



No Change at Thickthorn

NO CHANGES are being made to what are considered to be dangerous lane markings on Thickthorn Roundabout.

Hethersett Parish Council has again expressed its concern over the existing markings which members consider to be dangerous. The council's latest comments follow a meeting with Highways England which has been followed by a letter from the agency stating that no changes will be made to the junction.

Councillors agreed that lane markings

continue to be a concern, particularly those coming off the A47 from the Great Yarmouth direction which indicate vehicles going towards Hethersett should take the right hand lane.

The council has asked for the markings to revert back to allowing vehicles going towards the village to use the middle of the three lanes. A letter from Highways England states that "no collisions have occurred as result of the poor use of the A47 lane 2 of the west-bound off slips." The letter goes on to say that the erection of new vertical indicator signs on the slip road to reinforce the surface marking advice" would only be put in place if "injury collisions occur in sufficient numbers."

"I understand that you and your parish members will be disappointed though, as I explained at our meeting, if injury collision savings cannot be demonstrated I have no justification for public funding," the letter from Roger Chenery of Highways England concludes

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A pre Christmas visitor. Find out where by going to Page 3.

Parish Council Fights to Keep Lights

HETHERSETT Parish Council is to fight plans to cut the lighting on the B1172. The Hethersett stretch of the road includes a number of junctions including those at Station Lane, Churchfields and New Road.

De-illumination is being proposed by Norfolk County Council as part of its 50% carbon reduction plans for street lighting in Norfolk. The county's proposal is to remove street lighting 100 metres east of Station Lane in Hethersett through to the A11 Spooner Row junction near Wymondham.

The proposal is to also turn off lighted

signs and bollards. Parish councillors supported plans to reduce the local carbon footprint as much as possible, but are opposing the de-illumination on the grounds of the number of junctions and public safety issues, particularly in the light of plans for a new cycle path from Hethersett to Wymondham.

Members felt that turning off lighting on road signs and bollards could prove potentially dangerous. Members also felt that a compromise could be achieved by turning lights off at 11 p.m. The council will send a letter to Norfolk County Council underlining the issues and requesting a meeting.

Confusing and Dangerous

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Councillors re-affirmed their belief that the roundabout is both confusing and dangerous:

"We are disappointed with the response. The roundabout is not fit for purpose, particularly in the light of new development in the area that will increase the amount of traffic considerably," said parish council chairman Jacky Sutton.

Hethersett village web site has received numerous complaints about the dangers of the junction.

Food Swap at Library

HETHERSETT Library is giving local people the chance to swap unwanted food items received over the Christmas period.

Unwanted items can be dropped off at the library from January 4th to 9th.

Those dropping items off will be given a ticket and they can return on the 11th and choose a replacement item.

The only rule is no fresh items or alcohol and items should either be sealed or unopened.

Never mind the rain, dear!

THE wet and blustery weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the many families who turned out to see Santa and two of his real reindeer at Hethersett Old Hall School's Christmas market.



The reindeer were a top attraction at the independent school's fundraising bonanza, which saw its large sports hall transformed into a shoppers' paradise with nearly 60 stalls selling gifts, crafts, jewellery, local artisan food and many other seasonal treats, as well as Santa's grotto and a decorated Christmas tree kindly donated by Great Melton Estate.

Organised by the school's Parents' Association, the event also boasted a pop-up restaurant offering visitors hot food and drinks, French-style crepes and a sell-out stall of homemade cakes made and donated by parents.



PA Chair Charissa Garner said, "We were delighted by the turnout, the car park was overflowing and there were fantastic, friendly crowds here all day. We have made an amazing sum of £3,340 for our school fund - and nearly all of the stallholders have already asked to book for next year."

Helen Birmingham, proprietor of Kiddycakes, who had a stall at the market, said, "The event was superbly organised and had a really lovely atmosphere. If the school organises another one next year we would love to attend."

Parking Concerns

HETHERSETT Parish Council is becoming increasingly concerned about “inconsiderate parking” in the village.

The latest meeting heard that vehicle owners parking on grass verges are causing obstructions for pushchairs and mobility scooters.

