

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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## Major Honour for Mike

HETHERSETT based athletics coach Mike Utting (pictured right) won a top award when the cream of Norfolk sport came together at Norwich Open on November 15th for the tenth anniversary of the Active Norfolk Sports Awards. For the story of an evening that also honoured our village, please turn to page 51.



# More Development?

**HETHERSETT could be destined for even more development as locations are announced for additional new homes in Norwich, South Norfolk and Broadland over the next 20 years.**

Over 70,000 more houses could be built on land being made available by landowners putting forward potential sites. These include Hethersett, Little Melton, Cringleford, Wymondham, Honingham, Costessey and Easton. Any housing

would be in addition to the 1,200 house already planned for Hethersett. About 500 sites have been put forward after a number of councils, including South Norfolk, invited landowners, developers and agents to suggest areas for development.

One of the fears from such development would be a total erosion of any green belt between Wymondham, Hethersett, Cringleford and Norwich.

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# Village Set for More Development?

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It is suggested, however, that far more sites have been put forward than will be needed. The largest amount of land has been put forward in Wymondham and Spooner Row and this will have an obvious impact on vehicle levels passing close to Hethersett either on the main A11 or B1172. About 1,000 acres has been identified in Hethersett and neighbouring Little Melton.

John Fuller, leader of South Norfolk Council, told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper: “We shouldn’t be surprised that when you ask landowners have they got land, they put land forward for building.

“It’s the role of councils to listen, but not necessarily agree to their requests. A preliminary analysis has shown about seven times more land has been put forward for building than is necessary.

“People can be reassured that, just because land is promoted, it doesn’t mean the councils will agree it should be developed. The question, as ever, will obviously be whether facilities will keep pace with any further development.

Meanwhile the Wymondham Mercury newspaper has reported that work has started on the new development off Back Lane. The picture on this page was captured from the B1172 by our South Norfolk District Councillor David Bills. If you are interested in a pictorial record of the new development, Hethersett resident Trevor Radley takes us on a journey through the latest development with a Facebook video diary at



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# Development Pictorial



# Mixed Views on Cycle Path Extension

HETHERSETT residents have expressed their concern about safety aspects of a proposed extension to a cycle path from the village towards Wymondham.

Residents and business owners along the route have labelled a possible path “an accident waiting to happen.”

The proposed path is part of a plan to extend cycle paths from Hetherset to Wymondham.

The latest plan is to take the path from opposite Hetherset Hall to David James Cars.

The plan would also see the removal of slip roads off the B1172 into New Road and Norwich Road. The proposed cycle path would cross a number of private driveways.

David James Cars owner David Bain told the Wymondham Mercury newspaper that the idea was so dangerous it was “madness.”

“Cyclists are going to have to swerve out onto the road at my gate where we have delivery vans in and out every

day,” he said.

Other residents referred to the plan as “ill advised.”

A Transport for Norfolk spokesman said “Projects such as this outside the city centre are an important part of our strategy to connect greater Norwich communities with the city centre and places of employment.”

**Plans for the new section can be viewed at [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk).**

Thursday November 1, 2016

## Cycle path plan causes some concern in village

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Plans for a 3.2m cycle path along a main road in Hetherset have angered some residents and business-owners who fear it will be an accident waiting to happen.

Suffolk County Council wants to build the path between David James Cars and a spot 150m on from the entrance to Stewich Road opposite the Bramchester Hetherset Hall Gate House.

The path would create a collision-free cycle link between Norwich and Wymondham and run along the north side of the B1172, in part directly adjacent to the carriage-way and partly through nearby fields, behind Kate's Oak.

But the plan also calls for left-hand slip roads into New Road and Norwich Road to be removed, and the cycle path would cross a number of private driveways.

David James Cars owner David Bain said the idea was so dangerous it was “madness”.

He said: “Cyclists are going to have to swerve out onto the road at my gate where we have delivery vans in and out every day.

“There will be a death. It is that obvious.”

Hetherset resident Duncan Bosko said he had concerns over safety and cost of the project.

He said: “The whole plan is really ill advised.



■ The new cycle path would run through a field behind Kate's Oak.

“They are going to have to either narrow the road or reduce the street lighting, which is complete folly.”

The path would be 3m wide and designed for pedestrians as well as cyclists.

A Transport for Norfolk spokesman said: “Projects such as this outside the city centre are an important part of our strategy to connect greater Norwich communities with the city centre and places of employment.”

The plans can be viewed by searching for “Wymondham to Hetherset cycle link” at [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

■ What do you think of the plans for the cycle path in Hetherset? Email your views to [stuart.anderson@archant.co.uk](mailto:stuart.anderson@archant.co.uk)

# Pothole Problem in Back Lane



VILLAGE development will by necessity bring with it some disruption. We have, however, received a number of complaints about the state of some roads and dangers from potholes which are often obscured by excessive mud on the roads.

One resident took to

Facebook to talk about the dangers: “My girlfriend hit a pothole and thought she had hit something and had to stop in a panic. I have hit it too and wondered how I didn't damage my car. I do hope it is sorted out very soon and anyone who has their car damaged by this gets compensated! Beware drivers it isn't easy to

spot!



The writer was referring to a large pothole in Back Lane and our photographs illustrate the extent of this particular hole. When we visited the area we found a deep gouge in the road with a sharp drop in a pothole full of sludge and water. Other residents have complained about mud on the road and this prompted our two district councillors to take the

matter into their own hands. The top photograph shows David Bills and Leslie Dale clearing away mud from Back Lane across the road from the Jubilee Youth Club premises.

The photographs over the page illustrates the size and extent of the Back Lane pothole with a vertical drop that could do considerable damage to vehicles whose drivers may not see it after dark. There are currently other eyesores in



the village such as verges that have been churned up. Our photo below is of one verge close to the Memorial Field.



## Herald Comment

HETHERSETT is a wonderful place to live thanks to an amazing beating heart. Whatever happens in the future, that heart will continue to beat thanks to the wonderful work of so many local people and volunteers. It would be wrong to pretend, however, that problems do not arise from time to time and when they appear we will be looking at the issues involved and keeping you informed on how we see things developing.

That's why it would be wrong to ignore the less palatable side of our village life, such as the problems highlighted on pages six and seven with muddy roads, pot-holes and verges destroyed.

# Avoid Being a Victim of Scams

ONE of the aims of Hethersett Herald, apart from providing news, photographs and features about our village, is to keep residents informed on matters that could either help them or prevent them becoming victims of unscrupulous criminals.

## Herald Comment

Over the past few months we have been including news from Norfolk Trading Standards with regards to various scams. There seems to be no lengths to which these scammers will not go and they are coming up with new ideas all the time.

It is very easy to be taken in by them. In this edition of Hethersett Herald we learn that displaying a “no cold calling sticker” doesn’t necessarily stop those annoying knocks on the door. Similarly telephone scammers are persistent as you will find out. I now get regular calls purporting to be from Talk Talk which I have been using for my telephone and Broadband connection for a few years. Quite recently Talk Talk had to admit that customer details had been stolen and were in the hands of scammers.

My calls have surrounded the alleged slow performance of my computer and Broadband. Initially I was almost taken in by this scam as the caller was very believable and had details of my name, my address and my account number which they happily gave me. I only twigged quite late on and thankfully smelled a rat when they offered to send me a refund if I gave them my bank details.

The interesting thing is that if you take these people on they become very abusive. I have been called a liar and much worse. - scarcely the response you would get from a genuine call. Please do not be taken in by these people. I am now immune to the calls as I receive about five a week. As a result I have cancelled my Talk Talk account and moved to another provider. I have informed them that my decision is partly due to the fact that they allowed my personal details to be stolen.

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Often it is easy to see both sides of a particular argument on village matters. Such is the case with the proposed extension of the cycle path towards Wymondham (see page five).

On the surface (sorry about the pun) it’s an excellent idea, helping to provide a path for pedestrians and making it safer for cyclists. But, when you think about it on a slightly deeper level, you can see inherent dangers as the new path will cut across driveways. Whether it’s an accident waiting to happen as has been suggested is another question. Certainly the matter needs to be seriously debated before any decision is made.

# Hethersett Herald

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# News From The Village

IN 2015 thieves stripped lead off the roof of Hethersett Parish Church, as reported in the first ever edition of Hethersett Herald.

They took all the lead from the north aisle and two strips from the nave roof. Since then a temporary covering has been put on the roof and a target of raising £52,000 was set to cover the roof with steel rather than lead. This is less attractive to thieves.

The church has received a number of donations which have raised £20,000, including one gift of £12,500. Donations have also included £1,000 from the Hethersett Pantomime Group from proceeds from the 2016 panto, £543 from a sponsored walk by Rick Palmer as reported in a previous edition of Hethersett Herald.

In addition a concert held to celebrate the 90th birthday of church stalwart Duncan Pigg raised more than £2,000.

In addition, £10,000 has been received from insurers, and fundraising events have brought in an additional £3,000. The end is now in sight with more grant applications in and more fundraising events being organised.

**These include a quiz night in Old Hall School Barn on Friday, 20th January. There will be a chef prepared meal and teams can consist of up to eight people. Tables can be booked by contacting Vic Redington on 01603 811136.**

## Herald Flashback

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### 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 lead stripped from the roof.

On the night of Tuesday/Wednesday 27/28th October there was a major theft of lead from the north aisle roof of St Remigius Church. The intruders broke down the fence next to the locked church gates and drove across the churchyard to collect the lead as it was stripped off the roof.

Heavy rain late in the night and the following day caused damage and disruption inside the building. Reactor, the Reverend David McClean, 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 in getting the roof fixed, and we thank all those members of our community who are helping

round to something 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 disruptive and distressing effect on the church community, the theft will have an enormous impact on church finances. We've only just finished a £100,000 repair on the slate section of the nave roof, a three-year project involving our community in extensive fundraising. We now face making... (Continued on page four).

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## Firs Road Gets Lit Up

IT wouldn't be Christmas in Hethersett without Tony and Margaret Dunton getting lit up.

For almost two decades the couple have festooned their bungalow in Firs Road with hundreds of festive lights - not to mention crib scenes and Santa Claus figures.

School children and residents have flocked to see the annual display which, over the years has raised thousands of pounds for local charities.

