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On The Shortlist

ANOTHER Hethersett group has been shortlisted for a top South Norfolk award.

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group has been nominated and shortlisted in the community group of the year category for the South Norfolk Community awards. The winners will be announced at a special evening at Dunston Hall Hotel on February 9th.

In addition, Manager of Hethersett Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Stephen Baxter, has been shortlisted in the Volunteer of the Year section.

Stephen regularly hosts village groups at Woodcote and is a founder member and secretary of Hethersett Dementia Support Group and joint founder of the Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group.

The Heart of Hethersett group was started by Sandi Gray (pictured opposite) and was set-up to give those who have been bereaved the chance to meet together on an informal basis, to

enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and chat and to let them know that if they are grieving for a loved one they are not alone. Meetings take place on alternate Tuesday afternoons/early evenings

in the lounge of the Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, Hethersett, from 5.30 until 6.30 p.m. The group is open to people of all ages.

Hethersett Herald will be at the presentation evening and will feature a full report with photographs in our March edition. Last year Hethersett recorded a hat-trick of wins with the Dementia Support Group being named community group of the year, Heather Williamson picking up a lifetime award and Anne Steward named volunteer of the year.



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The Education Debate

AS a former chair of governors of a Hethersett school, I have always been keenly interested in education in the village.

Herald Comment

During my time on the board of governors, one of the most contentious issues was providing school places for all local children and working out how to achieve this.

It was a fine balancing act between admitting all Hethersett children and not overburdening staff. Class sizes needed to be kept at a reasonable level (I think it was 32 per class for the time I am writing about). Occasionally to achieve this number we had to refuse a place, although at times when there was a big demand, the school introduced a third year group. Doing this obviously depended on the space available and at times led to the unsatisfactory situation of putting mobile classrooms into place.

On the few occasions when we had to turn a pupil down on the grounds of overcrowding, the matter often went to appeal and this saw classroom sizes increase at times to about 34.

Having to turn down local children and explain this to their parents was one of the reasons I decided to retire as a governor after many years of enjoying and getting satisfaction from the role.

I suspect that those problems will be a drop in the ocean compared to the demands that will be put on our schools with massive new development that is not just affecting Hethersett, but the whole of the county.

I was taken this month by the lead story in the Eastern Daily Press which had the headline “Easing the Pressure” and the sub heading “County to tackle big rise in demand for school places.”

The article spoke of the “looming crisis” over the lack of school places in Norfolk. It stated that a boom in building and the birth rate would see 65,000 more houses built in the next 10 years. By my basic mathematical calculations and sticking to a rule of thumb of an average of three people per household, this would see the population of our county rise by over 200,000 by the year 2027. That’s a massive 25% increase on the present figure. Of course most households will have more than three people and this will push the figure up even higher.

I will leave you to work out how many additional youngsters of school age this

will bring into the county. The question is how and where will enough schools be built to cater for them?

Hethersett Herald recently featured a plea from a local mum who was finding it difficult to place her children in local schools, despite living in Hethersett.

I can see this situation getting worse and worse unless proper facilities are made available and that simply means more schools. Hethersett will be stretched to breaking point unless we have the infrastructure to cope with demands that are going to be put on education, health and law and order. Improved facilities is something the village must fight for tooth and nail over the coming years. Expecting them to be provided could lead to the village ending up with thousands of new homes, thousands of new residents and little in the way of increased and improved facilities to cope with the influx.

The village must be pro-active in fighting for proper facilities - after all the new influx of people is likely to take our population to over 10,000 and in the past that would have been a sizeable town. By way of comparison the population of Fakenham in the 2011 census was 7,617, that of Downham Market 9,994 and that of Cromer 7,683.

The EDP article stated that one of the solutions to be discussed by Norfolk County Council was the increase in "through schools" which would see children attending the same school in primary and secondary phases.

Hethersett was named along with Wymondham, Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Thetford as key growth areas. It is significant for us that three of those named (not including Norwich) are along what is termed the A11 corridor i.e Thetford, Wymondham and Hethersett. This will put untold pressure on schools, doctors and traffic volumes in a large area. Living so close to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, the Norwich Science Park, Norfolk Police Headquarters and the University of East Anglia is likely to continue to make Hethersett an attractive place to live. Factor in the fact that Hethersett is a very go-ahead community that is the envy of many places and it's not difficult to see all our new housing being snapped up.

To return to the education debate. We can no longer take towns and villages in isolation. Increasing populations will have a knock on effect on neighbourhood areas. If Wymondham schools cannot cope, where will their additional children go? If Hethersett cannot cope where will our additional children go? We could end up with a nomadic population of children having to be bussed miles just to go to school. This would detract from our communities.

Peter Steward

IT came to our notice shortly after Christmas that retrospective planning permission had been given for the sign just off the B1172 and opposite Hethersett King's Head.

The retrospective application for two identical directional signs for a new development at Kett's Meadow. Land On The South Side Of Norwich Road Hethersett Norfolk.

One of our South Norfolk District Councillors, David Bills, opposed the application which he notes lasts until 20

There were a number of public complaints regarding the sign with comments including the following:

This giant advertising board is a most unwelcome site and would set a very bad precedent. If you allow one advertiser the flood gates will open.

The size and position of the board is unnecessary and unsightly for the area and is not in the public interest at all. Calling it directional is a way of trying to justify advertising and is a slippery slope to full advertising along

Please let us have no more billboards at the side of the roads in South Norfolk. Unsightly, distracting, and potentially dangerous. Reject the application. Anybody wanting to find this development can use post code and satnav.

:This is a retrospective application - surely a company like Persimmon would know they require planning permission for a construction of this nature. How can these be called directional signs, it is advertising and should be not allowed.

In our opinion it is an unnecessary blight and the fact it has been erected without permission is in effect putting two figures up at the residents of Hethersett.

David Bills said: :I am against this application. We are blighted with advertising hording on roadsides which spoil the countryside. Also it is being applied for until 2021 for



A Colourful Spectacle



Seven page Hethersett Pantomime Special

COLOURFUL and fun are the best two words to describe this year's Hethersett village pantomime - the 48th in an unbroken run stretching back to 1970.

"Sleeping Beauty" once again provided the cast with ample opportunity to play the fool and entertain packed audiences.

For the first time, this year's production featured a Sunday afternoon matinee which replaced the Monday evening performance. Also for the first time the entire nine performances were sold out well in advance, proving once again that the panto continues to increase in popularity.

There was much more to this year's show than just traditional pantomime. It also raised money for charities and provided memories of key people no longer with



us This year's production was dedicated to the memory of three Hethersett pantomime stalwarts who died in 2016. A bucket collection at the end of each performance not only raised money for the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service but remembered musical director and local GP Tony Press, who was closely involved with the charity.