“Vehicles seem to be indiscriminately parking everywhere including on verges and pavements and opposite bus stops. Hethersett is becoming a glorified car park. People think they can park anywhere they like,” said council member Jim Bartram.

It was agreed that the council’s police liaison group should look into the matter and discuss it with Norfolk Police in view of the fact that the problem is likely to get worse with major new development planned in Hethersett.

The parish council is continuing to support plans for three additional bus shelters in the village and a new crossing facility on the B1172 to help residents safely cross the road to shops at Church Farm.

A bid is being put in to Norfolk County Council under the Parish Partnership Project which would see Hethersett and the county council both meeting 50% of the cost.

Plans are to provide new bus shelters close to the parish church, in Churchfields and on the B1172. The new crossing would take the form of a middle of the road structure similar to that opposite St Remigius Church. At its latest meeting the council unanimously agreed to meet the 50% cost if its application is accepted.

Painting For Pleasure



The Hethersett Painting For Pleasure Art Group held its annual exhibition in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday, November 8th.

Various media were used ranging from pastels to acrylics and subject matter ranged from abstract to still life, animals to landscapes. Profits from the event, which included refreshments and a tombola, will go to the Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

The Painting for Pleasure group was launched in 2006 by local artist Linda Goldspink and meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Wednesdays from 10 a.m until midday.

New Councillor -

Marilyn Savory has been co-opted to Hethersett Parish Council to bring the council up to its full complement of 13. Adrienne Quinlan was co-opted at the previous meeting. Mrs Savory has lived in the village for 47 years and is a leading member of Hethersett Horticultural Society.

Panto Time - Oh Yes It Is

HETHERSETT Pantomime Group will be performing its 47th production from January 16th to 23rd. The panto tradition in the village goes back to 1970 and productions have raised thousands of pounds for local and national charities.

The 2016 panto in Hethersett Village Hall will be Jack and the Beanstalk which will be making its sixth appearance in the company's repertoire.

There will be matinees on January 16th and 23rd at 2 p.m and evening performances on January 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd at 7.30 p.m (please note this is 15 minutes earlier than the usual start time). Tickets are all priced at £6 and can be booked by telephoning 01603 811337. Our photograph shows action from the 2013 village pantomime Cinderella.



We will have a full report of the panto in our February edition.

Dementia News From the Village

A new music therapy group for people with dementia is being held on Tuesdays during school term time (except the third one of each month). The music therapy group will be run by a qualified and HCPC registered music therapist. Sessions will run at Hethersett Methodist Church from 10-10:45 am. A wide range of instruments and voices will be used to help dementia sufferers to express themselves and connect with others in live musical interaction. No musical skills are required. For more information call Susan Goode on 01953 850035 or 07784 457901. Susan can also be e-mailed by going to susan@goode-music.co.uk. The first session will be on January 5th.

Meanwhile the monthly Hethersett Hub Café for people with dementia, their families, friends and carers is moving venue from January. The café runs on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 am until noon and from 19th January will be held in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall in Great Melton Road.

Seasonal Changes to Refuse Collections

As usual there are changes to refuse collections over the Christmas period. The table below shows exactly when

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Change
Monday 21 December	Saturday 19 December	2 days early
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December	1 day early
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December	1 day early
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December	1 day early
Friday 25 December	Thursday 24 December	1 day early
Monday 28 December	Tuesday 29 December	1 day late
Tuesday 29 December	Wednesday 30 December	1 day late
Wednesday 30 December	Thursday 31 December	1 day late
Thursday 31 December	Saturday 2 January	2 days late
Friday 1 January	Monday 4 January	3 days late
Monday 4 January	Tuesday 5 January	1 day late
Tuesday 5 January	Wednesday 6 January	1 day late
Wednesday 6 January	Thursday 7 January	1 day late
Thursday 7 January	Friday 8 January	1 day late
Friday 8 January	Saturday 9 January	1 day late

Online Magazine

Hethersett online magazine is published monthly with news and views from the village. If you have anything you would like included please send it by e-mail to petersteward@lineone.net. More village news is available on our web site at www.hethersett.org.uk.