They started back in 1994 and over the years have added numerous models including a crib scene at the front of their garage and a full sized inflatable Father Christmas who stands guard.

Many charities have benefited including Hethersett Surgery and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

We will have photographs of the couple's 2016 display in the January 2017 edition of Hethersett Herald which will be online before Christmas.



# News From The Village

## Still Time to Vote

A reminder that there's still time to vote for local people and groups in the South Norfolk Community Awards. The categories are: Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Community Group of the Year, Community Fundraiser of the Year, Business Community Champion of the Year, Community Well Being Champion or Group of the Year, Environmental Champion of the Year and Life-time Community Hero.

Nominations close on Sunday, 8th January, 2017.

## Major Road Closures

Back Lane will be closed for construction of a new junction until January 24th next year. Access for home owners etc will be available during this time.

Other roadworks that could affect Hethersett drivers include resurfacing work on the B1172 roundabout close to Waitrose which will be closed on a number of nights for re-surfacing work.

## Library Friends' Group Gets Going

A Friends' Group for Hethersett Library was officially set-up at a meeting on November 10th. A band of volunteers will be supporting a variety of library events, starting with providing refreshments at the special performance of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol on December 10th. See page 39 for details of the show. There will also be a name the doll competition.

The library is currently preparing for its extended opening hours under the scheme which will see registered users able to access the building when it isn't staffed. Modifications are currently underway and a starting date will be announced in the near future. To access the library when not staffed and during set hours, users will have to be registered and enter via a code and with a registration card. Users will be able to access computers and return and borrow books.

## New Tai Chi Class

A new Tai Chi class for beginners is being lined-up for Hethersett Methodist Church on Tuesday mornings from 11.30 am until 12.30 pm. The classes were due to start on November 22nd and cost £5 per session and also take in meditation. More details are available by phoning 07901 528840 or by visiting [www.norfolktaichi.co.uk](http://www.norfolktaichi.co.uk)

# News From The Village

## Focus on Dementia Friendly Group

HETHERSETT took another step towards becoming a dementia friendly village with an information evening in the village hall

Hethersett Dementia Support Group hosted the event which attracted residents and members of the business community. Amelia Worley from Age UK led a training session, explaining how to become a dementia friend.



Pupils from Hethersett Academy assisted the group in welcoming and providing refreshments and there were information displays by Age UK, the Alzheimer's Society and Hethersett Knit and Natter group.



Chairman of the Hethersett Dementia Support Group, David Bills, thanked those in attendance and talked about the progress of the monthly café and continued steps to make Hethersett a dementia friendly community. He thanked all those working towards this end, but underlined that much work still needs to be done. As a result of the evening and assemblies taken in local schools by Amelia Worley, Hethersett Academy has shown an interest in becoming involved with the dementia café.

The monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 am until midday. The

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November café saw poet Peter Davies entertain with a mixture of classic poetry and his own verse.

The December café will be held on December 20th and will feature carol singing.

Our photograph at the top of the previous page shows a flashback to the launch of the group at Hethersett Hall. The other photograph shows poet Peter Davies in action during his talk at the November meeting.

## Revised Refuse Collection Dates

There will be a number of changes to refuse collection dates over the Christmas period. These are:

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Change
Tuesday 27th December	Wednesday 28th December	One Day Late
Wednesday 28th December	Thursday 29th December	One Day Late
Thursday 29th December	Friday 30th December	One Day Late
Friday 30th December	Saturday 31st December	One Day Late

## More Problems at Thickthorn

November brought more delays in the never ending problem known as Thickthorn Roundabout. Herald has covered numerous reports in the past about problems at and the dangers of this roundabout.

We supported steps by Hethersett Parish Council to have direction indicators changed to bring a more sensible approach to the area. Now, over the past few months, there have been tailbacks almost to Wymondham due to malfunctioning traffic lights.

Commuters reported a crawl into Norwich with lights only letting a small number of cars through before changing back to red. This has been a perpetual problem since summer. In August, Highways England visited the site and insisted the problem had been fixed.

The latest malfunction has been put down to a connection fault with traffic flow detectors, but it continued to be a problem at recurring intervals during November. We leave it to you to decide whether this is really the reason for continuing problems on the roundabout.

# Remembering the Fallen

***Peter Steward reports on the 2016 Remembrance Service in Hethersett Parish Church and looks back two years to a special re-dedication day.***

EVERY year on the Sunday closest to Armistice Day, Hethersett remembers those who gave their lives in the fight for freedom in the two world wars.

Each act of remembrance in the village opens with the names of the fallen, all of whom are commemorated on the war memorial in the churchyard, being read out. This task has been undertaken for many years by village stalwart Duncan Pigg BEM. This is followed by the sounding of the Last Post, followed by the laying of wreaths by representatives of many of the village's churches and uniformed organisations. This year these included: Hethersett Scouts, Hethersett Guides, Hethersett Cubs, Hethersett Beavers, Hethersett Brownies, Hethersett Parish Council, Hethersett Parish Church, Hethersett Methodist Church, Hethersett Roman Catholic Community, Hethersett Pensioners' Association and Hethersett Old Hall School.

Then follows a service in St Remigius Church which is always packed for the occasion.



Those are the basic nuts and bolts for a remembrance event that starts just before 11 a.m and finishes around 12.15 p.m. But that 75 minute stretch tells only a tiny part of the Hethersett Remembrance story.



As Methodist Minister the Rev Matthew Olanrewaju said in his address: “It is vital when we take off our poppies that we continue to remember throughout the year just what Remembrance Sunday is all about.”

I would take that further and say that it is vital that we continue to remember the men themselves and just what the village was like in the historic period between the start of the First World War in 1914 and the end of the second world war in 1945.

It was particularly poignant to remember the village and the fallen in the year that marks the centenary of the Battle of the Somme,

In 1916, Hethersett was a very different place. It had scarcely 1,000 residents, just a sixth of what we have today. Before the war most men either worked on the land or in trades such as blacksmith, carpentry etc.

Much of what we know about the village between 1914 and 1945 comes from first hand memories handed down, along with letters sent home from the front and the Good News magazine which continues to be a wonderful source of historic information about Hethersett.

One man looms large in our village’s history from the First World War. Frederic Jarvis was village Rector and wrote extensively about the war and the village. His conscience then led him to serve in France alongside the troops. He sent back a number of letters from the Western Front - all of which appeared in Good News.

Reading through the Rector’s letters I am convinced that he self-censored his contributions and saw much more than he actually wrote about. But there is still a unique rawness about them - the writings of a man who saw so much and probably kept much of it trapped inside himself. An example follows:

*When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today - John Maxwell Edmonds.*

### **February 1917 (from the writings of The Rev Frederic Jarvis)**

As I sit here writing with the guns pounding away a few miles off, one realises that the night has not yet gone, that there will be a heavier pounding than this before the sunrise; but how often the darkest part of the night comes just before the dawn and so with this hope in our hearts we will wait and work until we hear the watchman cry "The morn is come."

It is difficult to describe the absolute contrast between life in a quiet secluded village like Hethersett and life at Headquarters of the 1st Army. I could not help thinking of the stillness and beauty of our parish church, as I knelt a few mornings ago in a little temporary military church in which almost all the plaster had been brought down from the ceiling by the concussion caused by high explosives. If you want to go to Norwich you buy a ticket and go, but if I want to travel I have to get a "movement order" from an officer. It is the same thing of course, but with this difference, that I probably couldn't get it.

All your railway officials are civilians but here the porters are soldiers, the stationmaster, known as the Railway Transport Officer, is a soldier. At the street corners controlling the traffic, are military police, If you go to a military stores you are served by soldiers.

Here one is plunged into the middle of things that have been read about and heard about but never quite understood. At home we talked about The War but here we are in it, part of it, run by it, and yet, all engrossing as it is, my

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

- **John McRae**

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England.

- **Rupert Brooke**

thoughts daily, almost hourly, turn to home; for the work there must go on without a pause

**The following is taken from the parish news of July 2016 and features news of one of the soldiers commemorated on the Hethersett Memorial:**

“Ralph Buckingham was the fifth son of Mrs F.T Buckingham. As a boy he was in the Church Choir and was the first to join the Hethersett Troop of Boy Scouts. At an early age he determined to enter the Navy and his first attempt to gain admission met with failure. In order to pass the medical test a serious operation was necessary.

This did not alter his purpose and he walked into the operating room singing. At the age of 16 he joined HMS Britannia and in the following year was transferred, after serving on HMS Invincible, to HMS King Edward which took our King and Queen (then Prince and Princess of Wales) to Spain and formed part of the escort which brought back the body of the Late Duke of Fife. At the beginning of the present war he was on HMS Venerable whose guns fired the first British shot on the Belgian coast. Later he came home for a course of torpedo instruction and was afterwards put on HMS Hampshire.

The Hampshire was the cruiser which stopped the ship bearing the Ford Peace Party in Mid Atlantic, and, after examination, sent it back to an American port. She also took part in the Horn Reef engagement in which no shell struck her nor were any of her men wounded. In the great naval victory off Jutland on May 31st, the Hampshire played her part, ramming one enemy submarine and sinking another by gunfire.

She seems to have come out of this battle unscathed and was ready at the shortest possible notice to carry Lord Kitchener and his Staff to Russia. Her end is well known. She sank after being struck by a mine with her precious burden in the North Sea on June 5th.

Hethersett is proud that one of her men should have been chosen for this important and responsible work. We grieve over his death and do not forget to sympathise with those who mourn.”

## Road Names to Honour the Fallen

HETHERSETT soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War will be commemorated on the roads of new development in the village. A number are already recognised in roads such as Harvey Close, Childs Road and

Buckingham Drive. Now roads on new developments will feature the names of those commemorated on the War Memorial who do not already have roads named after them. We will have more information on this in future editions

# Remembering 2014

THE 2014 service of remembrance in Hetherset was a special occasion for more than one reason

It commemorated the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Second World War and also provided a special and poignant time for three visitors.

For the first time, the name of Ray Childs was read out amongst those who fell in the First World War. His name was added to the other 17 from the Great War earlier in the year during a clean-up of the memorial and following a campaign by village historians Bea Ewart and Bob Andrews.