Others remembered included Marie Stevenson who was involved in both the pantomime group and Hethersett Players drama group before moving from the village, and Peter Salter who for many years played principal roles

"The pantomime group is very much like a family to all those who take part. Like any other family we understand that we will gain new members and sadly we will also lose people that are much loved and leave a huge gap in the family," said writer and producer Lloyd Parfitt.

This year's show was directed by Sarah Wright and involved a legion of people, both on and off stage. On stage it's very much a traditional pantomime with a few twists, with the glamour of Lewis Cook as Prince Valiant and Lauren Cooke as Princess Aurora acting as a foil to the evil intent of Kate Rowe as Morrigan.

The three good fairies – Neville Greenhalgh, Barry Foster and Steve Bussey –



once again made an art form of the sly ad lib, proving that forgetting lines can produce some wonderful comedy moments.

They were well supported by Jono Angelo as the King, Vicki Gale as the Queen, Rachel Woodier and Beth Tuckwood as Underfoot and Bigfoot, John Halford as the Narrator, Daniel Orford as Lord Chamberlain and a variety of guards, courtiers, servants, fairies and apprentices. Choreography was by Kate Rowe and Andrea Farrow.

Tony Press' place as musical director was taken by 18-year-old panto newcomer Josh Lee who did an excellent job.

The pantomime group has also reached another milestone in reaching the £100,000 mark for charities and good causes.

Since 1970, the group has raised a staggering £100,600 and that doesn't include the profits from this year's production.

"We would like to give a big thank you to all our legion of loyal supporters who have raised so much for charity over so many years. We are determined to carry on the good work as we look forward to reaching the next £100,000," said chair of Hethersett Pantomime Group Neville Greenhalgh.

THE CAST

Princess Aurora	Lauren Cooke
Chester the Jester	Lloyd Parfitt
Prince Valiant	Lewis Cook
Lord Chamberlain	Daniel Orford
Fairy Lavender	Barry Foster
Fairy Rose	Neville Greenhalgh
Fairy Magnolia	Steve Bussey
King	Jono Angelo
Queen	Vicki Gale
Morrigan	Kate Rowe
Bigfoot	Beth Tuckwood
Underfoot	Rachel Woodier
Narrator	John Halford

Guards Andrea Farrow, Tina Greenhalgh, Lily Stibbon, Emily Spencer.



Courtiers, Servants and Fairies June Bulcock, Emma Court, Caroline Frosdick, Becky Spruntt, Jane Tullet, Sarah Wright,, Scarlet Alborough, Millie Bambridge, Amy Gorman, May Hamling, Rowan Hill, Freya Judkins, Mia Peres., Evie Sayer, Freya Scott, Joseph Spencer, Lily Stibbon, Lilly Walker.

Fairy Apprentices - Poppy Collins, Amelia Evans, Elsie Hatt, Harmony Stibbon

THE BAND

Musical Director -	Josh Lee
Piano -	Gordon Peterson
Violin -	Ceri Peterson
Cello -	Francis Trappes-Lomas/Chloe Peterson
Guitar -	John Head
Percussion -	Simon McDougall
Flute -	Joseph-Louis Smalls
French Horn -	James Peterson





THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Writer and Producer	Lloyd Parfitt
Director	Sarah Wright
Musical Director	Josh Lee
Choreographers -	Kate Rowe and Andrea Farrow
Stage Manager	Bob Fell
Back Stage Team	Bob Fell, Phil Emery and Neil Lamprell
Set Design and Painting	Colin Wilson and Keith Drinkwater
Graphic Design	Daniel Orford
Wardrobe Co-ordinators	Sarah Wright and Kate Rowe
Wardrobe Team	Diane Appleby, Jan Burnett, Julie Cooke, Vicki Gale, Sandra Gibson, Tina Greenhalgh, Helen Lawn, Beverley Orford, Caroline Reynolds, Kim Spinks and Becky Sprunt.
Set and Props Construction	Phil Emery and Keith Drinkwater
Lighting	Phil Emery and Peter Pierce
Sound	Pete Emery and Courtney Cook
Technical consultant	Chris Goldspink
Prompt	Judith Press

Makeup Julie Cooke and team
Box Office Jennie Hoult
Front of House Michael and Karen Broom, Juliette Appleby, Jack Hamling
Pantomime Group Committee - Neville Greenhalgh, Barry Foster, Francis Trappes-Lomax, Sarah Collins and Cazz Frostdick
Honorary President - Duncan Pigg BEM.



Hethersett Pantomime Group is always looking for new members to join its team. If you have an interest in amateur dramatics and want to help out with the annual production, then you would be ideal for the group. The group is particularly looking for people to help with costumes, production, backstage, props and set design and also cast members.

The group is particularly looking for a costume co-ordinator or co-ordinators for the January 2018 show. This role co-ordinates costumes for the shows and key abilities include: Being organised, able to delegate, able to lead a team, ability to find bargains on the internet and having a creative eye. Ability to sew is not required.

You can find out more about the group and how to contact them on the website www.hethersettpanto.org.uk. Director Sarah Wright can be contacted at louison3@yahoo.com

Tribute to Marie, Peter and Tony

WRITER and producer Lloyd Parfitt has paid fulsome tribute to three people who died in 2016 but who have left their mark on Hethersett pantomimes.

“The pantomime group is very much like a family to all those who take part. Like any other family we understand that we will gain new members and sadly we will also lose people that are much loved and leave a huge gap in the family.

“Last year was a particularly sad one for our pantomime family as three of our group have passed away during the year.

“Marie Stevenson was involved with the Pantomime Group and the Hethersett Players for many years, both on stage and directing. Peter Salter, who for many years played principal roles in panto and whose daughter Rachel is still involved. When I started acting with the group both Marie and Peter taught me so much and became great friends. I will miss them both.

“Anyone who lives in the village will also know that last year we lost our Musical Director , Tony Press. Tony was our local GP for many years helping others and, in his spare time, was an active member of the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, yet again helping others with his medical skills. He was also an active member of the Catholic Church, a devoted family man and, needless to say, a fine musician, undertaking the role of pantomime musical director for 20 years.

“We have dedicated the pantomime this year to Marie, Peter and Tony.”

We are very grateful to the pantomime group for supplying us with photographs of this year's pantomime and for giving permission for them to be reproduced in the Herald.

