



# Champions Again

**HETHERSETT** was crowned Norfolk Village Games county champions for the second time in three years on July 10th - and this time we will keep the title forever.

It was the seventh and final county games following a decision by organisers Active Norfolk to wrap things up following one last hurrah in 2016.

Teams from all over Norfolk took part in 10 different sports ranging from table tennis and five-a-side football to darts and rounders.

# Damp Days

**JUNE 2016** will go down as one of the wettest months on record. But just how wet was it?

Hethersett Village Archivist and keen amateur weather watcher Gary Wyatt has been monitoring weather trends in the village for decades. You can read his thoughts on our wet summer weather on page six



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# Norfolk Village Games Report Special

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As well as winning the large villages and market towns section, Hethersett was victorious in a number of individual sports including rounders, tennis, archery, gymnastics and table tennis.

Hethersett beat off strong challenges from Downham Market, Long Stratton, Fakenham and Aylsham to win the section for villages and market towns with populations of over 5,000.

Members of the winning Hethersett team included: Archery - Kathy, Paul and Freya Judkins and Jonah Lewis. Athletics/Fitness Challenge - Adam and Nicola Lewis, Jack Gorman, Freya Judkins. Badminton - Diane Picton and Paul Rodgers. Darts - Mike Jackson. Gymnasticators - Lyndsay Yellop, Helen Lawn, Evie Sayer, Lucy Bradford. Five-a-side Football - Players from Hethersett Athletic. Rounders - Peter Steward, Gavin Hatt, Sim Ottaway, Steve Walker, Aaron Walker, Aaron Bradford, Jacob Scott, Leo Rodgers, Oliver Yellop, Freya Scott. Short Mat Bowls - David Neal, Bob and Marion Stevens, Peter Pearce. Table Tennis - Steve and Will Bussey. Tennis - David Youngs and Rachel Bradford

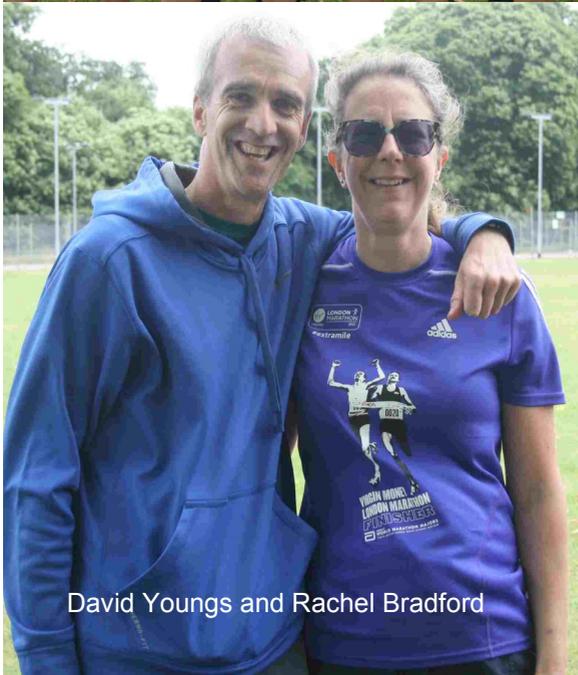


**Hethersett's five-a-side football team**

# Norfolk Village Games Picture Special



The rounders' team



David Youngs and Rachel Bradford



Mike Jackson

# Norfolk Village Games Picture Special



Opposite are father and son pairing Will and Steve Bussey who were overall champions in table tennis.

Below are Paul Rodgers and Diane Picton who represented Hethersett in badminton at

what will be the final ever Norfolk Village Games.

The winners' trophy is on display on Hethersett Library along with a number of other awards won over the past 16 years by the village, including the prestigious Prime Minister's Big Society award.

Congratulations to all those taking part.



# Long May She Rain Over Us..

**Hethersett Archivist Gary Wyatt is also a keen amateur weather watcher who has been monitoring weather trends in the village for the past 30 years. We asked him just how wet the month of June was.**

HAVE you taken the rain covers off your garden furniture yet this summer? If so, I bet you soon put them back, with frequent thunderstorms and torrential downpours flooding our roads and gardens, and making us think this must have been the wettest June on record

But was it? The general perception of the weather and how it compares to the past doesn't always square up to the facts. I've been an amateur observer of the weather for more than 40 years, the last 30 or so in Hethersett and I've been looking through my rainfall records for June in the past. I've listed the June rainfall for the last 20 years as recorded by my garden rain gauge.

The average June rainfall in the last 20 years of my records is 68.7 mm but you will no doubt notice that this average hides an enormous variation in amount from year to year. Why should this be?

Well, the answer lies in the kind of weather we experienced in June this year – thunderstorms! No doubt everyone has experienced driving some distance through a torrential storm, only to find a couple of miles further on that the ground is bone dry.

The nature of such storms is that they can be very localised and this can have an enormous effect on the amount of rain recorded in a particular spot.

Years	Rainfall (mm)
2016	143.5
2015	30.3
2014	44.9
2013	20.2
2012	87.7
2011	61.9
2010	42.4
2009	83.5
2008	49.2
2007	136.2
2006	15.7
2005	61.1
2004	30.3
2003	69.0
2002	36.3
2001	58.1
2000	69.8
1999	91.7
1998	110.4
1997	135.1
<b>20 year Hethersett Average</b>	
<b>68.7</b>	
<b>20 year Norfolk Average</b>	
<b>57.6</b>	

This is true also of the variation from year to year, with some years having no thunderstorms at all and others (like this year) having frequent storms.

Why the variation from year to year? Thunderstorms in south east England and

East Anglia often result from what the meteorologists call the 'Spanish plume'. This is nothing to do with the EU you will be relieved to hear but rather a column of very warm and moist air which develops over the Iberian plateau during the day and then drifts north. When this air collides with the cooler Atlantic airstream, normally found over the UK, severe storms can break out.

Typically, these storms hit our area overnight and you must all remember being woken in the early hours after a hot humid day by a loud clap of thunder and rain hammering on the roof. Sometimes this is not just an overnight phenomenon and the warm moist air becomes resident for several days, and this is what happened in mid-June this year, leading to the very high rainfall levels.

I started by mentioning our perception of the weather, and with rainfall in particular this is also affected by the number of days on which rain falls. It is very common in the UK for there to be months in which rain falls almost every day, leading to the idea that it has been very wet.

However, on many occasions like this, the amount that falls on each day can be small even though it goes on all day, for example when it is just drizzling or raining very gently. We may then feel that we have had a very wet period but total rainfall for the month will probably be much less than from a single summer thunderstorm.

So, it is common for weather observers also to note the number of 'rain days', that is, the number of 24 hour periods where any rain was recorded. The number of dry days in a month, especially in summer, greatly af-



fects how we feel the weather has been, particularly if the day of our fete or garden party was fine.

Perhaps surprisingly, data from the nearby Morley weather station shows the average number of dry days per month in June is 20 but even the wettest months of the year (October, November and December) still average more than 17 dry days per month. Of course, cloudier skies and lower temperatures in those months may not make a dry day particularly pleasant.

So, to answer my question at the start, was June 2016 a record breaker? Well, it was the highest June rainfall (just) in the last 20 years of my records but both 1997 and 2007 came close. In June 2007, of course, there was extensive destructive flooding in many areas of the UK.

Interesting, but perhaps not significant, is the fact the three peak Junes in my records come almost exactly 10 years apart. In contrast, in June 2006, the year before my second highest record, I recorded only 15.7 mm. In the famous hot and dry summer of 1976, I recorded 0.48 inches of rain (yes, inches in those days) which converts to 11.8 mm. This is lower than any year in the last 20, and most of that fell in one day, leaving about 28 days of June that year which were dry.

Was June 2016 the wettest month ever in my records? The answer to that is perhaps best left to a future article.

Gary will continue his weather watch in the September Hethersett Herald

## More Recognition for Hethersett Academy

Hethersett Academy has been recognised nationally as a centre of excellence for the training of teachers.

Our Academy is the region's newest National Teaching School, a designation that recognises the skill of a school in developing high quality teachers.

The Academy, which is part of the Inspiration Trust, will now support other schools within the trust, as well as other local schools.

Principal Gareth Stevens said: "This is fantastic recognition."

The announcement follows on inspections by OFSTED which rated the school as "outstanding."<sup>3</sup>

# Jubilee Youth Club Update

**By Gillian Saunders**

Thank you to everyone who supported the fete and dog show on Saturday, 25th June.

Thank you also to our lovely 'queen' who did such a wonderful job of opening the fete and awarding our lovely princesses with their rosettes and prizes.

We were so lucky with the timing of the storm in that the judging for Best in Show had just been completed! There were so many lovely dogs there I don't know how the judges were able to choose. I am glad I didn't have to judge them! The Best in show was Izzy owned by Stephanie and reserve was Charlie owned by Bridget. Congratulations to both dogs and we hope they will be back to defend their titles next year!

There was a lovely atmosphere even when the storm struck and everyone, including dogs, piled into the hall! We probably sold more tea and cake during the storm than during the rest of the afternoon!

We haven't got a final figure at the time of writing but it looks as if we made a little less than last year but we hope everyone who supported us had a good day. I have to thank so many people for coming and supporting us and for those who helped in any way. Special thanks go to Chapelfield Vets in Wymondham for sponsoring the dog show and to Premiere Rosettes of Wymondham for

kindly making and donating the rosettes for the dog show. I won't name any more people though in case I miss someone out!

We did, however, find out that the roof is leaking! We hope it is caused by the gutter which we are told needs to be replaced at a cost of £300. Cheaper than a new roof. It looks like more fundraising is called for! So if you have a good idea please don't keep it to yourself, let me know.

