



# A Day Out Helping The Environment

A FAMILY day out with a strong environmental message is being arranged for the field adjacent to the Village Hall in June.

Last summer's special Coronation community party in the grounds of the village hall proved extremely popular and now the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is planning another community event on Sunday 30th June from 10 am until 4 pm.

The Big Green Village Picnic will feature local crafters, speakers and displays in order to demonstrate the ethos of biodiversity, recycling, nature and rewilding.

There will also be a band and entertainers at a free event with residents being encouraged to show their support for the environment by either walking or cycling to it. Residents are also being encouraged to bring their own "non plastic" picnics to enjoy on the day.

And the HEAT event organisers are looking for volunteers to help on the day.

"We would be grateful for volunteers to help our small HEAT group to make this a very enjoyable day for all the family," the organisers stated. Offers of help can be made by contacting deputy parish clerk Sara White by e-mail at: [aoffice@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:aoffice@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk)

At February's meeting of Hethersett Parish Council, councillors agreed unanimously to support the event.

HEAT is also looking for more people to join the group.

"Anyone interested in HEAT activities would be



most welcome to find out more by attending our monthly meetings held at the Village Hall. Please contact Sara White for more details. Many outdoor physical tasks are required to upkeep village flower beds, rewilded areas and the Back Garden, for example. Good company and refreshments guaranteed," the organisers said.

HEAT also organises regular litter picks in Hethersett with the next on Saturday 16th March at 10 am, starting from the Methodist Church car park.

The photographs on this page were taken at the village picnic which was a celebration of the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

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## Hello Everyone

I was delighted when the Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper asked to interview me about Hethersett Herald.

I have always been a supporter of Talking Newspapers as they provide a vital service for people who are blind or have impaired vision—a news lifeline for them.

You can read about how to access the interview later in this edition of Herald and the main thing I emphasised is localism.

This is a drum I have been banging for sometime. I am utterly sick and tired of being told on television channels that “we are now going over for the news from where you live.” only to find the bulletin mainly consists of news from places over 100 miles away. THIS IS NOT LOCAL NEWS.

Hethersett Herald's concept is simple. It brings you news, features, photographs and information with a genuine local perspective. We only have two criteria and those are our content must either

- Be about Hethersett or the immediate area or
- Be written by a resident of the village.

That's it, pure and simple and always will be. You won't find any news from Hertfordshire or Northamptonshire or Essex in our publication.

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Problems with our village surgery rumbles on with more complaints on social media throughout the month. The Humbleyard practice has promised to improve its service, but we are still awaiting for those improvements to kick in.

The latest complaint revolves around telephone callers being told that only emergency appointments are being given on the phone. A number of people have pointed out that the last thing you want to have to do when you are feeling unwell is stand in a queue at the surgery to get an appointment that may not be on the same day.

I am hopeful that the practice manager will be invited to attend the March meeting of Hethersett Parish Council when he might be able to explain how the situation will improve in the future, having already admitted that the practice needs to do better.

It is very difficult to see how people's dreams of a new purpose built surgery on the North Hethersett development can become reality when there are so many problems at the existing surgery.

Peter

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# Village Stalwarts Are In The House

TWO Hethersett village stalwarts have been honoured by having houses at Hethersett Academy named after them.

The Academy recently changed the names of their four houses to honour local people who have made a significant contribution to society.

Perkins House (Green) is named after Mel Perkins MBE in recognition of his championing of a number of sports clubs in Hethersett. Mel is the founder of Hethersett Athletic Football Club and Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club. He is honorary president of the football club and chairman of the cycle speedway club and is also a trustee of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. Mel was made an MBE in recognition of his sporting and other achievements.



Edwards House (Yellow) is named after leading Hethersett environmentalist Dr Anne Edwards BEM for her work in identifying plant diseases at the John Innes Institute. Dr Edwards is a leading light in the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) and a Hethersett Parish Councillor. She has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to science.

The other two houses have been renamed in honour of award winning theatre producer Richard Jordan who was educated at the school and Lady Phillippa Dannatt who was the first female Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and who lives at nearby Keswick.

Mel Perkins and Anne Edwards are photographed opposite. On its website the Academy said: "We are extremely proud of the House System we have created and the attached values. It embodies all that we stand for and is the vehicle in which our culture is lived through each day. It encourages pupil development through access to a wide range of experiences and motivates students to work together to share ideas, allowing them to learn from each other."



WORK has begun on a new three storey teaching block at Hethersett Academy. The new block will include classrooms, teaching areas and a new canteen. Writing on the school's website, principal Jane Diver said:

"I am delighted that we are to provide the physical expansion our community needs to cater for our increasing student numbers and to continue to facilitate a broad, innovative and aspirational curriculum. Our new canteen will allow students to socialise as young adults whilst maintaining the highest standards of behaviour. Our new technology rooms will enhance children's learning: enabling the development of creative thinking and problem-solving skills of the highest level."

The photograph above shows the start of the work in January and is courtesy of Inspiration Trust.

## Academy Continues Its Popularity

HETHERSETT Academy has been named one of the most popular schools in the county in a new survey.

The survey was undertaken to name the schools in Norfolk that are oversubscribed with more pupils wanting to enter than spaces available.

The survey shows that 292 pupils put Hethersett Academy as their first choice but there were only 227 places available, making an over subscription of 65 places and meaning that 23% of the applicants were disappointed.

Notre Dame School in Norwich was named the most difficult school in the county to get into followed by Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, Wymondham College and then Hethersett Academy.

There have been complaints recently from parents in Mulbarton, which is currently in the Academy catchment area, that youngsters from that village have not been given their first choice school—ie Hethersett Academy.

Proposed changes planned for September 2025 would see the new Cringleford Prep school added as a named feeder school for Hethersett - while Mulbarton Primary would instead become a named feeder school for Hewett Academy in Norwich.

## Oak Square For Sale For £1.6 Million

OAK Square in the centre of Hethersett is up for sale with a price tag of £1.6 million.

The square in the centre of the village consists of business and residential units.

The sale is described as 6500 square feet of retail, office and residential units with three traditional built detached buildings positioned around the car park in the centre of a busy village.

It states that the income from rents etc is approximately £118,320. The area has seven commercial premises, currently let as six and four residential premises.

“Long standing tenants comprise local estate agents, hairdressers, craft shop, a takeaway and office space.

“Enjoy the perks of a dynamic investment with a blend of commercial and residential properties. The current revenue stream of £118,320 per year is just the beginning, with ample room for growth through strategic rent reviews and renewals,” the advert states.

“The portfolio comprises seven commercial premises, two of which are currently occupied by the same business, and four residential premises. The site offers 16 parking spaces and spans over approximately 0.34 acres,” the advert continues.

## Hethersett Herald Is Now Making The News

THIS month we have been making the news as well as reporting on it.

Our 100th edition in February caught the attention of the Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (WATN), an audio publication aimed at blind and partially sighted people in Wymondham, Attleborough and the surrounding areas which include Hethersett.

WATN regularly uses information published in Hethersett Herald and to mark our centenary edition, editor Peter Steward was interviewed by Anne Cockburn.

“It is always strange to be on the other end of an interview and to be making the news ourselves. The Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper does such excellent work and we are really pleased that they regularly feature our news and information in their broadcasts,” Peter said.

The interview was included towards the end of the February 16th edition and covered the birth of Hethersett Herald and its development over more than eight years of publication, covering village news, features and coming events.

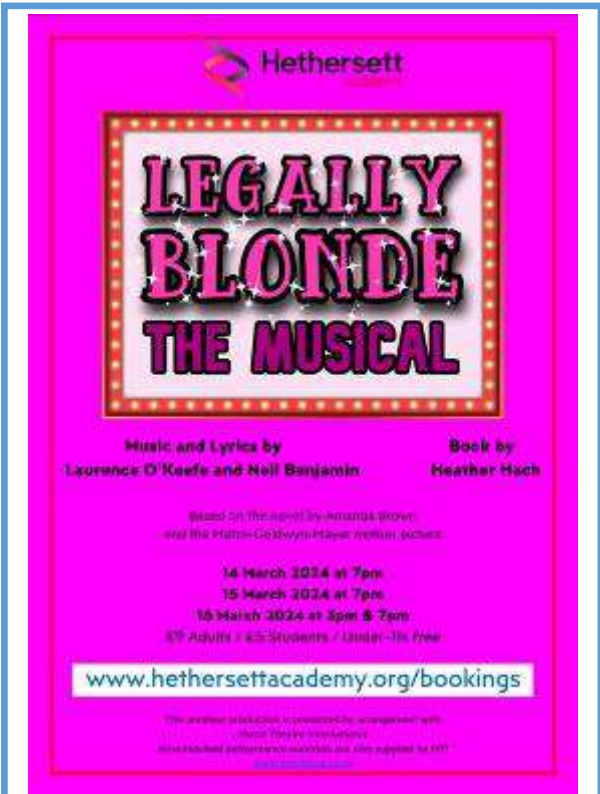
“I am very proud of what has been achieved by Hethersett Herald in keeping local news genuinely local when so many other outlets seem to have gone regional. It is up to publications such as the Herald, and there are many similar throughout Norfolk, to ensure that local residents are kept up to date with what is happening in their local area,” he added.

You can listen to the interview by going to the website: [www.watn.org.uk/listen-to-news](http://www.watn.org.uk/listen-to-news) and choosing the option for the programme broadcast on February 16th.



MEMBERS of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) were out and about in February clearing the beds around the village sign so that wild flowers will have room to poke through. At the end of the day's work lead volunteer Geoff Dyett said:

"There is more to come but this was a good start. Thank you volunteers, couldn't have done it without you."



## Pupils To Go Legally Blonde For Music Event

LEGALLY Blonde the musical is coming to Hethersett.

With music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Neil Benjamin and based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film, the musical will be live at Hethersett Academy on March 14th, March 15th and March 16th.

