

HETHERSETT HERALD

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HETHERSETT'S procession of witness to mark Good Friday returned to the village this year after an enforced break through lockdown. You can see photographs of this event on page 11.



THE village has lost two stalwart workers with the deaths of Duncan Pigg and Harold Kerlake. See page four.



Community Garden At Former Skatepark

THE former skateboard park at the back of Hethersett Village Hall will enjoy a new lease of life as it is turned into a community garden.

The Hethersett Environmental Action Team has been given the go-ahead by the parish council to turn the derelict skatepark into a garden for residents to enjoy.

"The site has long been a real eyesore and is totally neglected. Skaters say it is too small for their needs, so it was in desperate need of a makeover," said parish clerk Annette Palmer.

The plans are to keep the tarmac base and build raised beds and to incorporate a vegetable plot, an area for wildflowers, a sensory garden, fruit trees and bushes and eventually a seating area.

HEAT is looking for volunteers to help with the project and will also be organising fund-raising events and applying for grants to cover the cost of the work. You can read more about this in the parish council's regular environmental article on page 36.



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



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A Message From The Editor

HI EVERYONE

And welcome to the May edition of Hethersett Herald.

I have to admit that over the past few weeks I have been doing some naval gazing as far as this publications goes.

When I visit different parts of the country I always look out for parish magazines, free newspapers and community publications to see what else is out there and how we compare.

There are some good ones and even in Norfolk we have a few community publications including the Quay Magazine at Wells Next The Sea and the Forncett Flier.

And of course nearby Wymondham has its own magazine which is very good.

But I think Herald differs slightly. I try to write it as if it is both a newspaper and a magazine.

I like to have a real mix of current affairs, features and, where I think we score over some of the other publications is in our use of colour and photographs.

I am pleased to say that more and more photographs are being sent in with a Hethersett connection. The more the merrier as they say.

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Over the past few weeks we have sadly lost two leading residents—one from Hethersett and one from Little Melton. Duncan Pigg and Harold Kerslake had much in common. They were friends, both were involved in their local church and Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket

Club and both were pillars of their local communities.

On Facebook it has been suggested that Hethersett has a road named after Duncan Pigg. Duncan Crescent, Duncan Drive, Duncan Pigg Road all have a ring to them.

Then we definitely need a Kerslake Drive or, better still, a Harold and Mary Road which remembers Harold's dear wife the Rev Mary Kerslake who sadly died a number of years ago.

I have always been an advocate of naming local roads after local people and also naming them after people who are still alive. The policy seems to be that you have to wait until somebody has died before naming a road after them. Now there is no reason the district council cannot go ahead with naming one of the roads on new development after Duncan and Harold.. It would be a way of their names living on and a recognition for everything that they did for our village. I have taken the liberty of writing to Hethersett Parish Council to make my views on this matter known.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Hethersett Herald. Do let me know if there are things you like or dislike about the publication. I am always happy to hear both praise and criticism providing the latter is constructive.

PETER



Duncan Was A One Off

Tributes flooded in for a man who was Hethersett through and through

HETHERSETT is mourning but also celebrating the long life of a man who brought music into their lives and whose contribution to the local community was recognised with a national award.

Duncan Pigg BEM, who died just a few days short of his 96th birthday, gave decades of unstinting service to Hethersett in many different capacities that encompassed religion, the arts and sport.

Duncan was born in Norwich in April 1926 and attended Avenue Road School and then Norwich School as a Cathedral Chorister before leaving at the age of 15. He moved to Hethersett with his mother to live in a house on Kett's Oak which became his home for the rest of his life.

Duncan's mother owned the Kinkajou Café which no longer exists but was at the back of Kett's Oak just off the B1172.

Duncan spent many hours helping in the café which was a regular haunt for



American GIs and other servicemen.

As a youngster, he was a member of local youth clubs where his work within the community began when he and a number of friends tried to raise funds to buy a tank for use by British troops in the Second World War. Their efforts fell far short, but it did set Duncan on a course that would see him become a leading light in the village and serve for many years on Hethersett Parish Council and as the village's representative on South Norfolk Council.

Duncan gave over 40 years' service to St Remigius Church as choirmaster and he also introduced an annual

pantomime for the village in 1970. He went on to produce and write pantos for over 40 years during which time over £80,000 was raised for various charities.

Duncan was also a church warden and lay reader for almost 60 years at the parish church and an honorary vice-president of Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club. He played hundreds of games for the club as a canny spin bowler.

He was formerly a governor at Hethersett High School (now Hethersett Academy) and Hethersett Woodside Infants and Nursery School and a supporter of Wymondham Air Training Corps.

Over 200 family and friends came together to celebrate Duncan's 90th birthday in 2016 with a concert by the Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass Band. On that evening friend John Head paid tribute to him:

"Duncan has been the bedrock for so many things in Hethersett that we enjoy today," he said.

In response Duncan referred to his "wonderful life" which he said was built on four main factors – his job (he was employed for most of his working life as an accountant and administrator in the NHS which included being secretary of Wayland Hospital and also working at St Andrew's Hospital in Norwich and St Nicholas' Hospital in Great Yarmouth as well as at the old Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. He also had a short spell in the RAF towards the end of the Second World War when he saw service in the desert in Egypt), his church, his village and the support of



Duncan and Jenny Pigg pictured with an Olympic Torch in celebration of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

his wife Jenny, whom he married in 1983.

"I have been very lucky to have been involved in so many good things," he said.

Wife Jenny said: "Wherever he was he was content. He loved life and people and he loved village life. He wanted to help people and make Hethersett a happy village."

Rector of Hethersett the Rev Derek McClean said: "For decades, Duncan was an invaluable part of the life and worship of the parish of Hethersett. His contributions to village life are too numerous for words and his legacy of the annual panto, which he started, is but one of those legacies. His is a huge loss to the life of Hethersett. He was much loved and will be deeply missed."

In 2013 Duncan's unceasing work in

the local community was marked by the award of a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year's Honours.

A memorial service for Duncan Pigg will be held in St Remigius Parish Church at 2 pm on 29th April followed by burial in the churchyard. In 2002 Duncan wrote down some of his memories of Hethersett and his life. We would like to thank his wife Jenny for giving us a copy of those memories with permission to reproduce them here..

Duncan Remembers

I came to Kett's Oak in Hethersett, aged 13, in 1939, to the same house as I live in now.

I travelled to Norwich Cathedral Choir School on bus service 12, leaving at 8 am which made a long day as I reached home at a quarter to 7 o'clock. To avoid a long wait for a bus, I sometimes caught a 90 bus to Cringleford and walked home to Hethersett. No meals were provided at school so I went to the home of another choir boy for lunch as mother had some sort of arrangement.

I was a teenager during the second world war and belonged to the Wymondham and District Air Training Corps. The meetings were held in Wymondham Secondary School and the subjects studied were drill, navigation and radio, morse code, aircraft recognition, physical training and other things. There were many official and unofficial visits to RAF and USAF airfields, sometimes involving flying from Snetterton, Deopham and



Hethel. On one occasion I flew in a Flying Fortress, a B17 on a mock raid to a Hereford bridge in a formation of twenty with one cadet to each aircraft.

I learned gliding at Hethersett Racecourse on Dagling and Cadet gliders which were launched from stationary winches. Later, when proficient, we flew from Horsham St Faiths airfield. I enlisted in 1944 and was put on deferred service for aircrew training but became a clerk instead.

During the war, a Hethersett branch was formed of the Norfolk Youth Service, the emphasis of this was on service, being useful and not messing about. We tried to raise money to buy a tank, an impossible task but we would send a little money away, but not enough to buy a tank. We held various events and placed tins to collect money in shops. There was a youth week of events with something every night, but

one evening which should have been of lantern slides given by the rector, was offered to Ted Ellis instead, as he the rector could not attend. This was before Ted Ellis became famous.

The campaign Dig For Victory led to the corner fields at White Hart Farm being cultivated for vegetables. The farmer was Matthew Harrison at that time, whose son, Donald Harrison was the chairman of the Youth Service and later myself. Donald lived in a shepherd's hut. Another scheme was to collect apple pips which were then sold to Morse of Brundall who used them, presumably to raise rose stems.

All the residents of Kett's Oak subscribed for an above ground air raid shelter which was built just behind the Kinkajou café.

Two occasions on which the shelter was used were for two nights on 27th and 28th April, 1942 when Norwich was lit with flares and fires. There was an exodus of friends and relatives to Hethersett including some who slept in the fields.

I was working in Norwich at Crook's a tailor and outfitters, situated near the end of the Arcade and helping to board up the windows of the shop which had lost theirs. The shop opposite was damaged on the first night. After these raids, St Stephen's Street was almost obliterated.

On 22nd April, 1944, there was the Night of the Intruders, when returning Liberators and Fortresses were followed by enemy aircraft who attacked these aircraft on landing. Forty allied planes were lost that night many of them shot down by the intruders. My only personal experience of a bomb was when one fell in the grounds of

Hethersett Hall near the lake and I collected some shrapnel from the crater. There were drives to collect National Savings and my area was from Kett's Oak to the Queen's Head on Thursday afternoon, my half day off. We had to sell sixpenny savings stamps which eventually could be used to buy a fifteen shillings certificate.

One lady wanted to know if it would still be worth fifteen shillings after the war was over. Special weeks were held e.g Wings for Victory, Salute the Soldier for which I collected the best amount in Hethersett.

A Welcome Home Fund was set up near the end of the war to raise cash and give each returning serviceman and women a Trustee Savings Bank account containing £10, a fair amount at that time.

My stepfather, Percy Hagg was the organiser of this fund as secretary and money was raised by holding dances, concerts, whist drives and fetes. I sang at some events. Most events were held at the village hall, now the social club, then very much the heart of social events in the village.

After my service in the RAF, I became fully involved in village life, mainly at St Remigius. I thought of becoming a parson at one time, but over 50 years was a choir member, choir master, licensed reader, churchwarden, secretary of the church council, chairman of the Communicants' Guild and Sunday School teacher. I now remember children who have grown up.

Clergy whom I remember. Tim Townsend in the late 1940s was very keen on youth work in the village as well as preaching and the sacraments. There was also a deanery group.

