



Top Award for Shop

By Roger Morgan

A HETHERSETT shop has been named South Norfolk Independent Retailer of the Year.

Hodge Podge in Oak Square was presented with the prestigious award at a ceremony at the South Norfolk Council offices in Long Stratton on 14th June.

The award was presented to owners Rebecca Appleton and Fiona Dye with their mother Liz Hovey by the deputy leader of the council Michael Edney.

In addition to winning the top prize of the evening, Hodge Podge also took the award for the most creative window display for its Fathers' Day theme. It completed a hat-trick of successes by being commended for its "Excellence in Customer Service." The awards began in 2015 but, at that point, only shops in the major



towns of South Norfolk were eligible to enter. This is the first year that all retailers in the area could be considered. In making their decision the judging panel visited the shop and took into account the positive views and votes from customers. They also viewed the shop's web site, Facebook social media page and its online sales site.
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The shop also offers a personalised card making service as well as free gift wrapping.

A surprised and amazed Liz Hovey said: "This award justifies all the hard work done by the family to build up the business.

"We are very grateful to all of our customers who voted for us and we hope that they will continue to support us by visiting the shop in the future. Customer satisfaction is extremely important to us".

Podge Perfect

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The judges were particularly impressed by the imaginative promotional video produced by Mark Maskell.

Hodge Podge first opened for business in February, 2011, in premises also used by Oak Square Architectural. It offers an extensive range of stylish, yet affordable gifts and cards to suit all ages and tastes. It has always championed local industry by selling lots of items produced by Norfolk craftspeople.

It also supports many local charitable events such as craft fairs and fetes and has operated pop up shops for residential care homes in the area. Rebecca and Fiona are constantly seeking out new and exciting products to add to the range. Much of the jewellery is hand made as are many of the greetings cards.



Run The Square 2017

THIS year's two mile village fun run will take place on Sunday, 16th July, and you can enter through Hethersett Herald.

You will find an entry form on Page Six. This can be downloaded and sent with a cheque payable to "Hethersett Run The Square" to: Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3JJ. Applications also can be handed into Hethersett Library, Hethersett Social Club and Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre with the entry fee.

The run will start at 11am from outside Hethersett Junior School and will then continue along Queen's Road and Great Melton Road to the junction of Mill Road. There it will turn left and continue for the length of Mill Road and then along New Road and Old Norwich Road and back to the Junior School.

All those finishing will be awarded a special commemorative medal, along with a raffle ticket (more about this below).

Entry to this year's event is just £3 for adults and £1.50 for Under-16s. Under-8s must be accompanied by an adult.

A Full Day of Activities

THIS year's funrun will have the added dimension of turning into a family funday.

Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre in conjunction with Hethersett Social Club and Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association will be supporting Hethersett's Run the Square event with a family event which will run from midday to 2.30pm to follow on from the finish of the two mile run.

The funday will include well-being workshops, a bouncy castle, barbecue, a table top sale, family activities and there will be a prize raffle with proceeds going to the Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

An Interesting Twist

THIS year's funrun will also have an added incentive to for all those finishing. As well as receiving a commemorative medal, runners/walkers will be given a free raffle ticket for a draw at Rowan House with some excellent prizes. The draw will take place after the group photos at the end of the funrun.

Rowan House is combining with Hethersett Social Club for the funday event and the social club will be running a barbecue until 3 pm and will stay open for refreshments until 6pm.

There will also be a table top sale/event for local business to showcase their commodities and expertise. Any company or individual wishing to book space for this should ring 01603 813999 or e-mail Jodie@rowanhousecentre.co.uk.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

9.00 Race registration opens at Hethersett Junior School.

10.45 Local roads along the route closed for one hour.

10.45 Pre-run warm up with Norfolk Olympian Paul Evans. Pre-run massage and physio also available.

11.00 Funrun Starts - the first runners back are expected before 11.15am with others finishing within the following 30-40 minutes.

11.45 approx. - Group photograph by the finish line. This will be followed by the prize draw at Rowan House.

12.00 Family funday begins and continues until 2.30pm

Hethersett Social Club open for refreshments until 6pm and for a barbecue until 3pm.

HETHERSETT "RUN THE SQUARE"

Sunday, 16th July, 2017. Sponsored by: Drayton Insurance Services

Start from Hethersett Junior School, Queen's Road, Hethersett. Registration is between 9am and 10:30am, warm up routines from 10:30, run starts at 11am.

2 mile fun run on a flat course through the village of Hethersett.

Certificate and special Hethersett medal for all finishers.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Fancy dress allowed - prize for best costume.

Digital finish clock and gantry. Car parking at Hethersett Academy.

Warm up facility and pre-start coaching from Paul Evans former Olympic athlete.

Honorary Starter – Gareth Stevens. Water Station – free to all runners.

Free Massage pre/post race available at registration from Colin McDermott.

First Aid and Marshalled course on closed roads.

Nominal entry fee to cover insurance and first aid costs - £3 for adults, £1.50 for under 16s.

£1 supplement for entry on the day.

ENTRY FORM.

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Age on run day.....

Name of Club (if applicable).....

Telephone.....

Emergency contact/next of kin

Name.....Telephone.....

Do you have a medical condition that organisers should know about?.....

Postal applications enclosing cheque payable to "Hethersett Run The Square" to:-The Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ. Applications can also be handed into Hethersett Library, Hethersett Social Club and Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre with the entry fee. There will be no acknowledgement of entries in order to reduce costs - just report to registration on the day.

I understand that I enter the run at my own risk and that no person(s) or organisation(s) will be held responsible for any accident, injury or loss to me, prior to, during or after the event. I understand the organisers reserve the right to delay, postpone, cancel or not officially time the run in the event of adverse weather conditions or other events outside the organisers' control. Photographs and video images of the race will be taken for publicity purposes. I understand that my image may be used and give permission freely for it to be used. For runners over the age of 16, your data will be shared with UK and England Athletics.

Signature.....(Parent if under 8 years old.)

Don't Let This Herald Comment Be A Sign of The Times



YOU may have noticed a rather ugly promotional advert appear on the verge just off the B1172 and opposite the junction to New Road during June.

Thankfully the abomination only lasted a few days as South Norfolk Council ordered it to be removed as a potential traffic hazard. It was prominent over the weekend of June 10th and 11th but had been moved by Monday 12th following complaints from Hethersett Parish Council and a number of residents.

These signs seem to be springing up all over the place and it certainly couldn't be said that they are subtle. It is important that the village continues to be vigilant and reports them as soon as they spring up. This particular one was advertising three events none of which were remotely connected with Hethersett. A

proliferation of these monstrosities could not only damage our countryside but could pose a serious accident threat.