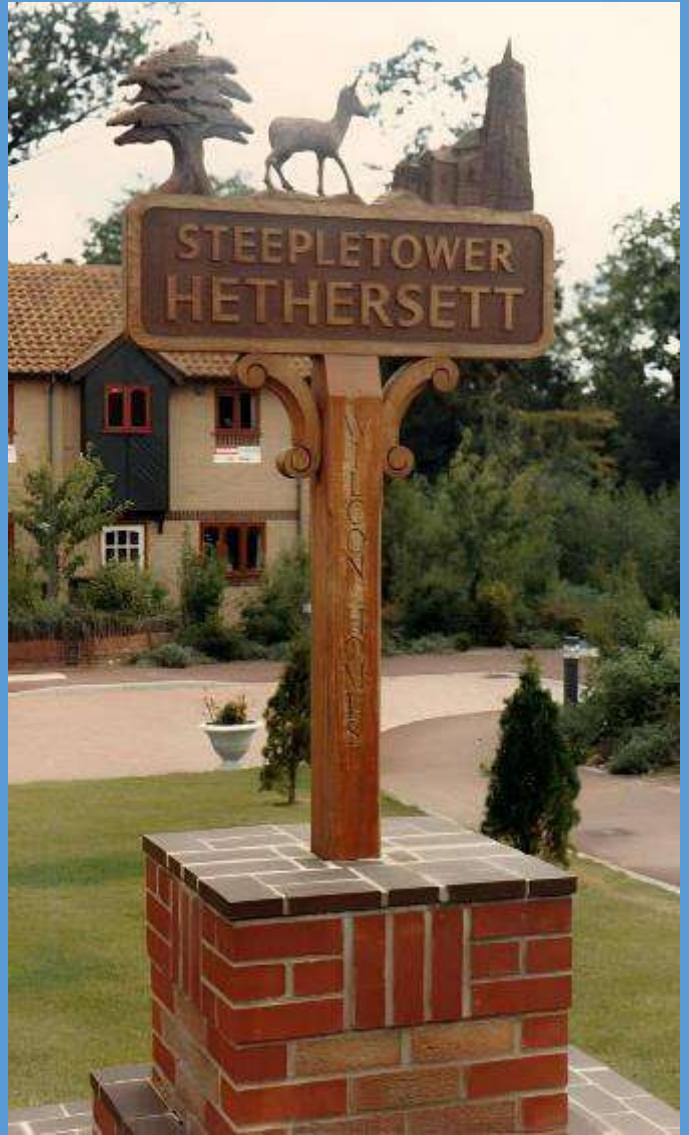
It will be the latest in a long line of musicals performed by pupils from the school.

Tickets are priced at £9 for adults, £5 for students and free for Under-11s, there will be four performances. Tickets are available from the website:

[www.hethersettacademy.org/bookings](http://www.hethersettacademy.org/bookings).

A larger poster giving full details is available in our What's On section.

## It's A Mystery



A contributor to the All Things Hethersett Facebook page asked what has happened to this sign that once stood in Steepletower in Hethersett.

At the time of writing there were no responses. So we pose the simple question—does anyone know where it was situated and what happened to it?

## Part-Time Member of Staff Wanted

JANEY'S village café in Mill Road is looking for a new part-time staff member to join its team. Applicants must be over 16 and having a car is preferable but not essential.

The successful person will be asked to wait on tables and undertake kitchen duties.

If you are interested and want more information, please send your CV and any questions to

[janeysvillagecafe@outlook.com](mailto:janeysvillagecafe@outlook.com)

# Message From Hethersett Pantomime Group

**THIS year's village pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk proved to be one of the best and most popular for many years, appreciated by residents and the cast alike. After 10 performances in a whole week of pantomimes, the organisers took to Facebook to thanks everyone for their support in the following words.**

“WOW! What a week, what a show and what an amazing pantomime adventure.

It has been the best week and most amazing journey we could've ever wished for. We have smiled, laughed, welcomed back old friends and built some wonderful new friendships, we've made so many new special memories and had so much fun telling a new Hethersett Pantomime story, all filled with joy, love and positivity and with many moments of our Duncan shining through.



“As we have mentioned in every show this year, what you see on stage is only a tiny part of the Hethersett Pantomime Group and we are SO thankful and SO proud of the work that goes into the pantomime throughout the whole year. There are well over 100 people who made our show so successful this year. We want to say a BIG thank you to every single volunteer who has been involved in this year's production, you are all stars. We are so proud of the amazing show that we have all created together as a team and as a family.

A huge thank you to YOU, our amazing community, supporters and audiences for helping us create that extra special pantomime magic! Performing a sold out production this year has only been possible because of your support, encouragement and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets, come along, supported us, joined in the fun, donated, shared and spread the word about the pantomime and have kindly taken the time to send us such incredible feedback.

We have been truly blown away by the support and response we have received this year. We hope you will continue to support and follow us throughout the year and will join us again next year for more pantomime fun. If you haven't already let us know what you thought of the show then we would SO love to hear from you. For now, it's time for us all to have a little rest. But never fear because our next pantomime adventure really is only ever just around the corner!

So, all live happily ever after

In joy and peace and merry laughter.”

Special Note on the above:

Jack and the Beanstalk was based on a script by Duncan Pigg who founded the pantomime group over 50 years ago but is sadly no longer with us.

Gentleman Duncan was loved by all and the continuation of the pantomime is just one of his legacies and is mentioned in the piece above.



Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue is hosting its 25th anniversary fete at Hethersett Old Hall on Saturday 15th June. The team are all volunteers from throughout Norfolk who search for high risk missing persons.

The charity was previously based at Whitegates Fire Station in Hethersett but has now “moved across the road” to the Norfolk Constabulary Training Block on the B1172.

The fete will include numerous attractions including a search dog demonstration, vehicles from Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue and the Police, a drone demonstration, live music, food stalls, a raffle, auction and more.

In a special article we find out more about the charity and its work.



# Helping With Searches

**By Peter Steward**

Committed, skilful and hugely caring - just a few of the words used to describe an army of volunteers who aid the police in their attempts to find missing people.

The Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue charity is made up of volunteers of all ages and all occupations, all with one aim in mind – to help find missing and vulnerable people.

They are highly trained in search procedure both on land and in water and are on call 24/7. They become an integral part of the search process as charity trustee Deb Chedghey told me:

“We are a highly trained group that are called upon early on in a search to support the police. You will often hear the phrase police aided by specialist groups. We will be one of the specialist groups,” she said.

At the present time the group are called out around 50 times a year or virtually once a week on average. There are 47 active members with the youngest 21 and the oldest 75. The group also has a waiting list of people wanting to join.

But there is no Government funding and money has to be largely self-raised although some grants are available. At times the service has been adopted as other groups’ chosen charity and this has happened at the Mundesley Motor Show for 2024. Debs estimates that it costs £18,000 a year just to cover basic running costs needed to keep the group active, taking into consideration the number of vehicles and boats that they utilise for any search. They have a room set aside for their work at the police training complex and also keep vehicles in Wroxham.

Ultimately, they would love to find an industrial unit somewhere in striking distance of the Norwich NDR where they can bring all the strands of their work together. Once called out the group spring into action with clearly defined roles that not only involve active searching but also running control units, taking logs,





mapping search areas and much more. Members work closely not only with the police but with other emergency services such as coastguards. Searches can include anything from open parkland to derelict buildings, woodland to the Norfolk Broads. They currently utilise some pretty high-tech machinery and are even looking into purchasing an underwater drone.

Often when they start their search, the group will only have basic information on the person they are looking for. This will obviously include their name, what they were wearing when last seen and information about their state of mind that might make them particularly vulnerable.

The best-case scenario is they find the person alive and well, but this isn't always the case as many they are searching for have mental health issues or may have already committed suicide. This can obviously be very traumatic for anyone finding a body.

"If a body is found you can be left feeling rather deflated and sad," Deb said adding that many families have nevertheless expressed their gratitude for their efforts and their work even if the search ends in an unhappy outcome.

Deb is quick to point out that the volunteers are a tight knit group who care for and support each other.

"One of the most rewarding parts of what we do is being part of such a closely knit team," she said adding that the group is proud to be able to support Norfolk Police.

"We are search specialists and can take a lot of pressure off the Police to allow them to get on with other aspects of the search which may include investigation work," Deb said.

Debs (pictured opposite in the grounds at Hethersett) joined The Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue group after



hearing about the search in Suffolk for missing airman Corrie McKeague in 2016. She became aware of a Suffolk search group and thought “I would like to do that.”

Today she is one of six trustees of the group and is a key member of the welfare and fundraising teams and admits that she finds the work both interesting and rewarding with the searching process being very methodical and organised.

“We are always looking for the smallest clue to a missing person’s whereabouts, something very small that might lead us to the person. Something like a mobile phone,” Deb said.

Recently the group was involved in the search for missing Norwich woman Gaynor Lord whose body was eventually found in the River Wensum. Her disappearance made national news headlines. Now the group is gearing up for its big fundraising open day in Hethersett on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 4 pm. There will be plenty of attractions such as a dog show, a tug-of-war competition between the emergency services, displays, stalls, food outlets, music from the Lee Vasey Band and much more. Entry will be free but donations for the group’s work will be gratefully accepted. We will have more on the actual day in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

**Donations can be made and more information is available at [www.norlsar.org.uk](http://www.norlsar.org.uk). If anyone has a craft stall and would like to attend the fete please contact Deb on 07900066276 or at [fundraising@norlsar.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@norlsar.org.uk)**



# New Co-Op Opens

HUNDREDS of shoppers have already passed through the doors of Hethersett's latest retail business which opened during February.

Hethersett Co-op in Coachmaker Way on the North Hethersett development opened on 16th February

"It is a Central England Co-op where shoppers can earn points which can then be converted to pounds to spend in the store as a way of sharing in the profits. There will also be exclusive members offers in store and an opportunity for local people to have their say in the running of the store. All members are part owners of the Co-operative and help make decisions on how it works as a community, vote for board members and attend members' meetings. In addition full members can nominate local causes to receive grants of up to £5,000." Hethersett's district councillor John Morland said ahead of the opening.

The Co-Op has already met with support from local shoppers on social media. Typical of the comments were:

"The new Coop is great. Big selection for a small store, trolleys that go in a straight line, reasonable prices and super smiley welcoming and helpful staff."

Hethersett Herald reporter Sophie Stanley visited the store a few days after it had opened and sent us the report



## Modern and Sustainable

By Sophie Stanley

The Co-op store, newly situated in Coachmaker Way, Hethersett, has been incredibly busy since its opening on the 16th of February.

Three days after its opening, I decided to go and have a look. The first thing I noticed as I was walking towards it, were the solar panels on the roof of the building. There must be about 100 panels covering the entirety of the roof which impressed me as it shows the designers kept the environment in mind by utilising this sustainable way to produce power for the building.