Hethersett Youth Fellowship had holidays and day trips. There was a Deanery Youth Day at St Remigius with a 6.30 am communion then breakfast in the Church Room. He was a canon at the cathedral.

In the 1950s Raymond Hayward was keen on films. There were Fact and Faith films on Sunday evenings with a large screen in the chancel arch. He had two sons both good singers, the youngest was in Westminster Abbey choir and the elder became a parson in Cambridgeshire.

In the late 1950s and early 60s Douglas Turner, an excellent musician and who started the Hethersett Choral Society. He was a very good organist, was artistic and it was he who painted the organ pipes in bright but gaudy colours.

In the 1960s Rev Kingsbury was a very formal man, but very happy and patient. He tried to do the prayer book revisions helped by house groups.

Michael Sexton and Margaret became great friends of us in the 1970s and remain so now. There was a whole week of One Thousand Years of Mission in Hethersett run by the Bishop of Norwich in 1977 (?) with his chaplain Nigel McCulloch who is now a bishop.

The Sextons were involved in village life including the pantomimes. Brian Llewellyn was here in the 1980s and during this time we had Anette Woodcock as curate, the first for many years. She was also our first lady priest and of course, now we have, as rector Di Lammas.

Hethersett Cricket Club was a great interest in my life. My first game was played at Hethersett Hall on the first recorded pitch against "College Boys"

who were university students on holiday. I fielded at square leg, dropped a catch and was reprimanded fairly strongly by Pa Salter who was I think the wicketkeeper at that time. After the war Kett's Oak Club was formed and played at White Hall Farm on a pitch opposite my house.

Other pitches used were 1/ At Kenny Woods which was to the left of Great Melton Road just after the New Road junction 2/ Into New Road from Great Melton Road and then to the right 3/ Memorial Playing Field where there I became captain, vice captain, treasurer and am now honoured to be President. Tony Curson, my great mate, was "Mr Cricket" of Hethersett and was a marvellous captain and secretary.

Monty Norman, a member, played centre half for Tottenham Hotspur and for England 20 times. He had played cricket at Mulbarton at the age of 13. I was pleased to have stumped him.

The pantomimes started in the 1950s when Mrs Hammond wrote three years of pantos for St Remigius members. I acted in one of these, playing a gardener who was digging for rosebuds, one of whom was Jenny who eventually became my wife.

The Kinkajou café was run by my mother Mrs Hilda Hagg during and after the second world war. It was very busy with allied airmen—Czechs, Poles and later Americans.

Whilst the airfield at Hethel was being built, Irish navvies and lorry drivers lodged there. After the war it was a typical transport café on the old A11.

Pre-war it was known as a roadhouse, the sort of place where the boss took his secretary for a candlelit dinner.

More Sad News

JUST three days after the news that village stalwart Duncan Pigg had died, we heard some more sad news with the loss of Harold Kerlake.

Harold, who was 82, was churchwarden at Little Melton Church for many years. He is pictured opposite.



A Devonian by birth, he was educated at King Edward VI School in Totnes and then studied electrical engineering at the University of Leeds where he met his future wife Mary.

They were married in 1963 in Whitehaven and celebrated their golden wedding in 2013. Sadly Mary died in 2015.

Much of Harold's working life was spent as a lecturer at Norwich City College. Harold was a keen cricketer, appearing many times for Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club for which he was an honorary vice president. Harold was also a keen golfer and played the trumpet as well as supporting many groups in Little Melton and Hethersett.

Harold and Mary had two sons—John and Jeremy— and four granddaughters.

Rector of Hethersett Rev Derek McClean paid tribute to Harold:

“One of the many joys in life is working with someone who tried to live a life of positivity. Harold was unfailingly positive, and unstinting in his praise. I had the unusual pleasure of sharing the same birthday with Harold, and we had occasional jokes about that.

“He was unswerving in his love and service to Little Melton in the time I knew him, often doing little jobs that were so vital to the running of the Church. He was also generous in his support of the parishes in the Benefice. Like his dear departed Mary, he had a deep love for children, and this was evident in the fundraising events that happened, especially the Christmas Fair. He was deeply loved and will be missed.”

A memorial service for Harold will be held in St Remigius Church, Hethersett, on May 30th at a time to be confirmed.

Another Village Stalwart Dies

HETHERSETT has also lost another much loved resident with the death of Jean Lerner, who was 81 years of age.

Many will remember Jean as a leading light in a number of Hethersett organisations and as a talented artist and poet.

Jean was an original founder of Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, an art teacher in the village, a prominent member of Hethersett Methodist Church and a Methodist lay preacher for many years throughout Norfolk.

A special memorial service took place in Hethersett Methodist Church on April 14th followed by cremation at Earlham Crematorium.

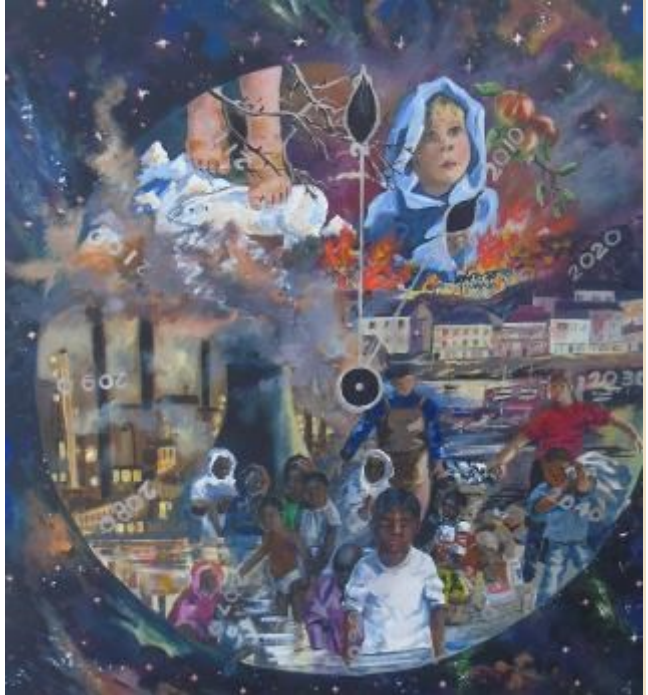
Jean was born in 1941 and remembered being evacuated towards the end of the war despite being very young. She came from humble beginnings in Lowestoft, Suffolk, but throughout her life dedicate herself to others in many capacities.

Her three children—Jonathan, Katy and Liz—spoke of her kindness, her guiding hand, her love of the natural world and her general love of life where nothing was ever too much trouble. “She really did make us believe that we could achieve anything in life,” Jonathan said.

Jean picked the hymns and songs and readings herself and these included one of her original poems simply entitled “Lindisfarne” about the island off the Northumberland Coast which brought her joy and peace.

Donations in Jean’s memory have been sent to the East Anglian Children’s Hospital (EACH).

One of Jean’s thought-provoking works of art took pride of place at her funeral service and you can see this pictured at the top of this page.



The Sign of the Cross



OVER 40 Christians processed behind a wooden cross on Good Friday morning from Hethersett Methodist Church to St Remigius Church via Great Melton Road, Henstead Road and Steeple Tower. Afterwards a special Easter service was conducted by the Rector in the parish church. It was the first time the procession of witness has been held for a number of years due to COVID restrictions.



Additional Archivist Needed

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

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

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

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

There is more about the archive on its website at www.hetherssettheritage.org

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Friday	8am – 7pm	Friday	1.30pm – 7pm
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 **Norfolk** County Council

Looking For Community Heroes

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

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

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

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

Nominations conclude on 6th June and can be made online at southorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/CommunityAwards or by calling 01508 533945.

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

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

South Norfolk
**COMMUNITY
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2022

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

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

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





Hethersett All Set To Bloom

By Jill Williams

HETHERSETT has officially entered this year's Anglia in Bloom competition. On a date in July (yet to be announced) we will be visited by a couple of judges from the Royal Horticultural Society.

They will want to see three areas that we have planted up and maintained. One of these will be outside the Methodist Church in Great Melton Road. We have constructed, (but not put in place yet), four wooden segments of a planter which is in the shape of the church's logo.

The other venue will be Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, where we are working on two separate and contrasting plantings.

The first is complete, a woodland edge type of planting under a birch tree, with ferns, hardy geraniums and shade tolerant perennials. We have a recent photograph of this area, with narcissi adding to its charm.

Secondly, we have begun work on a very sunny spot outside of the residents' coffee lounge. This will be planted up with a mixture of ornamental grasses and tall perennials like Heleniums, Echinacea, Perovskia and Asters.

So far we have stripped the grass from this area and are adding a mulch of compost with added grit, to improve the drainage for these sun-loving plants. Then we can begin planting. It's not too late to join in! For more information, or offers of help, please ring Sue on 07957 234387 (evenings only).

Church Is In Bloom As Well



St Remigius Church Flower Guild *by Adele Kent*

Thank you to all of you who remembered a loved one at Easter and bought lilies or flowers in their memory, it was much appreciated.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we will have an exhibition of 70 Glorious Years in Flowers. This will run from June 2nd to 5th from 10 am until 4 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

If you would like to help in any way or sponsor an arrangement please contact me at ajkent58@gmail.com or by telephone on 01603 811945. We hope you enjoy photographs of our latest display.



Hawks Open Their Season

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages opened their 2022 league season away at Kesgrave and it was good to start a season in April after two seasons of disrupted programmes due to COVID-19. The disease has not gone away as the youth team were one down due to family isolation. It was a busy day for the Hawks as Kesgrave have two teams in the Youth League so three matches in all.

The young Hawks took on one of the youth teams first and took quite a while to find the best lines on the track. Matthew Sidell finally gave them something to cheer about with a fantastic win in heat five with Lola Martin making it a 6-4 win. Aiesha Musa also recorded a win in heat 10 but the scorecard was dominated by Kesgrave. Scores: Kesgrave Youth 86 Hetherset Youth 44. Hetherset scorers—Aiesha Musa 9, Matthew Sidell 9, Luca El Labany 8, Lola Martin 6, Austin Brailey 5, Jamal Musa 4, Oscar Copeland 3.

Next up were the Hawks' first team who have opted for Division 2 this season because of uncertainty over the availability of older members. They faced Kesgrave B who included two restricted riders, thereby conceding 30 penalty points.

