

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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## Islamic Mosque For Hethersett

IN something of a volte face, the former Church Hall in Henstead Road is being set-up as an Islamic Mosque.

The building was sold this year at auction for £263,000, comfortably exceeding its expected price. It came with planning permission to convert to a four bedroom house, maintaining much of the current historic building that was a school before being bought by the Church of England.

Now the Islamic community will be continuing to use the building as a place of worship.

A website set-up to appeal for donations states:

“we have recently bid to purchase this church hall to convert to a mosque. Many professionals living in this area don't have a place of worship and this mosque will fill the void needed to



establish daily prayers and provide a peaceful and learning environment for generations to come.”

Our understanding is that the new buyers do not have to take up the option of turning the building into a private home and do not have to apply for planning permission as the building has for many years been used as a religious centre.

We will have a feature on the new mosque and those behind it in the next edition of Hethersett Herald which will be available at the end of September.

**HETHERSETT and Tas Valley have won promotion to the top tier of the Norfolk Alliance Cricket League.**

**August was a month of celebration for the club in an unbeaten run that saw it finish runners-up in Division One to win promotion to the Premier Division. You can read more on this by turning to page 8.**

**Work began during August to demolish the old pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.**

**It will be replaced by a state-of-the-art building which should be completed by next Spring.**

**You can read more about this in our feature starting on page 4.**

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



**The return of village screen—See page 20.**

# A Message From The Editor

HELLO EVERYONE

WELCOME to the September edition of Hethersett Herald which looks back at what has been happening in the village in August.

August (along with January) is traditionally known as a "slow news month."

It's the month when people go on holiday, the month when clubs and groups and schools shut down for a break.

It's the time when we have to scratch around for news and features.

Subsequently this edition of Herald is slightly smaller than usual.

That doesn't mean that nothing is happening, however, with three major news stories making the headlines this month.

It's taken over 10 years to move from the planning to the building stages of the new pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. But now the time is here.

Demolition of the old unfit for purpose pavilion began and was completed during August. The new building when complete will provide the village with a community pavilion it can be proud of with changing rooms for sports clubs and a community room and fully equipped kitchen.

Having been involved in the original planning application bid, I know how much work by so many people has been put into making what was once a dream become a reality. We will be out

with our camera to provide a regular pictorial update on the progress of the building. This will also act as a record for future generations.

There was also a big cause for celebration at Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club which has a link to the previous comments.

The cricket club moved away from the village many years ago due to the poor facilities in Hethersett. It found a new home at Flordon and added Tas Valley to its name.

Since moving, the club has gone from strength to strength and, in August, after a few seasons of going close, won promotion to the top division of the Norfolk Alliance. I have been involved with the cricket club for many years as club development officer, chairman and now as an honorary vice-president and am proud of what has been achieved and you can read about this in my personal piece elsewhere in this edition.

Finally this month there is big news that the former church hall in Henstead Road which was bought at auction with planning permission to turn it into a four bedroom home, is now going to become a mosque. I'm sure we will have much more on this in coming editions.

PETER



# Work On New Community Pavilion Starts



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**A personal view on the coming building by Hethersett Herald Editor Peter Steward. Photographs by the editor and Mike Stark.**

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IT'S been a long and hard road with plenty of obstacles on the way, but work to provide the village with a new community and sports pavilion on Hethersett Playing Field is underway.

Ten years ago as a trustee of the playing field, I was one of a group who applied for the original planning permission from South Norfolk Council.

I vividly remember attending a meeting of the council and speaking in support of a new building which would enhance the facilities in the village both for sports clubs and the community as a whole.

In those days we also visited villages much smaller than Hethersett such as Freethorpe and Belton to view their magnificent facilities and talk to the people whose hard work had made them possible.

For me it has always been what is commonly referred to as "a no brainer."

I once referred to the old pavilion by a very uncomplimentary word and got into trouble for it. But I stand by my comments that Hethersett has deserved something much better than the outdated and inadequate building that it has had for decades and which is no more. It took very little time to pull it down. Over the years there have been a number of attempts to build a new pavilion but at last the dreams of so many people are about to become a reality.

The work started on August 16th with the current building being fenced off and being prepared for demolition.

The next step was the demolition and now work starts on a state of the art replacement with changing rooms, a fully fitted kitchen and a community room.

23rd August



Ten years ago South Norfolk Councillors unanimously approved planning permission. That was just the start. Subsequent planning applications had to be lodged, the project was taken under the wing of Hethersett Parish Council and a covering loan had to be taken out as the cost of the project continued to rise. There were also problems to overcome such as sorting out drainage.

Over the years, the lack of facilities in Hethersett has severely hampered a number of sports clubs from moving forward. This has prevented the football club from stepping up into the Anglian Combination League and Hethersett Cricket Club abandoned the field and moved lock, stock and barrel to a new home at Flordon—10 miles away. One of the primary reasons for this move was the lack of facilities which would have seriously hampered the club's attempts to move up the cricket leagues (turn to page seven to read about the latest promotion). There was some opposition to the building—something I could never understand—but now finally work has begun. Obviously

there is still some pain to go through as the new building rises, but it is on its way and that is the vital and important thing. Over the coming months we will have regular reports and photographs on the progress being made.

### Herald Comment

It's been a long time coming. In fact one of the trustees of the memorial playing field admitted that he thought he wouldn't live to see a new pavilion.

Ten years ago planning permission was given but plans for a new pavilion go back well before that.

Now the dreams are becoming a reality and at last the village will have a community building it can be proud of. Sports clubs will be able to properly host opponents and our ever growing community will have another place where groups and organisations can meet with up to date facilities that will be of benefit to the whole community.



August 26th—The old pavilion has gone



Celebrating with Champagne (well Cava)



THE corks popped and glasses (or plastic cups to be precise) were raised as members of Hethersett Parish Council and trustees of the Memorial Playing Field (pictured above) got together to toast the new building on the last day of August.

There was an air of celebration that at long last the old pavilion has been demolished to make way for the new: “After all these years we are delighted to see the progress that has been made. We will now be able to host sports events for women and girls and also provide a space for community functions,” said

chair of the playing field trustees Mike Stark.

His words were echoed by other trustees who referred to the old pavilion as “a total embarrassment and a building not fit for purpose.”

“The trustees are very grateful to the parish council for all their support. The council have been the catalyst thanks to their positive approach and can do attitude,” said long standing trustee and village stalwart Mel Perkins M.B.E.

Chair of Hethersett Parish Council Adrienne Quinlan was in buoyant mood:

“It’s great that the old building has been taken down. We are proud of our village and now we will soon have a community building that we can be proud of. It will provide us with a modern pavilion with modern facilities.

The new building has been made possible through a series of grants from organisations such as the Football Foundation and the Geoffery Watling Trust. The parish council has also backed the project by taking out a loan.

It is expected that the new building will be in place by Spring next year.



# Stepping Up In Class

By Peter Steward

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley has reached the pinnacle of Norfolk Cricket with promotion to the Premier Division of the Norfolk Alliance.

Promotion was assured thanks to a run of 11 wins that saw them unbeaten throughout August and finish with 15 victories from their 18 league games.

A fine win over top of the table Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers on August 13th took Hethersett to the brink of promotion and they made sure of it with a maximum points haul at Acle the following week.

Finishing as champions proved just out of reach as they ended five points behind Ashmanhaugh but that in no way took the gloss over a fantastic season that has seen a youthful Hethersett team make it to the highest point in the club's history.

Hethersett's march towards the top division in the Norfolk Alliance began 20 years ago as the club entered the lower echelons of the Norfolk League.

They worked their way through the Norfolk League to gain promotion to the Norfolk Alliance. Several more promotions followed and now the club will be rubbing shoulders with the county's cricketing elite next season.

Their success this season has been built on a solid batting line-up aligned to some youthful and effective bowling.

The team were unbeaten throughout August (the final month of the season). They started with a 119 run win over Lowestoft. They then beat Ashmanhaugh by 26 runs in a vital top of the table game and then made sure of promotion with a 161 run victory over Acle before rounding off the season with a 36 run win



**Ian Bryce and Ben France were in form in the vital match against Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers. They put on 73 for the third wicket. Bryce hit 84 and France 42.**





**Hethersett and Tas Valley's team for the final league game of the season..**

over Bradenham.

In many ways it was a strange season with the club opening with four consecutive wins to go top of the league. Then followed a run of three defeats as the side dropped down to fourth place before a real recovery.

This brought them 11 consecutive wins as the team raced towards promotion. They finished well clear of third placed Sprowston as the final table showed:

Position	Points
1 Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers	390
<b>2 Hethersett and Tas Valley</b>	<b>385</b>
3 Sprowston	338

Meanwhile the club's second eleven finished in a comfortable mid-table position in Division Four of the Norfolk Alliance.

The club continues to run four Saturday sides, a Sunday side, midweek sides, an Over-40s side and also has a very vibrant youth team set-up.



# Oldest Sport In The Village

CRICKET has been part of village life in Hethersett for over 165 years. It is likely to be the oldest sport continuously played in the village, going back to the middle of the 19th century. Hethersett Cricket Club was officially founded in 1855 and has had numerous homes in its 167 year history. It moved from the village a couple of decades ago to a purpose built ground owned by benefactors The Ellis Family at Taswood Lakes.



From that point the club has never looked back, working its way through the Norfolk League and, subsequently, the Norfolk Alliance. Sadly two of the club's greatest supporters didn't live long enough to join in the celebrations. Duncan Pigg and Harold Kerlake died earlier this year. Both represented the club with distinction for many years and were honorary vice-presidents.