Ironically there was an accident at the junction of New Road and the B1172 on the Sunday morning. We are not suggesting that this was caused by the appearance of the advertising trailer, it may well have been a co-incidence. Nevertheless the village must ensure there is no repetition.

I know from speaking to our district and county councillor David Bills that he is very keen to stamp these advertising trailers out and I believe South Norfolk Council is currently trying to have boards near Thickthorn Services moved.



“I was very disappointed to see the arrival of this oversized, unnecessary and illegal advertising on the B1172 opposite the New Road junction. Apart from being illegal it is placed at a notorious site for collisions. Drivers’ attention should be on the road and not distracted by this,” David Bills said.

Hethersett Parish Council discussed the problem of fly tipping at its June meeting and agreed that something has to be done. A report of this meeting is on page 52.

SPEEDING PROBLEMS

The news that there will be a speedwatch group starting in the village shortly is to be applauded.

The group will monitor speeds in various parts of the village and has the full backing of Norfolk Police. There are certain areas in the village that suffer more than others. One that springs to mind is New Road which has an eight/tenths of a mile straight leading to the junction with the B1172.

A number of residents have been concerned at the speeds achieved by some motorists in what is a 30 mph speed limit. One reported regularly seeing a sports car achieve speeds that appear to be over 60 and also seeing a law-abiding motorists travelling at 30 mph being overtaken by another vehicle which then accelerated.

Dog Mess Again

A perennial problem in the village is the amount of dog mess on our streets. This is nothing new. It has been highlighted year after year for decades. It is something that never goes away. On page 38 we have a lovely picture of Shop Lane which is now closed to traffic following the latest development in the village. Sadly the area has been hit by dog mess as one resident contacted us to point out:

“Recently there has been a noticeable increase in the dog mess on the recently closed off Shop Lane. This lane is a more desirable walking safe space and people that we all live alongside seem to find it acceptable to allow their pet to foul and believe it's ok to not pick it up as they should. I myself often see dog walkers that live close by never carrying their mess home or to a bin provided. Those people know who they are it's very plain and clear. Let's hope one day they will not have to clean this mess from their shoes or their families.”

Most dog owners are responsible people who make use of poo bags and the waste bins provided throughout the village. Sadly anti-social dog owners, who have no consideration for other people, will continue to allow their animals to foul and just leave the mess there. It's a sad comment on our society and one to which I see no answer.

Traffic Build-Up

The amount of traffic using the B1172 is already increasing and, with new development in the corridor that includes Wymondham, Hethersett and Cringleford, this will just continue. During the month I had occasion to drive at rush hour from Hethersett to Dereham, along the A47. There was a continuous stream of traffic from the Honingham roundabout to the Dereham bypass and I was just glad I was going in the opposite direction.

With all the new housing around the corner and big changes to Thickthorn, I am beginning to wonder how long it will be before we suffer serious gridlock on our local roads.

Hearty Congratulations

The aim of this e-magazine always has been and always will be to discuss the issues affecting our village and also to celebrate everything that is Hethersett and which makes us an outstanding community. As I walk round the village I often hear the words “what makes this village so special” or “My friends visit us

and go away saying I wish we lived in a village with such a good community spirit.”

And this month we had a wonderful example of success when Hodge Podge in Oak Square was named South Norfolk Independent Retailer of 2017. Sadly, independent shops with high customer satisfaction seem to be a thing of the past in many areas of our county and the country as a whole.

So it is heartening to hear of such a success and read comments from the judges about the exceptional customer service at Hodge Podge. So hearty congratulations to Fiona, Rebecca, Liz and everyone else involved in the business.

Hub of the Community

We use the phrase “hub of the community” a lot to describe Hethersett Library. But the library is an integral part of the success of our village.

Library manager Tina Cook summed it up at this month’s open day and breakfast when she said the aim of the event was “to show people that we are not just about borrowing books.

Today’s library is far removed from the days when big signs urging “Silence” were seen everywhere. Now the library caters for all ages from babies through to old age with a huge variety of regular and special events. In this month’s Herald we focus on Hethersett Library and just a few of the many things that have been happening.

We all need to support our library service as a vital part of the community. It would be devastating if Norfolk ever lost such a huge part of our cultural heritage. Thankfully the powers that be seem to understand the importance of libraries as places of culture and learning and I know our new county councillor David Bills is a big supporter. Let’s hope that Hethersett Library continues to be a “hub of the community” for many many years to come.

Be Kind to Each Other

Quote of the month comes from county councillor David Bills at the June meeting of Hethersett Parish Council: “There seems at times to be a lack of respect amongst people. I think that is very sad and I would like to get people to have a little more empathy for each other.”

That’s certainly a suggestion we would wholeheartedly support.

Peter Steward

Richard Bacon Returned

CONSERVATIVE candidate Richard Bacon (pictured opposite) was re-turned to Parliament for South Norfolk with a majority of over 16,000 votes. Mr Bacon topped the poll with 35,580 votes. Labour party candidate Danielle Glaven (pictured below) came second with 18,902 with Chris Brown (Liberal Democrats) polling 5,074 and Green Party candidate Catherine Rowett tailed off in fourth place with just 1,555 votes.

General Election Result



There was a large turnout of 73.8%. It was the largest number of votes recorded by Mr Bacon in any of his five election wins, but at the same time his majority was cut from 20,493 in the 2015 election to 16,678.



South Norfolk has been a safe Conservative seat since 1945, but Danielle Glaven had the satisfaction of polling the most number of votes by a Labour Party candidate since 1979. She also increased the labour party vote by 12.5%.

After his victory Mr Bacon told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper:

“I am very honoured to be returned again. It is not something you ever take for granted. I am very honoured that lots of people locally put their trust in me to carry out being their MP.

“I’ll continue to work for all people in the community no matter which party they support.”

Danielle Glaven said: “We are really pleased. It is a safe Conservative seat so it was always going to be difficult. It shows people are angry.

“Hopefully it will show they (the Conservative Party) cannot go on like it. If somewhere like this can see Labour votes grow so substantially, they need to make changes.”



Hethersett Village Hall saw a steady stream of voters attending throughout the day and it was a particularly important day for one young voter. Cara Fieldhouse was celebrating her 18th birthday, qualifying her to vote in her first ever election.

Cara posted her vote late afternoon and admitted it felt “slightly weird” to be voting and celebrating her 18th birthday on the same day.

Cara is currently studying for A levels (including one in politics) and has had a keen interest in politics for a number of years. She won't be following the subject after her A level studies, however, preferring to choose a course in 3D Design at Norwich City College.