Those joining with uniformed organisations and villagers around the



memorial included Ray's great nieces Heather Undrill and Valerie Hearn and his great great niece Pamela Hearn who had travelled from Mundesley and Scottow for the service.

They expressed themselves "absolutely delighted at the marvellous memorial" to their relative. Ray's name was added to the war memorial this year after the go ahead from Hetherset Parish Council. Ray was severely gassed during active service in France in 1918 and died in Hetherset after the war.

Heavy overnight rain failed to deter the determination of local people and uniformed organisations to gather around the memorial in the grounds of St Remigius Church, despite the fact that the church is still shut for repairs to its roof which are now expected to last until the end of November.

That meant a change to the usual plan with the remainder of the united service being held in Hetherset Methodist Church. Brownies, Guides, Scouts and other uniformed organisations were present at the War Memorial with Duncan Pigg B.E.M reading out the names of villagers who died during the two World Wars and also during the Cyprus campaign of the 1950s. Wreaths were laid by numerous village organisations.

# News From The Parish Council

DATES have been set for Hethersett Parish Council and Hethersett Parish Planning Committee meetings for 2017.

The full council will meet on January 23rd, February 20th, March 20th, April (date to be confirmed), May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th. Planning meetings will take place on those dates and also on January 4th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 2nd, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th.

Meetings take place in the main hall of the village hall with the planning committee meeting at 7 pm and the main council at 7.30 pm, apart from the planning meetings on January 4th and May 2nd which will take place in the Humphrey Back Room which is upstairs in the village hall..

All meetings are open to the public who are given opportunities to speak at the beginning and towards the end of each meeting.

The village's annual parish meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3rd May. This will include discussion on parish matters along with reports from numerous organisations and groups.

Tony West (pictured opposite) has been co-opted to the parish council to replace Trevor Radley who resigned due to work pressures. Tony has lived in Hethersett for six years and was previously a town councillor in Haywards Heath in Sussex where he chaired the planning committee at a time of major development. Outside of council work, Tony volunteers for Citizens Advice Bureaus at both Wymondham and Attleborough. The appointment brings the council back to full strength.



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The council is appealing for volunteers to mount a speedwatch scheme in the village. Equipment is already available but residents are needed to operate it.

Speedwatch uses special guns to check the speed of motorists in the village.

# More News From The Parish Council

The scheme can also be used to give statistics to show speeding trends on specific roads. It is hoped to be able to start a new scheme in the Spring if enough volunteers come forward. Full training will be given.

## Night Complaints

Hethersett Parish Council has received assurances from Tesco Express following complaints from local residents about noise caused by delivery vehicles late at night.

The council contacted the supermarket to request action against delivery drivers leaving their engines running on deliveries made after 10.30 pm. A response has promised to tackle the problem.

## Low Crime Rate

The latest parish council meeting heard from Police Community Support Officer Darren Sore that Hethersett continues to be a low crime area with just four crimes reported between 17th October and 20th November. These included one incident of shoplifting on October 23rd, the theft of power tools from a residence in Norwich Road between November 3rd and 4th, theft from a resident at a sheltered housing complex between November 7th and 8th and damage to a car on Steepletower on November 8th. PCSO Sore made particular reference to the car crime which had seen a vehicle entered and driven across the road into a lamp-post. He referred to it as one of the most “bizarre crimes I have come across.”

## Trod and Safety Audit

Parish clerk Ian Weetman reported that a new trod, which will help with the safety of people crossing the B1172 to go to Church Farm, will be installed in the New Year. The path is being part funded by the parish council and Norfolk County Council. The parish council has also asked for a safety audit to be carried out by the county council in the centre of the village where traffic problems have been identified.

**Parish clerk Ian Weetman can be contacted in the parish office which is upstairs in Hethersett Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am until noon or on 01603 810915**

# Macmillan's Mammoth Quiz

**Hethersett has a history of holding quizzes throughout the village and organised by various groups. Now Macmillan Cancer Research is looking for people prepared to join in with a nationwide quiz. The charity sent us the following request**

“The Macmillan Mammoth Quiz is back, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year with a brand new, brain-teasing quiz for 2017. The Mammoth Quiz is Macmillan's nationwide quiz. Simply put, it is the same quiz, being held on the same day, at the same time, throughout the country.

The mammoth quiz even holds the Guinness World Record for the world's largest simultaneous quiz. We need you to help make the 2017 Macmillan Quiz the biggest and best yet.

Macmillan are looking for local groups and businesses across the UK to host a quiz on 24th February, 2017, to raise vital funds for people affected by cancer. It's a really fun and easy way to raise money for Macmillan, and you can hold your quiz anywhere from the local pub or bowling club to the office or school.

Previous participants have commented “It was a great Quiz and everyone enjoyed it tremendously” and that “the questions are so interesting and catch the imagination”.

It's free to sign up to host a Mammoth Quiz. You will then be sent a welcome pack with a 2017 quiz and fundraising materials. All that is left for you to do is book a venue and sell tickets!

There is also the Macmillan Mammoth Quiz website at the following [www.macmillan.org.uk/mammoth](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/mammoth). On here you will find tips for organising your quiz, posters and tickets, a bit of information about Macmillan and even some sneaky samples.

To register for your 2017 quiz pack, find out more about the Mammoth Quiz and start downloading sample questions and fundraising materials, please log on to [www.macmillan.org.uk/mammoth](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/mammoth) or email [fundraising@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@macmillan.org.uk).

**For further information please contact:**

Emily Ford – Area Fundraising Manager on 07801 307020 or via email at [eford@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:eford@macmillan.org.uk)

# Bereavement Group Takes Off

THE Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group continues to play a vital part in village life. The group was started by Sandi Gray (pictured opposite) to help support people of all ages who have suffered bereavement.

It meets fortnightly on Tuesdays from 5.30 until 6.30 pm in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex in Firs Road. The group has also launched its own Facebook page and website at [www.heartofhethersett.weebly.com](http://www.heartofhethersett.weebly.com).

Dates of remaining meetings in 2016 are December 6th and December 20th.

Everyone is welcome and the evenings are designed to be very informal with refreshments supplied. Those attending are encouraged to bring along photographs/memories of loved ones, although this is certainly not compulsory.

If you are interested in joining the group please just come along to the next meeting you will be sure of a warm welcome. More information is also available from Sandi Gray on 01603 812016 or via email at

**[hethersett@co-operative.coop](mailto:hethersett@co-operative.coop)**



## Ducklings Christmas Fayre

**DUCKLINGS Playgroup will be holding a Christmas Fayre on 10th December, from 2-4 pm at Hethersett Methodist Church. All money raised will go to support the playgroup. Ducklings will be celebrating 50 years of existence in 2017 and will be arranging a community event to help raise its profile. We will have more news on this event as soon as it is available.**

# Hethersett Village Walks

**Gary Wyatt continues his series of village walks with a three and a half mile jaunt around Hethersett and Little Melton**

The second walk in our series uses public footpaths and some minor road walking and takes us to the north of the village.

You can include a visit to some historic church remains at Great Melton and there is an optional extension to visit Little Melton Church.

**Distance:** about 3.5 miles; optional extension adds about a half mile.

**Underfoot:** field-edge paths, tracks and minor roads. Paths can be muddy in winter so walking boots are best.

**Start:** Oak Square in village centre, or any convenient point.

**Abbreviations:** R/RH right/right-hand; L/LH left/left-hand.

**Map:** Map adapted from Streetmap EU Ltd 1997-2016 with grateful thanks.

**Disclaimer:** the publishers of the *Hethersett Herald* cannot be held responsible for your safety or well-being when using this route.

1. Leave Oak Square, turn R and walk along Great Melton Road; ignore all side turnings until you reach the end of the built-up area at the junction with New Road. Opposite this junction, take the signposted footpath on the R.
2. Follow this field-edge path with the hedge and new housing on your R, passing the large new drainage pond. When you reach the far corner of the field, pass through a gap in the hedge and over a bridge. Ignore the second bridge on the R and turn L to walk ahead with the hedge on your L. At the corner, turn R and walk around the woodland and downhill. Turn sharp R at the bottom of the field, continuing along the field edge until you reach the end of a broad track which emerges from a gap in the hedge on your L.
3. Take this track, with the fishing lake on your R. Continue up the hill and skirt



round the large pond just visible though the hedge on your L. Continue on the track with the hedge on your L until you reach the road. Great Melton Church and a separate tower are clearly seen on your R.

**4.** Turn R on this very quiet road. It is worth stopping off to visit All Saints Church and the ruins of St. Mary's Church in the grounds. This might make a good picnic site!

**5.** Carry on along the winding road (Market Lane) for about one mile until you reach a junction on the L, signposted to Bawburgh and Barford (recently the signpost has gone missing!), near some splendid barn conversions. \*Ignore this junction and continue uphill in the same direction and you will soon see a sign-posted footpath at a gap in the hedge on your R\*.

**6.** Take this path, first across a small open field and then continuing with the hedge on your L until it passes through a hedge gap ahead and emerges into a green lane. Turn R and follow the path, initially rather overgrown. Continue with the hedge on your R until you reach a point where there is a sign about the Parish Pit in a gap in the hedge.

**7.** At this point, turn to your L and, with your back to the sign, walk across the area of grass heading for the tree-lined pit itself, following the path which is usually visible. On reaching the pit, continue round the LH side to the bottom corner, then turn R through the trees to emerge on a track.

**8.** Turn L on the track through trees (often muddy here) for a short distance until you reach a T-junction of paths at the edge of a field. Turn L and walk to the field corner. Here turn R, either up the hedge-lined track or, if overgrown, on the next field edge beyond the track where a path has developed, to reach a gate.

**9.** Pass through and turn L along the tree-lined track, continuing into Grove Road. At the crossroads, turn R along Henstead Road to the T-junction, and then turn R again back to the starting point. The chip shop next to Oak Square offers a refreshment opportunity.

**\* Optional extension to visit Little Melton Church**

At point 5 above, turn L at the road junction and take the next road R to reach All Saints church at Little Melton. Enter the churchyard via the gate and walk ahead, looking for the opening into the newer part of the graveyard on the L.