Do You  
Have a Guest  
Staying With You  
from  
**Ukraine?**



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

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**a Gathering Space**

**a Coffee**

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**a Warm Welcome**

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**Coffee Stop**

9am to 12pm  
Every Wednesday

# Bert Is A European Champion

**By Peter Steward**

HETHERSETT cricketer and all round sportsman John Curtis is enjoying a new lease of life just months after having a kidney transplant.

And his determination to overcome what could have been a debilitating disease has resulted in a golden future for the man who is known by everyone as Burt—a nickname he acquired at school.

“I used to be known as a right Herbert and that got shortened to Burt and that’s what everyone has called me ever since,” he said at his Cringleford home.

Just a few months after having his transplant, Burt was representing Addenbrooke’s Hospital in the six-a-side football tournament in the British Transplant Games held in Leeds.

He then joined forces with transplant patients from Leeds and Birmingham to form the Great Britain and Northern Ireland team for the European championships which were held at Radley College in Oxford.

Victories in the section for those aged between 30 and 39 over two Dutch teams, another Great Britain side and an Italian team gave

**FORMER Hethersett resident becomes a European champion just months after having a kidney transplant. We meet John Curtis and talk to him about his new found zest for life.**



**John “Burt” Curtis proudly displays a Union Jack after winning gold at the European transplant games, just months after a liver transplant.**

them the title and saw Burt return to Norfolk with that piece of gold.

Burt admits that many of the players he came up against were technically very good and he found himself competing against players with many different transplants including kidney, liver and even heart.

Burt, who is 35, first noticed that something was wrong on a trip to Australia when he was 20 and travelling around the country.

“I was travelling in Australia when I passed blood in my urine. I went to hospital in Sydney and, after tests, was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease. Called immunoglobulin A Nephropathy,” he said.

It is also known as Berger’s Disease. It meant that his kidneys at times were only working at as low as seven per cent efficiency.

The disease is a slow burner and something Burt believes he was born with. It is a kidney disease that occurs when an antibody lodges in the kidneys.

For many years Burt felt fine, but then there was a recurrence of the symptoms in March 2020. There followed regular bouts of dialysis with four 15 minute sessions being needed every day.

Burt was placed on the register for a transplant and got the call at 10.30 pm on a Friday night from Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge. Within 24 hours he was having the transplant. In fact it was a little bit more than a transplant as his original kidneys have stayed in place and he now has a third in front of the other two.

Burt says he will always be grateful to



**Burt In action for Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club in their final league game of the season against Bradenham at the end of August.**

the family who allowed the transplant to go ahead. He has sent them a letter of thanks which was passed on by the hospital and has received a response.

All he knows is that his new kidney came from a 20 year old man, but the kindness of the family involved has touched him deeply. So much so that he is now a patients’ representative for those preparing for or those who have had a kidney transplant. Burt will be in regular contact, helping these people to understand a little more about the operation and the process. He particularly wants to help young people



cope with transplants.

“It is amazing that a family has done this for me. It feels quite surreal.”

Within a few days of the transplant Burt was up and walking about. He left hospital after a week and was back playing sport within a few months,

Burt is extremely happy to be off dialysis which has been replaced with what he refers to as a “cocktail of drugs” which he has to take daily to ensure that his body doesn’t reject his new kidney.

Burt believes that his quick recovery was considerably helped by his fitness levels which allowed him to quickly return to playing cricket and helping Hethersett and Tas Valley to win promotion to the Premier Division of the Norfolk Alliance (see our story on page eight).

Over the years, Burt has also been an outstanding local footballer, playing for Hethersett Athletic and Dog House on Sundays and a whole host of clubs on Saturdays including: Cromer, Mulbarton, CEYMS, Thetford, Wroxham, Sheringham, Acle, Long Stratton and his current club Easton.

Now Burt is hoping to stay superfit for the next British championships which are held every year with the next being at Warwick University and the next Europeans which are held every two years. He admits that the World Championships are slightly out of reach—being scheduled to take place in the other side of the world in Perth, Australia.

“I feel much fitter since the operation and am working to get my full fitness



**Burt shows off his gold medal at his Cringleford home.**

back again,” Burt said adding that he is ensuring that his alcohol intake is kept low and also that he is following the best possible diet.

Outside of sport Burt works as a civil engineer and designer for Norfolk County Council and works mainly from his Cringleford home.





## Across The Generations

FOUR generations of a family brightened up the August meeting of Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café which is run by Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

Eleven-year-old Dylan Maddams (pictured opposite) entertained with a selection of songs from his school's performance of The Lion King.

Dylan goes to school in Northamptonshire and played the



part of Simba. Watching on at Hethersett were his mum and dad Gary and Jo Maddams, his sister Lana along with grandmother Viv Mountain and great grandfather Laurie Brettingham.

The ages of the family ranged from nine to 92.

You can read more about the Forget-Me-Not Club in our Groups and Societies section.

Our photograph opposite shows Dylan with a photograph of him in his role of Simba.

September's Forget-Me-Not cafes will be held on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th.

The 6th will see a talk on recycling and the 20th will see a visit from one of the Community Support Officers from South Norfolk Council.



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## How Long Should Remembrance Wreaths Stay In Place?

HOW long should remembrance wreaths stay on the war memorial?

That is the question being discussed by the parochial church council of St Remigius and Hethersett Parish Council.

Wreaths are laid on the war memorial in the churchyard every November on Remembrance Sunday to remember those in the village who gave their lives in the two world wars. Although on church ground, the memorial is owned by Hethersett Parish Council and there is no guidance regarding the length of time the wreaths should remain in place.

Now the parochial church council is suggesting removal after four weeks. "If it has been wet and windy, the wreaths get blown around and can look rather shabby," the PCC point out.

The matter is due to be discussed at the September meeting of Hethersett Parish Council.

# Football Goals Vandalised

FOOTBALL goals on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field have been subjected to a new spate of vandalism.

And club official Bob Crawley has expressed his anger at vandals who have “no respect” for others.

“I am so angry about this. It is a very sad world when some youths have zero respect for anything or anyone. Hethersett has invested more than £11,000 on new goals on all the sites used by the football club so that 500 children can enjoy football. Now this has happened at the Memorial Playing Field.

“The sad individuals decided to burn and cut the nets on a set of our brand new goals which had only been there for two days.”



It is very likely that the perpetrators will be caught as the matter has been reported to the Police who have already identified those responsible.

Damage to goals is nothing new to the field. For a number of years, goal stanchions were regularly damaged and football pitches have also been subjected to damage.

Meanwhile new portaloos on the field, which have been put in place whilst the new pavilion is being built, have been covered in unsightly graffiti. Graffiti has also been daubed over play equipment and a seat has been daubed with paint as you can see on the next page.

If you see vandalism in the village please report it to Norfolk Police who will also be mounting patrols in the area in an effort to deter more vandalism from taking place.





**More examples of vandalism on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.**

**The seat in the far corner has been daubed with pink paint and the words "Sorry Colour."**

**If you see any damage or anything suspicious taking place on the field please report it to Norfolk Police.**

**Photos courtesy of park trustee Tim Hudson-Church**



## Clean-up kid calls on locals to collect rubbish



**Pick of the litter... George Renall has organised three beach clean-ups for the Devonport peninsula**

Ten-year-old George Renall has big plans for cleaning up some of the Devonport peninsula's treasured marine hotspots.

After living with his family on a yacht in the Pacific for the past three years, the year 6 Bayswater School pupil has seen first-hand the effects of litter pollution on the ocean, sometimes having to clean up rubbish before being able to enjoy the beaches.

George now wants to do something about litter on the beaches of Devonport.

Having previously done smaller clean-ups – when his strangest find was a pair of false teeth – George has been encouraging his classmates and friends to come to the three larger clean-ups he has planned. He hopes to encourage locals to join in as well.

To help, he has organised sponsorship from Devonport Timber, so he can provide treats, such as doughnuts, for those who volunteer.

Clean-ups are planned for Sunday 4 Sep-

tember outside the Devonport Yacht Club, Sunday 2 October in Bayswater (meeting at Lumsdowne St playground) and Sunday 6 November, outside the Wakatere Boat Club in Narrow Neck. All have a 9am start time.

If everything goes well, he hopes the events could become a regular occurrence.

George wants people to treasure their beaches and the ocean by not littering. "If chucked on the side of the road it goes down into the gutter and into the sea".

# George's Clean-Up On The Other Side Of The World

Like Grandfather, like grandson.

The grandson of our district and county councillor David Bills has hit the headlines in his native New Zealand..

Ten year old George Renall was dubbed the "clean-up kid" by his local paper because of his clean-ups on the Devonport Peninsula on North Island..

George lived with his family on a yacht in the Pacific for three years and saw at



first hand the effects of litter pollution on the ocean.

George has decided that he wants to do something to clean up the beaches of Devonport and has organised three major clean-ups, inviting his classmates and local people along. George has planned a clean-up day for the next three months.

Proud grandad David praised George on social media:

“ I’m a proud grandad. My Kiwi grandson has seen for himself the problems litter has on the oceans and is doing something about it. Well done George. When I come over I will join in!”

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## Youth Club Trustees Still Needed

Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club is still looking for new trustees as regular Herald contributor Gillian Saunders explained.

“We are looking for new Trustees to join the small group currently serving. Ideally we are looking for someone who has some time to give to the club to ease the workload, DIY / home maintenance or gardening skills would be especially welcome.

“However, we know that not everyone has these skills but if you have anything to offer please call for an informal chat with me. We are aware that all our current Trustees are busy people most of whom are already involved in other groups, so ideally we would like people who are perhaps newly retired or suddenly find themselves with a bit of spare time. Perhaps you are new to the village and would like to get involved in the community.