School Predicted A Hung Parliament

Pupils at Hethersett Old Hall School predicted the result of the General Election. Years one to six pupils spent polling day immersed in politics, discussing the major parties' policies on issues such as education, health, the environment, taxes and immigration.

Year five pupils then donned masks to take on the roles of the party leaders for a debate, before a vote was held in a mock election.

The junior poll also declared a 'hung parliament', with Labour leading by one vote, the Conservatives trailing in second place, followed by the Green Party and the Liberal Democrats in fourth place.

Libby Hopwood, teacher, said: “Year five pupils presented simplified manifesto summaries and there was a very lively and intelligent question and answer exchange before votes were cast.

Pictures courtesy of Hethersett Old Hall School.



Summer Fete Special

WITH summer upon us, the annual fete and open day season is in full swing. On the next six pages we bring you photographs and details of the various fetes and fairs that have taken place in our village. Photographs by Roger Morgan, Gary Wyatt and Peter Steward.

Junior School





Jubilee Youth Club



Youngsters from the Youth Club made a banner to advertise their fete

Lots of Wagging Tails

Herald Associate editor Roger Morgan pays a visit to Hethersett Youth Club Summer Fete.

On Saturday, 17th June, which must have been one of the hottest days of the year, Hethersett Youth Club held its annual Summer Fete and Dog Show at the Jubilee Hall. Admission was free although donations were happily given at the gate.



There were all the usual stalls to amuse and entertain both young and old alike – bouncy castle, tombola, raffle, hoopla, white elephant, face painting, number of balloons in a limo and many more. In addition there were stalls selling gifts, books, cards and delicious fudge and sweets. A wide range of refreshments were available in the hall.

The undoubted stars of the show, as usual, were the dogs themselves. They all behaved impeccably despite the baking hot temperature. Fortunately the organisers had provided plenty of shady places for the dogs to sit in between classes. There were lots of classes for them to enter including – Most Appealing Eyes, Best Youngster, Most Handsome Hound, Best Veteran, Waggiest Tail and the ever popular Dog and Owner Lookalike. Judging by the number of furiously wagging tails around, the dogs were certainly having a good





time. Neville Greenhalgh gave an excellent commentary throughout. All proceeds from the day will go towards the youth club. We were particularly amused by the photograph in the middle left which shows Don Williamson and his pet who won the best owner and pet look-alike section.



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Woodside School

Herald associate editor Gary Wyatt reports on the 2017 Woodside School Fayre

Phew, what a scorcher!

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, Woodside School held its 2017 fair, organised again by the Friends of Woodside group of volunteers, to raise money for the 'extras' that the school would not otherwise be able to afford.

In view of the heat, many of the younger visitors probably enjoyed getting wet when trying out the Fire Brigade's powerful hoses. The aim was to knock over a set of chairs and many children achieved this (with a little help in aiming from a muscular fireman).

The other stalls offered less in the way of opportunity for cooling down, although the ice cream van was doing a good trade. The volunteers on the barbecue must have been almost cooked themselves. As well as the above, there were many traditional attractions, including a bouncy castle, a giant Subbuteo football game, cake stalls, raffles, hula hoops and many others, all run by an enthusiastic bunch of volunteer parents, grandparents and other helpers.



Your reporter, however, failed to win one of the many prizes in the tombola or raffle! A programme of 'Grand Ring' events had also been organised and we were entertained by the charming school choir. A particular highlight was the lovely group of little dancers performing scenes from the Wizard of Oz, including dancing along the famous yellow brick

road. They are to be commended for doing this almost faultlessly in full view of a sizeable audience.

To this 'outsider' it appeared to be a very successful and well organised event, and brought back memories of my involvement with the Middle School (as it was then) PTA when my sons were pupils there. I know how hard volunteers work on these occasions and no doubt the amount raised for school funds at the Fayre was substantial. Well done to all those involved .



Hethersett Hall Open Day



Hethersett Hall looked resplendent for its open day on a hot June Friday when the pictures on this page were taken.

HETHERSETT Hall held an open day when residents, friends, staff and local people enjoyed food, games and competitions: "It was a very special day that was enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to hosting many more," said Deputy Manager Martin Keegan.



Remembering a Generous Lady

THE Good News magazine of 50 years ago records with regret the death of Mrs M.E. Roberts who was fondly remembered by the parish church company of bell-ringers. Mrs Roberts died in hospital on May 16th, 1967, and the magazine paid tribute to her in its June edition.

“Mrs Roberts was a really good friend of the Ringers from their earliest outings in 1947 until she disposed of her Red Car Coaches business a few years ago.

“A great Christian, Mrs Roberts believed that all denominations were working for the same ultimate end, and deplored the unhappy divisions.”

Local historian Duncan Pigg remembers Mrs Roberts as “a very generous and lovely lady.”

“She provided, at no charge, coaches for Choir and Sunday School outings, was President of Hethersett Cricket Club, to which she was very generous, as she was with many other organisations in the village,” he said.

Mrs Roberts’ memory lives on of course in the shape of Marion Roberts Court which was named in her honour.

Running Course Continues

THE Thursday evening running course led by Norfolk Olympian Paul Evans continues into July and the run up to the annual Hethersett Funrun on July 16th.

There’s still time to take part - no need to book, just turn up at the Memorial Playing Field at 7 pm on July 6th and 13th. The sessions last for one hour and are suitable for all ages and abilities from raw beginners to advanced runners.

The sessions are organised jointly by Active Norfolk and Hethersett and the Meltons’ Sports Association.

Go to page 71 to read a report of the first few weeks of this year’s course along with a photograph of those taking part.

Lions Celebrate Centenary



HETHERSETT and District Lions Club celebrated the centenary of Lions International with a special tea in Mulbarton.

The Lions movement goes back to 1917 and the Hethersett club was founded in the 1970s. Members held the tea as a thank you to supporters and also for representatives from some of the groups they have supported over their four decades in existence.

Longest serving member John Jones (who is pictured below) cut a special birthday cake and a raffle raised funds for Mulbarton Scouts Group. Hethersett Lions currently has 14 members and meets on the second Monday of each month in Mulbarton Village Hall and on the last Wednesday at the Grove Cheshire Home in East Carleton.

The group raises money through a number of ways including a candyfloss machine at local events, charity car parking in Thorpe Road for Norwich City football matches, collecting used spectacles to raise money for Third World Countries, Easter egg raffles in pubs and clubs and quiz nights.

In the past few years the Hethersett club has raised £3,500 for an additional kit for the Mulbarton Community First Responders, formed a Lions Campus Club for students at the University of East Anglia and supported local schools in taking part in the Young Leaders in Service project which encourages pupils to work in their local communities.



