

HETHERSETT NEWSLETTER

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Clean Up For The Queen

MEMBERS of Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) have been sprucing up Hethersett as part of the Clean for the Queen initiative, which aims to clean up the UK of litter in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday in June.

They are pictured opposite before setting off



Parking Problems

HETHERSETT Parish Council has received an increasing number of complaints about inconsiderate car parking in the village, particularly in the Recreation Road/Firs Road area at the time of the morning and afternoon school runs.

Please park with consideration in the village as vehicles parking on paths and verges cause an obstruction for parents with buggies, mobility scooter users, and other pedestrians.

A reminder that parents dropping children off at Woodside School can use the car park at the Memorial Playing Field.

Parish Precept

The Parish Council precept (budget) for 2016/17 will be £82,650, comprising of £78,346 precept and £4,304 council grant, a slight increase on the previous year.

The Band D charge for 2016/17 will be £39.02 compared with £38.69 for 2015/16.

News From Your Council

Annual Parish Meeting - Hethersett's annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4th May, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to comment on or make suggestions to improve aspects of life in your community. A number of local groups and organisations, along with schools, will give reports. Please try to attend and contribute to what is happening in our village.

Parish Pop Ins - A reminder that regular monthly parish pop ins are being held in Hethersett Library on the second Monday of each month from 2 pm. This gives residents the opportunity to meet parish councillors, find out how the council works and bring up issues that can then be discussed at subsequent parish council meetings.

Appeal For Village Hall Trustees

AS a resident of Hethersett, we all benefit from the many community groups that function to maintain and develop our village, often working quietly in the background. Their successful continuation relies on a small group of volunteers, often called trustees, who are elected on an annual basis at the Hethersett Annual Parish Meeting in May. Some of these trustees are appointed by the parish council but the majority are elected by the parishioners and in recent years, Hethersett, as a community, has failed to appoint enough trustees, often damaging the smooth and efficient operation of the group.

Many residents will have enjoyed using the village hall facilities, either attending some of the many activities and events in the hall or using it for a celebration of their own. While some of the Village Hall trustees are willing to serve again, there is always the need for people with experience, such as accounting and administration, to help as well as for those able to do some of the routine jobs required in maintaining the hall and its facilities.

An immediate challenge is to replace the treasurer who is retiring in May. Your expertise, perhaps untapped, could be of enormous benefit to us so please, if you are interested or would like to know more about what is involved, contact myself, Fred Watkins, Secretary Hethersett Village Hall, Tel 811390 or any committee member (names are on the notice board in the hall).

Lifetime Achievement Award

THERE was a hat-trick of wins for Hethersett groups and individuals when South Norfolk Council held its annual community awards at the John Innes Institute.

Former Hethersett Parish Councillor Heather Williamson was given the lifetime hero award in recognition of her work as a co-founder of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) which is a sub committee of the parish council.



Heather has been instrumental in organising the Hethersett open gardens' scheme and regular litter picks. Heather was also praised for championing the elderly and working with local clubs to engage with those with medical or other problems.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group was named group of the year and Anne Steward was named Volunteer of the Year. Heather and Anne are pictured above.

National Recognition for Badminton Club

CONGRATULATIONS to Hethersett Badminton Club which has gained Badminton England Premier (Clubmark) status and is the only such club within 25 miles of Norwich. Coaching is available from seven years upwards. For more information visit the club's web site at: www.hethersettbadminton.co.uk. The club is a member of Hethersett and the Melton's Sports Association which meets quarterly at Park Fam Hotel to promote sport, fitness, health and well being throughout Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton.

Contact Details for Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Ian Weetman can be contacted at 18, Haconsfield, Hethersett, NR9 3AW. His telephone number is 01603 810915

News From Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club

LOOKING for something to do after school? Want to meet with friends and make new ones and take part in activities, games, craft and a tuck shop? Then Jubilee Youth Club is for you. We meet Wednesday evenings in term time - Years Five and Six from 5.45 until 7.30 pm and Years Seven to Nine Plus from 7.30 to 9.15 pm. Fees are £1.50 per week plus tuck shop money. The club is in Back Lane, Hethersett, opposite the village hall, and is supported by the parish council.

Forthcoming Events

The club will be holding a fete and fun dog show on Saturday, 25th June, from midday to 3:30 pm. There will be stalls, games, a barbecue, refreshments and of course a dog show. Stalls and pitches are £5 each and can be booked on 01953 607566. Items needed for the fete include a large tent or marquee for the dog show in case of wet weather, a gazebo or small tent for stalls in case of rain or hot weather, gift bags for bottles and tombola items

Vacancy

The club is looking for an assistant to work alongside its youth worker on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 pm in term time. Hours may increase as numbers do so this may become 5.45-9.30 pm in the future. Salary at present is £10 an hour. If interested please contact Gillian Saunders on 01953 607566 as soon as possible for details and an application form.

Sitting Pretty

A new seat funded by Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) from the proceeds of last year's Open Gardens event is now in place in the centre of the village.

The seat (part of which is pictured opposite) commemorates the centenary of World War One and is dedicated to the memories of the 17 men who gave their lives in defence of their country in the 1914-1918 conflict.

