



## Fight To Stop 200 Houses

HETHERSETT is united in fighting a planning application for an additional 200 homes on the new North Hethersett development.

A planning applications has been put in by Persimmon Homes and Taylor Wimpey for the homes to be added to the 1,196 they already have permission to build.

But the move has angered residents and local councillors.

Hethersett Parish Council voted unanimously at its latest meeting to recommend the application be turned down. Many feared that facilities are failing to keep up with development.

Local resident Christine Larkowsky questioned what the developers are prepared to give back to the village. "The infrastructure is not being adjusted or improved," she said.

Husband Terry Larkowsky said that whilst Hethersett welcomed new people, there had to be a limit to the amount of new housing.

"Hethersett is a fantastic place but Covid has taught us that we need more green spaces not less. Hethersett has already had its fill of houses," he said.



**South Norfolk Councillor Philip Hardy—"We will object and make our voices heard in the strongest possible terms." See his comments on page four.**

The latest application follows a claim from the developers that they have used less land for homes than previously planned. Chair of the council's planning committee Eileen Mulvaney complained about the lack of clarity with regards to housing development in the village: "It feels as if the whole thing is out of control. There doesn't seem to be a coherent plan for the whole village. There are promises on facilities but no delivery," she said.

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# A Message From The Editor

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the May edition of Hethersett Herald.

In April we broke new ground by featuring much of the news from that edition as a podcast.

Hopefully this will become a regular occurrence. Unfortunately it's not possible through time constraints to feature the entire edition as a podcast—it would last something like two hours which would only be good for those suffering from insomnia!

So we will be taking the main news items. You can access the podcast on a number of channels including Anchor FM and Spotify.

You can find all the links elsewhere in this edition.

You might notice some differences in this edition of the Herald. Over the past few months the publication has become a little unwieldy. In fact the only criticism I have received since we started Hethersett Herald is that it is too long. So with this edition we have tightened a few things up, included more news and dropped some of the regular features.

It has been an interesting month on the news front. Everything seemed to be nice and quiet and I was just wrapping the edition up when a number of important issues sprang up and the magazine had to be increased in size and partially re-designed in order to reflect what is going on at the moment. April was also about re-opening. After a cold

start, the sun shone and both the Queen's and the King's Heads opened their doors again, even if those doors were in the gardens. It won't be long until we can meet again inside.



I was much taken by a Facebook post heralding the village eateries. It got me thinking about how lucky we are.

With both pubs now open, we also have Café Kin, Janey's Village Café, Church Farm and Park Farm and the key thing is these places care about their customers.

We have such a variety of food and drink outlets and long may it continue to be so. In many ways this edition of Hethersett Herald is something of a celebration. A celebration that the sun is gradually coming back into our lives.

As always, I hope you enjoy reading what we have produced. If you have please pass details on to others so that we can continue to raise awareness and gain new readers. This is particularly important as we welcome more and more people into our village. I know from messages left on social media that many newcomers are hugely impressed by the support that exists in so many areas of village life. Happy reading.

Peter

# Lack of Facilities To Support New Homes

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Councillor Sarah Lawrence said that there is a lack of things in place such as shops and other facilities to support development. “We need things in place to cater for the development,” she said.

Councillors also questioned why the additional 200 had to be “squeezed” into an existing development rather than being spread throughout the village.

They also expressed concern about the ecological impact the proposal would have.

Many residents took to social media to oppose the additional 200.

Hethersett’s South Norfolk District Councillor Philip Hardy said he was “emphatically opposed” to the additional 200 houses.

“Your South Norfolk Councillors emphatically oppose this addition of 200 homes in our village. We have a five year housing land supply position, therefore we do not need more homes and we are rolling out a village clusters initiative across the whole district in rural areas, taking pressure off Hethersett to keep on taking new development.

“You can rest assured we will object and make our voices heard in the strongest possible terms,” he said.

A spokesman for the developers told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper that it had become evident that they would be using “less land than anticipated”.

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**THE annual Run The Square two mile funrun has had to be cancelled for the second year running due to social distancing rules.**

**It was hoped to stage the 10th running of the event this July but organiser Shane Hull has explained the reasons for another cancellation.**

**“In order to plan the event properly for the 10th anniversary, I would need to have been a little more certain on the pandemic front.**

**“It is unlikely that public liability insurance which is a necessary requirement of the event would be available. Therefore we have had to postpone this year’s event on health and safety grounds,” he said.**

**It is planned that the next running of the event will be before the schools break up for summer holidays in July 2022.**



## Hall To Become Housing?

AN application to turn Hethersett Village Hall in Henstead Road into two homes has been lodged with South Norfolk Council.

If agreed, the application would see the demolition of some additions to the hall and the remainder being turned into two dwellings with access off Henstead Road.

The church hall is an historic Hethersett building, previously being The British School which was built between 1850 and 1854. The school was amalgamated with the National School in Queen's Road in 1951. It closed as a school in 1956 when it became the church hall.

We will have a full article on the future of the building in the June edition of Hethersett Herald.





**The Church Hall in Henstead Road which is the subject of a planning application.**

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HETHERSETT Parish Council is recommending that a planning proposal for nine new homes on land off Park Green and alongside a footpath leading to the Memorial Playing Field should be turned down.

The parish council's planning committee agreed to object to the development due to its proximity to the footpath and poor access to the site and also the density of the properties.

Chair of the planning committee Eileen Mulvaney referred to it as "infill and opportunistic development."

The committee unanimously agreed to oppose the plans although Councillor Leslie Dale said he felt it would be "very difficult to stop the proposed development."



# Rape of the Countryside Claim

HOUSING developers have been accused of destroying wildlife and raping the countryside by cutting down numerous trees and bushes between Hethersett and Little Melton.

Calls have been made to make developers accountable for illegal destruction of hedgerows and trees along part of the stretch of road.

The developers, Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey, claim that “all tree and hedgerow removal work has been carried out in accordance with the outline planning consent,” but this has now been found not to be entirely true.

Developers to be held to account for what has been described as wanton destruction.

A section of the area was not included in the planning permission and Hethersett Parish Council has called upon developers to replace hedges and trees.



“Potentially an offence has been committed here,” said Councillor Leslie Dale and council clerk Annette Palmer said that South Norfolk Council is looking into the situation.

Dr Anne Edwards called for a check to be made as to whether the developers have a felling licence to carry out the work:

“For the amount of timber that has been removed, they would have required a felling licence. We need to see that licence,” she said.

Members agreed that developers should be held accountable for any work they did not have permission to undertake.

Many residents took to social media to complain about the situation referring to the developers as “greedy and despotic.” One outspoken post said:

“Say what you will, but it’s not the people, nor their homes which should bear the guilt. It’s purely the greedy developers and their despotic attitude to the environment. At a guess, in this latest incident, they’ve taken out, at the very least, 200 metres of hedgerow along with umpteen mature trees. This, however is to say nothing about the resulting mounds of unsightly debris they’ve left in their destructive wake. Normally if someone makes a mess, it is expected



they clear up after themselves? So, I ask, why doesn't this simple rule apply in this case? “

Another writer welcomed news that the district council is looking into the possibility that the law has been broken: “Good news. Apparently there is going to be an investigation into the destruction of the trees and hedges on the bends between Hethersett and Little Melton. Sadly, it is too late for the fauna and flora there, but, perhaps now it will at least get cleaned up so that it is no longer the disgusting eyesore it is at the present.”

Another post demanded action: “Good news. It is against the Law. I hope that whoever is responsible has the book thrown at them. I hope that the trees and hedges are replaced. It is a crime not only against nature but also against our younger generations, our future.”

Other comments included the following:

“I thought that developers couldn't rip down hedges in nesting season but nothing would surprise.”





“Alas for those travelling to Hethersett from the Little Melton direction. Where once they would see mature hedgerows full of singing birds and beautiful blossom, now there is a barren plain full of blighted stumps and heaps of foul, festering rubbish. Why so much devastation? And why oh why, wait for spring to commit this dastardly rape of the countryside? Has anybody used their common sense? I think not! So, I thank you, whoever you may be, for completely ruining this lovely Norfolk lane.”

One resident referred to Hethersett becoming “a festering concrete jungle.” whilst another said they were heartbroken at the “wanton vandalism.”

“Utterly heartbroken at this, most wanton vandalism. Those hedgerows were absolutely vital for so many species all great and small. Yet again, the wrecking ball of mankind has destroyed this forever.”

Another resident urged local people to make their views known in order to save countryside areas for future generations:

“I know there is a need for new housing, but did all those trees, which have suffered their fate really needed to have done? Surely there must be a duty of care by the developers to at least be sympathetic to the environment. So, why don't they clear up this eyesore before the wildlife make homes in it, only to be crushed when the inevitable happens. Subsequently, I urge all locals to make their voices heard and perhaps save just a little bit of greenery for future generations.”

One new resident did urge others to show some “sensitivity” over the matter, although it was quickly pointed out that the comments weren't directed at people moving into the village but at the destruction of nature brought about by the developers:

“For a lot of people who buy these houses including me, it's supposed to be an exciting time. First time buyers, new start, family home, downsizing.

Whatever the reason people are buying, all these negative comments are upsetting. We didn't make them build these houses and at the end of the day, we all need somewhere to live. Show a little sensitivity to people who are moving to the village, which it still is and certainly feels like to me. Hethersett is supposed to be welcoming.”



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You will have read plenty in this edition of Hethersett Herald about village development, the destruction of nature and plans for even more homes. Hethersett Parish Council is backing an initiative to bring Wildlife Status to the village. The idea is being promoted by several environmentalists on the parish council, led by Bridget Williamson who explained the reasons behind the idea at the council's April meeting.

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## Getting Back To Nature

THE felling of hedgerows and trees means that local wildlife is being chased “from pillar to post with nowhere to go.”

So says Hethersett Parish Councillor and local environmentalist Bridget Williamson.

“We have a responsibility to keep as much habitat for flora and fauna and wildlife as we can,” Mrs Williamson said adding the slogan “less mow, more grow.”

The idea behind Wildlife Status is to leave areas in the village not used for recreation uncut with wildflowers planted.

“The look of the village would change with the introduction of meadows. Any opportunity to re-wild should be taken,” she added.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan said she felt it important that any move to Wildlife Status should be clearly communicated to residents and Leslie Dale felt that landowners should be asked to sign up to the idea.

Councillor Jonathan Loomer felt obtaining Wildlife Status was “an amazing opportunity and a great way to bring the village together to talk about ecology.”

“We need to consider how we will get people to see it as a positive experience,” he said.

Councillor Eileen Mulvaney said there was a distinct irony in the village seeing mature trees being felled whilst the county council was heralding the planting of a million new trees in Norfolk.

The council agreed to support the idea in principle and to ask the Hethersett Environmental Action Group, which is a sub-committee of the council, to discuss the idea and come up with an action plan.

In her report to the meeting, Mrs Williamson said: “Over the last 30 years, Hethersett has seen rapid development and we are currently seeing fields and hedgerows being swallowed up by Kett’s Meadow and Heather Gardens on a

very large scale. Although this was agricultural land, it still provided a habitat for wildlife, with some areas of grassland and meadow. Wildflower meadows were once present in every parish in the country, yet meadows and grassland now cover just 1% of the UK. Over 97% of wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s - 7.5 million acres, one and a half times the size of Wales. Wildflower meadows and grassland provide shelter and food for important pollinators, including bees. It is vital to try to redress the balance between nature and human habitation. What is the proposal? The proposal is to see every open space as an opportunity for wildlife. While clearly acknowledging the need to retain open space for human need, the Parish Council should actively seek out ways of retaining areas where the grass is not cut in the spring or summer, and wildflowers are sown or planted. This would involve a change of attitude to our open spaces, getting away from the need to keep the grass cut and looking 'neat', but this is more than compensated by the benefits to wildlife, and ultimately to ourselves," she said.

Mrs Williamson pointed to the success of Rectory Meadow as proof that Hethersett residents are "ready for change."

It is anticipated that the parish council will work with South Norfolk Council, Norfolk County Council and landowners

" I believe we have a duty to adopt wildlife status for the village of Hethersett and do all that we can to support the ecosystem that is essential to our very existence ," Mrs Williamson added.

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## Electric Scooters - illegal in Public Areas

HAVE you noticed more people riding electric scooters in the village?

One resident posted on social media that these are still illegal unless being used as part of a government trial.

Offenders could face a £300 fine and have six points on their driving licence.

The law states:

"While it is legal to buy or sell an e-scooter, riding them on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes is against the law. "

This means that E-Scooters can only be ridden on private land such as a garden or driveway.

# April 12th—Re-Open Day

We were out and about in Hethersett on April 12th as non essential businesses re-opened.

## Low Key Launch For King's



**IT was third time lucky when the historic King's Head re-opened on April 12th.**

A regular stream of customers enjoyed the Spring sunshine for a drink and a bite to eat.

It was a low key re-opening for the pub with licensee Justin Harvey promising a "bigger launch" at some time in the future when it's safe to do so.

Justin and landlord Ben Woof had been counting the days down to the re-opening of the pub after two previous abortive attempts were wrecked by COVID restrictions.

# April 12th—Re-Open Day

It was a case of a Phoenix rising from the ashes with the duo and staff opening for the first time in almost two years.

The garden at the pub was opened as lockdown restrictions were relaxed. Staff agreed that they had been looking forward to the re-opening for months.

“We had been looking forward immensely to welcoming people back into our garden and then to May when they can return to the inside. It’s been a long and hard road but we are excited to get this far. It was good that the sun was out and it was just so good to see people back in the garden and enjoying themselves,” Justin Harvey said.

“So many people have put in so much effort to get us to where we are today. There has been a lot of work done in the background, but today was just the start of our journey,” Mr Harvey added.



Plans for the future include a complete redecoration programme and making more seating available in the garden and at the front of the pub. The venue has also been working with the Nature’s Neighbours charity aimed at protecting wildlife and improving biodiversity. Areas have been set aside to attract wildlife and to grow the pub’s own produce.

The 17th century inn has been closed since the previous landlords moved out almost two years ago. It will now be open throughout the week with the exception of Mondays when it will be closed apart from Bank Holidays.

Mr Harvey is also licensee of another historic Norfolk public house – Wymondham Green Dragon.

# April 12th—Re-Open Day



THERE was a very cosy atmosphere when the Queen's Head re-opened on April 12th.

Patio heaters and outdoor marquees helped customers to toast the end of total lockdown. Blankets were also provided as people warded off the cold.

The venue currently has two marquees—one of which will stay and one of which will eventually be taken down, although not for a few months.



The pub is also running a full menu and has a special gate for dog entry.