If you wish to hold a fundraiser for us then that would be absolutely fantastic. I hope that by the time club restarts on September 7th we will have a new leader or leaders in place to work alongside our volunteers and Susan, our assistant for the second Wednesday group.

We have lots of space in the group for years five and six (9-11 years) due to the members moving into the second group for those aged 11-14. (seven to nine school years) There are also some spaces in that group too due to members moving on. There is no need to pre book, just come along on a Wednesday evening to the hall 5:45-7:30 pm for the first group and 7:30-9:15 for the second group.

We are in need of at least two more volunteers for the younger group to join the rota. You only have to help, once a month or less if you volunteer for the fifth Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming new members to the club in September.

Anna Catlin, Emma Dufficy-Rope and Kate Smith



# A Pleasurable Experience

Peter Steward goes behind the doors at Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre in Queen's Road to meet two mothers who have benefited from the process known as hypnobirthing

**Giving birth is both one of the most natural but often most stressful events in a woman's life. Traditionally childbirth has been something that mothers have been expected to "grin and bear." But now there are a number of new methods to help women cope with labour, manage the pain and even make giving birth a pleasant experience.**

Rowan House in Hethersett is supporting a new method of giving birth entitled hypnobirthing. The name is slightly misleading as hypnotism is not involved. Hypnobirthing is more of a way of taking away the stress of childbirth through giving the mothers-to-be ways of coping with their labour .

I went along to meet practitioner and midwife Emma Dufficy-Rope and two mothers who firmly believe that hypnotherapy has not only helped them with the birth of their daughters but has also led to a new positive outlook on life in gen-

eral. So what exactly is hypnobirthing and what does it involve?

Hypnobirthing involves giving couples the information and strategies needed to achieve maximum relaxation throughout the whole birth process. It enables women to achieve a state of self-hypnosis through deep relaxation.

This state is entirely within their control and is designed to give them far more power over birthing. This state of relaxation then helps to facilitate an easier and calmer birth for the couple and their baby. Courses last for approximately 10 hours, normally complete over four weeks.

Hypnobirthing is about helping to turn giving birth into a pleasurable experience by taking away the stress. As Emma explained:

“Hypnobirthing brings many benefits with a number of techniques and strategies that look at both physical and mental well being. If you can teach a person in labour to relax their body it can even shorten the period of labour,” said Emma who has been a midwife for 17 years.

“A woman about to give birth can feel terrified. In fact our society almost teaches people to be terrified of giving birth thanks to what they read in the Media or are told by family, friends and even what they have read from the past. They often lose sight of the fact that a woman’s body is designed for the process of giving birth.

“That’s where education becomes important in teaching how bodies work and what the process entails. Focussing on pain and fear can cause an upsurge in adrenalin. We want to get rid of that fear by teaching coping strategies. Hypnobirthing is absolutely the way forward.”

The process leading up to hypnobirthing also involves dads to be: “Sometimes men can be a bit cynical and cannot see how the process is going to work. They often feel it’s a bit new age. As the idea becomes more mainstream I have begun to notice a difference in the attitudes of dads,” Emma added.

“Hypnobirthing changes giving birth into a good and positive experience by helping mothers to change the way they look at things.””

Emma’s words are certainly echoed by two mums who have been helped by hypnobirthing. Anna Catlin from Norwich and Kate Smith from Little Plumstead both admit that using hypnobirthing methods helped turn giving birth into “a good experience” and had “changed the way we look at things.

Anna rated taking the hypnobirthing course as “the best decision I have made in

my life.” “With my first daughter I suffered from anxiety and worry but with Pearl I have had a lovely time and am fully recovered both emotionally and physically.

Both mums also agree that they have taken the positivity of the course into their everyday life and this has made them much happier in other aspects of their day to day lives.



They also agree that hypnobirthing strategies gave them much more control over the births “Hypnobirthing practices a lot of relaxation and breathing exercises and we would highly recommend it as it gave us control,” they added.

Business Development Manager and Children’s Physiotherapist at Rowan House, Rachel Pailles is also a convert:

“The journey through pregnancy and early parenthood is a unique time of life and a time where individuals and couples search for honest and professional advice to enable them to make informed choices. Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre understands the importance of this journey and strives to provide the best local therapists who can work collectively and in harmony with the family unit through pregnancy and parenthood programmes.

“Expectant mothers and babies/children are a unique group of clients who need to be seen by individuals with specialist skills, knowledge and training. Babies and children are not just small adults they are anatomically and physiologically different.

“Equally the changes a woman’s body goes through during pregnancy and after giving birth are vast and continually changing from one trimester to another. Therapies should be tailored to individuals and their specific needs, which is why we look for extensive training and clinical expertise from our pregnancy and parenthood therapists.”

Rachel, who has specialised in working with children for over 10 years, is dedicated to building a specialised team at Rowan House around the expectant mother, baby and family unit. Their new pregnancy and parenthood logo (printed

above) represents the cohesive team of practitioners working to nurture and support this client group.

“We currently offer a range of classes, workshops and individual therapies from pregnancy and baby massage to ante and postnatal Pilates and hypnobirthing. Rowan House is the perfect location to support this client group; our easily accessible out of town location, step free access, free on-site parking and extensive facilities make visiting us easy and stress free, which all contributes to the experience, outcome and success of treatment.”

Rowan House only opened its doors in October 2015 and is already home to a vast array of therapies and practitioners, for more information about the team and the services they provide see their website at

<http://www.rowanhousecentre.co.uk/>

The centre also has a presence on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/rowanhousecentre>

We will have more on therapies available at Rowan House in later editions of Hethersett Herald. The next edition of our e-magazine will be online in the first week in September.

# Coming In September

IN the September edition of Hethersett Herald we will have updates and the latest news from the village. We will also have details from sports clubs.

We will have more from historic Hethersett and the third in our series of other Hethersetts from around the world - this time we visit Melbourne in Australia.

We will also have the strange story of a Norfolk adventurer, a Hethersett man and a strange annual ceremony on the west coast of America.

If you are reading Hethersett Herald for the first time, please pass details on via social media etc.

The publication is currently available exclusively online and is published in the first week of each month. Back copies are available via the independent village web site at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk).

# Reassurance for rural communities

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green (pictured opposite) has given reassurances to rural communities on a number of subjects highlighted to him.



During his election campaign, Green met with residents across Norfolk who highlighted a variety of problems, from fly-tipping to vehicles speeding on country lanes. He vowed that, on election, he would join other PCCs around the country in signing up to the National Rural Crime Network and championing a better understanding of crime in rural areas. In a speech to the Norfolk Rural Support Network in July, he offered reassurance to communities, saying he wants greater recognition of the impact of rural crime so more can be done to keep people safe.

"Rural communities pay the same taxes as everyone else. They want to know that the police and other emergency services are there for them too. The police work hard to respond, but too often the perpetrators are long gone before the crime even becomes apparent.

"The cost of crime to rural communities is £800 million - equivalent to £200 for every household in the countryside. Rural crime and policing matters, and that's why one of my first decisions as PCC has been to join the National Rural Crime Network; I'll be meeting the other members at the AGM later this month."

Green also encouraged Norfolk's rural communities to make their voices heard by taking part in his crime and policing consultation: "Earlier this month I launched an eight-week public consultation, through which I want to capture the policing and crime concerns of as many people as possible. This will inform my Police and Crime Plan, which will be published in September, setting my overall priorities for the next four years.

"It is important that people in our rural communities have their say and the opportunity to influence my priorities. I am committed to working with the police, partners and communities to develop a rural crime strategy for Norfolk."

The PCC's public consultation will close on 12th August. A short survey has also been set up at [www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk) which will run until the end of the consultation period. People are also invited to email, telephone and write to the PCC to give their views. Dedicated email address: [TellLorne@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:TellLorne@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)

Web survey: [www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/TellLorne](http://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/TellLorne). Twitter: #TellLorne.  
Phone: 01953 424455. Postal address: Building 8 Falconers Chase, Wymondham, NR18 0WW

# August in Hethersett Library

*With Rebecca Warner*

Below are dates for Hethersett Library in August

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1400 – Book Group meets in the library
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	0945 – Children’s Centre Breast Feeding Support Group
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1030 – Colouring Group meets in the library
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – NNAB in the library with an information stand
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1130 – ‘Get Crafty’ children’s summer holiday craft activity
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – Craft Group meets in the library
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	0945 – Children’s Centre Breast Feeding Support Group
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colouring Group meets in the library
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1130 – ‘Get Crafty’ children’s summer holiday craft activity
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – Craft Group meets in the library
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	0945 – Children’s Centre Breast Feeding Support Group
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1000 – Family History for Families Event 1430 – Roald Dahl fun afternoon – children’s activity
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1400 – Craft Group meets in the library
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0945 – Children’s Centre Breast Feeding Support Group
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colouring Group meets in the library
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	1130 – ‘Get Crafty’ children’s summer holiday craft activity
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Library Closed – summer bank holiday
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	0945 – Children’s Centre Breast Feeding Support Group
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1030 – Colouring Group meets in the library 1400 – Family History Course (fully booked)

Looking further ahead we will be having a medal ceremony for the summer reading challenge at 4 pm on Thursday, 8th September.

We have more of our popular tablet and family history courses coming up in September. Phone the library for more information and to check availability on 01603 810188

We are thrilled to be acting as a collection point again this year for equipment supplied by the Norfolk Bat Survey. Details of how to take part, reserve your square and book the equipment is available on their website at

[www.batsurvey.org](http://www.batsurvey.org)

Our 2 for 1 DVD offer is available on Thursdays 1600 – 1900. Don't forget that DVDs/Blu-Rays/Box Sets/Music CDs are all free to reserve. Have a browse on our online sound and vision catalogue at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

Check out our Information Hub – leaflets and information on 'what's on', health, education and a whole lot more!

