



## Youth Club Is Thriving

HETHERSETT has a thriving youth club and it now has a garden and outdoor area to go with it.

On September 17th trustees, parish councillors, supporters and organisers and youngsters got together to see trustee Kevin Jermy cut the ribbon to officially open the new garden.

Youngsters attending the youth club will be encouraged to help tend the garden,

You can read about the official opening by turning to our special feature on page nine.

Our photograph shows people of all ages at the garden's launch.

Just before going to publication we heard the sad news that youth club stalwart Gillian Saunders has died. Gillian has been a leading light in ensuring the future of the club and taking it forward. Gillian was also instrumental in bringing the new garden to fruition. At the garden launch Kevin Jermy remarked on Gillian's work on behalf of young people. She was prevented through illness from attending the launch.



## Post Office To Be Made Permanent

HETHERSETT Post Office has been saved.

A number of volunteers have come forward to take on the running under the auspices of the Hethersett Hearts charity.

The post office will continue to be held in Hethersett Library. You can read the full story by turning to page 38.

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# A Message From The Editor

HELLO EVERYONE

Happy birthday to us.

This edition of Hethersett Herald marks the end of our seventh year bringing you news, views, information and features both about the village and by local residents.

We started seven years ago with a very modest 12 page edition with the main story being the theft of lead from the parish church roof.

Over the seven years we have featured many people and groups and highlighted many of the issues and stories affecting our village.

Hethersett has grown considerably over those seven years and will continue to do so over the next seven.

Somebody moving away from the village in 2015 when we started publication and coming back today will find a very different village—one that has grown and is growing before our eyes.

And there is no suggestion that the pace of change will lessen over the next decade.

There will be major work at the Thickthorn interchange, a new pavilion will rise on the Memorial Playing Field, new estates and development will shoot up. We will have new businesses moving in.

The question everyone is asking is will facilities keep up with the development and primary amongst these is the need for a new or additional health centre. This is one of the major issues of our

time.

On a slightly lighter note I can't help wondering whether the B1172 will be dug up quite as many times.

Traffic lights on the road have been a blot on the landscape for sometime and this month they were back again.

At the same time the everlasting work on the A11 has brought a tremendous increase in the amount of traffic using the B1172.

Getting out of Steepletower, Station Lane, New Road and the village roads is becoming more and more difficult and problematic.

I hope you enjoy edition 84 of Hethersett Herald which takes a closer look at the new mosque/Islamic Community Centre in Henstead Road. The organisers answer our questions on page four about how the community is keen to be part of Hethersett life.

Just a reminder that if you have missed any of our earlier editions you can read them all by going to:

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

There you will find all the editions from number one onwards.

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# Being Part of Hethersett

**IN the previous edition of Hethersett Herald we reported on the purchase of the former church hall in Henstead Road by the Norfolk British Muslim Association. In a special article, the organisers explain what the future of the centre will be and their plans to integrate into the Hethersett community.**

## **Please explain who you are and who is involved in setting up the centre.**

Norfolk British Muslim Association is a group of Muslim professionals living in Norwich/Norfolk who came together with the aim of setting up the Hethersett Masjid and Islamic Community Centre.

The members of the association are involved in the contribution towards the purchase of the place, maintaining it and ensuring its smooth running.

Most of the members are doctors by profession. However, the NBMA is an inclusive and diverse group, we acknowledge differences, value diversity, and celebrate cultural differences. NBMA includes people from all professions and people who live in different areas in Norfolk and Norwich.

## **What prompted you to buy the building?**

There are a considerable number of



Muslim families living in and around Hethersett, for example Wymondham, Cringleford, Eaton etc.

The main community centre in Norwich is near the city centre. Muslims are obligated to pray five times a day preferably as a commune.

For the last many years Muslim residents in this area were in search of an appropriate place where they could come together to offer prayers and the hall was offered for sale after an auction.

Hethersett is a very convenient place, away from the busy traffic of the city and is accessible to most of the families as many are living in Hethersett.

**What are your plans for it now and in the future?**

First of all purchasing the building has helped the building itself, it took us a lot of effort and time to renovate and make it purposeful. For example, there are two rooms in the back end which were in complete disarray and even posed a health hazard due to excessive mould and dirt.

Some of the walls of the building were partially crumbled and trees were growing out of it. The roof of the side alley is also in a serious state and ongoing plans are to reinstall new tiles.

We have cleaned the whole building and refurbished the main halls for the purpose of prayers. We are planning to restore the building to its original glory .

By doing all the renovations, we believe that the monumental building which evokes memories in many of the residents should not be left to rot and should be made use to its full potential.

Secondly, the establishment of the mosque brings a lot of opportunities for the Hethersett community and charitable services. Charity is one of the mainstays of Islam. It is obligatory on every Muslim to



**The inside of the new mosque in Henstead Road, Hethersett. Photo courtesy of the Norfolk British Muslim Association.**

spend at least 2.5 per cent of their income as charity and there are other voluntary services as well.

The whole money to purchase the building was collected as exclusively personal donations and this itself shows how as a community we encourage Charity and serve the whole community,

particularly in Hethersett.

Thirdly, we are planning to conduct many programmes for the kids and youth in order to nurture them as socially and morally enlightened citizens by the standards of Islam and essential British values. We believe that every member of the society should strive for peace and harmony and our youngsters play a big role in this.

Fourthly, through an open day we intend to encourage the neighbourhood to attend Hethersett mosque to better understand our beliefs and thoughts. We believe that it is only through mutual understanding we can develop interfaith harmony. We will constantly keep in touch with the community leaders and religious principals in the area.

Last, but not the least , we will be conducting many social welfare activities like open days for the neighbours, food banks, cloth banks , and other crowd fundings in Norfolk and Norwich via the Hethersett Masjid and islamic Community Centre.

**How will you integrate into the village and how much do you want to be part of the Hethersett community?**

NBMA members are essentially Hethersett residents and already part of the community. Regarding the integration of the new set up of the building into the village; it is in

fact a matter of continuation of the original purpose of the building as a worship place.

The Mosque will be a place where different communities and minorities can come together to share ideas and thoughts, ask questions, make recommendations and benefit In uniting the society towards Issues of mutual benefit.

We would like to assure it is obligatory by our religion to avoid any act which would create nuisance to the public and in particular the neighbourhood. Hence, we would take all the crucial steps to minimise any inconvenience to the neighbours and keep noise and traffic to minimum.

We have requested the village hall to allow us to use their parking on Friday prayers for one hour which is the busiest time of the whole week to avoid traffic congestion. We have plans to make the hall soundproof and all our prayer activities are indoors.

We have given strict instructions to the attendees not to remain or converse unnecessarily in the vicinity after the prayers and park their cars sensibly and travel via bike or preferably walk.

This place will attract more professionals to move to this area as most facilities will be within the village and help recruitment for essential services In the long run.

# Playing Field Pavilion Update

**Continuing our monthly photographic update on progress being made on the new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field. The old pavilion is now long gone and work is going ahead to put in essential services ahead of work starting on the building of the new pavilion.**

September 9th



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The preparation work for the new pavilion is really beginning to take place.



September 28th

Photographs on this and the previous page were taken on September 9th unless indicated otherwise and show the digging of trenches for the laying of essential services for the new pavilion.



September 20th





## New Garden Takes Shape

HETHERSETT Jubilee Youth Club is thriving and attracting youngsters not only from the village but also further afield including Wymondham, Attleborough and many other villages.

On Saturday, September 17th, trustee Kevin Jermy cut the ribbon to officially open a new garden at the back of the premises in Back Lane. Mr Jermy thanked all the volunteers, trustess and the children that are helping to make the youth club successful.



“The youth club is very much a work in progress and always will be. In 2019 we seemed to have very few children attending. Now the numbers have started to go up and it seems that youngsters want to be sociable again following the end of lockdown,” he said.



The new garden consists of flower/plant beds, a number of planters and a wooden purpose made bench for youngsters to enjoy.

It had been hoped to have all the plants in place for the opening but plans were scuppered on the Friday by one of the first rainy days for months.

Now it is hoped to put in more outside lighting so that club members can use the new facility even in the autumn and winter when the weather allows.

The garden has been made possible from a number of donations with local residents Mick and Connie Tindale donating a five figure sum from their Little Stars Charity. The club also received an anonymous donation of £1,000. and much of the work was undertaken by local company JC Landscaping who gave their services free of charge.

“This is what community is all about. People give up their time and come together to prove what can be done,” Mr Jermy said adding his thanks for the support of Hethersett Parish Council. In response, chairman of the parish council Adrienne Quinlan said: “We would like to thank all the volunteers for everything they do for young people.”

A new bench will soon be in place as well to the memory of tireless worker Rosie Hubbard who was a massive supporter of and helper at the youth club.

# Hethersett Pays Tribute to Her Majesty

ON hearing of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Hethersett Parish Council posted the following tribute on its Facebook page.

“It is with immense sadness that Hethersett Parish Council has heard of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

“Along with so many others, the Parish Council’s immediate reaction was one of profound sorrow for all the members of the Royal Family and to give thanks for a life well lived and much admired.

On behalf of all the residents of Hethersett, the Parish Council offer them our heartfelt and very deepest sympathy. The Royal Family has lost, a mother, a grandmother, and a great grandmother; as a nation we have lost one of the most remarkable figures of the last century.



Throughout her life the Queen demonstrated exemplary dedication and commitment to serving the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth and supported countless organisations and charities. Here in East Anglia the links she sustained were many and various, which helped to foster the genuine love and affection in which she was held by all of us.”

A book of condolence was made available in the Parish Council office from September 9th until the Tuesday after the Queen’s funeral. Residents were also encouraged to lay flowers around the Oak tree on the green open space at Great Melton Road during the period of mourning.

On Tuesday 20th September there was a ceremonial removal of the flowers by chair of the parish council Adrienne Quinlan. The flowers were composted and a tree in her Her Majesty’s memory will subsequently be planted at the Memorial Playing Field using the compost.

Many meetings and groups were cancelled in respect to the Queen on the day of her funeral—Monday 19th September. This included the scheduled meeting of Hethersett Parish Council.

On the Sunday before the Queen’s funeral on September 19th, there were special commemoration services in both St Remigius Church and Hethersett Methodist Church.

# Brownies Remember

FIRST Hethersett Brownies also honoured the Queen's memory in a very special way.

The Queen was a girl guide in the 1st Buckingham Palace Guides and was a patron of Guiding since 1953. Members of the Guiding family promise to serve the Queen.

Hethersett Brownies kept this promise by remembering her at their first meeting back after the summer break.

Brownies thought of words to describe the Queen and then wrote those on pieces of paper which we each attached to a single rose.

They then walked to the oak tree in the village to form a circle for a minute's silence, guided by Tawny Owl.

They used this time of silence to think about the Queen and her family. They then laid the roses in a ring around the tree and walked back to the hut to create their own artwork in memory of the Queen.

Photographs on this and the next page show their work. Photos courtesy of First Hethersett Brownies.

A special service of commemoration for the life of the Queen was held in St Remigius Church on the Sunday before the funeral.

Over 60 people attended to celebrate the life of the Monarch.







**Above—a cross section of flowers in memory of the Queen left around the Oak Tree in Great Melton Road and below chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Adrienne Quinlan (left) with parish councillors, supporters and the Rector of Hethersett The Rev Derek McClean as the flowers are collected for composting.**



**Rev McClean led a short commemoration service before the flowers were collected.**



**Dr Anne Edwards collects the flowers ready to compost them**



This new walkway which has sprung up across the B1172 going towards Ketteringham.

It leads to office development in Ketteringham Lane but comes to a dead end at the moment.



# Gadgeteers And Reading Certificates

CERTIFICATES for this summer's Norfolk Libraries challenge were presented to a roomful of enthusiastic youngsters at Hethersett Library on September 1st.

David Bills, Chairman of the Friends of Hethersett Library and the village's representative on South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council, gave the awards out to all the youngsters who completed the Gadgeteers Challenge which saw them read up to six books during the school summer holidays.

On the next six pages you can see photographs of the individual presentations.

The challenge was organised by Norfolk Libraries in conjunction with the Reading Agency.

The summer reading challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. It supports children's reading for pleasure.

All those who took part received a poster that follows the Gadgeteers, a group of children who love to solve problems and invent things.

On the way, youngsters collected sets of stickers as they read up to six books during the holiday.

Mr Bills underlined the importance of youngsters reading which provided them not only with education and but also fun.

The library took to Social Media with the following words:

"It was wonderful to celebrate this tremendous achievement with you all. We've enjoyed hearing about the books you've been reading and hope you continue your reading journey throughout the rest of the year."





# Gadgeteers Reading Challenge

Hethersett youngsters rise to the summer reading challenge.

We have photographs of all the youngsters who received certificates from David Bills.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

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# GADGETEERS

Pictures  
by Peter  
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Do You  
Have a Guest  
Staying With You  
from  
**Ukraine?**



Hethersett Methodist Church  
*Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB*

is offering

a **Gathering Space**  
a **Coffee**

*(Tea and Squash is also available!)*

a **Warm Welcome**

Come and Join Us  
at the

**Coffee Stop**

9am to 12pm  
Every Wednesday

# Final Resting Place for Hethersett Born Bill

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Hethersett Herald Editor Peter Steward meets the family of Hethersett born Bill Morton as his ashes are interred in Hethersett Churchyard.

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Over a century after being born in Hethersett, a true son of the village has returned to his final resting place.

William “Bill” Morton was born in Hethersett on 19th February, 1920, but died in his adopted Canada in September 2017 at the age of 97.

Bill’s family wanted his ashes to come back to England to be interred in St Remigius Churchyard, Hethersett. One of his five daughters, Judy Hope, was accompanied by her husband – also called Bill – on the long journey from their home on Vancouver Island with the ashes.

A short service of remembrance was held in the churchyard, led by Jon Goodrum from Ivan Fisher Funeral Home. The ceremony was also attended by Mr Morton’s niece Stephanie Allison and her husband Eddie.

Before he died, Bill Morton wrote down his memories of growing up in Hethersett and Norfolk in a document he entitled “Thursday’s Child,” a reference to the day of the week on which he was born.