The start was dramatic with two riders getting lapped and a 4-3 to Hetherset but Kesgrave started to dominate



aces apart from those involving stalwart Hawk Leigh Cossey. He won two races and the only remaining heat winner was Lola Martin in a consolation nominated riders race after Kesgrave had clawed back the penalty by heat 13. Scores: Kesgrave B 95 Hetherset (60+30) 90. Hetherset scorers—Leigh Cossey 16+1, Mason Martin 10, Dave Martin 9, Paul Delaiche 7+1, Rod Burke 6, Lola Martin 6, Nigel Longlands 5, Austin Brailey 1.

Finally the Youth team were back on track and were bolstered by the inclusion of Mason Martin who won three races. The Hawks put up a much better performance although at times Kesgrave looked like they had plenty in reserve if needed. Matthew Sidell certainly showed what a better rider he has become on decent equipment.

Scores: Kesgrave Youth 70 Hetherset Youth 60. Hetherset scorers—Mason Martin 14, Matthew Sidell 13, Aiesha Musa 9, Austin Brailey 6, Lola Martin 5, Luca El Labany 5, Jamal Musa 4+2, Oscar Copelandsd 4+1.

Hawks followed this with a busy weekend of racing. Fourteen members

were at Eaton Park for the first round of the South East Grand Prix series and, despite the cold conditions, warmed to the racing as the afternoon progressed. Mason Martin was unbeaten in the Under-16s and duly won his final and the next most impressive rider was Aiesha Musa who competed well in heats combining three categories despite a heavy fall and then finished third in the Girls final. Also in this category Amelia Dodson was 5th.

The Under-14s saw Ollie Scadding make his debut finishing 10th just behind Matthew Sidell in the C final. Will Clarke started races well which was enough to get him in the B Final where he finished fourth. Jamal Musa and Lola Martin have stepped up to Under-12s and this age group looked strong so they finished 13th and 14th respectively despite plenty of effort.

In the youngest age categories, Ronnie Harding was the most impressive finishing 6th in the Under-10s, one place ahead of Oscar Copeland with Arlo Davies in 9th. Noah Cameron should have also been in the Under-10s but a mix-up saw him in the Under-8s where he finished 5th, just ahead of his sister Grace and Remy Davies. So a lot of valuable experience gained before heading to Ipswich for Round 2 where they will no doubt be joined by other members unable to attend because of school holidays.

The next day it was back down the A140 for a second consecutive week for reversed league fixtures at Ipswich. The Division 2 match was very exciting. Hethersett got off to the worst possible start with an exclusion and a

7-2 reverse and spent the rest of the match trying to claw this back which they succeeded in doing in the penultimate heat with a 6-4 win by Leigh Cossey and Daniel Martin putting the Hawks one point ahead. It all hinged on the final nominated riders heat with Cossey out again with Mason Martin. It did not quite go as planned and Ipswich's Kai Gowers and ex-Hawk Owen Wells snatched victory with a 6-4 to leave the Hawks ruing that dreadful start.

Scores: Ipswich 80 Hethersett 79.
Hethersett scorers—Leigh Cossey 20, Paul Delaiche 15, Mason Martin 14, Daniel Martin 14, Dave Martin 9+2, Nigel Longlands 7+1.

In the Youth League match the young Hawks gave a good show, especially Aiesha Musa and Matthew Sidell who won two races each and Ronnie Harding / Lola Martin combining for a consolation 7-3 in the final heat. Will Clarke also won heat 11.

Scores: Ipswich 71 Hethersett 58.
Hethersett scorers—Matthew Sidell 13, Aiesha Musa 13, Ronnie Harding 9+1, Lola Martin 9+1, Will Clarke 9, Oscar Copeland 5.

Hawks had a quieter weekend after two busy ones but there was still action to report on. While at the Memorial Playing Field there were three busy training sessions on Saturday morning and a group getting the track ready on Sunday for the following Wednesday night's first home fixture - a Norfolk Grand Prix round for U8s, U10s and U13s at 7 p.m., two riders were further afield making an impression.

Mason Martin was at the England Junior training camp at Ipswich with

club coach Nigel Longlands in attendance to pick up some new training hints. Nigel was impressed by Mason's performance.

If Mason needs any further inspiration to progress he need look no further than a Tuesday night training teammate in Glyn Morgan. Glyn started racing at the same age as Mason back in 1975 and, after a runners-up place at the South-East Veterans Grand Prix at Eaton Park, was back on the Eurovets series for the first time in three years. He raced in the first round at Horspath (Oxford) on Saturday and won the Over-60s category in fine style.

Hawks staged the first of 12 Norfolk Grand Prix rounds organised jointly by the Hethersett and Norwich Clubs. The initial round was for younger age groups with older riders having their rounds on separate evenings and the event attracted 19 riders, all bar three from the staging club. There were also competitive debuts for Neve Snook, Alfie Gunn and George Snook.

The racing was very competitive, especially in the Under-13s where a race-off was required to decide the last two "A" Final places. Hethersett riders won all three of the gold medals - Remy Davies, Luca El Labany and Aiesha Musa - and some of the best passes were performed by Austin Brailey.

Full Results—Under-8 A Final - 1 Remy Davies 2 Neve Snook 3 Alfie Gunn. Under-10 A Final - 1 Luca El Labany 2 Stanley Budds 3 Austin Brailey 4 Ronnie Harding. B Final - 1 Oscar Copeland 2 Arlo Davies 3 George Snook

Under-13 A Final - 1 Aiesha Musa 2 Will Blackmore 3 Will Clarke 4 Zachary Eastwood. B Final - 1 Matthew Sidell 2 Lola Martin 3 Jamal Musa 4 Alex Osborne. C Final - 1 Amelia Dodson.

The action moves to Harford Park on May 4th for the first round of Under-16, Female 10+ and Senior categories starting at 7 pm.

We will report on this in June.

New Post Office Opening Hours

As reported in the previous edition of Hethersett Herald, the village has a new post office in Hethersett Library. Opening hours are as follows:

Mondays—13.30 to 17.30

Tuesdays—No Service

Wednesdays—11.00 to 17.30

Thursdays—13.30-17.30

Fridays—13.30-17.30

Saturdays—11.00-14.00

Sundays—No Service

From Around The Village

Musical Director Needed For Village Pantomime

HETHERSETT Pantomime Group is looking for a musical director for its production of Aladdin scheduled for next January.

If you are interested in applying, details of the position are outlined below.

*Hethersett
Pantomime*

WANTED - MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Hethersett Pantomime is looking for a musical director to join the team for our upcoming production of Aladdin in January 2023

We have been producing pantomimes for over 50 years, enjoyed by children of all ages and sell out every year.

Interested in knowing more? Contact us at panto.hethersett@aol.com or via the Hethersett Panto page on facebook

www.hethersettpanto.org.uk

Wanted Old Greetings Cards

SECOND Hethersett Girl Guide leaders are asking for your help.

The group is looking for old greetings cards that people may be about to throw away. "We are looking for children's and adults' birthday, thank you and get well cards for part of our upcycling badge," organisers posted on social media. The cards are needed by 18th May.

Cards can be popped through the letterbox at 1 Richardson Crescent or 5 Kendal Close.



IN the April edition of Hethersett Herald we included a review of Hethersett Academy's production of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. In this edition we publish a number of photographs of the production which have kindly been sent to us by the Academy.





More photographs from Hethersett Academy's production of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

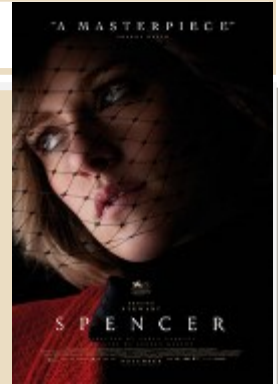


Stress In A Royal Marriage

The Hethersett Village Screen season of films concludes in May with the Princess Diana biopic “Spencer.”

The season is rounded off on May 8th with the well received biopic on Lady Diana entitled simply “Spencer”.

The film is about Princess Diana's existential crisis at Christmas because she wants to divorce Prince Charles and leave the British royal family. Kristen Stewart and Jack Farthing star as Princess Diana and Prince Charles respectively, joined by Timothy Spall, Sean Harris, and Sally Hawkins.



Spectacular Splash Of Colour Promised

ON 7th and 8th May, Ketteringham Hall is opening its private grounds for a bluebell walk through the ancient oak woodlands.

Visitors will be invited to make a donation in aid of the Care For Life At Home fund, which is administered by the Priscilla Bacon Lodge Support Group.

Ketteringham Hall is between Norwich and Wymondham, east of the A11 and just a short drive from Hethersett. If you've never been we can assure you that it is well worth a visit.

There are a number of interesting features along the route – two follies, the Haha, the island – but the bluebells promise to be breathtaking. It is over 10 years since the last such event back in 2010.

The Orangery Tea Rooms will provide a pop-up takeaway tea and cakes shop, in addition to taking bookings on that day for the tearooms.

For the youngsters there will be sweet treats along the way to keep them going.

Organiser Kevin Chapman said: “We have our fingers crossed for the weather! We are keen to raise a significant amount for the Care For Life At Home Fund. Since 2016 more than £100,000 has been raised and we are aiming to get to £200,000 before much longer.”

You can view a poster for the event on the next page.



KETTERINGHAM HALL BLUEBELLS

7th & 8th MAY



a breathtaking sea of blue

10.30 to 4.00 Saturday & Sunday

Donations in aid of the **Care For Life At Home Fund**
in association with the **Priscilla Bacon Lodge Support Group**

Fete and Other News From Jubilee Youth Club

By Gillian Saunders

IT is nearly that time of the year when we ask you to donate prizes for the stalls at the dog show and fete. This year it is on 25th June from midday until 3.30 pm at the hall in Back Lane.

We are in need of items for the tombola, plants, bottles (squash, wine, water etc), books, while elephant and cakes on the day from 10 am or the Friday before. We have limited freezer space so if you bake and desperately need to get your donation to us in advance we can freeze a limited number.

All donations can be left at the hall in the front lobby on or under the bench anytime the shutters are up. Please just label it as fete so we don't sell anything we shouldn't. Also, importantly, is your support on the day. Free entry but donations welcome.