The Queen's is open every day for coffee from 10 am.

As a mark of respect the Queen's closed from 2.30 until 4 pm on Saturday, April 17th during the funeral service for the Duke of Edinburgh.





April 12th—  
Re-Open  
Day



**Beer and wine cellar**





## Book Exchange Expands



THE book exchange in Back Lane has been able to expand thanks to the work of a local resident.

Owner Penelope Brown put out an appeal on Facebook for anybody who could build an improved and larger home as the number of books being left has increased as the book exchange becomes better known.

With the original structure running out of space, Jezz Coggins (photographed above) stepped forward to build a larger structure capable of holding many more books.

“Thank you so much to Jezz Coggins for all his hard work. What an amazing transformation for the Book Swap. Shelves so the children can reach everything,” Penelope Brown said.



# A Posh\* Young Footballer

A young footballer has praised Hethersett Academy for backing his dream of becoming a professional.

Gabriel Overton, a Year 11 student, has won a scholarship with the Peterborough Under-18s team. Gabriel has been with Hethersett Academy since Year 9 and originally signed for the Under-16 team and has now been offered a two-year scholarship at the club.

Gabriel, who is head boy at Hethersett Academy, also had trials with Norwich City and is an accomplished tennis player and athlete.

“If I hadn’t joined Hethersett Academy in Year 9, I wouldn’t have started playing and none of this would have happened. The school has always been incredibly supportive of my football and has done whatever they could to support me,” Gabriel told the Academy’s website.

“The first time I met Mr Austin (head of PE at the school) he put me straight in the team when I hadn’t played much football before. Ever since I’ve had continued support from Mr Austin and the rest of the school. They’ve let me go for matches, training and other meetings because they knew I’d catch up on any work missed and would never let it affect my school work.

“It was a real feeling of relief and happiness when I was offered the scholarship. It’s been a lot of work to get to this point and my parents have done so much to help. I’m really excited for what comes next,” he said.

Nick Austin said:

“Gabe is an exceptional sportsman and an exceptional young man. He has every attribute going for him both academically and sporting. He’s as modest as they come, but he is filled with confidence in his own ability. He joined the school in Year 9 and straight away he was in his year group team, and soon after playing for the year group above him. Most boys will say ‘I want to be a footballer’ at some point, but Gabe is the only person who has told me ‘I am going to be a footballer’. There was never any question in his head that it would happen, and he absolutely has the ability to back it up.”

As part of this scholarship, Gabriel will move into the club accommodation in Peterborough. The scholarship will entail him combining full-time training with academic work.

\* Note of explanation—Posh is the nickname of Peterborough United Football Club



# Social Club Re-opening Delayed

## Club to undertake refurbishment programme



THE re-opening of Hethersett Social Club will be delayed as the venue undertakes a refurbishment programme.

“After much discussion and eventually being able to have a meeting, it has been decided that we are going to do a refurbishment of the club before we open again,” said Sue Forkes from the social club.

The planned work will mean the club may not be open until at least the end of May.

“We are hopeful that this will make a real difference and we are looking forward to being able to welcome everyone back once the work is complete. We would rather get the work done now whilst we are still closed than open and have to close again,” Sue added.

It is believed that the work will start around the end of April and will take several weeks to complete. The club is not saying exactly what the work will entail, but Sue has promised to keep everyone up to date on the club’s Facebook page.

We will have more on the improvements in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

“We hope you will all be excited to return and see what we have done,” Sue concluded.

# Library Back In Action



HETHERSETT Library has reopened following the easing of lockdown. There will be a number of changes to hours and there will be no open library access at the present time (that's the scheme whereby access can be gained to the library when it is unstaffed).

New opening hours are as follows:

Monday—10 am to 1 pm

Tuesday—Closed

Wednesday—10 am to 1 pm

Thursday—1-4 pm

Friday - 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday- 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday—Closed

On loan items are still being automatically renewed until further notice and there will be no overdue or renewal fees. Face coverings should be worn and those attending need to take their library cards with them. Returned books will be quarantined for up to 72 hours and there will be a one-way system in operation.

Hand sanitisers will be available and computers will have to be booked in advance.



# Easter In Hethersett



SOCIAL distancing and COVID restrictions prevented the Easter parade of witness in Hethersett from taking place for the second consecutive year. It didn't stop volunteers from Hethersett Methodist Church from placing a large wooden cross outside the building over the holiday period. The cross was decorated for Easter Sunday.



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## Easter Kindness

Were you lucky enough to find one of these little chaps secreted around the village at Easter?

It was all part of an Easter trail with 17 animals being hid by the group "Random Acts of Crochet Kindness." This is a national group with over 27,000 members across the UK.



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**THE nature and fun images on this page are from the Hethersett Painting For Pleasure Group which has used virtual means to show their work during lockdown when they have been unable to meet.**

**You can see more of their work elsewhere in this edition.**



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Residents of Hethersett Hall Car Home were eggstatic when they were given duck eggs from the organisation Incredible Eggs. An incubator and pen was set-up and residents waited for the eggs to hatch. They didn't have to wait long as ducks started to be born and began chirping happily the following day.

"We introduced them to our lovely residents and they had lots of fuss and cuddles. They then went for the first swim and they loved it, literally taking to it like ducks to water," said Charlotte Govier from the home. There are more pictures of the eggs hatching on the Hall's Facebook page. Meanwhile there was much more going on during Easter at the home and you can read about that later in this edition.

Amelia, Sherree, Siena and Mark Matless with their cupcakes outside their home in Priory Road.



# Cupcakes For Charity

WHEN a kind-hearted family heard about a young Hethersett girls' fight against cancer they decided to use their skills over the Easter holidays to boost a social media appeal.

The Matless family set-up a stall every weekday from 10 until 11 am selling cupcakes in support of eight-year-old Hethersett Woodside Primary School pupil Lucy who is receiving treatment for bone cancer.

The Go Fund Me appeal was set-up to raise £10,000 for a powered wheelchair and has already raised over £12,000.

"When we heard about Lucy, we felt we wanted to help," said mum Sherree Matless. So, supported by husband Mark and daughters Sienna (7) and Amelia (11), she set to work making hundreds of cupcakes to sell from outside their home in Priory Road.

In their first week, the family raised £400 and this amount was more than doubled before the end of the school holidays with a total of £819 being raised, easily exceeding their initial aim of £500. Sherree made a variety of flavours includ-



ing vanilla, blueberry, salted caramel, lemon and elderflower and even some gin and rum flavoured for adults. The family also had a cupcake of the day throughout the two weeks.

“The first week we sold out and raised over £400. We are so grateful and it has been so nice to see neighbours and people passing by again and also to help such a deserving cause. The more we can spread the word the better,” said Sherree who has her own business “Little Priory Cupcakes,” which she says has really “boomed” during lockdown.

The “Lucy’s Fight Against Bone Cancer” Go Fund Me page has already exceeded its target: “Thank you each and every one of you for your kindness and generosity, we are overwhelmed with how quickly the total had been smashed. Thanks doesn’t seem a big enough word to express how we are feeling,” said Lucy’s mum Helga Foyster.



**Amelia Matless with her cupcake poster**

Lucy started chemotherapy in February and is awaiting major surgery which will be followed by up to two years’ of rehabilitation. The money raised will be used for a powered wheelchair to give Lucy some independence and also to make the garden and bathroom at their Hethersett home more wheelchair friendly.



**Sherree braved the cold weather to sell the cupcakes**





**The Matless family—Amelia, Sherree, Sienna and Mark who raised over £800 from their cupcake sales.**



**Blue skies and wide open spaces on the back road between Hethersett and Wymondham.**

**Spring looks as if it has finally sprung when this photograph was taken on April 16th.**

# Community Speed Watch Resumes

By Roger Morgan

WITH the easing of the recent Covid 19 lockdown regulations, the police have given the go ahead for Community Speed Watch checks to resume. The Hethersett team will observe the current guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of face masks at all times.

The team were keen to stress that the aim of the scheme is very much to raise peoples' awareness of the limits in force and to encourage them to respect the law. It is not the intention to 'catch' people speeding but simply to get drivers to realise that there are speed limits in the village.

Generally speaking, the majority of drivers do respect the existing speed limits and drive in a responsible way. However, one person was seen driving one handed, with a cup of coffee in the other and several motorists have exceeded the limit. These will receive a letter from the police notifying them of the time and place where they were speeding. A second warning letter will be sent if the

driver is seen speeding again anywhere in the county. Persistent offenders will be visited by Norfolk Police. The team is often thanked by residents, pedestrians and drivers alike, for the good work that they are doing.



# Memorial Field Springs Back To Life

**HETHERSETT Memorial Playing Field sprang back into action during April as lockdown rules were relaxed and outdoor sport started up again. Cycle speedway, croquet, football and bowls were all on the agenda and we popped along with our camera for the re-opening of the bowls green.**

**We also heard from two of the park's trustees about future plans for the area.**



**Bowlers getting back into action on their Memorial Playing Field home.**

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Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Bowls Club in an archive photograph taken before lockdown closed their green. Thankfully club members are now back in action.

IT'S taken some considerable time but Hethersett Memorial Bowls Club returned to action on Saturday, April 24th, hoping to have a full season of bowling.

And the club is looking to attract new members keen to take up the sport again or try it out for the first time.

Behind the scenes the club has a new set-up. Gary Seaman succeeded Peter "Jim" Beeby as treasurer and David Smith replacing Tony Dunton as secretary.

"Since the new year we have been busy carrying out improvements to the clubhouse and the area around the green. This has been made possible thanks to grants from the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme, We are now looking forward to an uninterrupted season, Covid 19 allowing," David Smith said.



Matches have already been arranged in the Age Concern Bowls League along with a number of friendlies.

“To date we have 23 matches arranged together with five internal cup games. We also have ‘Roll ups’ on Wednesday and Saturdays starting at 2 pm,” David added.



Croquet is also back in action on Wednesdays and Saturdays on the lawn at the back of the Memorial Field close to the cycle speedway track.

# Memorial Field Springs Back To Life

## Tennis Court Idea For Memorial Field

HETHERSETT Memoria Playing Field Trust is looking into the possibility of putting a tennis court on the field:

“As part of our continued plan to enhance the field for the community, we are currently in the early stages of a feasibility study on creating a tennis court next to the bowling green,” said trustee Mel Perkins.

In addition, the trustees have gained quotations from two suppliers of play-ground resurfacing and will be making an order after the annual safety inspection this summer.

“We have also taken delivery of new litter bins, picnic tables and benches all of which are awaiting installation,” Mr Perkins added.

The field is continuing to experience some vandalism:

“Unfortunately we continue to experience some mindless vandalism - users are asked to be vigilant and report any observations to the Police on 101 or their website (999 only if a crime is being witnessed),” Mr Perkins added.

Chairman of the Playing Field Trustees Mike Stark said:

We have started the next phase of improvements to the field. Many of you will have noticed the arrival of two picnic tables that are presently near the pavilion, one will be situated near the cycle speedway and croquet green and the other next to the children’s playground where the old swings were. These are made from recycled plastic and resistant to bad weather.

We have also taken delivery of six new waste bins and these will be situated around the park. Hopefully that will reduce the amount of litter we experience and reduce the need for regular clearing up. On order are two metal park benches, one will go near the gate to Woodcote, the other in the opposite corner of that part of the field. We are hoping all these items will be fixed in place by the end of May.

We also wish to improve seating and the litter bins around the pavilion, but will wait until work is underway on the new building before we do more. A review of the safety matting to the playground has been carried out, as the current material is nearing the end of its useful life. We have received estimates for the necessary work and are considering these carefully as any work is likely to be costly and we need to make sure of the best solution. Now the weather is improving please take the opportunity to enjoy our park, treat it with respect and help keep it tidy by clearing up all waste.”



## Vaccination Centre Hits a Landmark

DURING the month the Kett's Oak vaccination hub at Cringleford Surgery delivered its 20,000th vaccine. This has included many people from Hethersett.

It was fitting that the 20,000th jab was given to key volunteer Mary Wood who is a retired breast care nurse who has been working with the hub over a number of months.

"More than 100 volunteers have made the vaccination hub run so well," said Dr Siobhan Rowe.

UPDATE—By the end of the month the figure had increased once again and the hub had administered its 25,000th jab.



# Sending Condolences From Hethersett

HETHERSETT sent a message of condolence to the Royal Family on hearing the news of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh on April 9th.

Hethersett Parish Council placed the following message on social media:

“It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the death of The Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip, who supported his country over many decades with the upmost dedication and distinction. He was a much-loved member of our monarchy and will be sorely missed.

“On behalf of the people of Hethersett, I wish to convey our deepest sympathy and thoughts to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the rest of the Royal Family at this terribly sad time.”

The message was signed by parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

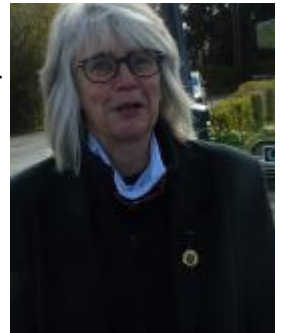
A book of condolence was set-up in the village with residents asked to email their messages or send them to the village hall. It is planned to send the messages to South Norfolk Council for archiving. A letter of condolence was sent to Buckingham Palace from the chairman.

A few residents laid flowers around the large oak tree on the green open space at Great Melton Close and these were ceremonially removed on April 18th to be composted on the day following the funeral

Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, offered a prayer of support



for the Queen and the Royal Family and parish councillor and leading environmentalist Dr Anne Edwards collected up the floral memorials which will be composted and spread somewhere in the village. The actual place hasn't been decided but could be around the Queen's Jubilee tree in Hethersett Memorial Playing Field which is currently awaiting a plaque.



Chairman of Hethersett Parish Council

cil Adrienne Quinlan also attended the event.

It was a poignant memorial event for Dr Edwards who was wearing her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award badge which she achieved many years ago.

On the right Rev McClean and Dr Edwards remember the Duke whilst below Dr Edwards after collecting the floral tributes from around the tree.



She is also pictured on the previous page proudly wearing her gold Duke of Edinburgh badge.



# Sorrow As Citizens Advice Branch Closes

THE announcement that the Wymondham branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau has had to close due to its grant from South Norfolk Council being withdrawn has upset many people.

Hethersett Herald Associate Editor, village archivist and CAB volunteer Gary Wyatt (pictured opposite) said:

“Unfortunately due to the withdrawal of founding from South Norfolk Council, the Wymondham office had to close at the end of March. We have helped lots of Hethersett residents over the years who will now have to use the digital service or visit the Norwich office if they need in-person help as many of our elderly and vulnerable clients do.

