



## Vacancies on Parish Council

THERE will be no elections to Hethersett Parish Council in early May with only nine residents coming forward to fill the 14 vacancies.

All nine will therefore be automatically elected and up to an additional five can be co-opted by the new council at its first meeting on May 15th.

There will be some significant absentees from the new council with former chairman Adrienne Quinlan stepping down for health reasons.

Former vice chairman Stephen Slack is also not standing for re-election and also standing down are experienced councillors John Nightingale, Mike Stark, Chris Morriss, Samantha England and relative newcomer Adele Kent. All have decided to call it a day.

The fact that only nine people have put their names forward makes an election unnecessary with all being elected uncontested.

The nine includes two new councillors



**Adrienne Quinlan (right) pictured at the planting of a commemorative tree on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year.**

**With her is Lady Dannatt, Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk. Mrs Quinlan is not standing for re-election to the parish council.**

in Heath Dakin and Kelsea Law along with re-elected councillors Sarah Lawrence who has been acting chairman, Bridget Williamson, who has been acting vice-chairman, Leslie Dale, Eileen Mulvaney, Anne Edwards, Jonathan Loomer and Jennifer Walpole.

Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer by e-mail at [Hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk) or by phoning 07902 322729.

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# From The Editor

Welcome to the May edition of Hethersett Herald.

As always, there is so much happening in our village and we hope this is reflected in the coming pages.



I'm particularly looking forward to putting together the June edition reflecting on how our village celebrated the Coronation of King Charles.

It promises to be a very colourful edition. Just a reminder that Herald now works hand in hand and alongside the printed magazine Good News which brings more news from Hethersett and the Meltons.

Peter

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## Keen Contest for District Council Seats

HETHERSETT Parish Council may be short of candidates for an election in May, but the contest for places on South Norfolk Council will be a keen one.

Hethersett will go to the polls on May 4th to elect three councillors to represent the village on the district council. In total there are nine candidates.

Two of the village's current representatives—Phil Hardy (pictured opposite) and Adrian Dearnley—are not standing again but David Bills will be looking for re-election.

The full list of candidates is: David Bills, Salena Dawson and Kathryn Cross (Conservatives), Jakob Marshall and Steven Palmer (Labour), John Morland (Labour and Co-Operative), Paul Barrett (Greens), Paul Blathwayt (Liberal Democrats) and Francisco Paco (Independent).

Polling will take place in Hethersett Village Hall from 7 am until 10 pm on May 4th. Voters' are reminded that for the first time they will have to show photographic identity before being allowed to vote.



## Hethersett Will Soon Be In The Pink

BUS services to Hethersett are set to increase with First Bus re-routing its service 11 through the village.

New bus service to the village welcomed but complaints continue about existing services.

From May 14th The Pink :Line service will be extended to cover Hethersett using central Government funding. This will include covering parts of the new North Hethersett development.

The move was welcomed by Hethersett's County Councillor David Bills:

"Norfolk County Council has been working with the local bus operator, First Bus, and I am pleased to inform you that from 14th May the Pink Line service will be extended to Hethersett using funding secured from central Government as part of our Bus Service Improvement Plan. This will include a new bus stop on the West Croft/Park Drive junction."

Services will operate every 30 minutes, seven days a week, with a reduced frequency in the evenings, and will provide scheduled journeys throughout the

day to Norwich City Centre via the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. The new timetable will be available on First's website.

On its website First Bus explained the extension:

"The extension beyond the Norfolk and Norwich university Hospital to Hethersett has been funded by HM Government's Bus Service Improvement Partnership (BSIP) to enhance local bus services for residents.

"In addition to serving Hethersett village centre along West Croft, Mill Road, Great Melton Road, Henstead Road and Back Lane, buses will then operate via the new housing development along Baker Drive, Coachmaker Way and Harness Maker Way, providing a direct link between these areas, the hospital and the city centre. Evening buses along this section of route will be provided by Turquoise Line 13A."



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

## Good News For Sheltered Housing Residents

THE new bus route has been welcomed by residents of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road who have been campaigning for a n extension to existing routes to make it easier for residents to get into Norwich and for hospital appointments.

Woodcote Scheme Manager Stephen Baxter said: "This is fantastic news. It will be of such benefit to our scheme residents and local community."

In announcing the extension, Niki Park, head of passenger transport for Norfolk County Council wrote to Mr Baxter saying: "I hope you will encourage your scheme residents, visitors and neighbours to use the new service to help its sustainability in the longer term."

Mr Baxter replied: "I will spread the news far and wide."

Previously Woodcote residents and others living in the area got together a petition calling for a bus route closer to where they live.

“In the past there was a bus that came closer to Firs Road and the scheme but this disappeared quite a while ago,” the petition pointed out.

“In essence, we have residents with many mobility issues and, although there is a Flexi Bus this is not every day, and it is limited to where it can go. There is a fifteen-minute walk or

longer to the nearest bus stop. We have identified a practical place where the bus could stop, and this is where West Croft and Park Drive meet near the convenience store and Funeral Directors,” the petition continued.

In the interests of reporting, Hethersett Herald will take a ride on the new service once it starts and will report back in the next edition.

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## Bus Problems Persist *by Peter Steward*

IT'S not all sweetness and light with Hethersett buses however, as I found out on April 27th when the scheduled 9.30 am bus through the village failed to turn up.

And this is far from the first time this has happened.

On that morning my wife had a hospital appointment and insisted on getting a number 15 bus to the Cringleford Interchange and then a second bus to the hospital.

She waited well over half an hour without a bus coming. In the end I got the car out and took a friend to Notcutts and then my wife to the hospital. As we drove through the village, there were quite extensive queues at every bus stop along the route. At one there was even a lady thumbing a lift—quite obviously late for an appointment somewhere.

We have experienced this non arrival of buses on more than once occasion and have written to First Bus to point out that at times they do not fulfil their own timetable.

The responses have been thin to say the least and I know many residents are running out of patience. On a personal level I prefer to get the bus whenever possible in order to cut down on the use of our car and improve our carbon footprint, but this is only possible if we have a regular and dependable public transport service—something that at times seems to be lacking.

Hopefully the new Pink Line buses will help the situation. We will be monitoring matters closely over the next month.

# Annual Parish Meeting

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**HETHERSETT'S Annual Parish Meeting took place in April and gave residents the opportunity to voice their views on village matters. Hethersett Herald's Gary Wyatt was there to report on the evening.**

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THE meeting started with a half hour 'mingling' session for residents, with displays from various organisations connected with the village - Speedwatch, Hethersett Archive, the Memorial Playing Field and the Community Garden – which appeared to generate a lot of interest.

The formal meeting then followed, chaired by the parish council chair Sarah Lawrence. Around 25-30 residents attended but none of the village's district or county councillors appeared to be present.

Residents were provided with paper copies of the agenda and various annual reports, and the meeting opened with Mrs Lawrence presenting her report on the council's activities in the past year.

It has been a year of considerable change for the council itself with the former chair, Adrienne Quinlan, recently retiring due to ill health which meant that Mrs Lawrence herself was quite new to the role. The council doesn't currently have its full complement of councillors and a lack of nominations means there will not be an election held next month. It is expected that the vacancies will be filled by co-option.

The highlights of the council report

included the considerable community achievement of securing the future of the Post Office in its new space in the library and the construction of the new pavilion on the playing field which is well advanced.

Further change is anticipated next year when the current lease on the village hall, now run by trustees, expires and management of the hall passes back to the council. However, a resident pointed out that the current financial assets of the hall (in excess of £100,000) cannot be passed to the parish council due to charity rules and suggested pressure be put on the current village hall management team to use this money to upgrade the hall urgently. Other residents mentioned the poor access to the parish office in the hall and other work needed.

Reports were also issued from the Jubilee Youth Club, the village hall trustees and the playing field trustees. A report from the archive was not available due to a "communication problem".

The usual call was made for the meeting to put forward and elect four nominees for each of the village hall and playing field trusts; three names were put forward for the playing field and two for the village hall. Copies of

the above reports will be made available on the council's website.

The meeting was then thrown open for residents to raise local issues. Amongst the points raised were -

Congratulations on the excellence of the new-style full colour parish council newsletter but regret that the cost of delivering it to all households was prohibitive. However, it is available from many outlets in the village, including the library, and the council hopes to add to these.

Complaints about lack of space, disability provision and misuse of the council's short-stay village car park on Great Melton Close, including a request for CCTV and better signage. Associated with this, the danger to pedestrians from reversing cars in front of the Tesco supermarket and Boots pharmacy.

Speeding in the village and a request for the 20 mph zone to be extended all the way along Great Melton Road as far as the New Road junction.

Lack of facilities/clubs/societies for elderly people in the village and

suggestions of a "shed" similar to the one in Wymondham.

A resident understood there are plans for a health centre next to the new school but the question of timescale and staffing was raised.

A resident praised the efforts of the croquet club in caring for their area of the playing field but was concerned that it was not respected by other people who allowed children and dogs to use it.

There was some discussion on the council's environmental policy, including school bus access and completion of the cycle path to the end of Colney Lane close to the hospital, neither of which were direct parish council responsibilities.

After some initial procedural uncertainty, no doubt due to inexperience, Mrs Lawrence chaired the meeting very well in the writer's opinion, especially when faced with several interventions from a rather unhappy resident.

The meeting closed at about 8.50 pm.

## The Chairman's View

HETHERSETT Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting was the place to be on the evening of Wednesday 19th April, with over 30 people in attendance.

This is in stark comparison to last year's meeting, where we could count the number of attendees on one hand.