We would like to raise in the region of £12,000 on the afternoon so we can keep the clubs going and not raise subscriptions as we don't want to hear of anyone unable to come to club because of the cost. Obviously if there is anyone in that situation please talk to Alahna, Rebecca or Lewis in confidence.

The dog show starts at 12:15 pm with registration from 11:50 am in the dog show tent.

Classes are as follows: **Group 1—12:15** Most Appealing Eyes, **12:25**

Loveliest Lady, **12:35** Best Rescue, **12:45** Most Fabulous Fella, **12:55** Best Paw Shaker, **13.05** Most Gorgeous Oldie (7+) **13:15** Judges' Choice **13:30** Best in Group 1 (winner and reserve from classes 1-7).

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

15:20 Best In Show 2022 (winner and reserve from groups 1 and 2 with presentation of cup and rosettes).

This year there are medals for our King and Queen as appropriate for Jubilee year!

For the non canine visitors we have competitions for the children and young people.

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

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

When the Queen goes out on her duties she wears a hat, Can you design one for her? Make it from whatever you want.

Again it doesn't have to be life size. Classes in under-7s, and 7-11 and 11-14.

If you're not into baking or making, perhaps you could do a drawing of something you think the Queen would like to hang on her wall.

Perhaps a Corgi, or a rose or something we hadn't thought of. Just tell us why you think she would like your picture. This is open to the Under 7s and 7-11.

Entries need to be at the hall no later than 1 pm please. A piece of paper with your name and age and a contact telephone number needs to be placed under your entry so we don't initially know who they belong to for the judging but can then find out afterwards.

We are still looking for someone to take photos on the day please! Doesn't

need to be professional just somebody who enjoys taking photos.

If anyone is available to help on the day that would be of great help as I am managing on crutches and it really is all hands on deck.

Finally there will be the BBQ from 12 noon, tea, coffee and squash and cakes organised by the Brownies. There will also be side shows and craft stalls all running alongside the dog show. Plenty to do and see.

We look forward to seeing you and showing you our plans for the garden which all got a bit delayed due to the contractor catching coronavirus!

If you need to have something collected please telephone me on 01603 759449

Plans For Jubilee Picnic Lunch

PLANS are well advanced for the celebration Big Lunch to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The lunch will take place on Sunday 5th June in the grounds of Hethersett Village Hall (you can view a poster for the event later in this edition).

Residents are being invited to bring their own picnics and there will be plenty of fete-style entertainment including a best crown competition, children's fancy dress competition, best dressed pet competition, entertainment from the Stella School of Dance. There will also be a Jubilee walking trail and the launch of a buy a brick campaign to raise funds towards the new community pavilion being built on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

A separate meal for more senior residents is being scheduled for Thursday 9th June.

We will have more news about the event in the June edition of Hethersett Herald.



NORFOLK author Jeni Neill talked about her first novel “The Devil’s Dye” at the latest event organised by the Friends of Hethersett Library on April 13th.

Jeni spoke about the historic context of the novel which is set in 16th century Norwich and tells the story of the De Hems, a successful Dutch weaving family who are invited to England by Queen Elizabeth to escape Religious intolerance in the Low Countries. They settle in Norwich joining the group of incomers who became known as The Strangers. It’s a book about history, about love, about families and even manages to bring in the legend of the famous Norfolk/Suffolk giant dog Black Shuck.

The Friends of Hethersett Library organise talks/presentations every other month on the second Wednesday. The next presentation will be a live appearance by The Widow Kett who will bemoan the hanging of her husband Robert from Norwich Castle. You can find more details of this event, for which tickets are available at £5 to include light refreshments, by turning to the next page. On August 10th Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens will be talking about her book about The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster.

Live Performance

The Widow Kett

Wednesday 8th June

7-9PM

@ Hethersett Library



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

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

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

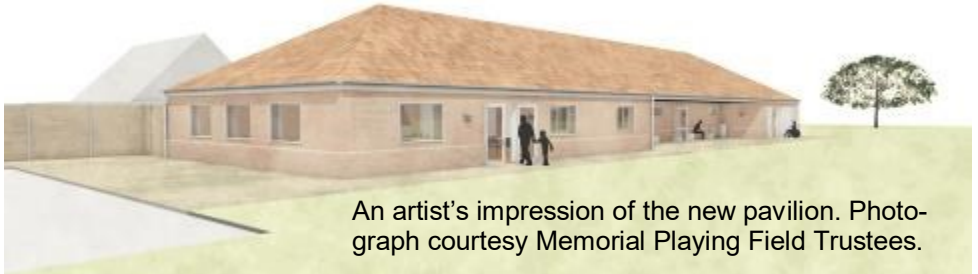
Book online at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/whats-on>

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News From The Parish Council



An artist's impression of the new pavilion. Photograph courtesy Memorial Playing Field Trustees.

All Systems Are Go

By Peter Steward

IT looks like all systems are go for a new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field with building on schedule for a summer start.

Plans have been in place for almost a decade to replace the existing unfit for purpose building with a new community pavilion to include changing rooms, a state of the art kitchen and other top facilities.



The existing not fit for purpose pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field.

The parish council took over the overseeing of the project, working alongside the playing field trustees.

The money for the new pavilion has been raised from S106 development funds, a major grant from the Football Foundation and a £400,000 loan which has been made available to the parish council at a low rate of interest.

There is a possibility of other grants being obtained which would cut the amount of the loan.

At the April meeting of the parish council, chairman Adrienne Quinlan said: "The confirmation of the loan is really good news. With the money now in place we can move forward. If we can get other grants to reduce the loan we will."

News From The Parish Council

Councillors observed a minute's silence before the beginning of the April meeting to remember village stalwart Duncan Pigg. Chairman Adrienne Quinlan paid tribute to his work as both a district and parish councillor. You can find tributes to Duncan elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Support For New Health Centre

HETHERSETT'S South Norfolk Councillor Phil Hardy spoke at the April meeting of Hethersett Parish Council about increasing the momentum towards a new health centre/doctors' surgery for the village.

As reported in last month's Herald and in the local press, South Norfolk has set aside £4 million in the new financial year which began this month. Taylor-Wimpey is setting aside development land for the new build which is likely to be between the village hall and Woodside School.

The key seems to be whether the Humbleyard Practice will be interested in a new build in what Mr Hardy referred to as "the last piece in the jigsaw."

"We want to get the momentum going behind it. We are doing everything we can. We know the situation at the surgery is acute with a lack of staff and staff suffering from stress. Hopefully they will see the importance of this," Mr Hardy said referring to a previous attempt to build a new surgery in 2013 that failed at the last minute.

Vice-chairman Steven Slack said: "You can have the most beautiful centre but if you cannot attract staff there will be a problem."

As if to illustrate this point, members were told that Boots Chemists was closed on April 20th due to a shortage of pharmacists.

Members agreed that finding a way to provide the best medical care for residents was the main aim and consideration should also be given to having two separate surgeries if the present practice decides not to take up the offer.:

"It would be better to have two surgeries than what we have at the moment," said Councillor Samantha England.

Councillor Jonathan Loomer added that residents don't care about where they are treated as long as there is "a functioning doctors' surgery."

"Four million pound has been set aside by South Norfolk and we are keen to invest that money in providing improved facilities in Hethersett," Mr Hardy said.

News From The Parish Council

Meeting Dates

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

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

Committee and full council meetings are open to the public.

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

How To Contact The Parish Council

Parish clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 07902 322729 or via email at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk.

The council has a website at

www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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

News From The Parish Council



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

Planning Approvals

Planning approval has been given by South Norfolk council for the following (some of these come with conditions, details of which can be found on the South Norfolk Council website).

A two storey side extension to 12, St John's Close.

22 floodlit columns for sports activities at Hethersett Academy.

A single storey rear extension and conversion of a roof to form first floor accommodation at 68 New Road.

A two storey extension to the rear and a porch to the front of 13, Mill Road.

A single storey rear extension to 10 New Road.

News From The Parish Council

Parish Shorts

Ukrainian Refugees—One hundred families have signed up to host Ukrainian refugees in South Norfolk. Fifty nine homes have been assessed and all bar one have been found to be acceptable. To date, six families have arrived in the area, the parish council was told by district councillor Adrian Dearnley (pictured opposite). Mr Dearnley said he felt the Home Office had dragged its heels but the system is now speeding up.



Deep Potholes—A number of deep potholes in the road between Hethersett and Great Melton have been reported.

Still Waiting—The parish council is still awaiting a response from the Secretary of State and Norfolk County Council following requests that land at the former Woodside School in Firs Road should continue to be used for recreational purposes by being incorporated into Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

Car Park Not Needed—The organisers of a major September cycling event which will start and finish at Hethersett Village Hall will not now be using the car park. Original plans by the group organising the event, Norfolk Cycling Events, for 25th September included charging for those taking part to park their cars. But the parish council informed them that charging would not be appropriate. The organisers have now made alternative car parking arrangements with those taking part cycling to the start point.

New Bench—A new bench will soon be in place on the footpath/cycleway close to Kett's Oak. The bench has been ordered at a cost to the parish of £792.

Post Office Update—The parish council has heard nothing more about a permanent post office in the village. Currently a temporary office is located in Hethersett Library (pictured opposite). Members agreed to put the matter on their May agenda to discuss any new developments.



News From The Parish Council

Road Safety Community Fund

DO you have areas of the village where you consider traffic to be a problem?

That is the question being posed by the parish council.

A resident contacted the council to complain about the amount of traffic coming from one of the new estates on Great Melton Road and the speed being achieved.

The resident asked that consideration be given to introducing traffic calming measures in the area and particularly on the bend close to Malthouse Road. "It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt or killed," the resident added.

"It appears some drivers are trying to take the Malthouse Road bend as fast as they can and this will only increase massively once Hethersett North connects to Great Melton Road."

Councillors agreed that the speedwatch team should monitor the area with the possibility of discussing it further.

The council would like to be informed of other areas of concern to residents in light of a road safety community fund for South Norfolk and Breckland which will make £1 million available from next April for smaller road safety schemes costing up to £10,000.