“When dad died, we searched his name on the Internet and came up with a website which published his childhood memories. That was how we found out he had written down his memories of Hethersett,” Mrs Hope said.

Due to COVID and lockdown the family had to wait over four years to “bring Bill home.”

**BILL Morton was born in Hethersett in 1920 and brought up in the village in the years between the two World Wars.**

**A number of years ago Bill wrote down his recollections of growing up in the village under the title "A Thursday's Child"**

**You can read the full manuscript on our sister website—Hethersett A Village At War which tells the story of the village between the years 1910 and 1940 encompassing the two world wars. This is available at:**

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



“Hethersett and Norfolk were never far from his thoughts. His stories of growing up in the village were always full of humour and whimsy,” Mrs Hope said, adding that Mr Morton also thoroughly enjoyed his time serving in the RAF before emigrating to Canada where he became a successful businessman. A memorial stone, which will cover his ashes, contains the motto of the RAF “Per Ardua Ad Astra” – “Through Adversity To The Stars.”

“My father was clever, honest and had a great sense of humour. Today has been sad but also a joyous celebration of the fact that we have been able to bring a great father home,” Mrs Hope added.

Bill’s memories of a Norfolk boyhood can be read on the website “Hethersett – A Village at War” at [www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com). You can read a short extract from his memories on the next few pages as we look at his school days.



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## Bill’s Memories of His Schooldays

There were two schools in the village. The Hethersett National School often called the Church School because it had a relationship with the Church of England.

The other school was called the British School and I believe had some relationship with the Methodists or other non-establishment religions. The National School had an infant’s school and the main school started at six years of age. Classes called standards went up to Standard seven then there was a seven X for those who had completed all standards but was not old enough to leave school.

I started school at the age of four years in the infant’s school. There was an

older school building opposite the gate to the National School which was no longer used as a school, but was used as a meeting hall for the Church and parish activities. There was a troop of Boy Scouts attached to the Church to which I belonged and we would meet in this building.

Starting at the age of four years we were taught to write on slates with chalk. Everything was provided including text and exercise books. We had to take great care with what was issued to us. I suppose the School budget was tight and there was a great deal of re-use of books pencils etc.

In the school yard we played a sort of



baseball we called rounders' and a type of cricket we called stool ball. The school had a turret holding a bell which was rung for us to file into class. There was a lobby, or porch, with hooks for us to hang our coats in the winter. We all walked to school, there was no such thing as a school bus in those days.

School for me was a love hate relationship. I loved the learning and reading for me was a passion. What I did not like was the bullying and there was lots of that. Some-

where along the way through school I was promoted so that I was in a class with people who were a year older than I was. There did not seem to be any attempt on the part of the teachers to stop the bullying and life at school became a misery until one day I determined to fight back .Unfortunately my size precluded a stand up fight and I knew The Marquess of Queensbury rules would not apply so I decided to use tactics which would not be acceptable in many quarters but which might help in stopping the tormenting.

One rather large boy with an outsize mouth and an undersized brain came up to me and started pushing me around and taunting me. Village boys usually wore hobnailed boots which were very heavy and these were what I had on, so I aimed a kick at his crotch area which proved to be quite accurate



**Remembering Bill—Pictured at the interment of his ashes in St Remigius Churchyard are (left to right) - Jon Goodrum from Ivan Fisher Funeral Homes, Bill and Judy Hope, Stephanie and Eddie Allison.**

and which doubled him over, after which he performed a sort of tap dance and emitted a noise like a Swiss yodel.

His coterie which normally accompanied him looked on with amazement and one suggested I should stand up and fight like a gentleman which considering my size and family origins was stupid. It did not stop the bullying but it did reduce it and school became a bit more liveable.

There was a further problem as I was small for my age and I did not really start to grow until I was about fourteen. I certainly did not shine in sports. The main sport played at the school was Football {soccer} and "charging" was allowed. Whenever I got the ball I would be charged off it by some bigger boy. It was not until I got into the Service and played squash rackets that I

found I could become really good at a sport.

One day a male teacher turned up at the school with a very strong Lancashire accent. People did not travel as much in those days and his accent was almost incomprehensible to us.

During certain periods in the school we to study our lessons and while doing this we were not supposed to look around, One boy engaged in some day dreaming was told to “Luke at your Buke and not Luke around” this was the source of much amusement and we all “Luked at our Bukes and did not Luke around’.

One aspect of attendance at the Hethersett National School I enjoyed was the period we had each week for singing in the School Choir. The songs we sang were mostly songs from various parts of the British Isles they were traditional airs and I think all the students enjoyed the singing. I can still remember the words to some of the songs such as “The Ash Grove”, “The Nut Brown Maiden”, and “The Mountains Of Mourne” to name but a few.

There was one incident in the school which I shall always remember. There was an assistant teacher sent to the school who was I believe under training. He was, we were told, a County class cricketer but he was not very good at dealing with children. He would walk around the class look over our shoulders and if he found something wrong with our work lift us up by the hair in the back of our neck and then stab us under the arm with a two foot ebony round ruler. We grew our hair a bit longer than boys do today and being lifted up by the hair in the back of the

neck was painful and to be stabbed under the arm with a two foot round ruler was also very disagreeable. This man used to ride a bicycle to school and a group of older boys brought pails of small potatoes to school and lined up at the school gates as he was leaving and pelted him with the potatoes.. There was an enquiry to find out who was responsible for this incident but nobody would tell and within a few days this man left the school and we all settled down to our normal routine.

The school had a small piece of land nearby where the boys were taught gardening. I suppose somewhere in an office someone came up with the idea that as we lived in the country it would be a good idea for us to learn gardening. Unfortunately the teacher who was to teach us how to garden was a city bred man from the north of England who did not have any idea on how to grow anything. I think it would be safe to say that every boy in the class knew more about the subject than he did, We were all country bred our fathers all had gardens and we all worked with our fathers in the gardens of the village. It was a well intentioned but in the end ineffective.

The desks of the teachers had a tube built into them to hold canes which the teachers would use at the slightest excuse. I remember one man had about half dozen of these canes of differing thickness and suppleness which when he decided to use he would take out a number, one after the other, and slash the air close to the victim as if trying out to be sure he had the right one for the job. It was a form of sadism. He also had a glass water tank in his classroom which contained some newts, but one day a boy dropped a piece of calcium

carbide into the tank. When water is mixed with calcium carbide it produces acetylene gas which smells very badly and the teacher's first reaction was to demand that whoever had made the bad smell should stand up, of course he got no takers and then he noticed that the newts were dead and realized the cause of the bad smell.

This same master also had on his desk a hyacinth in a glass dish designed for growing bulbs using plant food in water. He was very proud of his hyacinth. To cane a boy one day he made the boy hold his hand out, the caning was to be two strokes of the cane across the hand which would be held out palm up. Every time he attempted to hit the held out hand the boy would jerk his hand back making the master miss. The master became most frustrated and kept on thrashing at the retreating hand until the hand was held over the hyacinth. The master took a swing at the hand which the boy jerked back with the result the master missed the hand and hit the flower smashing it and the glass dish. Of course the teacher was furious. The boy ran home and came back with his father. There were various threats made by the father but it was difficult to tell who was more afraid the boy or the teacher but eventually it calmed down. It did change the stance of the teacher he made certain any boy he caned from then on was standing well away from his desk.

At the back of the school were the toilet and ablution area divided by a wall, the boys on one side the girls on the other. I can only describe what was on the boys' side which was a trough arrangement at the base of the wall, a stand with two wash basins, two sitters and just one tap. There were no flush toilets

and I would doubt that anyone on the village Council or School Board had ever heard of Thomas Crapper and the water waste preventer. The school had pupils ranging from about four years of age to fourteen and in all shapes and sizes. Going for a pee for a young lad was a hazardous affair because you would just get going when a larger lad would come beside you and let fly and if you were not careful you would get in his back splash. There was also considerable competition among the bigger lads as to who could pee the highest up the wall. Some of the bigger lads had good distance and could arc quite well almost getting to the top of the wall. There was one chap named Ernie who became the undoubted star turn. One day he managed to get a small squint over the top of the wall and there was an outcry of indignation from the other side, the girls' side of the wall.

There was some hasty buttoning up -- this was in the days before zip fasteners -- and all the boys marched out with looks of complete innocence when a lady teacher came storming around. We all tried to look indignant that a female teacher had invaded the territory of the male pupils. There was considerable inquiry as to who had peed over the wall but the culprit was never identified. Ernie always had a place of honour on our unofficial achievement roster. The attitude of adults to children was based on an old saying which was common at that time and which said "children should be seen but not heard". If one was spoken to by an elder one was not supposed to answer back. I remember getting into very hot water with my Grandmother because I answered back. Children were not supposed to have opinions or to think.



## An Invite From The Top Brass

THE City of Norwich Brass Band invited Hethersett residents along to a special practice as they limbered up for a national competition in September.

The band practises on Tuesday evenings in Hethersett Village Hall and has already met with competition success before entering the national championships in Chelmsford.

The band appreciated rehearsing in front of an audience to give them a concert feel to their practices. For the competition the band had to perform a very demanding piece entitled "Ghosts, Goblins, Witches and Wizards by Darrol Barry.

We will let you know how they got on in the next edition of Hethersett Herald which will be out at the end of October.



# More Success For Hawks

By Mel Perkins MBE

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had another successful weekend of racing around the country and a remarkable home league debut.

Glyn Morgan led the way with runners-up spot in the Over-60s A Final in the Eurovets Series Round 6 at East Newport.

This position assures him of being the overall series champion with one round to go in Birmingham. He also won the B Final in the Over-50s which still keeps him challenging for a podium place in the series.

Seven of the Club's younger riders were at East London for Round 6 of the South East Grand Prix. Racing at the track which is rarely used but in excellent condition, it was good to hear that plans are afoot for a return to regular racing there.

Luca El-Labany continued to be invincible at Under-10 level winning with ease while his sister Nyla came runner-up in the Under-8s, all this while their father Sacha was on a charity ride from London to Paris! Aiesha Musa and Amelia Dodson finished second and third in the girls' category. Others taking part were Austin Brailey and Oscar Copeland, 7th and 8th in the Under-10s, and Will Clarke, 6th in the Under-14s.

The month also saw the return of league racing after a two-month break and the Hawks maintained their unbeaten home record in both South-East Leagues - Division 2 and Youth

Division, Great Blakenham were the visitors and they have been struggling at these levels this season so the Hawks duly had comfortable wins. Jason Ashford battled well for Blakenham B but even he could not prevent Mason Martin and Dave Martin remaining unbeaten. However, the highlight was an amazing debut for Michael Gunn, a parent of a new recruit who could not resist having a go at training and then was encouraged to make the team only to have just one defeat in five rides. Aiesha Musa also impressed after bike problems in her opening ride.

Hethersett 98, Great Blakenham B 62.

Hethersett scores—Michael Gunn 17+1, Paul Delaiche 17+1, Aiesha Musa 16+1, Mason Martin 16, Harley Hamill 12+3, Dave Martin 10+2, Amelia Dodson 5, Lola Martin 5.

Great Blakenham only had three riders available for the Youth Division match so Hethersett riders Lola Martin, Nyla El-Labany and Alfie Gunn kindly agreed to race for them and an entertaining match ensued. Arlo Davies made his team debut while Aiesha Musa and Luca El-Labany were unbeaten, the latter doing some good team-riding. Amelia Dodson also had one of her best matches.

Hethersett U-16s 75, Great Blakenham Under-16s 43 (adjusted score).

Hethersett scores—Luca El-Labany 18+2, Aiesha Musa 16, Austin Brailey 11+2, Arlo Davies 11, Ronnie Harding 10+2, Amelia Dodson 9.

# Norfolk Championships

HAWKS staged the Norfolk Individual Championships with 32 riders from the Hethersett and Norwich Clubs contesting eight age categories over almost six hours of racing. There were competitive debuts for Henry Everson, Isaac Emms, Michael Whitfield and Nick Davies. One minute's silence was observed before each set of competitions in a mark of respect for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Events started with Under-8 and Under-16 categories and the competition in both was intense with neither winner remaining unbeaten. Nyla El-Labany was passed in heat one of the Under-8s by Alfie Gunn but went on to win her remaining three rides, including a win over Alfie who was then beaten by Remy Davies in heat 6.

This meant Nyla became champion followed on the podium by Alfie and Remy. The focus in the Under-16s centred on the clashes between Shaun Kell and Mason Martin. They met three times and it was cut-and-thrust all the way, Mason winning twice to become champion, retaining his title with Will Blackmore joining Shaun on the podium.

Under-10s and Under-19s were on track next with Mason and Shaun again battling away with the added ingredient of Tom Blackmore in the mix. Mason won the first two encounters but the others fought back to win one each. In the end Mason did enough with a second place in the final heat to make it a double champion day for him. Shaun was again runner-up with Tom third.

There was never any doubt that the new British Under-10 champion Luca El-Labany would smoothly add the Norfolk title to his set but competition for podium places between the other three members of the Hethersett winning team in the British Championships - Ronnie Harding, Austin Brailey and Oscar Copeland - plus Norwich's Stan Budds was a joy to watch over six gruelling rides each. In the end a race-off was required for the podium places with Stan defeating Austin.

Racing got even livelier as the seniors took to the track - a mix of wily campaigners and young pretenders always causes fascination and a few raised eyebrows from watching parents of youngsters. Harly Hamill started well as did Mason Martin until Shaun Kell finally got revenge in heat 9.

Meanwhile Paddy Wenn had notched three wins before he and Mason met in the penultimate heat. It looked like the two would need to meet in a race-off until Paddy's pressure finally told on his much younger rival and he took his chance and completed a maximum. While Mason was assured runners-up spot a race-off was required for third place.

Dave Martin and Shaun clashed on the first bend and a restart was called. This time it was again a physical first bend but Dave was allowed to pull away and make that step onto the podium. Ross Carman impressed in a rare competitive appearance.

The Under-13s were more gently going about their business in between and Will Blackmore saw off all his rivals to complete a maximum with Aiesha Musa a class above the rest. The main focus was on the third place spot and

Luca El-Labany re-emphasised his promise to hold off all challengers. Will Clarke had one of his best matches in this event.