**The annual parish meeting was chaired by parish council chairman and Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence who wrote this report of the evening.**

Due to the disappointing footfall last year, the decision was taken this year to shake-up the format. Table

displays were held from groups and refreshments were offered (donated by First Steps Playgroup), this was all promoted by a vast social media campaign put together by Community and Projects Officer, Sara White.

Stalls at the meeting were put together by the Memorial Playing Field Trust, with their plans for the Pavilion, the Back Garden (Hethersett's Community Garden project) organised by volunteers from HEAT, and the Community Speedwatch Team.

Roger Morgan, the Hethersett Archivist, had a table display, as did the team from Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes, with their plans for the Hethersett North development. As you can imagine, there was lots to see.

Whatever drew the public to the event, it was great to see so many people come and show their support and voice their opinions.

The Annual Parish Meeting started at 7.30 pm, after inviting people to visit the stalls from 7pm. Annette Palmer, our Clerk, is currently working from home due to an accident, so Sara White very kindly filled in.

There were a few hiccups, but we followed the agenda, and elected willing residents to the Village Hall



**Two of the displays at the annual parish meeting.**

Management Committee and the Memorial Playing Field Trust.

Reports from Hethersett Village Hall and Jubilee Youth Club were read out, along with the annual report from the Parish Council. Thanks were given to former Chairman of Hethersett Parish Council, Adrienne Quinlan, and respects paid to the late Gillian Saunders - former Chairman of Hethersett Youth Club - who



passed away in the last year. Thanks were also given to the vast number of volunteers who give their time in Hethersett, “each one of you is valued”.

Before long, it was the part that everyone had been waiting for: Item eight – To consider local issues. We spent a large amount of time speaking to various attendees about their concerns and worries for the village.

These included long-stay parking issues at the short-stay car park next to Tesco, inconsiderate parking throughout Hethersett, the potholes in Hethersett Village Hall car park and speeding.

All-in-all, the meeting was a success. It was wonderful to see so many people attend, showing that they care about our community and local issues.

If you couldn't attend but would like to see the minutes and reports given, please visit

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

for those, and more information about the council as a whole.

Pictures of the various presentations are included opposite.





## **In Memory of Frederick George Warman by John Head**

Two years ago, a bench seat in St Remigius Churchyard dedicated to the memory of Frederick George Warman was deemed to be unsafe and was removed to ensure public safety. The bench seat had fallen into disrepair through lack of maintenance.

The church retained the memorial plaque from the bench seat and it was advertised in the village's Good News Magazine in an attempt to trace the family.

Nobody came forward to claim the plaque so this is another attempt to contact the family by advertising it in the Hethersett Herald and Good News complete with a photograph. If any member of the family wishes to claim this, I can be contacted on [johnhead1@btinternet.com](mailto:johnhead1@btinternet.com). If it is not claimed it will be recycled.

## **Friendly Scarecrows to Make A Return**

FRIENDLY scarecrows are on their way to Hethersett again this year.

Such was the success of the Hethersett Scarecrow Trail in 2022, that it has been decided to repeat it for 2023 and this year's theme will be Stage and Screen.

The event is being organised jointly by the Friends of Hethersett VC Primary School and Woodside Primary and Nursery School with proceeds being split between the two.

Anyone interested in hosting a scarecrow or finding more details can e-mail [hethersettscarecrowtrail@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettscarecrowtrail@gmail.com) before Friday 19th May.

Trail maps will be available and the event will run from 27th May until 4th June and you can view a poster in our What's On section.

# Kommunity Kabin

By Sarah Lawrence

KETT'S Kabin, the community fundraising store in Hethersett, had a treat for the village up their sleeves for the Easter weekend.

On the afternoon of Easter Saturday, lead volunteer Emma rode out on a bike, playing Easter bunny, hiding over 50 filled eggs which were stuffed with small toys, gift and jewellery for people to find.

Kett's Kabin have won themselves an army of fans thanks to their community focus, their bargain prices, range of stock, and often unintentionally hilarious Facebook live feeds. The store, run completely by volunteers, is self-funded, and prides itself on helping young people with mental health difficulties.

Founded by Kassie Prime (Emma's mum) in 2019, Kett's Kabin has become a firm favourite to many Hethersett residents, providing a welcome second charity shop – much needed in these times where money is tight for many.

The shop is also dog friendly, with the volunteers' dogs taking up residence under the till area most days! The shop sells a mixture of donated and new stock, providing the young people who volunteer a chance to handle sorting through donations as well as experience with ordering lines to sell.

Not long after Emma had hidden the eggs, photos started to flood social media



with children who were happily clutching their precious finds. Hidden around the main routes in the villages, parks, footpaths, the church and woodlands, there were certainly enough hidden in various places to keep the children of Hethersett busy over the Easter weekend.

The team at Kett's Kabin also stated on their noticeboard that there was one gold mystery egg hidden. At the time of writing, I'm unsure as to whether that one has been found.

The shop is open most of the day from Monday to Saturday, but it's best to keep an eye on their Facebook page if you have access to social media. Just search, 'Kett's Kabin Hethersett'. They are very active on the socials, showcasing their stock for the day most mornings.

If you're having a spring clean, please also keep them in mind for donations, they will happily accept most items, including electricals. The team just ask that no large furniture items are donated due to lack of storage space in the premises.

Special thanks to the team at Kett's Kabin for allowing me to use their photos in this article, and to Jason Slack, Chrissy Alborough and Anita Nelson who kindly gave me their permission to use photos of their beautiful children with their lucky finds. Thank you, Kett's Kabin, for spreading an extra bit of magic this Easter.





# Fit For A King

ST Remigius' Flower Guild will be turning the coming Coronation weekend into a riot of colour inside the church.

The Guild is inviting residents to their display entitled "Coronation Weekend—Flowers Fit For A King."

The floral displays can be viewed inside the church on Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May from 10 am until 4 pm and on Sunday 7th from 12.30 until 4 pm.

There will also be a special Coronation Songs of Praise on the Sunday at 4 pm.

Light refreshments will be available. Entry is free but donations will be very welcome.

On Easter Day St Remigius was decorated with flowers, including the Easter lilies, an Easter garden and displays made at Messy Church and at Baby and Toddler group. After the service there was an Easter egg hunt in church.

"Thank you to everyone who bought Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. The church looked wonderful and thanks for your generosity. Your support is much appreciated," said one of the organisers Adele Kent.

On the next two pages you can see some of the lovely floral displays in the church over the past few weeks.

We will have a full report with photographs of the coming festivities in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.



# Splendid Church In Colour



Photographs on  
this page are  
courtesy of John  
Head

Photographs on this page are courtesy of Naomi Morris







Photographs by Adele Kent

# Salena's Marathon Effort



I RUN so therefore I am a runner. I say this now with confidence, as I have spent many years not quite believing by putting on trainers, pootling outside the door and entering the odd half marathon or indeed parkrun actually makes me a runner.

I am not a spring chicken; I am not a gym bunny. What I am is a 50-year-old who goes out to walk or run a few times a week to clear her head with the hope it maintains health and fitness.

Every now and again I like a challenge and so year in and year out I have registered for the London Marathon ballot knowing only 17,000 are chosen

**HETHERSETT Solicitor Selena Dawson talks about her preparations for the London Marathon and how she now considers herself to be “a real**

from the 350,000 ballot entrants. I never really believed my time to take part would arrive.

However, on the 24th October, 2022, I opened my emails as usual and there waiting in my inbox was mail from TSC London Marathon asking me to “Check Your Ballot Result?” This being the new modern way of telling runners they have

secured a place. In past years runners would receive a magazine and the front page received would determine if you were in or not. This method meant the postman would know of my unlucky outcome before I did.

I had no reason to believe this year would be any different (save for the postman would remain in the dark as to my outcome) and therefore I nearly skipped past this mail in search of something more tantalising.

However, being far too methodical and not wanting to leave unopened mail clogging up my inbox I clicked to find my destiny. The first click whizzed me to another page which again asked me to “click to see if I was in?”.

Compliant as ever I moved the mouse and clicked where requested, I was transported to yet another page but this one had a visual of confetti falling and big words saying “Congratulations Salena You Are In!”

Shocked I let out a little expletive and then nervous excitement overtook my senses. I made a quick calculation of how many weeks there were until the April 23rd Marathon and noted I had enough time to start a good training



**Salena successfully completed the marathon and here she is with her medal to prove it.**

plan in the New Year.

I then rushed to register my place, book a hotel before all the other successful candidates beat me to it and let family and friends know, most of whom, although happy for me, were happier it wasn't them, and were also weighing up the impact to them over the next few months.

I haven't disappointed. Like many other proud London Marathon runners to be, I talk incessantly about training, running, the route, any twinges. I post on Instagram @thiswomansweats about my journey and I proudly announce as I have run 12 miles then 14 miles then 15 miles. I have the 18 miler and 20 milers still to do (editors note—at the time or writing obviously).

Whether or not it's my wiser in years age or just my determination to enjoy the experience, I am having fun. I know I have been given a wonderful opportunity to be part of a great event.

I do not compare myself to other runners (of which there are plenty all around me). I do not beat myself up if training has not gone to plan. I am comfortable knowing I can adapt my training plan to my busy life. I will get around the route in my own time and I am determined to enjoy every step.

I have been asked on various occasions if I was running for a charity. My response had been "if people wanted to donate they could to Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT)."

I have tried to support NWT in various ways over the years, either as a member, or through attending events. NWT brings me so much joy with their nature reserves and forests, truly places of peace, great for recharging, checking in with your own well-being and off course the protection of our local wildlife.

I was honoured to be contacted by NWT and asked if I would run London marathon in their running shirt.