Sunday Morning Accident

The photograph opposite shows problems at the junction of the B1172 and New Road on Sunday June 11th. Fire appliances from Hethersett and Earlham and ambulances attended the scene of an accident on the main road.



A special Place

I AM often asked what is it that makes Hethersett such a special place and my answer is simple - the legion of volunteers that put so much effort into our village.

The community spirit in Hethersett is second to none. A few years ago when we were preparing an entry for Norfolk's Community of the Year (a competition we won incidentally) I made a list of all the organisations/groups in the village and was astounded to find that it ran to three full A4 pages. There were many more that I obviously missed as well.

What that piece of work clearly showed was that Hethersett has groups for everyone and this was borne out when the Eastern Daily Press carried an article paying tribute to the "legion of volunteers" who make us what we are (see Press cutting on the next page).

Special Report by Peter Steward



The number of people who selflessly give of their time, energy and expertise cannot be under-estimated. The hundreds of volunteers not only keep village groups going but also support the village economy in numerous other ways.

Their efforts over the years has led to the village receiving many awards - some of which are featured on the next few pages. Of course it's not about gaining awards, although they do act as a small degree of recognition for what is going on in our village. These people give their time and energy unstintingly. Large scale development in the village over the next few years will make the need for even more socially-based groups. Hopefully it will also bring with it more people prepared to get involved in community life.



Voluntary spirit is recognised

MEGA BARGAIN BIN

Winner

MONDAY, WED & FRIDAY AFTER

NEW LOOK - MEGA BARGAIN BIN

One payment of £6

- Admission
- 6 Early Sees
- 6 Main Sees
- 6 Link Cars
- 6 Backseat FR

A FREE Meal Of 1

FREE Hot Drink

FREE Cold Orange

ALL AFTERNOON

Below is a list of just some of the awards presented to the village since the start of the new millennium:

- 2001 Norfolk Village of the Year.
- 2006 Eastern Daily Press Pride in Norfolk Community of the Year
- 2008 Eastern Daily Press Pride in Norfolk Community of the Year runner-up
- 2010 Olympic Games Inspiration Award
- 2010 Eastern Daily Press Event of the Year runner-up
- 2011 South Norfolk Village Games Winners
- 2011 Norfolk Village Games County Runners-Up
- 2011 EDP/Active Norfolk Sports Village of the Year
- 2011 EDP/Active Norfolk Sports Champion of Champions
- 2012 Eastern Daily Press Pride in Norfolk Community of the Year
- 2012 South Norfolk Village Games Winners
- 2012 Norfolk Village Games County Runners-Up
- 2013 EDP/Active Norfolk Sports Village of the Year

- 2013 Prime Minister's Big Society National Award
- 2013 South Norfolk Village Games Winners
- 2013 Norfolk County Village Games Runners-Up
- 2014 South Norfolk Village Games Winners
- 2014 EDP/Active Norfolk Sports Village of the Year Runners-Up
- 2014 Norfolk Village Games County Champions
- 2016 Norfolk Village Games County Champions
- 2016 EDP/Active Norfolk Sports Village of the Year Runners-Up

In addition a number of individuals have been honoured for their work within our village. These include Mel Perkins who was made an MBE (Member of the British Empire) for his work with cycle speedway, football and sport in general, Dr Anne Edwards was awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) for services to the environment and public understanding of science and Duncan Pigg who was also awarded a BEM for services to the village and the parish church in particular. A number of other residents have also received awards at county and South Norfolk level.

Looking back over the years, there seems to have been a long succession of people prepared to run youth organisations, help with school PTAs and friends groups and run groups in just about everything else imaginable. As one resident said recently "Hethersett is a village that seems to have everything."

One of the things that we are proudest of is maintaining our village feel as we continue to grow. Many people live here because of our close proximity to Norwich, the University of East Anglia, the John Innes Institute, the Science Park and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. But Hethersett has never become just a dormitory village for those places, it has always had a strongly beating heart.

Of course we have our problems like any other place and this publication doesn't shy



away from highlighting the current problems we have with speeding, anti-social car parking and behaviour and dog mess, but overall Hethersett continues to be a very popular place to live.

Our volunteers make us one of the best and strongest communities in Norfolk. We must continue to celebrate this but never lose sight of the fact that we rely on an army of volunteers who must never be taken for granted.

Exclusive Interview with David Bills

As reported in the May edition of Hethersett Herald, David Bills has been elected to represent Hethersett on Norfolk County Council. This will give him a dual role as he is already one of our two representatives on South Norfolk Council and a former chairman of that body. David is also heavily involved in village life as chairman of the Hethersett Dementia Support Group, Vice-Chairman of Hethersett Athletic Football Club and a member of Hethersett Golf Society. We caught up with David shortly after his election and asked him for his views on our village, how he sees his joint district and county roles working and what his aims and aspirations are for the future.



How do you feel about being elected a County Councillor?

Obviously delighted and honoured that I have been selected. There are now nine “double hatters” from South Norfolk, four of which are Chairmen and one deputy leader of the county

How will this mesh in with your work with South Norfolk?

Before accepting the request to stand I asked myself “how can I serve two masters - South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council. Finding this an interesting point I asked a senior sage at the council who replied “you do what is best for your residents”! Simple when you

think about it.

Do you see any conflict between the roles?

Not really, as answered above plus we each - County and District Councils - have, in the main, specific responsibilities. However, there are areas such as health and well being, homelessness which are covered by both. Prior to becoming a county councillor, I really only had input/feedback from a South Norfolk point of view, now I get a larger more encompassing picture.

South Norfolk has such a large amount of experience in these areas which I can pursue with county to help residents of the county and vice versa. I should mention that I have been appointed to the Health and Well Being Committee, which I am very pleased about. I had and still have a role with Health Wellbeing and Housing with South Norfolk.

What are your hopes and aims for Hethersett?

Hethersett is by its very locality an area of great interest. On the A11 corridor close to the Research Park, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and of course Lotus. The development that has and is already in place puts great pressure on the growth of the village.

There is also the proposed “joining” of the parish councils of Little Melton and Bawburgh with Hethersett. From all this you can see that Hethersett is changing. Therefore It is imperative that the individuality of each of these villages is not only kept but enhanced. Also, that we are not swallowed up into Norwich.

With new residents taking up living here it is most important that they are welcomed and made to feel a part of the community. We need volunteers for all aspects of our life and I will continue to do all I can to encourage this.

If you would like to put a question to Councillor Bills please e-mail it to petersteward@lineone.net and we will ask him to answer them in future editions of Hethersett Herald

HETHERSETT MATTERS

Working with Norfolk Trading Standards to make you aware of some of the latest scams to avoid.

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents about telephone cold calls claiming to be from solar energy companies.