“The reason given by South Norfolk Council is that they operate their own ‘Help Hub’ service. But this deals largely with queries around the council’s own services and, even there, we know that not everyone trusts them to be impartial. They certainly do not help people with the range or depth of problems that CAB does. Further the Help Hub is run by paid council staff, so it is likely it costs a lot more than the amount withdrawn from us (around £22,000 a year),” Gary said.

The CAB organisation also voiced its displeasure at the decision. It had the following to say in a press release.

“Norfolk Citizens Advice have provided a much needed service in Wymondham for many years and are saddened to announce its closure with effect from 1st April 2021. This is a direct result of the decision by South Norfolk District Council to cease funding of £22,500 p/a to Norfolk Citizens Advice which paid

for the service in Wymondham. The service provided incredible value for money as Norfolk Citizens Advice were able to offer independent, accredited and impartial advice to the local community on a range of issues including welfare rights, housing, employment, debt, personal relationships, health and community care, immigration and consumer issues.

“It also allowed Norfolk Citizens Advice to place some of their specialist team in the Wymondham office. These included advisers who have specific expertise in FCA accredited debt advice, support through ‘Help to Claim’ for Universal Credit and complex Welfare Benefit and Employment Tribunal cases.

“The team at the Wymondham office, largely made up of expert volunteer advisers, supported over 2,200 South Norfolk residents each year with over 7,300 issues to help them find a way forward with whatever challenges they faced. Without this service there is nowhere else for local people to get free, accredited and impartial advice.

“South Norfolk residents greatly value the support of Norfolk Citizens Advice and will struggle to find anywhere locally to help them at a time when demand is increasing as people struggle with the impact of the pandemic and the



challenges we are all facing. “

Jon Cheyette, CEO at Norfolk Citizens Advice said “Despite repeated attempts to seek clarification from SNDC about the information they used to make their decision to cut our funding, no satisfactory response has been received. We are unclear why SNDC have instead chosen to spend far more money on increasing numbers of staff in their distant Long Stratton office who will not then be able to provide accredited and impartial advice at a time when people most need it.

“We are unsure whether an Equality Impact Assessment was carried out and we cannot see how SNDC’s decision to use funds in this way is in the public interest. Norfolk Citizens Advice attended a SNDC scrutiny meeting in November 2019 and were able to demonstrate the positive impact on individuals and local communities as well as the value of their charitable work which amounts to savings of millions of pounds each year.

“Comments at the meeting from some Councillors actually supported an increase in funding and Cllr Graham Minshull was on record following the meeting indicating Councillors would not support cuts to Citizens Advice funding.

“However, following an Officer’s report submitted to the Council on which contained incorrect information, SNDC decided to stop all funding to Citizens Advice. Norfolk Citizens Advice then managed to fundraise and use some reserves to keep the service running from April 2020 in the hope that SNDC would agree to help fund the service but, as they have refused, Norfolk Citizens Advice now have no choice but to

close the office. We really don’t want to stop providing this service as we know how important it is to local people but without the funding from SNDC we cannot continue.

“The town and the district stand to lose the expert knowledge and dedication of the most amazing team of volunteers and one member of staff who between them provide an exceptional service. The team are themselves very much a part of the local community and have so much to offer but all this could be lost.

“With this decision, SNDC have made it impossible for us to continue to offer support to South Norfolk residents, who may have to approach their local Council for help instead. We are very sorry for this but it is unavoidable now that SNDC have ceased funding our work. We are grateful to other district councils, Norfolk County Council and our other funders for their continued support and this is why it is so surprising that SNDC and Broadland Council do not support the incredible work of our charity which benefits the whole community.”

One of Wymondham’s representatives on South Norfolk Council Julian Halls said:

“As a councillor I was appalled by this decision and to be fair to my colleagues on the town council we were all appalled by this, The reason given was that other services will suffer if the grant continues. The CAB asked for the standard grant from Wymondham Town Council and were told that they could have it paid on a monthly basis for as long as they stay in Wymondham. I am not happy “

# Time To Go To The Polls

HETHERSETT residents will be going to the polls on May 6th to elect a representative to Norfolk County Council and also a new police commissioner for the county.

Hethersett is part of the Humbleyard electoral district and polling will take place in Hethersett Village Hall from 7 am until 10 pm.

There will be four candidates for the one place on Norfolk County Council—Janet Bearman (Green Party), David Bills (Conservative Party), Simon Chapman (Labour Party) and Julian Halls (Liberal Democrats).

Our current County Council representative is David Bills who lives in Hethersett. David is also one of three Hethersett residents on South Norfolk Council. Julian Halls is also a South Norfolk Councillor, representing the South Wymondham Ward.

Candidates for the Police Commissioner Role to succeed Lorne Green who has retired, are: John Crofts (Liberal Democrats), David Moreland (Independent), Giles Orpen-Smellie (Conservatives), Michael Rosen (Labour), Martin Schmierer (Green Party).



Simon Chapman—Labour



Julian Halls—Liberal Democrats



David Bills—Conservative

# Preparing to Get Back To Normal

## Back On Screen In The Autumn

HETHERSETT Village Screen will be back in the Autumn (subject to no further lockdown restrictions).

The new season will begin on 5th September and other dates will be on the first Sunday of each month through to May.

These will be—3rd October, 7th November, 5th December, 2nd January, 6th February, 6th March, 3rd April and 1st May. All films will take place in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm and tickets will be £4.50 each.

“Whilst we can't show films at the moment, we are planning for when we can! We're pleased then to announce provisional dates for 2021/22, showing films on the first Sunday of every month from September through to May.

“We know that seems like a way off yet, but we look forward to welcoming you back to the Village Hall as soon as we can, for more film fun. Until then, take care everyone,” the organisers said on Facebook

The actual programme will be announced in the future. Watch this space.



# Yes It Was A Joke

OF course nobody was fooled by our April Fools joke about the new killer disease sweeping Hethersett and turning humans into trees. We hope you at least found our story amusing if more than a little far fetched.

The clue was in the title Human Ashdieback Disease (HAD—as in ever been Had?)

Many thanks to leading Hethersett environmentalist Dr Anne Edwards for being such a good sport and allowing us to quote her.

Anne is actually one of the leading authorities in the country on the real Ash Dieback Disease which has had a devastating affect on Ash trees.

This is apparent from virtually any walk in the countryside at the moment. The destruction of the trees is brought about by a fungal attack.

We weren't the only Hethersett-based organisation to try to fool people. One Planet Pizzas made the best eight April Fool pranks in Norfolk as listed by the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

The company said that from the following day it would be launching a range of 20 drones to deliver customers their pizzas within 60 minutes.

It included plenty of detail about how the set-up would work - including the fact that the customer's phone would beep 10 minutes before the pizza arrived and that delivery would initially cost £6.99.



# Back To Action For Hawks

**By Mel Perkins MBE**

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages got back to action on their track once restrictions were eased and in the first four sessions have welcomed 39 members. A third of them experienced the sport for the first time. Coach Nigel Longlands has also been holding some sessions on road bikes at the track to help complete his Level Two qualification.

The club has gained planning permission for its proposed developments at the track, subject to some conditions which should not present any problems. Fund-raising is now taking place in earnest.

The Wonky Wheels Community Bicycle Workshop, being launched in conjunc-

tion with the Memorial Playing Field Trust, has captured the imagination of the community and local businesses. A fund-raiser through the Avia Community Fund brought in £5,600 and a number of volunteers and donated cycles have come forward with a few bikes already being reissued to deserving residents. Details on full workshop opening will be agreed shortly.

Encouragingly the roadmap looks to have allowed local competition to restart and there are plans for a Norfolk League for Seniors and Juniors starting in May as a pre-runner of regional racing starting later in the summer.

You can keep up to date with our activities on our website *or* via social media.

**[www.hethersetthawks.co.uk](http://www.hethersetthawks.co.uk)**

## .....And A New Supporters' Club

HAWKS have launched a new Supporters' Club as it continues to go from strength to strength.

The club was launched appropriately on April 19th—the 55th anniversary of the club's first match on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

“Fifty five years on the club is still going from strength to strength with an expanding membership, enthusiastic committee and parent base. So it seem a fitting day to launch our new Supporters' Club which the whole community can join to support our activities and help us continue to provide valuable opportunities for exercise and fun for the community.

“Supporters can join the club for £2 a month and there will be the chance to win monthly prizes,” said club chairman Mel Perkins.

Full details of the supporters' club and a joining form appears on the next page.



# Support Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway by joining the Hawks

## Supporters Club

Sign up to pay just £2 per month and have your membership number in a monthly draw for cash prizes

Just complete the simple form below and e-mail it to (Hethersetthawks@outlook.com) or send / deliver to Mel Perkins at 9 Meadow Close, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3DZ. Apply early and you could be able to get your favourite number if still available

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PRIZE DRAW

Applicants must be aged 18 or over

Applicants are limited to one membership number

Contributions can be made by cash, cheque or bank standing order / BACS to the Club's account

Contributions can be made monthly, half-yearly or annually

Monthly contribution must be in the Club's bank account by the last day of the month to be included in that month's draw

50% of monthly contributions will be awarded in prizes as follows –

1<sup>st</sup> prize – 50% of prize fund

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – 30% of prize fund

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – 20% of prize fund

Draws take place with at least three club committee members present as soon as possible after the end of each month.

List of winners will appear on the Club's website shortly after the draw and winners notified to arrange payment of prizes

Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club is licensed under the Small Society Lottery Licence through South Norfolk Council.

### HETHERSETT HAWKS CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB SUPPORTERS CLUB APPLICATION FORM

I wish to join the Hethersett Hawks Supporters Club

I have read and understand the Terms & Conditions of the monthly draws. I am aged 18 or over

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

Please allocate my favourite number between 1 and 100 being.....

OR allocate me any number at random

I wish to pay my subscription as follows (please tick)–

Monthly(£2).....Half-Yearly(£12).....Annually(£24).....

I wish to pay my subscription by the following method (please tick)–

Cash.....

Cheque..... Made payable to Hethersett Hawks CSC

BACS or Standing Order..... Please provide me with details

Signed.....Date.....

Please e-mail this form to (Hethersetthawks@outlook.com) or send / deliver to Mel Perkins at 9 Meadow Close, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3DZ. On receipt of the form a membership number will be allocated for you and e-mailed to you together with, if required, the information needed to set up BACS / standing order.



## Not A Return To Lockdown

YOU could be forgiven for thinking that the two photographs here were taken a year ago during the start of national lockdown.

They were actually taken on April 9th this year, looking both ways along the B1172.

Not a single vehicle could be seen due to the road being closed between Wymondham and Hethersett for the completion of work on a new roundabout from a new development in Norwich Common, Wymondham. Photographs courtesy of Mike Stark.



# Hethersett In Bloom Update

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**Jill Williams updates us on the Hethersett in Bloom group which is getting back to work now that virus restrictions are being relaxed.**

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WHEN the Hethersett in Bloom group started weeding and planting just over a year ago, we were full of enthusiasm. When the first lockdown was announced, and the Bloom competition for 2020 was cancelled, we hastily put the plants into some spare ground and looked forward to the following year. However, the Bloom competition is cancelled for 2021 as well.

We have decided to do as much planting as we can this year, when we are allowed to, and when we can do so safely. This is so the plants do not deteriorate through overcrowding in their present positions, and for the psychological benefits of being in the fresh air and creating some uplifting, exciting and beautiful plant combinations.

We are beginning as we would have done last year by weeding an area in the Woodcote sheltered housing grounds, which is in semi shade under a silver birch. The silver lining for us now is that we can take our time and not feel rushed as we might have done in a competition year.

If you would like to join us, please ring in advance, so we can organise social distancing and keep everyone safe. If you would like to join us in some hands-on gardening, or would like to know more about the project, please ring Sue, evenings only, on 07957 234387.

## Jubilee Youth Club News.

***By Gillian Saunders***

WE have now officially reopened the club. So far just the younger group to be perfectly honest but we are wanting to open the second group (7:30-8:45) as soon as we know you are coming and the best way to do that is via the club Facebook page. That way Alahna and Kim know to expect you and can plan. We want you to take ownership of the group including what we do and when. We also like to have a rough idea of numbers for planning and working out tuck too! So please just pop a message on Facebook, if possible, to let us know to expect you.

The roof appeal is going well and we hope to meet the contractor soon at the hall to discuss the actual costs of the project so we know exactly what money we still

need to raise. More news next month, but please don't stop anything you were planning on doing to help.

We are very busy planning the dog show and fete for the 26th June 12-3:30 pm at the hall. Proceeds will go to the roof fund and club equipment. Dog show classes include best veteran, pretty lady and handsome hound. Obviously we will finish with best in show being presented with the cup at the end of the afternoon. There will be a barbecue, refreshments and of course lots of stalls and games. So please come along and support us. Entry is free so you have even more money to spend during the afternoon!

Finally we are collecting the tokens out of the Eastern Daily Press for our chance to win a share of the £20,000 on offer to charities. We need your help though please with collecting the tokens found in the EDP each day between now and July 3rd. Any tokens can be put in the club postbox once you have a few to get rid of.

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Please Help  
Looking for Judith King



Hello

My name is Susan Cowling (maiden name England . )

I am trying to find my best friend from school with whom I sadly lost touch with when we left

**NORTH WALSHAM HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN NORFOLK, ENGLAND.**  
I was then Susan England attended NWHS 1961-1966 travelling each day from Sheringham to school on the train

Judith King came to the school around 1962/3 -1966 travelling from her home in Hethersett , Norwich also by train where we became best of friends we stayed at each other's homes some weekends

Sadly I know very little of what happened next in Judith's life

A recent appeal on Facebook led to another clue

In 1968 we are positive Judith was a nurse at the Jenny Lind Hospital where she nursed this person during an operation and ironically this person was then about to attend NWHS so Judith could relate her NWHS experience thus striking up a good patient / nurse experience

Another line of looking we think she MAY have married a Dr Jeremy Shaw

As we are now in our 70's it would mean a lot for any contact or information

Several of us from school meet up when it is possible every now and then so would be great for any news on Judith

Any info please you can message me on messenger

**During the month we received the above appeal from Susan Cowling.**

**If you have any information on Judith that could help Susan please send it to the editor and we will pass it on.**



# Cricket Gets Underway

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley cricket club is back in action after the disruption caused by lockdown in 2020.

The club will be running four adult Saturday sides—two in the Norfolk Alliance and two in the Norfolk League. There will also be an adult Sunday side in the Mid Norfolk Sunday League.

In addition the club will be taking part in a number of cup competitions including the National Village Cup.