I jumped at the chance and have also set up a Just Giving page which will ensure any money raised by me will go directly to NWT to assist them continue their great works. I would be honoured if you could help me help NWT by giving too

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/salena-dawson?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=undraising&utm\\_content=salena-dawson&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=2949618f4667481fae-eddd552a9a21d7](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/salena-dawson?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=undraising&utm_content=salena-dawson&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=2949618f4667481fae-eddd552a9a21d7)

A MOBILE Library visits Little Melton every four weeks.

The library will be at a variety of sites in the village on Wednesdays on the following dates—12th April, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November and 20th December. Timings and locations are as follows:

School Lane NR9 3LA	Arrive 10.55	Depart 11.05
Shop NR9 3NL	Arrive 11.10	Depart 11.25
Braymeadow Lane NR9 3NQ	Arrive 11.30	Depart 11.45
Crossways NR9 3NN	Arrive 11.50	Depart 12.05
Little Melton School NR9 3AD	Arrive 15.00	Depart 15.45
Ringwood Close NR9 3NY	Arrive 15.50	Depart 16.15

## More Marathon Efforts

KATE Gooding also completed the London Marathon in a personal best time. Writing on Facebook Kate said:

“Still buzzing from yesterday's London Marathon. Everything came together on the day and somehow I came away with a 12 minute personal best.

“I've had so much fun training for this one and I couldn't have done it without the support of a lot of people.”

Meanwhile keen marathon husband and wife team David and Kim Powles took a slightly different route this year by tackling the Manchester Marathon.

David smashed his own personal best time in dipping under three and a half hours for the first time and Kim finished her first ever marathon.

David had a target of 3 hours 30 minutes but, with two miles to go, the target was really slipping away.

“Chuffed to say I managed to find some energy from a couple of haribo and got in at 3.29:30. Chuffed ain't even half of it,

“But most of all I am so so proud of Kimberley Powles who put so much effort, guts and determination into getting her first marathon done. She looked much much fresher than me at the end also,” David said.

Kate is pictured in London above and below David and Kim.



# Sports Clubs Have New Pavilion For 2023 Season



## ***By Philip Richardson***

GREAT Melton Bowls and Cricket Clubs have a 'new' pavilion for the 2023 Season.

Great Melton Park now boasts a bigger, better pavilion to host the highly successful Great Melton Cricket Club and Great Melton Bowls Club and which also serves as a parish room and village hall. It will be available for use as the new 2023 sporting season begins and is the result of a highly successful fundraising campaign by the Cricket Club whose increased membership, particularly of girls, necessitated bigger premises.

The new facilities include improved and enlarged changing rooms, a better kitchen, bar and toilet provision, together with an improved meeting room and more covered space for watching team games.

Meanwhile, the much smaller bowls club, whose outdoor rink adjoins the cricket pitch, is looking forward to sharing the new building for the social side

of its programme. Outdoor play is scheduled to start at the end of April, and the club would welcome anyone who has not played bowls before to come and try their hand with free tuition from existing members at set times over the first few weeks of the season.

Spare sets of bowls are available and all ages are welcome. Anyone interested should contact myself as chairman on 07715699211 or e-mail [prichardson@downhammanor.co.uk](mailto:prichardson@downhammanor.co.uk). The club website [greatmeltonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://greatmeltonbowlsclub.co.uk) is a good place to see what the members do.



## Less Litter at Latest Pick

SEVENTEEN volunteers took part in the April litter pick organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).

Nine bags of litter were collected—a relatively low amount compared to some picks in the past.

Organisers are hoping that their efforts are paying off and less litter is being dropped.



## Police Chat Time

PC Vicky Bailey from Norfolk Police will be in Hethersett Library on the fourth Monday of each month to discuss local policing issues with residents.

Local people will be able to go along for a chat about the local community.

She will be there from 1.30 until 3 pm on the following dates:

22nd May

PC Bailey can be contacted at: [victoria.bailey@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:victoria.bailey@norfolk.police.uk)



Last month we featured a number of Hethersett pubs that no longer exist. These two shots are from the Hethersett Archive and show The Prince of Wales Pub then and now. It is now a private house.







The latest photograph of work on the community garden at the back of Hethersett Village Hall. The garden is named in memory of the Back Family which has contributed much to Hethersett life over hundreds of years.

## A Blogging Invitation

JOIN the editor's blog.

Hethersett Herald owner and editor Peter Steward also writes a daily blog which often talks about village matters, along with travelogues and anything else that takes his fancy.

“Currently I have over 600 people signed up to read my daily ramblings. I would love to get this into four figures. Signing up is absolutely free. What I wrote is a labour of love,” he said.

Signing up is quite simple. Just go to Facebook and search for Peter Steward's Daily Blogs and you will find where you can request becoming a member.

“The blog is designed to dovetail in with Hethersett Herald and I look forward to hearing from more people,” he added

# Open Gardens Date Set For The Summer

THE Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is organising an Open Gardens event on Sunday 9th July from 10 am until 4 pm.

The village hasn't held this popular event since 2019 due primarily to lockdown restrictions.

The organisers are appealing for anybody who would like to open their gardens to the public to contact Sarah White, Community and Projects Officer for Hethersett Parish Council via e-mail at [hethersettppcommunityprojects@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettppcommunityprojects@gmail.com) or telephone 0790 2322 729.

Please look out for links to the application form online.

Volunteers are also needed on the day to assist with teas, art and craft stalls and car park duties. Anyone interested in helping should contact the numbers above.

Any proceeds from the event will be used by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) for the Back Garden community project on land at the village hall.

You can read more about this from Sara on the next page.





## Step Inside To Explore

Step inside for one day only to explore the private and community gardens of Hethersett. Ranging from tropical design to cottage garden. Come and meet those who created them and who now tend them with care and enthusiasm. Funds raised will go to supporting Hethersett community green projects including 'The Back Garden'.

We need more of Hethersett's gardeners to open up their gardens to the public to showcase the variety of different displays and plants for all to enjoy. It's a very simple application form. There will be no handling of money and we will organise the event and provide you with advice. We have a dedicated team of volunteers ready to help. There's a sneak peak above at one of the tropical gardens which we have signed up.

For an application form to include your garden, please visit the parish council office or follow this link: <https://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/files/2023/01/Hethersett-Open-Gardens-Application-2023-1-1.docx> or call: 07902322729.

Buy your entry map at the Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, on the day when you will also find a garden market and refreshments

# An Art Exhibition To Confound

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**HETHERSETT** artist Jo Jacobson will be part of a challenging and major contemporary art exhibition in Norwich in June. Here she tells us about how **Confound** will **Confound** and why it will challenge some of the usual assumptions about modern art.

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THE title of the exhibition was collectively agreed upon to embody the many possibilities required by an art collective which works autonomously and only comes together for two exhibitions a year.

This dynamic group of 20 contemporary artists have begun the organisation of their exhibition with the umbrella title of **CONFOUND**.

To dumbfound, startle, bemuse, discombobulate, unnerve, obfuscate, set someone thinking are but a few meanings which can be attached to the word **CONFOUND**. It is important, as a group, to encapsulate the diverse presentations of works of art, installations, films and performances on exhibition.

The individual and intuitive views of each artist is underpinned by extensive research into current affairs, historical events, poetry, literature, music and, coupled with the interrogation of materials, form, and genre. LAC Contemporary Arts endeavours to capture and intrigue audiences with



ambitious and thought provoking work.

The viewer is surreptitiously invited to look and to look again, to listen, walk around and to ask questions of the works that may inspire, confront or **CONFOUND** them. What is the artwork trying to tell me? How does it make me feel? What is its meaning? Why is this material being used; how does it add to the story? Is it a metaphor? Is it symbolic?

Often the name given to the work by the artist will add a hint of understanding and encourage a discussion with a co-viewer. "CONFOUND embodies challenge! The artwork has undertones. 'We do different'". says LAC artist, Julia Cameron.

Following interviews with some of the LAC artists taking part in CONFOUND, it became clear that within the throes of creating the work, each artist is constantly confounded within the process of making.

For instance, Tracy Satchwill is exploring the abuse of women through the mythologised story of Medusa to inform a digitally enhanced installation.

Roger Foyster admits he can be thrown into a "state of confusion and perplexity", while Kirsten Riley hopes to be "stopped in her tracks" when exploring her process. Zangmo Alexander finds her challenges in the exploration of Self by questioning the meaning of life through meditation and visual presentation.

Natasha Day's combinations of mixed metals have culminated in exciting and surprising formations for jewellery and sculptures, and Laure Van Minden "always expects the unexpected" with her music-led drawing performances. She hopes to CONFOUND the audience by showing how one can be in tune with a building's fabric, particularly the floor.

Andrew Hornett's large enigmatic onsite installations of discarded and found objects are enhanced with ongoing secretly videoed performances of change and can be CONFOUNDING in their abstraction.

Simon Marshall's enormous brightly

cartooned figurative canvases with their miasmic undertones invite challenging questions, as do Julia Cameron's breeze blown, wafting fabric hangings which expose the disintegration of Renaissance-like bowls of fruit, possibly questioning the meaning of life.

Jacqui Jones' highlights the complexities of climate change that CONFOUND us in her interactive installation 'The World is Watching' and Jocelyn Jacobson's clay paintings are a metaphor for the destructive nature of humankind.

Every LAC artist will have their own individual thought processes and way of researching and all will find their artistic and intellectual processes CONFOUNDING in so many different ways.

With this in mind, we will always ask our viewers to approach us for a casual conversation or a full on and lively discussion about the works on display.