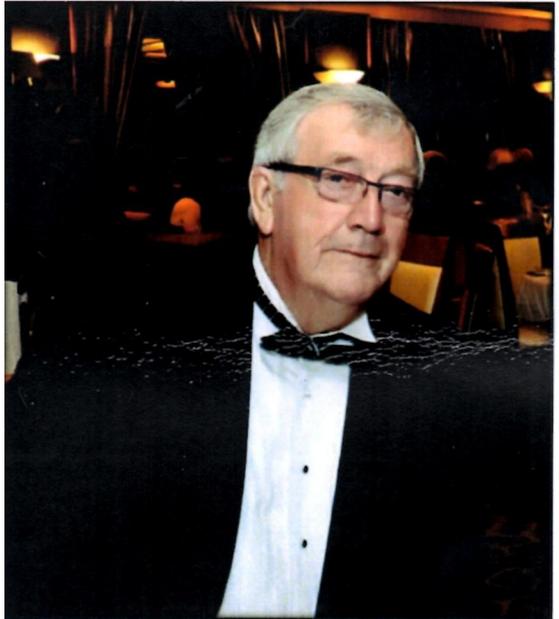


Death of Well Known Licensee

IT is with great sadness that we record the death of former Hethersett publican Robert “Bob” Ross.

Bob will be remembered in the village for his years as licensee of Hethersett King’s Head and as steward of Hethersett Social Club.

Bob, a proud Scotsman, was born near Edinburgh on April, 26th, 1939. After school he joined the RAF which brought him to Norfolk where he met his future wife Jackie whilst serving at Watton.



After gaining his wings, Bob turned his skills to air force mechanics before retiring from the service after 22 years.

His change of profession saw him move into the licensing trade with service both at the King’s and Social Club along with a hotel in Middleham, Yorkshire in the heart of horse racing country.

Bob died on December 12th, 2016, and leaves a wife, children, Beverley, Karen and Neil, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. A funeral service took place at Earlham Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday, January 6th.

The crematorium chapel was filled with friends, family, former colleagues and customers from as far afield as Yorkshire and Scotland.

A tribute to Bob was given by his son-in-law Paul Bulcock and an original poem was written and read by his granddaughter Emma Steward and a poem chosen by wife Jackie was read by grandson Alex Bulcock.

News From The Village

AMY EXPANDS

IN a previous Hethersett Herald, we featured a new slimming group set-up in the village by champion slimmer Amy Dugan from New Buckenham.

Now Amy (pictured right before and after her own slimming success), who lost more than 10 stone, is taking over the running of an Attleborough Slimming World group as well as those at New Buckenham and Hethersett.



“Over the past 12 months, my members, including those in Hethersett, have gone on to lose a staggering 640 stone,” Amy said. To read more about Amy and her own weight loss visit the July 2016 edition of Hethersett Herald.

Vandalism Rears Its Ugly Head Again

A number of years ago a spate of vandalism hit Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. This was stopped thanks to the efforts of local police, Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees and local residents.

Now the mindless acts of destruction seem to have returned with reports from the trustees and one of the main users of the field, Hethersett Athletic Football Club that goalposts have been uprooted and stanchions broken off. In addition gangs of youths have been seen congregating on the field during the early hours of the morning.

Norfolk Police have been informed of the latest problems and thankfully have caught those responsible for the vandalism. As a result two 16-year-olds have received police warnings and their parents have been informed. The good news is that both families have apologised and paid for the damage. Police will continue to be vigilant to ensure that there is no repeat of this kind of behaviour on the playing field.

News From The Village

Food Bank and Red Cross Collection

The Co-op Funeralcare shop in Great Melton Road acts as a collection point for Norwich Food Bank and also for the Red Cross charity. The food bank collection has been running for about two years and has a number of regular contributors but there is always room for more produce which can be dropped off between 10 am and 3 pm weekdays. Similarly clothing and other goods can be dropped off to be passed onto the Red Cross.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group

The next Hethersett Dementia Support Group cafe will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, 21st February. The theme will be "Food Glorious Food."

This will run from 10 a.m until midday and will be followed, on this occasion, by a cooked meal in the hall. Everyone is welcome to the cafe but if you wish to enjoy the meal at 12 noon you need to book with the secretary Stephen Baxter on 07808 329 102 by 7th February.

The agm of Hethersett Dementia Support Group will take place on Tuesday, 7th February at 2.30 pm at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road, Any residents of Hethersett and the surrounding villages are cordially invited to attend.

Memorial Pavilion Update

A special meeting is being organised on 13th February at 7.30 pm to discuss renovations/improvements to the pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

Interested bodies and organisations are being invited along to the meeting to discuss future plans for the building. This will include current users of the existing pavilion which has been described as not being fit for purpose.

The meeting will be followed at a later date by an open meeting. Planning permission for major renovation has been passed and this will include sports' changing rooms, a kitchen and meeting room. We will have more reports on this in future editions.

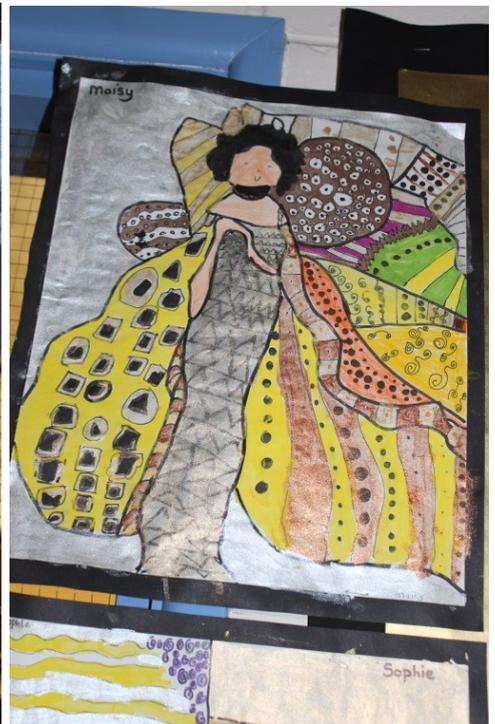
Colourful Art at School

By Liz French

PUPILS at Hethersett Old Hall School have been studying Gustav Klimt's portrait of Adele Bloch Bauer.

Bauer was a Jewish friend of the artist from Vienna. During World War Two, the portrait was seized by the Nazis and renamed "The Woman in Gold."

Years five and six carefully observed Klimt's painting and then created their own pictures of a woman standing amongst shapes of different patterns. At first, they used only monochrome, then introduced gold and finally splashes of colour. Two of the pupils' paintings are featured below.



HERALD HEALTH

With Rachel Pales of Rowan House Health and Welfare Centre



2017 A Year to Make Changes you Can Keep

Hello 2017. A brand New Year and with it for many will come reflection on the previous year and hopes for a happier and healthier year ahead.

Health and wellbeing goals are often and understandably at the top of the agenda of many New Year's resolutions; quitting smoking, getting fit, weight loss and improving work life balance being some of the top changes that people hope to make. So why is it so difficult to succeed in making changes?

Here are our top tips to help make 2017 the year of sustained change:

1. Start small and be realistic: Resolutions need to be small, measurable and

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achievable, simply promising to 'get healthy' isn't specific enough and the goal posts are easily changed. Consider breaking the goal down into smaller monthly goals which are reviewed and expanded on every few weeks.