Are you involved in a local club, society or group? Call into the library and book your free monthly slot on our "Village Story" notice board to promote awareness, recruit new members or advertise a specific event.

Do you need general computer support? Ask in the library to book an appointment with Bob our Computer Buddy who is available on Mondays from 10 am. to 12 noon.

Free Wifi available in the library - just log in with your library membership.

"Like" us on Facebook and find out everything that is happening in the library - [www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary). The library can be contacted on 01603 810188.

## Coming Events in August

**Below are just some of the events taking place in the village in August. Our listings are updated regularly on the village web site at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)**

**August 3rd** - The Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG) - Lyndsey Smith on "The Body Shop at Home.". Hethersett Village Hall, 2-4 p.m.

**August 13th** - Hethersett Parish Church will be hosting a craft fair on August 13th from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. The event is likely to include pottery, embroidery, jewellery, flower arrangements and much more and funds raised will go to the Roof Repair Fund. Tables cost £5 and are available to anyone who lives or works in the village, attends the church or has close family ties with Hethersett. There will be a series of demonstrations during the event. More information is available from Kate Wood on 01953 602051

**August 15th** - Hethersett Parish Council Planning Committee in Hethersett Village Hall at 7 p.m.

# Hethersett Archive Report

**Hethersett's annual parish meeting receives reports each year from a number of local organisations and charities. Last month we featured the report from the Hethersett Environmental Action Team. This month we look at the report of the Hethersett Archive Group by Village Archivist Gary Wyatt.**

The Hethersett archive is a collection of several thousand documents, maps, photos and records of local families, businesses, schools and churches, and is owned by the parish council. It is kept in secure storage.

The archive is managed by a small council working group and a voluntary archivist. The archive has been put on a more formal basis in its relationship with the parish council this year by drawing up terms of reference and now has its own bank account. As the appointed archivist, I see my role mainly as keeper of the archive and provider of information to the public although I am not a trained historian. My second full year has continued to be busy.

I have given three talks to local societies, two talks to pupils at Hethersett Junior School (with an excellent response from the children!), and have had more than 20 enquiries about items in the archive from members of the public. The archive provided a number of photographs of the village in the past for a wall display at the new health and wellbeing centre at Rowan House and we are grateful for a donation to the council for archive expenses received in return.

Several welcome additions of material have been donated by residents this year, including extensive sporting records, WI items and a very interesting large framed map of the charity lands in the village, hand-drawn in pencil by a member of the Curson family in 1887. I am currently in discussion with the Norfolk Record Office about conservation measures for this map, as the paper is deteriorating.

The archive has use of a display cabinet in the library and the display is changed at intervals, with the most recent one showing village pantomime items over the years. The next planned display is to be on the village schools. Only a small proportion of the archive material is digitised at present and little progress has been made in the last year due to time constraints.

The process of completing this and uploading to the archive website will take a

very considerable time I am grateful to the parish council for providing a small annual grant to cover stationery costs etc. I welcome any further donations of material and enquiries about the archive. Please contact me by email at [hethersettheritage@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettheritage@gmail.com) or via the village library. The archive website is at [www.hethersettheritage.org](http://www.hethersettheritage.org)

# Allotments Available

After quite a few years of demand exceeding supply Little Melton has a number of allotments that have become available for hire, as chair of the trustees for Little Melton Parochial Charity Chris Doggett explains.

“The allotments are available for everyone, not just Little Melton residents. We already have 12 members who travel from Hethersett to tend their plots.

“We have a number of allotments of all sizes available on our Mill Road site in Little Melton. You will be in good company, with over 50 allotments on our site. We have a good representation from Hethersett, the Melton's and even enthusiasts travelling from Wymondham,” Chris said.

For enquires please contact Christopher Doggett on 01603 812146 or email [Christopher.doggett@jarrold.com](mailto:Christopher.doggett@jarrold.com).

# Bereavement Group Meeting

A new group to support those bereaved in Hethersett will hold its first meeting at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road on September 27th.

Plans are currently being made for the Heart of Hethersett group, but it is likely to initially meet monthly.

The first meeting will run for an hour from 5.30 pm and group founder Sandi Gray will talk about the future of the group and how she decided to start it after the death of her mother.

The group is being set-up for all ages to help local people who have lost loved ones.

We will have further details in the September issue of Hethersett Herald.

# Groups and Societies

## **PROBUS CLUB**

Hethersett Probus Club has donated £211 to the Norfolk and Norwich Liver Group. At the latest meeting Tony and Miriam Ireland entertained on keyboard and vocals for a History of the Musical in the United Kingdom. This went from the Beggar's Opera of 1728 to the beginning of the Second World War.

## **ST REMIGIUS**

Hethersett Parish Church holds a coffee drop in morning on the first Tuesday of every month for parents and toddlers

## **HETHERSETT SOCIETY**

Victoria Bacon gave a talk on the charity Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope. The charity campaigns for child amputees in developing countries. It works to provide vulnerable children with a prosthetic leg and the chance to walk again.

## **HETHERSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Clare Richards gave a talk about her life entitled "From Nun to Mum to UNICEF." This included the adoption of South American twins and work in Holloway Prison. Hethersett WI is supporting resolutions by the national body to reduce the amount of food waste and also improved facilities for carers of dementia patients to allow them to stay with them in hospital.

## **THE RiNG**

The Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group meets on the first Monday of each month from 2 to 4 pm in Hethersett Village Hall. A charge of £3 each visit is levied with yearly membership set at £6. More information is available by ringing 0800 072 9597 or 07769 635281 or by visiting the web site [www.thering.org.uk](http://www.thering.org.uk). On August 3rd Lyndsey Smith will talk about "The Body Shop at Home" and on September 7th Nicola Dalzell will talk about "an epic story." The September meeting will also be the group's AGM.

# News From The Village

## Children's Charities to Benefit

Two children's charities will benefit from an evening of Clairvoyance at Park Farm Hotel on September 16th. The event will feature clairvoyants Carole Wilson and Michelle Cremin and will be held in aid of SANDS - the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity and EACH - the East Anglian Children's Hospice. Tickets for the event are £10 and can be booked on 07912 665347.

## Social Club Open Day

Hethersett Social Club held an open day on Saturday 16th July from 10 a.m to midnight. Events included a charity darts competition in aid of Wymondham Dementia Support, an all day barbecue, children's games and an evening performance from pop band Wypeout, plus a special rate on membership.

## Lodgings Required

We have been contacted by Norwich City Academy who are looking for Wednesday night lodgings for their young players who are aged between 12 and 15. Lodgings are needed in the Hethersett and Little Melton area. The boys will arrive at lodgings between 8.30 and 9.30 pm and depart the next morning between 8 and 8.45 am. They will require a bed, evening meal and breakfast. The club pays £16 per boy per night. Anyone interested in further details should contact Jimmy Unwin on 01603 813059 or mobile 07795 673203

## Places Available for War Trip

A few places are still available for a special commemorative trip to the battle-grounds of the Somme. The trip particularly focusses on the massacre at Le Paradis which was a war crime committed by members of the 14th Company, SS Division Totenkopf, under the command of Fritz Knöchlein. It took place on 27th May, 1940, during the Battle of France, at a time when the British Expeditionary Force was attempting to retreat through the Pas-de-Calais region during the Battle of Dunkirk. Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Norfolk Regiment, had become isolated from their regiment. They occupied and defended a farmhouse against an attack by Waffen-SS forces in the village of Le Paradis. After running out of ammunition, the defenders surrendered to the German troops. The Germans led them across the road to a wall, and machine-gunned them. Ninety-seven British troops died. Two survived, with injuries, and hid until they were captured by German forces several days later. After the war, Fritz Knöchlein was located, tried and convicted by a war crimes court, with the two survivors acting as witnesses against him. For his part in the massacre, Knöchlein was executed in 1949. The trip is led by Dennis O'Callaghan (the son of one of the survivors), Nick Smith and John Head from Hethersett Parish Church. More

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details on the trip which will take place next May are available from John Head on 077697 02692.

## **Barn Dance Date**

This year's annual barn dance organised by Hethersett Churches Together will take place in Hethersett Village Hall on Saturday 24th September from 7.30 pm until 11 pm. Once again music and calling for the dances will be provided by the Shinanikins band.

## **For The Children**

A steady stream of customers and good weather helped to raise £255 for the Hope and Homes for Children charity from a plant sale outside Hethersett Methodist Church.

## **Appeal After Break-In**

A Hethersett salon owner is appealing for help after her premises were broken into for the second time this year: "My beautiful salon was broken into AGAIN in the early hours of 1st July at approximately 4 am. The salon is located on Norwich Road, just opposite the Queen's Head pub. It's a residential road and lots of cyclists and dog walkers go past. Did anyone see anything? A pane of glass was removed from a window approx 400mm square which wasn't broken. Have you seen that laying somewhere? Please can anyone that is going to any car boot sales/table top sales or glancing on gumtree or eBay or any Facebook selling pages PLEASE look out for any items they feel may have been stolen. Some items are very specific and only available from approved salons and some items have just been released onto the market so there are very few available anywhere let alone in the Norwich area. The police believe it's the same people that targeted the salon last March and that they will be local people. So please please help to find them!"

## **Woodcote Raise Funds for Finnbar**

Woodcote Sheltered Housing residents are holding a fete in support of the Finnbar Trust fund on 20th August from noon to 4 pm. Music, Cream Teas, an auction, tombola, bric-a-brac and other exciting activities. Further info from Richard Headier on 01603 814343

# 19th Century Beginnings

## A Short History of Hethersett Junior School

IN 1815, William Hughes bequeathed the sum of £300 a year towards the education of six children to be chosen by the village's parish minister, the churchwardens, the overseers and the schoolmaster. This bequest was to be "for ever."