Smaller fields concluded the day but good racing continued, especially in the Veterans with Glyn Morgan and Dave Martin trying hard to wrestle the trophy from the long-standing champion Paddy Wenn. In the end some superb passes by the champion gave him four wins before Dave Martin held him off superbly in the penultimate heat.

A win for Dave in the final heat would have given him a race-off for the title but the oldest rider in the field - Glyn - still had the final say with a clear win, enough to step up to third on the podium.

Aiesha Musa retained her ladies title with a maximum with a close contest for the minor places. Lola Martin, who was in her fourth match of the day, narrowly defeated Amelia Dodson in all their four races.

Full results - (H - Hethersett; N - Norwich).

Under-8s (sponsored by Dave Blackmore) - Nyla El-Labany (H) 15, Alfie Gunn (H) 14, Remy Davies (H) 13, Miles Jessett (H) 9, Isaac Emms (H) 8, Henry Everson (H) 6, Dylan Jessett (H) 5.

Under-10s (sponsored by Jenny Melvin) - Luca El-Labany (H) 24, Stanley Budds (N) 20, Austin Brailey (H) 20, Ronnie Harding (H) 19, Oscar Copeland (H) 17, Arlo Davies (H) 14, Alfie Gunn (H) 12, Henry Everson (H) 9, Isaac Emms (H) 9, Michael Whitfield (H) 6.

Under-13s—Will Blackmore (N) 20, Aiesha Musa (H) 19, Luca El-Labany

(H) 18, Will Clarke (H) 17, Zachay Eastwood (N) 16, Austin Brailey (H) 14, Amelia Dodson (H) 14, Lola Martin (H) 13, Ronnie Harding (H) 13, Oscar Copeland (H), 11 Yeva Makieieva (H) 10, Arlo Davies (H) 9.

Under-16s—Mason Martin (H) 15, Shaun Kell (N) 14, Will Blackmore (N) 10, Will Clarke (H) 6, Lola Martin (H) 5.

Under-19s—Mason Martin (H) 13, Shaun Kell (N) 12, Tom Blackmore (N) 11, Lola Martin (H) 4.

Seniors—Paddy Wenn (N) 16, Mason Martin (H) 14, Dave Martin (H) 13, Shaun Kell (N) 13, Harley Hamill (H) 11, Tom Blackmore (N) 11, Glyn Morgan (H) 11, Rory Freeman (N) 9, Ross Carman (H) 9.

Veterans—Paddy Wenn (N) 19, Dave Martin (H) 18, Glyn Morgan (H) 17, Rory Freeman (N) 14, Nick Davies (H) 11, Jo Silver (H) 11.

Ladies—Aiesha Musa (H) 16, Lola Martin (H) 12, Amelia Dodson (H) 8, Yeva Makieieva (H) 4.

Referees - Katie Adams, Gary Colby, Dave Blackmore

Meanwhile several of the above were in action the previous Wednesday for the final round of the Norfolk Grand Prix Series for younger riders at Harford Park.

On the evening Nyla El-Labany won the Under-8s from Alfie Gunn and Remy Davies with Dylan Jessett making his debut. Luca El-Labany opted to race in the Under-13s having already secured enough points in the Under-10s.

This left the competition open for others and Stan Budds sped away in the A Final. Unluckiest rider was

Ronnie Harding who rode well to be second until he fell on the final corner bringing another rider down. The second place was therefore awarded to Austin Brailey with Oscar Copeland third. Will Blackmore won the Under-13s from Aiesha Musa and Luca El-Labany.

Full results:

Under-8s—A - 1 Nyla El-Labany (H), 2 Alfie Gunn (H), 3 Remy Davies (H), 4 Miles Jessett (H). B - 1 Dylan Jessett (H).

Under-10s—A - 1 Stanley Budds (N), 2 Austin Brailey (H), 3 Oscar Copeland (H), 4 Ronnie Harding (H). B - 1 Arlo Davies (H).

Under-13s—A - 1 Will Blackmore (N), 2 Aiesha Musa (H), 3 Luca El-Labany (H), 4 Zachary Eastwood (N). B - 1 Lola Martin (H), 2 Amelia Dodson (H), 3 Yeva Makieieva (H).

Referee - Jamie Medler

Final scores - (best five of the six rounds to count):

Under-8s - Nyla El-Labany 97, Remy Davies 92, Alfie Gunn 89.

Under-10s - Luca El-Labany 100, Stanley Budds 88, Austin Brailey 87.

Under-13s - Will Blackmore 100, Aiesha Musa 92, Zachary Eastwood 84.

Hawks have announced the date of their annual Charity Cup which has been held every year since 1969 (except 2020). It is being staged on Sunday October 9th at 3 pm. It will once again be sponsored by Breckland Autos, for which the club is forever grateful.

This year's charity will be Finnbar's

Force, a very special local charity set up for child brain tumour support and research following the sad case of a local boy Finnbar who died in 2017 - check out their website for more information. The Charity runs several local events, notably the amazing Christmas Light display in the village which last year was featured on BBC Look East.

Riders from anywhere are welcome to take part so if you are interested contact Club Secretary Jenny Melvin at [jenny.melvin23@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny.melvin23@yahoo.com). There will be an entry fee of £3 and entry must be in advance

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Hawks youngest star brought home another national title to the club. Luca El-Labany still reached the "A" Final in the final round of the Little League Under-10s Grand Prix Series in Astley & Tyldesley despite suffering an uncharacteristic fall in one of his heats. Drawn on the outside grid in the final he settled into second place which was more than enough to be crowned champion over the four round series.

The following day, two strong looking sides lined up at the Memorial Playing Field in the local derby South-East League Division 2 match against Norwich Stars B. Friendly rivalry always ensures some exciting racing and this match was no exception.

The Hawks capitalised on some luck and unforced errors by Norwich B's riders early on to build an 11-point interval advantage, Daniel Martin notching three wins. An exclusion and a 3-7 reverse midway through the second half gave Norwich a chink of hope but a 7-3 win from Daniel Martin and man-of-the match Paul Delaiche in





heat 14 sealed the victory. Glyn Morgan also rode well in an all-round good team performance that preserved their unbeaten home record and keeps them still in contention for the title.

Hethersett 83, Norwich B 75

(Daniel Martin 18, Paul Delaiche 16+2, Glyn Morgan 14+1, Dave Martin 12+2, Harley Hamill 12+1, Mason Martin 11+1).

The Youth Division match looked like being another close affair until a couple of incidents led to a lengthy delay and after that some Norwich riders lost interest allowing the young Hawks to ease to a victory. A disappointing end to a good day's racing. Highlight was Amelia Dodson's improved form.

Hethersett U16 71, Norwich U16 55

(Mason Martin 14+1, Aiesha Musa 14, Will Clarke 11, Lola Martin 10+1, Luca El-Labany 9+4, Amelia Dodson 7+2, Matthew Sidell 6+1.

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Hawks brought the curtain down on their 2022 league campaign with three entertaining matches against Kesgrave on a pleasant autumn afternoon at the



Memorial Playing Field. The Division 2 match against Kesgrave B was a title decider with the Hawks needing to win by more than five points to be champions. Ben Collins was drafted in for his second match of the season and he teamed up with Harley Hamill to share the points in heat one and Glyn Morgan rode superbly in heat three to keep the scores level. The strong youngsters of the visitors were proving to be very sharp from the starts and only three good wins from Mason Martin kept the Hawks in touch,

six down at the interval.

A couple of exclusions for the visitors opened the door towards the end and the Hawks needed a 7-3 win in the final heat to achieve a draw. Mason and Harley threw everything in on the first corner but Kesgrave stood firm and became worthy champions with results elsewhere meaning the Hawks finished third.

Hethersett 75, Kesgrave B 83

(Mason Martin 21, Harley Hamill 17+1, Paul Delaiche 11, Dave Martin 9, Glyn Morgan 8+2, Ben Collins 7+1, Aiesha Musa 2)

The Hawks' youth team faced the two Kesgrave sides who were both clear at the top of the table and the prowess of the visitors in both quality and depth is second to none as they recently won the British Youth and Junior League again.

The Hawks have shown much improvement this season but Kesgrave have set the bar high so the home riders know they have to work hard in the coming years. Highlights against the Panthers were a great pass by Luca El-Labany in heat 3 and Aiesha Musa finally beating her nemesis Connor Jarrett - a rivalry that goes back to Connor's days at Norwich.

Against the Pumas, Lola Martin finally got reward for her efforts with a win in heat 9 and, in the nominated riders' race, Austin Brailey battled to a fine second place, this after Amelia Dodson was unlucky to slip while leading.

Hethersett U16 46 Kesgrave Panthers U16 84

(Aiesha Musa 11, Luca El-Laabany 11, Lola Martin 9, Austin Brailey 5, Will

Clarke 4, Amelia Dodson 3, Oscar Copeland 3)

Hethersett U16 52 Kesgrave Panthers U16 78

(Lola Martin 10+1, Aiesha Musa 9+1, Luca El-Labany 9+1, Austin Brailey 7, Will Clarke 6+2, Amelia Dodson 6, Oscar Copeland 5).

The previous day, 10 Hawks travelled to Great Blakenham for round 7 of the South-East Grand Prix and all performed well. In the Under-8s Nyla El-Laabany finished third in the A Final with Alfie Gunn fourth in the B Final.

Luca El-Labany was again an Under-10 winner but best performance came from Austin Brailey who snatched third place on the line. Ronnie Harding and Oscar Copeland dominated the B Final while Arlo Davies came from the back to finish third in the C Final. To round the day off Aiesha Musa and Amelia Dodson finished second and third in the Girls category with Paul Delaiche winning the Senior B Final.

Norfolk Grand Prix action at Hethersett the previous Wednesday was rather surreal with only 11 Hethersett riders present but some good racing ensued before the finals were staged with Charlene Johnson and Anna Clarke making debuts in the Female 12+ category.

Results -

Senior - 1 Mason Martin, 2 Harley Hamill, 3 Paul Delaiche, 4 Dave Martin.

Female 12+ - 1 Aiesha Musa, 2 Amelia Dodson, 3 Charlene Johnson, 4 Anna Clarke.

Under-16 - 1 Will Clarke, 2 Lola Martin, 3 Jamal Musa

## Mincemeat in Hethersett

HETHERSETT Village Screen continues its Autumn run with the film “Operation Mincemeat” on October 2nd,. This will be followed by “Downton Abbey—A New Era” on November 6th and “The Railway Children Return” on December 4th.

All films take place in Hethersett Village Hall on a Sunday afternoon at 3 pm and are subject to possible change owing to licensing matters beyond the control of the organisers.

Operation Mincemeat is a 2021 British war drama film directed by John Madden. It is based upon Ben Macintyre's book on the British Operation Mincemeat during the Second World War. The film stars Colin Firth, Kelly Macdonald, Matthew Macfadyen, Penelope Wilton, Johnny Flynn and Jason Isaacs. It was Paul Ritter's final film appearance, and was dedicated to



his memory.

A British intelligence team plans an elaborate deception to hide the Allied invasion of Sicily.

You can view a poster for all the coming films in the What's On section towards the back of this edition of Hethersett Herald.

## Another Classic On Its Way

NORFOLK Cycling's Autumn classic which started and finished in Hethersett on September 25th proved such a success that plans are already being made to repeat the event in 2023.

The Autumn classic is the final event in the Norfolk Cycling calendar and this year saw riders weave their way through the South Norfolk countryside.

Next year's event will take place on Sunday 24th September with distances run over 10, 30, 60 and 90 miles, starting and finishing at Hethersett Village Hall.

# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: October 17th, November 21st and December 19th.

The council meets monthly 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 all 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.

The parish council is also looking for a Community and Projects Officer and you can find details of this towards the end of this edition of Hethersett Herald

# News From The Parish Council

Below are details of the 14 parish councillors

Position	Name	Address	Telephone
Chairman	Adrienne Quinlan	8 Childs Road, NR9 3HN	814379
Vice-Chair	Sarah Lawrence	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
Councillors	Katie Adams	c/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	Leslie Dale	46 New Road	810952
	Anne Edwards	6 Queen's Road	812309
	Samantha England	c/o Parish Council Office	07582225895
	Jonathan Looome	6 Miller Close	07799608978
	Chris Morriss	19 Haconsfield	810060
	Eileen Mulvaney	C/o Parish Council Office	Via the clerk
	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
	Bridget Williamson	8 Churchfields	810259

## A Minute's Silence In Memory of The Queen

HETHERSETT Parish council observed a minute's silence in memory of the Queen at the start of its September meeting which took place on September 28th.

The meeting was postponed from its original date of September 19th due to the Queen's funeral.

Councillors were also asked to remember leading Jubilee Youth Club stalwart Gillian Saunders who died on the day of the Queen's funeral.

♥ VOLUNTEERS - THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY ♥



*Hethersett Community Post Office Needs You!*



*Do you want to help connect your community with the services they need?*

*Do you have a few hours, one day a week, to volunteer and join a small and friendly team?*

*If yes, then we would love you to get in touch by contacting Hethersett Hearts on 07716 769124 or by email at [hethersetthearts@outlook.com](mailto:hethersetthearts@outlook.com) for further information.*

## Hethersett Post Office Is Saved

HETHERSETT Post Office has been saved thanks to the hard work of a village charity, Norfolk Library Service and Hethersett's Norfolk County Councillor David Bills.

The office's temporary home in Hethersett Library is all set to be made permanent with volunteers staffing it under the auspices of the Hethersett Hearts Charity.

The office has been in the library on a temporary basis since the closure of the previous office in Oak Square. At times it looked as if Hethersett would lose its post office but those fears have now been allayed with the latest news.

Hethersett Hearts, the library service and Councillor Bills have been working behind the scenes to ensure the service continues and to make it permanent.

Hethersett Parish Councillor and leading member of Hethersett Hearts, Samantha England, told the September council meeting that she was delighted to be able to announce the news.

She told councillors that sufficient volunteers had come forward to ensure the future of the post office, although further volunteers would be welcome.

Hethersett Hearts will officially take over the running of the post office from October 24th and it is expected that there will be a special public launch shortly after.

“It is great that the community has been able to save the post office. So many places are losing theirs, but we have been able to save ours,” Ms England said.