2.Focus on process, not results: Resolutions like "losing weight" and "getting organised" focus on a result, with no identification of the process for how to get there. Instead, for example, focus on going for daily walks or eating healthy salads for lunch. These strategies will probably end in the same amount of weight loss but you will enjoy the journey a lot more.

5.Be open to different options and opportunities: Being too rigid in your resolutions can mean that opportunities can be missed. Rather than not succeeding with the same strategy as last year, try something different which challenges you. For example try a Yoga class to help you relax and revive weekend family time or have a hypnotherapy session to help you stop smoking.

6. Buddy Up: If trying something new sounds daunting then team up with a friend or partner working towards similar goals or join a class and enjoy the benefits of being in a group of like-minded people with similar goals.

7.Track progress and reward yourself: One of the most accepted notions in psychology is the principle that behaviour eventually extinguishes itself if not followed by reward (Polivy and Herman 2002). Keeping record of changes and achievements will help you keep on track and reward yourself regularly with something that doesn't contradict your resolution, for example a relaxing reflexology session or massage.

8.Be kind to yourself: If things do not go to plan be self-compassionate and recognise that being imperfect, failing and experiencing difficulties in life are inevitable.

Here at Rowan House we can provide you with the environment, expertise, classes and therapies needed to help make successful changes. Our practitioners work collaboratively and in harmony with each other to ensure you achieve the very best outcome.

At whatever point you start out at Rowan House our goal is to help you discover your pathway to a happier and healthier you.

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section of this walk is the same as walk no. 1 in this series but then goes onto new territory. Part of the return route was also covered in walk no. 2.

Distance: about 6 miles. **Underfoot:** mainly level grassy paths, tracks and minor roads, but walking boots are recommended. **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 then cross the road into the alley almost opposite. At the end, pass between the houses and turn L into Central Crescent.
2. Follow the road round to the T-junction and turn L into Recreation Road past the playing field. Take the first L into Firs Road and, at the LH bend, turn R into the cul-de-sac and pass through the gap into St. David's Road. At the end, turn L into New Road. Cross the B1172 to the field gate opposite, pass through the gap into the field and turn R. You are now on the former permissive path.
3. Follow the clear grassy path, parallel to the road, passing behind a cottage, crossing the entrance drive of Park Farm and soon behind another cottage. When parallel to the road again, go through the gate in the hedge on the R (opposite the car sales site), cross the road and enter the field to the left of the sales area. Turn immediately L and follow the grassy field-edge path parallel to the road, with the hedge on your L. This is the current permissive path.
4. Pass through the hedge gap ahead and continue behind historic Kett's Oak (the tree surrounded by railings). Pass through the second hedge gap ahead and turn immediately R, away from the road, with a plantation of young trees on your left and the hedge on your R.
5. Approaching the group of trees ahead, pass through a hedge gap on your R, turn L, and pass almost immediately through another hedge gap ahead; turn L (i.e. now behind the trees and hidden pond) and continue ahead, with the hedge now on your L.
6. Continue on this path, deviating around a pond, but always with the hedge on your L. You will pass by the long strip of woodland with the unusual name of 'The Wong'. Be sure to ignore another permissive path signed on the L.
7. The path curves gently to the R and eventually, after rounding another pond, turns sharp L. At this point you will see a hedge gap on the R leading on to a road. Pass through, cross the road junction and continue down the quiet road opposite (Pockthorpe Road), with some very attractive wooded areas.
8. At the crossroads continue ahead and when you reach the first house, turn R at the public footpath sign, and walk along the track, first through woodland and then along the field edge, with a hedge on your L.
9. On entering the farmyard, veer slightly L and look for the entrance (not very

visible) to a short hedged path which leads to a road at a junction. Turn L along the road (ignore the one opposite) and you will soon come to a public footpath sign on the R at a hedge gap. Take the path diagonally across the field under the high voltage cables to the hedge line opposite. Pass through the gap onto the road and turn R, with Gt. Melton church visible ahead.

10. After a short distance, turn R at a footpath sign onto a gravel track and follow this around the pond, downhill and past the fishing lake. At the field ahead, turn R along the edge, with woods on your R. At the corner, continue uphill on the field edge path around more woodland on your R until the path turns L away from the wood.

11. Ignore the large hedge gap on your R and continue on the path ahead. At the end of the field turn R across the plank bridge and continue ahead with the hedge on your L. Ignore the hedge gap with the path into the new housing estate on the L, and continue to Gt. Melton Road opposite the junction with New Road. Turn L and follow the road back to your starting point.

Coming Later in the Year



THIS year's annual Hethersett run the square two mile funrun will take place on 16th July. The run is in its seventh year and regularly attracts over 200 runners and walkers.

The event starts from outside Hethersett Junior School and proceeds along Queen's Road and the first part of Great Melton Road before turning left for the length of Mill Road and then left again along New Road and Norwich Road before finishing outside the school. Roads along the route will be closed to traffic from 10.45 am for approximately one hour and traffic is asked to avoid the area.

Our photograph shows finishers pictured at the end of a rather wet run in 2015.

Affecting Our Village

Helping our community to stay safe

Hethersett's Norfolk County Council representative Judith Virgo made a plea at the January meeting of Hethersett Parish Council for groups and residents to join together to help prevent local people fall foul of scammers.

Scams seem to be increasing on a daily basis and range from junk mail targeting people with promises of untold wealth to telephone calls purporting to be from many organisations ranging from BT to the Inland Revenue.

Hethersett Herald is keen to help in any way we can in making people aware of these criminal scams by highlighting them in association with Norfolk Trading Standards. Each month we will highlight the scams that are brought to our attention, along with other community information that is relevant

Communities urged to unite in bid to tackle drug dealing

Norfolk's communities are being urged to continue improving information sent to police and partners following the launch of Operation Gravity.

The initiative, set up to tackle drug dealing in the county, has already seen more than 25 people arrested and a significant amount of drugs and cash seized.

To continue that focus on preventing people from dealing drugs in our county Temporary Chief Superintendent Dave Marshall, County Policing Commander, has appealed to local communities saying: "All our efforts continue to be focused around those who look to threaten and intimidate local residents or prevent Norfolk from being a safe place in which to live and work.

"I want to re-assure communities that any information they submit will be treated in confidence but importantly you are keeping your community safer by telling us what you know about drug activity."

"If you suspect drug dealing in your neighbourhood it may look like:

- Groups of people coming and going from an address at all times of the day and night
- The discarding of Class A paraphernalia such as syringes and cellophane
- General anti-social behaviour without any other explanation

If you want to remain completely anonymous you can report any information to independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org. They will not take any personal details and your email address and phone numbers cannot be traced.