A schoolroom was subsequently erected in 1817 with funds raised by voluntary contributions and the parochial returns of 1818 record that there were 60 children supported by subscription and four children educated from the income amounting to eight guineas from the endowment in what became known as the National School

There was in addition a small girls' school and the Curate, the Rev John Edwards, stated that "the poorer classes thankfully availed themselves of the means provided for the education of their children."

By 1833, 125 children attended the school. They were charged one shilling (5p) a quarter except for six who were paid for from the endowment. The returns of the National Society's School Enquiry 1846/7 recorded that 68 boys and 41 girls received instruction in the school. Of this number, 48 boys and 32 girls attended both on weekdays and Sundays, 19 boys and six girls on weekdays only and one boy and three

girls on Sundays only.

They were taught by a master and assistant mistress and five paid monitors. The total expenditure in salaries amounted to £44 6s and the estimated annual cost of maintaining the school was £63 1s.

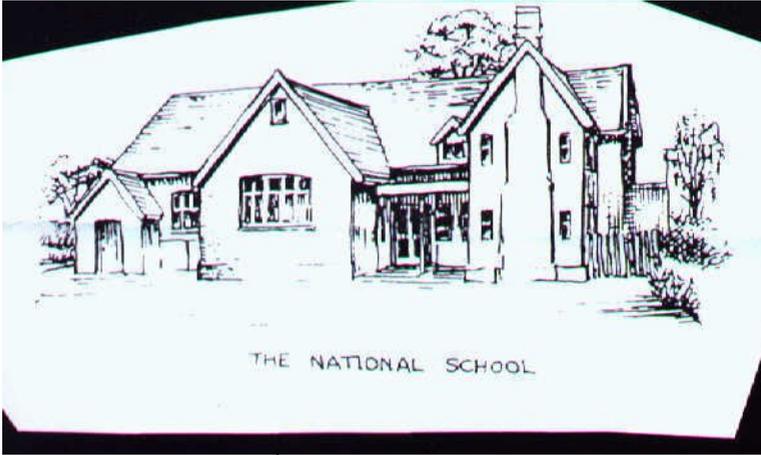
In 1860, the Rector of Hethersett, the Rev William Collett, applied to the National Society for aid towards erecting a new mixed school measuring 53ft x 18ft to accommodate 120 children, with a teacher's house attached.

The site, valued at £92 10s was taken from glebe land and the cost of the new schoolroom and proposed teacher's house amounted to £751 15s 6d. A government grant of £280 4s was received, £44 11s 6d was raised locally and the National Society contributed £30.

The new school was completed in 1861 and the original building was retained as an infants department.

It was proposed to charge 1d per week

for the children of farm labourers, 2d or 3d for the children of gentlemen's servants and mechanics and 6d for the children of small farmers. The school received an annual government grant and an additional classroom for



infants was added in 1883 at a cost of £173, raised by local subscription and with local builders Bailey & Son carrying out the work.

In 1850, the British School came into being in the village to provide education for both children and adults in the Great Melton district. The National and British schools worked side by side until their amalgamation in 1951, when it proved obvious that neither of the existing schools could reach the standard in buildings and amenities laid down in the Education Act of 1944.

The British School was sold to become the village's Church Hall in Henstead Road..

The National School was taken over by the Local Education Authority and became known as Hethersett Voluntary Controlled School. It became a state school and also a church school with the village rector playing a pivotal part in the management of the school.

After the amalgamation children over the age of 11 were removed and growing numbers as the village expanded

led to the provision of additional classrooms and a new school hall in 1970.

In 1972 a First School was built elsewhere in the village and in the same year the school's swimming pool was opened and it became known as Hethersett Voluntary Controlled Middle School and subsequently Hethersett Junior School.

White's Directory of 1864 had the following to say:

The National School, a spacious brick building with master's house and good playground attached was built in 1860 at a cost of £700, and is attended by 50 children. The master receives £8 3s 4d yearly from £272 8s 8d three per cent consols left by Wm Hughes for the education of six poor children.

The old school, built in 1817, now an Infant School, has also about 50 children in attendance.

# School At The Turn of the Century

Diaries are an excellent source of history about the village and over the next few pages we feature just two - a century apart. The first diary is from the log book of Hethersett National School from 1899 to 1900 and the second was written by the editor from 1999 to 2000

## Hethersett Diaries Part One

### **December 1st, 1899**

Rev Canon Collett came in on Wednesday morning. Notice received from the local authority of two cases of scarlet fever. Attendance still below the average.

### **December 8th**

The wet weather this week has lowered the average in the infants department. Rev Canon Collett came in this morning and Mrs Norgate paid a visit this afternoon - Ellen Carter has been absent since Monday as she is suffering from sore throat.

### **December 15th**

Rev Canon Collett came in on Tuesday afternoon. A fall of snow on Monday morning and the continuance of severe weather throughout the week has greatly diminished the attendance in the infant class. The attendance officer called yesterday.

### **December 20th**

Owing to the illness of Mrs Stace the school closed on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays instead of on Thursday, the day originally fixed.

### **December 22nd**

The following report on the result of the pupil teachers examination has just been received.

Mary E Curson 2nd year, passed fairly

### **January 8th, 1900**

School re-opened this morning. As Mrs Stace is not able to come in to school at present, the time table will not be strictly followed this afternoon. Arithmetic will be taken instead of the lessons arranged. Mrs Norgate came in this afternoon.

### **January 15th**

The attendance officer called on Tuesday morning. Rev Canon Collett visited on Wednesday afternoon. The needlework on Wednesday and today was taken by

the P.J. Standards 1 and 2 have been in charge of monitors.

### **January 19th**

The wet weather and prevalence of sickness has affected the attendances during the past week. Rev Canon Collett came in on Thursday morning and brought a clock face for the use of the infant department.

### **January 26th**

Mrs Norgate came in on Monday and Rev Canon Collett on Tuesday morning. Several of the older children have been absent this week through illness. Mary Curson, the pupil teacher was not able to come today.

### **February 5th**

As the master was suffering from influenza the school was closed for a week.

### **February 9th**

The usual monthly exam was held yesterday but owing to the week's holiday and the absence of teachers during the month, the results are not as good as could be wished.

### **February 14th**

The school was closed this afternoon owing to a heavy fall of snow.

### **February 21st**

The stormy weather of the past three days has had a very bad effect on the attendance.

***The remainder of the month of February seems to be dominated by bad weather and illness amongst the teachers and children and the log rambles its merry way through spring and becomes interesting again in May.***

### **May 16th**

All of the girls of the 3rd and 4th year standards left the school at 2.30 this afternoon to attend the funeral of Ivy Bennett, a little girl in the fourth standard who was present on Friday morning last and died after a short illness on Sunday morning.

### **May 17th**

A half holiday was given this afternoon as the greater number of the children were desirous of seeing a wedding.

### **May 25th**

Report of the Diocesan Inspector.

Singing was marked with care and reverence. The writing out of prepared portions of the catechism was excellently done. The tone and discipline of the school are excellent.

***The school was further inspected in June (it does not say by whom) and the following comments made.***

Hethersett National School

Mixed School - The order and instruction are very satisfactory and the school is making good progress.

Infants Class - The Infants' room is crowded and it is hoped that the managers will see their way to enlarge it at an early date. The discipline and instruction of the infants are very commendable.

School Staff: E..J Stace Certified Master, A.E Stace Certified Mistress, E.R Prewer and Mary E. Curson

***A flavour of the teaching at the school is given by an entry from June 29th, 1900.***

The following list of lessons has been approved by Her Majesty's Inspector for the current year:

Infants: Birds, Birds Nests and eggs, ducks and geese, the Swallow, pigeon, insects, the ant, butterfly, Honey Bee, Fish, the Herring, the Salmon; corn, barley and wheat, hay and straw, trees, stone fruit, cherry, plum, the apple, cabbage, onion, peas and beans, the potato, rabbits and hares, the frog, hair, fur and wool, umbrellas, railway stations, shops, the grocers, the farm.

Standards I to III - A bird, the duck, the rook, robin, Heron, beaks of birds, feathers of birds, birds' wings; parts of flowers, the primrose, the daisy, shapes of flowers, pollen and its work, fruits and seeds; the house fly, the hive bee, house fly, the spider web, roots of plants, how root plants are nourished.

Standards IV to VI - Geography of Europe, History - Tudor period.

Standards III and IV - Geography of British Isles.

Standards I and II - Definitions of geography.

And finally an interesting entry from July.

Ernest Yull was badly stung by a wasp while on the way to school and his face was so much swollen that he was sent home. His sister Beatrice was sent home with him and her attendance was cancelled.

# At The Turn of The Millennium

*By Peter Steward*

## Hethersett Diaries Part Two

For a two year period from 1999 to 2001 I wrote a Millennium diary for Hethersett. Over the next two editions of Hethersett Herald we print extracts from these diaries which give a flavour of what our village was like at the time of the millennium and 100 years from the diaries on the previous pages. We start with January 1999.

### **Friday January 1st, 1999**

New Year's Day always seems to bring a laid back feel to the village with few cars about, but numerous people out for morning and afternoon strolls. Today dawned bright and relatively warm. The village was bathed in sunshine and bird-song could be heard.

A walk round the village shows just how large an area it covers and to gain the most from a walk it is important to pick a particular area and stick to the route.

Starting from home we walked along St David's Road before cutting through to Priory Road via Firs Road. St. David's Road is essentially a middle class residential road stretching for about one-third of a mile from New Road to Firs Road. It is a cul-de-sac at the top end with just a pedestrian cut through.

Most gardens are well cared for. It is impossible to walk along the road without hearing the chorus made by the crows from the trees behind the properties nearest to the main road.

By using the cut through from Firs Road to Priory Road one misses Woodside First School which is situated on the left. This route also bypasses Woodcote Housing Complex for the elderly.