She also appealed for more volunteers:

“The Post Office is a much needed commodity in the village, used by many people. Can you spare even just a few hours, one day a week to help staff it? It would make a difference to so many.”

The parish council and Hethersett Hearts thanked postmaster Kevin Salmon for delaying his retirement to ensure the service continued.

## JUST how long is short stay?

That was the question posed by a resident with regards to the short stay car park in Great Melton Road which is owned by the parish council.

Former councillor Jacky Sutton wrote to the council about the abuse of the car park:

“It’s quite clear from my everyday observations that motorists are using it as long stay and depriving our residents, particularly the elderly, disabled etc of this facility. The signage is obscure merely saying this is short-stay! How long is a piece of string? How long is short stay?

Ms Sutton added: “I believe the original signage stipulated two hours max but with no means of enforcement It was left to individuals to self police. There are no easy solutions without incurring great costs but the current signage is not a deterrent .”

## Herald Comment

**We took a snapshot of the vehicles left in the short stay car park on September 20th and, with the help of a parish councillor, established that at least three cars, and probably more, had been parked there all day from at least 8.45 am until after 4 pm.**

**That’s a minimum stay of seven hours which is not short stay under any meanings of the words.**

**Enforcing the term “short stay” is another matter, however, and it doesn’t seem that it is enforceable without the spending of much time and money, neither of which is really feasible in the present economic climate.**

Part of Little Melton Road, which will be the subject of additional development, is to be named Brickmakers’ Lane. The decision is due to ratification by South Norfolk Council but the name follows on from others in the village featuring professions such as Harnessmakers’ Way and Coachmakers’ Way. Councillors will also be sending in a number of suggestions for naming new development roads with flora, fauna and birds at the fore.

# Councillors Angry at Extinction Rebellion Slur

HETHERSETT parish councillors have hit back at claims from a resident that they have sympathies with protest group Extinction Rebellion.

At their September meeting members expressed their hurt and anger at what they saw as a slur against their character.

The council received a number of e-mails about their re-wilding policy. They were almost exclusively in favour of the plans to turn areas of the village into carefully managed wild areas.

But one e-mail had the hackles of councillors up. It takes them to task for work carried out on the field behind the village hall:

“Unfortunately last February this was deliberately damaged by cutting trenches across the grass and removing the turf. Then those involved were allowed to interfere with the necessary maintenance work, so essential to keep safe standards for the public.”

The part of the message that has had councillors up in arms is:

“Unfortunately, it seems that those responsible for the damage and neglect have sympathies with re-wilding Hethersett (and no doubt with Extinction Rebellion as well). Surely combatting climate change should involve neither neglect and damage to the environment nor restrict fundamental human activity. No one should be allowed to vandalise areas designated for public recreation and sport.”

The identity of the writer has not been divulged.

Councillors agreed that the letter was in effect making re-wilding a criminal act by associating it with Extinction Rebellion.

“We have been discussing re-wilding for many months. It is a complete lie to suggest that the council has in any way acted inappropriately,” one councillor pointed out with another saying that it is most hurtful to be linked to an organisation such as Extinction Rebellion.

The council has received a number of letters in support of the re-wilding initiative.

Comments received were very similar to the following:

“I am writing to congratulate the Hethersett Environmental Action Group for creating the re-wilding areas in Hethersett, they have certainly enhanced the environment. It is good to see that after the decimation of the hedgerows, trees, grassy banks and other natural habitats due to the extensive house building in our village that a tiny bit of land has been reclaimed to encourage the growth of wild flowers and plants, so many of which sadly we are in danger of losing altogether.”



# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



### DO YOU LIVE IN

Hethersett

Ketteringham or Little Melton?

### ARE YOU

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

**Infirm  
Convalescing  
Sick  
Unwell  
Disability**

#### Examples of help available

Grants are available towards:

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

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



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

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

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# Sarah's World

**Sarah Lawrence tells us about another very busy month in her regular column.**



THAT'S another month gone! Summer seems like a distant memory and the children are back at school. Meetings have resumed, and I'm back into the swing of work after having a few weeks off during August.

First of all, I would like to pay my respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II. On writing this column, the news was on in the background of my bedroom which announced the sad news of her death. I was more shocked and saddened than I had expected to be.

The Queen has always been a fixture in the background of our lives, someone you foolishly expect to always be there. I feel enormous gratitude to be born into a country which was led by such a strong woman.

Hethersett Parish Council requested people to leave flowers beside the oak tree in the centre of Hethersett as a mark of respect. I duly obliged, feeling like I had to make a small gesture of thanks to the woman who has looked after the country so well, for so long.

Other people have done the same, with the first bunch laid shortly after her death was announced. It is a beautiful sight to see. After the funeral, the flowers laid will be taken and composted, then placed under a special tree planted in Her Majesty's honour, which I think is the least we

can do for a woman who literally devoted her life to serving our country.

Many of you know that I am quite involved in the Hethersett Community Garden project, now called The Back Garden, which is located at the back of the field next to the Village Hall.

This is a project co-ordinated by the parish council, and of course, by a huge team of volunteers! At the end of August, a team of us went over to the site to get our hands dirty and move some of the garden waste and turf rolled from earlier in the year into a purpose-made compost bin.

It was a very hot day, but the volunteers turned out in force, both members of the HEAT/



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Secondary School for her. To say I was not ready for those letters is an understatement! I have to admit that when I caught sight of them, I got a bit of a lump in my throat. That said, I'm sure the last year of Woodside will be memorable for all of the



HEAG committee and members of the public who want to make the space for us all.

Many hands make light work! In what was really not much time at all, we had completed our mission, plus some of the team had pruned a few overhanging branches and brambles. I returned home very sweaty and dusty, but knowing that it was a job well done.

I'm very pleased to report that both of my children went back to school easily (the truth is, I think that they were probably just as relieved to go back as we were to have them go back!) and they are happy in their new classes.

This year is a bit bittersweet for our family, it's the last year that our eldest daughter is going to be at Woodside Primary. I came home from work just a couple of days after she started year six, to two letters.

One invited our family to an Open Day at Hethersett Academy and another asked for us to put in our choices for a

now year sixes, we will always have lots of amazing memories from there too.

Towards the end of the summer, we were looking through my eldest daughter's Girlguiding Guide handbook to see if there were any badges we could have a go at while she was off



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school. We came across the Geocaching badge. I'd heard of Geocaching, even got as far as downloading the app in 2020 but, after a failed attempt at looking for one I was probably put off and then quickly forgot about it.

For those who haven't heard of Geocaching, it's a bit like a miniature treasure hunt. Users of the app hide a container or item and post co-ordinates for other people using the app to find. Often, the containers contain logs which you can date and initial to prove you found it. You can also send the person who hid it a message on the app to thank them for hiding it. Geocaching is a global game, there are 'caches' hidden all over the world!

Since then, our family have been well and truly bitten by the bug. My husband, at first reluctant, was spotted running toward a cache we were looking for in Wymondham after solving some clues to get the final location.

No longer could he tell us that he wasn't interested! Now, he is the first of us to try to organise a trip to our next destination to go looking for treasure. We even looked for some when we were in holiday in Cumbria! Of course, sometimes we're not successful and it proves too tricky, or it may have been damaged or stolen.

That often makes us more determined though! The rule in our family is that whoever finds it has their photo taken with it, we're building up quite a collection of photos!



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The final part of the work for the Guide badge is hiding your own cache, which I'm very proud to say we have done. If you fancy trying Geocaching, or are already a frequent Geocacher, I challenge you to find the one we planted in Hethersett. It's called 'Please Drive Slowly' and we'd love to have some more people find and log it!



# Making The Headlines

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**Hethersett has been making the headlines in the local Media during the month. We look at some of the stories that have been featured in the Eastern Daily Press and/or Norwich Evening News newspapers.**

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HETHERSETT is one of the most desirable places to live in Norfolk according to an article in the Eastern Daily Press.

Purplebricks has put together a list of the most desirable postcodes from the number of viewings it had seen on its website between May and August .

The article has this to say:

“Close to the city but in an area with lots of Norfolk countryside, NR9 has become a popular postcode for people looking for more space and village living.”

Purplebricks goes on to state that Hethersett is popular due to its access to major roads such as the A11 and A47 and its closeness to employment hubs. In addition there is plenty of countryside around.

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Hethersett Queen's Head was also featured in an article about Norfolk pubs with links with Her Majesty The Queen.

Manager Lorraine Miller was quoted as saying that the pub would continue to honour the Queen in its name.

“You think she would just go on forever. We've always been the Queen's Head and we will still honour her in our name,” Lorraine (pictured left) told the Norwich Evening News.

## Wymondham Mercury Ceases Production

The weekly free newspaper Wymondham Mercury which was distributed throughout Hethersett is no more.

The decision to stop producing the Mercury was relayed to readers in the edition of July 29th.

Group Managing Editor of the Weekly Newspapers had the following to say:

“It is with regret that I write to inform you that this printed edition of the Wymondham and Attleborough Mercury will be the last.

“This decision has been taken amid the escalating costs of newsprint, paper and distribution which has made the future of the printed newspaper unsustainable.”

## Silver Award For Hethersett

Hethersett has been awarded Silver in the Anglia in Bloom competition 2022.

Organiser Jill Williams said: "This is actually a good result for the incredibly small group of people involved. However, 30% of the marks were awarded to community involvement, and there was zero involvement by Hethersett residents on this occasion.

"This means to me that in the other two categories, Horticultural Excellence, and Sustainability, we scored well above a silver award. Who knows what we would have achieved if others had joined us? We are not doing this again next year, so we will never find out!"

## Appreciation From Local Business



WE came across the above sign expressing appreciation of the local community. This was outside Dawson's Law Solicitors in Great Melton Road.

The board had the following to say: Thank you for supporting us through the incredibly tough period. We remain so proud to be part of this wonderful community.

# Ninety Not Our For Rick

VETERAN cricketer Rick Critchfield has reached 90 not out. Rick is a member of the Norfolk Cricketers in Retirement Group that play on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field on Wednesday mornings throughout the summer.



His exploits made the local Media. We met Rick and his son Dean two years ago when we featured them in Hethersett Herald.

Rick learnt the game from his sport mad father who represented the Royal Navy at cricket and who was also an accomplished swimmer, boxer and footballer.

Rick has played cricket for about 78 years and played for Earlham Lodge, Cringleford and St Andrew's Hospital among others.

## Helena Is Honoured

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club official Helena Last has been honoured at the Norfolk Cricket Board's Grassroots awards

Helena (pictured here top right) was given the 2022 Safe Hands award for "going above and beyond to create a positive environment for young people to enjoy the game.

Will Hurrell (bottom right) from Hethersett and Tas Valley was runner-up in the Rising Star section for young volunteers aged between 11 and 16 making a difference.

The Hethersett club held its junior presentation event at its Flordon headquarters on September 18th.

Awards went to the following:

Under 9s:

Batting - Samuel Trickey





# Cricket Club Youth Presentations



# Cricket Club Youth Presentations

Bowling - Vihaan Rajee  
Manager's Player - Hugo Adams  
Player of the Year Vihaan Rajee

Under 11s Softball:  
Manager's Award - Isla Player  
Player of the Year - Natalie Fox

Under 11s:  
Batting - Henry Player  
Bowling - Vihaan Rajee  
Manager's Player - Euen Epstein  
Player of the Year - Henry Player

Under 13s:  
Batting - Will English  
Bowling - Grace Spratt  
Manager's Award - Jack Foreman  
Player of the Year - Will English

Under 15:  
Batting - Ollie last  
Bowling - Hiruja Nannayakkara  
Manager's Award - Max Hendrie  
Player of Year - Ollie Last

Under 17  
Batting - Will Worley  
Bowling - Ollie Last  
Manager's Player - Henry Marsh  
Player of the Year - Will Worley  
Junior Player of the Year - Will English.



The club's senior presentation evening will be held in Hethersett Village Hall on Saturday, 15th October.

The photographs on this and the previous page are of the presentations for the Under-9s and Under-11s Softball teams.

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*

Hethersett resident and Hethersett Herald regular contributor, John Head, is a keen photographer who regularly posts his excellent photographs on Facebook. Here we feature a selection of John's photographs. The first six were taken walking towards twilight from the B1172 to the top of New Road.



**August dawn over the fields of Hethersett.**

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## Hethersett Gardening Club by Leslie Dale

At our meeting on 21st September, beekeeper John Everett talked to us about bees and pollen bearing flowers to attract bees to our gardens. John's very interesting talk began with noting the 220 varieties of Solitary Bee, 24 varieties of Bumble Bee and the many sub species of European Bee first imported some 150 years ago. A recent immigrant from France is of nesting bee colonies which like small bird boxes and your scribe was once stung by one of these trying to move the box ahead of participating in "Hethersett Open Gardens". We learned about the life cycle processes of each of the three types of bee. Their food is pollen which is a source of protein. When a hive is in full swing, a Queen is quite capable of laying 2000 eggs a day, and the operating part of the hive can amount to

60,000 bees. John suggested pollen plants for each month of the year starting with Winter Honeysuckle, and onward with Snowdrops, Aconites, Crocus, Gooseberry, Cotoneaster, Hollyhock, Sunflower, Ivy and Salvias to name but a few.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th October when Simon White of Peter Beales Roses talks about "Highlights of Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows". On Wednesday 16th November 2022 Dr Anne Edwards' talk is entitled "Nodules and Noodles – a Working Visit to Shanghai".

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Dementia Awareness Event

HETHERSETT Hall held a special dementia awareness evening with Dementia Care Specialist for Barchester Healthcare Deena Heaney MBE explaining the numerous different types of dementia.



Ms Heaney was awarded an MBE in the 2022 New Year's Honours list for services to dementia care, a field she is an expert in.

She has worked within the care sector for almost 40 years and covers a wide area of the country from the Midlands to East Anglia.

Ms Heaney supports staff in order to help them provide the best possible person-centred care for residents living with dementia. At Hethersett she stressed the importance of treating everyone living with dementia as an individual and not to judge them by our own standards.

She spoke about understanding the needs of a person living with dementia, how they feel and how to support them with their memories.