Secondly, I noticed how much bigger it is than I had expected, possibly around double the size of Tesco on Great Melton Road. There is a very large car park which was fairly empty when I arrived at 4 pm on Monday evening compared to Tesco's car park which is always busy but in my opinion far too small.





Walking into the store I noticed multiple things. There was a fantastic range of products and multiple self serving machines for coffee and even a Tango ice blast machine, which I'm sure is enticing for children of parents doing their food shops. However, the bakery was considerably smaller than Tesco's and the hot food rack was completely empty (potentially due to the lateness of the evening and its popularity).

Making my way around, I was additionally impressed by the drinking water machine (an opportunity to fill up your bottle if you have one on you) encouraging fewer purchases of single use plastic. The prices for food were somewhat expensive if you compare cheaper budget stores such as Aldi and Lidl, but there were some good deals in place which made up for this.

Overall, I left the store impressed with it having surpassed my expectations. Not only is the store now the largest in the village and situated in an ever growing area of Hetherset, it is environmentally sustainable, modern and the prices were not as expensive as I had anticipated.

## Raising Money For NARS

EVERY year for the past goodness knows how long, Rosemary Warnes has held regular sales of all kinds of items from her home in Little Melton.

Passers-by grab a bargain and the money Rosemary raises goes to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. But Rosemary admits that the past year has been a difficult one with the rain and wet weather cutting down on the number of occasions that she has had goods outside.

Nevertheless she has raised £250 for the charity and over the years has raised thousands.

"A big thank you to everyone that has supported me in raising money for NARS. The weather hasn't helped and as a result I have plenty of jigsaws left which I'm happy to sell off to anybody interested," Rosemary said.

Anyone interested can contact her on 01603 810088 to find out what jigsaws are available at £1 for 500 pieces and £2 for 1,000 pieces.

# Appeal Over Hethersett Burglary

POLICE are appealing for information following several residential burglaries in South Norfolk, including one in Hethersett.

Officers are investigating five burglaries in Cringleford, Fersfield, Hethersett, Keswick and Intwood between Wednesday 3rd January and Sunday 4th February when windows or doors were forced or smashed open and varying quantities of jewellery, phones and/or cash was stolen.

The most recent burglary happened on 4th February in Cringleford, when the ground-floor window of a property was forced open and jewellery and an electric bike and charger were stolen.

A man aged in his 40s has been arrested on suspicion of burglary in connection with the incident. He was taken to Wymondham Police Investigation Centre.

The Hethersett burglary took place on 4th January in Flowerdew Close. Anyone with information on this is asked to contact Norfolk Police and quote

investigation 36/995/24

Officers are also investigating burglaries at properties in:

- Wood Lane, Fersfield, on 3rd January
- Low Road, Keswick, on 28th January
- Intwood, on 31st January

Enquiries are ongoing to establish whether the burglaries are linked.

Officers would like to speak to anyone who has any information, dashcam or doorbell footage. Anybody with information can contact officers on the following:

Website: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/tell-us>

Email: [Heather.Field@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Heather.Field@norfolk.police.uk)

Phone: 101

Crimestoppers: Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their online form:

[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

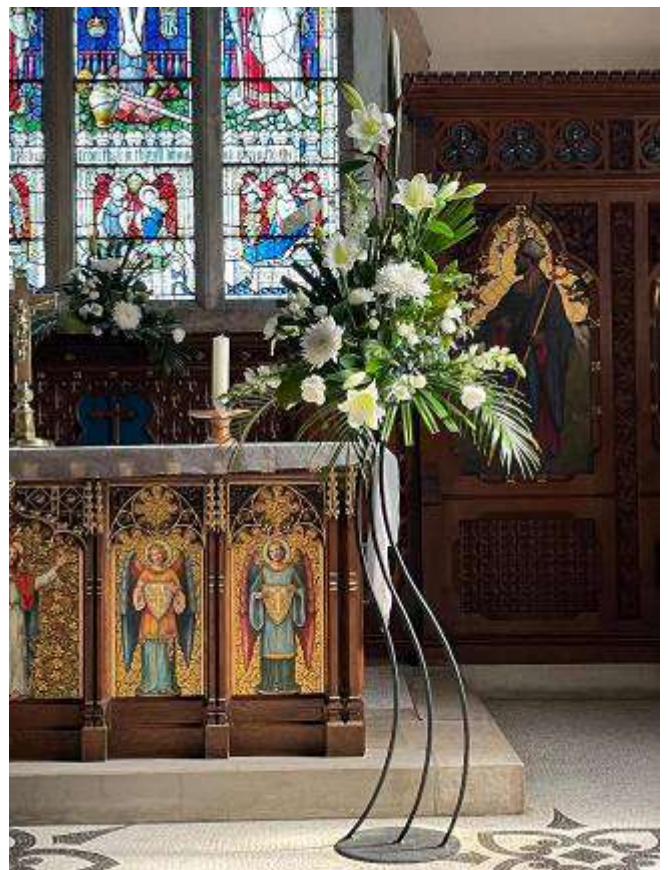
## A Lily For Remembrance of Loved Ones

**HETHERSETT Parish Church is giving residents the chance to remember loved ones this Easter.**

**St Remigius Church's flower ladies will be decorating the church for Easter on March 30th and lilies can be purchased at £2 each in order to remember loved ones.**

**If you would like to buy a lily in remembrance contact Pauline Gray or Adele Kent. Adele can be contacted at 19 Cann's Lane, Hethersett, or by phoning 01603 811945 or by e-mail at [ajkent58@gmail.com](mailto:ajkent58@gmail.com). Please include the names of those you would like to remember.**

**Our photograph was taken at a previous floral display in the church.**





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## Helping To Keep Warm This Winter

THINGS will be hotting up in Hethersett Library once again as winter is upon us.

The library will be inviting residents to “keep warm and well this winter” by providing special packs and bags.

The library is providing blankets and hot water bottles, toiletry bags and sanitary bags and also hot drinks at times when it is staffed.

The initiative follows the success of a similar one last year as the country struggled to recover from lockdown.

Free hot drinks will be available during times when the library is staffed which will be Monday from 1.30 pm until 7 pm, Wednesday from 11 am until 7 pm, Thursday from 1.30 pm until 7 pm, Friday from 1.30 pm until 7 pm and Saturday from 11 am until 4 pm.

The toiletries’ bag contains deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste and toothbrushes are also available.

The sanitary bags include pads and other items. You can see a full list of opening hours and what is available on a poster in our what’s on section.

**Keep Warm and Well this Winter**

**Hethersett Library**  
40 Queens Rd.  
Hethersett  
NR9 3DB

**Staffed hours:**  
Monday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Wednesday 11am - 7pm  
Thursday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Friday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Saturday 11am - 4pm

Visit your local library to pick up FREE Winter essentials

**Keep Warm and Well**  
Help yourself to a blanket and hot water bottle.  
Free hot drinks are available (see library for times)

**Toiletries Bag**  
Bag contains: deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste.  
Adults and children's toothbrushes are available to help yourself to or ask a member of staff.

**Tricky Period**  
Bag contains: 1 x pack of regular and 1 x pack of super or night pads.  
Sustainable items are available while stocks last (including: period cups, washable pads, period pants).

If you can't see what you need, please ask a member of staff.

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Hethersett Herald has a new Facebook page to keep you up to date with what is happening in the village between editions of Hethersett Herald.

The page has been put together by Sophie Stanley who writes regularly for the publication. You can access it by going to the following address.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553854300881>

## March World Day of Prayer

By Margaret Askew

THE 2024 World Day of Prayer service took place in Hethersett Methodist Church at 2 pm on Friday 1st March.

This year's service was put together by the Christian women of Palestine who were asking the world to "connect with the land from where Jesus came, where he was born, ministered and died and from where the Christian faith has its roots."

Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine were sharing with love a reminder that they are there and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service was: "Bear with one another in love."

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts of those

women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.

The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.





# Marching On In The Year

**By Sarah Lawrence**

HELLO March! Before you know it, that's a quarter of the year done. Spring is firmly on its way now though, with crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils appearing from their slumbers. A much needed reminder that the cold air and dark evenings are just temporary.

Last month I had a good moan about how we've all had a (long) spell of sickness since Christmas. Unfortunately there still doesn't seem to be a week that goes by without a member of our household having a runny nose, but my cough - whilst still there - is better than it was. In spite of the recurring bugs we've been suffering with as a family, we've still tried to get out and about. We're all fed up with being cooped up inside.

We started our resolution by joining in with the first organised Hethersett litter pick of the year at the end of January, starting at the Methodist Church on Great Melton Road. It was a lovely day for a litter pick, albeit cold, but it was nice to be out of the house for something other than work or school. I had worked the late shift the night before, so I was feeling a little stiff after my 11 pm finish. Because of this, we decided to opt for an easier part of the village, without much of a walk. We chose Great Melton Close, the car park next to Tesco and the green area under the large oak tree.

Well, I thought it would be easier. It turns out that there's a lot of litter in that area! I suppose it had a larger footfall over Christmas when Finnbar's lights were on, but my goodness, the amount of rubbish in that hedge in the short-term parking area. We were shocked to return back to ground zero with a very full bag of rubbish. Though it leaves you feeling very accomplished when you return with a full bag, it's shocking to know it was all hanging about on the ground and stuck in bushes.

We've also had a bit of a spring clean at playgroup. Jade and I noticed that there were things in the toy cupboard that could do with replacing or updating, and things that we just don't reach for, things that we've tried and don't



# Sarah's World



work well at our sessions.

One Tuesday we decided to bite the bullet and go for it while a session was on and looked after by the other volunteers. Jade and I had let visitors know that there might be some toys we were getting rid of, and that they would be free to take away - for no other reason than it would be less for us to take to the charity shop or dump!

I'm pleased to say, about 90% of the things we took out of our rotation went to new homes with only a couple of items destined for the dump. The cupboard looks so much better now, and we can invest some of our hard saved pennies in some new additions. We've already bought a new wooden car garage and bulked out the dolls and prams. New soft mats for under the slide are next on our wish list.

Playgroup had a great session just before the February half term holiday where we celebrated Pancake Day. We were fully booked, so obviously we weren't going to cook pancakes for everyone. I'm not crazy! Instead we opted for scotch pancakes with a variety of toppings ranging from fruit and syrup, to marshmallows and chocolate

sauce. There was something for everyone, and as expected it was very messy. But, I wouldn't change seeing those grubby little chocolatey and syrupy smiling faces for the world.