“It isn’t a huge task but I feel we need new blood and people who have a little more time and could help me and Anne our Secretary with things like policy document reviews, visiting club on a Wednesday or Friday evening to help out and just helping Anne and myself with keeping the administration going or Martyn with the maintenance either DIY or liaising with contractors.

“You don’t have to know anything about Youth Club or young people or hall management! Just a little bit of time and a willingness to work as part of a team.” Gillian said.

She can be contacted on

## Village Screen Returns

HETHERSETT Village Screen is preparing for its Autumn/Winter season with a number of top class films to tickle the taste buds.

First in the series will be “The Courier “ on September 4th and this will be followed by “Operation Mincemeat” on October 2nd, “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.

We will be featuring each month’s films in future editions of The Herald.

The Courier is a 2020 historical spy film directed by Dominic Cooke, It stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Greville Wynne and is based on the true story of a British businessman who was recruited by the Secret Intelligence Service to be a message conduit with a Russian spy source Oleg Penkovsky (played by Merab Ninidze) in the 1960s.

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.



# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

Council meetings for the remainder of 2022 will take place on the following dates: September 19th, 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 Loomer	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

# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund?

(Formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)



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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

## Holidays, Fun and Sunshine

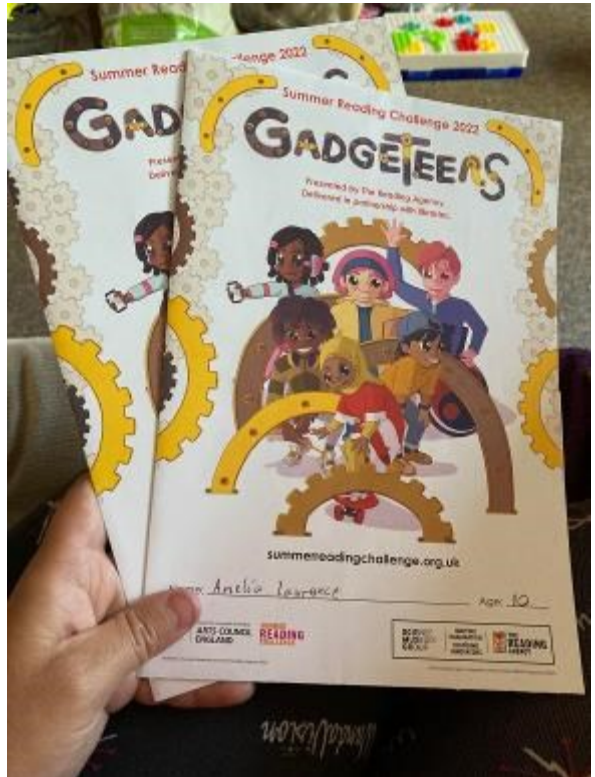
**Associate Editor Sarah Lawrence continues her regular monthly column.**

It's summer!

I hope you and your families are making the most of any time you have off together. Myself, I've been lucky to wangle two and a half weeks off work during the school summer break and then another week at the end when we go away with my in-law's to Cumbria.

While at the time of writing this, I've not been to Cumbria, I know we'll have a great time. We always enjoy going away with my husband's side of the family, I'm really fortunate to get on with them all so well. The first two and a bit weeks have been nice though, even though sometimes I'm having to act as a referee between my two daughters!

We've taken some time for a few days out with family and friends and generally just relaxed a bit. August is a bit of a chilled out month for me, no parish council meetings (except for one planning meeting), no PTA duties, no playgroup. It's hard not to feel a little bit



### Gadgeteers at the library

lost after being on the go for so long.

Although I said there's no playgroup over the summer, we did book in a couple of sessions at the village hall to give us the opportunity to clean the toys and equipment and have a general tidy-up in the cupboard. Jade – our volunteer who is the Queen of the Cupboard – was itching to get in and have a sort out.

It was starting to feel like we were

# Sarah's World

playing Tetris every week, trying to fit all the toys in. Cleaning it all isn't a fun job either, but it's something that needed doing. Thankfully, with the four of us there – myself, Jade, Lisa and her four year old daughter, Lucy – we managed to sort through and clean it all. Lucy was especially helpful in her role as Chief Toy Tester.

In celebration of a successful year of post-pandemic playgroup, some of the volunteer team went out for a meal at the Queen's Head pub. Unfortunately, due to life getting in the way, a few of us couldn't make it, but we still had a lovely catch-up.

One day we'll meet up and everyone will be able to make it! The portions at the Queen's are massive, so disappointingly I didn't have the space for pudding on this occasion. I really enjoyed my lasagne though and everyone else's looked delicious too. There were no complaints, I'm going to have to visit again soon to sample more of the menu I think.

My daughters are currently taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Hethersett Library. For those who haven't heard of the challenge, the aim is for the child taking part to read six books over the school summer holidays and, on completion, the child receives a certificate and medal. Both of my children have decided to take the challenge this year, which personally I think tests the patience of the parent too! Six books, six weeks. It certainly is a



# Sarah's World

challenge.

The children pick up stickers along the way too, to make it more exciting for them. At the time of writing, we are on books four and five. So we're on the home stretch! The medal presentation ceremony is being held at the beginning of September. All being well, we'll be there and I can let you know how it goes next month.



In the spirit of the school holidays, we've been doing things that we don't get the chance to do in term-time. We went to Pleasurewood Hills with our good friends on one of the days (paid for with Tesco vouchers!) and Great Yarmouth when my uncle came down from Ely for the day.

We've also been spending a lot of time searching for the dinosaur sculptures in Norwich as part of the trail for the charity Break. I have the app on my phone which means we don't have to cart a map and pen around and it's really good in that, when you unlock certain dinosaurs, sometimes they have prizes, competitions, discounts or activity sheets attached to them. I paid £1.79 for the app (which is a donation to Break) but within the first few days, we won a Lego set worth £12 so it paid for itself. The girls were especially pleased to visit Girlguideasaurus, located in the book shop Bookbugs





# Sarah's World

and Dragontales. They even picked up a special badge to go on their uniforms.

I was surprised at work this month by a visit from my Area Manager shortly before I had my time off for the summer. He made a special trip to come in and congratulate me on my nomination for Community Hero of the Year at the South Norfolk Community Awards, and brought me a card and bottle of fizz. I later found out that my Store Manager Keyleigh tipped him off, but it's so lovely to feel appreciated, especially by managers that I respect so much.

Lastly, this month I got nominated for a Saturday Salute on BBC Radio Norfolk, by another manager I respect, Paul from Earham Road Tesco Express.

Paul was nominated for his role in helping his store help the community and, at the end of the segment, you nominate someone else. I was honoured to find out that he had nominated me! Anna Perrott contacted me during the week after receiving my details from Paul. She asked if we could do the interview over the phone on Facetime as the sound quality was better and she scheduled it for the Thursday before broadcasting. Anna was really lovely to speak to, and it was like having a conversation with a friend. I don't know why I was so nervous before! If you'd like to take a listen, you can stream Anna's show from





# Sarah's World

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August on [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk).



# Sarah's World



# From The Archives

Two images from  
Hethersett Archives  
photos of the Queen's  
Head





# More Championship News

**By Mel Perkins MBE**

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages had three riders taking part in the British Individual Championships weekend and they had mixed fortunes.

Lola Martin repeated her podium place of last season with a third place in the Under-12 Girls at Wednesfield.

She rode consistently in all her heats while other fancied riders had races they would wish to forget. This is a good achievement in her first year at this age group.

Glyn Morgan came away from Leicester a bit disappointed as he just missed out on a podium place, finishing fourth in the Over-60s while Mason Martin came through qualifiers at Wednesfield in the Under-16s to take his place in the Final at Birmingham.

Competition was intense and the top 10 riders were all covered by six points. Mason's 12 points included a win in his final race and earned him joint 8th place overall - again his first year at that age group.

The Hawks get back to League action by welcoming Great Blakenham to the Memorial Playing Field on Sunday 4th September (2 p.m.) for Division Two and Youth League fixtures. The previous day several Hawks will travel to East London for a South-East Grand Prix and the next Norfolk Grand Prix for



the younger age groups is at Harford Park on Wednesday 7th.

Meanwhile British Under-10 Champion Luca El Labany consolidated his lead in the British Youth and Junior League Grand Prix Series by winning the third National Round in the Under-10s at Newport in Wales.

With three wins already recorded he is favourite to lift the series title at the final round at Astley and Tyldesley this month.

In the fourth round of the Norfolk Grand Prix for older categories held at Harford Park, Lola Martin won the Under-16s ahead of Yeva Makieieva while Paul Delaiche won the Senior category with Mason Martin runner-up and Dave Martin fourth.

Our photograph shows action from a round of the Norfolk Grand Prix.

We will have an update on all things Hawks in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.



# 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.



# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



All photos by  
John Head

# My Photographic Diary *by John Head*



The dawn sun across the Hethersett fields gives off what appears to be a lightning bolt or what could be described as a 'sun cloud bolt'.



# News From Hethersett Hall

Stories by Charlotte Govier and Emily Parton

## Savoury Supper

OUR residents had a go at making cheese scones. The photos show the different stages of the cook, from sieving the flour, (done expertly by our resident ex baker who took delight in showing us how to sieve properly), making the breadcrumbs, rolling out the dough and adding the finishing touches of the cheese sprinkles on the tops.

Our ladies loved the feel of the dough and reminiscing about all the cakes and things they had cooked up in the kitchen over the years, chatting about recipes handed down to them from their mother and their own little touches they would add to them to give it a little bit of their own zest.

A fun afternoon, and even more fun was had eating them later for tea!