Schemes that can be considered for



The bend on Great Melton Road close to Malthouse Road.

funding include:

New or revised speed limits, new weight restrictions, new waiting restrictions including double and single yellow lines, improved minor crossing facilities, new, revised or enhanced road markings, new, revised or enhanced road signage, part-time 20 mph signs with flashing warning lights outside schools, school keep clear markings, treads where no footway facilities are present (these are simplified and low cost footways).

The schemes cannot include highway improvement schemes costing over £10,000, low energy LED street lights, resident only parking zones, mirrors on the highway and controlled crossings such as toucan, pelican or zebra.

Anybody identifying areas of concern should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer whose contact details can be found elsewhere in this edition of

Exciting Environmental News

Parish Clerk Annette Palmer tells us about the new community garden set to replace the former skatepark at the back of the village hall.

At the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st March, it was approved by majority vote to allow the Hethersett Environmental Advisory Group/Hethersett Environmental Action Team Committee (HEAG/HEAT for short) to turn the derelict skate park at the Village Hall into a community garden.

The site has long been a real eyesore and is totally neglected; skaters say it is too small for their needs, so it was in desperate need of a makeover. The HEAG/HEAT Committee submitted a plan for the site to full council, with a plan of action, both of which were approved, which is very exciting.



The old skateboard park which will be turned into a community garden.

It is intended to keep the tarmac base and build raised beds – which, as well as keeping the costs down, will also make it much more accessible for those with disabilities and for pushchairs. It is planned to have a vegetable plot, an area for wildflowers, a sensory garden, fruit trees and bushes and ultimately a seating area for all to enjoy.

Members really want this to be a community asset, so the parish council would like lots of people to be involved in enjoying the garden, learning about growing plants and vegetables and helping with the planting and maintenance – it doesn't matter what your age or level of expertise – this garden will benefit everyone.

The HEAG/HEAT Committee is now in the process of applying for grants to finance the project but would love to hear from anyone who could help with plants, raised beds or anything that would be an asset to the garden. If you can help in any way please contact myself on 01603 810915 or 07902 322729 or by email at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk.

The first event has already been planned – a clearing day on Sunday 24th April at 10 am, but don't worry if you've missed this date – there will be many more opportunities to help in the future.

The HEAG/HEAT Committee will be having a stall at the Big Jubilee Lunch event at the Village Hall on Sunday 5th June, so look out for us and come over to see the plans, volunteer to get involved, make suggestions and help choose a name for Hethersett's new community garden.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett

Ketteringham or Little Melton?

ARE YOU

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

**Infirm
Convalescing
Sick
Unwell
Disability**

Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



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

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Registered Charity Number 211284

The Dreaded COVID Strikes

HELLO lovely Herald readers. I hope you all had a restful Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate!

My column might be fairly short this month. It's not that not much has happened, but rather that I've had no part of it.

My family and I came down with the dreaded Covid. Yes, the very same virus that we've been avoiding for over two years finally hit us. I can't help but feel annoyed. My Husband and I worked all through the pandemic, and all it took was an outbreak at my daughter's school to end our streak! My youngest daughter and Husband tested positive the Sunday, by the Wednesday my eldest daughter had tested positive too.

I was so careful around the house, not getting too close to anyone for fear of catching it. But, inevitably, on the Saturday morning I woke up with a sore throat and discovered a very faint second line on my LFT. Great.

We were of course very fortunate that it didn't make us sicker than it did. The other three had very bad days for one of the days that they were isolating. As all parents know, there's nothing worse than seeing your children ill and knowing you can't do anything about it.

Myself, I didn't get a fever like the rest of my family, nor did I feel as horrendously awful as them. But, I did have what I can only describe as a very

bad cold - a runny nose, sore throat, horrendous headaches and a foggy head. I felt awful for around three days and was just ridiculously bored for the rest of the time. There's only so much Netflix you can watch!

The Covid outbreak wasn't just confined to us. Over those two weeks at the end of March, it was everywhere. Most families we know had it! Because of this, we made the difficult decision to postpone the Playgroup Easter Party. Half the volunteers were sick or on holiday too, so the decision made sense.

Even though it was disappointing, we feel like we made the right call. We plan to still have the Easter party on the first session back after Easter, 26th April, which is actually closer to Easter itself than the original date. More next month on how it went.

In the last couple of months, I've taken on the new role of Diversity and Inclusion Sponsor for our group of Tesco Express stores in the Norfolk area, something which I'll do alongside my Shift Leader job at the Hethersett



Sarah's World

store.

I'm really pleased to have been chosen, it's something that you may have noticed I'm quite passionate about. Part of this new role is presenting to the Store Managers on a group call every month or so about what events or occasions are coming up. The first one was a presentation about Ramadan, where I presented a Powerpoint that I had made, all about the festival celebrated by Muslims.

Unfortunately, my presentation fell on a day when I was suffering from my Covid symptoms quite badly. But I did



it! (virtually of course). I was extremely proud of myself, because a) I spoke – virtually – in front of a large group of managers, while I was ill, and b) I'm not exactly known for my computer skills, but they were all really impressed with my Powerpoint presentation. I'm so excited about what's to come in this new role and ready to make a difference.

Volunteering is great, but it's even more worthwhile when you can see that you've made a difference. Take my role on Hethersett Parish Council and the sub-committee HEAT



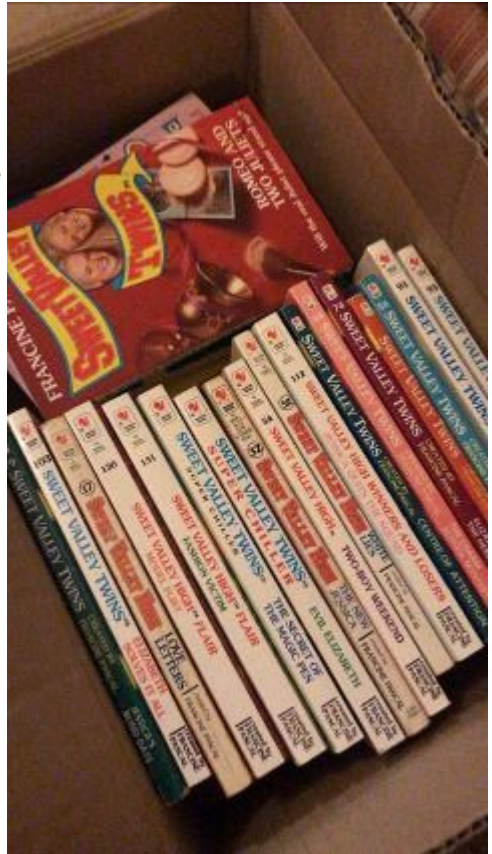
Sarah's World

(Hethersett Environmental Action Team).

For a while we have been trying to organise the replacement and/or siting of new bins around the village. Due to the demands of Covid hold-ups and the various hoops you, quite rightly, have to jump through to spend public money, this has taken HEAT a long time to organise. Now, Mid-April, the bins have finally been put into place, after spending a few months sitting backstage at the Village Hall! A few members of the All Things Hethersett Facebook group were very thankful for the new bin on New Road, a completely new siting which might alleviate the instances of littering that have been discovered recently, especially at the bus stop.

Another new bin is at the bus stop on Back Lane outside the Village Hall, a replacement for the small bin which was always filling up quickly and spilling out before collections. These new large, robust 'Jubilee' bins have lids which hopefully should prevent most of the contents blowing away too.

Down near the end of our road is the Back Lane Book Swap, started by the lovely Penelope Brown of Merrylegs Dog Grooming on Back Lane. Unsurprisingly, my family and I love it. It's a great asset for our village, especially if you're like me and books are your kryptonite. We often pick up books, drop off piles too. There, a few weeks ago I stumbled across one of my



Sarah's World

greatest ever finds.. Two boxes full of Sweet Valley Twins and Sweet Valley High books, obviously books someone had collected and decided to let go.

I spotted them on my walk to work at 14:00 and squealed internally, those books were my childhood. I'd had and read a few of them when I was younger, but nowhere near this amount.

Unfortunately because I was on my way to work on foot, I had to leave them behind and pray that they were still there when I finished. At 23:15 I finished work and started my walk home, reasoning with myself that they were probably gone.

But, when I walked past again, miraculously they were still there! Not passing them up again, I walked back with one of the boxes, dropped them off at home, then went back for the

second! My husband rolled his eyes, meanwhile, my heart was so full of nostalgia. I can't wait to share them with my two daughters when they're a bit older!

Finally, a 'watch this space' thing I'm working on with a team from the Friends of Woodside Primary School and the PTA at Hethersett VC Junior School. Together we are hoping to put together a Scarecrow Trail throughout Hethersett to raise money for both schools.

It's ground-breaking for both schools as it's the first joint venture between us. Its hoped that by doing this, we can show the community that we can work together to hold a great event for Hethersett and raise some much-needed funds in the process. We are very much in the early stages of planning this at present, but keep an eye out for more information soon.



**Spring blossom
comes to
Hethersett.**

**Photograph taken
by the editor on
Good Friday
morning.**

Village stalwart made his mark as a cricketer and councillor

Residents of a British village are celebrating the achievements of a man who has made his mark in many ways. He has been a cricketer, a councillor, and a community leader.

John Pugh, who has lived in the village for over 50 years, has been a cricketer since he was 10. He has played for the village team and has been a member of the club for over 40 years. He has also been a councillor for the village and has worked hard to improve the village and its facilities.

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Award means Rebecca goes where few other Rainbows have

A young girl from a British village has won a special award for her achievements. She has been a Rainbows leader and has worked hard to help her community.

Rebecca, who is 10 years old, has been a Rainbows leader for over 5 years. She has worked hard to help her community and has been awarded a special award for her achievements. She has been a leader of the Rainbows group and has helped many children in the village.

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News From The Media

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

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



Ghostly St Remigius

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



Worm Moon.
All the photo-
graphs were
taken by John
Head.