The club also has youth teams at Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 levels.

The first team limbered up for the competitive season with a 24 run defeat at the hands of Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers and then a 126 run victory over Thetford.

The Norfolk Alliance season starts on May 1st when the first team will be home to Thetford in their first ever Division One fixture. The Seconds will be away to Rocklands. On the same day the third team will be away to Rackheath in the Norfolk League.

Full results and a list of coming fixtures are available on the club's official website at:

<https://htvalley.play-cricket.com/home>



**We thought you might be amused by our resident cartoonist Graham Fisher's unique take on the game of cricket.**

## Friends and Family Proved To Be Life Savers

**On April 12th, 2020, retired editor Bob Crawley had just finished a run in the village when he suffered a massive heart attack. Here Bob talks about the gratitude he feels for those who saved his life.**



“It was a year ago on April 12th that I had a cardiac arrest on my patio after a three mile run though the village.

I knew absolutely nothing about it. One second I was taking a sip of water and the very next second nothing, no pain, no feeling, no memory, no life flashing in front of my eyes, just nothing.

I knew nothing, and have no memory of the frantic scenes, anguish and desperate efforts to keep me alive.

I have re-run that “final” moment in my mind many times since and it is still difficult to fully comprehend the potential finality of it.

But every day since waking up after 48 hours on a ventilator in intensive care, I have been grateful to those neighbours, paramedics, doctors, nurses, family and friends that kept me alive, nursed and helped me back to good health.

They have given me the opportunity to continue my wonderful journey with Bianca (Bob’s wife) and watch with pride my children Alex, Georgina and Dylan continue to live life to the full and to be a grandad to seven fun-loving boys and girls.

They’ve allowed me to get to know my new best friend Jenson, who helps keep me fit by taking me on plenty of walks and is great company while Bianca’s at work.

I’ve been able to watch (albeit from the couch) the Canaries bounce back into the Premiership.

I’ve got back to coaching and refereeing youth football, but unfortunately, because of my blood thinning medication, not able to play “Fatboy” football on Tuesday nights...something I really miss.

The pandemic has tragically been deadly and life-changing for thousands across the UK, but for me it was life-saving. My neighbours who performed CPR to

keep me alive until the ambulance crew arrived would have almost certainly been on holiday.

Life can be difficult, exciting, challenging, unpredictable, easy, hard, joyful, simply lucky or unlucky...or in reality any combination of these.

But try hard to make the most of it while you can, because it can be over in the blink of an eye. Anyway I'm off to the pub to enjoy a pint or two!

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## In Memory of Alan

WE spotted this memorial in Cromer to former police officer Alan Swain who lived in Hethersett for many years.

It was one of the plaques placed on a new structure in North Lodge Park and remembers Alan's service to Cromer from 1977 to 1984.

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# Village Podcast and You Tube Channel Is Launched

HETHERSETT Herald editor Peter Steward has begun a new podcast about the village, village life, its history and local Hethersettians.

The podcast will also see the monthly Hethersett Herald e-magazine taking to the air-waves.

The podcast is available on a number of platforms including the Anchor FM network, Spotify, I Tunes and more.

Peter is also putting together a number of village slide presentations on his You Tube channel which can be accessed by going to You Tube and searching for Norfolk and Suffolk Photographs.



HOME Farm Gin have added a fourth flavour to their portfolio. Pineapple and black pepper is the latest variety launched. It joins their London Dry, Raspberry and Strawberry and Mint gins.

“We have been working very hard to create something very special. We would like to introduce to you our Tropical limited edition - Pineapple and Black Pepper. Pre-orders will be available on our website,” said Nev Leverett from Home Farm Gin.



# Tina's Images of Nature



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**THE lovely photographs on this and the next few pages were shot in and around Hethersett by Tina Andrews and are reproduced with her permission.**

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# News From The Parish Council

HETHERSETT Parish Council Chairman Adrienne Quinlan (left) is pictured with the Rector of Hethersett the Rev Derek McClean and fellow Hethersett Councillor Dr Anne Edwards at the collection of floral tributes to the Duke of Edinburgh.



The flowers left around the Oak tree in the centre of the village will be composted and spread in an area to be chosen in the village. See the full story on page 33.

## Meeting Dates

Full council meeting dates for the remainder of 2021 are as follows:

May 5th, June 21st, July 19th, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th' Council meetings begin at 7.30 pm. There is no full council meeting in August. Planning Committee meetings start at 7 pm on the following dates: May 17th, June 7th and 21st, July 5th and 19th, August 2nd and 16th, September 6th and 20th, October 4th and 18th, November 1st and 15th, December 6th and 20th.

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 and full details of how to join are available on the website.

At the present time the council is continuing to meet via the zoom social media platform, although this is likely to change very soon.

# News From The Parish Council

## How To Contact The Parish Council

THE parish council office in the village hall is currently closed to the public due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

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 page

THE full council meeting scheduled for Monday April 19th was postponed for a week to the following Monday in line with guidance received on the issuing of agendas during a national period of mourning.

## Restrictions on Council Meetings

MEETINGS of Hethersett Parish Council in the near future have had to be re-scheduled due to national legislation around the COVID lockdown rules.

It means that for a 10 day period in May, the council will be unable to meet either as a full council or in committees. Working parties will be able to continue, however.

The latest national legislation means that parish councils cannot meet electronically via zoom after May 7th. But open face to face indoor meetings cannot be held until May 17th—giving a 10 day hiatus.

To adhere to the rules, the council will now be holding the annual parish meeting on Wednesday May 5th via the zoom platform. This is the meeting that gives residents the opportunity to air their views on any subjects of concern. On the same night there will be an extraordinary meeting of the parish council to elect a chairman for the coming year.

You can find an agenda for this year's annual parish meeting by turning to page 58.

# News From The Parish Council

## Meet Your New Councillor



### Jenny Walpole

I am excited to have been co-opted onto Hethersett Parish Council in the year of the pandemic! I am a passionate gardener and lover of the countryside and wildlife, enjoying walking/hiking throughout the county and beyond.

My husband David and I, moved to Hethersett in 1982 and I worked for 35 years at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, until I took early retirement in 2010. I have been fortunate to spend time travelling in the Far East and Australia, as well as several trips to India and also spent much time in South-West rural France.

During the last year whilst taking daily exercise around Hethersett, I have had time to reflect. I have become increasingly concerned about the climate emer-

gency and the negative effects on wildlife, the countryside and indeed the impact on our community. I have participated in regular Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) litter-picks in recent years and during lockdown noticed the increasing litter and fly-tipping problem in and around the village. I decided to carry out a weekly litter-pick (with my husband) and came across several other like-minded and concerned villagers.

Having done some research online, I realised that there are solutions which could be considered by local government. By becoming a councillor, I am keen to help make a difference in this area and I am also interested in supporting other environmental projects in our growing village.

I have lived in Hethersett for 39 years and am vice-chair of Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club and a flower arranger at St Remigius Church, Cringleford Church and Norwich Cathedral. I am a trained florist and have been a supporter of Greenpeace for 40 years. We grow our own fruit and vegetables and flowers. I also keep hens and am a cat lover.

# News From The Parish Council



## HETHERSETT PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

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Mr S Slack, 70 Priory Road, Hethersett NR9 3EY

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Miss K Adams c/o the Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Hethersett

Via the Clerk

Mr L Dale, 46 New Road, Hethersett NR9 3HH

Tel: 810952

Dr A Edwards, 6 Queens Road, Hethersett NR9 3DB

Tel: 812309

Mrs S England, c/o the Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Hethersett

Tel: 07582 225895

Mrs S Lawrence, c/o the Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Hethersett

Via the Clerk

Mr J Loomer, 6 Miller Close, Hethersett NR9 3GD

Tel: 07799 608978

Mr C Morriss, 19 Haconsfield, Hethersett NR9 3AW

Tel: 810060

Ms E Mulvaney, c/o the Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Hethersett

Via the Clerk

Mr J Nightingale, 2 Buckingham Drive, Hethersett NR9 3HT

Tel: 811513

Mr M Stark, 61 Lynch Green, Hethersett NR9 3JT

Via the Clerk

Mrs J Walpole, 16 Canns Lane, Hethersett NR9 3JE

Tel: 811932

Mrs B Williamson, 8 Churchfields, Hethersett NR9 3AF

Tel: 810259

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

## Parish Shorts

Work on putting up traffic lights on the B1172 at the junction with Colney Lane will begin in September and is likely to take up to 10 weeks to complete.

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District Councillor David Bills has urged residents to report any potholes in the village either direct to him (his contact details can be found elsewhere in this edition) or via the Norfolk County Council website.

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Remedial work will be carried out to some grass verges in the village which have suffered from cars being driven over them or parked on them, councillors heard. District Councillor Adrian Dearnley has been surveying the problems which have been put down to "driver behaviour."

# News From The Parish Council

## Pizza Company Thanked for Lockdown Service

A Hethersett-based pizza company which has been trading on Saturdays from the car park at Hethersett Village Hall will be absent from the end of April as lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

Councillors heard that groups and organisations will soon be allowed to book the hall for events again and this will necessitate using the car park again.

Over the past year the pizza company has been given permission to trade from the car park on one evening a

week and this has proved very popular with local residents.

“Our agreement with them has come to an end and will not be extended now the car park will be used again by people hiring the hall. I would like to thank the company for what they have done for the village during this time,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

Elsie’s Pizzas have been trading from the car park on a month to month basis.

### More Parish Shorts

A programme is underway to replace 280 village lights with LED as and when needed.

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Six new rubbish bins will soon be placed round the perimeter of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. These will be spaced out in order to help cut down on the increased amounts of litter left on the field since lockdown restrictions were eased. Council vice-chair Stephen Slack said that the increased number of people using the field had brought more litter and he was grateful to the “small army of volunteers” who have been picking it up.

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The parish council has received a letter from a resident of Back Lane complaining about the noise made from footballs being kicked against the village hall wall. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation in the hope that it will stop once things get back to normal and groups can meet inside the building.



# News From The Parish Council

PARKING in the village hall car park to drop off and pick up children from school should be a gift and not a right, councillors decided at their April meeting.

The council has been concerned about the dangers to children from traffic in the area at school times for Woodside Primary School.

Parent Louise Chappell-Maor spoke of the dangers faced by children being taken to and from the school.

“It is particularly dangerous for young children and there are no zebra crossings in the area,” she said.

After a lengthy discussion on whether vehicles should be allowed to use the village hall at school times, councillors agreed that they couldn't give express permission and actively encourage this but wouldn't take steps to stop it. Problems could possibly arise, however, if school times co-incided with the village hall being booked and the car park being needed for groups and organisations.

Councillor John Nightingale queried whether Woodside School encouraged children and parents to walk whenever possible and he was assured by fellow councillor and mum Sarah Lawrence that this was indeed the case.

Councillors agreed that any traffic congestion will get worse in the future as the school gets up to full capacity over the next two years. Councillors voiced their disappointment that Norfolk County Council had not made sufficient allowance for the additional traffic in the area at school times.

“The education authorities seem to have adopted a head in the sand approach to the situation,” said Councillor Chris Morriss who is also chair of the Village Hall Trustees. He said that it wouldn't be possible to put car parking spaces aside specifically for school traffic.

“Although we do not object to people parking in the village hall car park, it has to be a gift and not a right,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

“The priority for parking must be for those using the village hall and its grounds, but that's not to say that other people cannot use it,” Mrs Quinlan added.

The council is still looking to have a meeting with police, the school and the education authorities to discuss the general safety situation in the area and the possibility of having some form of crossing put in.

Meanwhile parking in Recreation Road has brought forward complaints from residents, particularly when football is taking place on the Memorial Playing Field.

Councillors hope that the problem will be eased once car sharing is allowed again.

# News From The Parish Council

HETHERSETT'S annual parish meeting will be held via the zoom social media platform on Wednesday, 5th May.

"The Chairman of Hethersett Parish Council will be hosting the Annual Parish Meeting. It is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of local government electors.

"All are welcome to attend to receive the accounts and annual reports of the Parish Council, the Memorial Playing Field Committee, the Village Hall Committee and the Jubilee Youth Club. The meeting will then be open to local government electors to raise and discuss any local issues.

"Although all are welcome to attend the meeting only persons registered as electors of Hethersett are entitled to vote," said village clerk Annette Palmer.

**ALL RESIDENTS FROM THE PARISH OF HETHERSETT  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

TO BE HELD ON

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm**

*In line with Government advice regarding social distancing this will be a virtual meeting arranged under the powers of the Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84421076774?pwd=RENMTG5TdUxvMzRYOEptbFJyQnhXdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 2107 6774

Password: 864229

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and apologies
2. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 available for inspection at <https://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/agendas-supporting-documentation/>
3.
  - i. To receive the accounts and report of the Memorial Playing Field Committee
  - ii. Nomination & election of 4 residents to the Memorial Playing Field Committee
4.
  - i. To receive the accounts and report of the Village Hall Management Committee
  - ii. Nomination & election of 4 residents to the Village Hall Management Committee
5. To receive the annual report and accounts (unaudited) from the Parish Council
6. To receive a report from Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club
7. To consider local issues

# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



### DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett

Ketteringham or Little Melton?

### ARE YOU

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

**Infirm  
Convalescing  
Sick  
Unwell  
Disability**

#### Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



Alex	07805 242326
Rachel	01603 812596
Mary	01603 811330
Barbara	01603 810502
Christopher	01603 811010
Debby	01603 812221

**All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.**

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# Sarah's World

Sarah Lawrence continues her monthly column giving us her take on Hethersett life.

HELLO to all our lovely Herald readers. I hope you all had a good Easter!

Things this Easter looked a lot less bleak than last Easter, didn't they? Last Easter we were all a bit unsure as to how long we were going to be locked down for, or how Covid was transmitted.

Things were very scary this time last year.

Now though, there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel! Vaccinations have been underway for a while (though I might have to wait a bit longer for mine) and most people are back at school/work, albeit with extra precautions in place.

Heck, we've even had the go ahead to meet people outdoors now – in groups of six, but.. baby steps!

My family have taken full advantage of being able to meet people outdoors



again. Thankfully, over Easter we were blessed with the gift of sunshine! We've met up with friends that we've not seen in what seems like forever, eaten alfresco and had Easter Egg hunts. There is finally hope on the horizon.

Socialising is what I've missed. I'm one of the fortunate ones who was able to work throughout the last year.

Fortunate, because I don't think I could have coped mentally with being stuck in the house with my family. As much as I love them, I need

time apart from them. It makes me appreciate them all the more and I think it makes them appreciate me more too.

I've been so glad to have work in order to socialise, but it's not the same as having a natter with mates. I fully intend to carry on making up for lost time!