Priory Road consists of mainly medium sized houses and winds down to the old Norwich Road. Close to the end is a wooded section which runs adjacent to the garden of the King's Head Public House.

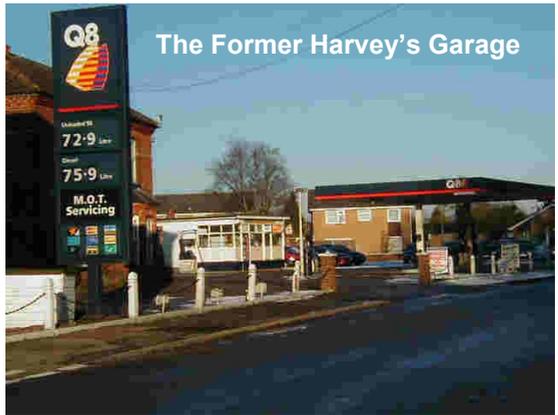
On New Year's Day, 1999, the path alongside this stretch of road is partially overgrown and certainly work is needed to tidy up this area.

The Old Norwich Road is now extremely quiet. Looking across the fields the former A11 is just a few yards away. This road has also been by-passed, thus helping the peace and solitude of the village.

There is no better way of spending a warm summer's evening than in the garden of the King's Head. But, this being winter, we must be on our way. Suffice it to say that the King's is a quintessential English Pub.

As we walk, the King's Head is on our left and shortly after we come to Norfolk

Fire Headquarters (Whitegates). Crossing Cann's Lane we come to Harvey's Garage (pictured opposite) where petrol prices always seem to be higher than in the surrounding areas.. The garage also repairs vehicles.



On the right is Hethersett Antiques and the March Hair salon. Both are small modern brick buildings. On the left at the junction with Queen's Road is the Queen's Head Public House.

A number of years ago Hethersett boasted three public houses, but the former Greyhound in Henstead Road is now a private house.

Turning left into Queen's Road, the village Middle School is on the right. Over 250 children aged from eight to 12 attend this historic school.

A few yards further on is the village business centre and then the village social club. A small road leads down on the right to the High School complex which also includes the scout and guide headquarters.

At the beginning of this road is the village library which opens on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays but which had its opening hours cut at the end of last year.

Queen's Road continues towards the heart of the village (although on today's tour we will ignore this area) where it turns into Great Melton Road.

Today we turn right into Henstead Road. At the junction of Great Melton and Henstead Road is Grinders coffee shop. Rather strangely Hethersett is the national headquarters for Grinders. This becomes more understandable by the fact that the proprietor is a local man.

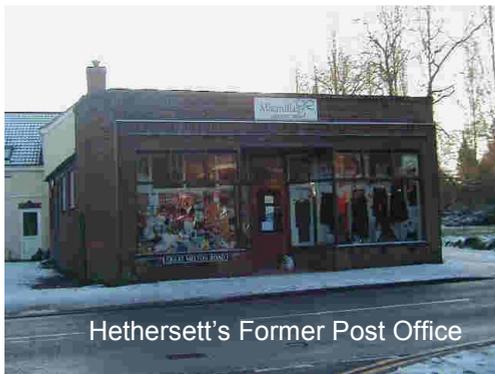
Opposite Grinders is the former Post Office which is at present a charity shop, but which is up for sale. The shop occupied by Grinders itself has had a number of identities over the years. I can remember it as a newsagents and also a cross-stitch shop.

Henstead Road leads to open countryside going towards Little Melton. As you walk along, the small Baptist Church is on the right and the former Greyhound Public House on the left just before the Church Rooms which are also known as the Old Village Hall and which many years ago were one of two schools in the village.

These rooms are still available for hire despite the building of the new village

hall in Back Lane which is off to the right further along Henstead Road.

On today's tour we walk halfway down Back Lane towards the modern Steepletower Development, but double back before reaching it. At this point the new village hall is on our left. It was built as part of the agreement with the developers of Steepletower.



Hethersett's Former Post Office

A short way further along on the opposite side of the road is the Jubilee Youth Club. The playing fields of the high school are at the back of the youth club.

Doubling back we now have the village hall on our right. This time we cross Henstead Road and go down Grove Road.

This again ends in a cul-de-sac with a pedestrian cut through to a rough pathway leading to what is known as the Parish Pit. On this particular day, the mud makes walking difficult and it is quite tiring.

Winding through to Lynch Green we pass some of the most historic and exclusive properties in the village. These include Cedar Grange. Eventually we are into Lynch Green and at the junction with Great Melton Road.

This time we turn left and pass the doctors' surgery on our left. On the right is the village butcher's and chemist's and the dental surgery. A few yards further on is the Methodist Church and opposite this is another walkway leading towards the village's Memorial Playing Field.

One of the features of the village is its accessibility for pedestrians who can take advantage of many of the short cuts not available to vehicles.

We walk through this cut, being careful not to slip on the wet compacted leaves. On our left is the Memorial Field which, on this bright New Year's Day, is empty!

And so we return via Firs Road and St. David's Road. A wander such as this prompts many thoughts and memories.

On returning home we find the latest copy of the Good News Parish magazine has been delivered. It covers Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton and costs just 20p each month.

Businesses advertising in the January 1999 edition give an insight into the kind of activities that are going on in the village as we come to the end of the 20th century.

They include the following: Hethersett Dental Laboratories (established 1972),

R.A Foreman and Son Builders, G. J. Fulcher Hethersett Tailoring Service, ABB Cabs Taxi Service, Hethersett Hall Residential Home, Sophie Emms Florists, R.E Burrell Builders Contractors, Aubrey Hammond Cabinet Maker, Hethersett Cattery and Picture Framing Service (a strange combination), Ronald Wales Chiropodist, Jean's Executive Cars, The March Hair, Hethersett Social Club, Yvonne's School of Dance, Hethersett Old Hall School, Hethersett Business Base, Hethersett Village Hall, Barry Foster Decorator, Chris Lewer Electrical Contractor and Harvey's Autos.

Topics featured in the magazine include reports from the Rector, the Rev Di Lammas; the Guild, Good Companions, Senior Citizens, Mothers Union, Church Mission Society, Village Millennium Group, Hethersett Society, Tuesday Club, Village Hall, Happy Circle, Jigsaw Library, Horticultural Society, Hethersett Sports Group, Parish Council, Jubilee Youth Club, Workers' Education Association, Women's Institute, Roman Catholics and Methodists.

Coming diary events include Hethersett's annual pantomime which will be held in the new village hall from Saturday 16th to Saturday, 23rd January, a slide show of old Hethersett on Saturday, 6th March and Hethersett Church's summer fete on Saturday, July 3rd.

News topics that promise to continue through the next few months include: The formation of a sports group committee to discuss facilities in the village and the continuing shortage of helpers at the Jubilee Youth Club.

### **Sunday January 3rd**

Wet and windy.

Hethersett is bathed in a drabness with rolling thunder clouds overhead and incessant early morning rain.

The village boasts a thriving youth football set-up which plays on Sundays. The club runs an adults' team but primarily youth sides at under-11, under-12, under-13, under-15 and under-17. In addition there is a girls under-13 team. So far this has been one of the most successful seasons in the club's history with the Under -11s, Under-12s, Under-15s and Under-17s all in with a chance of winning their sections of the Norfolk Youth Combination.

Today it was the turn of the Under-15s to play on the Memorial Playing Field.

## **We Are Now On Facebook**

Hethersett Herald is now on Facebook. You can follow us at

<https://www.facebook.com/Hethersett-Herald-196216690775010/>

Owing to the number of teams run, the club also uses pitches at the Middle School, the High School and Little Melton.

The Memorial Playing Field is tucked away in the centre of the village and is still a focus for sport in the village with bowls, football, cricket and cycle speedway all featured during the year. Sadly the field no longer seems to play host to impromptu kick abouts between fathers and sons. Obviously this kind of activity has been lost with computers now more of an attraction.

The rain made the pitch more akin to a bog. A late decision was made to go ahead with the game after a considerable amount of emergency drainage work had been undertaken.

The Under-15s won 3-2 against Norwich team Waterloo. It was their seventh win in 12 games and the team consisted of: James Sillett, Iain Hill, Daniel Ganley, Ben Harris, Chris Colwell (captain), Nick Appleton, Steven Beck, Matt Steward, Ryan Breeze, Andrew Milne and Robert Mitchell. Substitutes were Chris Brownbridge, Matt Musson and Chris Smedmor.

The whole question of sport in the village is something of a hot potato at present. A meeting in December was held to try and bring all sports clubs together to ensure the best facilities.

Many people, myself included, believe that the best use is not made of existing facilities and that there is too much acrimony between a number of the groups in the village.

## **Tuesday January 5th**

The New Year has brought some very unseasonal weather. It is more like Spring than winter with temperatures in the mid 50s Fahrenheit.

The problem is that illness is rife and many people in the village have been suffering from flu and colds seem to hang on.

Picked up my photographs of the village taken on New Year's Day and they are unique in as much as there are no motor vehicles to be seen. It is only on New Year's Day that this is possible - the rest of the year the village seems to be full of cars. Indeed there have been many complaints over the years about parents driving children to schools and making the traffic problems worse.

Few people seem to walk and that must be a tremendous contrast to the village of a few decades ago.

The village has set up an official archive group to record the millennium and I have been invited to join this. The plan is to produce a record of the village in the year 2000.

### **Wednesday January 6th**

The warm weather continues. Work prevents most people from moving about the village during the week and I'm no exception. Away from the village it is difficult to visualise life going on.

The evening brought a visit to the village social club for a football club meeting. The club is quite an extensive building just across from the library. On this particular evening myself and my eldest son Chris joined the club for a modest fee of £5. Activities available include pool, snooker, table tennis and darts. On this particular evening there was a ladies darts match in progress. We left the social club to find it raining heavily.