The artists exhibiting include David Cassell, Natasha Day, Zangmo Alexander, Emily Gardiner, Julia Cameron, Keron Beaty, Jacqui Jones, George Pfeiffer, Grace Adam, Andrew Hornett, Roger Foyster, Kirsten Riley, Rebecca Clifford, Laure Van Minden, Tracy Satchwill, Simon Marshall, Jocelyn Jacobson, Jayne McConnell and Nicole Minton.

Confound exhibition will be held at Shoe Factory Social Club, St Mary's Works, St Mary's Plain, Norwich and will run from Thursday 8th to Sunday 18th June daily 11am - 5pm.

There will be an open view on Thursday 8th June from 6.30 - 8 pm. Everyone is welcome.

# Playing Field Pavilion Update

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**Continuing our monthly photographic update on progress being made on the new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field. The building is due for completion this month with a launch in June.**

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# Jo Bows Out As Library Manager

HETHERSETT Library Manager Jo Shelton has left the library service.

Jo's final day at work was on April 28th.

To mark her leaving, the Friends of Hethersett Library group presented Jo with a number of gifts. Jo played a major part in setting up the group a number of years ago and ensuring that it thrived and continued after lockdown rules were relaxed.

Jo is photographed with members of the Friends Group.

She has worked in the library service for 12 years and previously worked in prison libraries.

Jo said that she will miss "the lovely people I have come across.". She praised Hethersett Library as "a very special place."

The role of manager at Hethersett will be taken on by Sheila Breslin initially as a temporary measure.



# Busy Starts For Hawks

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HETHERSETT Hawks cycle speedway club has started its season with a busy schedule as Mel Perkins MBE reports.

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HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had a busy weekend to start the 2023 season. On an overcast, cold and damp Saturday the track stood up well and provided some great entertainment when 62 riders, 28 from Hethersett, contested nine categories in the South-East Grand Prix Round 1 which, in some categories, doubled up as a Regional Round of the British Youth and Junior League.

Riders came from six clubs, including some from Sussex, so competition was tough throughout. Highlight for the Hawks came in the Under-10s where Oscar Copeland won all his heats and then won the "A" Final from the unfavourable gate four. Others to impress were Matthew Sidell and Luca El-Labany, the latter having moved up to Under-12s this season. The most entertaining moment came in the senior final when Mason Martin looked set to win until a lost seat on a straight gave him a nasty surprise on the next bend!

Full results—Grand Prix Finals - (Hethersett unless stated)

## Under-8

A - 1 Archie Rawling (Kesgrave) 2 Freddie Mower (Kesgrave) 3 Nyla El-Labany 4 Freddie Fairs (Great Blakenham).

B - 1 Isaac Emms 2 Josh Morris 3 Henry Everson.

## Under-10

A - 1 Oscar Copeland 2 Sam Ridley (Hellingly) 3 Oscar Pemberton (Kesgrave) 4 Oliver Spurgeon (Kesgrave).

B - 1 Jasper Johnson (Great Blakenham) 2 Lincoln Powling (Kesgrave) 3 Arlo Davies 4 George Snook.

C - 1 Leo Piggott (Great Blakenham) 2 Neve Snook 3 Alfie Gunn 4 Evie Fenn (Kesgrave).

D - 1 Lauren Fenn (Kesgrave) 2 Michael Whitfield 3 Owen Stephens (ns).

## Under-12

A - 1 Demi-Ble Harris (Kesgrave) 2 Connor Jarrett (Kesgrave) 3 Maisy Baker (Ipswich) 4 Luca El-Labany.

B - 1 Isaac Powling (Kesgrave) 2 Zakery Eastwood (Norwich) 3 Frank Spauls 4 Lola Martin.

C - 1 Austin Brailey 2 Caiden Rawlings (Kesgrave) 3 Jamal Musa 4 George Morris (ns)

## Under-14

A - 1 Harvey Shumake (Kesgrave) 2 Will Blackmore (Norwich) 3 Matthew



Sidell 4 Dylan Geer (Hellingly).

B - 1 Mitchell Baker (Ipswich) 2 Charlie Spurgeon (Kesgrave) 3 Will Clarke 4 Hugo Kemp.

C - 1 Oscar Myall (Ipswich).

Under-16

A - 1 Finley Myall (Ipswich) 2 Paul Edwards (Hellingly) 3 Ethan Keogh-Brown (Kesgrave).

Under-18 (none)

Girls

A - 1 Amberley Gant (Kesgrave) 2 Aiesha Musa 3 Amelia Dodson.

Seniors

A - 1 Shaun Kell (Ipswich) 2 Fraser Harris (Ipswich) 3 Owen Wells (Ipswich) 4 Mason Martin.

B - 1 Ton Blackmore (Norwich) 2 Ross Carman 3 Jack Western (Norwich).

Veterans

A - 1 Paddy Wenn (Norwich) 2 Glyn Morgan 3 Rory Freeman 4 Jamie Neill.

B - 1 Gavin Whitehouse (Great Blakenham) 2 Steve Copping (Norwich)

British Youth and Junior League Team Scores (U12 - U18 and Girls only)

Kesgrave 98 Hethersett 94 Ipswich 47 Norwich 28 Hellingly 26.

The weather was much brighter on the following Sunday as the Hawks travelled to Great Blakenham for League matches. For the Division Two match the Hawks had only one senior rider available plus two veterans, one of whom James Neill was having his first team outing for 36 years, and six Under-16s. So it was quite daunting to arrive to find Great Blakenham fielding

some top veterans of their own including one major surprise - former Hethersett double British Champion Phil Howells.

Paul Delaiche and Mason Martin led the side well winning four races between them but the biggest cheer came when young Lola Martin passed a tiring Howells in heat four.

Great Blakenham B 95 Hethersett 65. Hethersett scorers—Mason Martin 18+1 Paul Delaiche 17 James Neill 9+1 Rory Freeman 7 Amelia Dodson 4 Lola Martin 4 Aiesha Musa 2 Matthew Sidell 2 Hugo Kemp 2).

It was role reversal in the Youth League match as the young Hawks showed their experience of the last two seasons was beginning to pay off as they convincingly defeated the home side. Aiesha Musa, Lola Martin, Luca El-Labany, Matthew Sidell and Frank Spauls were all unbeaten for the Hawks with Luca's team riding with novice Hugo Kemp one of the highlights.

Great Blakenham U-16s 53, Hethersett U-16s 107. Hethersett scorers—Luca El-Labany 18+2 Lola Martin 16+4 Hugo Kemp 16 Matthew Sidell 14+2 Will Clarke 13+1 Aiesha Musa 12 Frank Spauls 10+2 Amelia Dodson 8+1..

Hawks had another busy weekend of racing with some of the younger members having four matches. Action started at Great Blakenham on the Saturday with Round 2 of the South-East Grand Prix, part of which doubles as a regional round of the British Youth and Junior League.

Hawks took a squad of 21 riders to the Suffolk venue and the performances in the categories that count have put the

club well placed to qualify for the National Rounds.

Six Hawks made it to A Finals with the best being Dave Martin who was runner-up in the Veterans. There were third places for Nyla El-Labany, Oscar Copeland, Matthew Sidell and Aiesha Musa while Amelia Dodson came fourth. A number of the younger Hawks had their first matches outside Norfolk so gained valuable experience despite their nerves. Full Hawks Grand Prix finishes -

#### Under-8

A - 3rd Nyla El-Labany.

B - 1st Isaac Emms; 2nd Henry Everson.

#### Under-10

A - 3rd Oscar Copeland.

B - 2nd Ronnie Harding; 3rd Arol Davies.

C - 3rd George Snook; 4th Neve Snook.

D - 1st Alfie Gunn; 2nd Owen Stephens.

#### Under-12

B - 1st Luca El-Labany; 2nd Lola Martin.

C - 2nd Austin Brailey; 4th Jamal Musa.

#### Under-14

A - 3rd Matthew Sidell.

B - 2nd - Hugo Kemp; 4th Will Clarke.

#### Girls

A - 3rd Aiesha Musa; 4th Amelia Dodson.

#### Seniors

B - 1st Mason Martin

#### Veterans

A - 2nd Dave Martin.

The team scores over the U12, U14, U16 and Girls were: Kesgrave 113 Hethersett 80 Ipswich 46 Hellingly 35 Great Blakenham 30. The third round of the series is on Saturday 20th May at Ipswich.

On the Sunday Kesgrave visited the Memorial Playing Field for three South East League matches. The Division 2 match against Kesgrave B was action-packed and highly entertaining.

Kesgrave used Leon Mower as a restricted rider so the Hawks gained 15 penalty points but the Suffolk side also featured winter signing former British Champion Zak Payne who, because he has not competed in the region before, was not penalised.

Hawks set about trying to keep in overall contention despite some unforced errors, notably a double collision in heat 2. There were heat wins for Dave Martin, Harley Hamill and Mason Martin, the latter riding with injuries sustained on the Saturday.

With two heats left Kesgrave held a match lead of 11 so were still making up the penalty points but that changed in heat 15 with a visiting 7-3 putting overall scores level.

Of course the Hawks faced Payne and Mower in the nominated riders race so a tough call and when Hamill suffered cramp in both calves on the starting grid the chance of victory had gone. It was still an encouraging performance knowing that mistakes cost them in the end.

Hethersett (70+15) 85 Kesgrave B 88. Hethersett scorers—Mason Martin 16+1 Harley Hamill 15+1 Paul Delaiche

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages has been in existence since 1966 but the sport in the village goes back much longer. The infamous Hethersett Hornets ruled the cinder and dirt tracks of the 1940s and early 1950s, so much so that folklore has it that they were forced to pack up because no-one could beat them!!! (Truth probably is that after riders did their National Service they were not tempted back on bikes!!).