## National Afternoon Tea Celebrations

The week beginning August 8th was National Afternoon Tea week and our residents love an afternoon tea!

We all got together to play some tea themed games and to reminisce about our favourite memories and refreshments at an afternoon tea. We had such a laugh playing games like Tea Bag Throwing and Sugar Cube Stacking. A cup of tea afterwards was well deserved.





# News From Hethersett Hall

## Village Walk

'Sounds lovely' said both our residents when asked if they would like a walk down to the village in the wonderful sunshine and fresh air, especially when we mentioned a drink in the local pub 'The Queen's Head'.

It was a great walk down. We chatted about the weather and what we fancied to drink at the pub and were very much in need of a drink when we got there.

The staff at the The Queen's Head in Hethersett were very friendly, even putting a ramp down to help us out and showing us the best place to sit for some shade. Our residents enjoyed a St. Clements and half a bitter shandy. What a lovely day for all.



# News From Hethersett Hall



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

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by September 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:phardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk) and Adrian on 07957139880.or at [adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk).

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

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

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

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

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

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



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Your Monthly E-Magazine

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


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# HOW TO CONTACT US

HETHERSETT & MULBARTON Safer Neighbourhood Team



 Insp Louise BISHOP  
Local Policing Commander

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




101 Ext: 5635



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



 PC Vicky BAILEY  
Engagement Officer

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

Contact them for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.




101 Ext: 1113



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



 PC Stu BARNARD  
Beat Manager

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

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



101 Ext: 2386



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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?

AT last there was some relief for motorists during August with petrol prices dropping considerably from highs that saw them approach the £2 a litre mark.

## Herald Petrol Watch

Last month the general price hovered around the 190p a litre mark but these have now been pegged back as our chart shows with drops experienced of up to 22p a litre. Hopefully they will continue their downward trend.

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

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

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

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda Hall Road, Norwich	169.7	-19p	181.7	-14p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	168.9	-22p	180.9	-16p
Sainsbury's Queen's Road Norwich	167.9	-21p	181.9	-14p
Tesco Harford Bridges, Norwich	169.9	-19p	181.9	-15p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	168.9	-19p	180.9	-15p
Abbeygate Wymondham	179.9	-12p	189.9	-10p
Waitrose Wymondham	177.9	-14p	189.9	-10p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	172.9	-22p	189.9	-10p



# 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**

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Library Friends' Group

Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens gave an illustrated talk in August about the Great Thorpe Railway Disaster of 1874. Phyllida described how two trains collided between Norwich and Great Yarmouth and how this changed the lives of individuals and families forever.

The talk was based on her book about the disaster.

The next talk organised by the Friends Group will see Great Melton based-author Ray Rumsby 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.

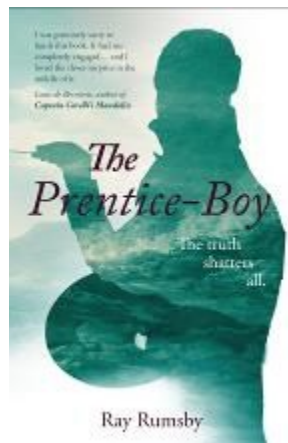
An eventful East Anglian tour impels both on their own inner journeys, exposing others' betrayals and exploring their own possibilities. Faced with bankruptcy, starvation looms. The artist must learn how to see and his prentice must learn how to survive – while the truth shatters all.

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.



Library manager Jo Shelton with Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens in Hethersett Library



# 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 ?

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

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

It is currently available only online. If you have news or would like to be featured in Hethersett Herald contact editor Peter Steward on

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



# Groups and Societies

## The RiNG (Rheumatism in Norfolk Group)

*By Viv Hawes*

Apologies for lack of communication last month but we were awaiting replies to invitations to speakers so not much to report. We have now had the answers we wanted and our programme is, I am pleased to say, full until January 2023.

Our last meeting on July 27th was not well attended, but we had a really fascinating talk from Ian Sturgess on policing in Norfolk from the 1970s onwards, including some high profile murder cases.

Our August meeting was a return visit and update on the Blood Bikes scheme.

The September meeting on 28th sees Jack Dainty, a researcher at the University of East Anglia talking about the three topics he has been involved with. These are 1. Are we losing our marbles? 2. Pain and function after knee and hip surgery 3. Effective covid isolation for people like us.

October 26th will see a presentation by Jackie Noy from East Coast Truckers.

November 23rd is Nanette Olson on her life involving Beauty, Dance and Fighter Planes.

The Christmas Lunch date has been scheduled for 14th December at the Queen's Head again, details to follow when available.

The speaker for January 25th will be Dr Max Yates, a rheumatology medic and researcher with the Norfolk Arthritis Register (NOAR).

We hope that many of you will find these of interest and join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Hethersett Village Hall at 2 pm, all are welcome arthritis or not.

If you require any further information, please contact me on 01603 811347 or email [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net). We look forward to seeing you..



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 – Demo by Moira Neville ‘Second Hand Rose’

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

## Hethersett Mothers Union

*By Kate Reynolds*



At our meeting in July, we enjoyed a visit from Blood Bikes replete with motorbike which stood out bright and gleaming on St. Remigius Church car park. This was the second time we have welcomed Blood Bikes to our group and we were once again fascinated to hear them explain their work. They use their motorbikes to deliver emergency medical supplies such as blood, plasma and breast milk, which are urgently needed at hospitals and clinics in East Anglia. Their work is freely given 24 hours a day, seven days a week including bank holidays. They are enthusiastic and dedicated and we were very impressed and in awe at what they achieve. We are very fortunate to have them around for us.

There was no meeting in August as this was our holiday month. Our next meeting is on Monday September 26th at 1.30 pm when we will be welcoming a Dog's Trust member with one of the Trust's rescue dogs.

Please don't forget our coffee morning this month. This is being held on Saturday 24th September from 10 am until midday at 8, Norwich Road, Hethersett. There will be cakes, a bring and buy sale and raffle. All will be very welcome.

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

*By Anne Steward*

**We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 am in the Methodist Church Hall.**

**We offer speakers and activities to stimulate and sustain interests and memories with plenty of time for a chat and refreshments.**

**In August, the group enjoyed a strawberry and cake event provided by the café organisers and, at the second meeting of the month, Dylan Maddams entertained with songs from his school's production of The Lion King.**

**On September 6th, Julie Porter will be demonstrating re-cycled products and on the 20th, a member of the community support team from South Norfolk Council will be visiting the café. The group's Annual General Meeting will take place on October 4th. For more information please contact me on 01603 811052.**

**See also our piece on the day four generations of one family attended Forget Me Not Café earlier in this edition of Hethersett Herald.**

# Hethersett Herald What's On



**Hethersett Methodist Church will be holding a special centenary year music and tea afternoon on Thursday 22nd September from 2.30 pm.**

**Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of songs and readings which will be followed by tea and home made cakes.**

**Other 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.



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**Sunday 4th**—Hethersett Village Screen presents The Courier, Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Tuesday 6th**—Forget Me Not Club organised by Hethersett Dementia Support Group. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Julie Porter on recycled materials.

**Tuesday 6th**—St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group, St Remigius Church 10 am to midday.

**Wednesday 7th**—Coffee Stop at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

**Wednesday 7th**—Methodist Arts and Craft group at the church from 10 am.

**Sunday 11th**—Little Melton Open Village Event. Little Melton Village Hall, 11 am to 3 pm.

**Wednesday 14th**—Coffee Stop at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

**Wednesday 14th**—Methodist Arts and Craft group at the church from 10 am.

**Sunday 18th**—Wymondham Helicopter Group 1970s charity show in Hethersett Village Hall

**Monday 19th**—Hethersett Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Preceded by Planning Committee meeting at 7 pm.

**Tuesday 20th**—Forget Me Not Club organised by Hethersett Dementia Support Group. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Visit from Community Support Officer from South Norfolk Council.

**Wednesday 21st**—Coffee Stop at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

**Wednesday 21st**—Methodist Arts and Craft group at the church from 10 am.

**Thursday 22nd**—Music and tea afternoon at Hethersett Methodist Church, 2.30pm.

**Saturday 24th** - Hethersett Mothers' Union. Coffee Morning at 8, Norwich Road from 10 am.

**Saturday 24th**—Tidy up of Hethersett Churchyard 9 am to noon.

**Sunday 25th**—Great Melton Old Rectory past and present open day, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Monday 26th**—Demonstration by Moira Neville to Hethersett and Cringleford Flower Club, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 26th** - Dogs Trust talk to Hethersett Mothers' Union, St Remigius Church, 1.30 pm.

**Wednesday 28th**—Coffee Stop at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10 am.

**Wednesday 28th**—Jack Dainty from the University of East Anglia talks to the RiNG. Hethersett Village Hall 2 pm.



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**Wednesday 28th**—Methodist Arts and Craft group at the church from 10 am.

**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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## Back To The Seventies in Hethersett

The Wymondham Helicopter Group which raises funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance will be holding a 1970s charity show in Hethersett Village Hall at 2.30 pm on Sunday 18th September.

The show will feature Julie Nevada as Tina Turner and The Abba Stars. The event is sponsored by Hethersett Butchers. Tickets are £14 (£12.50 for concessions) and are available by telephoning 01953 600563 or from Geo Reeve Ltd of Market Street Wymondham and Hethersett Butchers or via the website:

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

See also the poster in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

## 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).

# 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 6th September**

Future Dates:

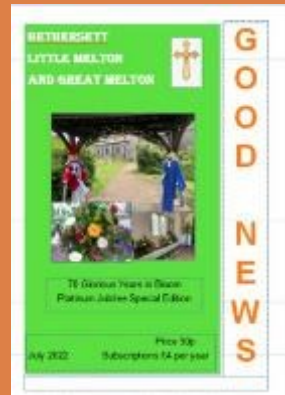
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For more information tel: **Pauline 01603 812610**

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 Benifrice—St Remigius at Hethersett, All Saints at Little Melton and All Saints at Great Melton. There is also news from Hethersett Methodist Church.