Increase in Thefts From Sheds and Garages

Police are urging residents in South Norfolk to be vigilant after an increase in fuel thefts and garage and shed burglaries in the county.

PC Jim Squires has the following advice: "It is not unusual for us to see an increase in this type of crime at this time of year. However, I would strongly urge residents to take simple measures to prevent them from becoming victims.

"Most shed breaks are carried out by opportunist thieves, therefore please ensure that you lock and secure your shed and garage and keep items of value locked away.

"If you do leave items of value in sheds or garages then you should mark your property, this can simply be done by using coloured spray paint. It makes it harder for thieves to sell tools on,. Don't leave any items out in the garden, put them away. "

"With regards to fuel tanks, check oil levels frequently so you are aware if anyone has tampered with your supply, and consider an electronic oil level gauge which sets off an audible alarm in your house if the oil level drops below a quarter full.

"Fit a good quality locking device to all fuel tanks – a high quality closed shackle padlock will make access using bolt croppers very difficult. Consider perimeter security for the whole tank, such as a metal cage or fencing. Even a prickly hedge may help deter thieves. Remember, however, that the oil tanker driver will need to access it.

"If you are going out, consider leaving a radio on or, if you are going to be home late, leave a light on so it would appear someone is home as it starts to get dark."

PC Squires added: "Security measures are just the start – we also need communities to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you spot something unusual at a friend, neighbour or relative's house, or at a nearby business premises, call police on 101 or dial 999 if a crime is in progress."

Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from Amazon

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning about emails claiming to be from Ama-

zon. Action Fraud report receiving several complaints of ‘convincing’ looking emails stating the recipient has made an order for a high value item. Examples have included expensive vintage chandeliers, Bose stereos, iPhone’s and luxury watches.

The email, which comes from a ‘spoofing’ email address of
`service@amazon.co.uk`

goes on to state that if the recipient hasn’t ‘authorised the transaction’ they can click on a ‘help centre’ link to receive a full refund.

The emails are not from Amazon and anyone following the link will be taken to a fake version of the Amazon website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

Amazon provide advice on identifying whether an email is genuinely from on their website.

If you receive this email, or another suspicious email claiming to be from Amazon you can send it as an attachment to `stop-spoofing@amazon.com`

Telephone cold calls claiming to be from HMRC

Norfolk Trading Standards are again receiving reports of telephone cold calls claiming to be from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

Reports have included further incidents of automated recorded message calls saying ‘This is Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs. We have been trying to reach you to let you know we are filing a law suit against you’. The call then goes on to provide a list of ‘options’ including ‘Press One to speak to your case officer’.

Trading Standards have also received a report from a Norfolk resident who received a telephone cold call from a man stating that he was from HMRC and that they would ‘involve the police’ if the resident ‘didn’t pay their account’.

If you receive a cold call from someone claiming to be from HMRC DO NOT give or confirm any personal or financial details unless you can verify the callers ID. If you are unable to do this hang up.

HMRC state that ‘they will never notify you of a tax rebate, offer you repayment, or ask you to disclose personal or financial details by email or by text, and we recommend that if you cannot verify the identity of a caller claiming to be from HMRC that you do not speak to them’.

HMRC provide a list of current genuine HMRC contact routes and messages on their website.

Coming Village Events in February

The following are just some of the events taking place in Hethersett in February.

Sunday 5th - Hethersett Village Screen presents Swallows and Amazons in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm.

Monday 6th - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club winter nets at Norwich High School for Girls.

Tuesday 7th - Hethersett Dementia Support Group agm, Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, 2.30 pm.

Tuesday 7th - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 until 6.30 pm. Talk by Lucy Snelson on bereavement.

Tuesday 7th - Hethersett Dementia Support Group annual general meeting at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex at 2.30 pm.

Thursday 9th - South Norfolk Community Awards, Dunston Hall. Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group has been shortlisted for community of the year and Stephen Baxter, Manager of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex has been shortlisted for Volunteer of the Year.

Monday 20th - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club winter nets at Norwich High School for Girls

Monday 20th - Hethersett Parish Council Meeting. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Planning Committee at 7pm..

Tuesday 21st - Hethersett Dementia Support Group café 10 am- 12 pm. Theme "Food Glorious Food". Café will be followed by a cooked lunch at midday.

Tuesday 21st - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 until 6.30 pm

If you have any events you would like to see featured in Hethersett Heralds please send details of the event, it's date, time and venue to the following email address: petersteward@skytv.com



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Tel 811589

Or speak to any of the Trustees (details in Library)

News From The Parish Council

Massive Increase in Cost of Emptying Dog Bins

The parish council is facing a massive increase in the amount it pays for having dog bins emptied by South Norfolk Council.

The cost of having the bins emptied in the financial year 2016/2017 was £800. Now the parish has been landed with a rise to £5,000 in 2017/2018 with no consultation with the parish.

The reason given for the increase is upping the cost of each bin from its current £65 to £100. In addition South Norfolk Council has been charging for only 333 of the 594 bins in its area.

Jackie Sutton, chair of Hethersett Parish Council, told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper that she understood the financial pressures but the proposed hike was too excessive.

“This is horrendous - you can’t just decide to lump all these costs on the parish council without prior notice or consultation.

“We have just set our council tax precept for the year and we do not have any more time to go back and change those figures,” she said.

The latest parish council meeting heard that, following a review, the likely cost of the service would be around £3,000 - a figure branded still “unacceptable” by councillors:

“This is a cost that will hit every parish that has dogs bins and they are all up in arms at the proposed increases,” Jackie Sutton said.

Hethersett currently has 30 dog bins of which only eight are currently charged for.

Trod Date Expected

A start day for building a special trod to help safer crossing of the B1172 to Church Farm will be given shortly, the parish council heard. In addition news is also expected on a new bus shelter on the B1172 at an existing bus stop in the Norwich direction just down from the New Road turning. The erection of a shelter

More News From The Parish Council

has been affected by work on the extension of an existing cycle path.

Traffic Survey

The parish council has been asked to provide details of areas in the centre of the village that have road safety problems. The council previously asked Norfolk County Council to conduct a general safety audit but has now been asked to specify areas it considers to be of particular concern.

Speedwatch Scheme To Start?.

A speedwatch scheme could soon be operational in the village after a sufficient number of volunteers came forward.

Four local residents will be forming a team to help check speeds in various parts of the village.

The team will be fully trained and issued with speed detectors which will be able to detect speeding motorists as well as provide data about various areas in the village

Youth Champion Request

Hethersett Parish Council is looking for a youth champion.

Chairman Jackie Sutton said she felt it important to have somebody acting as a conduit between the council and Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club which is part funded by the parish

“We need more engagement with young people in the form of a youth champion,” she said.

New Committee Member

Tony West has been elected to Hethersett Parish Council’s planning committee to take the place of Jim Bartram who has retired from the council.