**The following stories are by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton**



## Waitrose Weekday Wonder

IT'S something we tend to do every week without thinking about it, isn't it? Going shopping. Although for residents in a care home with all food and needs provided for them going shopping just isn't needed anymore or at least as much.

Thinking about this we asked one of our residents if they would fancy going out for some light shopping at Waitrose before some refreshments in their cafe. They said they would love to, so off we went! Who doesn't like a spot of shopping?

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Remembering The Queen

HETHERSETT Hall residents paid their respects to the Queen on the day of her funeral.

The whole home came together to honour the Queen, her extraordinary life and service to the nation and the Commonwealth over 70 years of reign, making her the longest-reigning monarch in British history.



We all watched the televised service of the State Funeral that took place in Westminster Abbey, followed by the Committal Service in St George's Chapel, in the grounds of Windsor Castle.

After the official ceremony, the next day, we had a discussion about our much loved and respected Queen, her early life and numerous milestones. We all shared our memories of her and reminisced about her extraordinary reign and contribution to our country.

Thank you your Majesty from all of our residents and team here at Hethersett Hall Care Home.

## Italian Day and A Trip to the Riverside

Recently our fabulous Head Chef Becky hosted an Italian lunch, with a menu of her own design.

The residents loved tucking into a choice of main including a juicy lasagne and a rich homemade tiramisu for dessert!

Then with the wonderful weather a trip to the Rushcutters pub by the river was on the agenda.



Our residents enjoyed a drink while watching the river birds and boats and enjoying the wonderful sunshine!



# News From Hethersett Hall

## Round the River Bend



WE took residents for a trip on the broads with Broads Tours on their Queen of the Broads from Wroxham, even though there was a splatter of rain it didn't dullen our spirits.

We enjoyed listening to the knowledgeable tour guide as we had refreshments, spotted herons, plenty of beautiful on the broads houses and a lot of swans!

After the trip it was back home for fresh 'proper' fish and chips, which was well deserved!



A busy morning was had with some of our residents wanting to lend a helping hand around the home. Here's one of our ladies who offered to help set the tables for lunch, her help was much appreciated and the care and attention she took was noticed by all.



We had an amazing fitness session with Joe. Not only did the residents have a good armchair workout they had so much fun doing it!

# News From Hethersett Hall

## Care Home Choir

WE enjoyed the company of a collection of schools ,Sprowston Infant School, Norwich School and care homes via Zoom, two students wowed us with their musical talent as they took us through a variety of songs from musicals.

Our residents enjoyed listening and singing a long a little, particularly the rendition of 'if you're happy and you know it' from the younger children, our residents of course joining in!

Thanks to Friend in Deed for setting it up



## Hethersett News in Brief

### Monthly Litter Pick

A total of 20 volunteers took part in the September Hethersett litter pick. They collected 13 bags of litter and there were a number of new volunteers helping to tidy our village up.

### Rugby Players Needed

Crusaders' men's rugby team is looking to recruit new players following promotion last season. New and experienced players are welcome.

Training sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7pm at Crusaders Rugby Club, which is between Little Melton and Hethersett.

For further information please email Phil at [Phil18obrien@hotmail.com](mailto:Phil18obrien@hotmail.com)

### Police On Patrol

Norfolk Police have been mounting patrols around Woodside Primary and Nursery School following complaints made about inconsiderate driving in the area at school times.

Beat Manager PC Stu Barnard monitored the situation on a Monday morning. "On this occasion there were no issues, but we will be mounting more patrols," PC Barnard said.

**GREAT Melton Old Rectory turned the clocks back to Victorian times for an open Sunday charity event.**

**The day was entitled Great Melton Old Rectory Past and Present with the house full of characters from the Victorian and Edwardian eras.**

**Proceeds from the day will be split between Great Melton Church and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Our gallery of photographs was taken during the event on September 25th.**





Photographs  
taken by Peter  
Steward



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# 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 November 2022 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of October.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by October 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)

## We Are On Facebook

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

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

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

# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

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

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

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

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

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

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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



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# Where To Eat In Hethersett

## **Janey's Village Café -**

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

## **Hethersett Queen's Head -**

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

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

## **Park Farm Hotel**

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

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

## **Café Kin**

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

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

## **Hethersett King's Head**

Norwich Road. Food is served every day including Sunday lunch. The venue is now open seven days a week.

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?

AND just like that it happened. Thickthorn Services have gone from the most

## Herald Petrol Watch

expensive petrol in the area to one of the cheapest. Of course we use the word “cheap advisedly.” At 164.9p a litre the word expensive still springs to mind. So in old money how much per gallon is 164.9p per litre. It’s quite a complex calculation as there are 4.54609 litres in a gallon. So the cost of a gallon of petrol at the cheapest of our survey sites is £7.50 per gallon. At our most expensive site this will be £7.95 for unleaded. That’s a 45p difference per gallon.

The further modest drop in prices follows a decent drop the previous month. Our survey was taken on September 19th.

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

There may be even better value if you go slightly further afield and please note that these prices were checked towards the end of the month but may have changed further before publication. Once again our advice if you want the best deals is shop around and avoid paying inflated petrol and diesel prices.

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	166.7	-3p	179.7	-2p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	166.9	-2p	179.9	-1p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	166.9	-1p	179.9	-2p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	166.9	-3p	179.9	-2p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	164.9	-4p	178.9	-2p
Abbeygate Wymondham	174.9	-5p	189.9	NC
Waitrose Wymondham	173.9	-4p	189.9	NC
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	165.9	-7p	181.9	-8p

# Groups and Societies

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

Hethersett Village Hall

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



£2 per child (£1 each for additional  
children within 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 to stay Covid safe.

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

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Hethersett Library Friends' Group

THE next talk organised by the Friends of Hethersett Library will see Little Melton based-author Ray Rumsby (photographed here) talk about his book "The Prentice Boy". This will be on Wednesday October 12th and entrance is £5 which includes light refreshments at the end of the presentation.

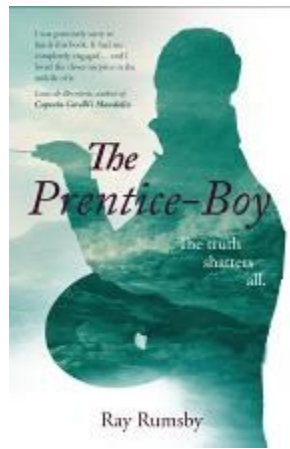
In 1820, aquatint artist William Daniell of London hires Jesse Cloud, a homeless teenager, as his apprentice. But all is not as it seems.

An eventful East Anglian tour impels both on their own inner journeys, exposing others' betrayals and exploring their own possibilities. Faced with bankruptcy, starvation looms. The artist must learn how to see and his prentice must learn how to survive – while the truth shatters all.

The Library is celebrating its golden jubilee this year, having opened in June, 1972. A number of celebration events are being organised including a quiz in November and a children's party in December.

We will have more details of these events in coming editions of Hethersett Herald and you can view posters of all the dates and one of Ray Rumsby's talk later in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Following a successful career in education and training, Ray Rumsby turned his attention to campaigning and theatre, and his play about the life and work of poet George Crabbe sparked the idea for his first novel. Crabbe's 1810 poem Peter Grimes tells the tragic story of three apprentices 'farmed out' from a London workhouse. This led to the creation of Jesse Cloud, a homeless teenager fleeing the workhouse and one of the central characters of *The Prentice-Boy*.



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Ray has also written several articles for academic journals and his work for a national charity led to a PhD. In 2013 Ray began a campaign to rescue a local bookshop scheduled for closure. A group of volunteers formed a new, not-for-profit community bookshop, and Kett's Books of Wymondham has evolved successfully ever since.

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**HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

CHRISTMAS FAIR  
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER  
11AM - 2PM

If you would like a stall at our fair, please email  
[fohethersettvc@gmail.com](mailto:fohethersettvc@gmail.com) for more details

# Groups and Societies

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

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

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

## Have You Missed Out ?

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

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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)



# Groups and Societies

## The RiNG (Rheumatism in Norfolk Group)

***By Viv Hawes***

Autumn is nearly upon us and we are lucky to be able to look forward to some interesting talks. Our meeting in August was a return visit by the Blood Bikes. Unfortunately, many were disappointed that no bike was available to visit as last time this provided a great photo opportunity.

We now have the menu and costs from the Queen's Head for the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December and early booking is advised as the list filled up quickly last year. The lists will be started at the September meeting and it will be on a first come, first served basis as we are limited to numbers. Details and contact numbers will be on our Facebook page, yes we have one!

We are busy working on speakers for next year and would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions for topics or specific speakers. At the October meeting we will be hearing from Jackie Noy of East Coast Truckers about the history and plans for the future. If you feel you may be interested in any of our meetings, please feel free to join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Hethersett Village Hall at 2pm, entrance fee is £4 and all are welcome.

If you require further info please contact me at [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net).

## Hethersett Woman's Institute

***By Margot Markham***

With weather conditions like the Sahara Desert for many weeks, it seemed like Sod's Law when rain was forecast for our annual tea party.

We are a hardy bunch but as we get a bit older we have gone from sun seekers to shade lovers. The afternoon gave us just that. It was lovely to have everyone together, including a few brave men.

There was lots of chatter. It was a privilege to wish Freda Kendal a happy 90th birthday. She has been a member of the WI for years. We do hope she will continue to be active and healthy.

It has been a busy summer with monthly coffee mornings giving us a chance to catch up with news. Our lecture program starts in September, always the third Monday evening in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 pm. There is something for everyone.

# Groups and Societies

## CRINGLEFORD & HETHERSETT FLOWER CLUB

Affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS)

Do you love flowers?

Would you like to know more about arranging flowers in traditional and trendy ways?

Visitors are warmly invited to watch a demonstration by a qualified NAFAS Flower Arranger for only £5 or become a member for £25 for the year.

There is an opportunity to win one of their flower arrangements as these are raffled off at the end of the evening

**Our friendly Club meets at Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett  
at 7.30 pm (unless otherwise stated)**

### **Our 2022-2023 programme:**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 – Workshop with Rachel Andrews (Cromer florist)

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 – OPEN MEETING \* with National Demonstrator

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022 – Daytime Xmas Workshop \*

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023 – Demo by David Wright, title tba

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 – Demo by Vicki Hease, title tba

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 – AGM \* inc supper and speaker – Simon White (Beales Roses)

- **Ticketed events**

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



# Groups and Societies

## **Forget-Me-Not Café (run by Hethersett Dementia Support)**

**By Anne Steward**

**Our first meeting of September on the 6th saw Julie Porter demonstrate how to make the most out of recycled products. Julie, from Acle, turns unwanted items such as tights and T-shirts into bags and other articles of use.**

**At the second meeting of September, a member of the South Norfolk Community Connector team visited the café.**

**Suzi Silva told people about the support hub and how to access funds for those in need.**

**Hethersett Parish Council and chair of Hethersett Dementia Support David Bills urged people to use the service:**

**“Please don’t sit at home and worry about things like paying rent or bills. Our people are there to help. People in need are often entitled to support, often financial. People seem to think at times that it is a scam and just too good to be true but there is funding available for people in South Norfolk. If you find things are tough. Including suffering health or mental health problems do contact us. We have people there to look after you in many different ways,” Mr Bills said.**

**The group’s Annual General Meeting will take place on October 4th. For more information please contact me on 01603 811052.**

**Our photographs above are of Julie Porter demonstrating some of her recycled goods.**

**Over the page are photographs of David Bills and Suzi Silva talking to the group in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall.**

**The Forget-Me-Not Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 am and everyone is welcome. Light refreshments are served.**



# Groups and Societies



Hethersett's county and district councillor David Bills with Suzi Silva.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

JOCELYN JACOBSON From Hethersett

[WWW.jocelynjacobson.com](http://WWW.jocelynjacobson.com)

Instagram: [jjacobson.11](https://www.instagram.com/jjacobson.11)

[jjacobson.art11@gmail.com](mailto:jjacobson.art11@gmail.com)

Jocelyn Jacobson and other artists will be exhibiting their work during the Open Studio weekends of 24/25th September and 1, 2, 8, 9th October

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, St Mary's House, Duke Street, NR3 1QA, Norwich.  
*From St. Andrew's carpark continue walking to the end of Duke Street. St. Mary's House is before the roundabout on the left hand side. Entrance through the car park*

**Many pieces of Jocelyn's artwork will be REDUCED to half price and some art materials will be on sale in Studio. No. 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor St. Mary's House.**

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## **LONELY ARTS CLUB**

Three major pieces of Jocelyn's work will be shown at the Lonely Arts Club bi-annual exhibition at the Undercroft Gallery, Market Place, Norwich. 6-30 October 11am-5pm daily.

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

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A tree planted on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field has not taken and will be replaced.

The tree was planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It will be replaced in the near future with a special tree guard also being put in place.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Music For The Autumn

Music for an Autumn Afternoon is the title of an entertainment by the Roundstone Performing Arts group in St Remigius Church on Sunday 30th October at 3 pm.

It will be an afternoon of music and poetry for all and entry is free. There will be a retiring collection on aid of the parish church as Samantha Coultas explained:

“I’m a private music teacher and have been putting on concerts for my students to perform in aid of St. Remigius Church for the last few years. I’m organising another fundraising concert for St. Remigius Church to take place on Sunday 30th October at 3pm.

“There will be a real mix of music including songs from musical theatre, pop music, Rat Pack and Irish with a mix of singing, piano and flute. Performers are aged between eight and 80. The poems will be largely light-hearted. Refreshments will be included.”

More information on the afternoon is available from Samantha on 07749351250 or email [sammusic148@gmail.com](mailto:sammusic148@gmail.com).

**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.**

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# Groups and Societies



## St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 10 am – 12.00 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 4th OCTOBER**

Future Dates:

1st November

6th December

For more information telephone: Pauline 01603 812610

The St Remigius Baby and Toddler Group enjoyed their usual fun time when they met in September.

We said goodbye to six of our group who are now moving on to School although we hope to welcome them back with their brothers or sisters during school holidays.

Our photo shows two of our group receiving gifts to mark this special occasion.