### **Thursday January 7th**

To get rid of the flu epidemic we need some cold weather. It is promised for the weekend. Today brought just more rain. It also brought my first visit of the year to the Middle School where I am chairman of governors.

The school is an amalgam of an original school house, now used largely as a store room, and a more modern building.

I have been a governor for about seven years and chairman for two. I was originally elected as a parent governor and continue in that capacity despite no longer having any children at the school.

Today I love the feel and atmosphere of the place. Over the past few years governors have been given increased powers. We are expected to run the finances, hire and fire staff and bring about improvements. Staff are under more and more pressure from government initiatives and ever-changing demands and increased paperwork.

I see the function of the governing body as supporting the Head and staff, whilst leaving the day to day running to the professionals. It is slightly worrying to realise that lay people such as myself with no educational experience can have such a say in running a school.

Today's visit was for a meeting of the publicity and public relations committee. The function of this is to promote the school both internally and externally. The meeting goes smoothly. The school is now running well under the leadership of Head Tim Strugnell.

### **Friday January 8th**

This evening brought the inaugural meeting of the Millennium Archive Committee which I have been asked to join. The committee will be providing a record of the village in the year 2000 and the preparatory work will be done throughout the year.

An interesting historical point touching on the village came to light today in the form of an Internet site set up to commemorate the 450th anniversary of Kett's

Rebellion.

Land Owner Robert Kett joined the common people in their fight against the fencing in of common land. He led a march to Mousehold Heath in Norwich and fought against government armies. Kett, and his brother William, were eventually arrested and Robert Kett was hanged from Norwich Castle.

Now 450 years later Kett is a local hero and his home town of Wymondham will be holding major celebrations in the summer. Kett's Oak, the tree from which the march allegedly set off is in the parish of Hethersett and on the former A11. I understand that today it is filled with concrete and is held up by fencing. It would normally have been pulled down years ago but is now of historic value.

One of Kett's sworn enemies was landowner John Flowerdew who lived in Hethersett. It is interesting to note that one of the newer roads in the village is named Flowerdew Close.

I'm not sure whether that comes from a wish to record history or from support on behalf of the planners to commemorate a rather unpopular man.

### **Saturday January 9th**

Today was a sad one for the village and the youth football team in particular. In the early hours of the morning one of the Under-17 players was killed.

He was walking home to Mulbarton (a village about five miles from Hethersett). The boy (Lee Thompson) had played football in the village for about six years.

That made for a tragic day. It was summed up by a drive home from lunch at the King's Head where the gathering storm clouds summed up the dreadful news.

The weather was indeed a mixture of sun and winter showers although the over-riding feeling was one of despair and darkness.

### **Sunday January 10th**

A frosty start was followed by bright sunshine. The village looked attractive. Visited the spot where Lee Thompson was killed and it was an unspeakably sad visit that illustrates how fragile life is and how much we should value where we live and the people we share our lives with.

More bouts of unseasonal weather were recorded as the month progressed. A few mornings of frost were countered by periods of mild weather. Late afternoons tended to be dark and dank with the surrounding countryside stark in its flatness. In the depths of winter the village still has a rather sleepy feel about it. The elderly stay indoors as much as possible although any trip back to the village during the day illustrates what a thriving and busy community there is.

### **Wednesday January 20th**

A sad day for many youngsters and others in the village as we travelled to Mulbarton for Lee Thompson's funeral service

It was an upbeat celebration of his life but that couldn't detract from the huge sadness of the occasion as he was buried in the churchyard.

At the turn of the Millennium Lee would have been just 18.

The youth football set-up at Hethersett was well represented and again it was decided to hold a minute's silence before Sunday's game.

### **Thursday January 21st**

Over the past 30 years, Hethersett has had a village pantomime which not only provides an excellent two and a half hours' entertainment but also raises money for local charities.

The panto is held over a period of a week and plays to packed houses at the new village hall. I can remember cramming into the old church hall in Henstead Road where the tiny stage and cramped conditions made it a real village experience.

At first the pantomime group were reluctant to leave this home, but eventually moved to the grander surroundings in 1996. Some people have been involved in the pantomime since its start and most, if not all, have been written by Duncan Pigg.

Pantomime is a curiously British entertainment. There are just a few storylines with recurrent themes and dance, song, drama, farce and comedy all mixed in.

Since 1970, about £24,480 has been donated from pantomime profits to various organisations. In 1998, £2,200 was divided between the village hall, church hall, parish church organ fund, Middle School swimming pool, STEPS Project (Autistic Society), Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, Hethersett Methodist Church, Woodside First School Library, Talking Newspaper for the Blind and Accident Rescue Service.

Since its formation the panto group has performed Sleeping Beauty, Dick Whittington, Jack and the Beanstalk, Aladdin and Cinderella four times; Beauty and the Beast, Babes in the Wood and Mother Goose twice; and Red Riding Hood, Sinbad the Sailor, Robin Hood and Snow White once each.

The 1999 pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk and took place from Saturday 16th January to Saturday 23rd January.

The starring roles were taken by Deb Wilson (Jack), Lloyd Parfitt (Simple Simon), Barry Foster (Widow Lovejoy), John Freeman (King Harry), June Harrison (Queen Bess), Amy Foster (Princess Rose), Gary Thornton (Giant Rumbletum). The scenery was excellent and very colourful.

Advertisers in the pantomime programme included: Barry Foster decorator, Attractions Unisex Hair Salon, Chris Lewer electrical contractor, King's Head Public House, Sylvia Parfitt Chiropodist, Edwards Pharmacy, Kirsty Lansdell private piano tuition, North Heigham Sawmills Ltd, Sophie Emms Florist, Roger Smith

Insurance Consultants.

### **Friday January 22nd**

A drive home from the University of East Anglia leads across country lanes and past Norwich City Football Club's training complex at Colney and onto the old A11. Today the skies were black, but there were indications of the days lengthening again.

The weekly newspaper - the Wymondham and Attleborough Mercury (for which I was once sports editor)- ran a story this week on the village pantomime, along with news that Hethersett Old Hall School has secured a £30,000 award from the Wolfson Foundation towards computers and educational software.

### **Saturday January 23rd**

Saturday always brings car parking problems to the village. Scarcely anybody seems to walk into the centre and the problem is a lack of car parking space for all the vehicles. The result is that many drivers leave their vehicles illegally parked on double yellow lines.

Today the sun threatened to come out but never really made it and in the evening the rain came down.

One hundred years ago the village must have been much quieter and more peaceful than today. Certainly there were no computers. Through the wonders of modern science we now receive electronic mail (e-mail).

This evening I received correspondence from a gentleman whose friend has just moved into property in Back Lane. He is interested in village history and in particular village ghosts. It is an interesting subject and worth some research.

### **Sunday January 24th**

Sundays in the village are alive with youngsters playing football. Today was bright and dry until the evening when wind and rain took over.

Hethersett Athletic Under-17s dedicated their afternoon match to the memory of Lee Thompson. They beat North Lynn 1-0 in a very hard match. There were celebrations and even relief all round at the end.

### **Monday January 25th**

On New Year's Day, I took a photograph of Hethersett Middle School. It was rather unrealistic. The gates were shut and there were no children.

In reality the school is a thriving centre for village life. It has a swimming pool used regularly by a variety of groups and the hall and even classrooms can all be hired.

The school has a number of archive diaries which go back into the last century. One of these refers to the girls' section. I was amazed at the trivia included. They

seemed pre-occupied with darning and sewing and very little else. I don't think today's pupils would get away with that.

With over 250 pupils, the school is now of moderate size for a middle school. The day to day running is down to an excellent staff led by Head Tim Strugnell. Behind the scenes the finance and running of the school is down to the board of governors.

The school consists of four year groups ranging from years four to seven. It can take a maximum of 272 pupils. Some years are at present full, others have vacancies.

Parental choice means that parents can now pick which school to send their children to. Sadly this can mean that at times people move into the village and are not able to send their children to the local school where classes may already be full.

This to my mind is not acceptable, but neither is the thought of class sizes growing to unreasonable levels without any control.

The middle school is at present planning a programme of building replacement and improvements designed to take it into the 21st century.

It is only rarely that I have a Monday in the village. Today was such a rare occasion. The village has a slightly strange feeling about it on a weekday. It turned out to be very busy indeed today, but those moving about were either elderly picking their pensions up or mothers with young children. On a weekend walk round the village I would pass numerous people I know. Today was different - they were all strangers.

The day also brought lunch at the King's Head. They are having a new carpet laid at the moment. I can remember going to this pub for a drink way back in the early 1970s well before I knew anything about the village or ever had ideas of living there.

The King's Head is a very welcoming place, particularly in the winter when an open log fire keeps everyone warm. Beer prices continue to rise, however, with a pint now costing around £2.

I received notification today of an archive open day on 23rd February at Hethersett Library where many original and copied documents will be on display. I wonder if anything we are doing in the village at the moment will be on display in 100 years' time.

Also today I visited the bottle and magazine banks in the centre of the village. Re-cycling material is a fairly new idea, but the small green receptacles are well used.

## **Tuesday January 26th**

The Methodist Church has a number of groups attached to it. Over the years

myself and my wife Anne have been members of a number, although at present I only have a small interest.

Many years ago I was founder member of the Men's Club which meets once a month for discussions, sports evenings, meals and other matters.

Tonight we had a talk on the history of coffee at Grinders. It may be a strange concept to grasp that the national Headquarters of Grinders in this country is in a village such as Hethersett. The reason is simple.

The owner of the franchise - Andrew Richardson- was born about two miles away in Great Melton. After spending many years in the USA in the coffee business, he has returned to the UK to set up businesses. Rather than set up an HQ in a large city he decided to return to his roots.