Speaking of smiling faces, Youth Club has had an exciting few sessions. Our Chairman, Sandra, arranged two visits from PC James Smith, the Beat Officer for Hethersett and Mulbarton, one for the younger group on a Wednesday night, and one for the older group who meet on a Friday. Both sessions went really well, with PC Smith showing them his kit and his car and answering any questions that the young people had.

From sharing the photos on social media, a gentleman came forward who is ex-Military offering to come and speak to our groups. Something else to look forward to in a future session! If you have an interesting job or hobby, have a current DBS certificate, and are willing to speak to the young people at Jubilee Youth Club, please let me know on [sarahlawrence87@live.co.uk](mailto:sarahlawrence87@live.co.uk), we're always looking for new experiences and visitors! You can see some of the pictures we took of the police visit on the next page.

# Sarah's World



## Sarah's World

To mark Chinese New Year, Youth Worker Emma had an interesting challenge for the young people at Wednesday Youth Club. She had prepared two big bowls of jelly and submerged sweets inside. They were then all given pairs of chopsticks to try to fish the sweets out, which was more difficult than it seems, even if you're a pro at using chopsticks.

The sweets were extra slippery after being in the jelly, so this made the challenge really difficult. It was a real crowd pleaser though, the young people loved the novelty of it, not to mention the end result of having to gobble the sweets up.

Youth Club is held at our Youth Centre on Back Lane on Wednesday nights for young people in school years five and six, and Fridays for school years seven and above during term time. Follow us on Facebook for more information by searching for 'Hethersett Jubilee Youth Centre'.



## A Difficult and Challenging Year

Hethersett Parish Council chairman Bridget Williamson has admitted that the past year has been a difficult and challenging one.

Writing in the latest edition of the Hethersett Parish Council newsletter, Mrs Williamson says: "As you may know, this has been a very difficult time for us at Hethersett Parish Council, with our long standing clerk resigning in June 2023, and her replacement resigning after five weeks."

Mrs Williamson goes on to explain how the council has turned this round: "This situation also gave me the chair with the wonderful support of our deputy clerk, Sara White, to get to grips with our finances, enabling us to make informed decisions.

A great deal of time has been spent over the budget for 2024/2025 with cash reserves being put aside allowing for funding to be provided for replacement lighting and for the eventual future extension of the burial ground. CIL money from development will also help to keep the parish precept part of the council tax at a lower level for band A to D with only Band E and above paying slight increases. The same level and provide a new net on the tennis court at the village hall along with additional litter bins. The council has also set aside £3000 to start a fund for the replacement of play equipment on the Memorial Playing Field.

"Hethersett Parish Council is now in a strong position to continue to continue giving the residents of Hethersett the best value for money, using our resources to continue to improve facilities within our community in a clear and transparent way," the newsletter states.

Copies of the newsletter are available at various places throughout the village.

# Down Memory Lane

## Memories of The Kinkajou—Squatting and GIs

By Peter Steward

One of the most fascinating pieces of Hethersett history for me is a café that no longer exists.

I know very little about the Kinkajou Café other than it was owned and run by Hilda Hagg who was mother of village stalwart Duncan Pigg who many residents will remember. Duncan died a couple of years ago in his mid 90s after enjoying a long and very productive life which saw him awarded a British Empire Medal for services to the village. All I really knew about the Kinkajou was that it was situated in the Kett's Oak area of the village in fields off what is now the B1172 and that it was frequented by American GIs stationed in the area during the Second World War.

The café became very popular with the Americans and it is highly likely that film star James (Jimmy) Stewart ate and drank there.

Despite a number of efforts I had been unable to find any photographs of the Kinkajou, until now when a very interesting article appeared on the Norwich Remembers Facebook site.

The initial post was about families living at Ketteringham Hall after the war and there was a photograph from the Eastern Daily Press newspaper from 1946 of a mother and baby who “squatted at the hall”.

That picture was posted by local man Rob Lotus and you can view it later in this article. The caption was: “Mrs O. Hurrell of Hethersett, the first of the squatters to instal themselves in the deserted military camp in Ketteringham Park.”

Rob Lotus wrote:

“Most people know Ketteringham Hall now for the Orangery Tea Rooms or for Ladybelt Park the other side of the lake, but during World War Two it was the headquarters of the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Airforce with nearly 200 buildings on site, but only three remain today.

“After the war many families started squatting in the empty buildings and later the council used Hethel to house people. The Ketteringham camp became a thriving community with the milkman and a baker calling and mail being delivered.”

Richard Minter posted that his mother lived in a house behind the Kinkajou and had a GI boyfriend whom she may well have met in the café. Richard

has a photograph of his mother and her boyfriend which is reproduced here with his permission.

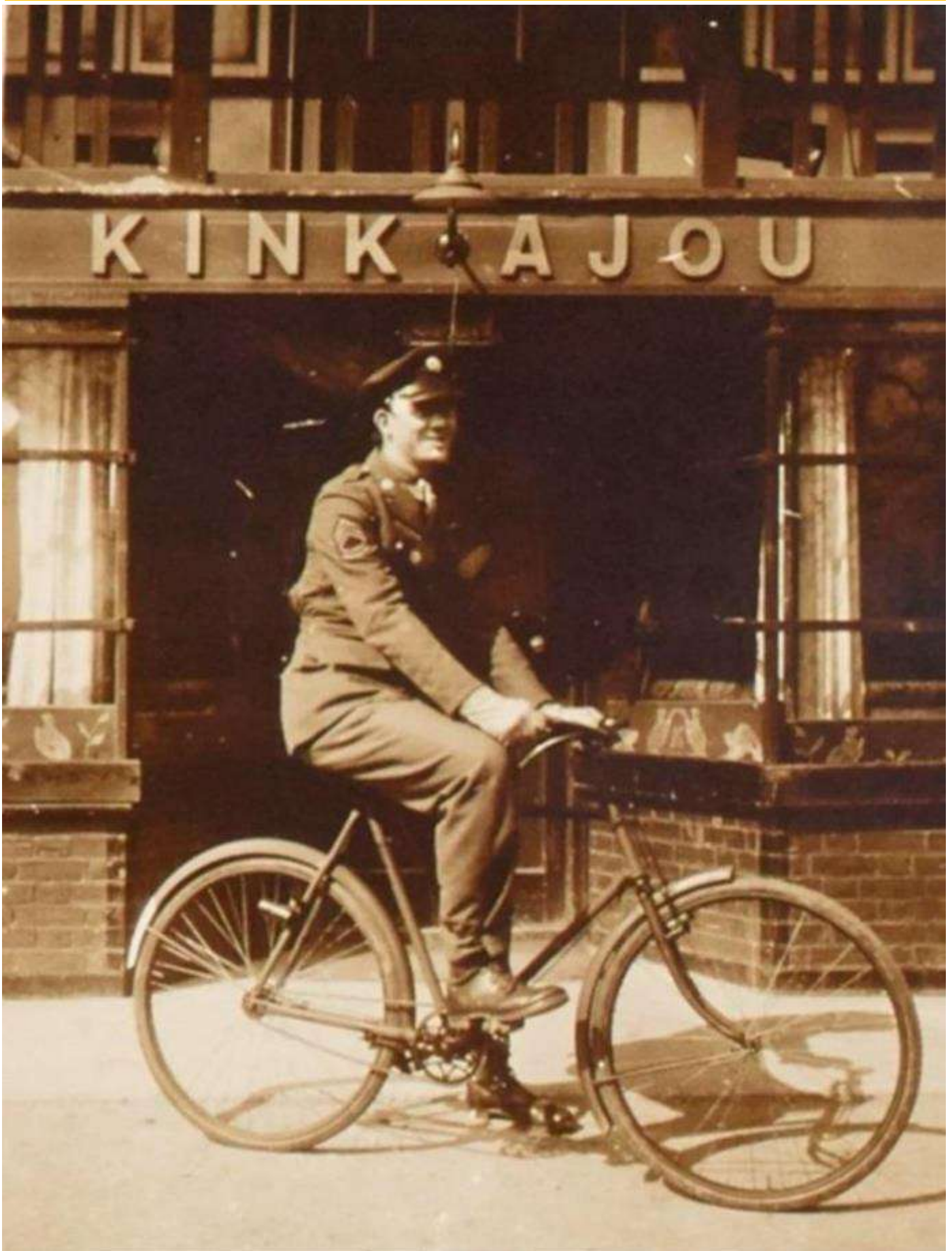
Richard knows very little about the photograph other than the man's name is Gerry and he was a member of the 389th bomb group and his mother would have been aged anything from 17 to 19 years of age.

Meanwhile we were sent an amusing snippet of information by our reader Mary Parker who lives at Ketteringham. This extract comes from the diary of Caroline Boileau, age 19, daughter of Sir John Peter Boileau of Ketteringham Hall

“24th July 1847 Ama, Agnes, Charlie, Minnie and Baby (her siblings) to Hethersett Station to see the Stanleys (Bishop of Norwich, a family friend) go past. Smart (station master) told them a story of an old woman who came by train from Norwich meaning to be set down in Hethersett but who when Smart called out ‘Hethersett’ thinking he said ‘Here we set’ allowed herself to be carried on to Wymondham. When the train stopped there she was indignant declaring that she had intended to stop at Hethersett till a passenger told her it was her own fault as he had heard the man (Smart) at the station call out the name & then she found out her mistake.”



# Down Memory Lane



United States Airforce Sergeant Jim Reeves outside the Kinkajou Café which was situated on Kett's Oak



Mrs. O. Hurrell, of Hethersett, the first of the squatters to instal themselves in the deserted military camp in Ketteringham Park.

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The advertisement for the Kinkajou restaurant in Hethersett comes from the Hethersett Archive, as does the photograph of the small girl on a pony on the previous page. We would be delighted to receive any further information on the café.

# Groups and Societies

## **HETHERSETT GARDENING CLUB with Leslie Dale**

At our February meeting John and Lesley Easton spoke of their holiday in Holland.

We learned of the history of the 19 Kinderdyke wind driven drainage mills; the usefulness of wooden clogs in protecting farmers' feet from injury by cows, the cheese culture originating in the village of Edam.

Here from one of its many shipyards, British explorer Henry Hudson obtained a boat which sailed west and found the eastern coast of America. The bay and river being named after him.