The Hornets raced on two tracks in Hethersett, one on a field off what is now part of New Road (known locally then as Kenny Woods's Loke) and the other being at the Parish Pit, a natural bowl caused by excavating marl for building purposes.

One of the stars of the Hornets was Ted Eaglen who won the first ever Norfolk Championship in 1950 on the Earlham track, still partially visible next to the Black Horse pub. Sadly, we have been informed that Ted has passed away and the cycle-speedway world passes its condolences to his family and friends. His funeral is at St Faiths Crematorium on 27th April at 3.30 p.m..

Ted's son Trevor would love to hear of any stories of the Hornets and his father's involvement and any communications can be forwarded via the Hawks Club.

Meanwhile the Hawks will strive to continue such a fine legacy.

12+2 Dave Martin 10+2 Rory Freeman  
8+1 Aiesha Musa 8+1 Matthew Sidell  
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The two Youth League matches were one-sided affairs with the Hawks defeating the very young Pumas side 107-53 with Aiesha Musa, Lola Martin, Matthew Sidell, Luca El-Labany and Amelia Dodson all unbeaten and some improved rides from Hugo Kemp and Austin Brailey.

There were some tiring Hawks by the time Kesgrave Panthers took to the track and they were given a lesson in fast starts by the reigning champions. Aiesha Musa was the sole race winner in heat 5 but Amelia Dodson really impressed despite a heavy fall.

Hethersett U-16s 107 Kesgrave Pumas  
U-16s 53. Hethersett scorers- Lola

Martin 20 Hugo Kemp 16+1 Matthew  
Sidell 14+2 Luca El-Labany 13+3  
Aiesha Musa 12+4 Austin Brailey 12+1  
Amelia Dodson 11+1 Will Clarke 9+1.

Hethersett Under-16s 54, Kesgrave  
Panthers Under-16s 106. Hethersett  
scorers- Lola Martin 9+1 Aiesha Musa  
9 Frank Spauls 8 Hugo Kemp 6 Amelia  
Dodson 6 Austin Brailey 5 Oscar  
Copeland 4 Will Clarke 2.

Over the Easter weekend Glyn Morgan started his defence of his Eurovets Series Over-60s title by finishing runner-up in Round 1 at Birmingham.

He also won the B Final in the Over-50s. The next round is at East London on April 29th the day before the first Norfolk GO-RIDE and Grand Prix at Harford Park.

# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

Full council dates for 2023 are: May 15th (first meeting of new council), June 19th, July 17th, August (no meeting), September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th. The annual parish meeting will be held on April 19th.

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

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

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

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

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

## How To Contact The Parish Council

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

The council has a website at

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

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

# News From The Parish Council

Below are details of the current 14 parish councillors. There will be a considerable number of changes in personnel over the next month as we have explained elsewhere in this edition. We will update this list for the June edition of Hethersett Herald. An asterisk next to a councillor's name indicates those who will be on the new council.

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Sarah Lawrence*	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
Vice-Chair	Bridget Williamson*	8 Churchfields	810259
Councillors	Leslie Dale*	46 New Road	810952
	Anne Edwards*	6 Queen's Road	812309
	Samantha England	c/o Parish Council Office	07582225895
	Adele Kent	c/o Parish Council Office	07714210436
	Jonathan Looome*	6 Miller Close	07799608978
	Chris Morriss	19 Haconsfield	810060
	Eileen Mulvaney*	C/o Parish Council Office	811997
	John Nightingale	2 Buckingham Drive	811513
	Stephen Slack	70 Priory Road	811824
	Mike Stark	61 Lynch Green	Via the clerk
	Jennifer Walpole*	16 Cann's Lane	811932
	Adrienne Quinlan	8 Childs Road	814379

# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



### DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett

Ketteringham or Little Melton?

### ARE YOU

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

**Infirm  
Convalescing  
Sick  
Unwell  
Disability**

#### Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



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

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

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# Sarah's World

WHAT a month! So much has happened, so let's have a recap.

First things first - I took on one of most challenging roles of my life so far—Chairman of Hethersett Parish Council.

It's something that I've always aspired to do, ever since I started volunteering more on the council and becoming aware of all of the roles and responsibilities that the position brings. However, it wasn't something that I anticipated taking on so soon. I've always had a huge amount of respect for Adrienne Quinlan, the former Chairman of many years.

She is a force to be reckoned with and has made some very difficult decisions in her time as Chair, along with some important strides in making Hethersett a better place to live.

Adrienne sponsored me to take the position as her Vice Chairman last year, a massive vote of confidence for someone that hadn't really been on the Council that long. A couple of months ago, Adrienne had to make the tough decision to step-down after a period of poor health.

After much um-ing and ah-ing, I decided to go for the role of Chairman with the backing of my family. It was important to me that I had their backing, most importantly my husband, as taking on such a large and time-demanding role has a huge impact on them all too.

At the March meeting I was voted in as Chairman, with Bridget Williamson taking the role of my Vice Chairman.

It's been a whirlwind ever since!

Of course, at the May meeting, it may all change again. I may get voted out if everyone decides to go with someone else or, who knows, by that point, I may decide that the role is too big for me at present.

What we do know, is that in May, we have a whole new set of Councillors. Some have stepped down from their seats on the parish council, and some



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have remained.

We also have two new councillors joining us, which is very exciting indeed! One of the things I would love our council to be is as diverse as possible. That said, we still have plenty of seats available. We are able to co-opt more people on as Councillors if you would like to come aboard our team of volunteers.

It would be great if we could get some volunteers who really want to make a difference, it's such a rewarding thing to do. If you'd like more information about the role and responsibilities of being a Parish Councillor, email Annette Palmer, our Clerk at [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

Outside of the Parish Council, we've been busy with our other volunteer obligations too. In late March we spent a weekend helping the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) with the village litter pick on the Saturday, taking part in their entry to the Big Litter Pick 2023.

We even had our Facebook post reposted by South Norfolk Council. We then spent the Sunday helping out at the Back Garden, the community garden sited next to the village hall. We helped plant herbs in one of the flower beds, and top-up the others with compost.

My daughters, Mia and Hattie, also topped up the bug hotel with pieces of bamboo, acorns and poppy seed pods. If you'd like get involved with



volunteering at the community garden, pop Annette an email at the address above. There's an email mailing list that you can be added to, to get alerts on the next activities that are taking place. This is a busy time of year, so there's lots to help out with!

Over at Woodside Primary School we spent another afternoon supervising the two school discos for years 4 to 6. I say 'we', as the girls helped too. It was good fun, and the Friends of Woodside Primary School all pulled together to make the event a success.

The discos are always a hit, with Freddie providing the best tunes to get the children on their feet. My children mucked in by dishing out the drinks and biscuits, helping to wash up the cups, and wiping down the tables between the classes. I've yet to find out how much was made from the disco, but anything is great to line the coffers!

The very next day I worked in the morning, went to pick up the girls from



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my Mum's house after I finished, then headed to the Youth Club to have a clear out! The Youth Club had accumulated a lot of 'stuff' over the years, and filled the loft space with even more. With that in mind, the Trustees decided it was a good idea to hire a skip and have a clear out day.

We filled the ten yard skip easily after a couple of hours work! Plenty of volunteers helped out, mostly Trustees and their families, but also friends too. Hattie really enjoyed lobbing all of the old tat into it! We intend to go back at some point soon to give it a deep clean. Before you know it it'll look like a different place, it already feels so much better to be in.

As you can see, volunteering is a large part of mine and my family's lives. Part of King Charles'

Coronation celebrations is the Big Help Out, where we are encouraged to take up volunteer activities as individuals and groups.

The chances are, you have a couple of spare hours a month to spare to help out. Someone once told me that they couldn't volunteer on a weekend, as that was their family time. Why not involve your family? Hethersett is filled with organisations who could do with a little helping hand, you never know when you might need their help. Hethersett Hearts for instance, is



always looking for volunteer drivers, Post Office greeters, or people to do shopping for those who are struggling

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to get out of the house. There is a huge range of volunteer opportunities that you can take part in depending on your strengths, and even if you haven't found that strength yet, it makes it a good chance to hone your skills.

Another bonus is the social aspect. Through volunteering at the Playgroup, I've made firm friends for life! Not to mention that warm glow you feel when you know you've made a difference.

More from Sarah's world in the June edition of Hethersett Herald which will be out at the end of May.



## Community Award Time

SOUTH Norfolk Council's Community Awards have been launched again, looking for local people that have gone an extra mile in their communities.

The awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of residents from across the district, who go above and beyond to support others or complete incredible achievements. The winner in each category will receive £250 to give to their chosen community group or voluntary organisation. Closing date is May 4th.



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

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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. There is an historic context to John's work this month as he features photographs of what was then the new Steepletower development with photographs taken from the top of St Remigius Church tower.

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HOW much the landscape of Hethersett has changed in just six years since I was undertaking maintenance at the top of the church tower with David Neal and Rick Palmer.

It reminded me so much of the poem 'Hertfordshire' by Sir John Betjeman



The poem describes Betjeman in his youth trudging across the fields of Hertfordshire with his 'knickerbockered sire' in a syndicated shoot.

He accidentally fires his gun into the ground much to the disapproval of his father and all around him. He returns later in life to see the fields and churches still there but the overall landscape has changed dramatically. The poem ends as follows and as I read these words I also think of our village; Hethersett

You can read the poem on the next page. The photographs were taken from the church tower on that visit

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



“They still are there. But now the shire  
Suffers a devastating change  
Its gentle landscape strung with wires  
Old places looking ill and strange  
One can't be sure where London ends  
New towns have filled those fields of root  
Where father and his business friends  
Drove in the Landalette to shoot  
Brick boxes glitter in the sun  
Tall concrete standards line the lane  
Far more would these have caused him pain  
Than my mishandling of a gun

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## Have You Missed Out ?

YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hethersett Herald by going to

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

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

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

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Fiddle Muffs

Words and Pictures by Emily Parton

WE have amazing residents at our home and in turn brilliant relatives.

One of our residents grand daughters Imogen James who learnt to knit from her grandmother, Joan Watts ( a resident at Hethersett Hall) decided to put her new found skill to good use.

During lockdown Imogen started knitting fiddle muffs and using old books to make hedgehog ornaments. Once a few were finished she took them round to elderly people in her neighbourhood to remind them they were not alone and bring smiles to their faces.



After building up quite a collection she decided to donate them to our wonderful home and residents. As you can see from the pictures we are more than happy to have them. Thanks again Imogen and what a lovely idea!

In the photograph are (left to right) - Elena Sandu (General Manager), Margaret Foulkes (resident) and Melissa Fisher (Deputy Manager).

We all have great ideas to boost the wellbeing of our residents and its so important to hear their point of view too.

Every month we hold a meeting led by our resident ambassador Dulcie Alvi. Together with our Administration Assistant they go through the agenda and minutes will also be taken for the meeting too.

All heads of department attend to listen and take on board new ideas, it really is a whole home approach and shows the importance of being resident led in everything we do



# News From Hethersett Hall

## Easter Eggstravaganza



Our residents had an “eggsellent time at Easter.

Good Friday we had an Easter egg hunt with our little visitors followed by Easter themed bingo hosted by the Junior Ambassadors from local schools.

Saturday was a slightly calmer day with live entertainment from Roger Moore ( no relation to James Bond).

We continued our weekend with an Easter church service on Sunday followed by Easter Bonnet decorating and on Easter Monday it was Hot Cross Bun tasting to finish off a hectic weekend.

Plus our amazing Head Chef Becky, Second Chef Rosie and their amazing kitchen team made some mouth watering Easter treats for our residents to enjoy throughout the weekend.



# News From Hethersett Hall

## Smiling Colleen Is Employee of the Month

Our staff are dedicated to the wellbeing of all our residents and work so hard each and every day to ensure loved ones are well looked after.

Each month we look for an employee who has gone that little bit extra to bring a bigger smile to our residents already happy faces. For March it is our lovely Colleen Carter who has given that extra sparkle in everything she has done.

Colleen is one of our housekeepers at Hethersett Hall who spends the majority of her day making sure residents' clothes are spotless, well presented and delivered back in a timely fashion, always with a smile on her face too!





## **Hethersett Community Post Office**

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

**Tuesday: Closed**

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

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

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

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

**Sunday: Closed**

### **Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours**

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

Monday—Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—7-11 pm

Friday—5-11.30 pm

Saturday—midday until midnight

Sunday midday to 8 pm.

# Join The Email Group

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

We also post copies of new editions, along with an archive of editions from the past six years, on the website [www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com).

If you would like to be alerted via e-mail of the publication of a new edition please send an e-mail requesting this service to the editor—[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com).

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

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

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

[petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

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# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

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

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

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

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

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

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

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

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

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

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

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

# HETHERSETT HERALD

Your Monthly E-Magazine

News, views, comment, information and photographs keeping you up to date with what is happening in our village. Hethersett Herald is published on the first day of each month exclusively at:


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# HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



 Insp Louise BISHOP  
Local Policing Commander

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




101 Ext: 5635



[Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Louise.Bishop@norfolk.police.uk)



 PC Vicky BAILEY  
Engagement Officer

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.




101 Ext: 1113



[Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Victoria.Bailey@norfolk.police.uk)



 PC Stu BARNARD  
Beat Manager

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

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



101 Ext: 2386



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



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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.

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?

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Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	144.9	NC	161.9	-3p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	144.9	-1p	161.9	-4p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	144.9	-1p	161.9	-4p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	145.9	-1p	160.9	-5p
Abbeygate Wymondham	156.9	-1p	171.9	-4p
Waitrose Wymondham	156.9	NC	173.9	-2p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	152.9	NC	169.9	-5p

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

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

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

The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month. Hethersett Herald is published on or around the first day of each month via the web site

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

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



# Groups and Societies

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

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

**Email: [firststepshethersett@outlook.com](mailto:firststepshethersett@outlook.com)**

Booking essential – booking window opens the Wednesday before the next session.

To book, please email the address above. You will receive a confirmation reply if space allows. Spaces are limited!

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

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Gardening Club

At a very well attended meeting, Bob Coutts gave members a whistle stop tour of about 30 of the best gardens of the British Isles and Ireland. Bob showed 60 of his extensive collection of slides of gardens, which he has either visited in his Head Gardener role or for personal pleasure. During this talk he showed a love of colourful Rhododendron and Azalea based shrubbery, perhaps based upon his welcoming the reported resurgence of Leonardslee Garden in Sussex.

Members visited gardens too many to name individually, whether in Ireland, Scotland, England or Wales. However, locally Bob showed his admiration for both the creation of the East Ruston garden and secondly the floral displays at the Ship Inn at Caister on Sea.

Andrew Sankey - a garden designer, landscaper, nursery man, lecturer and author - gave a talk on the English Landscape Garden.

This was a style of landscape gardening which emerged in England in the 17th century and spread across Europe as their principal style. Here it was just known as the English Garden.

It was pioneered by William Kent and Charles Bridgeman at Stowe and successfully continued by the likes of Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton. It was typified by sweeping grasslands, groves and clumps of trees, lakes, bridges, classical temples, gothic ruins and other picturesque architecture. Everything was designed to appear entirely natural and even wild.

It was usually centred on the English country house and many examples in the UK are popular attractions today. Particular mention was made of Stourhead in Wiltshire, Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire and Hawkstone Park in Shropshire.

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

All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th May when Tom Everett, Head Groundsman at the UEA, will be talking about the Conservation of the UEA's landscape.

# Groups and Societies

## The RiNG Norfolk Arthritis Group

Our February meeting was very engaging with Bob and Rodney from Hethersett and District Lions.

The short films they showed of the Lions' charity work worldwide was very moving, especially as most had thought it was quite local. It is such a worthwhile charity and they are always looking for new members.

I have to say a huge thank you to Peter Steward for a truly fascinating look in March at a life that those of us listening found remarkable. I think we are all looking forward to another slice of life at a future date.

Mary Anne Massey is with us for our Birthday meeting and we are hoping for a good turnout to celebrate 15yrs of The RiNG.

It would be nice to see some old friends again who were with us at the beginning.

Our July meeting on 26th has Alistair Bielby from Footsure at Wymondham talking about our feet and foot care, always useful knowledge to have.

We already have a number of speakers lined up for next year and we are always eager to hear of any topics that the members are keen to learn about and we will do our best to secure speakers on those subjects.

If you have any suggestions , please speak to either Jane or myself at a meeting.

The group meets at Hethersett Village Hall at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

The entrance fee is £4, tea/coffee and home-made cake is on offer together with the chance to chat and perhaps make new friends.

For any more info please ring 01603 811347 or email [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net)

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Woman's Institute with Margot Markham

I felt that my education had failed me ... I didn't know what a "Sommelier" was. I thought I had better find out before our speaker Cheryl Cade came to talk to us. She described herself as a "sommelier of cheese".

I thumbed through the OED and a "sommelier" is really a wine specialist. Obviously, Cheryl knew a bit about cheeses. She has a love of both cheese and beer. She spoke of local Norfolk cheeses and the sensation of taste.

It has been a busy month as, just after this meeting, we got together with friends from neighbouring institutes. A group of ladies calling themselves "Norwich Harmony" came to sing.

They were about 20, very slick, ladies who obviously just loved singing in harmony in a very professional way. A girly version of Barbers Shop. Oh it was wonderful.

There were some familiar tunes and many others we didn't know all adapted for six parts. As they would say on television, they were fab....u .....lous.

Their singing was interspersed with a duet of one of the choir, playing her oboe accompanied by another playing the piano. We all chuckled as their leader read a piece by Joyce Grenfell, the actress and writer called "The Flower". To finish the evening we enjoyed some delicious nibbles made by our members. We agreed it was a super night .

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## Support Group For Parkinson's

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

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

For more information contact Mrs T. Dye on 01508 499220

# Groups and Societies

## St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

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

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

**TUESDAY 2nd MAY**

**Future Dates:**

**6th June**

**4th July**

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

# Groups and Societies

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

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

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

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

Our friendly club usually meets on the fourth Monday of the month in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Refreshments are offered on arrival. After the demonstration by a qualified



floral demonstrator, there is a chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle. Other events and outings are included in our programme. Visitors are always welcome

## Forthcoming events

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

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

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



We also have two outings planned:

June 7th to English Peonies, North Walsham

and on

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

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

## Hethersett Bridge Club Appeal For Players

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

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

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

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

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

John Coadwell (Club Chairman)

# Groups and Societies

## Friends of Hethersett Library

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

The Friends next event will be a talk and presentation by Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens on June 15th. When the good doctors of Great Britain, Europe and the World descended upon Norwich in August 1874, the city welcomed their status, knowledge and wealth with open arms. Phyllida will invite you to attend their grand dinner and meet some of the notable guests. Tickets for this event will be available on the door on the evening, priced at £5 which includes light refreshments.

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

The Friends group is also organising a quiz in October and a children's party in December and we will have more details of these in coming editions of Good News. The library has a full programme of regular events and you can see these outlined on the next page. Earlier in this edition you can read about a special presentation to Library Manager Jo Shelton.