# 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.

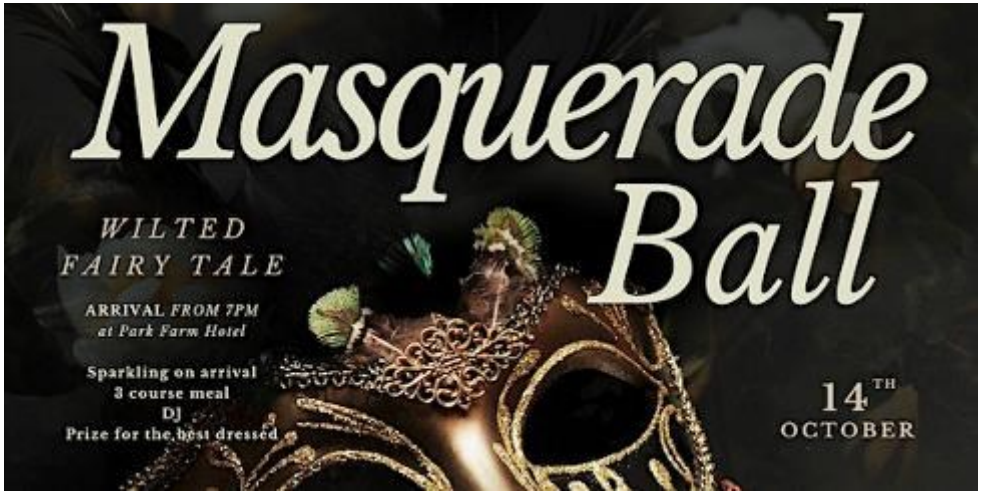
**First Steps pre-school Group** meets in Hethersett Village Hall. See poster in this edition.

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

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

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



## Hethersett Herald What's On



HETHERSETT artist Ann Wright will be making it a family affair when she combines with her daughter Denise Schoenberg for a special exhibition at the Harrods of Hingham Community Gallery throughout October.

The gallery is open seven days a week between 10 am and 4 pm.

Denise is an accomplished artist and art teacher who specialises in floral painting and coastal landscapes.

Ann is an experienced artist who paints mainly in oils and acrylics focusing on boats and landscapes.

You can view a poster for the exhibition which runs from October 1st to October 31st on the next page.

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HARRODS OF HINGHAM  
COMMUNITY GALLERY

Original Paintings by Mother and Daughter  
Hethersett Artist Ann Wright & Denise Schoenberg  
1st to 31st October 10-4pm daily



## Art Exhibition

Mother and daughter come together in a joint exhibition of their paintings of blooms, boats and beautiful landscapes.

Meet the artists 1st, 8th and 9th October

Harrods of Hingham Community Gallery, NR9 4HL



# Hethersett Herald What's On

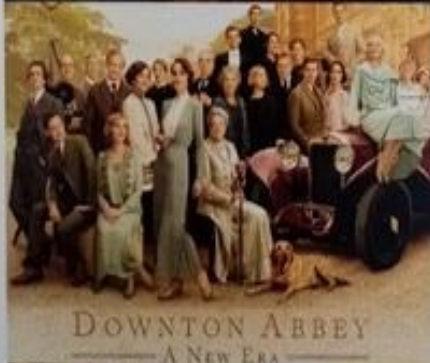
HETHERSETT village Screen is a non-profit organisation bringing films to the community of Hethersett



## Operation Mincemeat (12)

Sunday 2nd October, 3pm

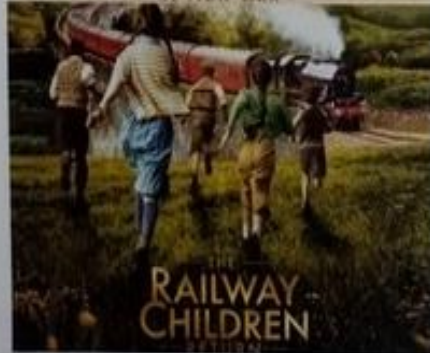
Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen head an all-star cast in this WWII drama, in which a British intelligence team plans an elaborate deception to hide the Allied invasion of Sicily.



## Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)

Sunday 6th November, 3pm

Hugh Bonneville, Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery and the much-loved ensemble cast return in this period drama, which sees a film crew descend on Downton, with unpredictable results for those above and below stairs...



## The Railway Children Return (PG)

Sunday 4th December, 3pm

Jenny Agutter, Tom Courtenay and Sheridan Smith star in an updated retelling of the classic E. Nesbit novel. Siblings Lily, Pattie and Ted are evacuated from Manchester to the West Yorkshire countryside, where adventure awaits.

# Culture and the Seaside

WELL known Hethersett resident Richard Headicar poses the question “What is Culture” and tells us that he likes nothing better than a day at the seaside.

WHAT exactly do we mean by Culture. Here are three definitions, all of them correct in their own way.

Firstly, a rather terse contribution from Chambers Dictionary: “a type of civilisation.”

Secondly, a more comprehensive one from the Oxford Reference: “the arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively.”

Thirdly and the one I like best, also from the Oxford Reference: “The way of life of a particular society or group.”

“The way of life,” that’s the thing. A common mistake is to think of culture as something elitist and highbrow (ok some of it conveys that impression) but it’s fair to say that it would be a poor thing indeed if that were true. On the contrary, it is a vibrant presence shared consciously or unconsciously, by every member of the community.

The vital coalescence of that creative disposition present in each individual and very much a part of every day living; manifested at work, in the home, through social activity and even in the way we relax and take our

holidays.

A splendid example of the



inclusiveness of culture, which embraces every social class, is the seaside: enjoyed in countries around the world but never precisely in the same manner. Despite the universality of many elements of that enjoyment: ice creams, funfairs, deckchairs, sea and sand etc each country provides a unique experience. None more wonderfully eccentric (yet also comforting) than the much-loved sights and sounds of a traditional British seaside resort.

Upon arrival at any of them, even the most disgruntled visitor swiftly succumbs to a strangely infectious

allergy: end-of-pier optimism. A short lived affliction that mysteriously expires the moment they turn the key in the door on their return home.

There is a well known song composed by John H. Glover-Kinden in 1907 which is still being heartily sung by inhabitants of every social stratum of the current generation.

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside

I do like to be beside the sea

Oh I do like to stroll along the Prom  
Prom Prom

Where the brass bands play Tidely-  
om-pom-pom

And there's lots of girls beside,

I should like to be beside

Beside the seaside

Beside the sea.

Seaside resorts such as Blackpool, Bournemouth and Margate became the favourite destinations for working people taking their annual holiday or a day outing with their work colleagues.

A popular choice for Londoners was Southend; the location of my own seaside visits in early childhood. It may be difficult to believe, but I was already aged six at the outbreak of World War Two.

Those trips provide by far the most vivid memories from that period of my life; a time of innocent happiness that continues to inform the very heart of my cultural journey.



Every year with my mum, sister and brother—my father was always busy elsewhere—I excitedly boarded a paddle steamer at Chelsea Pier which took us along the River Thames to spend our jolly weekend in Southend.

The highlight for my dear mum was a visit to the “amazing” fortune teller, Mrs Finch, in whose predictions she had a touching faith—and Mrs Finch faithfully “touched” my mum for an unfortunate half-a-crown. Until the end of her life, at the beginning of 1981, my mum would occasionally reminisce about her beloved “clairvoyant”. Bless her! I can hear her words as I write: “That Mrs Finch, dear, she had the gift you know.”

The rest of us preferred The Kursaal, where we would make a beeline for our favourite rides: mine safely settled within a giant-sized cup and saucer, while my sister and brother were enclosed beneath the expandable canopy of the “Caterpillar”.

Post war, it was in the Cadogan Pier Hotel in Chelsea that my father satisfied my youthful curiosity and permitted me to take a sip of his deliciously refreshing Tom Collins cocktail.

The pure pleasure and mental

stimulus I receive from a visit to the seaside has never diminished. Earlier this year I spent a brilliant day in Yarmouth with other members of my family; one of those present was my 94-year-old sister Peggy.

She and I were encouraged to take a ride on a rather ancient Pleasure Beach attraction called the Snails. Afterwards we both felt relieved that we had not indulged in an ice cream prior to that bone rattling escapade. But what fun we had!

Since then, upon relating this episode to various Norfolk-born acquaintances, it transpires that each of them, at some stage of their life had undertaken to allow their bones to be similarly rattled.

Some more than just once. It seems that a ride on that quirky old snail has become firmly established as an essential constituent of the rich cultural experience our county offers.

Another seaside attraction is the bandstand, some of which—such as the one at Eastbourne—are beautifully located. I am a great fan of bandstands.

Over many years they have made a significant contribution to my musical education, far beyond Tiddely-om-pom-pom.

As well as being a place to reprise now rarely performed pieces (I found myself particularly drawn to the charming song “leaning”) I was introduced to extracts from the so called “highbrow” compositions from the classical, opera and ballet repertoires.

How I loathe the term “highbrow and

lowbrow: judgmental terminology that should never be applied to the life enhancing accumulation of musical appreciation—or any other sphere of artistic pursuit—but, instead, consigned to the dustbin.

Living culture, which embraces us all within its ever-expanding boundaries, is the most dynamic and resilient antithesis to oppressive dictatorships that we possess.

In Spain, Franco tried to eradicate Flamenco, he failed. In Germany, Hitler attempted to ban cartoon films, jazz music and anti-regime satire, his attempt proved counter-productive; in Russia Stalin ordered that only State approved music should be played.

Shostakovich (amongst others) defied him. Likewise dictatorships continue to be challenged throughout the world as the flame of a thriving culture cannot be extinguished, though political opponents may be.

The next time we read of a hefty grant being given to a section of the Arts in which we evince no personal interest, perhaps rather than tut tutting about how many ambulances the money could have purchased or nurses employed, we might clap our hands for all those brave performers who, often under threat of their lives, dance and sing and play and write in the name of freedom.

Even though you may not have applauded their particular choice of genre.

Tiddely-om-pom-pom

This article originally appeared in the Woodcote Magazine.

## The Lady of Hethersett

THE Lady of Hethersett farewelled her husband for the last time as new born lambs celebrated their tails in the fields about her home.

William and Alice Bernak had shared the Lordship of Hethersett for three and a half decades. I say "shared" advisedly, as her title was not a mere honorific. Alice's aunt had sold it to William and Alice as joint owners and each had both the rights and the responsibilities of Lordship there.

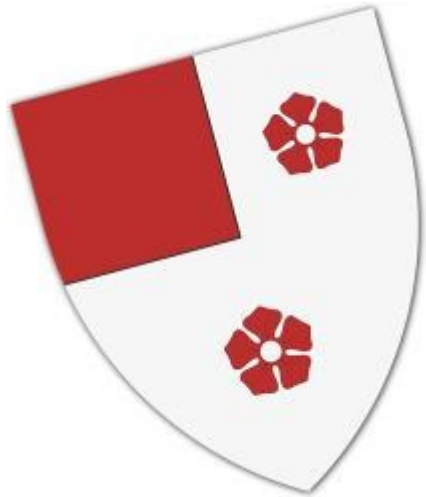
Alice had a fine tomb made for her husband. His figure was carved at rest in full armour. His feet lay upon a lion's back. Her own likeness lay by his side, in gown and widow's headdress. Her feet lay upon the back of a hound, a symbol of her loyalty and steadfastness.

Two years later she would rest beside him in the Church of St Remigius - the Church that they had largely built together. They lay in pride of place, in the chancel near the altar. That chancel is now gone, replaced by 400 years of bare sky. A new chancel has been laid upon the foundations of the old in the hundreds of years since the Bernaks were laid there to rest.

They lie in the chancel no longer, though their sightless eyes stared skywards for numberless decades and autumn leaves gathered round the base of their tomb. Yet they still can be



The Effigies of William and Alice Bernak today (Photo: J.R. Alban)



The Driby Coat of Arms

found in St Remigius if you know where to look.

Neither William nor Alice were Norfolk born.

Alice was born a Driby, and came from the village in Lincolnshire of the same name. Her family was not noble *per se*, but they were of the knightly class and had held the village of Driby since the years closely following Domesday.

Her father Robert had married well - to Joan de Tateshale. She was the daughter of Robert de Tateshale, a Tenant in Chief to the king. She was also sister to another Robert, who would eventually become Baron de Tateshale. The Driby's held their lands directly from the Tateshales - they were their Lords - they were their Lords. So Robert de Driby must have been very much in the elder Tateshale's favour to have had Joan's hand granted him in marriage.

A Tenant in Chief like Robert was granted land directly by the king in return for feudal service. This basically meant he followed the king to war and in general backed him up. And those to whom a Tenant in Chief in turn granted lands would do the same for him. It was something like a cross between a Pyramid Scheme and Band of Brothers, in this case with Robert de Tateshale as "Captain Winters". Though perhaps in real life things played out more closely to how Shakespeare envisioned the phrase when he coined it.

Alice's father was in Robert de Tateshale's Band of Brothers, and he was probably brought up carousing with his brother-in-law - another Robert - the future Baron.

Now this future Baron, was also part of



Band of Brothers—14th century style

his own rarified Band of Brothers - those that held their lands from the Earls of Richmond. He had managed a pretty good marriage of his own - to Joan, one of three daughters of Ralph fitz Ranulph (Ralph was in Robert's dad's Band of Brothers).