Mr Bartram’s position as a councillor is being advertised. And an appointment is expected shortly to bring the council up to full strength of 13.

Groups and Societies

Probus Club *By Willis Johnson*

John Nortcliff chaired the recent meeting of Hethersett Probus Club when birthday greetings were extended to Ron Butcher, Chris Morriss and Denis Ackroyd.. A demonstration of a new projector in daylight conditions was shown by John and all agreed that it would be a sensible purchase.

Geoff Head, Welfare Officer, reported that Pat Hollingsworth had suffered a stroke which had affected his balance. He is currently in Norwich Community Hospital. Alan Saunders reminded members of the Ladies lunch at Park Farm on 9th February. Stories were told by Beverley Baker, Cliff Mortley, Terry Stidston and Ron Butcher.

A presentation was made to Helen Illsley for providing tea and coffee during the year. After refreshments, the chairman welcomed club member Peter Earwaker who gave a talk on "The Quantum World". He gave illustrations from items on the table and included references from various distinguished and renowned scientists.

His talk was most thought provoking and, on behalf of all, Ron Butcher thanked Peter for an excellent presentation.

A further meeting was chaired by John Nortcliff and birthday greetings were extended to Harold Kerslake. Geoff Head reported on members who were unable to attend and Terry Stidston stated that negotiations for new blinds at the youth club premises were taking place .Alan Saunders reminded everyone about the Ladies lunch at Park Farm on 9th February and the members lunch on 1st March. He also said that the social committee would pay for half of the cost of the new projector. A story was told by Beverley Baker.

After refreshments, the chairman introduced the morning speaker Jon Read whose talk was entitled "The Red Dragon and the Tylwyth Teg". He spoke about the Roman influences in North Wales and described the area with its myths and legends.

He showed slides of the Conway Valley, Capel Curig, Llanberis, the Lleyen Peninsula, Anglesey Portmadoc and various other places and, on behalf of all, Bever-

Groups and Societies

Iey Baker thanked Jon for a most interesting presentation which was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is at the Jubilee Hall, Hethersett, at 10.30 am on 1st February when the speaker will be Roy Howland whose talk will be on 19th Century Education.

Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT)

The next village litter pick organised by HEAT will be on Saturday, 25th February as part of the South Norfolk Big Litter pick. HEAT now has its own Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/HethersettHEAT/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf

The group is hoping to attract some younger pickers and has been in contact with Hethersett Academy to this end.

Pensioners Under Threat

Hethersett Pensioners' Group could be about to go out of existence. As reported in a previous edition of Hethersett Herald, the group has been struggling to keep going with key posts remaining unfilled. Key members Richard Headicar and Heather Williamson highlighted the problems at the January meeting of Hethersett Parish Council

"After 21 years, it looks as if Hethersett Pensioners' group will have to be dissolved. This is a very sad time as older people seem to be losing more and more of their facilities. Nobody has stepped forward to fill the key roles," said retiring chairman Richard Headicar.

Pensioners' Associations throughout the country are feeling the pinch and the group at nearby Wymondham has already shut down.

"Supporting older people is a neglected area and is reaching crisis point. It is a sad time for those villages losing their associations. Once older people stop being physically active they often stop being mentally active as well," Mr Headicar added.

Chairman of the parish council Jackie Sutton highlighted problems with finding

Groups and Societies

volunteers for a variety of groups in the village with both the Village Hall and Memorial Playing Field Committee's short of trustees.

Mrs Williamson highlighted the problem of loneliness amongst the elderly:

"So many older people are lonely and the pensioners' club is the only thing they go to," she said.

Heart of Hethersett Special Date

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement group will have a special speaker at its meeting on February 7th when the guest will be Psychodynamic Counsellor Lucy Snelson who will talk about losing loved ones. The meeting will take place at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road from 5.30 p.m and everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided free of charge.

At the meeting on January 24th, film director Ang Fox spoke about her involvement with the film "Looking to Eternity" which tells the true story of a young man dying from a brain tumour. It is based on the story of Dereham man Dan Lawrence who died last November.

Ang discussed the filming of "Looking to Eternity" and Dan's Christian faith which helped him to fully co-operate with the project despite being seriously ill. Dan was a Dereham Christian youth worker and the film featured young people from the North Breckland Youth for Christ team.

HETHERSETT and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

By Leslie Dale

At Hethersett Horticultural Society's January meeting, Pauline Harper told us how to "Love Food and Hate Waste".

Pauline is a very successful competitor at Horticultural Shows and knows how important compost is to her prize winning success. A few years back, she took the Norfolk County Council Master Composter course and now gives up many hours of her time spreading the word about compost. In so doing she became aware of the "Love food-Hate Waste" campaign details of which can be found on the internet.

In her talk she covered issues around the costs in money and energy of wasting unwanted food, at home or in a restaurant. She also covered food purchasing planning, using a freezer as a repository for excess prepared food, and the various “date” terminologies to be found on packaged food, the most important being the “Use By” date.

Taking composting as her next theme, she said that not all properties with gardens had composting facilities which implied that their domestic non recyclable waste was heading to a methane generating decay at the bottom of an unrecoverable land fill site. Pauline then went on to talk about the practical points of composting methods and finally showed the Norfolk County Council film on how the Costessey recycling centre separates out the commodities in our South Norfolk green bins.

The society meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are welcome - occasional visitors are charged £1.50 and refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 15th February, when Ian Roofe will be talking about “Herbaceous Plants” and on Wednesday 15th March, John Freeman will show photos of his holiday gardens and Ted Hallet will talk about an “Itinerant Gardener”, all following the Society’s AGM.

More Dates For Village Screen

February



HETHERSETT Village Screen has announced a full programme of films through to next May.

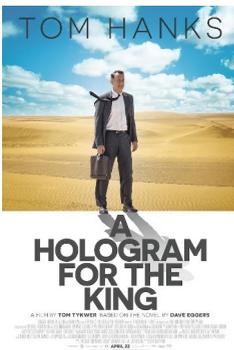
The main attraction on February 5th will be the big screen version of Arthur Ransome's "Swallows and Amazons." On March 5th Tom Hanks stars in "A Hologram for a King". April 2nd sees "A United Kingdom" and on 7th May Roald Dahl's "The BFG" is the feature.

All shows are on a Sunday and start at 3 p.m.

Hethersett Village Screen is a non profit organisation bringing films to the community, with monthly screenings in Hethersett Village Hall. It is held in association with Creative Arts East, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council. More information is available at facebook.com/hethersettvs or twitter.com/hethersettvs.

NEXT ON SCREEN: Swallows and Amazons tells the story of four children who dream of escaping the tedium of a summer holiday with their mother. When finally given permission to camp on their own on an island in the middle of a vast lake, they are overjoyed.