Enter this area and turn R, pass through the hedge gap and turn L on the field edge. At the corner, turn R onto the clear path and walk ahead, first across an open field and then with a hedge on your R to reach a road. Turn R for a short distance until you see the hedge gap mentioned in point 5 above (from this direction the gap is on your L).

**Gary will continue his series of walks with number three in the January 2017 edition of Hethersett Herald.**

# Groups and Societies

## **Hethersett Society**

Margaret Forrester gave a talk on the Ormesby Psalter. Psalters were produced in East Anglia in the first half of the 14th century, with the Ormesby Psalter being possibly the most magnificent. It gets its name from Robert Ormesby who was sub-prior of Norwich Cathedral Priory in the 1330s. Hethersett Society welcomes everyone to its regular monthly presentations and new visitors will be most welcome. The next event on their calendar is on December 12th at 7.30 pm in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall when the Blickling Diggers will be giving a presentation entitled "Living History at Blickling Hall." Subjects lined-up for 2017 include "Historic Transport and Travel in East Anglia," "King Street and Khaki" and "How the Internet Works."

## **Hethersett WI**

Jean Clarke helped members to improve their fitness with a session of keep fit by exercising shoulders, arms, necks and other areas above the waist. The exercises shown are ideal for doing whilst watching television. The WI meets on the third Monday of the month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7.30 pm. New members are welcome and more details are available from Elaine Canning on 01603 958033. Evenings usually include a guest speaker and the next meeting will be on December 19th.

## **Children's Society**

A total of £869.07 was raised from the United Benefice Box Collection: "I want to say a big thank you for everyone's generosity," said collection organiser Harold Kerslake. The Society is looking for a replacement for Harold who is retiring from his position after 14 years. Anyone interested or anyone wanting further details can contact Harold on 01603 811228.

## **The RiNG**

Retired Hethersett GP Dr Mike Signy talked to the Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group about bygones. The group's Christmas lunch will take place in Hethersett Queen's Head on December 10th. The group usually meets in Hethersett Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month between 2 and 4 pm. More information

# Groups and Societies

is available on the group's web site at [www.thering.org.uk](http://www.thering.org.uk) or by ringing 0800 072 9597 or 07769 635281.

## **Norfolk Dolls House and Miniaturist Club**

Many residents will probably be unaware that the Norfolk Dolls House and Miniaturist Club meets in Hethersett Village Hall on a monthly basis. At each meeting, members work on a set project or bring along items they are working on. Meetings take place on the third Saturday of each month and more information is available from Sue Read on 01603 742877

## **Probus Club**

John Nortcliff chaired the latest meeting of the Probus Club when birthday greetings were extended to Richard Land and Cliff Mortley. As the club now meets at Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club in Back Lane, Norman Saunders was invited to give a brief history of the centre. He stated that it had grants from Hethersett Parish Council and South Norfolk Council and that the lease was in place until 2036.

A discussion followed about the purchase of a projector suitable in the hall which has no blinds. Enquiries showed that one could be bought for between £400 and £500. It was thought that this would be more satisfactory than buying new blinds and was duly approved. Alan Saunders reported that Peter Fitches and Andrew Egerton-Smith had agreed to join the social committee.

After refreshments, the chairman introduced the morning's speaker, club member John Hobson, whose talk was entitled "Love It or Hate It." John is a qualified biochemist and, in his working life, was involved in the manufacture of Marmite. Marmite is made from yeast extract, a by product of beer brewing. He described the processes that are necessary for the finished product. It was a most informative presentation and, on behalf of those present, Pat Hollingsworth thanked John for his talk which was enjoyed by all. The next meeting is at 10.30 am on Wednesday 7th December when Cliff Mortley will be conducting his annual quiz and this will be followed by a quarterly lunch.

## **Willis Johnson**

# Helping to Avoid Scams

Norfolk Trading Standards are once again reminding Hethersett residents to be on their guard against doorstep cold calling even if they are displaying a No Cold Calling sticker.

This follows a number of recent reports throughout Norfolk from residents who have had cold callers at their door despite displaying a sticker, with some reporting that the callers can be difficult to turn away and in some cases verbally aggressive when the presence of the sticker is pointed out.

Trading Standards are asking residents to report ALL doorstep cold calling incidents to them, especially if their property is displaying a No Cold Calling door sticker of any type. They are also offering the following advice:

- If someone cold calls at your property remember it is your doorstep so your decision whether you even answer the door. If you can, check through a spy hole or look from a window to see who is there
- Think about your home security, make sure other doors to your property are locked before answering the front door
- If the person is offering services or trying to sell something politely but confidently say you are not interested and close the door
- If the person is claiming to represent an authority or organisation ask to see ID. If ID is offered, ask if you can take it to check its validity. If you are given the ID, close the door and contact the company or organisation on the ID by a number you find online or in the phone book, DO NOT use information on the ID, it could be fake. If no ID is offered, the caller refuses to let you check it, or you cannot verify it is genuine, politely but confidently say you are not interested and close the door
- As the cold caller leaves, if you can safely from inside your property watch and ascertain whether they call at neighbouring properties. See if they return to a vehicle. If so is it sign written, can you see the make, model, colour and registration plate? Are they alone or working with others? Note down a description of the cold caller, why they were calling and who they say they were representing – all of this information is very useful to Trading Standards and the Police when looking at Cold Calling incidents

You can report doorstep cold calling incidents to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **03454 04 05 06** or to Norfolk Constabulary on **101**. In an emergency always dial **999**.

If you would like a No Cold Calling door sticker call the Norfolk County Council customer service centre on **0344 800 8020**.

Trading Standards are also warning about telephone cold calls claiming to be from High Street Banks such as Barclays and Halifax.

This follows recent reports from residents who have received calls where the callers have claimed that there is a problem with their accounts.

If you receive a call asking for this information, **DO NOT** give any personal information or financial details and hang up.

Your bank or building society will **NEVER** contact you to ask you to transfer money or to hand over card details.

Your bank or building society will **NEVER** ask you for your passcode, PIN number or online banking passwords or other confidential information. **NEVER** give them out, even by dialling them on the phone.

If you suspect a cold call is a scam, hang up, wait five minutes for the line to clear or use another phone and call your bank or building society on a phone number that you know is official. This can normally be found on the company's website or on a recent statement.

If you receive a cold call which you believe to be a scam you can also report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

The following is a scam that the editor gets calls on regularly. It's a telephone cold call claiming to be from TalkTalk about 'problems with your line.'

The cold caller uses the call to attempt to persuade the call recipient to provide further details about their account. One example reported to Trading Standards coincided with a recent upgrade to the call recipient's service.

The cold caller often has your customer account numbers, addresses and phone numbers which may have come from a data breach which TalkTalk fell victim to in late 2014.

The cold caller will use this information in an attempt to legitimise the call and will then look to obtain financial details, gain access to computers to install rogue software or persuade customers to pay for additional security software or services they do not need.

TalkTalk are continuing to advise customers that:

- They will **NEVER** call customers and use an account number to identify you or prove that the call is genuine
- They will **NEVER** ask you to provide your full password – they only ever ask for two digits to protect security

- They will NEVER call customers and ask them to provide bank details – these details will already be on their systems
- They will NEVER call you and ask you to download software onto your PC unless you have previously contacted them and agreed to the call back

Further information about scam calls can be found on the [TalkTalk website](#).

Trading Standards also regularly receive reports from Norfolk residents who have received 'computer fault' scam telephone cold calls.

These callers claim to work for well-known computer software, telecoms or broadband suppliers.

The caller advises that there is a problem with the user's computer or broadband equipment, often making claims about viruses and that they will be 'cutting off broadband access' if the recipient does not agree to immediate remedial work.

The caller will then attempt to gain remote access to the computer. This could give them the opportunity to plant malicious software onto the computer or access personal information held on the computer, including account log-in information and bank details, which can be used to commit fraud.

Victims can also end up being asked to pay for the 'fixes' the scammer has made to their computer.

If these people do not succeed at the first contact they are known to try calling again repeatedly. Also where they have been successful in charging a fee the scammers have targeted people again telling them the 'problem' has returned.

Trading Standards have been issuing warnings around 'computer fault' cold calls for over five years but there seems to be little decrease in their number.

Fortunately the majority of the reports they receive are from residents who are aware of the issue and have terminated the call without giving access to their computer or making payment.

Please continue to share with others the information that well known computer companies or broadband providers **NEVER** cold call offering to fix problems with computers or requesting personal or financial details.

If you are concerned about the security of your home computer or to fix problems or issues with it we would advise you to find a quality local trader like a Norfolk Trusted Trader. You can search the Trusted Trader Directory at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader).

If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam you can report it to Action Fraud via their [online fraud reporting form](#) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

# Village Screen Is Gaining Popularity

HETHERSETT Village Screen continues to grow in popularity with its latest offering attracting the biggest turn out so far.

Over fifty people enjoyed the light-hearted film “Florence Foster Jenkins” starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant which was based on the true story of the American socialite who became a cult figure through her inability to sing in tune.

Despite her lack of ability, her carefully controlled concerts were always sold out and her appearance at Carnegie Hall in New York just before she died was sold out, despite the fact that many of those present were actually laughing at her.

The real Foster Jenkins is pictured above and below is a poster for the film. Over the page are posters of coming films and a photograph of the organisers of Hethersett Village Screen.

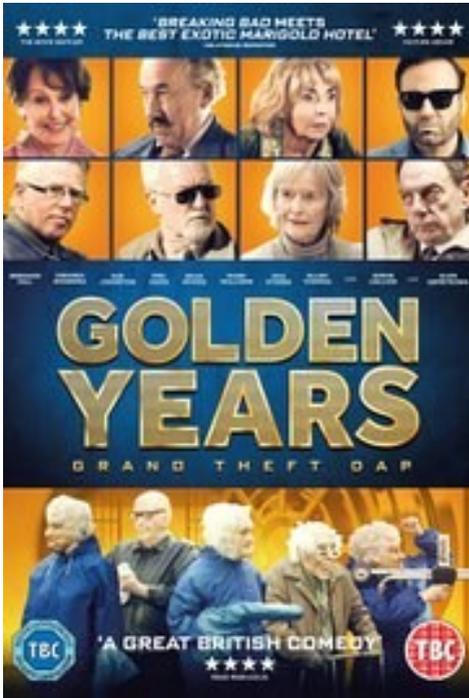


Hethersett Village Screen is a non profit making venture organised by a group of volunteers aimed at providing a mix of new and classic films throughout winter months in Hethersett Village Hall.