The next edition of Hethersett Online magazine will be published the first week in January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Church Services

Once again this year Hethersett Churches Together will be distributing Christmas cards throughout Hethersett and the Meltons giving details of church services over the festive season. This year the cards will also include a leaflet about the Hethersett Dementia Hub cafe. Christmas Church Services in Hethersett and the Meltons are as follows:

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE
Dec 6th	16.00	Christingle Service	St Remigius
Dec 7th	18.00	Four Schools Carol Service	St Remigius
Dec 13th	15.30	Christingle and Carol Service	Great Melton
Dec 20th	10.30	Carol Service	Little Melton
	16.00	Carol Service	St Remigius
	18.30	Carols by Candlelight	Methodist Church
Dec 24th	16.00	Christingle Service	Methodist Church
	16.00	Crib Service	Little Melton
	16.00	Crib Service	St Remigius
	18.30	Candlelit All Age Family Communion	Great Melton
	23.15	Midnight Communion	Methodist Church
	23.30	Midnight Communion	St Remigius
Dec 25th	08.00	Holy Communion	St Remigius
	09.00	All Age Family Communion	Little Melton
	10.00	All Age Family Communion	St Remigius
	10.30	Family Christmas Day Worship	Methodist Church
Dec 27th	10.00	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
	10.30	All Age Family Communion	St Remigius
Dec 31st	21.00	Social Evening and Watchnight Service	Methodist Church

Important Decisions For Village's Future

TWO important planning decisions have been made in the past few weeks, prompting celebrations in the village. A renewed attempt by developers to build 22 homes on land in the middle of the of the village known as the Paddock has been turned down and Wymondham Rugby Club has failed in its appeal to move to a new ground which would have seen 90 houses built on the club's current Tuttlles Lane site as well as 300 more on Norwich Common.

South Norfolk council turned down the rugby application as they felt it important to maintain a green belt between Wymondham and Hethersett

Wartime Hethersett Comes Alive

AN intriguing look into Hethersett in the first five decades of the 20th century is now available online. "Hethersett – A Village at War" tells the story of the village from 1910 to 1950 through photographs, articles and original sources.

The site features exclusive material from the western front and covers both World Wars and includes transcripts from Hethersett parish magazines written by the rectors of the day. One of the main sections of the site features the writings of the Rector of Hethersett during the First World War, the Rev Frederic Jarvis, both from his study at Hethersett Rectory and also from the Western Front where he served as a chaplain for a year.

The site also includes exclusive letters home from the front during the First World War that have never been published



before. They were written by Percy Curson to his sister Mary who lived at High House Farm, Little Melton. It also has articles on servicemen who lost their lives during the wars. One of the latest additions is a list of absent voters from 1918.

Those serving in the armed forces or overseas had to register for their vote and the list gives an insight into who was serving where during the First World War. The site has been put together by Hethersett Parish Councillor and owner of the village web site Peter Steward as part of the council's commemoration of the centenary of the First World War.

The council has also renovated the war memorial in the grounds of Hethersett Parish Church. A new commemorative seat purchased from funds raised at this year's Hethersett Open Gardens scheme organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) will be put in place in the centre of the village in the near future.

"We are hoping that people will find the web site interesting and help them to learn a little about what life was like in the village between 1910 and 1950. The project started as part of a commemoration of the First World War but it was decided to extend this to include the second

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conflict and the years immediately afterwards. It is the first time that these documents have been collected together in one place and I hope the site

is a fitting memorial to all those who fought and, in some instances, gave their lives in the two world wars," Peter Steward said. The village war site

can be viewed at <http://hethersettatwar.weebly.com> or via the Hethersett Village web site at www.hethersett.org.uk

News From the Village

Ducklings' Festive Fair

Hethersett Ducklings Pre-School Playgroup will be holding a Christmas Fayre in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 2 to 4 p.m on Saturday 12th December. The afternoon will include family and children's games and there will be cake and craft stalls, a tombola and Father Christmas will be present.