But when they get there they discover they may not be alone. The battle for ownership of a lonely island teaches them the skills of survival, the value of friendship and the importance of holding your nerve.



The film is set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Lake District and is suitable for families with a PG rating. Tickets are £4 and doors open at 2.45 pm.

Media Watch

Thursday, December 29, 2016



■ The reopening of Wymondham Leisure Centre (1 to 1) Council chairman David Bills, leader John Fuller, oldest member Eric Couzens and ward councillor Lee Horny.

Pictures: SIMON FINLAY

COMMUNITY

Call for retained firefighters is made

People are needed to join the ranks of retained firefighters in Attleborough, Hethersett, Hingham and Wymondham.

Norfolk Fire and Rescue has called for anyone interested to apply to join the service.

Retained firefighters are paid for their work and are on-call part time.

Applicants must be at least 18 and live or work within five minutes of their local fire station. To find out more, visit www.norfolkfireservice.gov.uk

TRAFFIC

A new cycle and footpath is planned

Work on a shared-use pedestrian and cycle path which connects Wymondham and Hethersett to Norwich is due to start on Wednesday next week.

The section of Newmarket Road in Norwich which runs out of the city between Daniels Road and the area opposite the Unthank Road junction will be widened and resurfaced.

Priority cycle crossings across side roads will also be put in place to provide an uninterrupted route along this part of the A11.

COUNCIL

Verges destruction is getting worse

Concerns were raised over the destruction of grass verges in Hethersett at the latest meeting of the parish council.

Chairman Jackie Sutton said: "The destruction of verges seems to be getting worse. We try to keep our village looking tidy and nice but inconsiderate residents can turn areas into eyesores."

The council has a vacancy following the retirement of Jim Bartram.

COMMUNITY

Sleeping Beauty shows coming up

Excitement is building ahead of the upcoming Hethersett village pantomime

Sleeping Beauty will be performed at the village hall from January 21 to January 28, with three matinees and six evening performances planned.

Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments in the kitchen and with seating, call Karen Broom on 01603 813490 for more.

COMMUNITY

Festive voices put on a show for dementia cafe

Carol singers led by Hethersett Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship spread some festive cheer at the Hethersett Dementia Cafe before Christmas. The December 20 performance enjoyed a good response, and guests enjoyed mince pies and other homemade refreshments. The cafe meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10am to midday.

COMMUNITY

Test your brain to help out a church

A quiz night to raise money for the Hethersett Parish Church Roof Repair Fund is being planned for January 20.

The event will take place at the Old Hall School Barn from 7pm. Tables of eight are available, and tickets cost £8.50, which includes a meal.

Bookings can be made by calling Vic Redington on 01603 811136.

Media Watch (continued)

Thursday, December 22, 2016

Laura donates cash after her epic cycle trek around Norfolk

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A Hethersett woman who had just three months' training before embarking on a 100-mile charity cycle said it was the hardest thing she had ever done.

Laura Cable undertook the ride across Norfolk, raising £2,449.60 for the Wymondham Dementia Support Group.

Miss Cable said she had never cycled further than a mile previously but decided to take up the challenge in aid of what she described as "a very worthy cause."

She said: "It was the hardest thing I have ever done. I would rather give birth than ride 100 miles."

The ride took her from the Hethersett Velo Club's social club in Queens Road and took her to Reepham, Morston, Sheringham, Horsey, Acle and Norwich before returning home.

Miss Cable, who works behind the bar at the social club, was accompanied by other members of the cycle club, who helped her get ready for the ride.

She said it was a challenge to complete, but she was pleased to

have made it over the finish line.

Miss Cable said: "I was so stiff the following morning that I had to crawl out of bed.

"I was OK up to around the 70-mile mark, but then my body told me I'd had enough.

"I got a puncture in Norwich but the velo riders made sure I kept going.

"I am so grateful for all the support I have had and all the people who supported me in any way."

On Sunday, Miss Cable presented a cheque to the president and founder of the dementia group, Trevor Brown. Mr Brown said he was delighted with the donation, which would help to care for people with dementia.

He said: "This cheque will make a tremendous difference. "We are currently supporting 90 people and their carers, but we can only exist with the help of people like Laura".

But as if this year's ep wasn't enough, Miss Cable preparing to undertake a ride for charity in 2017.

■ **Do you have a story we be covering? Email stuart.anderson@archant.co.uk**



■ Laura Cable, left, and Dianne Fernee from the group.

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NEWS

Policing team will keep an eye on drivers' speed

Speeding motorists who pose problems in south Norfolk communities now face a new police team dedicated to tackling inconsiderate drivers.

The Special Constabulary Speeding Team has been launched and will see its officers complement checks carried out by volunteers in Community Speed Watch teams in the south of the county.

The team will also carry out targeted checks in areas where speeding is raised as a concern and are not covered by Community Speed Watch groups.

PC Jim Squires, south Norfolk engagement officer, said: "We have a number of Community Speed Watch groups within south Norfolk and the Specials will be supporting the work they're doing by carrying out additional checks on top of those conducted by volunteers.

"The team will carry out a leaflet drop in the immediate vicinity of where speed checks take place,

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updating local residents on the results and action we've taken."

At the scheme's launch was Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green who said: "I am delighted to have been able to support this project and to see it embraced by police, volunteers and the wider community.

"The purpose of Speed Watch and the Special Constabulary Speeding Team is not to spoil our pleasure in responsible driving, but to protect us from unsafe driving.

"This is community spirit at its best - cooperation between Speed Watch volunteers and our police to keep our roads safe."

■ **Anyone who wants information on joining Community Speed Watch groups in the south Norfolk area should call PC Jim Squires on 101.**

More cuttings can be viewed on our Hethersett village web site at www.hethersett.org.uk

February in Hethersett Library

With Rebecca Warner

Wednesday 1 st	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring in group
Thursday 2 nd	1400 – Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind info stand
Monday 6 th	1030 – Just A Cuppa Coffee Morning 1400 – Library Book Group
Wednesday 8 th	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring in group
Monday 13 th	1030 – Just A Cuppa Coffee Morning 1400 - Craft Group
Wednesday 15 th	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring in group
Friday 17 th	1130 – Half Term Craft Activity
Monday 20 th	1030 – Just A Cuppa Coffee Morning 1400 – Craft Group
Wednesday 22 nd	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring in group
Friday 24 th	1030 – Bounce and Rhyme for babies 0 – 18 months 1115 – Bounce and Rhyme for toddlers 18 months – five years
Monday 27 th	1030 – Just A Cuppa Coffee Morning 1400 – Craft Group

Just a Cuppa - and a Chat

The library is introducing a new weekly 'Just a Cuppa' coffee morning as part of Norfolk County Council's 'in good company initiative' tackling loneliness in Norfolk.