A Norfolk resident received a call during which the cold caller claimed that there could be a 'fault with their solar panels' that was a 'potentially serious fire risk' and that the company 'need to visit to check the panels and issue a micro generation certificate'. The caller also went on to make further claims about 'availability of Government grants' for their service.

Trading Standards advises always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call and NEVER agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

If you have solar panels on your property and you are looking to have any maintenance done on them Trading Standards recommend using a Norfolk Trusted Trader or a member of the Solar Trade Association.

If you have received one of these calls, or have agreed to a home visit following this type of call, you can contact Trading Standards through their partners, the Citizens' Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or via their online reporting form.

Norfolk Trading Standards are again warning residents to be on their guard after receiving further reports of doorstep cold callers visiting properties in Norfolk attempting to sell 'their artwork'.

The reports are of 'well dressed' young people going door to door carrying cards stating they are deaf and that they are selling 'their artwork and pencil sketches' to pay for school/college/education fees.

Reports have come from the Halesworth, Norwich, Thorpe St Andrew, Sprowston, Costessey, Dereham, Potter Heigham, Ormesby, Martham and Winterton areas and could easily spread to Hethersett.

Trading Standards advises NEVER to deal with anyone who cold calls at your property offering to sell something.

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Anyone sighting these sellers or concerned about rogue trader activity in their community can contact Trading Standards through their partners the Citizens' Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or to Norfolk Constabulary via 101.

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents about telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'CAB', 'Citizens Advice' and 'The Credit Investigation Service' asking 'if you have debts'.

They have received a number of contacts about these calls in recent times from Norfolk consumers with several reporting the calls appear to come from a mobile number.

Please remember Citizens Advice DO NOT cold call regarding debt issues. If you receive one of these calls do not give or confirm any personal information, hang up and report it on the numbers above.

New Trustee Appointed

NICKI Wardale (pictured opposite) has joined Hethersett Parochial Charity as a trustee to replace Phil Emery who has retired after 14 years.

Hethersett Parish Council has approved the appointment of Mrs Wardale for a four year period.

Mrs Wardale was leader of Ducklings Playgroup for 20 years before retiring in 2014. She was also a governor at Woodside School for 10 years and has since been involved in fundraising with the newly formed Finnbar's Force Charity set up by the parents of five year old Finnbar Cork following his death from a brain tumour last year. Nicki was also one of two people from the village who carried the Olympic torch in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games. The charity gives help and assistance to anyone in need within the parish of Hethersett.





As reported in the May edition of Hethersett Herald, this year's open gardens event organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) will take place on Sunday, July 9th, with proceeds going to local charities. We will have a full report and photographs of the event in the August edition of Hethersett Herald.

The gardens will be open from 10am to 3pm. Previous events have illustrated the variety of gardens that exist in our village from relatively small walled spaces to expansive gardens utilising considerable amounts of ground.

The 2017 event will also include plant sales. Tickets and maps will be available on the day from the ticket office in Hethersett Social Club Car Park.

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Council/Government Contact Numbers

Below are the contact details for people you may want to get in touch with on village matters:

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Our MP is Richard Bacon who can be contacted through the following:

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Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

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Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

Our Norfolk County Council representative is David Bills who can be contacted on 01603 813041.

South Norfolk Council

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are Leslie Dale and David Bills. Leslie can be contacted on 01603 810952. David can be contacted on 01603 813041.

Hethersett Parish Council

Clerk to the council Ian Weetman can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Jackie Sutton can be contacted on 01603 811170.

DATES have been set for the new season of films in Hethersett Village Hall organised by the Hethersett Village Screen Group.

After the success of the group's first season when they showed a variety of films to suit all ages, the group will be in action on September 3rd, October 15th, November 12th, December 17th and then in 2018 on January 7th, February 11th, March 18th, April 22nd and May 13th. The films to be shown have still to be announced but we will have details of them as soon as they are to hand

Herald Helpline

Hethersett Herald has again teamed up with Able Community Care to provide answers to common questions:

Question - I receive direct payments from my local council and I would like to use some of this money to buy a piece of equipment that I think will help me. Can I do this?

Answer - Direct payments are given to you to arrange and pay for your care needs. Prior to receiving the payments you will have been assessed by Social Services as to the care you require.

You can use the payments in any way you choose as long as it is used to meet your assessed needs. Therefore you can use the money to buy or hire disability equipment which will assist in your care. The funding can also be used to maintain or repair such equipment.

However, before purchasing or hiring disability equipment, I would advise that you contact your local Social Services (number in your local telephone directory) to make sure that they are in agreement with you, that the particular piece of equipment is appropriate for your needs.

Question - My sister is terminally ill and wishes to be cared for at home. To help her remain at home her family is considering buying her an electrically adjusting bed with a special invalid mattress, a commode chair and possibly a stair lift. Will we have to pay VAT on these items?

Answer - All the items you mention can be zero rated for VAT purposes because a person who is suffering from a terminal illness is defined as “chronically sick or disabled” and therefore can qualify for zero rating on the above items.

Question - I wish to purchase some elastic shoe laces for my father who has difficulty tying ordinary shoe laces. Where can I get them?

Answer - Elastic shoe laces are ideal for people who find it difficult to bend down to tie laces yet prefer a more formal shoe. Once the elastic laces have been firmly tied they make the shoe into a “slip on” shoe which can make life easier.

They can be purchased from aids and equipment shops and many outlets including Amazon.

Question: - Is it possible to have a front door that opens automatically like some shop doorways do? I am an elderly person and do find some difficulty in using my keys to open my door when I am in a hurry to get inside?

Answer: -There are remote control door systems that can be used for opening your front door (or any other external doors) that are particularly useful if you are

elderly or disabled. Quite simply the opening of the door is controlled by a discreet key fob that has a button which you press. The range is usually about 45/50 metres.

One firm Easy Gates manufactures the Locca System and the cost is approx £200 plus VAT. However, there may be local firms in your area that offer a similar service and you could always contact your Crime Prevention Unit for details. If you would like details of the Locca System go to web site www.easygates.co.uk

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Surgery Rated Good

HETHERSETT Surgery has been rated “good” following an inspection at the end of last year by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the independent regulator for health and social care in England.

The CQC monitors, regulates and inspects care providers such as care homes, hospitals, dentists, clinics and GP practices. They also ensure that people are provided with safe, effective, compassionate and high quality care and offer advice and guidance to the service provider to make improvements to the service they offer.

Inspectors visited all three surgeries in the Hethersett practice, speaking to staff and patients.

The surgery’s overall rating was at least “good” in all aspects of care, safety and leadership. It was rated “outstanding” with regards to safeguarding policies and procedures for children.