Easter is always a busy time at Tesco. Easter weekend is about as busy as Christmas in Express stores. I guess it's because not much else is open!

# Sarah's World



It was delightful to see the decorated cross outside the Methodist Church, a welcome reminder of the true meaning of Easter.

Though we are a family of Christians, we don't have much time to attend church due to the nature of our work schedules. It was a sight to behold, and a joy to see as we took a stroll through the village. Thank you to the people who decorated it, it definitely made us smile.

Another treat at Easter were the little crocheted bunny keyrings we found. We found ours attached to the doors of Hethersett Surgery; my girls had spotted them as we walked past after I picked them up from Grandma's house after work.

Labelled as 'Random Acts of Crochet Kindness' with the message, 'I'm not lost, I'm just alone. If I made you smile, please take me home!' They were an amazing little treat that did just that. All I can



say is, I'm glad we found two as there would have been arguments between my daughters if we hadn't!

We later found out that they were made by the talented Becky Bond, who posted on the All Things Hethersett Facebook page, that she had made 17 of the bunnies to hide around the village.

What a wonderful thing to do! My girls now have their bunnies hanging from their school and nursery bags, so they're being put to good use.

We're big fans of the Back Lane Book Swap as its just around the

We were very much kept on our toes this year, as our Easter eggs seemed to sell out in record time. Our store manager arranged for three other quieter stores to bring over their surplus chocolate eggs to replenish our stocks. They didn't last long though.

Hopefully, Hethersett residents were able to get Easter eggs for their loved ones without too much bother! We were very lucky to get a visit from the Easter Bunny at work as well, with Easter eggs for us all, and snacks to keep us going. A lovely touch. it's so nice to feel appreciated by your employer!

# Sarah's World

corner from us and we LOVE books. We have donated a fair few but it's not often we can walk past without picking up another.. We're suckers for books!

So, we were very pleased to see that this month, the BLBS has been upgraded. Gone is the small shelving that was adequate for a while, but was soon out-grown.

Now, with the help of Jezz Coggins, Penelope Brown has been able to extend it into a bus shelter like structure, capable of holding so many more books, with the bonus of being more weatherproof. It even has a low shelf for children to be able to reach! We are so grateful to them both, it's given us so much enjoyment, as I know it has to many other families in Hethersett and beyond. Another example of how community-minded Hethersett is!



Finally, I was touched to see the flowers underneath the Oak tree at Great Melton Close, in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip.

At a time where a traditional book of condolence is not possible, this was a lovely way for Hethersett residents to pay their respects. He was certainly a character who supported this country and our Queen over many years. May he rest in peace.

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**Sarah writes every month in the Hethersett Herald and will be back again in the June edition.**

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## News

# Family's cake sales help cancer fighter Lucy, 8, get wheelchair

PETER STEWARD

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When a kind-hearted family heard about a young Hethersett girl's fight against cancer they decided to use their skills over the Easter holidays to boost a social media appeal.

The Matless family set up a stall every week from 10am to 11am, selling cupcakes in support of eight-year-old Hethersett, Woodside Primary School pupil Lucy who is receiving treatment for bone cancer.

"The GoFundMe appeal we set up to raise £10,000 for a powered wheelchair and has already raised more than £19,000.

"When we heard about Lucy, we felt we wanted to help," said mum Sherree Matless.

She, supported by husband Mark and daughters Serene, seven, and Anzella, 11, she set to work making hundreds of cupcakes to sell from outside their home in Priory Road, Hethersett.

In their first week, the family raised £200 and this amount is likely to at least double before the end of the school holidays, exceeding their initial aim of raising £200. Mrs Matless has made cupcakes with a variety of flavours including vanilla, blueberry, soft caramel, lemon and elderflower and even some gin and rum flavoured for adults. The family has also had a cupcake



Mark and Sherree Matless with daughters Anzella, left, and Serene

Picture: PETER STEWARD

of the day throughout the two weeks.

"The first week, we sold out and raised over £200. We were so grateful and it has been so nice to see neighbours and people passing by again and also to help such a deserving cause. The more we can spread the word the better," added Mrs Matless, who has her own business Laide Priory Cupcakes, which she says has

really "boomed" during lockdown.

The "Lucy's Fight Against Bone Cancer" GoFundMe page has already exceeded its target.

Lucy's mother Holga Poyser said: "Thank you each and every one of you for your kindness and generosity, we are overwhelmed with how quickly the total had been smashed. Thanks doesn't seem a big enough word to

express how we are feeling."

Lucy started chemotherapy in February and is awaiting major surgery which will be followed by up to two years of rehabilitation.

The money raised will be used for a powered wheelchair to give Lucy some independence and also to make the garden and bathroom at their Hethersett home more wheelchair friendly.

THIS story about the Matless family's cupcake sale in aid of eight-year-old cancer sufferer Lucy made both the Norwich Evening News and the Eastern Daily Press newspapers. You can read our story starting on page 24 of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

# News From The Media

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## Third time lucky as historic pub finally welcomes customers back

It was third time lucky when an historic Norfolk pub opened its garden to the public this week.

Lessons of Hethersett King's Head Ales in Norwich and landlord Dan West had been creating the plans down on the morning of the pub after two previous attempts at reopening were blocked by local residents.

It was a case of a hitherto success from the shelves with the duo and staff opening for the first time in almost two years.

"The parties at the pub also opened as lockdown restrictions were relaxed with local people enjoying a drink and food from a restaurant menu. Staff agreed that they had been back for a while in the meantime for security."

"We had been looking forward immensely to welcoming people back into our garden and then to step when they come back to the inside it's been a long time but we had an accident so get this far. It was good that the sun was out and it was fun to go to see people back in the garden and enjoying themselves," Mr Harvey said.

BY PETER ARMSTRONG

www.norwicheveningnews.com

"So many people have put in so much effort to get us to where we are today. There has been a lot of work done in the background, but today was just the start of our journey," he added.

At the time the pub was a complete reconstruction programme and making more seating available in the garden and at the front of the pub which has been agreed with the Nature's Neighbours charity aimed at protecting wildlife and improving biodiversity. Areas have been set aside to attract wildlife and to grow the pub's own produce.

The pub's return has been closed since the previous lockdown started on almost two years ago. It will now be open throughout the week with the exception of Mondays when it will be closed again for Bank Holidays.

Mr Harvey is also chairman of another historic Norfolk pub, the Waterhouse (Times Herald).



Staff at the King's Head in Hethersett welcomed back customers on Monday.

After a gap of two years, Hethersett King's Head has re-opened (see our story earlier). The above story appeared in the Norwich Evening News and below is the story of a budding footballer from Hethersett Academy.

### Sporting chance

A Year 11 student at Hethersett Academy has won a scholarship with League One club Peterborough United.

Gabriel Thomson, who joined Hethersett Academy in Year 6, impressed coaches after playing for the first team and has now been offered a two-year scholarship with Posh 1.18 team.

The 16-year-old, who never regularly played tennis before moving to Hethersett, said: "If I hadn't joined Hethersett Academy in Year 6, I wonder how many jobs you and mine of this would have happened."

"The school has always been incredibly supportive of my football, and has three afternoon they could rearrange me."

"They've let me go for matches, training, and other meetings because they knew I'd catch up on any work I missed and would never let it affect my school work."

Mark Austin, head of PE at Hethersett Academy said: "Gabriel is an exceptional sportsman and an exceptional person. He has every attribute needed for both academically and sporting. He's so much as they come, but he's still got confidence in his own ability."



Hethersett Academy pupil Gabriel Thomson playing for United in Peterborough United 1.18 team.

From: REPEATER 10.02





## Parish Clerk's Marathon Effort Update

HETHERSETT'S parish clerk Annette Palmer's marathon efforts have already proved successful over a month before the event. .

Annette will be taking part in the Broads Walk Challenge 2021 with the aim of walking 90 km (just over 55 miles) in a 24 hour period on June 12th.

This is more than two marathons and much of the route will be under darkness. Annette will be raising money for two children's cancer charities.

"Having never walked that far before it will certainly be a challenge especially towards the end when I will be very tired and walking in the dark," she said.

But with under two months to go Annette said her training is going well: "Training is going well. On one weekend I walked along the Marriott's Way from Norwich to Whitwell and back—just short of 26 miles," she said.

Annette will be raising money for the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force Charity which raises funds for research into child brain tumours and also supports families with children suffering from the disease and also the CLIC Sargent charity.

Annette's initial aim was to raised £300 and at the time of going to press had already raised over 80% of that target.

Annette is aiming to raise a minimum of £300 and at the time of going to press had already raised over 60% of her target. Her journey will start at Acle at 7 am and then onto Aylsham, passing through Hoveton. Then the walk will go onto Hickling via North Walsham and Stalham before returning to Acle via Potter Heigham by 7 am on 13th June

You can donate at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AnnettePalmer4>

# Hethersett Herald—The Collection

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**HETHERSETT Herald began life as Hethersett Online in November, 2015, and has been produced monthly ever since.**

**The first edition ran to just 12 pages and had as its main story the theft of lead from the roof of Hethersett Parish Church.**

**Originally the publication was just called Hethersett Online but later changed its title to Hethersett Herald in May, 2016, with edition seven and we have been going from strength to strength ever since.**

**You can read back copies of Hethersett Herald by going to [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com)**

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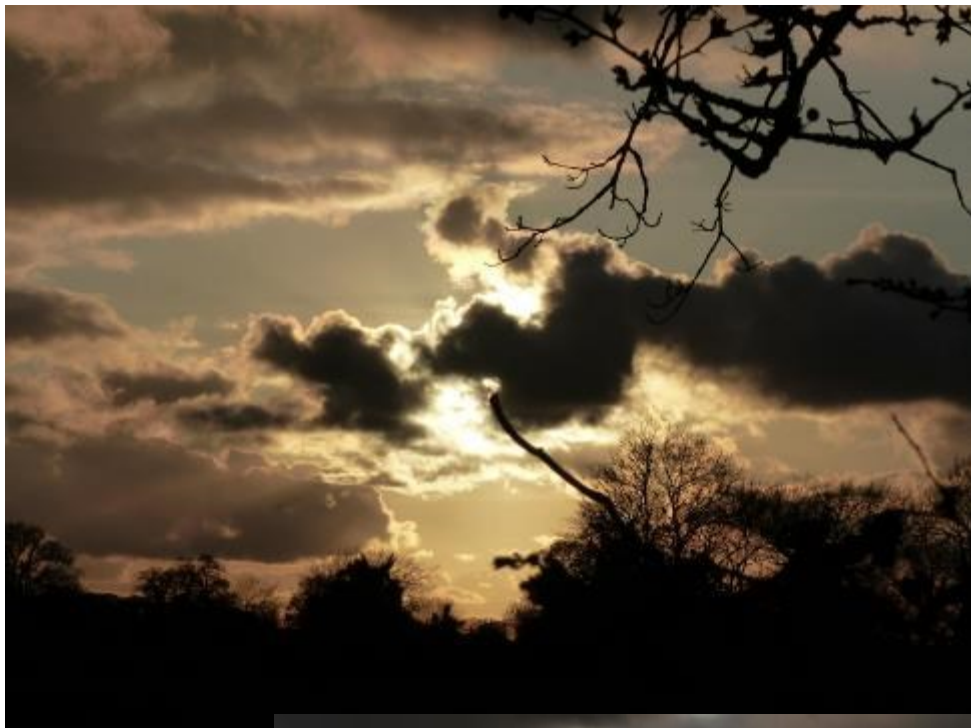


# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

Hethersett resident and friend of Hethersett Herald, 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. You will also find other photos taken by John dotted throughout this edition of Hethersett Herald



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



**On the previous page, New Road, Hethersett pays its respect to the passing of HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh as the sun sets and shadows lengthen across the adjoining fields. Photographs taken on 15th April at 7.30 pm.**



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



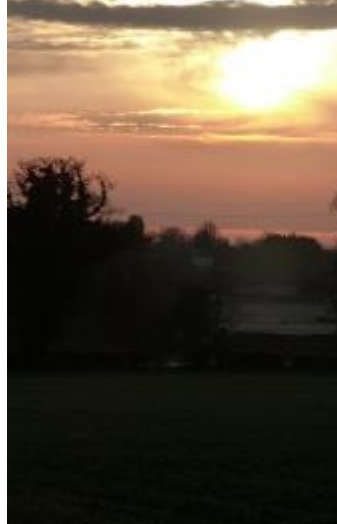
**Moody and  
Magnificent—  
Hethersett.**

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

Sometimes we need to take the lens cap off our lives to appreciate the beauty surrounding us. Dawn over St Remigius taken at 6 am on 18th April.



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



# From The Archives with Gary Wyatt



## HETHERSETT HERITAGE

➤ AN ARCHIVE OF OUR VILLAGE HISTORY ➤

### THE HETHERSETT ARCHIVE

Honorary archivist Gary Wyatt brings us more images from the archive.  
You can see many more at  
<https://hethersettheritage.org>



**Hethersett Methodist Church pictured in  
the 1960s**



# HETHERSETT HERITAGE



**Above—Hethersett National School 1927**

**Hethersett Cricket Club—Late 1920s**



# Down Memory Lane



DURING the month of April we were contacted on Facebook by Stephen Sheens who had taken possession of a sign advertising Hill House Hotel, Hethersett (see the next page for an illustration of the sign). Stephen was keen to find out more about this building and whether it was in fact ever used as a hotel.

A little digging came up with the following history of Hill House.

Hill House was situated on the rising ground opposite Church Farm and was pulled down when the main road past the Station Road crossroads was straightened in 1969.

John Browne of Hill House took an active part in civic affairs in the city of Norwich. He was an ironmonger, iron founder and dealer in paints in the city, but had a country house in Hethersett where "his mode of life was different". He

**IF you have any stories, information or photographs you would like to see appearing in Hethersett Herald please send them to the editor Peter Steward at [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).**

**We are happy to publish articles about the village and also articles of a more general nature written by Hethersett residents.**

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was a country gentleman and county magistrate and was mayor of Norwich in 1798. He probably moved with his family to Hethersett in 1786 at the age of 39 and took an interest in gardening matters. Not only did he grow apples in his orchard but also grew interesting trees, according to James Grigor, the writer of *The Eastern Arboretum* of 1841.

John had died by the time Grigor visited the house but the writer notes that "the gardens of the Miss Brownes are especially worthy of notice, as a beautifully kept place, abounding in sylvan ornaments which have gained for it a name throughout England.

"Here is the original willow, *Salix alba caerulea*, from which all the others in the county have been propagated".