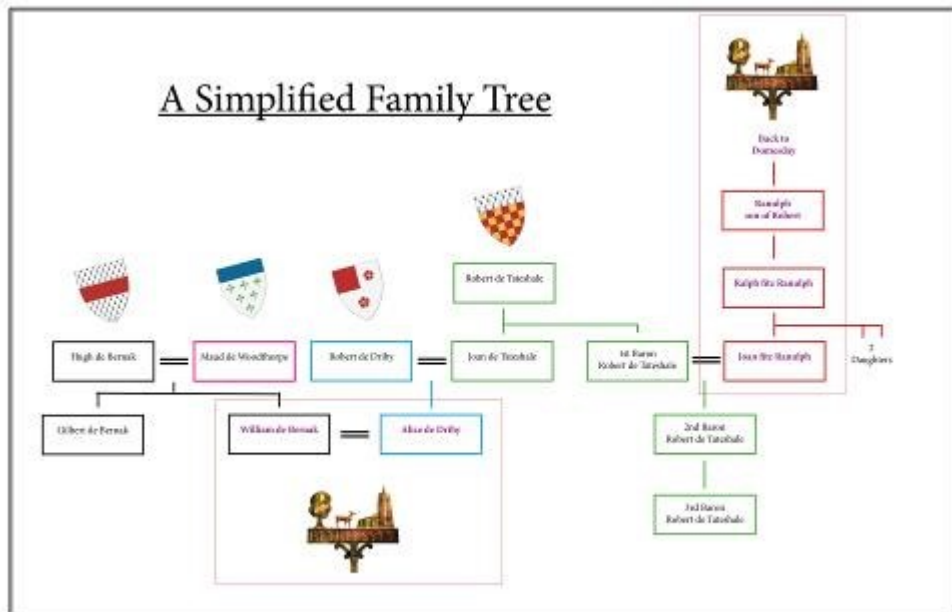
A lot of this marrying within your own Band seemed to happen. You have to remember that as they travelled around as a crew, they would often all stay with their own "Captain Winters" during the Winter. It was a perfect opportunity for a bit of discreet handkerchief dropping with his daughters.

So why have I delved so deeply into the ins and outs of these families?

Well Ralph fitz Ranulph happened to be one of a long line of Ralphys and Ranulphs that had amongst other things been Lords of Hethersett since a failed revolt of 1075.

He was the last. He died not long after Robert de Tateshale had married his daughter, leaving Joan and her two sisters as his only heirs. The FitzRalphys had suffered the ignominy of what is quaintly termed the "Failure" of the male line. It would not be the

## A Simplified Family Tree



first in the history of the Lords of Hethersett.

The uptake of all of this is that Joan ended up with the Manor of Hethersett.

Unlike the later case of Alice and William, Robert de Tateshale became the Lord of Hethersett only "in Right of" his wife Joan. This meant that (being the bloke) he was the actual Lord of the Manor, and so would his heirs by Joan. But if Robert died before Joan, then Hethersett was hers until her own death.

Upon Robert senior's death, the other lands that he had brought into the marriage would move on down to their son, but she would keep hers.

If at some later date she might want to, say, (spoiler alert) hand Hethersett Manor over to her niece Alice de Driby, well that would be totally up to her.

William de Bernak also hailed from



The Bernak Coat of Arms

Lincolnshire. He came from a village called Burgh le Marsh, about 10 miles South and East of Alice's home in

Driby. His family was a minor branch of the Bernaks or Barnacks that hailed from Barnack in Lincolnshire.

William's branch had a bit of land, but they were by no means as distinguished as the de Dribys.

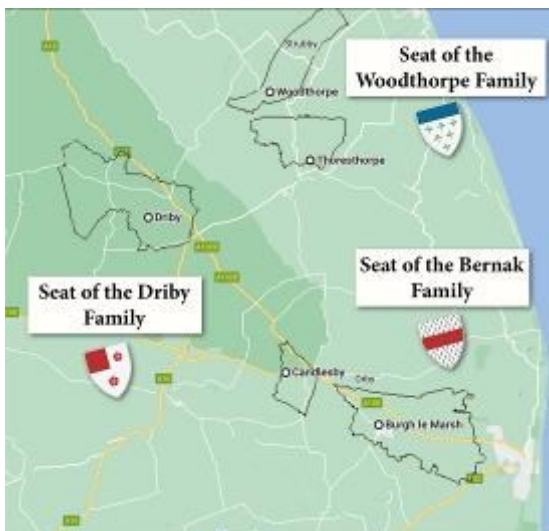
Nevertheless, his father Hugh had managed to marry Maud Woodthorpe. She was, coincidentally, also one of three daughters (and coheireses). The Woodthorpes were in the throes of a failure of the male line.

Their father William Woodthorpe had a few nearby villages under his domain - notably Woodthorpe and Thoresthorpe. They lay only a few miles from Driby where Alice de Driby lived.

William, though, was Hugh's second son. His elder brother Gilbert would end up inheriting it all. This left William with very little to recommend him to any eligible lady with means.

There's little to be found about William's early years - though he no doubt spent some time in his grandfather's lands near Driby. But there are glimpses of his older brother living the high life (the records have a habit of spotlighting anyone with a bit of money).

On one occasion Gilbert was forced to plead forgiveness directly from the King after he was spotted "accidentally" poaching. He and some friends set their greyhounds after a hare near a Royal Park. The hare promptly entered by a hole in the wall:



The Bernak, Driby and Woodthorpe Family seats in Lincolnshire

*"and the greyhounds leaped over the wall and took a beast against the will of the said Gilbert and others."*

So, you know, high class problems for Gilbert.

The Chief Lord over the Bernaks in Burgh le Marsh happened to be Robert de Tateshale - Alice's uncle. So Gilbert was potentially part of the de Tateshale Band of Brothers, though he doesn't appear to have gone to war. Instead he sired an heir and became a priest.

In 1300 when he was perhaps in his late twenties, Joan de Tateshale made him Parson of Candleby, just up the road to Driby from Burgh le Marsh. She would eventually make Gilbert the Parson of the Church of Tateshale itself where she lived.

Over the years Joan would make Gilbert a Trustee of her lands. This



was an old trick to dodge the rules of inheritance: you gave someone else your lands "to the use of" yourself. In law it was then the trustees (so long as they did whatever you told them to do). Then when you died the king couldn't get a cut while he "figured out" who should have the land next - however long that might take. And if you told your trustees to hold the land "for the use of" your kids (or anyone else for that matter), then your kids would inherit as your will directed, without any royal interference.

With elder brother Gilbert in tight with the de Tateshales, William had an opportunity to be noticed, and he took it.

He officially joined a little Band of Brothers in 1303. It was led by Alice's cousin Robert (Joan de Tateshale's son). He was the current lord of Tateshale after his father's early death in 1298.

Robert had fought in Wales and in Flanders, and he and his father had led the Vanguard to victory at the Battle of Falkirk against William Wallace and the Scots in 1298. It was on their return that Robert senior had died.

Now the new young Lord was forming his own Band of Brothers.

With him came not only our William, but also William de Vallibus, Lord of Keswick just near Hethersett. He had fought by Robert's side for seven or eight years already.

At de Vallibus's side came John de Basingham. He was de Vallibus's newly appointed Rector at Keswick. Whether he was there to bop Scottish heads or to absolve his lord from the sin of Scottish head bopping I'm not sure.

Joining them was Walter de Botheby, a local lad from near William's home town of Burgh le Marsh.

By this time de Tateshale had granted William a small bit of property called Besthorpe Manor in Attleborough. It was worth a single fortieth of a Knight's Fee. This basically meant he owed his Lord one day of service a year (a full fee being 40 days). He was on the ladder to distinction - but only barely.

On the face of it this grant was rather



## The Assize of Bread and Ale

paltry. It was the value of the land you owned - your stake in the soil of the nation - that was the measure of your worth amongst the nobility. Yet there were other perks that made it actually quite a handsome gift.

Alongside the Lordship of this Manor, William had the right to choose the Rectors of Attleborough, assise of bread and ale (the right to charge arbitrary fees in their production), rights to charge for misdemeanours, and a market from which he could make a fair bit of coin.

So William joined Edward I on a trip to Scotland as one of Lord Tateshale's small Band of Brothers - half of whom lived a few miles from Hethersett - and himself a proud new owner of some land which lay on the road that led to Hethersett.

The Army made camp at Perth in Scotland where they prepared themselves for war. There the "War Wolf," the largest Trebuchet ever made, was built.

To the army's great disappointment, every town so far had given in without a fight, and they all looked forward to making use of War Wolf sometime soon. Later on, King Edward delayed taking a town's surrender in order to give the War Wolf a good go.

They left Perth on the morning of July 28<sup>th</sup> en route to the War Wolf's first use, and Lord Robert promptly died. He was aged only 29. Presumably he succumbed to the main cause of death in Medieval war - sanitation woes.

It's not clear whether William and the rest of the Band were forced to carry on, or whether they took their lord home. It's possible they were among those tasked by the king a couple of

weeks later to hunt down 20 bucks and all of the venison in Robert's lands in Tateshale and in Buckenham and to salt them for the army's use.

You see, Robert hadn't vested his land in trustees as his mother later would. So while the king attempted to determine whether Robert's eldest son Robert was his heir - you know, dotted all the "i's" and crossed all the "t's" - he looked after Robert's land. While he did so the King found it necessary to make the great sacrifice of all of his deer there for the sake of the war.

However, the remainder of William's war panned out, he was by now in the orbit of both Alice de Driby and of Hethersett. One thing followed another, and around 1305 they were married. Their eldest son John arrived in 1306.

1306 was a red letter year - notable for both disappointment and for joy for William and Alice.

Not only was a son and heir born, but a grand call was made for any who qualified for knighthood to come forward and be knighted alongside Prince Edward, the future Edward II.

This grand knighting became known as the Feast of the Swans, and was in effect a recruitment drive for the next war in Scotland, for which the newly knighted would all set off almost immediately.

287 knights in all were created that day. Among them was William de Bernak. Unfortunately, he was probably a cousin of our William - part of the elder line who still lived in the Parish of Barnack. Our William was land-poor and did not qualify.

A knight was required to own land worth £40 a year, and William's manor



13 Oct 1306 "Foot of Fine" for Sale of Hedersete Manor to William and Alice de Bernake by Joan de Tatershale (names highlighted). See it here online: [http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/CP25\(1\)/CP25\\_1\\_161\\_118-122/IMG\\_0394.htm](http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/CP25(1)/CP25_1_161_118-122/IMG_0394.htm)

in Attleborough was worth a pittance when the value of the actual land was taken into account. It was only land that counted in this case. Money made through trade and commerce mattered for nothing, although William was fairly comfortable in that respect.

No doubt this caused the newlyweds some consternation, yet they soon hit upon a solution. Alice and William (perhaps accompanied by a good word from his brother Gilbert) approached Alice's aunt Joan for help.

Joan had a think, and was sure she could give them a leg up. She held a Manor that was worth just shy of £40 a year. With William's land in Attleborough, it would get him over the mark for knighthood.

So Joan made a deal. The manor was theirs: so long as they paid her £120 a year for the remainder of her life.

Joan had in essence set herself up

with a self funded pension. William and Alice could afford such a large yearly payment from the proceeds of the Market and from the other perks that William held of his Manor in Besthorpe.

Joan's grandson Robert was 17, and at age 21 he would come into all of his father's and grandfather's lands. This would leave her with only the lands she had brought into the marriage. With luck she might retain a widow's dower of a third of the rest, but she was now the widow of the Lord two generations removed.

With this perhaps in mind, it was made clear that Alice would equally own this new Manor with William. Alice would not be left high and dry after her

husband's death as Joan could soon be.

This Manor was aunt Joan's free and clear (once a few common legal fictions were carried out). It had been hers for the past 30 odd years since she and her sisters had inherited their father's lands.

She could do with it what she pleased, and she did so.

And that is how William Bernak and Alice his wife became the Lord and the Lady of Hethersett.

Next Time: we take a look at what Hethersett was like in the High Middle Ages

## Air Ambulance Opens Its Doors

**By Hethersett Herald Editor  
Peter Steward**

IT costs an eye-watering £15 million a year to keep the East Anglian Air Ambulance in the sky and all that money has to come from fundraising and charitable donations.



The EAAA , like the RNLI, receives zero Government funding and that's partly the reason that I have been attempting to walk 1,500 miles in 2022.

The amount I will raise is a miniscule drop in the ocean but, as they say, every little helps.

As part of the Norfolk Heritage Open Days event, the East Anglian Air Ambulance opened its doors to the public and I was fortunate to have tickets for the tour of the charity's very modern headquarters which is located on the Norwich Airport complex.

So far in 2022 the ambulance has flown 977 missions (at the time of writing) and looked after 1183 patients. The ambulance covers the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire and can pretty much get anywhere in those counties within minutes of taking off from Norwich.

The Air Ambulance lands in villages, towns and by the roadside, on beaches and even in the back garden of the neighbour of one of the volunteers Simon in his Suffolk home. The East Anglian Air Ambulance HQ is on the Norwich

Airport complex and it's a place to be very proud of. But the charity relies largely on money left in wills, on donations and on people raising money.

Just walking round the HQ gives an impression of togetherness and everyone working as a team. Interestingly they spell the word team rather differently by incorporating the initials EAAA for East Anglian Air Ambulance within the word to make it TEAAAM. Clever or what?



It didn't surprise me to learn that EAAA was named one of the best places in East Anglia to work. It blends professionals with a host of volunteers - all designed to save lives.

I assumed that the East Anglian Air Ambulance had hundreds of sites identified for landing during emergencies. Not so. It's all down to identifying somewhere to land using maps and knowledge.

So they could even land in someone's garden as volunteer Simon explained when he told us that the ambulance dropped in on a neighbour's lawn in his Suffolk village. Mind you it must have been a big lawn.

So I had better give you an update on my walking challenge. As of the middle of September I have walked 1,086 miles and still have 414 to go. That's an average of 4.18 miles per day to date. I have raised something like £430 but would like to increase this in the last three months of the year.

If you would like to donate it can be done through my Just Giving page at:  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Peter-Steward](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Peter-Steward)

All donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated by myself and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Many thanks to all those who have already donated. I genuinely appreciate it.

You can read all about the East Anglian Air Ambulance by visiting its official website at the following address:

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



# Party Time For Hethersett Hearts

*Report by Sarah Lawrence*

SAMANTHA England is a busy lady indeed.

Not only does she head-up and co-ordinate volunteers for Hethersett Hearts - the award-winning community organisation founded during the pandemic for people struggling in our area and beyond – but she is also a parish councillor and regularly volunteers for Hethersett Youth Club, balancing that all with her career outside of her voluntary duties.

She is an awe-inspiring woman who does all this with a huge smile on her face and remarkably remembers most of the names of the scores of people she comes across in her various capacities.



I felt very honoured and privileged to receive an invite for the Hethersett Hearts' summer party from the lady herself. The party invite said that there was an Hawaiian theme (anyone who knows me knows that I love a themed outfit).

There we were, my girls and I, dressed to the nines in flowery leis, bracelets and hairbands, not forgetting the pineapple sunglasses! We walked into the party not really knowing what to expect.