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



**More photographs
taken across the
fields of Hethersett.
By John Head.**

My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

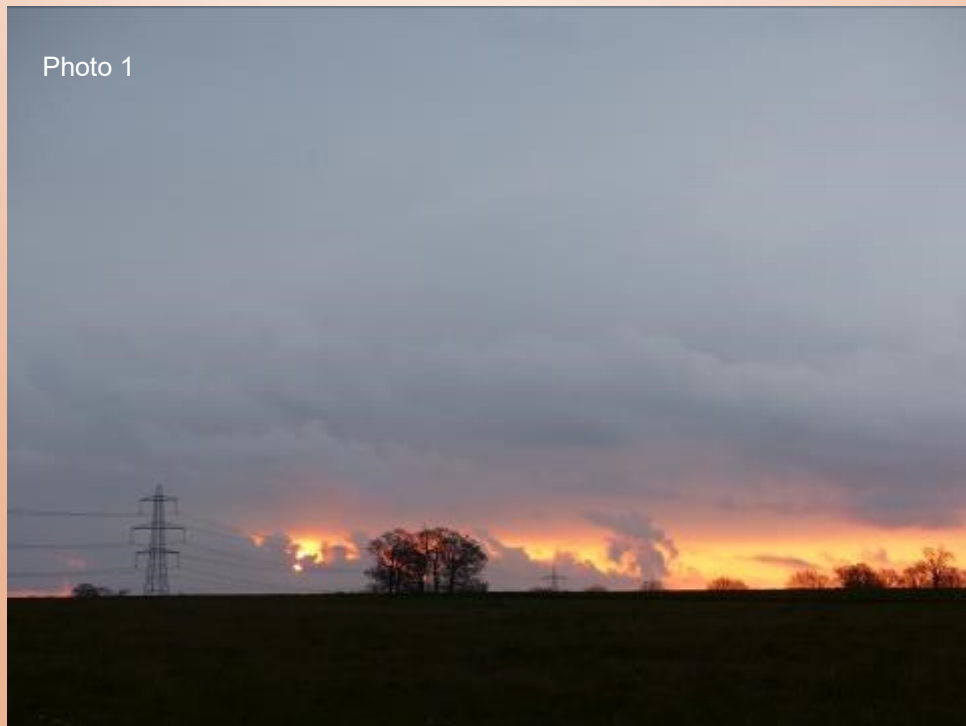
30th April 2021 5.30 am: Witnessing a re-enactment of the War of the Worlds across the fields from Hethersett to Great Melton.

“Yet so vain is man, and so blinded by his vanity, that no writer, up to the very end of the nineteenth century, expressed any idea that intelligent life might have developed there far, or indeed at all, beyond its earthly level.

“Nor was it generally understood that since Mars is older than our earth, with scarcely a quarter of the superficial area and remoter from the sun, it necessarily follows that it is not only more distant from time's beginning but nearer its end.”

H G Wells: The War of the Worlds 1898

Photo 1



What I Saw of the Destruction of Eaton and Cringleford.

(Storyline based on the words of H.G. Wells: The War of the Worlds Chapter 12 What I Saw of the Destruction of Weybridge and Shepperton).

IN the early hours of an April morning, I walked across the fields from Hethersett to Great Melton and was transported to another place in time where I witnessed the battle for the survival of our planet.

Across those fields the dawn grew ever brighter and I observed the Martians relentlessly moving forward.

There had been a disastrous struggle around Norwich with the Martian heat-rays causing extensive fires and the countryside around me displayed dark brown foliage instead of green.

There was not a breath of wind in the morning air and everything was strangely still. Even the birds were hushed. These giants in armour had destroyed our artillery overnight but mercifully I was now away from their heat-rays.

All was eerily still; then the fighting erupted. The Martians advanced rapidly glittering in the early morning sun (see photos 1 and 2). One of our shells burst clean in the centre of one of them and several red fragments whirled off in several directions (see photo 3).

This signalled a precipitous response from the enemy. The countryside flashed into flame and I could hear the crackling and roaring of the fire as I realised I was witnessing the destruction of Eaton and Cringleford (see photos 4, 5 and 6). Dense black smoke started to blow over the fields where I stood as the heat-rays went back and forth, their impact marked by the smoky dance of lurid flames (see photo 7).

I have a dim memory of a Martian within yards of my head. I froze, the long suspense feeling like an eternity (see photo 8). I felt faint but through a veil of smoke I saw them receding from me but continuing their advance across a vast

Photo 2

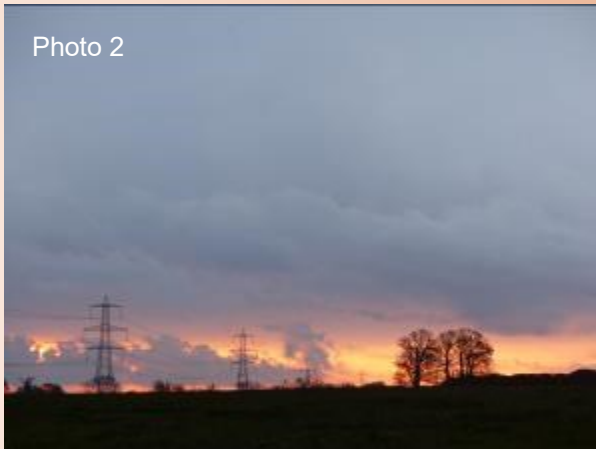


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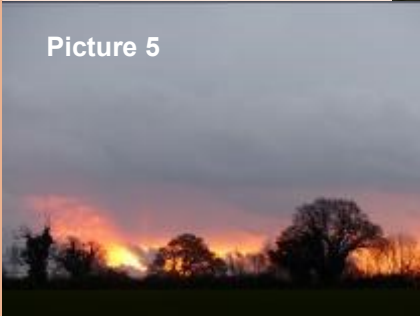
space of countryside towards Great Melton and Barford (see photos 9 and 10).

And then very slowly I realised that, by a miracle, I had escaped and waited to be transported back to the present.

Picture 4



Picture 5



Picture 6



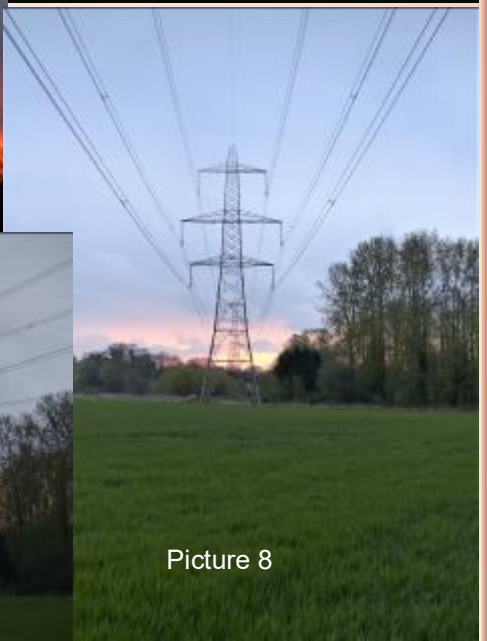
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Picture 9



Picture 8



Picture 10



More of John's Photographs of Hethersett





Kennedy Assassination— Coincidence or Conspiracy?

Hethersett's South Norfolk Council representative Phil Hardy is an expert on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In an exclusive series of articles for Hethersett Herald he shares his theories about Kennedy's death and poses the question was the assassination coincidence or conspiracy?



What we know now that we didn't know back then:

Introduction

President John F Kennedy, the 35th Head of State in the United States, was assassinated on 22nd November 1963 as his motorcade drove through crowds on the streets of Dallas.

This watershed event would become the advent of widespread mistrust in Government, with 81% of Americans believing in a conspiracy by December 1976 according to Gallup data at that time. That figure was up from 52% from polls taken immediately after the murder and this series will explore what people knew in 1976 that they didn't know back in 1963. In 1992, the JFK Records Act was set up and Government files that were scheduled to be locked up until 2038 were to be released over the next 25 years.

Most were indeed released and, when the final batch of documents was due for publication in 2017, President Trump was on the verge of releasing them when, at the 11th hour, the CIA said it would be detrimental to national security and the release was delayed. President Biden has

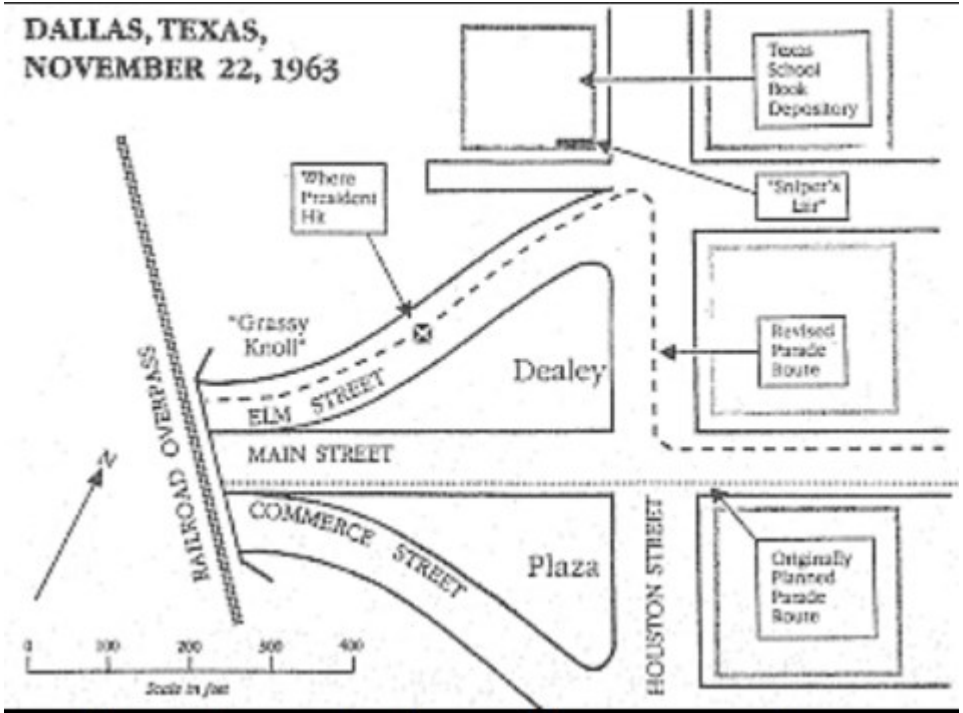
rubberstamped the delay in the last few months. If the assassination was carried out by one man acting alone who is now dead, what national security concerns remain 58 years on? What sources could possibly be compromised almost 60 years after the event?