This particular tree was planted by John Browne in 1786 and was, after just 55 years, 70 feet tall. Today this willow is known as the cricket-bat willow and it is interesting to speculate that this planting by John Browne may have been the

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start of the cultivation of the species for cricket bat manufacture.

**Hill House, the Browne family home for many years, was occupied from 1924 until 1933 by the Backs, and was an hotel in the late 1930s from when the sign probably originated.**

## Whitsuntide Fete at Hethersett Hall

**We are indebted as always to Duncan and Jenny Pigg for the details that follow which are taken from Duncan's village collection of memorabilia which we will be passing on to the official village archives.**

ON Saturday 15th June, 1946, nine months after the official end of the Second World War, a Whitsuntide Fete was held in the grounds of Hethersett Hall. Admission was one shilling (5p) for adults and 6d (2 1/2p) for children under-14. Car parking was an additional shilling. Those attending were promised a "non stop programme". The opening ceremony was conducted by Mrs Sandeman-Allen who lived at Hethersett Priory.

The event included darts, hoop la, pony rides, roulette, clock golf, rifle range, tug-of-war, side shows, a mile of pennies and a strangely entitled ankle competition. Other attractions included the engagingly titled "Lady With 100 Pockets," "Cupid's Post Office," and fortune telling. The fete

**HETHERSETT  
WHITSUNTIDE FÊTE**  
Saturday, 15th June, 1946  
IN THE HALL GROUNDS  
(BY KIND PERMISSION OF H. W. BACK, Esq.)  
Open at 2.30 p.m. Admission 1/- Children under 14, 6d.  
CAR PARK, 1/-

**NON-STOP PROGRAMME**

Opening Ceremony - MRS. SANDEMAN ALLEN

CAKE	RIFLE RANGE	BOTTLE RINGS	MILE OF PENNIES
DARTS	BRAN TUB	HIDDEN TREASURE	DECORATED CYCLES
SOUP-LA	SPORTS	PIE BAKING	PEAK IN BOTTLE
PONY RIDES	TUG O' WAR	SIDE SHOWS	RAFFLES
PENNY SQUARES	BEST BOWL OF FLOWERS (SEE 10)	LADY WITH 100 POCKETS	
BEAN BAGS	(BOWL MAY BEAT IN YOUR OWN)	FORTUNE TELLING	
ROULETTE	BEST DISPLAY OF WILD FLOWERS	CUPID'S POST OFFICE	
CLOCK GOLF	(CROWN, CROWNERS ONLY) 10 PEE	PRODUCE STALL	
	Entrée to Mrs. Scott by Friday		
	judging 2 p.m. Security		

SEE-SAW  
ROCKING HORSE  
AUNT SALLY  
REFRESHMENTS

At times to be staged  
AUCTION  
ANKLE COMPETITION  
POLK DANCING

COMPETITIONS—  
FLOWER POT  
SMELLING  
ATTENDANCE  
TAKINGS, ETC.

**DRAYTON AND DISTRICT BAND**

WHIST DRIVE at "The Priory" By kind permission of Col. & Mrs. Sandeman Allen 8 p.m., 1/6	GRAND DANCE at the Village Hall, 8 to 11.45 p.m., 2/-
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Proceeds in aid of British Legion (Hethersett Branch), and Church Roof Fund

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was followed by a whist drive at The Priory at 8 pm and a grand dance in the village hall at the same time.

Duncan in 1946 was serving with the RAF and was stationed for over a year next to the small town of Wadi Haifa in the Sudan and on the west side of the River Nile on the edge of the Nubian Desert. "The unit was one of the staging posts with a landing strip, control tower etc. We were on the Dakota route from Egypt to India. One of my duties was to see that passengers and freight were loaded correctly and I was also accounts clerk," Duncan said. He kindly gave us a flavour of things there with his diary entry for Thursday, August 15th, 1946 which reads as follows:

"Received parcel from Mum this morning. Contents were - my camera, two white shirts, a handkerchief and some books including some church magazines and also a leaflet of the Whitsuntide Fete. Hudson and I went down to Sudan Railways to collect money. Pay parades at 5.20 and 6.30 as usual.

"Picture on the camp this evening was James Cagney in Blood on the Sun. Will give it about five out of 10. After the picture, Ken and I had a good tuck in with a tin of grapefruit and a tin of milk and some cornflakes. After this had some chocolate that Ken had sent

**HETHERSETT — ST. REMIGIUS CHURCH  
BRITISH LEGION & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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## Fete & Gymkhana

on  
*Saturday, 17th July, 1954*  
at  
**HETHERSETT HALL**  
*(by kind invitation of H. W. Beck, Esq.)*  
To be Opened at 2.45 p.m., by  
**LORD MACKINTOSH of HALIFAX**

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**ADMISSION    THREEPENCE Children    SIXPENCE Adults**

We invite you to sample and enjoy the 'three R's'

*Revelry                      Relaxation                      Refreshment*  
at this Event

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**ALPHABET OF ATTRACTIONS**

<b>A</b> ndalls—St. Remigius Church Bellringers	<b>'Nell Gwynne'</b> selling Oranges
<b>B</b> and—Royal Norfolk Veterans	<b>O</b> M Hall School contribution
<b>C</b> hildren's Entertainments	<b>P</b> roducer Stalls
<b>D</b> isplay by the Doric Health Movement	<b>Q</b> uite a "do" we assure you
<b>E</b> vening will bring Dancing on the lawn	<b>R</b> affles
<b>F</b> ancy Dress Parade	<b>S</b> ideshow
<b>G</b> ymkhana (kindly arranged by Captain Palmer)	<b>T</b> oss
<b>H</b> oop-la	<b>U</b> must come on July 17th
<b>I</b> ces	<b>V</b> ery nice posies on sale
<b>J</b> ust to remind you not to throw litter about	<b>W</b> hist Drive
<b>"Kwick"</b>	<b>X</b> , the spot for your litter is the litter basket
<b>L</b> ine of Penates	<b>Y</b> ou must bowl for the pig
<b>M</b> others' Union Stall	<b>Z</b> zzz! and so to bed
	We close at 10 p.m.

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from home. This had to be put in the ice box during the day as otherwise we would never have been able to do anything with it.

"While having this, Shakespeare came in and we started talking about all the different chocolates and sweets we could remember from before the war - Milk Tray, Maltesers, Dairy Box, Double Six, Coffee Creams, Smarties and all the rest. Must have spent hours, well anyhow an hour,

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talking, making it nearly 11.30 before getting to bed, which made me leave my diary and that is why I'm now filling it in on Friday."

Duncan's memorabilia also included a Hethersett British Legion and Church Council Joint Fete Committee minute book. The initial meeting to discuss the holding of a fete was held in Hethersett Rectory on May 1st, 1946. Those present included the Rector, the Rev Titterton and Mrs Titterton, Colonel and Mrs Sandeman-Allen and a host of other people from the village. Officers were appointed. The minutes state:

"It was decided to try and arrange for a recently returned ex-serviceman or woman to open the fete. Mrs Sandeman-Allen kindly offered to open the fete should it not be possible to make the other arrangements."

The minute book then skips six years to a fete held on 12th July, 1952. This event made a profit of £124 13s 4d (£124.67p).

There is also evidence of a fete and gymkhana held at Hethersett Hall on 17th July, 1954, when local people were invited to enjoy the three Rs - Revelry, Relaxation and Refreshment and a similar event on July 16th, 1960, when prizes for getting the most answers right in a 20 question quiz included a ball point pen, a box of soap, two cups and saucers, a tin of pineapple, 500 matches, two pencils, a pair of kippers and two light ales. This latter event was in aid of Church and Horticultural Funds whilst all the other events mentioned were for

## Have You Missed Out ?

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*HETHERSETT*  
**FETE, GYMKHANA,  
 HORTICULTURAL SHOW**  
 (in Aid of Church and Horticultural Funds)

— 22 —  
**HETHERSETT HALL**  
 ON  
**Saturday, July 16th, 1960**

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**THIRTY PRIZES FOR TWENTY QUESTIONS**

*Fill in the answers to the clues overleaf and post or hand your entries to Mr. D. Pigg, Burghfield, Kett's Oak, Hethersett. All entries will be opened at 4 p.m. on the day of the Fete. The first thirty correct or nearest correct solutions will receive the following prizes in order:*

1. Dressed Chickies	16. Green Salad and Dish
2. 50 " Hayers " Cigarettes	17. 2/6 Savings Stamp
3. Basket of Fruit	18. Box of Crackers
4. Bottle of Wine	19. 1 dozen Fresh Eggs
5. Box of Chocolates	20. 500 Matches
6. Table Cloth	21. 1/2 lb. Slab of Chocolate
7. Bull point Pen	22. Home-made Sponge
8. Pig-saw	23. 2 Light Ales
9. 20 "Senior Service" Cigs.	24. 2 Bags of Crisps
10. 2 Gent's Handkerchiefs	25. Pair of Klippers
11. Box of Soap	26. 10 "Weights" Cigarettes
12. 2 Caps and Stickers	27. 2 Pencils
13. Stationery	28. 2 Tea Cloths
14. Towel	29. 1/2 lb. Tea
15. Tin of Pineapple	30. 2 Ladies' Handkerchiefs

the British Legion and Parish Church.

**ENTRY FORM 6d.** No 997

NAME OF A POLITICIAN

- 1 Not a Chapel Well
- 2 In Winter a practised ability also
- 3 College Bank
- 4 Tac a Tory me la ha

NAME OF A SPORTSMAN

- 5 Suspect Animal of Antiquity
- 6 With Crowe out maybe
- 7 'E don't push'ar
- 8 She is no "Fred" she has no "E"

A NORFOLK PLACE NAME

- 9 Reverse opposite "Off driak"
- 10 At Harford Bridges
- 11 No square in the centre of this Royal Palace
- 12 Large nasal sound

NAME OF NORWICH SHOP

- 13 £5,000 soon
- 14 Not the greatest of the three
- 15 Not touched by Lyons
- 16 Not Nebedual C.

NAME OF CIGARETTE OR TOBACCO

- 17 Leicester, Russell, Trafalgar, Berkeley
- 18 A Monarch's Road
- 19 A Spaniard with an "i" at Tennis
- 20 Archbishop of Canterbury

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PLEASE FILL IN NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK CAPITALS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



Keen bowlers pictured at the first session of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Bowling Club's new season.

See elsewhere in this edition for more information on the club and its members.

# Down Memory Lane

Regular Herald columnist John Head remembers one of his heroes. John turns the clock back to 1997 when Captain Cecil “Bobby” Parfitt celebrated his 80th birthday. John took the photographs on this and the next page. The text is taken from *The Book of Hethersett* which was published in 2002 and brings much of the village’s history to life. Copies of the book often come up for sale on Amazon or E-Bay although the original print run was sold out. Copies are also available to borrow from Hethersett Library.



**Captain Parfitt with the Rev Di Lammas who was Rector of Hethersett at the time.**

CECIL Robert “Bobby” Parfitt moved to Hethersett as a small child and attended the British School (now Hethersett Church Hall). He served in the Royal Norfolk Regiment during the Second World War, eventually reaching the rank of captain. He died in 1998 at the age of 81 and at his funeral an officer who served with him after the D Day landings in Normandy read two passages written by Cecil for a book, compiled by John Lincoln in 1994 entitled “Thank God and the Infantry.”

Cecil always displayed a caring attitude and near death experiences during the war set the scene for the rest of his life. In letters to Augusta Kenny (who was subsequently to become his wife), he recalled the tragic loss of so many young lives and wondered whether, when the war was over, they could do something for the youth of Hethersett. In 1945 Cecil and Augusta married.



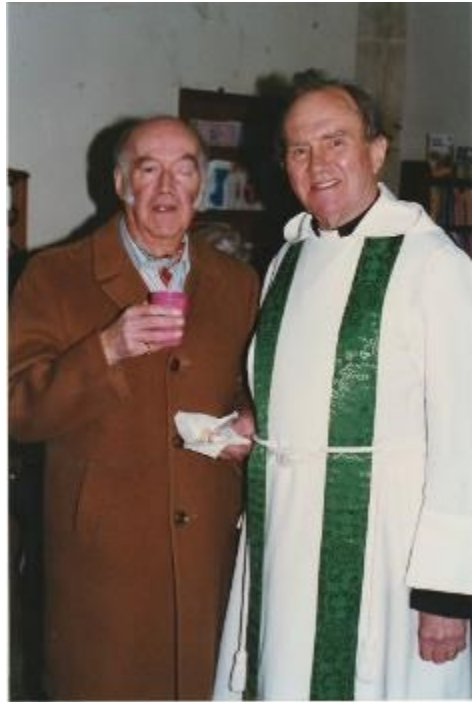
They ran a thriving and very successful youth club which organised youth holidays both in this country and abroad. Many of the youths, including their own children Robert and Hilary, still recall those wonderful holidays with appreciation.

Augusta was an organiser for the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs and also the Norfolk and Norwich Federation. She played an involved part in the training of leaders.

Cecil's commitment to St Remigius Church at Hethersett was absolute. He served as deputy churchwarden, member of the Church Hall and Guild committees, and strongly supported the Children's Society.

Outside church affairs, he and his wife were actively involved with the local branch of the Workers Educational Association with Augusta taking the chair until her passing in 1988.

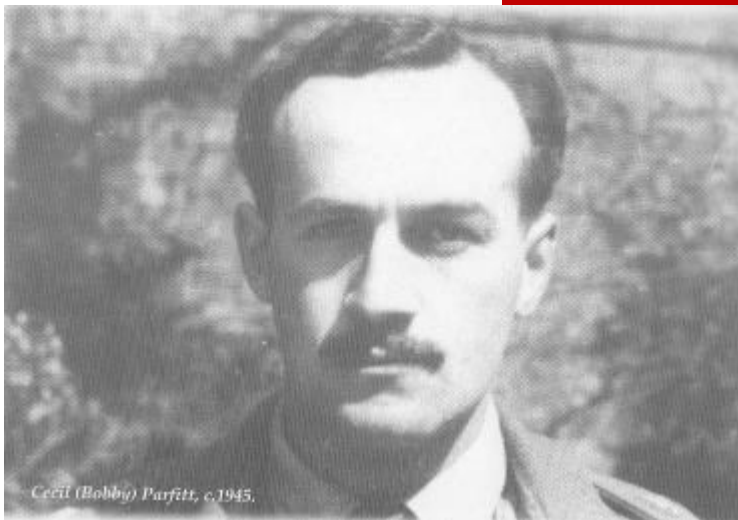
After a break, Cecil re-formed the group and served as chairman until 1998. His other interests included the Horticultural Society and the Pantomime Group.