The full report can be read on the CQC website at:

[Www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)

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On The Shortlist

2017 will be a year of promise for our village. In the past few months we have seen a number of talented people who have been shortlisted for the award. The award is given to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year. The award is given to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year. The award is given to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year.



More Accolades for Hethersett Academy

Hethersett Academy has been awarded the award for the best primary school in the village. The award is given to the school that has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year. The award is given to the school that has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year.

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Major Honour for Mike

Mike has been awarded the award for the best person in the village. The award is given to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year. The award is given to the person who has made the most significant contribution to the village in the past year.



More Development?

There is a possibility of more development in the village. The village is a beautiful place and we want to make sure it remains that way. We want to make sure it remains that way. We want to make sure it remains that way.

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Soccer Showroom Opens

A NEW football showroom has opened in Hethersett.

Norfolk Football is situated at the back of Hethersett Social Club and is a one stop showroom for football gear.

It was officially opened on Saturday, June 3rd. Owner of Norfolk Football is Paul Suggett who lives in the village and

has been involved on the local sporting scene for a number of years. Paul and his partner Louise have represented the village in the Norfolk Village Games and have been long term suppliers to Hethersett Athletic Football Club.



Paul explained that the new headquarters is a showroom and not a sales base: "It is somewhere that people connected with clubs can make an appointment, come along, have a look at our stock and cata-

logue and then order via the internet or direct from us," Paul said.

Norfolk Football already supplies a number of well known local Norfolk clubs including Long Stratton, Old Catton, Spixworth Juniors, Mulbarton and Morley and clubs from further afield including Phoenix FC of Peterborough and Blackstones FC of Oxfordshire.

"We pride ourselves on providing quality training kits, team wear, equipment, ac-



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cessories and more to teams across Norfolk and further afield,” Paul said..

Norfolk Football deals in all things soccer from full playing kits to training wear, training equipment, balls, boots and accessories including water bottles, shin pads, first aid kits and much more. They have a web site at the following address:

<https://www.norfolkfootball.co.uk/>. Paul can be contacted on 01603 819044 or via e-mails at sales@norfolkfootball.co.uk

Visit from Bishop

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Graham James, visited Hethersett as part of a prayer pilgrimage.

He started in Cringleford and then walked to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital before arriving at St Remigius Church, Hethersett. He then processed along Queen’s Road, stopping to offer prayers at Hethersett Junior School, Tesco and Hethersett Queen’s Head, where he enjoyed refreshments before continuing to Wymondham Abbey and churches in Hingham, Wreningham, Mulbarton and Swardeston as well as the Leonard Cheshire Home in East Carleton.

Appeal on Giving

An appeal for people to give generously to Hethersett Parish Church funds has been made in the latest edition of the village Good News magazine.

Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, along with churchwardens have listed the funding needed to meet running costs of the church:

“There are many pressures on church funds and each year the gap between general giving and church running costs becomes wider,” the article says outlining the maintenance costs that need to be met over the next five years.

Up to £4,700 is needed urgently, a further £36,580 is needed within 12 months, another £37,820 is needed within 18 to 24 months and a further £48,100 within five years.

The article goes on to appeal to church-goers to increase their giving where

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they can afford to do so: “Our giving needs to be realistic about the needs of our church building so that we can pay our bills and maintain our church building for today and tomorrow.”

The church is also appealing for volunteers to help with cleaning. “We have a team of volunteers who work in pairs taking turns to do a weekly clean. Currently the commitment is two to three hours about every 11 weeks. We would really appreciate some more helpers to replace those who drop out from time to time,” said Vic Redington. She can be contacted on 01603 811136.

Garage Sale

Over 50 homes took part in the latest Garage Sale organised by the Friends of Hethersett Academy. We will have a report of the event in a future edition.

Coming to The Social Club

Events may be subject to change.

August 19th - What's Up Band.

August 27th - Karaoke in the lounge. The Social Club will be playing an important part in the family funday on July 16th. See page five for further details.

Details can be checked on the club's web site at:

www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk



Coffee Drop In

A regular coffee drop in event for parents and toddlers takes place in Hethersett Parish Church on the first Tuesday of every month from 10am.

Getting Back Into Action

YOU are never too old to get back into health and fitness as we find out in our latest article run in conjunction with Rowan House Health and Wellbeing Centre in Queen's Road.

The following article was written by Iain Marshall-Clarke.

These days a lot of our daily lives are spent doing very little physically. Technology has made it possible to operate much of our lives from the comfort of our arm chairs with the only physical effort required being that of a couple of presses of a button from our fingertips.

The negative effects of this modern sedentary lifestyle are widely advertised these days, but we have become complacent and often ignore the signs. As a personal trainer and fitness professional I often help people who say to me, 'I didn't realise I was so unfit' or the 'weight just crept on', when in reality we start to see the signs early on but just deny them until it becomes an unmanageable problem and then people often don't know where to start and so don't.

Left unchecked, this sedentary lifestyle can have very negative implications on the musculoskeletal system. It does not provide sufficient movement for the back muscles and when the effects of this start to appear they often manifest as back pain. When you are not physically active your posture suffers, the muscles in the back, particularly those running down the spine (erector spinae) that help you stand and support the spine effectively, become underused and they become weak and when poor strength meets with too large a force (maybe when you are lifting a heavy box or bag, or gardening) damage will occur to the ligaments and tendons, causing us to experience back pain.

This can affect us in the short and the very long term which in turn then reduces our quality of life both physically and mentally. Keeping mobile and active is important to maintain optimum musculoskeletal health. Research by the BMA suggests that insufficient exercise will increase the risk of back problems. It doesn't take Einstein to work out that if you are fit your muscles will be stronger and more flexible and you will recover more easily from injury or illness than a less

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active and unfit person. Your bones will be stronger too (particularly if you incorporate some weight bearing exercises in your routine) This is most important as you advance in years to help your bones retain their strength for longer. It's not just the back though that you need to concentrate on . The abdominals are a group of muscles that are often underused in our daily activities. If they are not attended to they will become slack and weak and distort the spine forcing it to take more weight. When they are strong and toned they will help support the spine which will help reduce any stress on the lower spine area which is often a very common area associated with back pain.

Another area that can affect the back is tight hamstrings (at the back of the legs). When working effectively these muscles lengthen as you bend forward, making the hips do the work. However, when they are tight, your back has to bend further thus increasing the risk of injury. Exercise and mobility of the body is crucial for the health of your back, your mind and indeed your body and well-being as a whole. As I've explained in the article, what you may perceive as 'back pain' can originate elsewhere in the body. Exercise is important at any age but even more so for adults 65 and over.