So much new evidence is available today from all the file releases, however, and it is again worth considering what we know now that we didn't know back in 1963 or 1976.

The Warren Commission set up to investigate the murder concluded that one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, assassinated JFK acting alone. In carefully phrased language, they said they found no evidence of a conspiracy, whilst privately, individual members of the Commission seriously doubted the official version. The most active member of the Commission was former CIA director Allen Dulles, who President Kennedy had fired after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

Kennedy, when telling Dulles he was fired, had said that if this had happened in England, he himself would have to go. But as it was the US, it was Dulles who must go. Former CIA director

DALLAS, TEXAS,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963



Dulles withheld vital information from the Warren Commission that two potential suspects in the assassination were working together covertly at the time to kill foreign leaders: the CIA and the mafia. The alliance was set up whilst Dulles was CIA director and failing to mention this operational alliance formed on his watch was a key reason for the reopening of the JFK assassination investigation in the mid-1970s.

Withholding this potentially vital information does not of course implicate Dulles in the assassination: this monstrous alliance of a government institution with organised crime to kill a foreign leader was of course a viable national security secret which had to be covered up at the time at all costs due to the potential

reputational impacts and international outcry it would have if it was divulged.

Bobby – The Avenging Angel

The President's brother Bobby had been appointed Attorney General of the US, the top law man in the country and the boss of FBI director J Edgar Hoover.

On taking on his new role, Bobby began an offensive *against* organised crime so meticulously planned and relentlessly executed that the mob was struggling to operate in the US at the time of JFK's murder. He had New Orleans mafia boss Carlos Marcello arrested, flown to Guatemala and dumped in the rain forest, certainly an act that would infuriate a mafia boss of Sicilian origin. But Bobby's focus during his brother's presidency wasn't

just on organised crime: Bobby also oversaw the CIA following the firing of CIA director Allen Dulles.

The firing of Allen Dulles had led to widespread resentment within the CIA, as many operatives felt it was President Kennedy's failure of nerve to provide air cover for the invasion of Cuba to oust Fidel Castro which left the anti-Castro Cuban exiles stranded and abandoned to their fate.

Senior CIA operatives had trained and befriended the exiles and many had felt the buck stopped with President Kennedy for the invasion's failure and the killing or imprisonment of the invading forces. What is important to note here is that President Kennedy did not stop at Dulles in his CIA sackings: Dulles's deputy directors General Charles Cabell and Richard Bissell were also fired. The top three men in the CIA were therefore culled and Bobby was tasked with overseeing the CIA for his brother with new CIA director John McCone in place.

Bobby was almost as intense and challenging with senior CIA officials as he had been with the mafia bosses he had pursued and many in senior CIA positions found him overbearing, suffering a lot of stress with his intense and brash ways.

The CIA-Mafia Alliance

It is highly unlikely that JFK and Bobby were aware of this curious relationship between a Government agency and organised crime bosses that was attempting to murder Cuban Premier Fidel Castro at the same time as the Bay of Pigs invasion. When Bobby was briefed by the CIA in May 1962 about why they were protecting

Chicago mafia boss Sam Giancana from prosecution, he was made aware by CIA Director of Security Sheffield Edwards of the relationship which he was assured had now ended. Bobby, fixing one of his heavy, intense stares at the official, demanded if the CIA ever considered doing business with the mafia again, the very people he was trying to put away, that they tell the Attorney General of the United States. He told confidants later that he learnt about the plots and shut them down. Yet we now know this 'odd couple' alliance between a Government agency and criminals *hadn't* stopped at all and that assassination attempts on Castro carried on for many years *after JFK was murdered*.

A Senate investigation known as the Church Committee had discovered in 1975 that the CIA had attempted assassinations of foreign leaders such as Castro of Cuba but also others such as Patrice Lumumba of the Congo (Lumumba was killed three days before Kennedy took office), and it recommended the reopening of an investigation into President Kennedy now these CIA-Mafia plots that ran concurrently with JFK's presidency came to light.

Whilst some people claim that those who believe JFK's murder was the work of more than one person are just wild conspiracy theorists who are just as likely to believe in aliens, UFOs and the Loch Ness monster, the House Select Committee on Assassinations, a congressional committee set up to investigate JFK's murder, concluded in 1978 after two years of studies that *Kennedy's murder was the result of a probable conspiracy*.

Curious Associations

Lee Harvey Oswald had 'defected' to the Soviet Union and, after becoming 'disillusioned' with life there, returned to the United States with a Russian wife, Marina. They resettled in New Orleans and then in Dallas in the months leading up to the assassination. They met 'Quakers' Ruth Paine and her husband Michael through their 'friends' in the Russian community in Dallas, rabid anti-communists who had been disenfranchised by the Soviet revolution. They had befriended the communist Oswald, however, despite his left-wing Marxist stance and took him and his Russian wife under their wing.

Marina went to live with Ruth Paine whose husband Michael worked for Bell Helicopters, a CIA-owned company that made helicopters for the US army. Marina and Ruth became very close and Ruth got Lee his job at the Texas School Book Depository, despite a higher paying role in another location becoming available that wasn't made aware to Lee at the time. Ruth also provided much 'evidence' which would incriminate Oswald. When people try to evaluate what is coincidence and what could be conspiracy, there can often be a fine line between the two. It is now known that Michael Paine's mother, also called Ruth, was the best friend of a former mistress of no other than Allen Dulles.

Oswald's landlady was therefore one step removed from the former director of the CIA fired by Kennedy who was the most active and influential member of the Warren Commission and the man who kept key secrets from his colleagues. And when the character of

the landlady looking after the Oswalds was called upon by the Warren Commission, it was the son of a close friend of Allen Dulles, Frederick Osborne, that provided the glowing character reference for the Paines, alluding to their religiosity and good character. Allen Dulles himself in a Warren Commission Executive Session held on 16th December 1963 promoted the theory that there is a pattern of lone nut gunmen through US presidential assassinations and that he believed the same would be the case with President Kennedy.

Compromised Presidential Security

Many have claimed that the security for the President in Dallas was seriously compromised, leaving Kennedy particularly exposed and highly vulnerable to assassination.

This was investigated by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in the late 1970s and the suspicions are well founded. Firstly, and incredibly, the HSCA confirmed that the Secret Service, who were assigned to protect JFK but who were very slow to react when the shooting started, were out drinking in a club until the early hours of the morning of the assassination, some until 5am.

This breaks all Secret Service rules and protocols for presidential protection. They were drinking liquor in The Cellar, a club run by Pat Kirkwood who was an acquaintance of Jack Ruby, the man who shot Lee Harvey Oswald to death two days after the assassination whilst he was in police custody and being transferred. None were demoted or removed from the Secret Service.

Next, when JFK's car is pulling away from Love Field, the airport in Dallas

where Kennedy had just arrived by plane, an agent is about to get on the back of Kennedy's car to be on hand to protect the occupants of the presidential limousine. He is called back and told not to stand on the protective rails by Emory Roberts, the Secret Service agent in the follow up car trailing the presidential limousine.

The agent called back is clearly disgusted, raising his arms in the air at Roberts three times in frustration that he was not permitted to carry out his usual duties, which had been performed on all other motorcades in recent times. That no one was permitted on the back of the car who could have shielded Kennedy in just a second or two once the shooting had started left Kennedy wide open to gunfire. President Kennedy had told his closest advisers who were concerned about him going to Dallas, as it was a hub of right-wing extremism with intense anti-Kennedy sentiments, that the Secret Service had assured him they had everything taken care of. Yet the Secret Service claimed it was Kennedy himself who did not want agents on the back of the car as they impeded the view of the crowds to see him.

Now consider a very curious change in the parade route that had not been made clear at all. Previous motorcades including one for President Eisenhower a few years earlier through Dallas had gone straight down Main Street and the HSCA asked why for Kennedy, it took a 45 degree turn off Main Street on to Houston Street, then an even more acute turn onto Elm Street, slowing the limo down to 11 mph, breaching Secret Service regulations (presidential motorcades should not go slower than 44 mph). This is the exact

spot where Kennedy was shot dead.

The HSCA pointed out that had the motorcade carried on straight along Main Street, it could have turned right at Industrial Boulevard and gone straight to the Trade Mart without negotiating the two turns that left Kennedy extremely exposed at slow speed. This was the only leg of the Texas tour in which the parade route was not outlined in advance; had it been, maybe someone in Kennedy's party would have pointed out the two sharp dog leg turns contravening Secret Service protocols and the dangers to President Kennedy at this spot.

Kennedy's personal assistant Kenny O'Donnell told friends including former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill that he clearly and distinctly heard two shots come from behind the picket fence on a grassy knoll in front of Kennedy and to his right and not from behind Kennedy as the Warren Commission concluded, but said the FBI asked him to change his testimony as the Kennedy family wanted this behind them.

Finally, motorcycle police had driven alongside the limousine on the motorcade just the day before in Houston, Texas, and, whilst they were scheduled to ride alongside the president in Dallas, a well-known hub of right-wing extremism and potentially hostile to the liberal president, they were moved back in the motorcade to the rear on the morning of the assassination.

The HSCA expressed serious concerns over this last-minute change as it was a sudden change from the arrangement just the day before in Houston and concluded the security

arrangements in Dallas were 'uniquely insecure'. Once Kennedy's limousine had turned onto Elm Street and was going so slowly with no agents on the back of the limo or motorcycle policemen alongside him to protect him, he was a sitting target, wide open to gunfire in front of the limousine and from behind, with Secret Service agents simply not reacting to gunfire during the eight seconds of the shooting.

Who was involved in the motorcade planning? Presidential security was the remit of the Secret Service working closely with the Dallas Police. The mayor of Dallas in 1963 was Earle Cabell, and the mayor plays a key strategic role overseeing the police in America, similar to Police and Crime Commissioners today in England.

Earle Cabell spoke in the immediate aftermath of the assassination on television using a very similar script to Allen Dulles. He said the assassination could only be the actions of one man acting alone.

So soon after the assassination before any investigations had even begun, this was very presumptuous to say the least. You may recall the name Cabell earlier in this article. Who was Earle Cabell? He just happened to be the brother of General Charles Cabell, deputy director of the CIA who Kennedy had fired after the Bay of Pigs.