We moved onto the eventual community benefit of the "Floriade" exhibition held every 10 years. The real treat was the Eastons' 100 photographs of the Kirkenhof Gardens, open during mid March to mid May, with its colourful beds and displays of tulips and other bulbs in flower.

The photo opposite is supplied by Lesley Easton



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The Hethersett Gardening Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month excepting December, which is usually on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £2 and refreshments are included.

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Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th March 2024 when Dr Ian Bedford will speak on the subject of

'Gardens for Us and Them' and this will be preceded by the club's Annual General Meeting. Then on Wednesday 17th April, Jim Paine, Walnut Tree Nursery, gives his insight into 'The Secret Life of Plants'.

For more information please contact me at: [lsdale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lsdale@yahoo.co.uk). We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and the Norwich and Norfolk Horticultural Society.



# The Story of a War Veteran



## **The Great Escaper (12A)** **Sunday 3rd March, 3pm**

Michael Caine stars in the true story of a veteran who escapes his care home to pay homage to fallen comrades.



## **Barbie (12)** **Sunday 7th April, 3pm**

Margot Robbie (Barbie) and Ryan Gosling (Ken) star in director Greta Gerwig's acclaimed drama that works on more levels than you might expect.



## **Oppenheimer (15)** **Sunday 12th May, 3pm**

Cillian Murphy is exceptional in the title role of director Christopher Nolan's tale of the father of the atomic bomb.

THE Spring season of films organised by Hethersett Village Screen continues on Sunday 3rd March at 3 pm with the film "The Great Escaper" which stars Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. The film was released after the death of Glenda Jackson at the age of 87 in 2023.

It is the true story of a war veteran who escapes from his care home to pay homage to fallen comrades.

The remainder of the Spring programme is the ever-popular "Barbie" on 7th April and the dramatic multi award winning "Oppenheimer" on May 12th.

After that village screen will take its usual break before returning on 8th September with a programme still to be announced. Further films in 2024 will be shown on 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December. There will be no films in June, July and August. Dates have also been announced for 2025 and will be 5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April and 11th May. All films take place in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm on a Sunday afternoon and tickets are £5.

The main film is usually preceded by short films, often with a local angle/connection. The dates are subject to alteration.

You can view more details of the coming films on the poster above.

# News From The Parish Council

Below are details of the current parish councillors. There are still three vacancies. Councillors can now be contacted on the e-mail addresses listed.

Position	Name	Email Address	Telephone
Chairman	Bridget Williamson	cllr.bwilliamson@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	810259
Vice-Chair	Leslie Dale	cllr.ldale@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	810952
Councillors	Paul Everett	cllr.peverett@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	07871 700228
	Heath Dakin	cllr.hdakin@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	Via the clerk
	Anne Edwards	cllr.aedwards@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	812309
	Kelsea Law	cllr.klaw@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	Via the clerk
	Jonathan Loome	cllr.jloome@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	Via the clerk
	Eileen Mulvaney	cllr.emulvaney@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	811997
	Habib Ur Rehman	cllr.hrehman@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	07899 719173
	Jennifer Walpole	cllr.jwalpole@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk	811932
	Rameez Asif	Details to follow	

## Parking Near Library Concern

At its February meeting, a member of the public brought up the question of untidy parking around Hethersett Library.

He referred to occasions when the area around the library was "absolutely packed" with parking on the access road as well as in the library car park itself.

He felt this was caused by a mix of library users and people visiting the post office. In addition parking spaces are now taken up by the parking of Beryl Bikes.

The member of the public asked whether consideration should be given to re-siting the post office.

Council chairman Bridget Williamson said there was very little that could be done to alleviate any problems although checks can be made on how much the Beryl bikes are being used.

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Plans to invite the Hethersett Surgery practice manager to attend a meeting of Hethersett Parish Council were put on ice in February but he will now be invited to the March meeting.



# News From The Parish Council

## Meeting Dates

The council meets monthly usually on the third Monday of each month.

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

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

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

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

Full council meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 are: 18th March, 25th April, 20th May, 17th June, 15th July, 16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December.

## News From the February Parish Council Meeting

Hethersett continues to be a safe place to live, village police beat officer PC James Smith told the February meeting of the parish council.

"There are very few burglaries and thefts and not too many issues." PC Smith said adding that he is currently visiting the village youth club and schools and building up a good relationship with young people.

PC Smith said he was very keen to work with the council to sort issues as they arose. "If you help me I can help you he said.

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Hethersett Parish Council is still hunting for an easy access office.

Currently the public office is upstairs in the village hall which is not accessible for people with mobility issues.

The council is looking for a ground floor office that will be accessible to all.

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The council has been asked by a member of the public about the possibility of starting a men's shed style project in the village.

The parish council agreed to mention the idea in publicity, newsletters and through other outlets to gauge whether it has any support and whether there are any volunteers prepared to organise such a venture.

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At the latest parish council meeting chair Bridget Williamson said she and other councillors had been shown round and been very impressed with the new Co-op in the village and their willingness and wish to be part of and support the local community.

# News From The Parish Council

## Charges For Enclosing Open Space

New bookings for events wanting to enclose the field at Hethersett Village Hall and charge the public entry will be charged £200 in the future.

A few months ago council chairman Bridget Williamson pointed out that the Heritage Plant organisation had been enclosing the field during its events and charging the public £2 to enter. Mrs Williamson questioned whether it was right for a public open space to be enclosed and brought the matter up again at the latest meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, councillors agreed that bookings already made should not be charged the fee, but it should be implemented with immediate effect for new bookings.

The fee will not be imposed for events held by groups not intending to exclusively control public entry.

Telephones to the parish office have been out of action for over seven weeks, councillors were told by parish clerk Penny Hubble.

The clerk told the meeting that she is in regular contact with BT and would be seeking compensation once the systems are up and running.

Hethersett Parish Council has been asked about the possibility of having a zebra crossing outside Hethersett VC Primary School in Queen's Road. But members heard that a new "lollipop person" is due to be in place from the end of February.

Salena Dawson has resigned from Hethersett Parish Council citing work commitments as a primary reason. It brings the current number of vacancies on the council to three.

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## News From Hethersett Hawks

By Mel Perkins

HETHERSETT HAWKS / YELLOW BRICK MORTGAGES Cycle Speedway Club has been thwarted in its preparation plans for the new season by the very wet weather in February - even the playing field was flooded at times. Some good maintenance sessions were held in January but, with more to do, an early start to training in March cannot happen. Also a planned match against a touring East Newport side on March 9th cannot take place at the track.

The new season's official fixtures kick off over the weekend of 6th / 7th April so riders are keen to get some practice in before then.

It is a question of all hands to the pump (maybe literally!) when the weather relents.

In preparation for the season the club held its Annual General Meeting at Hethersett Social Club on 27th April and, after reports from the Treasurer, Track Development "The Nest" and the Wonky Wheels Community Bicycle Workshop, a new set of officers and committee members were elected as follows -

Chair - Mel Perkins; Vice-Chair - Nick Davies; Secretary - Charlene Johnson; Treasurer - Mel Perkins; Minutes Secretary - Janet Perkins; Membership Secretary - Jo Silver; Fund-Raising Officer - Anna Clarke; Safeguarding Officer - Charlotte El-Labany; Coaching and Development Officer - Michael Gunn; Track and Equipment Officer - Nick Davies; "The Nest" Project Officer - Sacha El-Labany; Wonky Wheels Liaison Officer - Richard Neil.

The position of Publicity Officer has yet to be filled but press, website, Facebook and Teamer responsibilities are already individually covered.

With secretary Jenny Melvin standing down at the end of 2023 it was made clear that, to replace the wide amount of work that she did, all the officers and committee will need wider support in their roles from members and parents.

In January the club held three first-aid training evenings in the Hub on the playing field and, as a result, have 12 new qualified first-aiders, including three of the club's younger members.

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# News From Hethersett Hall

Stories and pictures by Caroline Evans



Here at Hethersett Hall the sunflower season is upon us. In February we planted seeds. It was great fun and now we wait in anticipation of them growing and finding out whose has grown the tallest.

Let the competition begin!



# News From Hethersett Hall

We had the best Valentines week possible and we certainly shared the love at Hethersett hall.

We did some flower arranging and made some beautiful decorations to keep and also had the lovely Deano singing to us and we had a Valentines drama class and made such a lovely piece to display.



# News From Hethersett Hall





# News From Hethersett Hall

AS red nose day is coming up, at Hethersett Hall we will be focusing on helping the crisis we are currently going through with the rising cost of living and homelessness. So we are asking if people would kindly donate food items or useful items which we can donate to the local food banks.

Everyone is asked to dress up in something red to mark the day on Friday 15th March when we will be open from 10 am until 4 pm.

for more information please contact us on 01603810478

or email us on: [hethersett@barchester.com](mailto:hethersett@barchester.com) or talk to one of the activities team



everyone to dress up in anything RED we will be focusing on delivering food and items to the local food bank so please donate generously, bring tins, pastas, sauces and give them to a member of the activities team. this is in aid of supporting those in the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness

**A selection of refreshments will be available.**

# 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 seven and a half years, on the website [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.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 now be sending the Herald as an attachment to those who have registered their e-mail address with us.

Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to any third parties and will be used exclusively for notification of new publications.

The April 2024 edition of Hethersett Herald will be online from the end of March, bringing you news and views from the village.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by March 15th at the latest.

We are happy to consider items for publication either on Hethersett or written by Hethersett residents on other subjects and they can be sent to

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

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# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## Member of Parliament

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

Email—Richard@richardbacon.org.uk

Address—Grasmere, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LE

Telephone: 01379 642097

Facebook—Bacon4SouthNorfolk

X (formerly 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: John Morland (Labour), Kathryn Cross (Conservative) and David Bills (Conservative). David Bills can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk. Kathryn Cross can be contacted on 07722 019116 or Kathryn.cross@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk and John Morland can be contacted on 01603 813247.

## Hethersett Parish Council

The council can be contacted on 01603 810915. The clerk is Penny Hubble and assistant clerk is Sara White. Contact details for individual councillors can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The parish council meets on the third Monday of each month in the Village Hall. The planning committee meets on the first and third Mondays (depending on the need to discuss nplanning applications). Other committees meet at various times and can be checked out on the council's official website at:

<https://hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Agendas for 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 in the library or are available from the clerk or online.