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



# Hethersett Herald What's On



## Commemoration Mugs For Sale

LOCAL residents are being given the chance to buy a special commemoration mug.

Hethersett Parish Council has a limited supply of mugs issued to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The mugs are available at £7.50 each and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Originally the mugs were destined to be sold at the Jubilee Big Lunch which had to be cancelled due to wet weather.

Anyone wanting to purchase a mug is asked to email parish clerk Annette Palmer on [Hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Parish Churchyard Tidy up

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

Please come along on Saturday, 24th September, from 9 am to noon to help clear away weeds, brambles and bushes that have taken root through the churchyard.

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

For more information contact Alex Woodall on 07525 246689.

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# GREAT MELTON OLD RECTORY

*Past and Present*

OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN  
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

11AM - 4PM

## **The House:**

- It's history and stories from previous rectors.
- Latest research on the history of the parish
- Rooms as they were in Edwardian splendour with costumed characters.



## **The Garden:**

- Wander round the extensive grounds, see the glade where weddings take place.
- Games on the lawn - plants for sale



## **The Stable Yard:**

- Vintage stall and costume sale
- Mini wedding exhibition including props and china for hire.

Refreshments in the marquee on the lawn.



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Proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance and Great Melton Church

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Village Hall, Mill Road, Little Melton.

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We invite you to bring your family, your own picnic,  
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**We're bringing back the Village Show in 2023!**

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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.

HETHERSETT Hall Care Home is hosting a dementia awareness event on September 21st at 6 pm.

A specialist in dementia care will be on hand at the event which has been arranged to provide support and advice to family and friends of those living with dementia and also for anyone who would like to gain an understanding of dementia.



Refreshments including cheese and wine will be provided and the event is free.

# Hethersett Herald What's On



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



### **The Courier (12)**

**Sunday 4th September, 3pm**

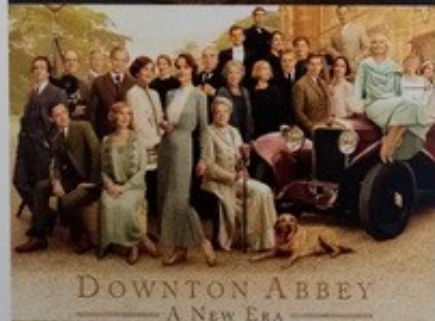
A true-life spy thriller, this is the story of unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) and how he was recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history.



### **Operation Mincemeat (12)**

**Sunday 2nd October, 3pm**

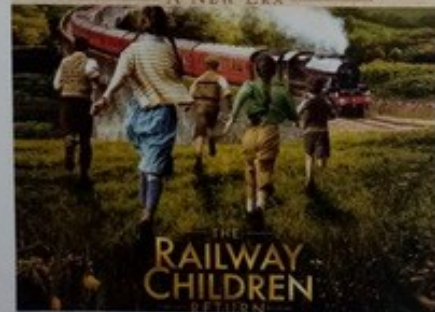
Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen head an all-star cast in this WWII drama, in which a British intelligence team plans an elaborate deception to hide the Allied invasion of Sicily.



### **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.

# The Assassination of Kennedy—Part 5



Phil Hardy concludes his series of articles by asking the question—what can we learn today from the assassination?

## **Introduction:**

A Government investigation concluded in 1978 that President John F Kennedy was indeed murdered as the result of a probable conspiracy.

We know that a Frankenstein alliance of the CIA, the mafia, anti-Castro Cuban exiles and the far-right was forged by Richard Nixon prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba of April 1960 and that this alliance was in all likelihood involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Furthermore, the same operatives that were involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion and possibly the Kennedy assassination were subsequently involved in many crimes and possible murders associated with President Richard Nixon's election campaigns as well as the Watergate break-ins.

President Kennedy had expressed concerns that the CIA was autonomous, doing whatever they wanted with no authority, no checks and balances and no oversight. Allen Dulles was the director of the CIA and President Kennedy fired him after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Kennedy's accused assassin and his Russian wife were put up by Ruth Paine, who was one step removed from Allen Dulles.

Her mother-in-law was the best friend of Mary Bancroft, Dulles's secretary and mistress in Switzerland during the Second World War. General Charles Cabell's brother Earle Cabell was Mayor of Dallas when Kennedy was shot in that city and Kennedy had fired Charles Cabell as Dulles's number two in the CIA.

The mayor oversaw the police and was involved in presidential security arrangements for the visit when Kennedy was shot. The 1978 Government investigation concluded the security for Kennedy in Dallas where he was shot dead was 'uniquely insecure'. In reality, it was all but removed. In the same way Mafia boss Carlos Marcello of New Orleans was always one step removed from crimes committed on his behalf, so it was for the CIA leadership.

## **The President Reagan Assassination Attempt**

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot but survived. His Vice-President was George H W Bush, director of the CIA in 1978 as well as a close associate of George de Mohrenschildt who was Oswald's mentor in Dallas in the months before the Kennedy assassination. Reagan was shot by





John Hinckley Jr, a ‘deranged assassin’ who shot Reagan we are told because he wanted to impress actress Jodie Foster. It is a remarkable coincidence that John Hinckley Jr., the man who shot and nearly killed President Ronald Reagan in 1981 — an attempt which, if successful, would have resulted in then-Vice President George H.W. Bush becoming President — was none other than a friend of the Bush family.

The Hinckleys and the Bushes have been friendly for decades, both living in the town of Midland, Texas, an attractive location for the children of wealthy East Coast families involved in the oil boom. George H W Bush owned Zapata Oil in Houston whilst active in politics as well the CIA.

The Hinckleys contributed to George Bush Senior’s political campaigns over the years as well as the first unsuccessful bid to Congress of the

**President Ronald Reagan moments before being shot. His Vice-President George H W Bush would have succeeded him as President had he not been able to continue in office**

young George W. Bush, in 1978 (who would later become President himself in 2000). The families lived close to each other and socialised. But even more curiously, Vice-President George H W Bush’s other son Neil Bush, was scheduled to have dinner with Hinckley’s brother, Scott, the day after he shot President Ronald Reagan.

In a similar way that former CIA director Allen Dulles was one step removed from Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife’s landlady Ruth Paine in 1963, former CIA director George H W Bush was suspiciously close to the would-be assassin of President Ronald Reagan

in 1981. Had the assassination been successful, Bush would have secured the top job in the United States.

John Hinckley Sr. ("Jack" Hinckley) was deeply involved with World Vision, a non-profit humanitarian organisation that received substantial funding from USAID, the government organ that has historically been closely associated with the Central Intelligence Agency.

An interesting footnote to these curious associations is another "lone nut" who changed the global landscape, Mark David Chapman, who shot and killed John Lennon. He had himself at one time been an employee of World Vision. Both Chapman and Hinckley were both obsessed with a book called *Catcher in the Rye* by a former counterintelligence officer, author J D Salinger. Chapman was actually reading it whilst he waiting to be arrested with Lennon dying on the ground. A copy was found in Hinckley's room after his arrest.

The CIA has always operated from below the surface under the banner of democracy. But are there any examples of directors of Security Services behaving in a similar fashion?

### **Fascism in the World Today**

Russian President Vladimir Putin was the former director of the FSB, the intelligence service in Russia whose forerunner was the KGB (the CIA equivalent). Under Boris Yeltsin, Russia went through a period of embarrassment and weakness during the post-Cold War years. The Russian identity had been uprooted and directionless after the dissolution of the Soviet Union and it was felt by many that Yeltsin had neither the vision nor the capability to reinvent Russia.

The Russian military was humiliated following military defeat in Chechnya in 1995; the second war with Chechnya in 1999 was an opportunity for Russia to reverse the chaotic tendencies of Yeltsin's presidency and restore Russian pride whilst doing away with the liberal reforms and democratisation that the security establishment (from hereon referred to as siloviki) believed were to blame for all the chaos and humiliations they had suffered. A successful second campaign would not only restore the public's faith in the Russian army but would redress to an extent Russia's decline as a Great Power.

### **National Security State Transition**

The Russian government transformed from an oligarchic democracy under Yeltsin to an authoritarian regime under Putin, who installed KGB personnel in key positions throughout his government. Research carried out by sociologist Olga Kryshtanovskaia in 2003 illustrates how 58% of senior appointments in the Putin administration had previously been employed within the security services, compared to just 5% under Gorbachev.

In May 2000, Putin reorganised Russia into seven new federal districts, each headed by a presidential plenipotentiary representative, in a system not too dissimilar from the 'governor-generals' system from the Tsarist-era. Again, there was a strong military bias in Putin's appointments: two of the representatives were former commanders in the first Chechen war, whilst two others were former senior officials in the internal security apparatus. This was a simplistic military-bureaucratic solution to the complex problems of centre-regional

and federal relations in Russia and it was soon followed by a clampdown on dissent and civil liberties. In June 2002, a law on extremism was passed that banned any forced attempts to amend Russia's constitution or undermine national security.

While the Russian media played a key role in shaping public opinion during the first Chechen conflict that began in 1994, opposition to the second war in 1999 was effectively muted and fewer journalists were allowed to travel to the region than had been permitted during the first conflict.