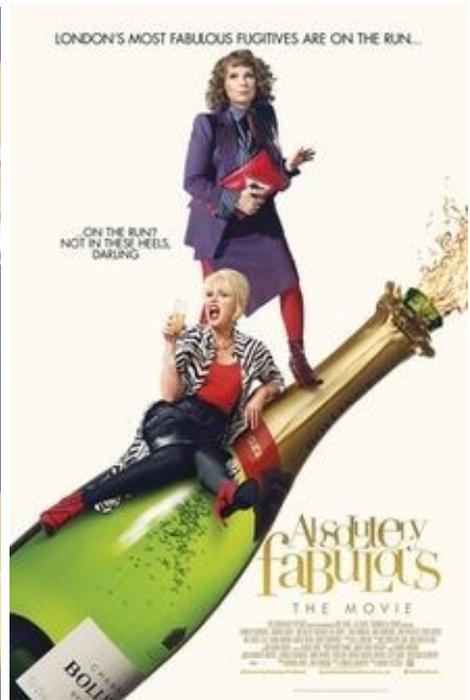
A change in programme will now see the film Golden Years as the feature on December 4th. This tells the story of two retirees who turn to crime when they lose their pensions. They decide to rob banks and take back what was theirs in the first place. The comedy features an all-star cast of British talent, including Bernard Hill, Phil Davis, Simon Callow, Alun Armstrong, Una Stubbs,

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The organising group members



Lily Travers, Sue Johnston, Virginia McKenna and Ellen Thomas. "Absolutely Fabulous The Movie" will now be shown on Sunday, January 8th. Tickets will be available on the door or can be reserved on 01603 811721 or by email at martinjwebb42@gmail.com

Adult tickets are £4 and £2 for under-16s. A family ticket for two adults and up to three Under-16s costs £10..

## Pantomime News Update

TICKETS for the 2017 Hethersett village pantomime Sleeping Beauty are selling fast. If you want to order tickets for one of the nine performances which will take place in Hethersett Village Hall from January 21st until January 28th please refer to the poster on page 10. There are three matinees and six evening performances.

Meanwhile the pantomime group is looking for willing volunteers to help with refreshments in the kitchen and organising seating before and after performances. If you would like to be part of a happy team please call Karen Broom on 01603 813490 for more information

## The Things They Say

JUST some of the things being said about Hethersett either in the Media or on social media.

We start with a comment on noise pollution:

"Military aircraft constantly over #hethersett again - maybe it will be our turn for an ear drum destroying sonic boom next."

Wymondham resident, Alicia Bell, says: "Wymondham was once a lovely quaint historic town with old shops, and shops that we needed. Now it's nearly touching Hethersett. Build onto the cities, and leave the historic towns and villages alone." Finally an eagle eyed observer stated:

"Green Woodpecker climbing telephone poles on Queen's Road opposite the social club. Reward for getting up early."

## Work commences on developments

**Anthony Carroll**  
[anthony.carroll@archant.co.uk](mailto:anthony.carroll@archant.co.uk)

Work has started on building more than 2,300 homes in south Norfolk.

Bateman Groundworks' teams have cut the first sods at Silfield Road at Wymondham, where Taylor Wimpey will build more than 1,200 homes in the next decade, and at Hethersett where more than 1,100 homes will be built at Bork Lane.

The first phases at both sites involve more than 600 new homes being built.

Bateman Groundworks will put in the infrastructure, including roads, sewers and footpaths for 120 homes on the Wymondham site, the first part of a 250-home first phase.

The work includes public open spaces, children's play areas, a community hall and cycle and pedestrian links.

At Hethersett Bateman Groundworks will also put in infrastructure.



■ The Bateman Groundworks team at the site in Wymondham.

Picture: TMS MEDIA

Managing director Richard Bateman said: "We are delighted to be part of the first phase of such significant developments in Norfolk and to be working again with Taylor Wimpey."

There are some concerns that major developments in the area

will lead to a loss of open space and a loss of identity and the so-called Hethersett gap between the village and town.

■ Have you got a Wymondham story for the Mercury? Email [anthony.carroll@archant.co.uk](mailto:anthony.carroll@archant.co.uk)



### LAST YEAR'S WINNERS

Volunteer of the year - Anne Steward. For her work at the Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

Community Wellbeing Champion or Group of the Year - Taperoff Cricket Club. Young Volunteer of the Year - Teenager Owen Linder, from Seah, volunteer at Nelson's Journeys.

Community Fundraiser of the Year - Rachel Evans, raised £17,000 over the past four years for charities.

Special Recognition Award - Ray Youngman. Dedicated 40 years to helping Hempsall Football Club.

Business Community Champion of the Year - Band Street Co-Operatives in Bingham. Provides raffle prizes for charities.

Community Group of the Year - Hethersett Dementia Support Group. Worked to make the village dementia friendly.

Environmental Champion of the Year - John Bissac. Helped to set up the Norfolk Froggie website.

Lifetime Community Hero - Heather Williams. The co-founder of Hethersett Environmental Action Team.

## Search is launched to find the unsung heroes from the district

**Rebecca Murphy**  
[rebecca@themercury.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@themercury.co.uk)

Do you know a community champion or an unsung hero?

That was the rallying call as the South Norfolk Community Awards were launched.

Held for the fifth year running by South Norfolk Council, the awards celebrate the valuable contributions volunteers make to their community.

The event was launched at Darneston Hall, where the ceremony will take place in February next year and was attended by some of last year's winners, council chairman Gerry Whalley and councillor Clayton Hudson.

Mr Hudson said: "We are once again on the hunt to find our community champions. The award honours who give up their time to make other people's lives better. If you know of someone who deserves to be recognised for their hard work, then please nominate



■ Some of last year's winners with Mercury and EDP reporter Rebecca Murphy, council leader Gerry Whalley and councillor Clayton Hudson.

Picture: BOB COLEMAN

them and show them how much they are valued."

The Mercury titles and its sister

paper the EDP are media partners of the awards.

Nominations open on Monday and

will close on January 6. To nominate visit [www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/champ](http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/champ) or call 01306 20304.



# Media Watch (Continued)

## RUGBY UNION



■ Girls at Crusaders Rugby Club's recent pitch-up-and-play event face the camera.

Picture: SUBMITTED

## Girls get chance to show what they can do

Crusaders Rugby Club's first pitch-up-and-play girls rugby event proved successful.

The south Norfolk club hosted players from clubs from across Norfolk at Beckhithe last Sunday to encourage more girls aged 11 to 15 into the sport.

"The afternoon was well attended by players and specta-

tors alike," Crusaders youth chairman Martin Alcock said. "Both the under-13s and under-15s matches saw some fantastic free-flowing rugby which was all played in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

"Crusaders Rugby Club is always open to new players and actively encourages girls of all

abilities, new and experienced, to come and enjoy playing rugby even if it's for the very first time."

■ For more information contact Alcock on 07952 524154, email [crusadersrugby@hotmail.com](mailto:crusadersrugby@hotmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/crusadersrugbygirls](http://www.facebook.com/crusadersrugbygirls)

## HEALTH

### Chance to learn about dementia

The Dementia Friendly Hethersett group will hold an information evening on November 9 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Hethersett Village Hall.

The evening is aimed at local people and businesses who want to learn more about dementia and Hethersett's journey towards becoming a dementia-friendly village. The next 'dementia café' will take place on November 15 at Methodist Church Hall from 10am to midday.

## PANTOMIME

### A real beauty of a panto

An evil witch, a beautiful princess and trio of guardian angels will all feature in this winter's production of *Sleeping Beauty* by the Hethersett Pantomime Group.

The panto will take place from January 21 to January 28 with both matinee and evening shows. Tickets are £6 and will be available from this week by calling 01603 811337 or e-mailing [hethersett.pantomime@gmail.com](mailto:hethersett.pantomime@gmail.com), or at Hethersett Library from November 5.

Proceeds from the panto go to supporting local charities and organisations.

*Sleeping Beauty* will be the group's 4th production.

More cuttings can be viewed on our Hethersett village web site at

[www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)

# December in Hethersett Library

*With Rebecca Warner*

## Coming Events

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – Library Book Group.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm Group.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – Tablet ‘try before you buy’ drop in session
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1115 – Baby Bounce and Rhyme session
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1500 – ‘A Christmas Carol’ performance in the library (see poster)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – Craft Group. 1400 – Parish Pop In – discuss local concerns with Parish Council
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Shared reading session in partnership with MIND
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm group.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1400 – Craft Group.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm group.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Library closed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm group.

## ‘A Christmas Carol’ Performance at the Library Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm

We are thrilled to welcome the Librarian Theatre Company to the library for a performance of ‘A Christmas Carol’. Tickets are £6 for adults/£3 for concessions and are available from the library or online: <https://librariantheatre.com/>. The performance is suitable for adults and children aged eight and over.

We are setting up a Hethersett Library Friends group to add to what we can offer at the library. If you are interested in getting involved, please pop into the library and speak to Library Manager, Tina Cook.

Purchase your Hethersett Pantomime tickets in the library from Jennie – every Saturday 10.30 am to 1 pm.

Our 2 for 1 DVD offer is available on Thursdays from 4 to 7 pm. 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" noticeboard 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 is 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)

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Librarian Theatre  
*presents*  
**A CHRISTMAS  
CAROL**  
*A rapid retelling of the Dickens classic*  
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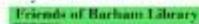
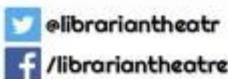
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**Hethersett Library**

**Saturday 10 December, 3pm**

Tickets cost £6 for an Adult  
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# Coming Village Events in December

**Below are just some of the events taking place in Hethersett in December. This list is updated on our web site at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)**

**December 2nd** - Hethersett annual village Christmas Fair, Methodist Church from 6 pm to 9 pm.

**December 2nd** - Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club annual presentation evening. Hethersett Social Club.