Email: Hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

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# Police Contacts For Hethersett

Hethersett falls into the Hethersett and Mulbarton Safer Neighbourhood Team with the following representatives



**Sergeant Stuart Barnard**



Inspector Andy Terry

Police Constable Arvi Bhogal  
(Engagement Officer)

Police Constable James Smith

Police Constable (Beat Manager)

## Hethersett Women's Institute with Margot Markham

OUR meeting in February added another dimension to the lives of WI members. Two ladies, both very enthusiastic and lively, from the west of the county came to give us demonstrations.

One of them showed us the art of "Decoupage". I didn't know what this was, but I soon realised it was a grown up , sophisticated version of "sticking and glueing ". Favourite napkins can be glued onto plant pots, bottles, glasses etc and the results were all very effective.

The other lady, in between sorting out her flowers, had a delightful repartee. For some of us, flower arranging is to hold a bunch of flowers over a vase and then let go. No! It's relaxing and therapeutic to do a better job .We were shown how to make a round bouquet with garden vegetation and maybe flowers from the hedgerow. The basic greenery was *Viburnum tinus* and bay twigs.

These were put into a narrow necked vase and it was then crammed with some tulips, narcissi and a few lilies. Bits of Contorted Willow "elevated" the bouquet. It was tied and adorned with a ribbon. It really was lovely. When I have time on my hands, I'll have a go.

At the end of our meeting our secretary gave a report of all our WI has done and achieved during the past year. It was staggering not only in that our programme has been so varied and enjoyable but there are so many other things besides. The WI has a lot to offer.

# John Head's Photographic Diary

Old Hunstanton the day before on 26th February 2018



## Memories Of The Beast from the East

IT was six years ago in late February 2018 that the 'Beast from the East' hurtled into Norfolk.

The nation had an early warning of it and we were particularly attentive as my wife and I were staying in Old Hunstanton at the time. It was a case of whether to leave early to get back to Hethersett or continue the stay within the safe confines of the hotel.

On 26<sup>th</sup> February there were flurries of snow on Old Hunstanton beach. By late afternoon things had calmed so we decided to stay a further night.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February I looked out of our bedroom window in the early morning and things had changed dramatically. There was a build-up of snow and the wind had strengthened. Do we now stay at the hotel or make a break for it? We decided on the latter via a cross country route as there were reports of problems on the major roads owing to the volume of traffic.

After an early start all went well although the snow had started to settle. Our problem came on the road

Hunstanton from our hotel bedroom in the  
early morning of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018



# John Head's Photographic Diary

between Litcham and Gressenhall. For those not familiar with this, there is a sweeping S Bend between the villages. The road was still passable but slightly restricted when we were met by a heavy good vehicle with a cortege of vehicles behind it.

I had to reverse up a bank which I carefully inspected first on foot as the snow may have hidden small drainage ditches and the like. Thankfully there were no cars behind us and the S bend was finally negotiated without incident and we made it back to Firs Road in Hethersett by lunchtime. By the next day (28<sup>th</sup> February) there was a substantial layer of snow. We had been lucky on our decision and timing to leave Old Hunstanton.

The photos below show snow around our house in Firs Road on 28th February.



# Looking Back At The Beast

## How we brought you news of the Beast From the East in 2018

THE so called "Beast From the East" brought the worst weather conditions that Hethersett had experienced for many years. The end of February and the start of March saw deep snow, strong winds and freezing temperatures with wind chill making it feel like minus 10. The snow started on February 27th and then turned up with a vengeance on the last day of February. Ironically there was little improvement on March 1st which was technically the first day of Spring.

All four Hethersett schools were shut for days and it wasn't until over a week later that the weather improved significantly before a mini Beast turned up over the weekend of March 17th and 18th. Hethersett was a virtual ghost town on the roads were virtually deserted with only a handful of cars slipping and sliding to their destinations. The post office was shut, the doctors' surgery was badly affected with staff unable to make it in, the car parks were empty and Tesco Express ran out of milk and got



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## Where To Eat In and Around 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 to 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. Sunday evening meals from 5 to 8.30 pm.

### **Hethersett King's Head**

Old Norwich Road, Hethersett. Serves food seven days a week from midday to 3 pm and 6 until 9 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 Mondays to Fridays 8 am until 4 pm. Dogs welcome. It is closed on Saturdays and Sundays

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

**Back copies of Hethersett Herald can be viewed  
at [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com)**

## **Great Melton Parish Council – Notice of Vacancy**

FOLLOWING the resignation of Mrs Liesl Richardson as a parish councillor in January, Great Melton Parish Council has a vacancy and is able to co-opt an interested person fulfilling the criteria below to serve as a parish councillor.

If you are a registered local government elector for the parish of Great Melton, or have occupied, as owner or tenant, any land or other premises in the parish for at least the past 12 months, or your main or only place of work has been in the parish for the past 12 months, or you have lived in or within three miles of the parish for the whole of the past 12 months and feel that you would like to make a contribution and a difference to the community, whilst acquiring new skills and experience to add to those you will bring to the role, please do get in touch to discuss the position.

Training opportunities are supported and the basic commitment entails the attendance at just four scheduled meetings a year. Great Melton Parish Council welcomes all expressions of interest. For further information and details, please contact either the Chairman Bruce Fleming: email [brucefleming@btinternet.com](mailto:brucefleming@btinternet.com); telephone 07867800678 or the parish clerk Anita Rose: email [greatmeltonpc@gmail.com](mailto:greatmeltonpc@gmail.com); telephone 07903206111.

Website: <https://greatmeltonpc.wixsite.com/greatmeltonpc>.

# Comparing Petrol Prices

	Unleaded	Change	Diesel	Change
Asda, Hall Road, Norwich	141.9	+6p	148.9	+5p
Tesco Express, Earlham Road, Norwich	142.9	+6p	150.9	+7p
Sainsbury's, Queen's Road, Norwich	141.9	+6p	150.9	+7p
Tesco, Harford Bridges, Norwich	142.9	+6p	150.9	+7p
Sainsbury's Longwater, Norwich	140.9	+3p	150.9	+6p
Abbeygate, Wymondham	153.9	+4p	161.9	+6p
Waitrose, Wymondham	155.9	+6p	162.9	+5p
Thickthorn Services, Hethersett	149.9	+4p	158.9	+5p

EACH month we check prices at eight petrol stations in easy reach of Hethersett and see how much prices have risen or fallen.

Unfortunately the three stations closest to Hethersett—Abbeygate at Wymondham, Waitrose at Wymondham and Thickthorn Services, continue to be the most expensive fuel around, particularly as fuel prices continue to drop.

The above details were taken on February 18th and show significant rises. The prices may fluctuate during the remainder of the month.

## Please Send Us Your Reports

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 e-mail address.

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

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

Announcement of publication is also made on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Next Door. You can also be notified by e-mail by sending a request to the editor at:

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

If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.

# Groups and Societies

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

Hethersett Village Hall

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



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

Babies under 6 months are free!

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

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

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

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

# Groups and Societies

## Memories Galore

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

The café held two meetings in February. The first on February 6th took the form of a music quiz and a carer's session which was followed by a soup lunch.

The ever popular Angela Bishop returned on February 20th with more reminiscences from the Age of Cinema in a presentation sponsored by the John Hurt Trust at Cinema City in Norwich. Angela transported everyone back to the 1960s with its unique fashions, music and cinema.

The second date also celebrated the 80th birthday of committee member the Rev Christopher Mallett and our photograph shows him with a birthday cake being presented by Anne Steward.

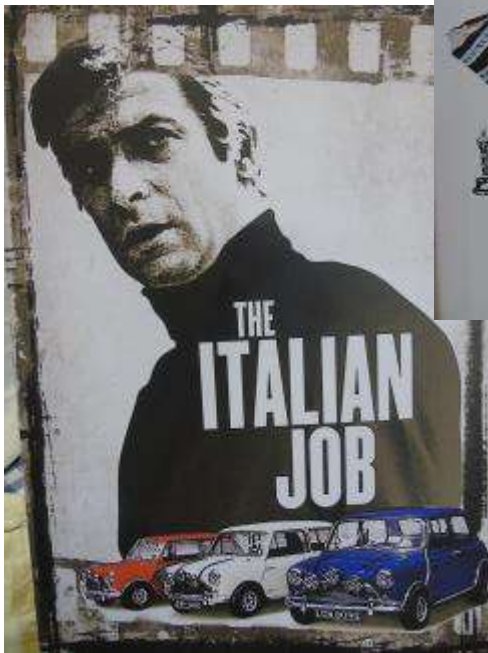
Further details of the event and the café are available from Anne Steward on 01603 811052.

The café takes place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The programme has been set for the next five months and can be viewed opposite.



March 5th	Time For A Chat
March 19th	Reminiscences with Lesley Woodton
March 26th	Café at Hethersett Hall
April 2nd	Celebrating Easter
April 16th	Hilary Varley Decoupage
April 23rd	Café at Hethersett Hall
May 7th	Time For A Chat
May 21st	Wiltshire Farm Foods
May 28th	Café at Hethersett Hall
June 4th	Time For A Chat
June 18th	To Be Arranged
June 25th	Café at Hethersett Hall
July 2nd	Time For A Chat
July 16th	Strawberries and Music



# Groups and Societies

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

**Chair Lynn Rawlings reviews the period from November 2023 to January**

OUR open meeting at the end of November was a sell-out, extremely well supported by our members and friends from other local flower clubs. We had a fabulous evening with a wonderfully flamboyant demo by the ever-popular national demonstrator Jonathan Moseley entitled "Festive Floral Fabulousness", which indeed it was. Our grateful thanks too to our committee and our volunteers who worked hard to make it a very successful event.

On 9th December we held a festive workshop in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall. Our thanks to Katherine Amis from Flower Shack Norwich, who brought beautiful fresh festive flowers, foliage, and sundries and for inspiring us to create a tasteful festive centrepiece for our Christmas dinner tables. At this busy time of year, it was great just to turn up and have everything provided for us. The workshop was enjoyed by all including those new to flower arranging and those who have been arranging for a while.

January 2024 – Our first meeting of the year was held in the Methodist Church Hall in Hethersett which is a change to our usual venue. This was due to the Hethersett Panto being in full swing in the Village Hall. We welcomed Brenda Tubb, a local demonstrator and tutor who demonstrated "Bloomin' Marvellous".