The Kremlin applied police action and judicial measures to control the media's access to Chechnya, mainly to prevent negative images being broadcast in Russia as had happened during the first war. Putin imposed state control over the mass media through key Kremlin aides such as the Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration, Vladislav Surkov and pressure for self-censorship was applied to oligarch owners of the media, as well as journalists. By 2006, Putin created a one-party state based on the presidential party "Unity", which had secured for the siloviki not just control of the mass media in Russia, but also of the federal parliament, local governments, the electoral process and the judiciary.

### **Putin's Projection to Power**

Several bombs exploded in Russia during September 1999 that killed hundreds of people and shocked the public at large. A bomb injured 40 people in an underground Manezh shopping centre on 31st August 1999 and 62 military officers and their families were killed in a bomb attack on a block of flats in Buinaksk in

Dagestan on 4th September. This was followed by the deaths of 212 people in two attacks on apartment blocks in Moscow on 9th September and 13th September. Chechen 'terrorists' were officially blamed for the atrocities, and on 15th September, Putin accused the Chechen government of harbouring the terrorists responsible. To date, however, no Chechen has been convicted in relation to any of the bombings.

Political analyst and member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Boris Kagarlitsky claimed the bombs had actually been planted with the full knowledge of Russian military intelligence (the GRU), using Chechen activists. Although this claim is incredible, such suspicions are shared by many respectable academics.

Tony Wood who wrote "Chechnya: The Case for Independence" in 2007, suggests that Russian intelligence was looking for a pretext to invade Chechnya and that the apartment bombings prepared public opinion for all out war. James Hughes who wrote "Chechnya: From Nationalism to Jihad" in 2007 agrees that the bombings mobilised the support of the Duma, the mass media and public opinion, and justified Putin framing the campaign as a counterterrorist operation.

Robert Seely who wrote "Russo-Chechen Conflict, 1800 – 2000" points out that former Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin made it clear that the invasion of Chechnya by Russian forces in late 1999 was not a response to Basayev's campaign in Dagestan, but had been planned some five months earlier following the kidnapping of General Gennady Shpigun, the Interior Ministry representative in Chechnya, in March 1999.

Whenever conspiracy theories circulate that involve military intelligence, we are often reminded that sophisticated intelligence operations seldom leave a 'smoking gun', meaning concrete evidence that tracks back to them directly. But it was the failed bombing attempt in Ryazan on 22nd September 1999 that has left many respectable people with suspicions of Russian intelligence complicity in the attacks.

### The Smoking Gun?

Vigilant members of the Ryazan community alerted the police after seeing suspicious activity taking place in the basement of a shop on Novosyolov Street on the evening of 22nd September 1999. A 'bomb' was subsequently found and defused by the authorities and the media reported how another attempt by Chechen terrorists had been foiled.

When the police were about to arrest the 'terrorists' two days later, the FSB announced that it had been one of their training exercises all along. The purpose of the exercise was to test local authorities across Russia to ensure they were ready and prepared to deal with such threats following the bombings that had taken place earlier in the month. This has led, however, to suspicions that Russian intelligence, whether officially or as part of an operation run by one compartmentalised element without the knowledge of the others, was in some way involved in the bombings to generate public outrage over the attacks in a way that would mobilise



Ukrainian President Yushchenko's disfigured face after being poisoned in 2004. See next page.

popular support throughout Russia for the impending military campaign in Chechnya.

There is no hard evidence, however, of Russian complicity in the attacks although Tony Wood believes it is a little suspicious that the bombing sites were cleaned up before full forensic investigations could be carried out.

Alexander Litvinenko and Yuri Felshtinsky's 2007 book "Blowing Up Russia," whilst immensely interesting, provides no sources for all their sensational claims that they say they learned in their intelligence roles, that Putin had arranged to blow up Russia and blame it on the Chechens so Putin could be projected to the presidency, out of respect, they tell us, for the people who would be compromised if their names became public knowledge.

They conclude that the bombings were carried out in the full knowledge of the FSB to provide a trail to Chechnya that would justify the subsequent war there,



whilst propelling Putin to the presidency on a popular mandate so he could put an end to the liberal reforms implemented by Yeltsin.

Litvinenko's horrific murder in November 2006 only added to these suspicions. He was poisoned with polonium-210 and died a particularly painful death after meeting two FSB agents who said they were interested in hearing his views. They had tea with him and polonium was found in the teapot Litvinenko had drunk from at the meeting and one of the agents is seen in the toilets disposing of the substance which was later traced there by investigators.

### **Election Tampering in other Countries**

Viktor Yushchenko stood in the Ukrainian presidential election in 2004. In the runoff which took place between Yushchenko and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, Yanukovich was declared the winner, but the Yushchenko campaign claimed the election was rigged in favour of Yanukovich, claiming he was strongly supported by Russia and that officials there had interfered.

Claims of a rigged election involving Russian interference gained momentum in the country and mass protests took place across Ukraine. The protests became known as the "Orange Revolution" and led to another election between the two candidates, which Yushchenko won with 52% of the vote. Yet another disturbing factor connected to Russian interference in the election was involved that should have sounded alarm bells in the West: just as Litvinenko would be poisoned fatally two years later in London by two FSB officers, Yushchenko was

poisoned. In September 2004, he became seriously ill, so much so that he was transported to a hospital in Vienna, Austria, suffering from intestinal issues as well as facial disfigurement with jaundice and pockmarks (see photograph on previous page).

Tests confirmed Yushchenko had been poisoned with dioxin, a chemical found in Agent Orange, according to The New York Times. Doctors said his blood dioxin level was "more than 1,000 times" the normal level and suggested he had eaten the poison. To this day, whilst there is no definitive answer to who poisoned Yushchenko, he had met and drunk wine with Ukrainian officials who had ties with Russian officials just before he fell ill.

In January 2018, a US Senate report suggested that the Russian Government may have influenced the Brexit vote using disinformation, cyber hacking, corruption and fake news. In June 2018, The Guardian reported that Arron Banks, the biggest donor to the campaign for leaving the EU and co-organiser of Leave.EU, received the offer of a Russian gold mine and his investment in it was announced 12 days after the vote.

Banks had a series of meetings with the Russian Ambassador in the weeks before the Brexit vote. On 14th June 2018, Banks appeared before a Parliamentary committee hearing, where he appeared to admit to having lied about his engagements with Russians. He later walked out refusing to answer further questions.

Similar behaviour using similar fake news techniques was used to influence the Presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton in

2016. According to the U.S. intelligence community, the operation which was code-named Project Lakhta was ordered directly by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

### **Salisbury 2018**

The poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury in 2018 also thoroughly disturbed the whole country. The main target was Sergei Skripal, a former Russian military officer and double agent for British intelligence. He and his daughter Yulia were poisoned in the city centre and according to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), they were poisoned by means of a Novichok nerve agent. Both Sergei and Yulia Skripal spent several weeks in hospital in critical condition before being discharged.

The suspected assassins had flown into the UK and were caught on CCTV approaching the Skripal's address and they departed the same day. In September 2018. British authorities identified two Russian nationals using the names Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov as key suspects and alleged that they were active officers in Russian military intelligence. Investigative website Bellingcat stated that it had positively identified Ruslan Boshirov as being the highly decorated GRU Colonel Anatoliy Chepigaand and that Alexander Petrov was Alexander Mishkin, also of the GRU. A third GRU officer present in the UK at the time was identified as Denis Vyacheslavovich Sergeev who was believed to hold the rank of major general in the GRU. They said they came to Salisbury to see the cathedral spire and they left straight

after. Comedy dialogue aside, the head of Russia's RT news network hinted in August this year at Russia's role in the poisoning of the former spy Sergei Skripal.

In a post on her Telegram channel on Monday, Margarita Simonyan appeared to acknowledge Russia's part in the Skripal poisoning when she wrote that Russian "professionals who want to admire spires" should travel to Estonia to go after the alleged killer of Darya Dugina, the daughter of an ultra-nationalist Russian ideologue who was killed in a car bomb on 20th August this year. Russia has accused Ukraine's intelligence services of carrying out the murder of Dugina, and said the alleged perpetrator fled across the Russian border into Estonia shortly after committing the murder.

"Dasha's killers are already in Estonia. Estonia, of course, will not extradite them. I am sure we have professionals who want to admire the spires in the vicinity of Tallinn," Simonyan wrote, a clear reference to the two Russian GRU agents – Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov – accused of poisoning Sergei and Yulia Skripal on UK soil in March 2018.

These spire admirers are also suspected of being responsible for organising a coup attempt in Montenegro.

### **The poisoning of Putin's opposition leader**

There is "unequivocal proof" that Russian opposition politician Alexei Navalny was poisoned with a Novichok nerve agent in August 2020. Navalny was flown to Berlin after falling ill on a flight in Siberia and fell into a coma. His team claimed he was

poisoned on President Vladimir Putin's orders whilst the Kremlin dismissed the allegation.

Chancellor Angela Merkel said he was a victim of attempted murder and the world would look to Russia for answers. A similar Novichok nerve agent was used to poison former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter just a couple of years earlier and despite the repeated poisoning of Putin's opponents and a common pattern forming, we can ask ourselves if we believe the world did enough and applied lessons learnt from the past in keeping Putin in check after almost a quarter of a century of his reign in Russia.

### **Conclusion:**

President Kennedy was ridiculed by Ted Dealey in the White House in 1961 when referring to Kennedy's performance over Cuba, suggested to President Kennedy's face that he was as effective going up against Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as Kennedy's daughter Caroline would be on her tricycle.

Kennedy paused. He then responded that the difference between him and Ted Dealey was that he was the president of the United States and Dealey was not. And he reminded Dealey that whilst he had responsibility for the lives of 188 million Americans, Dealey did not. It would be ironic that Kennedy would be assassinated in Dealey Plaza a couple of years later, named after Ted Dealey's ultra-conservative father George Bannerman Dealey.