Grinders in Hethersett is mainly the administrative centre but the front showroom doubles up as a coffee bar selling gourmet coffees.

Coffee was first discovered by an Ethiopian goat-herder. Today over 400 billion cups are drunk every year. Grinders takes its coffee beans from around the world. The talk attracted 11 members of the men's club - about twice the usual number.

The February edition of Good News magazine tells us that a Norfolk film archive and chips evening is being held at Hethersett Old Hall School on 5th March. The magazine also poses the questions - In 100 years time what will the residents of Hethersett know about us and the village we live in? The answer is probably a lot more than we know about the residents of 100 years ago.

The beginning of May will bring parish council elections to the village. I can't say that the present council is very progressive! The magazine is full of dates for the village, illustrating just how many groups exist.

### **Wednesday January 27th**

A governors' meeting at the Middle School began discussing far reaching plans to re-furbish and improve accommodation.

This could involve re-siting the design and technology block, improving the swimming pool, changing classroom space and re-siting the main offices at the front rather than the side of the building.

The fly in the ointment could be a government ruling that could necessitate the re-constitution of the governing body with more parent-governor representatives. By and large the remainder of the month alternated between mild and damp weather.

We will conclude our millennium diary in the September edition of Hethersett Herald.

# Media Watch

Over the next two pages we feature some of the stories covered over the past few weeks in the pages of the Wymondham Mercury and EDP newspapers.



■ Hethersett Dementia Support Group with chairman David Bills, standing right, and new patron Sir Edward Evans-Lombe, standing left. Photo: SUBMITTED

## Village wins right to be called dementia-friendly

The village of Hethersett has been recognised nationally as dementia-friendly community.

The Hethersett Dementia Support Group was named South Norfolk Group of the Year for 2015 and has now been recognised by the national Alzheimer's Society and Working to Become Dementia Friendly symbol.

The Alzheimer's Society states: "A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported and confident they can contribute to community life."

The symbol can only be used by communities who have registered successfully with the process managed by the Alzheimer's Society. Any business or organisations within the community that decide to

work towards becoming dementia friendly will also be entitled to use the symbol.

Meanwhile Sir Edward Evans-Lombe has agreed to take up the post of patron of Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

Sir Edward visited the group at the latest Hethersett Hub Dementia Support Cafe held in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall and pledged his support and wish to increase awareness both of the Hethersett group and the disease in general.

He was introduced by Hethersett steering group chairman David Bills.

Mr Bills said: "It is an honour and a privilege to be

part of the Hethersett support group. The group started two years ago by a small group of enthusiastic individuals and has developed into a much larger group catering for a need within Hethersett."

Sir Edward, the group's new patron said he was "puzzled and flattered". He added: "We all have an interest in some way in dementia and I am encouraged by recent medical developments."

"It is my dream I am hoping that the disease will not be such a threat to our society."

The Hethersett Hub Cafe meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10am until midday.

The latest dementia cafe heard a talk from Julie Nossaman from the Alzheimer's Society about the disease, how to cope with it and how sufferers can stay active.

## Hawks are too strong for Stars in derby encounter

### CYCLE SPEEDWAY

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■ Oly Buxton did Hethersett Hawks proud at the Gas Hill Gap in Norwich.

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Dan Chambers was in good form the previous day in the East Anglian Championships at Ipswich. In a top-class senior field he won his vital final heat against two main contenders which earned him a race-off for third place on the podium, a race he won by passing home star Richard Pellatt.

In other categories Owen Wells finished seventh in the Under-16s and fifth in the U16s while Glyn Morgan was seventh in the Veterans.

Away from the shale tracks Oly Buxton raced in the infamous Gas Hill Gap in front of a large crowd in Norwich on Friday night.

He won the cycle speedway final and then made a real 'last gasp' dive for the line in the grand final against the other non-racing category winners.

The Hawks' next action is at home to Keston on Sunday July 17.

### CYCLE SPEEDWAY

## Tough going for Hawks

Hethersett Hawks/Myhill Decorators again had riders unavailable for the trip to Ipswich in the South-East League and called on Katie Adams and Roger Carter to bolster the first-team squad.

Both riders did not let the side down and got in the points. It was always going to be tough against the reigning champions Ipswich Whirlwinds as they were at full strength but Dan Chambers again led the side well and only Josh Brooke was unbeaten for the home side. Oly Buxton also ruffled a few feathers with his combative style.

Ipswich Whirlwinds 91 Hethersett 87 (D Chambers 16, O Buxton 13, D Butler 12, K Adams 10, R Carter 8, H Hamill 8).

The Hawks' next league fixture is at East London on June 19.

### CYCLE SPEEDWAY

## More Cuttings can be viewed on our web site

## Helping son shes

By Staff Reporter

A teenager who has battled against his mother's wishes has opted to go to the Hethersett Hub Dementia Support Cafe to help his mother understand the disease better.

The Hethersett Hub Dementia Support Cafe is a voluntary service for people with dementia and their families. It is held at the Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, Eaton Park, Norwich. The cafe is open every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm.

The cafe is a free service and is open to all people with dementia and their families. It is a place where people can talk to others who are experiencing similar problems and get advice and support.

The cafe is run by a team of volunteers and is supported by the Hethersett Dementia Support Group. The cafe is a great place to go if you are looking for help and support.

### CYCLE SPEEDWAY

## Nick does cracking decoration job with Hethersett Hawks!

Hethersett Hawks have a new sponsor.

Myhill Decorators have stepped in with a new set of shirts for the club, along with sponsorship for the remainder of the club's golden jubilee year.

Nick Myhill from the company was on hand to present the new kit at club night and said he was delighted to be able to support a club he previously rode for and also to put something back into the sport that he had enjoyed from the age of 10. He was also keen to support the local community of Hethersett.

Nick began his cycle speedway career with Hawks in 1998 and went on to become GB club champion in 2001.



# Have You Missed an Edition?

**HETHERSETT ONLINE**  
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Number 1

## Church Counts Cost of Theft

HETHERSETT Parish Church is counting the cost of a well organised and professional crime which has seen a considerable quantity of items taken from the roof.

On the night of Tuesday 27/09/15 outdoor there was a major theft of items from the ruse above the altar of St Regulus Church. The intruders broke down the heavy roof to access the goods and dove across the churchyard to collect the loot as it was slipped off the roof.

Heavy rain late in the night and the following day caused damage and disruption inside the building. Hector, the Reverend Derek McQueen, said: "Events like this impact on the spiritual and community life of the church in many ways. It's distressing for the congregation to see the effect of water damage in the church itself after just one day of heavy rain. There's a great deal of work involved sorting out the mess, and we thank all those members of our community who are helping round to sort things out."

He added: "Such incidents hurt not just our regular worshippers but the whole village, especially those coming for baptisms, weddings and funerals or, as many people do, just to spend quiet time in church."

Churchwarden Kate Wood said: "Apart from the damage and distressing effect on the church community, this theft will have an enormous impact on church finances. We've only just finished a £100,000 repair on the chancel section of the nave roof, a three-year project involving our community in a proactive way. We now face missing contributions on a large scale."

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## Hub of the Community

HETHERSETT Library continues to be a hub of the village community and home to a number of group and initiatives.

The latest one sees Hethersett Parish Council taking up proposals to set up a short term club in the village. Parish council chair Jill Jackie Sutton explains on the page with resident Mike Jones at the Pop in sound meetings. "Jackie Sutton said "I feel it's important to continue on the second Monday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. The next session will be on February 15th. Meanwhile the library hosts a number of regular and special events including book club, a special morning and meeting, a book sale on afternoon and a baby lounge and more to come. "Future ideas are on page nine."

This is a further step in our drive to improve our community and we are delighted that the club has been well received and now will be possible as a opportunity for residents to raise issues outside the more formal structure of

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## Duncan's Special Day

HETHERSETT is a special day for many of our residents. It's a day when we can all come together to celebrate a special day in our village. It's a day when we can all come together to celebrate a special day in our village. It's a day when we can all come together to celebrate a special day in our village.

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YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hethersett Herald by going to <http://hethersett.org.uk/emags.htm> and following the links. Hethersett Herald is an community publication for news, views and features about Hethersett. It is currently only available online.

# News and Features Needed

We are always happy to receive articles and news for publication.

With limited resources, it isn't possible for us to cover everything that is going on in our village. We hope that the Herald reflects just some of the things that are happening in Hethersett, but, with your help, we can expand our service.

We are looking for news and reports on any aspect of village life. Also news of coming events that you would like publicised.

We are also happy to carry features on topics not strictly related to the village providing they are written by a resident of either Hethersett, Great Melton or Little Melton.

Reports, news, features and photographs can be sent by e-mail to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net) or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett

# An Unusual Find

To many the image below will look like little more than a piece of debris but to leading Hethersett environmentalist and chair of Hethersett Environmental Action Team Dr Anne Edwards, it's an exciting discovery. Anne sent us this photo of a rather unusual fungus - *Agaricus Bitorquis* of which there are very few records in Norfolk let alone Hethersett. It has emerged on the pavement opposite Jeanette Raven's shop in Queen's Road. If you have any unusual or interesting photographs of the village please e-mail them to

[petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)



# Shortage of School Places

*Hethersett resident Michelle Harrison has contacted us to point out a problem with regards to school places - a situation that is likely to be greatly exacerbated by further regular development in the village, the latest phase of which will see over 90 more houses being built. Below is Michelle's letter which she has also sent to South Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk MP Richard Bacon. The letter has also been published in the local media.*

"I recently completed the in-year application form for my children to move to Hethersett VC Junior School, second and third choices were Little Melton Primary School or St Augustine's Catholic Primary. I was hoping that my daughter could start Year 6 and my son to start Year 4 in September. My daughter already knows some children in Hethersett as she attends guides there and this would be a natural progression to Hethersett Academy the following year.