"All monies raised at the event will help ensure Ducklings can continue to remain a fundamental source of pre-school care for families in Hethersett. We are a charity run resource where all committee members offer their time, support and guidance on a voluntary basis, and we are hoping that families will come along and support our event," said committee secretary Wendy Raynor.

The group is also looking for businesses willing to donate suitable prizes for the raffle which will be drawn on the day. Wendy can be e-mailed at ducklings.secretary@gmail.com or contacted on 0797 6957 625.

Parish Pop In

The first Parish Council Pop In session will take place in Hethersett Library on January 11th from 2 until 4 p.m. Residents will have the opportunity to bring up matters of concern with Hethersett parish councillors.

Paper People Wanted

A newspaper delivering service that covers Hethersett is looking for newspapers boys/girls for morning deliveries. Anyone interested should ring Vicky from Norfolk News Deliveries Ltd on 01953 600478

Christmas Cheer at Village Sale

HETHERSETT Christmas Fair once again proved a tremendous success with hundreds of people turning up to shop and listen to Christmas music at Hethersett Methodist Church.

The main church featured refreshments and musical entertainment from the Woodside School Singers, Hethersett Junior School, Hethersett Methodist Church Singing Fellowship, the Decapo Choir, Hethersett Singers and St Remigius Church Choir.

Numerous charities had stalls including MacMillan Cancer Care, Hethersett Environmental Action Team, Hethersett Society, the Respect Yourself Charity, Big C and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The event was organised



jointly by the Methodist Church and South Norfolk District Councillor Leslie Dale who represents the village. Originally the event was envisaged as a summer fair but is now established as a pre-

Christmas event. Our photographs show one of the stalls and in the bottom picture, Andy Paynes of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team demonstrates the use of insect boxes.

Cricketers Celebrate

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club reflected on a successful season at its annual Christmas dinner and presentation evening at the George Hotel, Norwich.

Valley won two major knockout trophies - the Bernard Matthews Cup and the Norfolk Association of Cricket Officials (NACO) Shield. In addition the Saturday second eleven gained promotion to Division Four of the Norfolk League. The first team narrowly missed out on promotion from Division Two. The club now has over 70 youth team players and retiring chairman Tony Smith underlined the importance of young players to the club with many now pushing their way into the adult teams. Tony was presented with a signed cricket bat and tankard to mark his nine years at the helm. He was also awarded the Club Person of the Year award.



The trophy for the best performance of the season went to John Curtis., who was also named player of the year. The full list of prize-winners was as follows: Batting: First eleven, Ian Bryce; second eleven, Nick Powell; third eleven, Tristan Henderson; fourth eleven, Mark Worley. Bowling: First eleven, John Curtis; second eleven, Matt Steward; third eleven, Cam-

eron Clarke; fourth eleven, Adam Nicholls,

Duck Cup for most Ducks, Ross Jones; Batsman of the Year, Ian Bryce; Bowler of the Year, David Coyle; Performance of the Year, John Curtis; Catching Cup, David Coyle; Fielding Cup, David Coyle; Player of the Year, John Curtis; Most Improved Player, Tristan Henderson; Best Junior in Adult Cricket, Sam Morton; Club Person of the Year, Tony Smith.

The photograph at the top of the page shows John Curtis with club president Richard Ellis and below that is chairman Tony Smith with Richard Ellis.



Team of the Month

Hethersett Athletic's Men's Saturday team have been named Crown Fire South and Central Norfolk team of the month for October and the picture above shows captain James Rice receiving the award from league secretary Mick Utting before the 2-2 draw against top of the table Rocklands Utd.

October saw the team unbeaten with three league wins and two county cup victories. The team has become the first adult Saturday team from the club to reach the quarter-finals of a county cup competition. They will play in the quarter-finals at home on January 9th, 2016 (kick off 1.30 p.m). Full results and other news from the club are available on their official web site at www.hethersettathletic.org.uk

THE next meeting of Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association will take place at Park Farm Hotel on Monday 11th January at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting will have a presentation from Mark Heazle and David Bills from South Norfolk Council on the latest news on new community sports facilities at Hethersett Academy. Everyone interested in sport, fitness and well being is welcome to attend the meeting