Samantha said that we could invite others if we wanted to, but everyone we asked was busy. When we walked in, the first thing we saw was the decorations.



The village hall had quite the glow-up with bunting, streamers, blow-up bananas and flamingos and more. You could see a lot of planning and effort had been put into the event by the huge volunteer team.

The next thing we noticed was the smiles on people's faces. Invited to this party were all of the people that are helped by, and volunteer for Hethersett Hearts, along with other local people that were invited along by word-of-mouth, like ourselves.

Everyone was having an amazing time! Many of the elderly people were sitting at tables chatting away and the families and young people were milling around the set-up. With a selfie area (with background and props), games outside, and an incredible array of food from different cultures (many dishes brought along by the party guests), there was plenty to do.

The party came to a conclusion with a raffle with Samantha thanking the many, many inspirational volunteers – young and old - who contribute to Hethersett Hearts, and for their help in organising the party.

Medals and cards were handed out to key volunteers, with promises of flowers to be delivered the following day! From helping to drive people to hospital appointments, to picking up prescriptions and everything in between, it's clear to see that it really does take a village.

You can read more from Sarah in her regular column elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

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## **Help Us Celebrate 50 Years of Hethersett Library**

Hethersett Library opened in 1972 and we will be marking the Golden Jubilee with a number of special events.

## **Coming Events in 2022**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Talk by Local Author Ray Rumsby on his new novel *The Prentice Boy* – 7 pm. Tickets £5 (includes light refreshments).**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Join us for a special free coffee morning in the Library from 12.45 pm. All welcome.**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – We will be holding a general knowledge quiz in Hethersett Village Hall. See posters for more details.**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Children's Party in the Library for youngsters aged six to 10.**

**The Friends of Hethersett Library are looking for more committee members. If you would like to join us, please contact Chairman David Bills on 01603 813041.**



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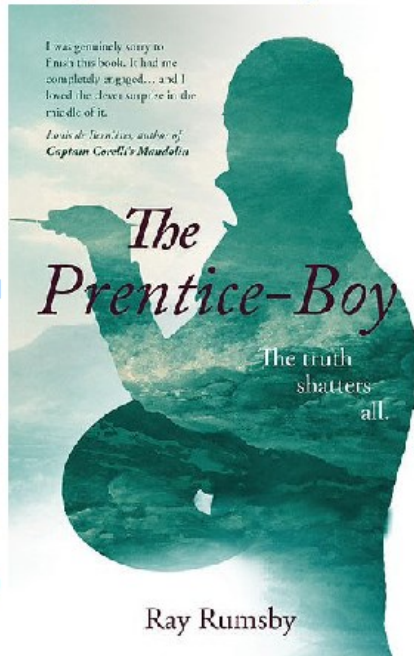
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**Come and meet local  
author Ray Rumsby who  
will talk about his latest  
novel which tells the story  
of engraver William Daniell  
and his encounter with  
street urchin Jesse Cloud**

**Their relationship unfolds  
against a backdrop of mail  
-coaches, workhouses,  
laudanum, patronage,  
muddy streets, houses of  
ill-repute and all the  
paraphernalia of early 19th  
century London.**



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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 second Wednesday of each month at 10 am.



CRUSADERS  
  
RUGBY

# Crusaders Fireworks Night

Saturday 5th November 2022  
GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM

Adults £5, U18's £3, U5's free  
or £20 for a full car  
Free Entry to all members

FREE PARKING, FOOD VENDORS, BBQ,  
MUSIC, STALLS, GAMES, BAR

Professional Fireworks Display  
Provided By **FLASHfx**

**CRUSADERS RUGBY CLUB**  
Little Melton Road, Hethersett NR9 3NP



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## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

In aid of  
*Star Throwers*

Join us for a morning or afternoon  
of festive wreath making  
- all materials included as well  
as light refreshments, kindly  
supported by Nicky at  
The Enchanted Willow

Sunday 4th December  
AM Workshop - 10am  
PM Workshop - 1.30pm  
at the Star Throwers  
Centre  
£35 per person

All profits will be donated to  
Star Throwers - Cancer Support Charity  
and will go towards supporting people  
affected by cancer

To book: call 01793 832864 or  
email: victoria@starthrowers.org.uk  
Registered Charity No. 1162257

Star Throwers  
Cancer Support Charity

## Wreath Making Date

AT Wymondham Star Throwers cancer charity they are already dreaming of Christmas with a wreath making workshop. You can book a place by emailing: [victoria@starthrowers.org.uk](mailto:victoria@starthrowers.org.uk).

The workshop will take place at the Star Throwers centre in Melton Road, Wymondham on Sunday 4th December and is led by Nicky, from The Enchanted Willow florist. All proceeds go back to Star Throwers - Cancer Support Charity.

# Business Opening Hours

This is a free service for businesses in Hethersett. If you would like your opening hours posted here please e-mail details to [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com)

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**Kin Café** at Rowan House in Queen's Road is open on Tuesdays from 8 am until 2 pm and Wednesdays to Fridays from 8 am until 4.30 pm.

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

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## 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.

## Post Office Opening Hours

Opening hours for Hethersett Post Office which is currently located within Hethersett Library are as follows:

**Mondays—13.30 to 17.30**

**Tuesdays—No Service**

**Wednesdays—11.00 to 17.30**

**Thursdays—13.30-17.30**

**Fridays—13.30-17.30**

**Saturdays—11.00-14.00**

**Sundays—No Service**

# Two Different Charges

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Historian and regular Herald contributor John Head looks at some historic fighting charges in his latest column.

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WHEN mentioning the word ‘charge’ relating to warfare, most people will think of the ‘Charge of the Light Brigade’ (25<sup>th</sup> October 1854) or Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg (3<sup>rd</sup> July 1863) but with me two charges always come to mind; The O’Rahilly Charge (28<sup>th</sup> April 1916) and The Yallop Charge (25<sup>th</sup> May 1940).

## The O’Rahilly Charge 29th April 1916

This continues my theme on the Easter Rising in Dublin on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1916.

Michael John O’Rahilly (The O’Rahilly) was a founding member of the Irish Volunteers in 1913 which was working for Irish Independence and vehemently against Home Rule. He was not involved in the planning of the Easter Rising and was not a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB).

When the Military Council of the IRB ordered the Rising for Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> which would involve the Irish Citizen Army (ICA) and the Irish Volunteers, Eoin MacNeil, the commandant of the Irish Volunteers, who had been kept in the dark about the Rising, countermanded the order on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was the O’Rahilly who then embarked with these countermanding orders informing the Irish Volunteer leaders in Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, and Limerick that they were not to mobilise their forces. When he



**Michael O’Rahilly**

returned to Dublin, he learnt Rising was about to begin in Dublin on Easter Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 the countermanding order having only put the Rising ‘on hold’ for 24 hours.

Despite his efforts to prevent such action (which he felt could only lead to defeat), he set out to Liberty Hall Dublin to join the Irish Citizen Army and what

remained of the Irish Volunteers. He was responsible for one of the best quoted lines from the Rising – "Well, I've helped to wind up the clock - I might as well hear it strike!" Another famous, if less quoted line, was his comment to (Countess) Constance Markievicz who was a key figure in the Rising , "It is madness, but it is glorious madness."

The O'Rahilly fought with the General Post Office (GPO) garrison during Easter Week. On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with the GPO on fire, the order was given to the battalion to abandon their GPO position. It was decided that an initial charge should be made down Henry Street by a dozen men to secure the Williams and Wood factory on Great Britain Street (now Parnell Street) and make it the new garrison HQ. The O'Rahilly volunteered to lead this mission but on the intersection of Great Britain and Moore Street a British machine gun, manned by Sherwood Foresters, was waiting for them at a barricade. Only four in the charge survived unscathed. The O'Rahilly was wounded from shoulder to hip and slumped into a doorway on Moore Street. Wounded and bleeding badly his position had been marked by the British so he made a dash across the road to find shelter in Sackville Lane (now O'Rahilly Parade). The O'Rahilly encountered a slow death. Four hours after he was shot he was heard



Above Moore Street, Dublin, where the O'Rahilly Charge took place and below The O'Rahilly Parade Dublin.



The O'Rahilly Plaque, Dublin, displaying the poignant last words.

asking for water. A further nineteen hours passed, as had the moment of surrender, when a military ambulance came across him barely alive. The officer in charge was allegedly heard to reply to a query – “That’s a Sinn Fein officer the more of them that die naturally the fewer we will have to shoot.”



The O'Rahilly Grave in Glasnevin Cemetery. See previous page.

On the O'Rahilly's body was found a poignant message to his wife written in pencil and blood on the back of a letter from his son which he had received whilst fighting in the GPO. The message read as follows;

"Written after I was shot. Darling Nancy I was shot leading a rush up Moore Street and took refuge in a doorway. While I was there I heard the men pointing out where I was and made a bolt for the laneway I am in now. I got more [than] one bullet I think. Tons and tons of love dearie to you and the boys and to Nell and Anna. It was a good fight anyhow. Please deliver this to Nannie O' Rahilly, 40 Herbert Park, Dublin. Goodbye Darling." This message forms the wording on the O'Rahilly's memorial plaque (see photo)

**The Yallop Charge 25th May 1940**

Cecil Ernest Yallop (pictured opposite) was born in Reepham Norfolk on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1905 . He joined the army at the age of 15 increasing his age to ensure eligibility.

On 10th May 1940, the now Lieutenant Cecil Yallop found himself as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in Belgium and second in command of

B Company 2nd Battalion the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

On 21st May , the battalion was now part of the Dunkirk rear-guard and experiencing heavy fighting and casualties as it valiantly fought to keep the corridors to Dunkirk open for the retreat.

Following such casualties, a major reshuffle took place within the battalion with Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Yallop taking command of A Company. This was to lead to what has become known as 'The Yallop Charge'.

On 25th May, two days before the massacre at Le Paradis , history recorded another example of the courage and fighting tenacity of 2nd Battalion the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

Battalion HQ was losing communications with their four companies together with their Commanding Officer, Maj. (Acting Lt Colonel) Lisle Ryder, who was last reported leaving Brigade HQ at l'Épinette.

Instead of returning to Battalion HQ,

Major Ryder had made a detour to organise an attack on a wood (Bois de Pacqueat) in which the enemy (SS Totenkopf) had successfully penetrated between 'A' Company of 2 Battalion the Royal Norfolks and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Royal Scots.

Led by Acting Captain Yallop, with the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Lancashire Fusiliers under 2nd Lieutenant Spears in support, with bayonets fixed and through a hail of machine gun and rifle fire, the enemy was engaged at close quarters and successfully driven out from their temporary stronghold. In the words of Captain Charles Long, the battalion's adjutant, "The enemy was unable to face the bayonet at close quarters"

It was a courageous and effective charge, but a very costly encounter which decimated the numbers of 'A' Company leaving 17 dead, including Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Yallop.

The 'Yallop Charge' had driven the enemy incursion back over the La Bassee Canal causing further delay to the enemy advance critical to the successful evacuation of Dunkirk.

Lt Yallop is buried in Hinge Communal Cemetery (see photograph) . The inscription on his headstone reads

"WITHOUT FAREWELL HE FELL ASLEEP, WITH ONLY MEMORIES LEFT TO KEEP"

He is also remembered on the War Memorial at Thorpe St Andrew Norwich.

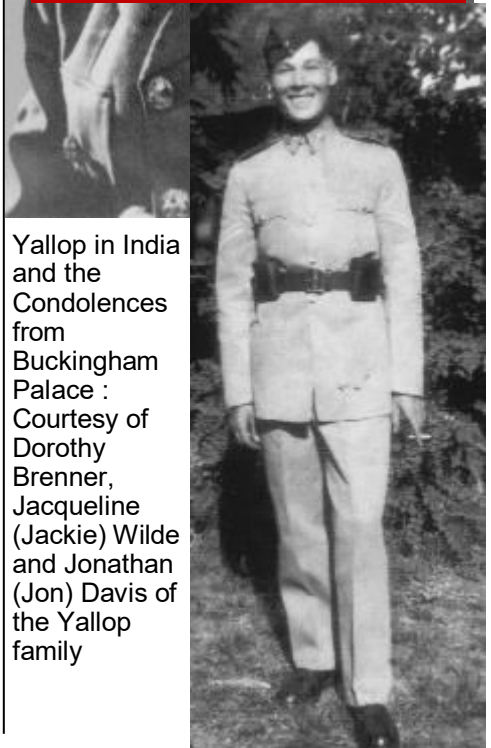
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The Photos of Lt C Yallop and Lt C

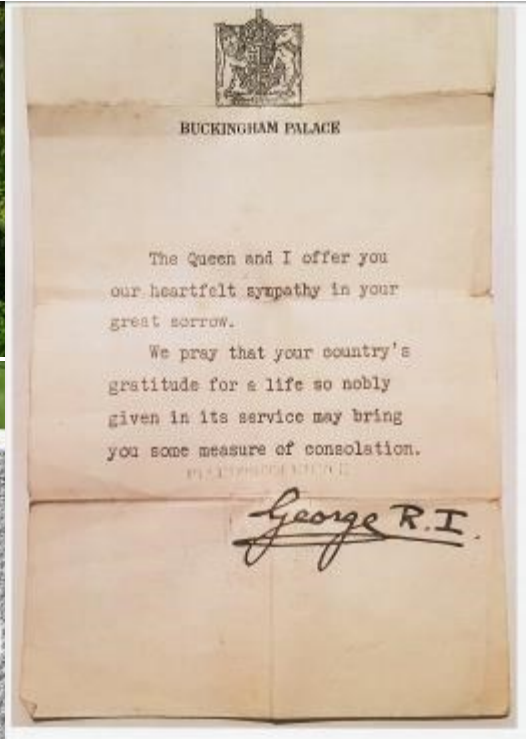


Lieutenant Cecil Yallop



Yallop in India and the Condolences from Buckingham Palace : Courtesy of Dorothy Brenner, Jacqueline (Jackie) Wilde and Jonathan (Jon) Davis of the Yallop family





Above left is Pacquet Woods with Hinges Cemetery. Opposite is the headstone for Cecil Yallop in Hinges Cemetery and above right a letter of condolence from the King.

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