Come along on a Monday morning 1030 to 1145 am and enjoy a hot drink and biscuit, for a small donation, and a chat! . It starts on Monday 6th February.

Extended Opening

Extended opening hours will be coming soon to Hethersett Library. More information on this will follow.!

Friends Group

Hethersett Library friends' group is up and running and looking for more volun-

teers. If you are interested in finding out more please call the library on 01603 810188.

The friends' group raised £20 from the pre-Christmas performance of A Christmas Carol by the Library Players. The money will help to launch another new initiative in the library Crafter School Club on the third Friday of each month from March 17th The Crafter School Club is aimed at youngsters of primary school age and their families and will take place from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

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

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 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

Hethersett Library

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Coming In March

THE year 2017 will be a very important one 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 throughout 2017 and 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 March, we take a look at the latest village development and meet a fascinating man who refers to himself as a “hippy activist.”

We are also planning a series of Hethersett Herald albums, taking a look at past years with a modern slant. More about this next month.

If you have any news, comments etc on the publication or would like to submit a feature for publication please e-mail details to the editor on

petersteward@sky.com

Please note that this is a new e-mail address and replaces the former one.

Have You Missed an Edition?

HETHERSETT ONLINE
Number 1

Church Counts Cost of Theft

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

On the night of Tuesday 27/09/16 outdoor there was a major theft of items from the ruse shell roof of St Regulus Church. The intruders broke down the fence next to the local search gates and dove across the churchyard to collect free loot as it was stripped off the roof.

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

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

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

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Hub of the Community

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

The latest issue sees Hethersett Parish Councilors taking up proposals to improve the village shop with a Monday afternoon to answer queries from residents on various subjects. The first session on January 11th saw parish council chairman Jackie Sutton and fellow councillor Marilyn Savory taking questions on subjects as diverse as road verges, parking problems, the allocation of grass verges and the possibility of setting up a short teners club in the village. Parish council chair Bill Jackie Sutton is pictured on the page with resident Mike Jones at the Pop In.

This is to further assist in our drive to improve our community with residents. We have revamped our quarterly newsletter which has been well received and now wish to provide an opportunity for residents to raise issues outside the more formal structure of council meetings." Jackie Sutton said.

Field: Pop in events continue on the second Monday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. The next session will be on February 15th. Meanwhile the library hosts a number of regular and special events including book club, a special morning and meeting, a book sale on afternoons and a baby loan and more to come. "Our own ideas are on page nine."

Hethersett has received an assurance from its county council representative Judith Vignar that there were no plans to close Hethersett Library, despite proposals from Government cuts.

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Duncan's Special Day

HETHERSETT is a village with a rich history and a strong sense of community. It is a place where people have lived and worked for centuries. The village has a long and proud history, and it is a place where people have lived and worked for centuries. The village has a long and proud history, and it is a place where people have lived and worked for centuries.

Duncan's Special Day is a celebration of the village's history and heritage. It is a day when the village comes together to celebrate its past and its future. The day is filled with music, dancing, and other activities that bring the community together. It is a day to be proud of and to enjoy.

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

News and Features Needed

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

With limited resources, it isn't possible for us to cover everything that is going on in our village. We hope that the Herald reflects just some of the things that are 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@sky.com or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett

Sports Coverage Starts Here

Award For Athletic

HETHERSETT Athletic was named Barnes Print South and Central Norfolk team of the month for December after going the whole month unbeaten. They received a new match ball to mark the honour.

December saw them beat North Elmham 8-2 in the Ben Smith Memorial Cup, beat Marham Wanderers 4-0 in the league and beat North Elmham 5-0 in the league cup. The team has won seven of its last eight games in all competitions.

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Sat OB	BGS	H	League	7-1	Thurston 3, Smith 2, Peacher, Elliott
Sun Res	North Walsham	H	League	1-12	Pummell
U-19	Swanton Morley	H	League	4-2	Cowan, Denny, Curran, Watts
U-15	Taverham Lions	A	Lge Cup	0-3	
U-14	Old Catton	A	Lge Cup	3-2	Watts 2, Delf
U-12	Cringleford	A	League	2-1	A. Smith, Lipscombe
U-10	Thetford Marvels	A	League	0-6	
U9 Tigers	Queen's Hill	H	Lge Cup	3-1	Mercer 2, Pinnock
U-8	Attleborough Blue	H	League	5-3	Basham 3, Rollison, Petherick
Sun 1st	Cellar House	H	League	9-1	Waters 3, Nurse 2, Hayward B. Luther-Veitch, R. Luther Veitch, Grant
Sun Res	Sporting Iceni	A	League	10-1	Bradfield 4, Smith 2, B. Wright, Gregory, Hudson-Church, og
Sat OB	Norwich Medics	H	League	2-0	Smith 2
Men Sat	Bridgham	A	Cup	4-3	Gray 2, Smith, Folkard
Men Sat	Gressenhall	A	League	2-1	O. Smith, Benfield
U-10	Wymondham Falc	A	League	0-4	

For a full list of results from Hethersett Athletic along with coming fixtures go to:

www.hethersettathletic.org.uk

The club currently caters for all ages from under-six to adult and runs two adult Saturday sides, two adult Sunday sides and youth teams up to Under-19 level

Nets, Fixtures and New Players

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club is looking for new players of all ages and abilities for the coming season.

The season is due to start in April and once again the club will be fielding four Saturday league sides, a Sunday league side, midweek friendly elevens, cup sides and a number of youth teams from Under-9 to Under-17.

A number of adult net sessions have been organised at Norwich High School for Girls from 7 to 8.15 pm for players of third and fourth team standard and from 8.15 to 9.30 pm for players of first and second team standards. If you are interested in attending and unsure as to which team you fit into, just turn up at 7 pm on the opening night.

Dates for sessions are

February 6th,

February 20th,

March 6th

March 20th.

Meanwhile the fixtures for the club's Over-40s side in the South Norfolk Over-40s Social League have been announced. Hethersett, who finished runners-up last season, will come up against Rocklands, Tivetshall, Topcroft and Garboldisham. All matches are of 20 overs per team and start at 6 pm.

Fixtures are as follows:

May 17th	Rocklands	home
May 24th	Tivetshall	away
May 31st	Topscroft	home
June 7th	Garboldisham	away
June 21st	Rocklands	away
June 28th	Tivetshall	home
July 5th	Topcroft	away
July 12th	Garboldisham	home

The club will be holding a special charity match in April in aid of the Wymond-

ham based cancer charity Star Throwers.

The club will also be hosting the finals of the Norfolk Over-40s League on Sunday, September 3rd, when the winners of groups from throughout Norfolk come together for semi-finals and then a final.

Sports Association Meeting

THE Latest meeting of Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association

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@sky.com. 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