**December 2nd** - Hethersett Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, Friends and Relatives evening.

**December 4th** - Hethersett Village Screen presents Golden Years. Hethersett Village Hall. 3 pm, doors open at 2 pm

**December 5th** - Hethersett Parish Council Planning Committee in Hethersett Village Hall at 7 p.m.

**December 5th** - Hethersett Pensioners' meeting, Methodist Church Hall, 2 pm.

**December 6th** - Parents and Toddlers Drop In, St Remigius Church, 10 am.

**December 6th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meeting, Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, Firs Road, 5.30 to 6.30 pm.

**December 9th** - Hethersett Methodist Singing Fellowship Christmas music and tea afternoon. Methodist Church, 2.30 pm. Readings, poems, followed by tea and home made cakes.

**December 10th** - RiNG Christmas Lunch in Hethersett Queen's Head

**December 10th** - Ducklings Playgroup will be holding a Christmas Fayre from 2- 4 pm at Hethersett Methodist Church. All money raised will go to support the playgroup.

**December 11th** - Cribs From Around the World event with informal carol singing and refreshments, St Remigius Church, 3pm.

**December 12th** - Hethersett Society - Living History at Blickling Hall, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm

**December 14th** - Hethersett Horticultural Society - Norwich Barbershop Quartet, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**December 17th** - Hethersett and District Churches Together carol singing outside Tesco Express in Great Melton Road from 10 am. There will be a bucket collection in aid of the Nelson's Journey charity.

**December 19th** - Hethersett Parish Council Planning Committee in Hethersett Village Hall at 7 p.m, followed by full council meeting at 7.30 p.m.

**December 19th** - Hethersett WI, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**December 20th** - Hethersett Dementia Group café, Methodist Church Hall, 10 am to midday. Carol singing and seasonal refreshments.

**December 20th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meeting, Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, Firs Road, 5.30 to 6.30 pm.

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# Christmas Church Services

**The following church services will be held in Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton over the Christmas and New Year period.**

## **2nd Sunday in Advent - 4th December**

10 am Morning worship (Methodist Church)

4 pm Christingle Service (St Remigius)

6.30 pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion (Methodist Church)

## **Monday 5th December**

6 pm Four Schools Carol Concert (St Remigius)

## **3rd Sunday in Advent - 11<sup>th</sup> December**

10 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Methodist Church)

10 am FROGS Family Worship (Methodist Church)  
3.30 pm Carol Service with Christingle (Gt. Melton )  
6.30 pm Evening Worship (Methodist Church)

#### **4th Sunday in Advent - 18th December**

10 am Morning Worship (Methodist Church)  
10.30 am Carol Service (Little Melton)  
4 pm Carol service (St Remigius)  
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight (Methodist Church)

#### **Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December**

3.30 pm Crib Service (Little Melton)  
4 pm Christingle Service (Methodist Church)  
4 pm Nativity Service (St. Remigius)  
6.30 pm Candlelit Family Communion with Carols (Gt Melton)  
11.15 pm Midnight Communion (Hethersett Methodist Church)  
11.30 pm Midnight communion (St. Remigius)

#### **Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December**

8 am Holy Communion (St Remigius)  
9.30 am Family Communion (Little Melton)  
10am Family Communion (St Remigius)  
10.30am Family Christmas Day Worship (Methodist Church)

#### **Saturday - 31st December**

9 pm onwards Social evening followed by Watchnight Service (Methodist Church)

#### **First Sunday after Christmas - 1st January 2017**

10 am Morning Worship (Methodist Church)  
10.30 am United Benefice Service (St. Remigius)

**Residents of Hethersett and the Meltons will once again be receiving a Christmas card over the next few weeks giving full details of all the services and wishing them a happy festive season. The cards are published annually by Hethersett and District Churches Together.**

# Hethersett Charity Market



**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 6.00-9pm**  
**At the Methodist Church**

*Great Melton Road*



**Stalls**

**Refreshments**

**Seasonal Music**

**Games**

Contact: Leslie Dale 01603 810952  
[lsdale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lsdale@yahoo.co.uk)

# Have You Missed an Edition?



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 independent 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 taking place 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

# Herald Health



**In association with Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hethersett.**

**This month we look at how to recognise stress and what to do about it.**

Stress arises when the pressure placed upon an individual exceeds the capacity of that individual to cope. Stress manifests itself differently in individuals and symptoms are often accumulative. Symptoms include emotional, physical, behavioural and psychological changes. It is often behavioural symptoms that are noticed, as they are more obvious, but by this time stress may have been going on for many months, maybe even a year, or more. Do not ignore or rationalise the symptoms away. If you are not sure – always consult your GP

## **Stress and Acupuncture**

**by Nicola Rycroft**

So many people feel overwhelmed and stressed. Most of us are juggling several different roles, struggling to get everything done or dealing with



challenging life changes/circumstances. In Chinese medicine, stress is considered energetically in the body as it is manifested in different ways, depending on our individual strengths and weaknesses. Acupuncture can help to move our stuck energy, release stagnation, and make us feel stronger when we are feeling vulnerable.

Sometimes stress is inevitable. Life events may lead us to feeling the sadness of metal energy. Often after a loss (a bereavement, loss of a relationship or job) our energy can sink, like the energy of Autumn where the leaves fall gracefully from the trees. Whilst it is natural to grieve, acupuncture can prevent these feelings becoming overwhelming and stop them getting 'stuck' in our bodies. Both of the metal organs of lung and large intestine have jobs in Chinese medicine of 'letting go' of air and waste products. If you are stressed and suffering from constipation or shallow breathing (and you've had all the relevant Western Medicine checks), consider what else you are reluctant to let go of in your life.

So, why is acupuncture so useful for dealing with stress?

1. You can talk in confidence to someone who isn't going to judge you. This can be extremely useful in itself to move energy and release stress.
2. You get to lie down, relax and do nothing for 20 minutes whilst the needles are doing their job. What a treat! In my experience, most people find acupuncture deeply relaxing and sleep better after their treatments.
3. Acupuncture points. These are not randomly selected by the acupuncturist. Point functions have been observed and developed over thousands of years – that's a lot of case studies! Each treatment is individually tailored to tackle how your stress is affecting both your mind and body. Often aches and pains are just physical manifestations of an unhealthy mind. An acupuncturist will observe what is happening with the energy in your body, using several diagnostic methods including pulse taking and palpation.
4. An ideal treatment will not only help the patient tackle their current stress but will also aim to strengthen and nourish them so as to prevent energetic imbalances in the future. Lifestyle changes, of course, play a big part in this preventative approach.

So next time you feel yourself getting stressed, perhaps think about booking an acupuncture treatment to get you back on track – you may find that you actually enjoy it!

## **Stress and Exercise by Anna Ryan**

Stress helps us to cope with challenging situations in the short term. The body, when stressed, is prepared to fight, flight or freeze and is on high alert. However,



if the body is constantly stressed, this is where stress can have a major impact on the body. So, blood pressure, heart rate and breathing will increase, putting pressure on the heart and other internal organs. Moods can change and irritability and depression can occur. Eating habits can change, causing weight loss or gain (obesity and diabetes), possibly leading to anxiety. This will also cause poor digestion, headaches and even alcohol and drug abuse.

Regular exercise can help reduce stress and improve overall health and fitness. It can also decrease chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure. Exercise also aids digestion, helps a good night's sleep and regulate breathing.

Stress reducing points to consider

- Learn how to relax - meditation, warm bath or reading can help.
- Laugh and have fun
- Simplify your life
- Treat yourself to a relaxing massage
- Make time for activities you enjoy, or try something new
- Have regular breaks from computers and mobile electrical devices
- Recognise when you are stressed and manage your stress
- Remove portable electric devices from the bedroom, especially if the wifi is on, for a good night's sleep.
- Consult your doctor or other health care professional, if you are concerned about your level of stress.

Everyone is different in what activity helps them to unwind from a stressful day or situation. However, the key thing is to find something that helps you personally to manage stress, otherwise stress may manage you!

### **Stress or relaxation, it's your choice says hypnotherapist Paul Barratt**

Think for a moment. When was the last time you relaxed? Can you actually remember what it was like? Were you calm and collected? Was your breathing normal? Were your muscles loose and limp?



However, stress can be useful. It can motivate us, protect us from danger and help us to achieve what we once thought unachievable. But ongoing constant stress is a recipe for both physical and mental illness.

Suffering from stress is a little like giving your younger brother a piggyback. He keeps running and jumping on your back and you run around the garden joyfully laughing and joking until one day he runs and jumps and you fall flat on your face in the mud, well he is now 43 years old after all so what did you expect? Stress is a builder, it's cumulative, it can go unnoticed and the tiniest thing can push you over the edge. Many clients I see tell me the same thing; I can't sleep at night, I feel tired all the time, I have the same recurring thoughts, I can't seem to motivate myself. One of my first questions to them is; what do you do to relax?

To help reduce stress it's important to relax. It really is that simple. You see, most of the time we have no control over the excessive workloads or the shopping bags that spilt or children who say they're hungry as soon as they arrive home from school but, and here's the but bit, what we can control the way we respond. The more we practice relaxing the more relaxed we become and the more relaxed we become the more control we have over our responses to stressful situations. So start practising relaxation techniques, exercise often, go for walks, join a pilates or yoga class, have a massage, try meditation, practice self-hypnosis or go to hypnotherapy relaxation sessions. Do whatever you need to do to help you relax because it's a human phenomenon that you cannot be both stressed and relaxed at the same time and I wonder which one you would prefer to be?

## 10 Reasons to do Yoga by Julie Burrows

1. Relaxation allows you to step back from your negative emotions, stress, anger, worry, anxiety, regret and makes you appreciate how important the breath is. When we lose our breath focus we lose our way and situations can become out of control quickly.

2. Flexibility provides ability to move freely without feeling restricted, simple things like looking over your shoulder, putting on shoes, playing with animals/ children

3. Strengthens the body (improves endurance and strength in the muscles)

4. Deeper awareness. Do you ever stop and recognise how your body feels? Yoga helps you walk taller, improves posture and gives you free movement.

5. Makes you feel grounded and improves concentration (once the mind is clear, positive energy and positive things happen, you feel more focussed and



you can achieve things more easily.