And Bloomin Marvellous it was too. Brenda produced numerous designs including spring flowers, beautiful orchids and unusual roses, clematis, gerberas and carnations - all in fabulous colours and hues. Her containers and mechanics, often sourced from charity shops, were fascinating and Brenda gave us lots of tips whilst entertaining us with her amusing stories.

We had a good turnout on a miserable January evening with our members and several new faces, whom we are always pleased to welcome.

Looking ahead, Monday 25th March is our AGM and fish and chip supper with speaker James Malt who will be giving a talk about The Plantation Garden in Norwich. This is a ticketed event at just £15. Contact Lynn for tickets. You will find her contact details on the next page.

Our friendly Flower Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month at Hethersett Village Hall, unless otherwise stated.

There are no meetings in August or December. We have a raffle when we have a demonstration. Do come along as you might win a prize. Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £5 per normal meeting.

Lynn Rawlings Chair: 01603  
457888 leopardlynn@hotmail.com

Follow us on Facebook – Cringleford &  
Hethersett Flower Club



# Groups and Societies

## Friends of Hethersett Library

THE Friends of Hethersett Library opened its 2024 programme on February 22nd with a talk and presentation by Mel Perkins on his memories of growing up and living in Hethersett with particular emphasis on Hethersett Railway Station and Hethersett Racecourse. Mel's talk was entitled "Trains, Aches and Pains."

In April there will be a return visit from Paddy Anstey with more tales from the railways and in June Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens will be talking about coronation celebrations in Norfolk through the ages. Tickets for these events will be £5 which once again includes light refreshments and we will have more details in coming editions of Hethersett Herald and in our sister magazine Good News.

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## THE RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group) with Viv Hawes

OUR January meeting with Peter Steward and John Head saw the harrowing tale of the Second World War massacre at Le Paradis brought to life by a duo concerned that this tale of bravery and terrible tragedy should not be forgotten. The day by day account of the conflict, together with the maps and photographs of some of those involved, allowed us to have a glimpse of how war is conducted, not always in a heroic or moral way. The book our guests have written is coming out shortly and will be well worth reading.

On a lighter note, our speaker for March is our old friend Edna Standley. Edna was our helper for a time and we were very sad to see her leave, but she has put her talents to the knit and natter groups. These bands of knitters have made a huge contribution to local organisations and the neo natal unit at the hospital with their wonderful gifts.

Please come and join us at Hethersett Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 pm for an interesting talk and home-made goodies with tea or coffee. We charge £4 with the chance to make new friends or even meet up with old ones. For more information please contact me at [viv.hawes@talktalk.net](mailto:viv.hawes@talktalk.net) or on 01603 811347.

## Village Hub Open For Bookings

By Sarah Lawrence

THE new name for the pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field is Hethersett Community Hub. This building now incorporates up-to-the-minute sports changing facilities and can accommodate two separate teams and two groups of match officials to the latest Football Association standards.

The other part of the building, which is available to residents of our village for hire, has a large room that will comfortably seat 60.

There is also a smaller room and a fully fitted kitchen. In addition there are toilet facilities including one for disabled users.

The whole building incorporates "no step" access for easy entry.

All rooms are now available for hire. If you are planning a party, a meeting or a regular event, please email [MPFThehethersett@gmail.com](mailto:MPFThehethersett@gmail.com) or leave a message on 07470689803 to express an interest.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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

<https://hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

**Hethersett Croquet Club** meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays during the summer months. 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 are available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Hethersett Methodist Church** offers Wednesday morning coffee from 9 am.

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

**Hethersett Forget Me Not Café** (under the auspices of Hethersett Dementia Support Group) holds twice monthly meetings in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30. The group also meets at Hethersett Hall Care Home on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club** plays weekly in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons. The club opens at 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start and finishes around 4.30 pm.

**Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Bowls Club** meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 pm during the summer months from April onwards.

**The Paint With Us Art Group** meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Thursdays from 1.30 pm until 4 pm.

**Hethersett Gardening Club** meets on the third Wednesday of each month (apart from December when it is on the second Wednesday) at 7.30 pm in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall.

**St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group** meets on the first Tuesday of each month in St Remigius Church from 10 am until midday.

**Hethersett Village Screen** shows current films in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm on the first Sunday of each month from September until May.

**Hethersett Parish Council** meets in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of each month.

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If you would like your organisation/group represented in Hethersett Herald, please send details of meeting time, place and any other information you would like printed to the editor at: [petersteward@sky.com](mailto:petersteward@sky.com).

# Hethersett Herald What's On and Opening Hours

Opening hours for Hethersett Community Post Office in Hethersett Library are as follows:

Monday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

Tuesday: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm

Wednesday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

Thursday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

Friday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

Saturday: 9.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Sunday—Closed

Library users with Open Access will be able to get into the building using their library cards. Those without Open Access wishing to use the post office will need to ring the doorbell and will be admitted by one of the post office volunteers.

The Post Office is closed for lunch between 1 pm and 1.30 pm.



## St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

**Our Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 10-00 – 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 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

**Future Dates:                      Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024  
   Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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



# Wymondham Music Events Group Presents

Counterfeit Quo  
Sunday  
5th May 2024  
7:30pm  
Tickets: £18



## Wymondham Central Hall

Back Lane, Wymondham, NR18 0QB

For Tickets : Norman and Helen - 01953 600563

George R Reeve Gifts & Stationery, Market Street, Wymondham, NR18 0BB  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-music-events-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-music-events-group)

*In Aid of 3 local charities - all 2024 profits will be divided between:*

Wymondham Dementia Support Group - Charity No. 1143347  
Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper - Charity No. 1089872  
Star Throwers Cancer Support - Charity No. 1162237



A horse winning a race at a canter.

But what is the Hethersett connection.

We will reveal it in the April edition of Hethersett Herald which will be online at the end of the month.

# At your Library

## in Hethersett



### Regular Events at Hethersett Library

**Knit, Stitch and Natter** - Mondays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Browse all events online by scanning the QR code**

Alternatively, speak to staff or call us at 0344 800 8020



# Keep Warm and Well this Winter



## Hethersett Library

40 Queens Rd.  
Hethersett  
NR9 3DB

### Staffed hours

Monday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Wednesday 11am - 7pm  
Thursday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Friday 1:30pm - 7pm  
Saturday 11am - 4pm

Visit your local library to pick up **FREE** Winter essentials

### Keep Warm and Well

Help yourself to a blanket and hot water bottle.

Free hot drinks are available (see library for times).



### Toiletries Bag

Bag contains: deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste.

Adults and children's toothbrushes are available to help yourself to or ask a member of staff.



### Tricky Period

Bag contains: 1 x pack of regular and 1 x pack of super or night pads.

Sustainable items are available while stocks last (including: period cups, washable pads, period pants).



**If you can't see what you need, please ask a member of staff.**



Hethersett  
ACADEMY

# LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

**Music and Lyrics by  
Laurence O'Keefe and Neil Benjamin**

**Book by  
Heather Hach**

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown  
and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

**14 March 2024 at 7pm**

**15 March 2024 at 7pm**

**16 March 2024 at 3pm & 7pm**

£9 Adults / £5 Students / Under-11s free

[www.hethersettacademy.org/bookings](http://www.hethersettacademy.org/bookings)

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

# easter fair

Come along to Hethersett Hall Care Home  
for our Easter Fair!

**Thursday 28th March**

**11am – 3pm**

Grab your baskets for our Easter Egg Hunt,  
and our Easter-themed games,  
competitions and stalls!

Refreshments are available  
throughout the afternoon!

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

**Hethersett Hall Care Home**

Norwich Road, Hethersett, Norfolk, NR9 3AP

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# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Open Library

### Extending opening hours at your library

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

#### Library Available\*

Monday	8am – 7pm
Tuesday	8am – 7pm
Wednesday	8am – 7pm
Thursday	8am – 7pm
Friday	8am – 7pm
Saturday	8am – 4pm
Sunday	10am – 4pm

#### Staffed Hours

Monday	1.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday	Unstaffed
Wednesday	11am – 7pm
Thursday	1.30pm – 7pm
Friday	1.30pm – 7pm
Saturday	11am – 4pm
Sunday	Unstaffed

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

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

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

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

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

**HETHERSETT METHODIST CHURCH**

*The Singing Fellowship invites you to an*

***EASTER MUSIC AND TEA AFTERNOON***  
***on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30 pm***

*There will be the singing of hymns and songs,  
Bible readings and poems and of course  
Tea and Cake.*

*Do come along and join with us -*

*A warm welcome awaits*



**Hethersett Village Screen**  
Community Cinema

In association with 

 Hethersett Village Screen  
 @hethersettvs

Sunday 7th January 2024	The Old Oak (15)	All screenings at 3pm
Sunday 4th February	A Haunting In Venice (12A)	
Sunday 3rd March	The Great Escaper (12A)	Hethersett Village Hall
Sunday 7th April (12)	Barbie	All tickets £5 ea.
Sunday 12th May (15)	Oppenheimer	

# Hethersett Herald What's On



[www.hethersett-yc.co.uk](http://www.hethersett-yc.co.uk)  
Back Lane, Hethersett  
NR9 3JJ

# Youth Club

During term time

**Wednesday 5:45 - 7:15**  
(School Years 5 & 6)  
**Friday 7:00 - 8:30 (Year 7+)**

£2 per session (Tuck is also available for a small amount on the night)

 @Hethersett Jubilee Youth Centre

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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 towards 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 Benefice—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 individual edition costs just 60p and an annual subscription is just £5 for 12 issues.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list and take out a subscription, please contact Kim Arnall on 01953 308309.



**Good News**  
Your Monthly Parish Magazine

February 2024

Little Melton All Saints | Hethersett St Remigius | Great Melton All Saints

£5 per year for a monthly copy of the magazine including distribution to your address or 60p per copy





# Knit & Natter

Join us for a natter whilst you knit!

**Fortnightly at 10.30 am.**

Come along to our weekly Knit & Natter group,  
enjoy a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

**Light refreshments are available.**



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# Community litter pick dates 2024

- **Saturday 16th March, 10am - Methodist Church, Hethersett**



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

# Spring fair

Sunday April 14th

from 10am to 4pm  
at Park Farm Hotel  
Hethersett, NR9 3DL

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# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Hethersett Social Club Opening Hours

Current opening hours are:

Monday \*Closed\*

Tuesday 7pm - 11pm

Wednesday 7pm - 11pm

Thursday 7pm - 11pm

Friday 5pm - 11.30pm

Saturday 12pm - Midnight

Sunday 12pm - 8pm



# Business Opening Hours

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

**Kin Café** at Rowan House in Queen's Road is open on Monday to Friday from 8 am until 4 pm. You can find the café as part of the Rowan House complex in Queen's Road. Dogs are welcome.