Recent research by the NHS suggests that this demographic spend an average of 10 hours (sometimes more) each day either sitting or lying. This makes them the most sedentary age group. Staying active in this age group helps you maintain your energy levels, helps reduce the risk of falls and helps keep your independence to do the things you enjoy, like playing with the grandchildren, for longer, without aches and pains.

So, in conclusion, If you want to reduce aches and pains, keep mentally active and socially interactive and independent well into old age. The best advice I can give you is to keep moving. Simple!

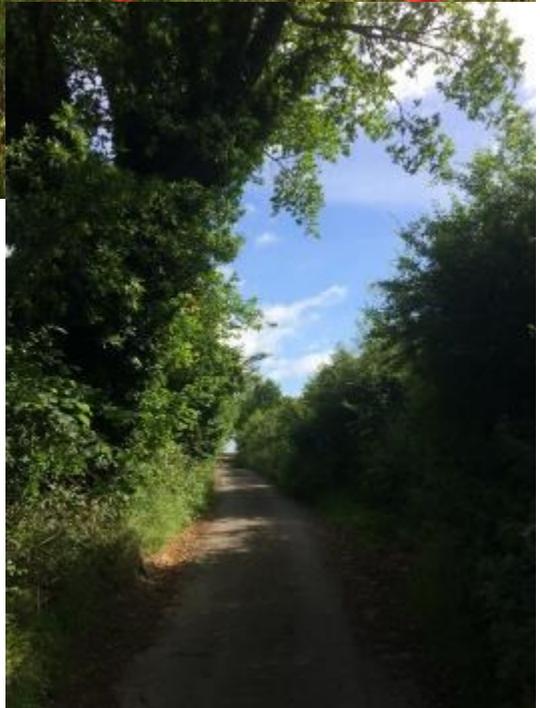
There are many ways you can get active, but why not join a class with a professional instructor who can help you with the right exercise plan for you? You can chat through any concerns and any health issues you may have so that you can perform your exercises safely and effectively. Classes are also a great way of keeping socially interactive too and making new friends. So what are you waiting for? Take the plunge and get your back, back in motion!

Hethersett Pictorial



THESE peaceful shots of Shop Lane (bottom) and Back Lane (top picture) were taken by Hethersett Parish Councillor Shane Hull.

The roads have been cut off to traffic by the new village development and it is the first time in 60 years that Shop Lane has been closed to traffic and returned to its truly rural setting.



Hethersett Pictorial



On the next two pages we feature the gardens at Park Farm Hotel off the B1172 which are delightful all year round but particularly impressive on a hot June afternoon when these shots were taken..



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Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this edition of Hethersett Herald. If you have enjoyed reading this e-magazine please pass on details to friends and relatives so that we can increase our readership.

Hethersett Herald What's On

The following are just some of the events taking place in Hethersett in July and further ahead. If you have any events you would like to see featured in Hethersett Herald, please send details of the event, its date, time and venue to the following email address:

petersteward@lineone.net.

July 3rd - AGM of Hethersett Athletic Football Club, Park Farm Hotel, 7.30pm.

July 5th - Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association, Park Farm Hotel, 7.30pm

July 6th - Hethersett Social Running Group, week five of six week course, Memorial Playing Field, 7pm. Free course.

July 8th - Woodcote Sheltered Housing Social Club Fun Forties Day with games, food and drink and numerous stalls. Proceeds will go to the Hethersett Dementia Group and village's GP Surgery.

July 9th - Hethersett Environmental Action Team Open Gardens Day.

July 11th - Hethersett Bereavement Support Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, 5.30-6.30pm

July 11th - Hethersett Writers' Group meets at 32 Admirals Way at 8pm

July 13th - Hethersett Social Running Group, week six of six week course, Memorial Playing Field, 7pm. Free course.

July 16th - Hethersett annual two mile run the square funrun. Run starts from Hethersett Junior School at 11am.

July 17th - Hethersett Parish Council meeting in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30pm.

July 18th - Hethersett Dementia Group café at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10am to midday.

July 25th - Hethersett Bereavement Support Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, 5.30-6.30pm

August 8th - Hethersett Writers Group meets at 12, Karen Close, at 8pm

August 15th - Hethersett Dementia Group café at Hethersett Methodist

Church Hall, 10am to midday.

September 3rd - Hethersett Village Screen presentation (film and time to be arranged). For all the dates for the coming season see page 29).

September 12th - Hethersett Writers' Club, 8pm. Venue to be announced.

September 18th - Hethersett Parish Council meeting in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30pm.

September 19th - Hethersett Dementia Group café at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10am to midday

October 10th - Hethersett Writers' Group, 8pm, Venue to be announced.

October 15th - Hethersett Village Screen presentation (film and time to be arranged). For all the dates for the coming season see page 29).

October 16th - Hethersett Parish Council meeting in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30pm.

October 17th - Hethersett Dementia Group café at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10am to midday

November 3rd - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club junior presentation awards evening and fireworks.

November 12th - Hethersett Village Screen presentation (film and time to be arranged). For all the dates for the coming season see page 29).

November 14th - Hethersett Writers' Club, 8pm. Venue to be announced.

November 20th - Hethersett Parish Council meeting in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30pm.

November 21st - Hethersett Dementia Group café at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10am to midday

December 12th - Hethersett Writers' Club, 8pm. Venue to be announced.

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For details of events in Hethersett Library, please see page 52.

Turning The Clock Back

WOODCOTE sheltered housing complex in Firs Road will be turning the clock back on Saturday, July 8th, for a Forties Day.

The event will run from 11.30am to 4pm. The event follows the big success Woodcote had last year with its fete in aid of Finnbar Cork.

This time the charity fete will raise money for the Hethersett Dementia Group, Hethersett Surgery and Woodcote Social Club.

The day will feature 1940s songs from Kitty Collins along with displays of military vehicles, refreshments, a tombola and raffle, 1940s themed stalls and games.

It is hoped that some of those attending will also dress in 40s style. The organisers are also looking for stallholders with 1940s items. Anyone wanting to run a stall should contact Lyn Trenerry at Woodcote.

Keen local photographer Paula Brettingham has produced a set of special post-cards and fridge magnets depicting Woodcote through the seasons. These will be on sale on the day at £3 per pack with proceeds going to the designated charity.

“Paula has been taking photos around the Woodcote site throughout the last year. We thought this would be a good way of showing the varying environment, and at the same time helping raise money for the causes benefiting from the Woodcote Sheltered Housing Social Club Fun Forties Day,” said Paula’s sister Viv Maddams, Examples of Paula’s work are featured at the top of this page and opposite..



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Focus on Hethersett Library

Hub of the Community

HETHERSETT Herald has always championed the village library as a vital part of the community and this has been shown time and time again in June with numerous events taking place.