## Forget Me Not Club

HETHERSETT Forget Me Not Club under the auspices of Hethersett Dementia Support Group meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The first Tuesday is usually an informal get together with light refreshments and the third Tuesday features a more structured programme including presentations, films, talks, games and much more.

All are welcome and not just those living with dementia. For more information please contact Anne Steward on 811052.

The first meeting in May will see the welcome return of Michael Delph who will entertain with his inimitable style of music. Michael's mum Ruby was a keen member of the group. She died recently and the Forget Me Not Café was well represented at her funeral service in St Remigius Church. The first meeting in May also featured a special Coronation meal featuring none other than Coronation Chicken.

### Coming Dates:

**May 2nd**—Coronation Celebrations.

**May 16th**—A presentation by Queen Victoria (portrayed by Georgette Vale)

**June 6th**—Time For A Chat

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



# At your Library

## in Hethersett



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Hethersett Herald What's On



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# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

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

MONDAY 8TH MAY 2023, 12PM - 6PM

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HETHERSETT PARISH  
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**Event Running Times**

12.30 Sam The Magic Man  
1-2 pm Hunter- Live Band  
2 pm Crown Competition  
2.30 pm Sam The Magic Man  
3-4.30 pm Hunter-Live Band  
4.30-6 Recorded Music  
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# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Murder Mystery Time For Players



## Prepare To Meet Thy Tomb

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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](mailto:petersteward@sky.com).*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Hethersett

## • Farmers Market



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

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

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

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

# Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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



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

## Christian Aid Week Lunch

ON Wednesday, 17th May from 12.30 pm onwards there will be a soup and bread lunch at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall in Great Melton Road in support of Christian Aid Week.

There will be a choice of soups and donations from the event will be forwarded to the Norwich Christian Aid Committee.

For further details please contact Anne Steward on 01603 811052.

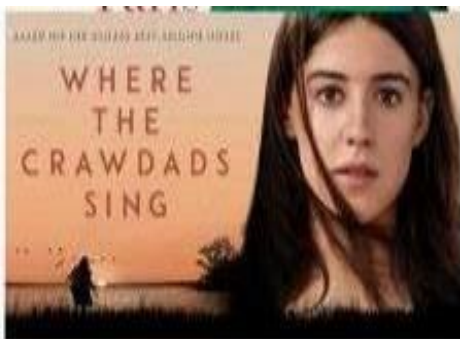


# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Hethersett Village Screen

The Winter/Spring series of Hethersett Village Screen ends with the film *Where The Crawdads Sing* on 7th May.

Admission to all films is £5.



### **Where The Crawdads Sing (15)** **Sunday 7th May, 3pm**

Daisy Edgar-Jones stars in this acclaimed drama, set during the 1950s and '60s, in which a young woman who grew up alone in a North Carolina marsh is accused of the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.

## Singers Return

HETHERSETT Singers return with a programme of fun music, from the 1930s to the present day, plus a few classics.

The concert will be conducted by Rob Goodrich. Tickets are on sale from Hethersett Butchers, 35 Great Melton Road, or on the door at the performance, for £8.

The concert takes place on Saturday 27th May 7.30 pm. In Hethersett Methodist Church.

## Dates For 2024 Pantomime Announced

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

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## Free Tennis and Free Reading

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

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

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



# Hethersett Herald What's On

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023



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



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

# Hethersett Herald What's On



## Hethersett SCARECROW

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Raising funds  
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primary schools  
in Hethersett



Saturday 27th  
May -  
Sunday 4th  
June

Scarecrows on  
a 'Stage and  
Screen'  
theme



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO HOST A SCARECROW  
BY FRIDAY 19TH MAY AT  
[Hethersettscarecrowtrail@gmail.com](mailto:Hethersettscarecrowtrail@gmail.com)



Hethersett Players present

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

# Prepare to meet thy tomb

by Norman Robbins



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

*7.30pm*

*£10 per ticket*

*Refreshments included*

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

# An Invitation From Hethersett Library

***By Library and Information Assistant Kay***

Winter can be a difficult time for many, so if you're feeling the cold come and warm up in the library.

Hethersett Library is here for you with FREE hot drinks all winter! Come in out of the cold and read a book, have a chat or join one of our clubs like Knit, Stitch and Natter.



The tea trolley will be out and ready 30 minutes after we open - so join us for a tea, coffee, hot chocolate or cup-a-soup in staffed times:

Monday 13:30 - 19:00

Wednesday 11:00 - 19:00

Thursday 13:30 - 19:00

Friday 13:30 - 19:00

Saturday 11:00 - 16:00

We also have adult and children's warm and well bags, as well as adult toiletries and children's toiletries bags, to help those who are struggling financially this winter.

They are available at the library during staffed times to anyone who needs them, no questions asked.

HAVE you seen our sister publication Good News?

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

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

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## Open Library

Extending opening hours at your library

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**25th May 7-9pm @  
Helen Pye Theatre,  
Hethersett  
Academy**



**£5 per person**, teams of up to 8 people.  
**Scan the code to book.**  
Bring your own snacks and refreshments.  
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# A Decline In Fortunes

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**Lewis Buckingham continues his authoritative history of Hethersett, reaching the 14th century.**

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THE year after William and Alice de Bernak became Lord and Lady of Hethersett, King Edward the First - Longshanks - died. His less illustrious son Edward II became king and England's fortunes began a slow decline that hastened the longer he ruled. I imagine that at first the de Bernaks spent a little time becoming accustomed to their new home and growing their family. Hethersett was already a bit of a family affair - Alice's brother Robert had been Rector there since 1300 - but they now got down to having a family of their own. Eldest son John was born around this time, and a second son Robert was born the following year. In due course followed another son, Hugh, and a daughter, Maud (although not necessarily in that order).

Perhaps they needed some help with the kids, because in 1311 Alice's other brother, John, was brought in as the second Rector of Hethersett alongside Robert. (For hundreds of years there were two Rectors of Hethersett because - well, that's a long story I can't fit in here). All of this family time seems to have kept them far removed from politics and it wasn't until around 1313 that they were drawn into the orbit of the king. It all had to do with William's first little bit of property - the Manor of Plessy in Attleborough.

Somehow it came out that an Earl a century beforehand should have claimed his rights by inheritance in the manor there but hadn't, and now his descendant - and somehow the king as well - wanted it back. William pointed out that that the reason this Earl hadn't claimed the Manor was because it wasn't his to claim and legal wrangling ensued.

The argument was mainly about who had the Advowson - right to appoint the next Rector - of the Church at Attleborough. It's not clear how it all panned out. However the following year William, the son of Simon de Hederse (who you'll remember was Lord of a Manor in Hethersett and another in Cringleford to boot) was made Rector by the Bishop. So perhaps some compromise had been reached. William had his man appointed (for de Hederse was surely his choice - I mean, the de Hederse and the de Bernaks were pretty tight with each other). A little over ten years later William made Gregory de Hederse the next Rector, so he must have had his way. Yet de Bernak didn't have the credit for the appointment in 1314, so at least the King saved face. If this small mercy could be placed in the positive column for King Edward II, it would have done little to balance the swift shift of his ledger into the red.

The following year the Scots shattered Edward's army at Bannockburn and the country itself seemed to weep. Records for East Anglia show that there were heavy rains and floods in the autumn of 1314, and the rains continued for four years with a brief respite of drought in the Spring of 1316. The crops of 1314 were described as poor, and those for the following two years as abysmally poor. A famine began the year of Bannockburn, and as the sky wept the people starved for seven long years. The King was blamed for the ills of the country and it did not help that he requisitioned food for his own use while his subjects suffered. Tensions increased due to this, and to his favouritism for the Despencers, which erupted into Civil War in 1321. John of Brittany, Earl of Richmond, sided with the King. He was William de Bernak's direct Lord, so William's sympathies must - or should - have lain with those of the Earl. It's not known whether William - and hence men from Hethersett - were called upon to fight.

Edward came out on top and, as tensions continued to simmer, life went on for the Bernaks and Dribys. Alice's mother Joan de Driby enfeoffed Gilbert - William de Bernak's brother - and another priest with her lands in Tatersale, with the intent that they went to her youngest son.

It was around this time that the tide of war started its tug upon the Bernaks and Hethersett. At this time England held one last piece of land in France - the Duchy of Aquitaine - of which King Edward was the Duke. Technically this meant he owed fealty to the French King, but over the years this obligation to actually swear service was fudged in one way or another, so that England

could not find itself in some respects subject to the rule of France. The French wanted to be rid of the English once and for all and a dispute concerning the small town of Saint-Sardos in Gascony gave them just the excuse they needed.

A flurry of orders descended from Edward as the crisis worsened. He needed men, and he needed them fast, so he came up with novel solutions. One of the first was to compel all who held land worth £40 to come forward and be knighted. To sweeten the command, all who did so could come to the King's wardrobe and would be given a free suit of armour and accompanying arms. The king made the offer in May, and they had until Michaelmas, at the end of September, in which to take it up. You might remember that William de Bernak wasn't quite wealthy enough in 1306 to be knighted. That was no longer the case, and perhaps he took up the offer, as a couple of years later we have the first references to him as William de Bernak, 'Chivalier.'

Of course this gambit by the king was designed to force anyone with a reasonable amount of land to do 40 days service a year at their own cost. The countdown for each forty days only commenced once they had joined the king. If he could keep them in readiness, but not have them join him quite yet, he wouldn't have to pay a penny until necessary. Evidently Edward held doubts that many landholders would take him up on the offer. A few days later a new command was sent forth that any £40 landholder who chose not to become knight would nevertheless have to outfit themselves and one other with horse and arms as befitted their estate.