**Hethersett Butchers** in Great Melton Road is open from 9 am to 6.30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 9 am until 3 pm on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays. 01603 810293. [www.thehethersettbutchers.co.uk](http://www.thehethersettbutchers.co.uk). E mail [hethersettbutcher@btinternet.com](mailto:hethersettbutcher@btinternet.com) and Facebook [@thehethersettbutchersltd](https://www.facebook.com/thehethersettbutchersltd).

## Podcast On The Way

To mark our 100th edition, Sophie Stanley is currently working on a new podcast for Hethersett Herald. The podcast will feature news and views taken from Herald.

Work on this project is in its infancy but it is hoped to release further details of where and how you can receive the podcast during February.

It is hoped that the Hethersett Herald podcast will become a welcome addition to our coverage of the village going forward.

Don't forget that the online magazine is published either at the end or at the beginning of each month. Please support us by passing on details to anyone you feel would be interested in hearing the latest news from our village.



Come and Join Us  
at the

**Coffee Stop**

9am to 12pm  
Every Wednesday

**Hethersett Methodist Church**

*Gt Melton Road, NR9 3AB*

is offering

**a Gathering Space**

*A space for all, as well as an  
opportunity for Ukrainians settling in  
the area, to meet each other.*

**a Coffee**

*(Tea and Squash is also available!)*

**a Warm Welcome**

## March What's On

**Friday 1st** - World Day of Prayer service, Hethersett Methodist Church at 2 pm.

**Sunday 3rd**—Hethersett Village Screen presents “The Great Escaper”. Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Tuesday 5th**—St Remigius Baby and Toddler Group meets in the church, 10 am.

**Tuesday 5th**—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café time for a chat. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**Thursday 7th**—Hethersett, Wymondham and Attleborough Disability Group meeting, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 2 pm.

**Saturday 9th**—Annual Great Melton litter pick—9.30 to 12.30. Meet at Great Melton Village Hall (cricket pavilion).

**Monday 11th**—Great Melton Parish Council meeting, Great Melton Village Hall, (cricket pavilion) 7.30 pm.

**Friday 15th**—Easter Music and Tea Afternoon, Hethersett Methodist Church 2.30 pm.

**Saturday 16th**—St Remigius Messy Church, 4-6 pm. See earlier for details.

**Tuesday 19th**—Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café Reminiscences with Lesley Woodton. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**Wednesday 20th**—Hethersett Gardening Club. Dr Ian Bedford speaks about “Gardens for Us and Them”. This will be preceded by the club’s AGM. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 25th** – Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club AGM and fish and chip supper with speaker James Malt who will be giving a talk about The Plantation Garden in Norwich.

**Wednesday 27th**—The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group). Talk by Edna Standley. Hethersett Village Hall, 2 pm.

OUR sister publication Good News has a new look front cover.

The magazine, which is published in printed form towards the end of each month, is Christian based and covers the parishes of Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton.

It includes details of church services and what is happening in the three churches of All Saints Little Melton, All Saints and St Mary’s Great Melton and St Remigius Hethersett, along with other local news that falls into the category of Good News.

The publication also carries paid for advertising and is full colour throughout. Individual copies are available from a number of outlets at 60p per copy but an annual subscription is just £5 for 12 copies which works out at just over 40p per copy and for that you can have it delivered to your door each month for no extra cost thanks to a number of volunteers.

Good news is entirely run by volunteers and money from subscriptions and advertising covers the cost of printing. If you would like to subscribe to Good News or take out an advert, please contact Kim Arnall on 01953 308309.

You can view the new cover opposite. It has been designed for the publication free of charge by Kim Arnall’s daughter Laura and her partner Michael through Michael’s company Bunnyduck Designs.

The company has a website which will give you more details of their web and graphic design work at:

<https://bunnyduck.design>

## Institution Service

The institution service for the new rector of Hethersett and the Meltons, the Rev Lynn Chapman, will be at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd April in St Remigius, Church Hethersett.



# A Massacre and A Major

Hethersett Herald columnist John Head remembers a massacre and a skilled musician.

AS most of the readers of the Hethersett Herald and Peter Steward's blog are aware we are both members of the Le Paradis Commemoration Group.

Our group was formed in 2016/17 to highlight and remember the massacre at Le Paradis which had become known as 'the forgotten massacre'.

This must not to be confused with the book of the same name by Guy Rommelaere which highlights the massacre on the following day (28<sup>th</sup> May 1940) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Warwicks at Wormhoud (Wormhoudt) by the SS Liebstandarte Adolf Hitler.

The official launch of our Hell in Paradise website took place at Dereham Memorial Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 since when this massacre has proved far from forgotten, not only culminating in a memorial in the grounds of Norwich Cathedral but by the number of persons and links we have created through the website which span the United Kingdom and as far as Australia.

One of these links came to mind when I saw Peter's blog in early January this year as he travelled to Eastbourne to be with the new addition to his family, Lyla Louise.

A couple of the photographs Peter had taken were of the bandstand on Eastbourne's sea front and a link to Le Paradis came flooding back demonstrating how far our research arm had extended.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May 1940 the 'Bataille de Paradis' involved not only 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion the Royal Norfolks but also 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Royal Scots. Both battalions fought side by side. After the surrender some members of these battalions were fortunate to be taken prisoners of war. One of these was Major Jimmy Howe MBE of The Royal Scots.

In 1943 he was repatriated as a medic to assist with wounded British prisoners who were also being repatriated.

Major Jimmy Howe MBE



Major Jimmy Howe was a skilled musician and after the war played an integral part in the remembrance services at Le Paradis which were organised by the Royal Scots and the Royal Norfolks, the latter as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Dunkirk Veterans Association.

Lifelong friendships were built between the battalions and invaluable information exchanged concerning the build-up, defence, surrender and massacre at Le Paradis, notably a letter exchange between Bob Brown (Royal Norfolks) and Jimmy Howe (Royal Scots) of their memories when they were both defending Le Paradis.

The Bandstand at Eastbourne



In 1949 Major Jimmy Howe became Bandmaster of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and in 1970 was appointed Senior Director of Music (Guards Division). He was responsible for organising music for Trooping of the Colour, the annual London Cenotaph Armistice Parade and providing orchestras for state banquets at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. His MBE was awarded for services to military music.

Major Howe retired from the army in 1974 and went on to direct concerts for the BBC. In 1983 he moved to Eastbourne where he was closely involved in organising band concerts and was vice president of the national ex-prisoner of war association and president of the Eastbourne branch of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association. During the 1960s and 70s he brought The Scots Guards Band to Eastbourne for two weeks of concerts each year.

He regularly attended the pilgrimages organised by the Royal Norfolks and Royal Scots to the annual commemoration services at Le Paradis.

In 2002 his autobiography 'A Conductor's Journey' was published. He died in 2005 at the age of 87.

I have taken the reader on Major Jimmy Howes 'Conductor's Journey' but it was Peter Steward's journey to Easbourne that brought back the relationships the Le Paradis Commemoration Group had discovered over the recent years between the two battalions following our research into the atrocity.

Photographs:

Major J Howe, 'A Conductor' Journey' and information on Major Howe: Alan Howe (son)

Bandstand at Eastbourne: John Head Collection.

The Editor Writes—Eastbourne is a very special place for us and somewhere we visit regularly as our eldest son has lived there ever since going to University when it was part of the University of Brighton.

I vaguely remember Major Howe and his connection with the bandstand concerts which obviously took place long before we started visiting.

I was delighted when we uncovered the connection between Major Howe, Eastbourne and Le Paradis.

Our book Hell in Paradise will be published within the next few weeks and we will have full details and reviews of it in the April edition of Hethersett Herald.

If you want to know anything more about the Massacre at Le Paradis please visit our website at [www.leparadismassacre.com](http://www.leparadismassacre.com).

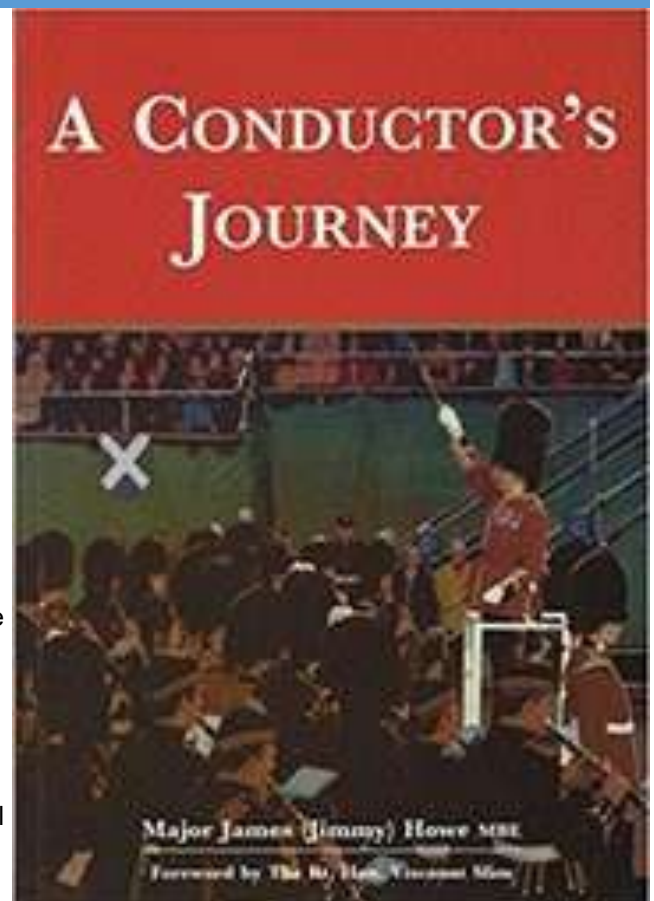
My daily blog which covers many different subjects including life in Hethersett can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/486377568989294>

Peter Steward



The photograph above and the two on the previous page are of the bandstand at Eastbourne and were taken in 2018. This was where Major Jimmy Howe in the 1960s and 1970s organised concerts involving the Band of the Scots Guards.





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