It was General Charles Cabell who had pleaded with Kennedy at the 11th hour to provide air cover for the Cuban exiles stranded on the beaches; Kennedy refused as he had said from the start that there would be no US military involvement in the invasion and

he fired Cabell along with Allen Dulles months later.

Interestingly, in 2017, the latest file releases from the National Archives confirmed that Earle Cabell was an 'asset' of the CIA in 1963. It is no surprise that family members of CIA operatives and officials are often also associated with the CIA – they often keep it in the family so to speak. Ruth Paine's father William Hyde, for example, was a former agent of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the forerunner of the CIA and her sister was a CIA agent.

Next time, we will consider more about the intriguing associations of the accused assassin, officially reported to be a loner but who in real life was affiliated with the CIA, FBI, military intelligence, the KGB, anti-Castro Cuban exiles and even mafia operatives.

Remarkably, the address he used on leaflets he handed out on the streets of New Orleans in support of Fidel Castro was actually an office of an ex-FBI man who was working for the CIA in relation to Cuban operations under the cover of a Private Investigator.

Guy Bannister also had links to the far-right, whilst at the same time working on a court case to keep mafia boss Carlos Marcello in the country after Bobby Kennedy had him deported and dumped in the rain forest of Guatemala.

You couldn't make it up.

On the next page you can view the sources and notes used in this first article on the assassination. We will continue this series in the June edition of Hethersett Herald.

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News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton

Good Friday Fun Day

To kick off our Easter Weekend we took our residents on a Easter Egg hunt. They enjoyed working out the clues and finding all the brightly coloured hidden eggs, the Easter Bunny sure has been busy!

To start the afternoon and making the most of the great weather, we welcomed the fantastic sounds of Splash Duo who performed out in the garden while our residents partied outside and in, dancing the day away. While they sang along to party classics from the 50s and 60s, we served toasted Hot Cross Buns of all flavours including delicious golden blond salted caramel buns and even cheesy flavoured ones as well as the classic fruit buns, all covered in butter, perfect!



Duckling Delights 🦆



Our residents loved seeing the ducklings, and marvelled at how big they have grown.

The ducklings loved going for a little swim and the residents enjoyed seeing them splash about and hear their little squeaks of delight as they ducked and dived in the water.

Smiles all round! 😊

To find out more about life at Hethersett Hall please visit our website at: <http://www.barchester.com/home/hethersett-hall-care-home>.

News From Hethersett Hall

Musical Monday

We held an An Abba Special afternoon when our residents enjoyed singing along to favourites like “Dancing Queen,” “Super Trouper” and “Gimme, Gimme, Gimme.”

One of our ladies preferred dancing to singing which was equally amazing.

Toblerones and an Afternoon at the Fair

Our residents had a ball this making Toblerone Fudge and then later on enjoyed a fun afternoon trying out our versions of fairground games!

Photographs courtesy of
Hethersett Hall Care Home.



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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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Member of Parliament

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

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

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

South Norfolk Council

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

Hethersett Parish Council

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

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

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

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




101 Ext: 5635



Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk



 PC Vicky BAILEY
Engagement Officer

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.




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 PC Stu BARNARD
Beat Manager

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

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



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Where To Eat In Hethersett

Janey's Village Café -

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

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

Park Farm Hotel

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

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

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

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

Hethersett King's Head

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

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

Where Are The Best Deals?

Herald Petrol Watch

Petrol prices seem to have stabilised over the past month with few increases, although there have been some increases in diesel prices.

Prices continue to be either at or approaching an all time high, however. This month's survey was taken on April 18th.

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

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

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

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	158.7	NC	170.7	NC
Tesco Express, Earham Road, Norwich	158.9	NC	170.9	+2p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	158.9	NC	172.9	+3p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	159.9	NC	170.9	+2p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	158.9	+1p	172.9	+5p
Abbeygate Wymondham	165.9	-3p	179.9	-7p
Waitrose Wymondham	165.9	+3p	179.9	+1p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	167.9	+2p	182.9	+3p

Groups and Societies

First Steps Stay & Play Playgroup

Hethersett Village Hall

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



£2 per child (£1 each for additional
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Babies under 6 months are free!

Email: firststepshethersett@outlook.com

Booking essential – booking window opens the
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To book, please email the address above. You will
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Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address.

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Groups and Societies

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Our 2022-2023 programme:

Mon 25th April 2022 – Demo by Elizabeth Robertson 'Lashings of colour'

Mon 23rd May 2022 – Demo by Julie Woods, title tba

Mon 27th June 2022 – Workshop with Katherine Potter (Flowershack florist)

Wed 6th July 2022 – Daytime Outing to English Peonies, North Walsham

Mon 25th July 2022 – Demo by Stephanie Laing, title tba

Mon 26th Sept 2022 – Demo by Moira Neville 'Second Hand Rose'

Mon 24th Oct 2022 – Workshop with Rachel Andrews (Cromer florist)

Mon 28th Nov 2022 – **OPEN MEETING** * with National Demonstrator

Sat 3rd Dec 2022 – Daytime Xmas Workshop *

Mon 23rd Jan 2023 – Demo by David Wright, title tba

Mon 27th Feb 2023 – Demo by Vicki Hease, title tba

Mon 27th Mar 2023 – **AGM** * inc supper and speaker – Simon White (Beales Roses)

* **Ticketed events**

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

Groups and Societies



On April 5th, florists Christine and Carol showed members how to make Easter posies and then helped everyone to make their own which they took away for Easter. "Time For A Chat" followed on 19th April with members enjoying time together over light refreshments.

Sessions are from 10 am at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Great Melton Road. Refreshments and a warm welcome provided. May events will be on May 3rd and 17th. On 17th David Wyatt will entertain with some musical favourites.

Anne Steward



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Hethersett Womens Institute

By Margot Markham

There are so many charitable organisations, but the East Anglian Air Ambulance is one many of us hold dear. You never know when or where you may be in need of the life saving emergency service.

Nick Siragher, a volunteer, came to talk to us about the EAAA. The two new helicopters are now working 24/7. They ferry the injured either to local hospitals or to specialist hospitals the patient may be in need of. The new five rotor blades mean there is less vibration for the patient and the helicopter can carry more weight and even a relative of the patient. There are always two pilots, a doctor and a critical care paramedic on board.

At our monthly meeting, we were also able to celebrate the birthdays of two familiar Hethersett nonagenarians—Joan Green and Margaret Turner (photographed above with birthday cakes). They have contributed so much to life in the WI.



Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours

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

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

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

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Hethersett Mothers Union by *Branch Secretary Kate Reynolds*

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

We met on Monday March 28th for a corporate communion with Little Melton



Mothers' Union at Little Melton Church. The service was led by Rev. Derek McClean. We listened to some lovely organ playing and sang our hearts and voices out worshipping together. During the service we proudly oversaw the enrolment of two new members to Mothers' Union.

After the service, we enjoyed fellowship over afternoon tea which was delicious and very kindly provided by Little Melton Mothers' Union.

At our April meeting we enjoyed hearing from Jenny Holcombe who told us more about the work of the MU here in Norfolk and the wider world.

Our next meeting is in church on Monday 23rd May at 1.30 pm when we will be entertained by the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS).

Hethersett and District Churches Together

Christian Aid week this year runs from May 8th to 15th. A soup, cheese and bread lunch will be available at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 12 noon on Wednesday 11th May. Proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

For further details contact Anne Steward on 01603 811052.



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St Remigius Messy Church News

AT the Messy Church in St Remigius on March 19th, we looked forward to Easter with a selection of craft activities. We hope those who attended enjoyed themselves. Our next Messy Church will be on Saturday 28th May from 4 to 6 pm in church. The theme will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



There will be craft activities, songs, a talk and we finish with a meal. Everyone is welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please phone Sue on 01953 607719.

The dates for Messy Church for the rest of the year are 1st October and 26th November. Pictured is just one of the Messy Church activities at the pre-Easter session.

St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

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

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on TUESDAY 3rd MAY.

Future Dates:

3rd May and 5th July

For more information telephone Pauline on 01603 812610

Hethersett Herald What's On



Present

Feeling Good! – a Celebration in Song

7.30 pm Saturday 21st May

Hethersett Methodist Church

Great Melton Road, Hethersett



Hethersett Singers will be back in May with a lively concert of music, expressing the joy of song - and with a programme that links with the Jubilee Celebration for Elizabeth II.

The choir will be conducted by Rob Goodrich with pianist Katie Vaughan, and also include talented local young musician, Daniel, on the organ.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 25th April at £8 each (under 15s free), available from Hethersett Butchers, 35 Melton Road. Tickets will also be available on the door.

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Sunday 1st—Heritage Plant Sale in Hethersett Village Hall.

Tuesday 3rd—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

Tuesday 3rd—St Remigius Baby and Toddler Group. St Remigius Church 10 am until midday.

Wednesday 4th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon,

Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th—Bluebells at Ketteringham Hall, 10.30 am to 4 pm on both days.

Saturday 7th—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church, 10.30.

Sunday 8th—Village Screen presents “Spencer”. Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

Sunday 8th-Sunday 15th—Christian Aid Week.

Wednesday 11th—Hethersett annual parish meeting. Hethersett Village Hall

Wednesday 11th—Cheese and bread lunch at Hethersett Methodist Church, noon.

Wednesday 11th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

Monday 16th—Hethersett Parish Council. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 17th—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Club, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. David Wyatt entertains.

Wednesday 18th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

Saturday 21st—Hethersett Singers entertain. Feeling Good—A Celebration in Song, 7.30 pm. Hethersett Methodist Church.

Saturday 21st—Shoppers Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10.30 am.

Monday 23rd—Mothers' Union, St Remigius Church, 1.30 pm. Talk by the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

Wednesday 25th—Coffee stop at Hethersett Methodist Church 9 am until noon.

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

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@sky.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Hethersett Parish Council's Big Jubilee Lunch



Hethersett Village Hall

Sunday 5th June 2022 – 12 Noon to 3pm



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



Entertainment

Garden Games



Side Stalls



Best Crown
Competition
& Children's Fancy Dress



Bring your own
picnic

Platinum Jubilee
Village Trail



All Welcome!



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

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