6.Encourages better night's sleep. Helps switch off and calm the nervous system and allows your body to relax and aid a better night's sleep.

7.Improves recovery from exercise or injury (Your doctor may suggest yoga to help overcome injury or recover from more strenuous sports).

8.Good for the mind (when you start to live in the moment, the mental chatter calms – yoga brings about peace of mind).

9.Brain (Breathe fully and deeply and everything will work better from head to toe).

10.Posture (yoga helps to improve posture, simple things like the way you walk and hold yourself, gives length to the body giving a feeling of creating more space).

# Coming In January

JANUARY marks the start of a very important year for Hethersett.

New development in the Back Lane area will be gathering speed and there could well be further announcements on future development.

We will continue to campaign on behalf of the village and in 2017 will be bringing you a mix of news, views and features covering as many aspects of village life as possible.

If you have any comments on village matters or news you would like published please send it to the editor. Please pass on details of where this publication can be found so that we can expand our readership.

In January, we take a look at what the new year will bring. We will also talk to a very talented artist who will be remembered by many from her time as a teacher at Hethersett Middle School (now Hethersett Junior). We will have examples of her work.

With the festive season in full swing we will be covering a number of Christmas related events and aim to have the January edition online before Xmas.

# Sports Coverage Starts Here

## Hethersett Athletic Football Club

### Latest results

Hethersett Athletic is the largest sporting club in the village with 233 members of which just under 200 are playing members. Players range in age from Under -6 to adult and the club currently has teams at Under-6, Under-8, Under-9, Under-10, Under-11, Under-12, Under-14, Under-15, Under-19 levels and also two adult Saturday sides and two adult Sunday teams. The table below shows the club's results for November up to and including Friday 25th.

Men Sat	North Elmham	H	League	0-5	
Sat OB	Dussindale	A	League	2-4	Smith 2
U-19	Heigham Park	H	League	3-0	Ingham, Denny, Hall
U-15	Norman Wand	A	League	3-2	Woodcock, Banks, Abu-Elmagd
U-14	Holt	H	CCup	5-4	Attfield 3, Watts, own goal
U-12	Firside Dragons	H	League	5-5	Scott 3, Desira 2
U-10	Thetford Bulldogs	A	Develop	2-6	Crawley, Copeland
U-9 Lions	Watton	H	Trophy	1-4	Wright
U-9 Tiger	Rocklands	H	Trophy	7-3	Thompson 3, Merecer 2, Pinnock, Warren
U-8	Mulbarton Pumas	H	Trophy	5-11	Basham 3, Glover, Rollison
Men Sat	Morley Village	H	JLC	2-2	Folkard 2
Sat OB	Taverham	A	League	5-1	Curran, Smith, Denny, Craske, Thurston
U-8	Surlingham	H	League	4-6	Rollison 3, Sands
Sun First	Binham Village	H	League	2-1	Vosper
Sun Res	East Tuddenham	A	League	3-1	Gregory, Payne, B. Wright
U-14	St Andrew's Eag	H	League	1-4	Delf
U-12	St Andrew's Tig	A	League	0-3	
U-11	Mundford	A	League	0-9	
Men Sat	Gressenhall	H	League	4-3	Folkard, Gray, Smith
Sat OB	Earsham Reserves	A	League	5-2	Smith 4, Wright
Sun Res	Blofield	A	League	1-5	
U-11	Newton Flotman	A	Cup	22-1	Swift 4, Baker 2, Cox 4, B. Harvey 3, Nair 3, Bane 2 J. Harvey 2, Bradford, own goal

# Mike - A Coach Par Excellence

HETHERSETT'S Mike Utting carried off one of the major awards at the tenth annual Active Norfolk Sports Awards evening at Norwich Open on November 15th.

Mike was named High Performance Coach of the Year to mark his outstanding contribution to the Great Britain Paralympic teams at this year's Rio Olympic Games.

Mike has been working with young athletes across the county for more than 15 years to develop and improve their sprint endurance across all levels. He is the sprint coach for City of Norwich Athletics Club and the University of East Anglia, where he trains the next generation of running stars.

This year Mike travelled to the Rio Olympic Games to coach the Team GB Paralympic athletics team in sprinting. Whilst there he worked with top performing athletes from across the UK to help improve their performances.

We are hoping to have a full interview and look back on Mike' career in a future edition of Hethersett Herald.



Mike receives his award at Norwich Open. To see how our village did in the sports village of the year see page 60.

# Cricketing Youth Honoured

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club combined its youth presentation evening with the annual club fireworks' display.

Club youth director Rennie Broughton reported on a successful season for the club's youth team players with the Under-11s and Under-13s both finishing runners-up in the South Norfolk League. The Under-9s also did well in their first season of competitive cricket.



Rennie  
Broughton with  
Jack Gibson

Mr Broughton said picking players for trophies had proved to be an extremely difficult task with double winners in many of the sections. The prestigious Junior Player of the Year award went to Jack Gibson.

A full list of winners was:

Under 9s - Batsmen of the Year, Menuka Jayakody and James Wright. Bowlers of the Year, James Ellis and Ollie Last



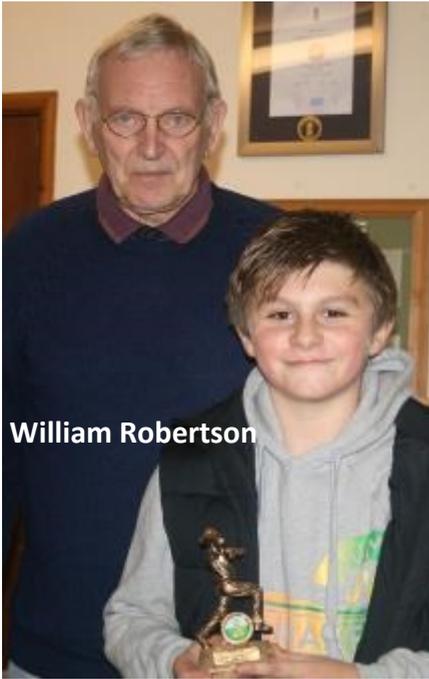
Will Worley

Under-11s - Batsmen of the Year, Joe Thorndyke and Josh Hayes. Bowler of the Year, William Robertson.

Under-13s - Batsman of the Year, Ben Way. Bowler of the Year, Senuja Jayakody.

Under-15s - Batsman of the Year, Tom Worley and Jack Gibson. Bowler of the Year, Tom Howard.

Most Improved Player - Will Worley. Junior Player of the Year -



**William Robertson**

Jack Gibson.



**James Ellis  
and Ollie Last**

As reported in the last edition of Hethersett Herald, the club held its senior presentation evening in October. Former youth team player Ollie Kilbourn received two trophies at the evening which he had been unable to pick up at the senior event. He was named fourth team batsman of the year and best performance of the year for his 134 for the fourth team against league leaders Southwold.



**Joe Thorndyke  
and Josh Hayes**

The club's annual general meeting took place on November 17th when the following officers were elected.

President, Richard G. Ellis; Chairman, Peter Steward; Vice Chairman, Mark Worley; Secretary, Richard D. Ellis; Fixtures Secretary, Richard D. Ellis; Cricket Development Officer, TBA; Club Development Officer, Peter Steward; Welfare Officer, Jane Morton; Social Committee Chair, Harriet Matthews; Treasurer, Matthew Ellis; Bar Managers Tony Smith and Richard Matthews; Youth Team Direc-



**Jack Gibson and  
Tom Worley**



**James Wright**

tor, Rennie Broughton; First Team captain, Damian Fahy; Second Team captain, Stephen Hayes; Third Team Captain, Cameron Clarke; Fourth Team Captain, Mark Worley; Sunday Captain, Damian Fahy; Over-40s' Captain, Richard D. Ellis; Grounds- men, Richard D. Ellis, Richard G. Ellis and Richard Matthews; Scorer, Al Watts; Auditor, David Johnson.

**Below Vice Chairman Mark Worley and  
Ollie Kilbourn**



**Hethersett Herald**



**Ben Way**



Jack Gibson and  
Tom Worley

The meeting reported on a largely successful 2016 season which saw the club capture the new Mid Norfolk Sunday League Challenge Cup with victory over Swaffham in the final at Sprowston.

The club's youth set-up continues to be one of the strong points of the club with the annual schools' kwik cricket competition attracting over 80 youngsters, some of whom were new to the sport.

The 2017 season will see the club once again running four Saturday teams - two in the Norfolk Alliance and two in the Norfolk League. There will be a Sunday team in the Mid Norfolk Sunday League Premier Division and midweek teams competing in various limited-over cup competitions, as well as hosting touring teams and friendlies.

The club also has a very vibrant social scene which is organised by a committee.

The club plays its matches at Flordon which is a 15 minute drive from Hethersett. There it has a custom-made ground which includes two pitches, changing facilities and a licensed bar. The ground welcomes visitors and there is no charge for watching games or car parking and refreshments are available throughout match days.

# Sporting Beginnings

## Hethersett Cricket Club - The Early Years (part two)

*We continue our look at the early years of cricket in Hethersett.*

THE early years of cricket in Hethersett feature players from many different walks of life. The history is dotted with butchers, brickmakers, blacksmiths, farmers and farm workers, parsons and publicans, tailors and thatchers, squires and shopkeepers.

Individual characters begin to stand out. Men like H and A Bloomfield, the former capable of knocking up a century, the latter a formidable bowler and a good batsman. There also are the three Guntons who were almost a cricket team on their own! The Moores, the Childs and the Danns are there too, together with many other Hethersett cricketers from around 1866.

The first match for which a published record is available was played against Wymondham at Wymondham on a long ago cold summer's day. Although we have a report of the match and know that Hethersett won, the scoresheets were not published.

The following description is taken from the Norwich Mercury of July 28th, 1866  
Wymondham v Hethersett

“On Tuesday last a match was played on Wymondham ground between the above clubs, resulting in a victory for Hethersett. The day was cold, though not unfavourable for the sport and a large company of the elite of the town were assembled to witness the game. The first innings of Wymondham produced the respectable score of 97, the neat play of Cleveland contributing 35 runs thereto. However the Hethersett club went at their work, the close of their innings showed what pluck can do, for it placed them 16 ahead, Bloomfield adding 35 to this. The fielding of Hethersett was admired though the long grass much incommoded them; but the bowling was the weakest point for Wymondham as that was not as good as usual for them. Mr Mobbs catered in his excellent manner, and the two clubs seemed to be equally matched at the table as on the turf.”

