societies

about “The Papillon Project” which is about gardening projects within local schools.

On Wednesday 18th May, Martin Davey will talk about “Allotments and Vegetable Gardening.”

## **Forget Me Not Café (formerly Hethersett Dementia Support)**

OUR newly named café enjoyed two meetings In February. At the second on February 15th, friends enjoyed a trip around Norfolk with a DVD and quiz.

In March, cafes will be held on the 1st and 15th in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road from 10 am. The 1st will take the form of “time for a chat” with light refreshments and on 15th Bob Warnes will be presenting “Memories For All.”

Now we are able to meet regularly again, a programme of speakers, craft activities, music and drama is being put together for the next six months.

Come and enjoy a chat and refreshments. A warm welcome awaits you.

Anne Steward

## **Messy Church News**

The first Messy Church for 2022 will be in St Remigius on Saturday, 19th March, from 4 to 6 pm. The theme will be Lent and Easter.

There will be craft activities, songs, a talk and we finish with a meal. Everyone is welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, please phone Sue on 01953 607719.

The dates for Messy Church for the rest of the year are 28th May, 1st October and 26th November.



# Groups and Societies

## Community Directory Available

HETHERSETT Parish Council has an updated version of its community directory available. This includes contact details for various groups. Details are available on the website at:

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

The directory is divided into six sections—Arts, crafts and hobbies; Children's activities and youth clubs; help, support, social and fundraising groups, Local Information; nature and environmental groups; sport and exercise groups.

## Hethersett Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages Cycle Speedway Club

By Mel Perkins MBE

Hethersett Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages are eagerly looking forward to their new season with a full summer of fixtures for the first time since 2019.

League racing will start in April with the Hawks contesting South East League Division Two this year due to the uncertain availability of experienced riders.

We will also be racing in the South-East Youth League and are already making plans to contest the British Club Championships at Poole in June.

To get ready for the season, formal training sessions on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings will commence on March 1st and many of the younger members will be keen to try out new bikes acquired over the winter.

Newcomers are welcome – any age – just get in touch with the club and we can make arrangements for a taster session.

You can keep up to date with our activities on our website:

[www.hetherssetthawks.co.uk](http://www.hetherssetthawks.co.uk) or *via social media*.

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## **Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club with Jenny Walpole**

Pat Barton will be coming on February 28th to show us delights of “Where in the world “

We still only charge £5. Yearly membership subscriptions will start again in April.

We will hold our AGM on 28th March which is a ticketed event with a light supper.

We generally meet on the fourth Monday of the month (if it is a Bank holiday, then usually the third Monday) at Hethersett Village Hall, at 7.30 pm when a qualified demonstrator will inspire us with beautiful flower designs as well as entertain and inform us.

You will have the chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle at the end of the evening.

Please contact Chairman Lynn Rawlings, on 01603 457888 if you want more details.

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

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

**A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH.**

**Future Dates:**

**5<sup>th</sup> April**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**

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

# Hethersett Herald What's On

Hethersett Parish Council's  
Environmental Action Team

## LITTER PICK



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10am**

Meet at the Methodist Church  
Equipment provided.  
Please wear sensible footwear.  
All welcome!  
(under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## March Diary

**Tuesday 1st**—St Remigius Baby and Toddler Group meets in the church from 10 am.

**Tuesday 1st**—Forget Me Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am.

**Wednesday 2nd**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop 9 am until midday.

**Friday 4th**—World Day of Prayer service, Hethersett Methodist Church, 2 pm

**Saturday 5th**—Shoppers' coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am

**Saturday 5th**—Village Litter Pick. Meet Hethersett Methodist Church 10 am.

**Sunday 6th**—Hethersett Village Screen presents "Mothering Sunday". Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Wednesday 9th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop 9 am until midday.

**Tuesday 15th**—Forget Me Not Club. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am,

**Wednesday 16th**—Hethersett Gardening Club. Rosemary Ward "A Year in the Life of A Market Garden, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 16th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop 9 am until midday.

**Saturday 19th**—Shoppers' coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am

**Saturday 19th**—Messy Church in St Remigius Church, 4-6 pm.

**Monday 21st**—Hethersett Parish Council. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 21st**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club AGM. Hethersett Village Hall.

**Wednesday 23rd**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop 9 am until midday.

**Wednesday 30th**—Hethersett Methodist Church Coffee Stop 9 am until midday.

## Thanks On Behalf of the Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Children's Society this past year through Hethersett St Remigius and Little Melton Churches. £155.18 was raised at the St Remigius Christingle and £426.05 with our joint collection boxes.

The number of children and young people needing protection from neglect, abuse and grooming has increased during the pandemic and unfortunately not only have we missed a year's collection but the number of people with a collecting box has halved.

If you are interested in supporting the Children's Society with a box in your home please give me a call or speak to Brenda Palmer or Liz Tomlin.

Linda Ricketts 01603 814964



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## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)**



THIS year's World Day of Prayer in Hethersett will be held in the Methodist Church at 2 pm on Friday, 4th March.

This year's event is being prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The organisers say: "It has been both challenging and rewarding to write about the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history. We celebrate our diversity and the contribution made to our countries by the many groups and individuals who have made their home here. We use our Bible text "I know the plans I have for you" from Jeremiah to reflect on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other.

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables women all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the writing country. Preparation for the day has taken several years. Our International Committee based in New York coordinates the work of National Committees and facilitates the creation of our annual World Day of Prayer service on the first Friday in March. The service outline, created by the writing country, is distributed to the rest of the world, along with a Bible reflection, country background and children's and - for the first time - young people's activities.

The services begin in Samoa and then move through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa. Across England, Wales and Northern Ireland services will take place in large urban centres, such as Central Hall Westminster, and in remote village churches. We will use modern technology to reach those unable to access a service but hope to be able to extend a welcome and hospitality once released from lockdown.

