

# HETHERSETT HERALD

Archive Edition

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## Archive Editions of Hethersett Herald

WELCOME to the second of Hethersett Herald archive editions where we look at the village in years gone by in an e-magazine format. This time we look at just a few of the things happening in our village in February 2007.

# Going Green For Hethersett

THE HEAT is well and truly on in Hethersett.

For the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is looking for more help in its attempts to spruce the village up ready for spring and summer.

The group regularly looks at ways of enhancing the beauty of the village and improving the environment by undertaking litter picks, clearing up unsatisfactory areas and keeping wildlife areas clear of debris.

Now it is looking for additional help from those willing to "give an hour or two occasionally."

Already youngsters from the village have indicated their willingness to help, but there is plenty of opportunity for others to pitch in as HEAT member George Beckford (pictured opposite) explained:

"Some scouts have indicated their willingness to help, but there is plenty to do including litter picks, digging and planting and taking part in the village summer open gardens scheme," George said, adding that the group also oversees the annual Hethersett in Bloom competition.



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# Environmental Group Lobbies For Help

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The next HEAT litter pick will take place on Saturday 24th February and the March meeting of the group in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall will look at ways to make Hethersett a "Green Community."

"We are all aware of climate change and the need for Government, local authorities and businesses to take positive steps, but we can all contribute to doing something about this calamity. We are asking local people to think about their every day functions and how they can reduce waste and energy demands. Reduced energy equals reduced bills," HEAT member and leading Hethersett environmentalist George Beckford said.

Judging for this year's Hethersett in Bloom competitions will take place on 16th June and various gardens will be open to the public on 1st July between 2 and 6 pm. Environmentalists and children in Hethersett are uniting to help clean up the local environment.

The Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is made up of volunteers who, for the past six years, have been carrying out numerous environmental improvements to the village.

Members have recently been helping Woodside First School children to clean up, place bird boxes and plant flowers and shrubs.

"Only a few of our members can manage school hours, so we are hoping to extend our support by uniting with the Friends of the School group," said George Beckford.

The group's first job has been arranged for March 1st when members will tidy up the lime walk, place hedgehog boxes and plant more shrubs.

"We are also looking to unite with others. Scouts and Guides have both indicated their desire to assist and we are looking forward to our community uniting so that everyone can benefit from what we do," Mr Beckford added.

## A Christmas Cracker

The annual Christmas display by Hethersett's Margaret and Tony Dunton raised £270 from donations. Over the past decade the couple have brightened up the festive season in Firs Road with a colourful display of Christmas figures and lights in their front garden. They have sent £100 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance appeal and £270 for the local doctors' surgery equipment appeal.

# Following in the Footsteps of Moses



A NORWICH dentist who lives in Little Melton and attends Hethersett Methodist Church is hoping to change the way the world smiles by following in the steps of Moses.

Victoria Rushton (pictured opposite) will be undertaking a gruelling trek in November to raise money for the Dentaid charity that supports oral health programmes in almost 50 countries.

Victoria will be spending four days climbing 2,265 metres up Mount Sinai and trekking 41 km in difficult terrain including routes taken by Moses in his 40 year trek. Victoria and her husband will be covering all the travel expenses, so all money raised will go to Dentaid.

Victoria is no stranger to raising money and working for underprivileged children:

“Dentaid is working hard to improve the oral health of some of the very poor and underprivileged in the world. Having recently returned

from working in Tanzania with the Bridge2aid charity, I have seen the huge need first hand and not only would like to help there again, but would also like to help Dentaid in their work worldwide,” Victoria said.

She has already received monetary pledges from friends, colleagues and patients at the dental practice in Hall Road, Norwich, where she works. She is now busy training for the journey:

“I'm training hard at the moment both at the gym at Barnham Broom and walking sections of the Pedders Way. Both the training and fundraising are proving quite a challenge due to injury setbacks and the need of so many charities.

**Previously Victoria joined other dentists and nurses from the United Kingdom for a two week volunteer programme in Mwanza, Tanzania for the charity Bridge2Aid.**

**There she was involved in community work amongst the very poor and outcasts and also took part in a training programme for health care workers run in partnership with the Tanzanian government.**

**The dental teams go out three times a year, mainly to give practical teaching in safe extraction techniques to those health care workers based in remote parts of the country.**

**At the time Victoria said the work provided her with “a great opportunity and a challenge to work in a totally different community.”**

“Dentaid is a very small oral health charity little known outside of dentistry. They provide equipment for developing countries and are involved in setting up pioneer prevention projects and oral health education in some of the poorest countries worldwide.

“Despite their size they have a huge impact where they work and are unique. It has been a privilege to help them in the past raise funds by joining a previous fundraising trek on the Great Wall of China and I hope I can raise significant funds for them again so they can continue their work.”

“By sponsoring me to trek across the Sinai, you will be helping me to change the way the world smiles,” she added.

## Village Shorts

Linda Gibbons spoke to Hethersett Methodist Church's Ladies Breakfast on her work in the Gambia.

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Hethersett Churches together organised a barn dance with music provided by the Shenanikins Folk Band at Little Melton Village Hall. As well as raising funds for the group, a raffle resulted in a donation for the East Anglian Air Ambulance

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Hethersett Athletic Ladies football team have won the Eastern Region Women's Division One title after beating Chelmsford Ladies 7-0 at Easton College.

With the league title safely in the bag they now turn their attention to cup matches with a League Cup quarter-final against Cambridge City on March 11th and a Two Counties Cup Semi-Final against Norwich City Racers on March 18th.

## Charitable Pantomime

**This year's Hethersett pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk," raised over £4,400 for local charities.**

**A bucket collection at the end of each performance raised £2,035 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. In addition £300 has been sent to Hethersett Parish Church, Little Melton Church, Hethersett Methodist Church and Wymondham Roman Catholic Church.**

**Cheques for £300 have also been presented to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital towards its heart surgery facility appeal and the Hethersett Doctors' Surgery towards a new defibrillator.**

**Local youngster Juliana Ball was also given a donation towards her proposed trip to work in Africa.**

**Writer and Producer Duncan Pigg said he was delighted with the outcome: "I am very pleased with the result. It was the best response we have had," he said.**

# Hethersett Herald

Hethersett Herald is a monthly publication looking at all aspects of village life with news, features and comment. It is put together entirely by volunteers and is an independent publication with no allegiance to any political or religious group.

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Hethersett History will be an e-magazine looking at specific years in the past.

## In Our Next Edition

OUR next edition of Hethersett Herald Archive takes a look at what was happening in the village in March 2007. We report on an “outstanding” Ofsted report for Woodside School and take a look at Hethersett’s entry into the Anglia in Bloom competition.

There is an intriguing look at a satirical musical whilst, still on the arts theme, Hethersett Parish Council chairman George Beckford publishes a book of original poetry.

We also have an exclusive interview with internationally renowned soprano Elizabeth Watts who lived in Little Melton and was involved in the life of Hethersett.

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