What was vital for Kennedy was that the country is run by civilian control

with complete separation of powers from the military and the intelligence community. Whilst President Harry Truman saw the CIA evolve and perform intelligence functions under and for his presidency, he warned the country in his Washington Post article entitled "Limit CIA role to Intelligence" exactly one month after the Kennedy assassination that the CIA had grown into something far beyond its original remit:

"There is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow over our historic position and I feel that we need to correct it."

President Harry S. Truman went on to say in the article that the CIA had become "diverted from its original assignment [intelligence collection and analysis and had "become an operational and at times a policy-making arm of the Government."

President Kennedy had openly challenged the CIA after they lied to him about the Bay of Pigs invasion's chances of success, had fired Allen Dulles, General Charles Cabell and Richard Bissell, the top three in the CIA and had issued a National Security Action Memorandum to limit the CIA's powers in peace time so they could no longer instigate coups.

A New York Times article written by Arthur Krock on 3rd October 1963, just a month and a half before the Kennedy assassination prophetically included the following:

"Among the views attributed to United States officials on the scene, including one described as a 'very high American official...who has spent much of his life in service of

democracy...are the following: The CIA's growth was 'likened to a malignancy; which the 'very high official was not sure even the White House could control...any longer.' 'If the United States ever experiences an attempt at a coup to overthrow the Government] it will come from the CIA and not the Pentagon.' The agency 'represents a tremendous power and total unaccountability to anyone.'"

Whilst many believe the high official was President Kennedy himself warning of a possible coup because of how he had shaken up the CIA, it is certainly possible but not proven. Kennedy did allow the filming of *Seven Days In May* in the White House, however, about a coup attempt emanating from far right wing elements of the military as a warning to the nation.

Kennedy had read the novel *Seven Days in May* shortly after its publication and believed that the scenario could actually occur in the United States. According to director John Frankenheimer, the project received encouragement and assistance from Kennedy through White House press secretary Pierre Salinger, who encouraged the making of the film.

In spite of Defence Department opposition, Kennedy arranged to visit the Kennedy Compound in Hyannis Port for a weekend when the film needed to shoot outside the White House. After the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Kennedy's withdrawal from Laos and impending withdrawal from Vietnam, Kennedy sensed his undoing of US foreign policy under his predecessor

Eisenhower with Allen Dulles and his brother John Foster Dulles playing key roles in its formulation could spell danger.

We must always cherish democracy and ensure civilian control of Government prevails. Power corrupts certain leaders who hang on to power whilst eliminating political and media opponents. Elimination of opponents in this way is a key feature of fascism and liberal democracies in the world must never accept or tolerate such behaviour, or ever become dependent on countries who exhibit these tendencies again.

President Eisenhower warned the United States in his last address before handing over to Kennedy that they must guard against any undue influence in the democratic process from the military industrial complex.

This should also extend today to intelligence agencies and in the advent of Brexit, the need for strong strategic and military alliances to guard against external forces who meddle in elections and referendums of liberal democracies to split and divide us has never been so urgent.

Whilst the West won the Cold War, we allowed a fascist leader of intelligence and security services background to flourish for quarter of a century.

Democratic leaders are constrained by short-term electoral cycles whilst Russia is today seeing a long-term plan come to fruition, unconstrained by political and media opposition.

Liberal democracies of the west need to get their acts together and pretty quickly if we are indeed up for the challenges in the new bipolar world.



# The Easter Rising Noon Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1916

By John Head

Having left the reader with the statues of Dublin – the statue of Big Jim Larkin conveniently takes me into the 1916 Easter Rising. I have decided to write this in three parts;

1/ Facts to appreciate.

2/ Account of St Stephen's Green Dublin where one of the key actions happened.

3/ Appendix: Timeline of events leading up to the Easter Rising to assist the reader. I am grateful for the work of Conor Kostick and Lorcan Collins in their book 'The Easter Rising' a guide to Dublin in 1916. They saved me much time and effort going through my notes.

## Facts to appreciate in respect of the Easter Rising

It was non-sectarian, many key protestants were radical nationalists and supported 'The Rising'.

'The Rising' did not just break out at the GPO on Sackville Street (now O'Connell Street) It was a well-planned and coordinated rising involving key areas of Dublin; St Stephen's Green, Boland's Bakery, Jacob's Factory and South Dublin Union, the Four Courts and the Mendicity Institution, City Hall and the General Post Office. It was also planned to extend the Rising from Dublin to include Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary.

The Rising occurred at a critical time for Britain. There were preparations for a battle on the high seas (Jutland occurred on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916) and since



The GPO on Sackville Street.

late 1915 the opening of a front on the Somme (1<sup>st</sup> July 1916) was also being planned. Britain could ill afford Germany to forge an alliance with the revolutionaries which would allow the enemy access and control of key ports in Ireland. This would assist their U-boat campaign in the Atlantic.

'The Proclamation' of a provisional government of the Irish Republic which was announced and pinned to the wall of the General Post Office, spoke on behalf of the people of Ireland. It didn't. Many of the local inhabitants of Dublin were very hostile against the actions of the rebels as their fathers and sons were out fighting with the British Army following the call by John Redmond hoping to obtain Home Rule after the war was won. Following the surrender by the rebels and the loss of many civilian lives (260 of the 485 killed), the rebels were, in places, jeered, spat at and stoned. This changed dramatically when their leaders were executed.

Most of the rebels had little military experience They were, in the main, heavily involved in the support of Irish culture and, indeed, some produced literary works of educational importance. They were all well-known on the streets of Dublin and the

mannerism of their demise was recognised as a great loss to Ireland's heritage. 'Easter 1916' by W.B. Yeats speaks of the aftermath in Ireland following the executions; "All changed, changed utterly: a terrible beauty is born".

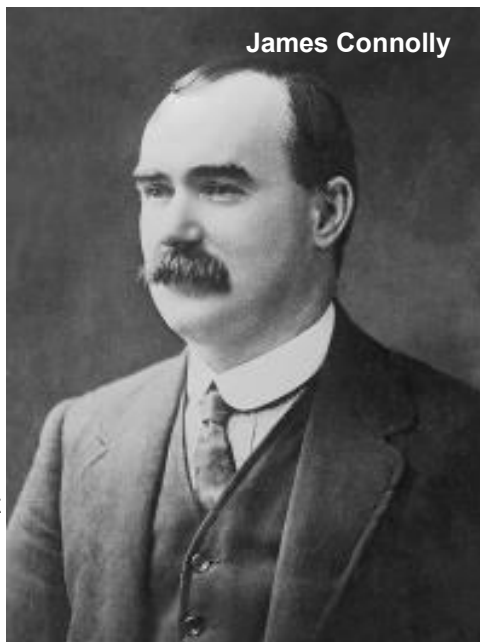
Sir John Maxwell, the appointed military governor who ordered the executions, was warned by Prime Minister Asquith that the executions would sow the seeds of lasting trouble in Ireland. The executions stopped after 15 were carried out but the damage had been done. The executions increased sympathy for the rebels and their goals. They had fought cleanly for Ireland's cause with courage and conviction whilst being poorly armed.

Had it not been for a countermanded order by Eoin MacNeill, the Irish Volunteers Chief of Staff, the numbers involved in the Rising would not have dwindled from the 5,000 required to achieve success down to 1,500. Had that countermanded order not been given I am sure Dublin Castle would have fallen to the insurgents as it was so poorly defended owing to most of the army top brass being at the Fairyhouse races. There was also a cache of weapons available in the castle.

One such action in the Easter Rising was at St Stephen's Green (see Appendix for the Timeline of events leading up to the Rising)

### **The Battle for St Stephen's Green**

On April 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 an authorisation was being dispatched from London to arrest and intern the volunteer leaders but in the early hours of that morning most members of the Irish Citizen



Army (ICA) under James Connolly, together with 400 Irish Volunteers and members of the IRB Military Council (Irish Republican Brotherhood) were already meeting at Liberty Hall Dublin. Scouts were sent out to ensure there were no unusual troop movements around the army barracks. 100 ICA members under the command of Michael Mallin, a former British Army officer and second in command to James Connolly, were sent to occupy 22 acres of open space known as St Stephen's Green where his detachment was met by (Countess) Constance Markievicz of Cumann na mBan, the women's equivalent of the Volunteers. Markievicz was given the field position of second in command.

The numbers now amounted to about 200 at this location which contained key intersecting roads and water supplies. They locked the gates to the green, posted guards and expelled the



public who were enjoying the bank holiday weather.

In the afternoon one of the first casualties of the Rising occurred when an unarmed police constable, Michael Lahiff, was shot dead for supposedly refusing to leave his post when ordered by the ICA.

The ICA, which was formed from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU), were anti the Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) since the infamous Dublin lockout in 1913 when the DMP attacked the strikers injuring many and killing two. This shooting of a policeman could have been in revenge. Nobody knows who actually killed the policeman and, even today, it remains unresolved although a nurse who witnessed the incident said she saw Constance Markievicz running into St Stephen's Green saying "I got him".

In the afternoon the battalion dug trenches and commandeered vehicles to build barricades by the park gates. At least one civilian was shot dead for attempting to dismantle the barricades and others were driven off with rifle butts. The summerhouse in the gardens became a first aid centre and kitchen under the control of Cumann na mBan. The battalion slowly increased in numbers.



Three shots of St Stephen's Green.

