



Daredevil grandmother is set to take the plunge for charity

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A woman is throwing herself out of a plane to raise money for a worthy cause.

Sharon Hulbert, media and fundraising manager at The Matthew Project, is leaping into the sky on Sunday, June 30, and she is appealing for others to join her.

The grandmother of two is aiming to raise more than £500 when she takes on the adrenaline-fuelled challenge.

She said: "June is recovery month and we will be celebrating people who have recovered from drug and alcohol addiction.

"I'm terrified about doing the skydive, but when it is over, I am sure I will be fine. It will be a fantastic feeling."

Mrs Hulbert, who lives in Dilham, near North Walsham, has also lost three-and-a-half stone since September.

"It was my idea to hold the event in a moment of madness. I'm trying not to think about it at the moment. I'm not one of those people who has always wanted to do a skydive," she added.

"If you are going to ask people to give money to charity, you have to do something that you will find pretty scary."

The Matthew Project is a charity which supports those with drug and alcohol issues in Norfolk and Suffolk.



The sky's the limit: Sharon Hulbert, who will be throwing herself out of a plane to raise money for The Matthew Project.

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The tandem skydive event will be held at Beccles Airfield.

The skydives are organised by UK Parachuting and as many as 100 people could potentially

take part on the day. At least £100 goes to the charity for each skydiver, so not only will those participating have an unforgettable and exhilarating

experience, they will also raise funds for a very good cause.

→ **To take part or find out more information, visit www.ukparachuting.co.uk/events**

Spixworth

→ On Saturday, March 30, the band Redlead will perform at Spixworth social club from 9pm. The event is free for members and £2 for non-members. On Sunday, March 31 at 8pm, there will be a music quiz. Teams of four can enter at a cost of £1 per person. There will be a WI special event at the village hall on Tuesday, April 30 from 7.30pm. Trevor Hewitt will be telling the story of the crew of the Boston Belle, the Liberator which crashed at Frettenham on a cold winter night during WW1. The story was told to Trevor by his father, who on that fateful night went with Trevor's grandfather to help rescue the crew. Many years later Trevor managed to contact surviving crew members and relatives of those lost.

Surviving crew members

have returned to visit

Trevor and his family at Frettenham.

This is their story, also a story of local history not to be missed.

Admission £3.50 including refreshments. Proceeds to Spixworth WI and Air Ambulance. Tickets maybe obtained in advance by calling 01603 890877.

Hethersett

Hethersett Parish Council is objecting to the proposed building of 158 new homes north of Great Melton Road on the grounds that it would produce excessive traffic through the village and put further pressure on existing amenities such as schools and the doctors' surgery. Construction traffic would also cause serious nuisance to residents. A recommendation that the scheme be refused will be sent to South Norfolk District Council.

→ A vacancy on the Parish Council can be filled without an election, the latest meeting heard. The vacancy has arisen following the resignation of vice-chairman Gary Wyatt and the council will be aiming to co-opt at its next meeting on April 15. The closing date for applications is April 5.

Details of how to apply for the position have been posted on parish owned noticeboards and are also available from parish clerk Ian Weetman on 01603 810915 or via e-mail at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

→ **At its latest meeting, councillors discussed the future of the village archive and have met with Norfolk Libraries Service to draw up plans for a possible extension to Hethersett Library to create a parish office and house the archives.**

An archive group will be following this up as well as looking into other possible alternatives to house and display the historic documents.

→ Two sites are being considered for a defibrillator which could be donated to the village by the Co-Op. Hethersett Village Hall and Hethersett Methodist Church have both offered to house the machine on outside walls. The Co-Op will survey both sites to see if either is appropriate.

Cash boost for village shop

The Cancer Community Chest in Brundall has been given a funding boost thanks to the kindness and hard work of one of its volunteers by winning a Sainsbury's Local Heroes award.

Sue Hewitt, who works for the supermarket in Thorpe St Andrew on Pound Lane, has been busy volunteering for her local village charity shop in Brundall, Cancer Community Chest, which is based on The Street.

Sue donates her time every Monday and helps in the shop when they are short staffed.

The charity provides holidays, respite care and equipment to those suffering from cancer or other diseases, injuries or

disabilities. The matched giving scheme run by Sainsbury's is called Local Heroes and means the Pound Lane Store employee was able to increase the support she gives the charity by an extra £200.

Sue initially approached the store manager explaining that she and her fellow volunteers took flasks of hot drinks to the charity shop as they didn't have a kettle or equipment there. Pound Lane store manager Andy Stewardson said: "Upon hearing this, I was pleased to offer Sue and her fellow volunteers a kettle and crockery. We are very proud to have colleagues who are so dedicated in helping the local community."



Volunteers: Sue Hewitt, centre, enjoying a hot drink with her fellow volunteers at Cancer Community Chest.