From the above we may deduce some illuminating facts. Wymondham for instance was clearly an already established club. Moreover since the "elite of the town" attended and a professional caterer provided refreshments, we may as-

sume that a cricket match was something of a social as well as sporting occasion. That Hethersett's admirable fielding was "much incommoded by the long grass," we may well believe that they were not accustomed to such conditions on their home ground. When the return match was played at Hethersett a week later, the home team won by an innings and 42 runs - Hethersett 97, Wymondham 27 and 28

In fact all four of Hethersett's reported matches for that season were wins for the club, the others being:

August 1866: Hethersett 100, Costessey 96

October 1866: Hethersett 84, Nelson Club Norwich 53 and 21.

The 1867 season presents a more checkered story. What must have been the first match of the season warranted the following report from the Norwich Mercury of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1867:

Hethersett v Association

"A match between the above clubs was played on Tuesday last in the beautiful grounds belonging to Henry Back Esq at Hethersett, and after a very interesting game, the Association was declared the winners on the first innings by 56 runs. In the second innings of the Association only 3 wickets fell i.e Berry 3, Wodehouse 2, Cole 0; Williams not out 5; byes 1.

Another notable feature of the match is that it provides the first reported appearance for Hethersett of the Guntons or at least two of them - Frederick and William. The third - Edward - had yet to appear. Whatever their original links with Hethersett, if indeed any, by the 1870s they were living in Costessey, brickmaking, carpentry and the keeping of the Red Lion occupying their attentions.

Hethersett, because of its geographical location, had long been the focal point for neighbourhood activities. Its cricket likewise earned the attention of would be players and: "there was always plenty of fellows wanting to play for the club - if they were good enough and got the chance."

Meanwhile the club itself indulged no narrow parochialism when electing its members and players. For example Jim Porrett was a farmer of Great Melton and Cleveland, an erstwhile stalwart of the Wymondham club, found a place in the Hethersett team. Yet there was no lack of home talent which included Mr Rotherham, master of the village school. Nor was there likely to be when, from all accounts all the males of Hethersett were what would now be described as

"hooked" on cricket.

On May 30th, 1867, Hethersett met the Norfolk and Norwich Club in a match which, though it proved inconclusive (being presumably "rained off"), reflected small credit upon the former.

However, as the season warmed up, Hethersett must have vastly improved its performance cricket-wise. This we deduce from the report of a match played against Barford, another village that appears early in the annals of Norfolk cricket and of which was said: "Barford were always reckoned to have a good cricket team."

Norwich Mercury 17th August 1867

Hethersett v Barford

Played on Monday, August 12th. Hethersett won the toss and batted. It will be noted that the two Bloomfields (or Blomfields!) were in form on that occasion, their combined scores more than covering the sum of Barford's runs made in two innings.

Hethersett 228: Barford 72 and 41.

For some reason published reports of village cricket matches are virtually non-existent for the period of the 1870s. This is perhaps more surprising with respect to Hethersett CC because not only are we assured "the club was playing plenty of cricket at that time" against neighbouring clubs, but was also entertaining teams from as far afield as London. Among those teams from far distant were the Westminster Wanderers.

Yet another such club was known as the London Pioneers, presumably because they ventured to explore the rural frontiers of cricket. But "they were good players and always gave us a good match." The first appearance Dr Deacon made for Hethersett was against a London club. He was "then about seventeen" which would make the year 1878.

Nor must we neglect to record the tradition that "certain members of the MCC" having been gathered at Old Buckenham to play a private match, then elected to join a team playing at Hethersett.. And that tradition is not nearly so "far out" as it may appear to be. To start with, Old Buckenham Hall was a Mecca of cricket at one time and many a cricket celebrity (including Jack Hobbs) played on the fine and well kept cricket field in the grounds of the hall. Furthermore as we shall see, the Hethersett club was eminently capable of providing a team fit to meet the MCC of that time.

How well cricket was flourishing at Hethersett in the early 1880s may be gauged from the fact that by that time, the parish was running two teams, the other being known as Thickthorne.

Of course the two teams played each other, but it appears that, when needful, the senior team could call upon players from Thickthorne. If this suggests that Hethersett regarded Thickthorne as a sort of "nursery" for talent, then they were on a good wicket, as the following reports clearly indicate:

August 16th, 1884: Thickthorne 101, Hethersett 54

September 9th, 1884: Hethersett 52, Thickthorne 66

July 7th, 1884: Thickthorne 83, Hethersett 72

September 11th, 1884: Hethersett 85, Eaton 60

In the latter of these matches, having made 85 runs off four men (H. Dobbie, R. Rudd, Rev H. Watson and C. Rudd) Hethersett confidently declared. In the same year (as near as we can date it), Hethersett having "scored no more than 50 themselves," dismissed Wymondham for 30. The scant report does not state who bowled so well for Hethersett on that occasion. However, we do know that one of the Moores was playing.

Meanwhile, despite lack of other reports, we are able to say that the season of 1885 was a distinguished one for Hethersett's self esteem. Why? Well in July of that year, Norfolk CC defeated MCC with the phenomenal score of 695 runs no less. The members of the Norfolk team were - L.K. Jarvis, C.J.E Jarvis, Hansell, Kennaway, P. H. Morton, Birkbeck, Rev Wickham, J. Blunt, E. Pattesen, A.M. Lee and Rudd (C and R) and the majority of those players as we learn from a letter written by Dr Deacon in 1929 "played regularly for Hethersett" at that time.

So was founded the tradition which enabled the Late Fred Dodman to proudly assert "it was always reckoned that Hethersett did beat the MCC, and as far as makes no difference... so they did!" In the same year (as it appears) the club won so handsomely against a team from Norwich Barracks that for some time the occasion was claimed "the day Hethersett taught the Army how to play cricket!"

A distinguished cricket club at that time was the Norwich Blues, who played at Lakenham. Hethersett played them often and with varying fortunes we must assume. But a significant occasion was a match played in June 1886, when each side scored precisely 132 runs, the highest scorer for Hethersett being RS Butcher who made 77. A month previous to this, the opposition had been Wramplingham the result being:

Hethersett 39 and 83 Wrampingham 28 and 23

The Hethersett team comprised of J. Doggett, C. Rudd, W.J. Parker, H. Blake, S. Moore, T. Garven, W. Dann, C. Wortley and J. Howard. From one source and another, we are fortunate enough to be able to present a fairly comprehensive list of men who played for Hethersett in the last quarter of the 19th century. Many of their names are still to be met with at Hethersett. Here is the list:

W. Back, Bland, J. Blunt, F. Buckingham, T. Buckingham, R.S Butcher, Cozens-Hardy, Curson, W. Dann, E. Dann, R. Davey, D. Dawson, E. Deacon, F. Deacon, E.R Deacon, H. Dobbie, J. Doggett, G. Gowen, T. Gowen, Heydon, J. Howard, C.J.E Jarvis, L.K Jarvis, Hansell, N. Jodrell, Leggatt. J. Livock, G. Moore, S. Moore, P.H. Morton, W.J. Parker, Pinwell, E. Patteson, R. Peek, A.T Riches, C. Rudd, R. Rudd, Rev H. Watson, A. West, Rev Wickham, F. Wilson Woods, C. Wortly, A. Want, R. Clements, J. Porrett, M. Perkins, H. Lack and J. Slater.

***The above article is taken from the first part of the official history of Hethersett Cricket Club "Merely Cricket - A Brief History of Hethersett Cricket Club," which was first published in 1996.***

***It covers the period from 1860 to 1996 and was written jointly by A.J.R Harris and H.J.B Kerslake.***

## Close But No Cigar

**HETHERSETT was once again shortlisted for the Norfolk Sporting Village of the year award in the annual competition organised by Active Norfolk in conjunction with Radio Norfolk and the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper.**

**We reached the final three where we came up against Downham Market and Fakenham for the title which we had previously won in 2011 and 2013. Downham Market were named winners at the presentation evening at Norwich Open. We did receive a finalist's certificate which will be on display in Hethersett Library, along with many of the other trophies and awards won by our village over the past two decades. There was special recognition for Hethersett, however, at the Open as one of the Champion of Champions - a title we won in 2011. The awards have been in existence for a decade.**

# Facilities Need To Improve

HETHERSETT Athletic Football Club needs improved facilities in the village if it is to continue its growth.

That was the message from the club's latest committee meeting as members once again expressed frustration with changing facilities on the Memorial Playing Field.

A number of groups including the football club, Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club and Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association have branded the out of date pavilion "inadequate and not fit for purpose."

Planning permission has been granted for a complete renovation, modernisation and extension to the existing building which over the years has been subject to vandalism due to its dilapidated state. The proposed plans would use the existing building as a starting point to provide modern changing facilities, a community room and kitchen facilities. To date grant applications to bodies such as the Football Foundation have failed. As reported in the last edition of Hethersett Herald, the new pavilion would act as a community hub with a meeting room and possibly a community café.

The football club is quick to point out that they are fully supportive of the pavilion being a community project and not just a football one. At the present time the club runs teams for all ages from under-six to adult. It uses not only the Memorial



Field but also pitches at Hethersett Academy, Hethersett Junior School and Little Melton Playing Field. It is very aware that large scale development in the village will bring a demand for more teams at all ages.

"We currently have 12 teams including two adult Saturday teams, two adult Sunday



teams and youth teams at Under-9, Under-10, Under-11, Under-12, Under-13, Under-14, Under-15, and Under-19. We would like to expand but the current facilities on the Memorial Field are just not good enough. Our adult Saturday team would like to move up to the Anglian Combination League but needs the changing facilities to make

this possible,” said club chairman Wayne Johnson.

## Sports Reports Needed

We are happy to carry reports/results from sports clubs from Hethersett or with connections to the village. If you would like your club featured just send the details to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net). Photographs are particularly appreciated.

Your help will allow us to continue to expand the coverage of sport/leisure and fitness in our award winning village