Having secured 'the Green,' Mallin sought to fortify the surrounding buildings with sharpshooters. The most important building occupied was the Royal College of Surgeons (picture 8) however a tactical blunder was made by failing to occupy the Shelbourne Hotel (picture 9) owing insufficient final numbers. Unlike the other buildings, the Shelbourne Hotel was filled to capacity for the Bank Holiday although many had gone to the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse where most of the military were. At the races the word soon got round that a rebellion was in progress.

By early morning on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April the British Army had secured the Shelbourne Hotel and deployed a Vickers .303 machine gun overlooking the green which proved very effective as it was able to shoot down into the



**Michael Mallin and Constance Markievicz).**

entrenchments.

Mallin saw the hopelessness of the situation and pulled back into the Royal College of Surgeons which he made a stronghold over the next few days and where the rebels fought with tenacity. However, being on the defensive, they soon suffered from fatigue, lack of sleep and food.

The British Army was content with containment and slowly the rebel garrison became isolated from other command locations, especially the GPO, as dispatch carryings diminished owing to the implementation of Martial Law. The British Army also began to use concentrated artillery fire on the GPO in Sackville Street. By Friday and Saturday there was heavy firing around the College but this tapered off as Pearse, the recognised leader of the rebellion, agreed a surrender at the GPO to save further civilian casualties. This surrender also applied to those under Connolly's command which included St Stephen's Green.

The surrender did not reach Mallin until Sunday morning when Pearse's messenger, Nurse Elizabeth O'Farrell , under a white flag, delivered it to Constance Markievicz.

Whilst Mallin was tempted to retreat into the hills he was influenced by Connolly's endorsement of the

surrender (Constance Markievicz wanted to fight on). Eventually 121 rebels surrendered and the Irish Tricolour was replaced by the White Flag on the top of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Mallin handed over his walking stick at the surrender, Markievicz handed over her revolver, which she kissed, as a 'gesture of defiance.' This became one of the most celebrated incidents of the Rising. The rebels were marched to Dublin Castle through hostile crowds.

Commandant Mallin and Countess Markievicz, after surrendering on 29th April, were both tried and sentenced to death. Mallin was executed whilst Markievicz's sentence was commuted.



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(Pictures 18 and 19)

### Appendix :

#### Timeline of Events leading up to the Easter Rising from the Third Home Rule Bill

**April 1912:** Third Home Rule Bill was passed by the Commons but rejected by the Lords. Bill would have become law owing to the Parliament Act. Home Rule was expected to be introduced in Ireland by Autumn 1914.

**Dec. 1912:** Sir Edward Carson and James Craig set up the Ulster Volunteer Force (**UVF**) intent in defending Ulster against Home Rule.



Michael Mullin and Constance Markievicz's names above their cell doors in Kilmainham Gaol



The cross where James Connolly was executed tied to a chair owing to his leg wound.



**1913-14:**Dublin Lockout. Employers were in bitter dispute with Irish Transport and General Workers Union (**ITGWU**).

**Aug. 1913:** Large protest in Sackville Street (now O'Connell Street) which was attacked by Dublin Metropolitan Police (**DMP**). Many injured and two killed in the violence.

**Nov. 1913:** Jack White, James Larkin and James Connolly establish the Irish Citizen Army (**ICA**) to protect strikers. This was formed from the **ITGWU**.

**Nov. 1913:** The **Irish Volunteers** was founded in Dublin to secure rights and liberties common to all the people of Ireland. By 1914 there were 100,000 members. In line with the Volunteers, a women's league (Cumann na mBann) is founded by Countess Markievicz, Agnes O'Farrelly and Mary MacSwiney.

**April 1914:** A shipment of 25,000 rifles and 3 million rounds of ammunition is landed at Larne, County Antrim destined for the **UVF**.

**July 1914:** A shipment of 1,500 rifles and 45,000 rounds of ammunitions arrive for the **Irish Volunteers** from Germany on board the yacht 'Asgard' owned by Erskine Childers, author of The Riddle of the Sands . British troops fire on jeering crowds at Bachelors Walk, Dublin killing three.



The executions took place in Stonebreakers Yard, Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin and a plaque remembers those who were executed.



The wall where the remainder of the executions took place

**4th Aug .1914:** First World War declared. Home Rule for Ireland is shelved for duration of war.

**9th Sept.1914:** A Meeting takes place between Irish Republican Brotherhood (**IRB**) and other extreme republicans resulting in an agreement to stage an uprising whilst Britain is at war.

**20th Sept 1914:** John Redmond urges **Irish Volunteers** to enlist in the British Army causing a split in the movement and 170,000 leave the Volunteers to form the National Volunteers or Redmondites (16<sup>th</sup> Irish Division). Only 11,000 remain as **Irish Volunteers** under Eoin MacNeill.

**May-Sept.1915:** The Military Council of **IRB** is formed comprising of Pádraic Pearse, Joseph Mary Plunkett, Eamonn Ceannt, Seán MacDiarmada and Thomas Clarke who effectively take control of the plans for the Rising.

**Aug. 1915:** Pearse gives a fiery and emotional oration at the funeral of Fenian and member of the **IRB** Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa warning Britain that 'Ireland unfree shall never be at peace'.

**Nov. - Dec. 1915:** The Military Council of the **IRB** ensures Denis McCullough becomes president of the **IRB**. McCullough has no knowledge of the Military Council or their plans.

**19th Jan. 1916:** James Connolly is encouraged to join the **IRB** and is voted onto the Military Council ensuring the **Irish Citizen Army (ICA)** are involved in the Rising. Thomas MacDonagh becomes seventh member



**The bust of Constance Markievicz in St. Stephen's Green Dublin**

of the Military Council a few weeks later. The Rising date is confirmed as Easter Sunday.

**9th April 1916:** Changing its name from 'Libau' to avoid detection the 'Aud' sails from Lubeck Germany carrying a cargo of 20,000 rifles 10 machine-guns and a million rounds of ammunition bound for Tralee Bay on Ireland's southwest coast for the **Irish Volunteers**.

**14th April 1916:** Sir Roger Casement boards a U-boat at Wilmshaven Germany to rendezvous with the 'Aud'

at Tralee having successfully sought military assistance from Germany for the Rising.

**20th April 1916 ( Holy Thursday):** The 'Aud' arrives in Tralee Bay but receives no signal from the **Irish Volunteers** as they expected the shipment on Saturday.

**21st April 1916 (Good Friday):** Roger Casement and his two companions, Sgt. Daniel Bailey who, as an ex-prisoner of war, had joined Casement's Irish Brigade and Robert Monteith an **IRB** man, go ashore from the U-Boat at Banna Strand. Bailey and Monteith go to seek out **Irish Volunteers** but Casement is discovered at 'McKenna's Fort' and is arrested by the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The 'Aud' is captured by the Royal Navy and forced to sail towards Cork Harbour.

**22nd April 1916 (Holy Saturday):** The 'Aud' is scuttled by Capt. Karl Spindler and his crew to prevent the precious cargo falling into enemy hands. The weapons for the Rising are lost to the sea off Daunt's Rock.

Eoin MacNeill, as Chief of Staff of the **Irish Volunteers** issues a countermanding order in Dublin in an attempt to stop the Rising.

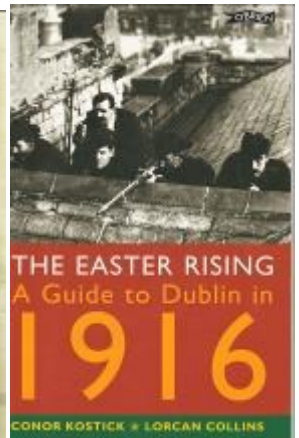
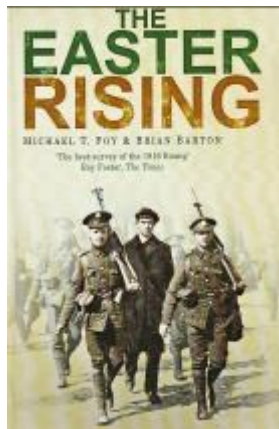
**23rd April 1916. Easter Sunday:** The **IRB** Military Council meet to discuss the situation as MacNeill has also placed a notice in the Sunday newspapers halting the **Volunteers** operations. The Rising is put on hold for 24 hours. Hundreds of



**St Stephens Green in April 1916 , as it is today, was well stocked with waterfowl. In 1916 the park keeper, Mr James Kearney, would enter the green every day to feed the ducks and every day the opposing sides located on opposite sides of the green would cease firing to allow him to do so.**

copies of The Proclamation of the Republic are printed at Liberty Hall.

**24th April Easter Monday:** The 1916



Easter Rising begins regardless of MacNeill's countermanding orders.

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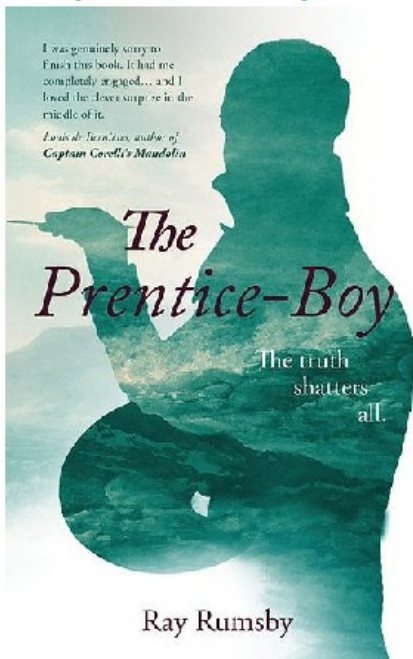
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Friday	8am – 7pm
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Tuesday	Unstaffed
Wednesday	11am – 7pm
Thursday	1.30pm – 7pm
Friday	1.30pm – 7pm
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Sunday	Unstaffed

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