I received a letter on Saturday 2nd July stating that all of these schools are full. Due to being previously made redundant I now work in Wymondham and the commute into the city purely to drop the children at school. This become progressively worse especially from October to April. It's not unusual to leave home at 7.40 in order for the children to be in school for 8.45. This then means that I am not in work until past 9am. I don't think that this is fair on the children and this is affecting my job, not to mention adding to the traffic unnecessarily.

Also in the post on the same day as the rejection letter, ironically was an update from Taylor Wimpey informing me of progress on their plans to build 1,196 new homes in Hethersett for which ground works have just started. I realise that there is a new school planned (which is some years away) but where are children expected to go to school when we can't even accommodate our own local children already living in the village.

I understand the schools in Eaton, Cringleford, Hethersett, Little Melton and Wymondham are full as well as many in Norwich. Just where are children supposed to go to school? The Free School Norwich where they currently attend is also full and so my children are also taking up spaces for children that possibly live closer. I've asked for further information on Easton and Bawburgh schools, but I have a feeling the answer will be FULL. I'm also amazed that Cringleford is full in (all year groups) after only three years of being open, when it was doubled in size from the previous site. Somebody completely underestimated the size of the new school espe-

cially as they are still building houses at Round House Park?

Most fundamentally what is planned to provide more school places in South Norfolk and Norfolk generally?

What is going to happen when the first houses are completed and start to have families move in? Where are they going to go to school, when children already accommodated in the village cannot get into the local school? I have been told by the Admissions office that as my children have a place in a school they have the right to refuse if the schools are considered 'full'.

My objection to new houses being built in the village is a complete lack for planning and provision in regard to infrastructure such as Schools, Roads and Doctors Surgeries etc.

I am appealing the decision with Norfolk County Council School Admissions, but I would be grateful of any assistance you could give regarding my application?"

Michelle Harrison  
Parent of Charlotte and Daniel Whiteley  
2 Campion Way  
Hethersett  
Norfolk  
NR9 3FF

## Surprise Farewell for Head

MANY local people will remember Sheila Greenacre from her days teaching at Hethersett Middle School (now Hethersett Junior School).

Sheila left Hethersett to take over as headteacher at Wicklewood Primary School near Wymondham and retired at the end of the summer term.

Pupils, staff and parents got together to launch a surprise flashmob dance routine and specially written song to say a fond farewell.



# Sports Coverage Starts Here

## Recruitment Plea By Crusaders

**C**RUSADERS Rugby Club is looking for players both young and old to join its ranks. The club which has its headquarters in Little Melton Road, Hethersett, The club has just carried out a leaflet drop in the village

The club has a number of sections with Seniors (ages 17 and over) training on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm, Minis (boys and girls aged seven to 11) training Sundays from 10.30 until 11.30 am and Youth and Girls (ages 12 to 15) training Sundays from 10.30 a.m to midday.

More details about the club are available by e-mailing [maurice.durrant459@btinternet.com](mailto:maurice.durrant459@btinternet.com) or visiting the web site at [www.crusadersrugbyclub.com](http://www.crusadersrugbyclub.com)

The club held its eighth beer festival in the middle of July with 30 real ales and ciders available. There was also music from live groups.

## Promotion Possibility for Cricketers

WITH just a month left of the Norfolk Alliance season, Hethersett's first team are still in the promotion hunt despite a mixed bag of results.

July has brought them three wins and two defeats and at the time of writing, they were just outside the promotion places in Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance.

The month started with a solid 102 run victory over Swardeston and that was followed by a narrow four run defeat at home to Bradenham in a match Valley should have won. Victories over Brooke by 55 runs and Saham Toney by 148 runs pushed Hethersett into the promotion places only for their good work to be undone by a three run defeat at the hands of bottom club Fakenham.

As the team moves into its last four league fixtures in August, Valley are just seven points behind second placed Vauxhall Mallards. (Continued on Page 47).



Young Hethersett spin bowler Sam Morton has been hitting the headlines. Sam is rated as one of the top Under-17 leg spinners in the county and this season has appeared for both the first and second elevens.

He is the club's leading wicket taker for the second season in a row and on Saturday, July 23rd took seven wickets for 20 runs for the seconds against Rocklands.

At the time of writing Sam needed just one more wicket to make it 50 for the season. He has so far taken 49 wickets at an average of 18.02 and an economy rate of 4.84 runs per over.

Sam has also represented Norfolk Under-17s.

Our photographs show two angles of the same delivery taken in a Norfolk Alliance league game at the club's Flordon headquarters.



# Featured Match

*Hethersett and Tas Valley Seconds beat Stow by 97 runs in the Norfolk Alliance Division Four*

VALLEY'S youth policy is beginning to reap dividends with a number of the club's former youth team players pushing up into the senior Saturday sides.

This match saw one of the best innings of the season as youngster Tristan Henderson hammered the Stow bowlers for an unbeaten 70. Tristan signalled his intentions by hitting the second ball he faced for six and then went on to play a major role in a match winning century partnership with veteran Leigh King. Who ended on 50 not out.

Hethersett batted first and notched an impressive 301-7 from their 45 overs. Opener Richard Ellis was also in form with eight fours in his 57. Hethersett then restricted Stow to 204-7 with Leigh King taking 2-22. The win gave the team a vital 23 point haul in their battle to stay in Division Four.



Hethersett first team skipper Damian Fahy has scored well over 1,000 runs this season.

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Final fixtures for the first team are: Bradfield (away) on August 6th, Great Witchingham (home) on August 13th, Vauxhall Mallards (away) on August 20th and Beccles (home) on August 27th.

The second team still need a couple of wins to ensure their safety in Division Four of the Norfolk Alliance after a rather disappointing season that has seen them struggle at times. Nevertheless victory on August 6th against local rivals Great Melton should assure them of a place in Division Four again next season.

The club's third team have had a good season in the Norfolk League and ended July with a solid 63 run win over New Buckenham with young batsman Tom Brandon-Street scoring the highest individual score of the season with an unbeaten 157.

Valley have also reached the semi-finals of the Norfolk Challenge Cup and will visit Thetford on August 7th, looking for a place in the final of a competition they won last season.

Full results and more news is available on the club's official web site at:

**[www.htvalley.play-cricket.com](http://www.htvalley.play-cricket.com)**

## Dan Goes European

HETHERSETT HAWKS Cycle Speedway had their top rider Dan Chambers competing in the European Championships at Poole in Dorset and he performed very well. He missed out on qualifying from the quarter-finals by one point but then came through the repechage event to make the semi-finals. This proved to be a very tough competition with a lot of leading Polish contenders. However, he started well with seven points from his more favourable starting positions but the going got tougher and he could make little impression from the outside starting positions. His tally of 10 points was not enough to make the final.

Meanwhile the Hawks had two representatives in the Ireland team for the European Nations Cup which Poland won narrowly from England. Ireland finished fourth with Hethersett skipper Leigh Cossey scoring seven points and Dan Butler scoring eight. The internationals will be back with the Hawks on August 14th when they visit high-flying Ipswich Eagles. More Hawks news on pages 48 and 49

# Sponsorship Deal For Hawks



HETHERSETT Hawks Cycle Speedway Club has new sponsors to help it celebrate its Golden Jubilee year.

Myhill Decorators have signed a deal with the club and have presented Hawks with a new set of racing shirts.

Nick Myhill, a former British cycle speedway champion and former Hawks rider, explained that he had been involved with the sport since the age of 10: "I got a tremendous amount of satisfaction out of cycle speedway and thought it would be a good idea to put something back into the Hethersett club and the local community," Nick Myhill said.

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The Norfolk Championships which were due to take place on Hethersett Memorial Field in June but which were ruled out by the weather will now take place on Saturday, September 25th.

## Olly's Last Gasp Victory

Away from the shale tracks Olly Buxton (pictured below) raced in the infamous Gas Hill Gasp in front of a large crowd in Norwich on Friday night as part of the Lord Mayor's weekend celebrations.

He won the cycle speedway final and then made a real last "gasp" dive for the line in the grand final against the other non-Road Racing category winners.

## Third Place for Dan

Dan Chambers was in good form in the East Anglian Championships at Ipswich. In a top-class senior field, he won his vital final heat against two main contenders which earned him a race-off for third place. He won this by passing home star Richard Fellgett. In other categories Owen Wells finished seventh in the Under-16s and fifth in the U19s while Glyn Morgan was seventh in the Veterans.



# Sports Association Continues to Grow

HETHERSETT and the Meltons' Sports Association continues to go from strength to strength with sports as diverse as football, cricket, badminton and table tennis being represented.

But the association is not just about sport. It also discusses and covers health, fitness, well being and even the environment - anything in fact that improves the lifestyle of residents.

The latest meeting at Park Farm Hotel, heard a report from Helen Lawn on Hethersett's success in winning the Active Norfolk Village Games and also the Active Norfolk annual netball tournament.



Representatives of the various sports clubs affiliated to the society along with representatives from Hethersett Parish Council, South Norfolk District Council, Fitness Express at Park Farm Hotel came together

The sports association also has money for small grants and over the past few years has helped a number of clubs from Crusaders Rugby to Hethersett Junior Netball Club, Hethersett Athletic Football Club to Hethersett Badminton Club. It has also supported sports as diverse as bowls, table tennis, croquet and petanque.

The next meeting of the association will take place in Park Farm Hotel on Monday October 10th at 7.30 pm.. Everyone is welcome

The association has its own web site at

**[www.handmsa.weebly.com](http://www.handmsa.weebly.com)**

Our photograph above shows a number of the association's members pictured with the Norfolk Village Games Winners' trophy.