**The picture above shows Captain Parfitt with the Rev John Talbot at his 80th birthday party and below a**

**photograph of Captain Parfitt taken in 1945—the year of his wedding to Augusta Kenny.**

**The couple were married for over 40 years before Augusta's death in 1988. Cecil died 10 years later.**



*Cecil (Bobby) Parfitt, c.1945.*

# Starting With The Romans

Historian Lewis Buckingham continues his journey through Hetherset's history

THIS is part two of my musings on when the village of Hetherset actually became the village of Hetherset.

Last month we made our way back to the Romans. Let's start there this month. Truth be told, with the amount I tend to write, we probably won't leave them this month.

For millenia before the Romans arrived, there were people who walked the same ground as Hetherset villagers walk today

Flint arrows, hand axes and signs of flint knapping have been found scattered throughout Hetherset dating back to the Palaeolithic - potentially 500,000 years ago. It wouldn't have been a bad place to find flint back then, if the walls of St Remigius are any indication. Areas that would have been waterlogged in the distant past were wetlands teeming with life.

The earliest human remains found in Britain date back only 33,000 years, so there's a possibility that some of these flints were struck by Neanderthals. Between then and now there were multiple ice ages, and Britain's initial topographical Brexit only took place around 8,000 years ago.

Closer to the Romans, there are two bronze age burial mounds in Hetherset, dating to approximately 2,350 -

750 BCE. If you look carefully, you can spot them on the LIDAR Map a little further on. They're just South of Thickthorn Interchange. Someone clearly must have been living in the area if they thought it worth the effort to build those barrows.

And of course, there were Iron Age tribes in Norfolk when the Romans showed up. Whether a village existed in the Iron Age that was recognisable as a direct precursor to today's village is another matter.

And as for the name, it's probable that there was no place called something like Hetherset until fairly late in the Anglo Saxon period. It had definitely come into being by 1066, its earliest mention being in the Domesday Book, but before that, well that's also another matter.

Let me explain.

I'm not an expert in this. I'm just very keen. So this is more a working hypothesis than truth. Without a hypothesis, there's no way of eventually testing the truth of something, so what follows is a path towards understanding how Hetherset came into being.

## The Romans

Before there was Norwich, there was Venta Icenorum.



### An Iceni coin from around 61 AD

Its name meant "Market place of the Iceni."

On reading that name, any Norfolk bred person - and quite a few besides - may already be thinking of the Iron Age tribe of the Iceni, and of Boudicca's revolt. Like the later trading town of Norwich, Venta Icenorum arose due to trade, built some time after the rebellion of the Iceni.

What we need to keep in mind about this "Roman" town is that it was not populated by a large number of people transplanted from Rome. Surely there was a military presence, if for no other reason than that revolt, but the people living there, by and large, would have either been the descendants of, or still have thought of themselves as, the Iceni.

Boudicca's husband Prasutagus had welcomed the Romans, and the Iceni were probably quite enamoured of the mod-cons that followed in the wake of the legions. Had the Romans not been so ridiculously heavy handed with Boudicca and her daughters after Prasuta-

gus' death, then there would probably have been no revolt.

When we think about the villa between Hetherset and Great Melton, we have to remember that this was probably also owned by a member of the Iceni as well. Anyone who worked there would also have been part of that tribe - if they weren't an imported slave, that is.

So back to Venta Icenorum.

It sat squat and strong behind its walls on a branch of the River Tas, just to the West of present day Caistor St Edmund. The sea levels were higher in Roman times, and so too were the rivers.

If you look at the LIDAR map of the area below, you can see the walls of the town very clearly, and the branch of the Tas that runs just west of it. It's difficult to give an exact depth to the river level back in those days, but you'd have to say that by Venta Icenorum it would have been approximately as

wide as the highlighted area to its left there.

Following the river north and then west along the Yare where it reaches arms into and around the top of Hethersett, you can see just how far the Yare reached, and how much deeper it would have been. It was likely tidal and ships could make their way all the way around to Beckhithe.

If you're looking closely, you may notice that I haven't followed the contour lines at a specific depth for my approximate range of the river

Much of the land in those dips now has

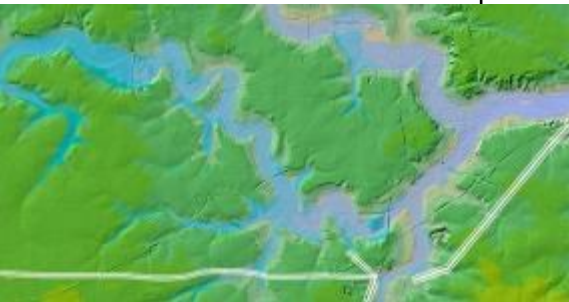


LIDAR map of Venta Icenorum and the river system

stantly replenished by manuring and dumps of night soil from the big towns, as the earth fills in the waterways below.

Not only, that but there is some place name evidence that shows that the Yare was navigable for quite some way further than the contour lines suggest.

There are no clearly Roman Roads that lead straight from Venta Icenorum to the large villa that straddled the border between Hethersett and Great Melton. One Road headed north, and perhaps curved west through Bawburgh, and another struck out due west, hitting Hethersett where Ketteringham Lane meets the Hethersett Bypass and heading off through Wymondham to Crownthorpe. Quite a few Roman coins were actually found during construction of the bypass just at this point.



Map of Roman Roads from Venta Icenorum

not only silted up, but has been filled in by earth washed down from farmland on the rises to either side. There's a tenet of landscape archaeology that dirt rolls downhill: over time the peaks become less prominent and the dips less deep. The landscape in the past was essentially both steeper and deeper.

More intensive farming can increase this process, the soil on top being con-

As I mused last month, the Villa may have been sited where it was due to the quantities of "brick earth," or clay, in the region. Venta Icenorum was just nearby, and would have been hungry for clay. They needed it for their pot-

tery, and for roof tiles amongst many other building fixtures, and their need for it would have been voracious.

There were no roads so far as can be found between the Villa and Venta Icenorum, but there was a river. And it's precisely because of the river that the Villa was sited where it was. In Roman times, they would have used river barges of perhaps 30 metres in length. They were four metres wide and had a draught of only about a metre. There was plenty of space within them for carrying clay one way and wine and oysters the other.

I haven't come to this conclusion just because no road connects the two, so therefore a river "could connect them."

I've come to this conclusion because of a little place named Beckhithe.

### The Hamlet of Burnhȳth

Beckhithe is a clearly Old Saxon place-name that survives to this day:

Beck - stream (from Old Danish bekk)

hithe - a small port or harbour especially on a river —now used chiefly in place names (Middle English hythe, from Old English hȳth )

Taking into account that the Old English for stream was "Burn", before the Danelaw period, it may originally have been called "Burnhȳth."

Some etymologies for hithe actually say that present "hithes" in the landscape are more often than not the sites



**Visualisation of Villa and Landing Place**

of former Roman landing places.

Not only do we have a place-name that tells us that boats could reach this far up the river, but if you look at the marked region on the 3D render you are probably looking at the site of the "stream port" of Beckhithe. The sides there look like they may have been 'improved' and straightened in the aid of industry and transportation.

As this is an Old Saxon name, then it must have been still recognised as a landing place in the Anglo Saxon period - perhaps through to as late as the Danelaw which began in 869AD. It's tempting to imagine Vikings dragging their longboats ashore on the edge of Hethersett.

The "bekkr" part of Beckhithe may not be proof that the landing site was still usable, though, but that the newcomers had modernised the Old English name "Burnhȳth" to "Beckhȳth".

We can be fairly confident, though, that you could still sail a boat to Beckhithe in around 600 AD or so. In fact, it would have probably been an easier task, as the sea levels continued to rise

through to the seventh century before they began to recede.

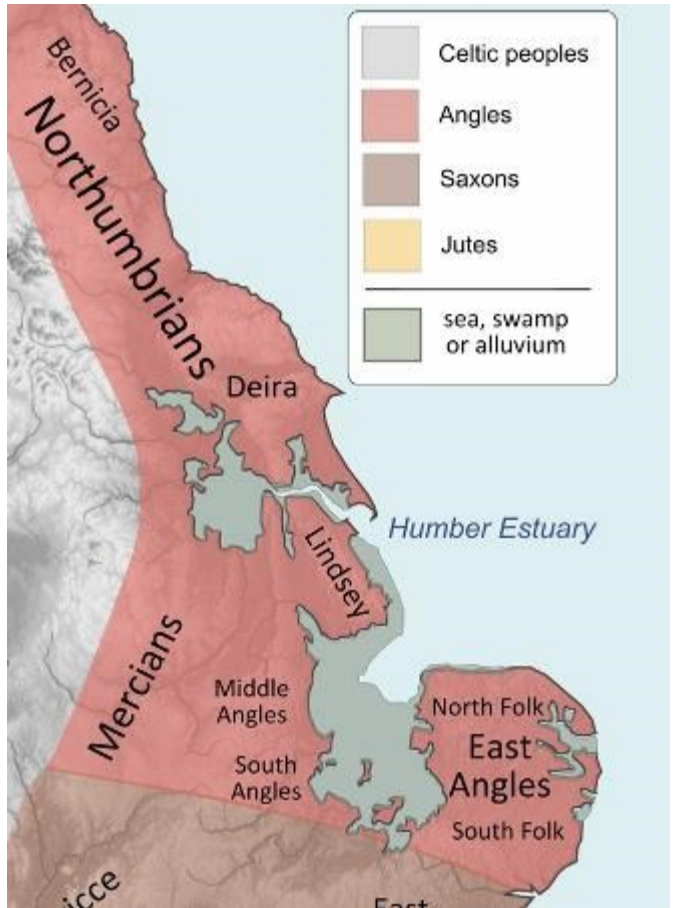
Further down the river, archaeological investigations have shown that before the end of the Roman period in perhaps 350AD - the River Tas, despite rising sea levels, had silted up so as to be no longer navigable up to Venta Icenorum. This river route was still very important to the town. The river was a gateway to the sea, and to the continent beyond. As Beckhithe was still in use in Anglo Saxon times, it must have still been accessible at the tail end of Roman times as well.

But what did they do when the river no longer reached their town?

You may have noticed on my earlier map of the Roman Roads around Venta Icenorum, that there was actually another road that lead north west from Venta Icenorum. I made no mention of it, although it led directly towards our Villa and to Beckhithe. The problem with this road is that no-one has ever been able to track its full length.

Looking at the map, I have to wonder - perhaps they have found its true length?

Perhaps it ended right there on the shore of the river.



**Map of Post Roman Sea levels at their greatest extent.**

The present dip in the land where that road peters out is much more pronounced now than that where the river once ran by Venta Icenorum. It was probably deeper water back in Roman times. I have a strong suspicion that as the river silted up by the town, they made a road through to the deeper branch of the river just here and continued to ply its waters.

One of the places they undoubtedly travelled to was Beckhithe. My cod-

Latin name for it back then is "Amnisportus."

Around 410AD the villa would have begun to slowly fall out of use as the legions left. There wouldn't have been a clear cut end on that date, but without a great marketplace for their produce, it would have been difficult for the villa's owner to maintain his business.

Venta Icenorum would have decayed markedly quicker. As people move to towns their skills become more specialised and more dependant upon other specialists elsewhere for their daily needs. Without Roman infrastructure, Roman towns became unsustainable.

The local people moved out of the towns, and as happened at Venta Icenorium, they set up villages not too dissimilar to those of their Icenii forebears just outside the walls.

There they had space to grow crops and to raise animals, while still situated upon the prime trading routes.

In the case of Venta Icenorum, they set up just outside the walls to the east of the town, with evidence of 5th Century occupation there.

Occupation continued in "Amnisportus" as well.

As I mentioned last month, there's clear evidence for a farmstead that was still



**Reconstructed Anglo Saxon Huts at West Stow Village.**

in occupation into the fifth century just by Myrtle Road. There was also a small amount of early Saxon pottery found in a well that had filled up on the site.

Very little has been found between this time - around the sixth century - and the late Saxon period. This may mean the area fell out of use. Absence of evidence isn't evidence of absence, and early Saxon material is notoriously difficult to find. So there's more than a chance that this is not the case.

I'd like to believe that this and other farms continued, maintaining a lineage of life in the area from Icenii times. They may have then become the nucleus of the little hamlet that eventually formed the tofts and crofts that sprung up along the highway from Melton to Norwich.

It's hard to give the tofts and crofts any definite date, but we can delimit their creation.

They aren't Roman, and they probably aren't early Saxon either. In fact they

probably weren't there before the early 900s, when Norwich truly began to come into being. Without a Norwich, there was no highway to Norwich along which they could build.

Before the road ran through there, they was probably a disorganised scatter of dwellings or farmsteads that lay somewhere near to the villa and the port of "Amnisportus".

The very early homes of Beckhithe - if any evidence remains - would be very difficult to find. They did not build in stone, so any remains would be not much more than shadows in the soil.

They had wooden walls, and thatched roofs, similar to the Iceni before them, though these homes were rectangular instead of round, and some had sunken floors dug into the soil.

As the river silted up, the wetlands that developed would have provided eels, fish and fowl. Reeds for thatch would have been plentiful, and they could

have grown wheat, or barley, as that fifth century farmstead had a drying kiln.

As the ground dried further, other hamlets sprung up nearby. Boats would no longer have come ashore at Beckhithe bearing exotic goods from elsewhere, but life would have been good, and they would have wanted for little.

This is part of the story of the village of Hethersett. There were other early centres, other hamlets - those of Tikethorp, Cantelose, and Brae, if not more.

Eventually they would be collectively given a name something along the lines of "Hederseta" - the "Dwellers on the Heath."

But that's a story for next month.

**More from Lewis in the June edition of Hethersett Herald.**





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## Charlotte Govier looks back on the past month at Hethersett Hall

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### Chairecise with Mr Dod

Each Wednesday our residents look forward to their Chairecise session with Mr Dod via Zoom. Of course it's not quite the same as in person but he certainly wakes us all up and gets us moving! The ladies and gentlemen of Memory Lane have a right giggle too.



### In Our Easter Bonnets

Our residents felt all creative on Good Friday for the Easter bonnet decorating.



All sorts of materials were used, including little chicks, shredded paper and stickers, all used to their fullest to create amazing bonnet creations.

There was a very colourful Easter Bonnet parade.



## Easter Tree

To kick off Easter we enlisted our creative residents who helped us decorate our Easter Tree using different textured and coloured eggs, providing a sensory experience as well as a feast for the eyes. The residents spent time



# News From Hethersett Hall Care Home

choosing the colours and delicately placed each egg on the artistic tree.