More information is available from the website [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk).

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

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

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

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

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

**First Steps pre-school Group** meets in Hethersett Village Hall. See poster on page 72 for full details.

**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 also a social morning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30 am. A more structured meeting then takes place on the third Tuesday from 10 am until midday.

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

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

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

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## The Methodist Church



COMING events at Hethersett Methodist Church include the following:

### **Saturday Shoppers' Coffee**

There will be shoppers' coffee sessions on Saturdays 5th and 19th March from 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a time together.

### **The Art and Craft Group**

This meets each Wednesday at 10 am. Please contact Tina Greenhalgh for information on 01603 810364.

### **Coffee Stop**

The Wednesday Coffee Stop has re-opened. It meets each Wednesday from 9 am until noon. Fresh coffee will be served. Please come and enjoy with a group of friends. Please keep in touch via the Methodist Facebook Page.

## Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours

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

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

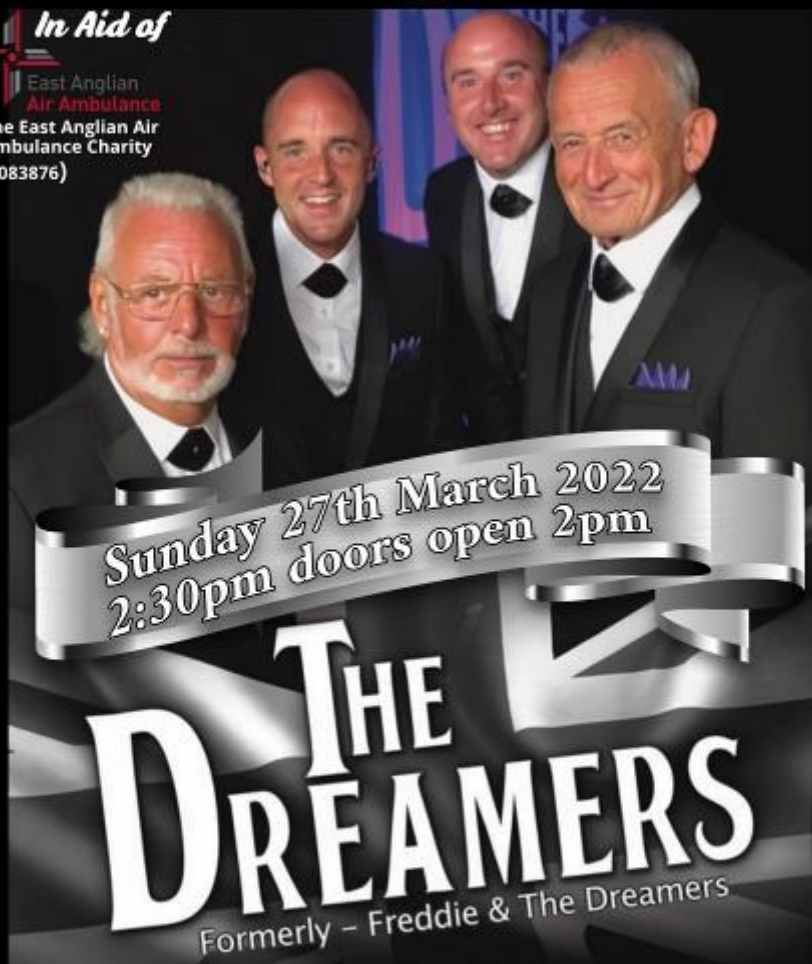
The venue has returned to bar service and the wearing of face masks is optional

# Wymondham Helicopter Group Presents A Charity/Dance Concert

*In Aid of*



East Anglian  
Air Ambulance  
The East Anglian Air  
Ambulance Charity  
(1083876)



**Wreningham Village Hall**

**Mill Lane, Wreningham, Norwich, NR16 1AN**

**Tickets: Adults £15 / Con-Over 60's £12.50**

**Contact - 01953 600563 - [helen.norman.i@uwclub.net](mailto:helen.norman.i@uwclub.net)**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group)**

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**W**E are delighted to finally be able to hold a 'full fat' concert with all the trimmings!

Rob and I are currently pulling together a programme of exciting and beautiful music on a theme of celebration, hope and thanks (in anticipation of the coming of summer, the Jubilee festivities and the end of restrictions) and we very much hope to see you there.

**Tickets will go on sale in April – so watch this space.**

Last year we finally returned to singing together indoors as a full choir and our Christmas concert on 4th December was very much enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic audience.

Although many people kept away in order to be able to enjoy Christmas festivities with families and loved ones, it was just wonderful to be performing again after a two-year gap.

Sadly, our charity concert at St Peter Mancroft on 22nd December was cancelled by the organisers



with just a week to go, so we are now really looking forward to performing for you on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

For those of you who have not heard of us, we are an adult mixed voice (SATB) chamber choir, established more than 50 years ago.

We perform two concerts a year in the village and meet to rehearse on Wednesday evenings from September to December and February to May and we are very lucky to have an excellent and inspiring musical director in Rob Goodrich.

If you are interested in joining or want to know a bit more about us email me at

[hethsing@btinternet.com](mailto:hethsing@btinternet.com)

or phone 07949 533253. You can also find us on Facebook



# Hethersett Parish Council's Big Jubilee Lunch



Hethersett Village Hall

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – 12 Noon to 3pm



Come and join us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
with an afternoon of...



Entertainment

Garden Games



Side Stalls



Best Crown  
Competition  
& Children's Fancy Dress



Bring your own  
picnic

Platinum Jubilee  
Village Trail



## All Welcome!



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Facebook @hethersettparishcouncil

More details, including how to apply for this free event, to follow shortly

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