Evidently by this date, William was held in some regard. He was one of four worthies assigned in Norfolk to:

*"supervise the array .. in defence of the realm, especially now that the king of France is gathering a great army against the king and the duchy of Aquitaine."*

They were to return a list for Norfolk (excluding Norwich and Great Yarmouth) of the number of men on horse and foot who could be armed in steel armour by the end of September. The order was in general extremely disliked. The troops were to all be outfitted with "haketons (cotton doublets, sometimes covered with metal plates), bacinets (open faced metal helmets), gauntlets of steel or whalebone and other suitable arms" - all at the cost of their home town and it wasn't clear at exactly what stage they would begin to be paid once they were called upon to actually travel for war. Normally it was once they had left their home county, but in this case it was all left in the air. William seems to have gotten down to work with a will. He and his Norfolk compatriots were at one stage remonstrated to stop impressing sailors into the army, as they were required for the navy. It's perhaps this overall mood of due diligence that might go some way to explain the over reach of the local Constables for Humbleyard Hundred. They just happened to be two men from Cringleford - Thomas Spriggy, who had not long since sold a minor manor there to Simon de Hedersete, and John de Skilman (aka de Hedersete) one of Simon de Hedersete's sons. A few years later they were charged with

many improprieties. One of them was the "extortion" of 40s from Hethersett (and of £4 from various other unnamed places).

40s just so happened to be the approximate rate at the time for the arming of two men in the requisite arms required by the muster. It may be that the two constables had levied the cost from the town in a somewhat strenuous manner.

Perhaps this was a measure of their concern. Come December of 1324, William and his other Commissioners of Array were ordered to take 200 of the 1,040 men they'd mustered in Norfolk to Portsmouth in March. They and men from every county would embark for Gascony and war.

Behind the scenes, however, William's Lord, the Earl of Richmond, was in France with the Bishops of Norwich and Winchester negotiating a peace deal. And so the "War" with France petered out. In France, William and the Norfolk troops were ordered to go to Harwich, in Essex, instead, as *"there was not enough time to array the men"* the King had decided to wait until May for his own trip over the water. He'd offered to pay the troops for their journey to Harwich, including while waiting there to embark, which was a plus. Perhaps this was a reward to the men of Norfolk. Maybe they lacked the reluctance evident in most other corners of the country. In some regions they were being forced to pardon criminals to make up their quotas. Norfolk would send an advance guard in support of the troops already there, which is in fact what ended up happening. It doesn't seem that William made the trip to Bordeaux himself - or even to Harwich - but there's a fair chance that a Hethersett

villager found himself swept along by the tide of events. Contrary winds kept them in port until April, and by May they were in Gascony. The troops' pay was delayed, and they were forced to pillage the land they were sent to protect, although the region was already short of food. It was said at the time that, *"in this country, one will find nothing except wine."* Meanwhile Isabella, Queen of England, was in France trying to negotiate a peace with her brother King Charles IV of France. Edward seemed hopeful that a peace could be brokered, and in July he cancelled the invasion of France as:

*"He has high hopes that a good peace will ensue."*

The deal hammered out was this: instead of King Edward paying homage to King Charles for his land in Gascony, he would send his son - the future Edward III - in his stead. This would solve two problems: the matter of principle where Edward II couldn't look like the King of France was his overlord

1. Edward's latest favourites - the Despencers - need no longer fear being left hanging in the wind if Edward travelled to France with an army. The Despencers had an inkling they were less than well liked in England. So all good - except that after arriving in France the Prince refused to return to England. Isabella started wearing black and declared herself a widow. Around Christmas she made merry by shacking up with Roger Mortimer, one of Edward II's biggest critics, and together they began raising an army all their own.

Edward had seen the writing on the wall and kept the troops ready *"because of the perils that lay ahead for the king and his people."* This put

the de Bernaks in a bit of a pickle, as their Lord, John of Brittany, had also stayed in France. He'd thrown his lot in with the Prince and the Queen. During these unsettled times, Alice's mother Joan de Driby made the decision to get her affairs in order. She set things up so that William and Alice would end up with her lands in Norfolk after her death. William's trusty elder brother Gilbert was given the lands in trust. After Joan's death he would hand property in Wymondham, Attleborough, New and old Buckenham and Ellingham to William and Alice - thereby skipping the death duties.

In the summer of 1326, Isabella landed with 1000 or so troops somewhere on the River Orwell in Suffolk - not far from Harwich from whence Gascony's defenders had left the previous year. Ostensibly William was tasked with defence against this invasion - specifically to raise 1400 footmen in Norfolk. Had the will been there, the troops raised in Norfolk and elsewhere could have easily rolled up Isabella's small force.

It's likely, though, that William was one of the many who immediately joined Isabella's cause. Almost immediately, the Earl of Norfolk joined her, along with most likely the Bishop of Norwich, and many others. It was a walkover, and soon there was a new king. Do you remember me saying the Despencers guessed they were less than well liked in England? By less than well liked, I meant "head on the block" less than well liked. As things turned out, those clever clogs Despencers were spot on - if perhaps a little optimistic about how easy their ends would be.

If rumours are true, the same could be said for Edward II.

# A Very Strange Event

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**Herald columnist John Head tells us about one of the strangest events he has been involved in.**

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ONE of the strangest events I have ever been involved with was during the 1980s when, as a member of King's Lynn Vancouver Round Table, I assisted in organising the great 'Transoceanic Holler' which took place at the Black Horse Public House, Castle Rising.

The event was also aided by the late Bruce Robinson (Clement Court) of the Eastern Daily Press who stumbled across this ritual happening annually in the sleepy community of Ocean Shores, Washington State, USA.

The origins of this event are very difficult to explain but it starts with Captain George Vancouver who was born in King's Lynn of Dutch descent.

George Vancouver, was one of our greatest navigators. He was 'right hand man' to Captain Cook and his maps today remain within a degree of computer accuracy.

His biggest achievement was following Captain Cook in navigating the North West Coast of America in H.M.S Discovery culminating in peaceful ceding what is now known as British Columbia from the Spanish to the British.

Being accredited with the 'detailed' chartering of the North West Coast of America, including all the inlets, it is said that Vancouver discovered 'every blade of grass' along that part of the Pacific Coastline.

However, this was seriously challenged in the early 1960s when a small settlement, known as Ocean Shores, evolved in the state of Washington USA. Bruce Robinson described it as a "bit like Terrington Marsh in the sun". Primarily



**Ocean Shores described by the late Bruce Robinson as 'looking like Terrington Marsh in the sun.'**

a leisure community with a golf course bigger than Augusta Georgia with a membership of under 100, questions were being asked as to why this community came into being in the 1960s and not earlier.

The key to this was Vancouver's log (a copy of which can be found in the King's Lynn Library). To the Pacific West Coast community's disbelief on 27th April, 1792, the good captain sailed past them in a fog and failed to discover them. They felt naturally slighted.

In 1973, it was decided that each year on 27th April the community would hold a 'Fog Festival' on what would be known as 'Undiscovery Day'.

Here members of the community would wade out into the waters of the Pacific waving and shouting "Hey George" trying to raise the good captain's ghost to put right past neglect. The big shout of "Hey George" became known as the "Holler" and soon AH-Ha was formed (not the Pop Band but the American Historical Hollering Association).

The event soon caught on and there was a telephone linked Holler with HMS Discovery which was moored in London at the time. Former residents of Ocean Shores joined in from Singapore 'Hollering' by



**The Transoceanic Holler being received at the Black Horse Castle Rising**



phone across the South China Seas. They had every right to be involved as Captain Vancouver failed to discover Singapore. He also failed to discover a ranch in Crooked River Oregon the owner of which demanded the right to participate.

So, on 27th April 1983 co-ordinating times from the Black Horse Castle Rising to the Legend Tavern in Ocean Shores, King's Lynn Vancouver Round Table was greeted with a loud "Hey George" our response to which was "Wadya Want?".

We were then on the receiving end of litany of complaints concerning their failure to be discovered in 1792 ranging from the good captain being asleep at the helm, imbibing too much grog and, of course, the fog (he could have 'anchored up' until the fog cleared).

In 1984 our Round Table visited Halifax Round Table and on a late evening a strident 'Hey George' reverberated across the Luddenden Valley. Why? Well

**Opposite—TV coverage, Frank LeCompte, Bob Ward and Bun Lewis flown in from Ocean Shores being interviewed by the late Tony Scase**



**TV coverage, the writer being interviewed by the late Tony Scase**



Vancouver also failed to discover Halifax. Come to think about it Vancouver never discovered Hethersett either. Perhaps we should gather on the playing field on 27th April 2023, look to the heavens and shout Hey George! The possibilities are endless.

Editor's Note—As the date has already passed we don't think it happened.

#### Footnote

In 1985, still being frustrated in trying to locate the good captain's ghost to correct his historic mapping, three intrepid explorers from Ocean Shores, Bun Lewis, Frank LeCompte and Bob Ward, travelled to King's Lynn in a blaze of publicity to extend their search. They were met with a degree of success in the Trinity Guildhall King's Lynn.



**Photograph opposite Top— Bun, Frank and Bob from Ocean Shores finally discover Captain George Vancouver in the medieval Trinity Guildhall King's Lynn**

**Photograph opposite below was taken from the North Beach Beacon newspaper Ocean Shores. The good captain finally appeared**

**Photographs:** from the John Head collection except for the black and white photos at the Black Horse Castle Rising – accreditation Eastern Daily Press and Lynn News and Advertiser Newspapers.

There will be more from John's slightly weird and wacky world in the June edition of Hethersett Herald which will be available at the end of May/.



*"Send that one down the plank," Vancouver said.*

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