They did an EGGcellent job! Our residents enjoyed playing Easter themed games including egg bowls and egg races, finishing the weekend off with an Easter egg hunt around the grounds with the help of a giant chicken! Eggsellent!



## An Active Lot

Our residents are an active lot. Outside it may have been raining but here it was entertaining as staff challenged them to a game of table tennis!

I've got to say that by the end it was nil point to the team members but game, set and match to our amazing residents.

# News From Hethersett Hall Care Home

## More of Our Photographic Diary



# Stunning Artwork in Lockdown

**THE Hethersett Painting for Pleasure art group has been unable to meet face to face during lockdown and the subsequent social distancing rules.**

**But members have been far from idle as we illustrated in our last few editions.**

**We are delighted to be allowed to print some more in this edition of Hethersett Herald.**

**In normal times the group meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Wednesday mornings.**

**A variety of media has been used from watercolours to felt tip pens, collage to computer generated images.**












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HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



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We will then draw up a group for circulation. Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to any third parties and will be used exclusively for notification of new publications.

**The June edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of May.**

**News, features and photographs should be with the editor by May 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**

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# Hethersett Health with Rowan House

IT HAS been a long and arduous year for all of us. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel and we realise that we may need to prepare for becoming reacquainted with our 'normal' lives. The landscape of living has drastically changed both personally and professionally so we have put together a five step guide that will help you take the necessary steps to get back into the swing of daily life post-lockdown.



**By Rachel Pailes**

## **1. Create a routine allowing for a stable sleep schedule**

A good way to start preparing for post-lockdown life is to begin to employ a schedule and structure to your day that is reminiscent of your usual routine. Implementing this prior to returning to a normal routine will assist in the transition and make it easier when it is forced upon us by our daily tasks and commitments.

- Set an alarm for the time that you need to get up in a normal day and get yourself up every day.
- Add a structured morning routine such as showering, dressing and eating breakfast etc.
- Go to bed at a time that allows you to get a good night's sleep and be prepared for the day tomorrow

## **2. Prioritising and planning daily tasks**

If you can establish a routine then it is equally as important to add structure and plan ahead for your daily tasks. Planning tasks and filling up your day will allow you to make sure you're being productive and will help to prepare for return to post-lockdown life. Including things like exercise and household chores is as important as adding work specific tasks in, so mix it up. The closer you get to the end of lockdown the more tasks you can add.

- Write a to do list of tasks for the following day.
- Schedule to complete the tasks at specific times of day.
- Start small by adding a few tasks and fill your day up the closer to post-lockdown we get.
- 'Eat that frog' – do the task you least want to do each day first thing in the morning.

### 3. Exercise your body and brain

Physical and mental fitness are key to keeping fit and healthy and therefore allowing us to be able to undertake our daily routines without problem. Research has shown that exercise also goes a long way to improving mood. Exercising your brain and body in the lead up to July 21st will best prepare you for post-lockdown life. It needn't be a major workout, can be as simple as going for a brisk walk. Some examples:

- Going for a walk, run or cycle.
- Doing crossword puzzles or word searches.
- Find an outdoor organised sports team to join.
- Learn and practice a new skill.

### 4. Declutter your workspace

The professional landscape has changed dramatically since the introduction of lockdown and it doesn't look like it will be changing back. Working from home has become the norm for a lot of people and for some it will remain that way too. Whether you are working from home or at the office, it's important to ensure that your workspace is organised and refreshed helping to boost productivity, creativity and mood.

- Organise your workspace ensuring the key items are easily accessible.
- Declutter your mode of transport ensuring a nice journey in in the morning.
- Make sure your work set-up is adjusted to meet your requirements so you can be comfortable.

### 5. Take it easy

First days are always hard so don't put too much pressure on yourself. Ease yourself in and start with the tasks you know are necessary and easy to do. Start with workouts that are easier to complete and boost your confidence. Get a good sleep and wake up refreshed. Make a schedule and follow it. Lastly, enjoy being out of lockdown.

Café Kin has resumed seating outside for groups of up to six people or two families.

The easing of restrictions has also seen the return of many practitioners and classes.

The further easing of restrictions is a welcome step forward for us all but adjusting to the new normal isn't straightforward for everyone. As well as a physical adjustment some people may find it difficult mentally adjusting, after a long period of isolation or just generally having less contact with others.

# Hethersett Matters



## COVID-19 VACCINE FACT CHECK



The COVID-19 vaccine will always be available free of charge.



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# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

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## **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). Currently all council meetings are being held on the zoom social media platform.

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.

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# News From The Garden with Roger Morgan

THE lovely spring sunshine in April has certainly encouraged people to get out into the garden. However, the frosty mornings should make us all tread carefully. Many garden centres and supermarkets seem to have an abundance of summer bedding plants on sale, but we must be cautious when it comes to planting them out as they can easily be damaged by the frosts. There are plenty of jobs to be getting on with in the garden this month.



- Start planting out summer bedding plants towards the end of this month when the weather is warmer, and the risk of frost has passed.
- Look after your finished spring bulbs for next year. Once they've gone over, resist the temptation to cut back the foliage. Instead, let it die and break down on its own and add liquid fertiliser all around the clumps. This will give you an even better display next spring.
- Optimise your watering regime — watering early and late to get the most out of your water.

## In the Flower Garden

- Harden off half-hardy plants by leaving them outside during the day and bringing them back under cover at night for seven to 10 days before planting outdoors.
- Plant summer hanging baskets, adding good-quality compost, slow-release fertiliser and water-retaining crystals, to keep them in top condition. Protect them from late frost under cover.
- Continue dividing herbaceous border perennials to improve vigour and create new plants.
- Divide established clumps of hostas as they come into growth.
- Trim back spreading plants such as aubrieta, alyssum and candytuft after they've flowered, to encourage fresh new growth and more blooms.
- Prune penstemons now — cut all the old shoots back to the base, providing there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves.



Asparagus Spears



Broccoli



Broad Beans

- Take cuttings of tender perennials, such as fuchsia and pelargoniums (tender geraniums). The new shoots of hardy perennials can also be used for cuttings.
- Take softwood cuttings of shrubby herbs (such as sage and lemon verberna).
- Tie in rambling and climbing roses. Laying the stems horizontally will help to produce more flowers.
- Tie in sweet pea plants with sweet pea support rings to encourage them to climb. Pinch out the growing tips to encourage more side growth,
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after flowering.
- Trim lavender plants, cutting off old flower heads and about 2.5 cm (1 inch) of the current year's growth.
- Feed and water container plants.
- Top-dress permanent pot plants to refresh the compost.
- Supplement container plants with balanced liquid feed every 2-4 weeks to promote healthy growth.
- Look out for signs of blackspot on roses. If discovered, treat it with a systemic fungicide.
- Continue to weed beds and borders. This reduces your plants' competition for water and nutrients.
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs.

## **In the Vegetable Garden**

- Continue earthing up potatoes.
- Harvest asparagus spears when they are no more than 18 cm tall.
- Thin out direct-sown vegetables such as spinach, carrot and lettuce seedlings, then water the rows well.
- Harden off outdoor tomatoes, courgettes and pumpkins for planting early next month.
- Pinch out the growing points of broad beans as soon as beans start to appear at the base of the plant to reduce the risk of blackfly attack.
- Weed around your onions and garlic to reduce competition for nutrients and water.
- Make supports for your runner beans, using 8 ft (2.4 m) bamboo canes.
- Support pea plants with twiggy sticks or pea netting.
- Keep on top of weeding — weeds will compete with your vegetables for precious water, light and nutrients.

## **In the Fruit Garden**

- Protect strawberry plants with straw (to control weeds and lift the berries off the ground) and netting (to keep birds off the fruit).
- Harvest rhubarb, picking only one-third of the total amount of stems.
- Keep young fruit trees well-watered while they are putting on rapid growth.
- Remove blossom and fruits from newly planted fruit trees to help them establish properly during their first year.
- Regularly check the centre of gooseberry bushes for green gooseberry sawfly caterpillars — they will quickly skeletonise leaves if not removed.
- Erect garden netting around soft fruit plants to prevent birds eating your crop.

## **Other jobs**

- Apply lawn weedkiller to your lawn this month.
- Water the grass during hot weather — this is particularly important for newly seeded or turfed lawns. Never allow new lawns to dry out.

- Lower mower blades to their regular summer-cut height.
- Clip evergreen hedges now.

### News from the Allotment

All of the potatoes have now been planted and the first earlies are just starting to break through. The purple sprouting broccoli is still cropping well and the pea plants are nearly ready to be planted out. The asparagus bed is just starting to produce new spears ready for cutting.

Take care and enjoy your gardening.

## Hethersett Hedgehogs *with Connie Tindale*

### Feline Thieves

APRIL was one of the coldest and driest months for decades, which was surprising considering how wet it had been at the beginning of the year. Forecasts for the fruit harvests are dire as prolonged frosty mornings have stopped the fruit setting.

Despite everything, gardens are alive with young animals, many of which are struggling. We live in hope of rain for our plants but baby animals are now totally dependent on water bowls as there are no puddles to drink from. Fox cubs are also in desperate need as one was found drowned in a wildlife pond as it desperately looked for something to drink.



**Cats can contort themselves into small spaces – it is all a game to them**

I put food and water in various positions in the garden and was not initially pleased to see that all the food had all been eaten. However, the plates were licked clean before the hedgehogs had even arrived for their supper. It was obvious that the motion activated cameras had to be put out.

Due to ill health, I have been lax in putting the cameras out recently but was galvanised into action when I realised that no matter how much food I put out that it always disappeared. I feared that it was rats but on inspection of the camera footage there was not a single rodent image. Cats were the culprits. My garden

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must be known as gourmet cat restaurant instead of a hedgehog diner as the garden was over-run with them. At least 10 were out there. For the first time I think that the cats outnumbered the hedgehogs.



It has always been assumed that all a hedgehog needs for access to food etc. is a hole the size of a CD case which should be too small for predators to get through. This is a fallacy.



It is amazing how long and thin a cat can contort its body in its efforts to get 'extra treats'.

These are not starving strays as one of our rescue cats was but healthy animals.

Being furious was not enough to solve the problem which actually costs several pounds every night. First step in the cat war was to place large rocks in front of the entrances so that there was no direct access.

Another spring job which made me anxious was to clean out the winter quarters in the outside runs which have been completely open for several weeks. I always think that I am going to have a pile of dead hedgehogs that did not survive hibernation but instead I found that all was well and that one house had two healthy wide awake occupants while a second house was clean but from which the occupants had wandered off. Big smiles all round.

Except that now the cats have found their way in. The hedgehogs do not seem to mind but I do.

The photos show that there is still a hedgehog living inside the house and in this instance it did come out and eat the meat before the cat got there. The cat finished off the meat and then started on the biscuits.

Keep up the good work and put out food and water when you can.

More from Connie and Hethersett Hedgehogs in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

# Groups and Societies

Due to the current pandemic, groups and societies have shut down for the foreseeable future although we know that many are using social media platforms such as Zoom to have impromptu meetings. We will be expanding and improving our groups and societies section once the pandemic is over and meetings can re-start (please see the notice below).

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

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

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## Please Get In Touch

If you have any stories or information you would like to see in the Hethersett Herald, please get in touch with us. You can find the contact details elsewhere in this edition.

# Where Are The Best Deals?

ONCE again this month we looked at petrol prices with our survey taken towards the end of the month. Our aim is to compare garages within easy driving distances of Hethersett to let you know where the best value is.

## Herald Petrol Watch

Prices have continued to rise during the month but more slowly with most increases being by just 1p a litre. It's annoying as always to have to report that the two garages at Wymondham (Waitrose and Abbeygate) and Thicketh Services continue to be considerably more expensive than some of the other garages.

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 in red.

There may be even better value if you go slightly further afield and please note that these prices were checked around the middle 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	???	???	124.7	+1p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	123.9	+1p	126.9	+1p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	121.9	+1p	124.9	+2p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	123.9	+1p	126.9	+2p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	123.9	+1p	126.9	+1p
Abbeygate Wymondham	131.9	No Change	134.9	NC
Waitrose Wymondham	131.9	NC	134.9	NC
Thicketh Services, Hethersett	131.9	NC	135.9	NC

# Where To Eat In Hethersett

## **Church Farm Shop and Tea Rooms -**

Norwich Road (B1172). Telephone 01603 814151

Open Mondays to Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm. Closed on Sundays.

## **Janey's Village Café -**

32A Mill Road. Telephone 01603 811234. e-mail - janeyd11@yahoo.co.uk.

## **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 Health and Well Being complex on Queen's Road. Food and coffee served during the day Tuesday to Saturdays. Opening hours are: Tuesday to Fridays—8 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 1.30 pm.

## **Hethersett King's Head**

Norwich Road. The venue has re-opened with food served Tuesday to Sundays inclusive. The King's is closed on Mondays

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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.



# Hethersett Herald What's On

WITH things (hopefully) beginning to return to some form of normality we will be re-introducing our list of coming events. If you have an event you would like added to this list please send details to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)

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## GARAGE AND CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 4th July 2021  
9am - 1pm



**Cost of pitch:**

£7 (Garage or Car boot)

**Closing date to secure a pitch:**

Friday 25th June 2021

**Contact email:**

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

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

- Car boot sale
- Refreshments
- Maps

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

- Maps

# Hethersett Herald What's On

*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@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)*

*Please note that many of these events will not be taking place at present due to Coronavirus. We have decided to keep this page active in order to inform residents of what is available to them once the epidemic is over. Clubs that we know have re-started have their details printed in red.*

**Hethersett Croquet Club** meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays during the summer.

**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 Table Tennis Club** meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm on Fridays.

**Hethersett Methodist Church Shoppers' Coffee** takes place on Saturdays from 10.30 am until midday.

**First Steps pre-school Group** meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10 am during school term time.

**The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group** meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on alternate Tuesdays. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

**Hethersett Dementia Support Group's** monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday every third Tuesday. There is also a social morning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30 am.

**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.

## Youth Club Fun Dog Show and Summer Fete

Back Lane, Hethersett.NR9 3JJ

Saturday 26th June 12-3:30pm.

Live music!

Games - Splat the rat, hoopla, hook a duck, football game etc

Stalls- lots of toys, cards, books, white elephant, tombola, raffle, cakes, bottles etc..."

Refreshments - BBQ, tea, coffee, squash, cakes. Entrance - Free (donations welcome!!)

Dog show classes include: Prettiest Bitch, handsomest Dog, best young dog, best veteran...

Come and have a fun afternoon and support the club!



Stalls available to book from Gillian on 01953 607566.



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