Seven Page Library Special

Pictured below is Community Engagement police officer PC Jim Squires who captivated youngsters with his reading of “Cops and Robbers” by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. PC Squires’ role is to build links with local communities and groups. He is currently writing his own story about the police aimed at youngsters under



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the age of five. After the reading, PC Squires talked to youngsters about the police and gave them the chance to try on hats and other police items.

The following day the library threw its doors open for an breakfast event featuring pastries and coffee. Residents were given the chance to sign up for additional access to the library when not staffed.

“We want to attract people who do not usually use the library and show them that we aren’t just about borrowing books,” said Hethersett Library manager Tina Cook.

Pictures from the open morning are featured here. Over the page the pictures show library staff, members of the library’s Friends Group and Hethersett County Councillor David Bills at the open day



Focus on Hethersett Library



event.. The library also has a facility whereby members of the public can comment on existing services and what they would like to see more of.

Hethersett Library also plays host to a number of regular weekly and monthly groups including: coffee mornings, book groups, a colouring for therapy group, a craft group, a parish council pop in, a craft group, an after school craft group for youngsters, a bounce and rhyme time for babies and storytime for tots and children and much more. See page 51 for details of dates in the library for July.

Beside the Seaside

THE sun shone on Hethersett Library for a special holiday-flavoured film show - the latest in the summer series. Holidays By the Sea was the title for an afternoon of bygone film of seaside breaks from the East Anglian Film Archives.

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A Creative Event

MEMBERS of Hethersett Writers and other local creative writing enthusiasts presented their work to visitors at Hethersett Library on June 10th.

It was the latest in a series of events to mark the coming recording of the 1000th edition of Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper's weekly audio



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news and information service for people with sight loss, It was also Hethersett Library's contribution to Make a Noise in Libraries Fortnight, a national initiative promoted by the Royal National Institute of Blind People, to showcase the audio services that libraries provide for their visually impaired customers.

Writers from Hethersett, Attleborough and Wymondham presented prose, poetry and whimsy - both serious and fun. Work by one of those represented is reproduced below with their permission.

For more information about the free Talking Newspaper service, contact W A T N secretary, Georgette Vale on 01953 605434 or visit the website www.watn.org.uk

Hethersett Writers' Club meets monthly (usually on the second Tuesday) in private homes.

The photographs on the previous page show three members of the Hethersett group who presented their work. Top left is Pat Lightfoot, top right Jill Samwell-Smith and bottom Connie Tindale

The Gal Tina

ONE of the highlights of the Hethersett Library event was the amusing Norfolk poetry of Tina Chamberlain from Wymondham.

Tina writes poetry about her life in Norfolk Dialect with fun the key word. Tina has to date published two volumes of her poetry under the titles "I Sit Here Thinkun" and "Um Stilla Thinkun" and you can read one of Tina's poems on the next page. They are reproduced with Tina's permission and we will be featuring another in the next edition.



More About Tina

Tina was born in Swardeston, the village made famous by Nurse Edith Cavell: “Edith’s father was a rector of the parish for 46 years. The house where she was born stands to the right of the common and Swardeston School near the duck pond is now a private dwelling. Up from the common at Browns Lane is the Old Vicarage which her father paid to have built. In the church, the East window is made into a beautiful glass memorial to this very special lady. So that’s what Swardeston is famous for. Not me,” Tina joked.

Tina is the youngest of nine children: “I had written poems and in 2006 decided to self publish my first book “I sit here Thinkun” and dedicated it to my parents as it is true life poems. My parents died within three months of each other in 1997. In 2007 due to popular demand, after having been on Radio Norfolk, I wrote my second book Um Stilla Thinkun which again contained true life poems.

“My books have been popular with older folk and indeed the younger ones who cannot believe we had a bath in front of the fire and a toilet outside,” Tina said.

On The Bike Seat by Tina Chamberlain

My journey ta the fust school
A sight fa all ta see
Mum hed a bike
With a seat I dint like
All metal an carried ole me

I was positioned just over the wheel,
Encased by this little ole seat.
I sit there all prim
But I felt pretty grim
Cos ma legs ud go numb ta ma feet.

Mum ud go like the clappers on thut
An would sing as she rode me along
Loves divine an
You are my sunshine
Seemed to be mother’s favourite
songs.

Now goin ta school wus orite
As the roads were downhill, as they say
So ta my great delight
I could see clear n bright
For almost all a the way.

Now comun back wus a new story.
The hills they did slow up har pace.
She’d stand up n push hard on the ped-
als
but guess whut wus right in my face?

Now at this point I couldn’t do nothun,
Couldn’t move or git rid a the sight.
I just sit there still,
till were over the hill.
Then it all went from black back ta
white.

July in Hethersett Library

with Rebecca Warner

'What's On' in your Library in July

Monday 3 rd	10.30 – Just A Cuppa Coffee Morning. 14.00 – Library book group meets.
Wednesday 5 th	10.30 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group.
Thursday 6 th	14.00 – NNAB in library with sight information stand.
Monday 10 th	10.30 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning. 14.00 – Craft group meets. 14.00 – Parish Pop In (Hethersett Parish Council).
Wednesday 12 th	10.30 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group.
Monday 17 th	10.30 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning. 14.00 – Craft group.
Wednesday 19 th	10.30 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group.
Thursday 20 th	17.45 – Local author talk by Frances and Michael Holmes.
Friday 21 st	15.30 – Crafter School Club - £1 per child/50p for siblings.
Monday 24 th	10.30 – Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge launch. 10.30 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning.
Wednesday 26 th	10.30 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group. 14.30 – Bounce and Rhyme Time.
Friday 28 th	14.30 - Tots Tales for the Under 5s (siblings welcome).
Monday 31 st	10.30 – Children's story time activity. 10.30 - Just A Cuppa coffee morning.

Sign up your children to our 'Animal Agents' summer reading challenge. Read six books over the summer holidays and collect stickers along the way. More children's activities during August – see our Facebook page for details – www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary

Photocopying now available in the library – 10p per black and white sheet, 50p for colour.

News From The Parish Council

Speeding Concerns

Hethersett Parish Council continues to be concerned about speeding through the village. A number of complaints have been received from residents and it is hopeful that the village speedwatch scheme will begin shortly. One of the latest concerns to come to the council's attention is regards to speeding in Churchfields. A resident said that he is becoming more and more concerned at some of the speeds motorists achieve from the area of Back Lane to and from the main village. He described some of the speeds as "criminal."

A member of the public also urged councillors to support the idea of having more specific speed warning signs in place.

Parking Problems

Following an item in the parish council newsletter for June which was distributed to all households in the village, the council has been "inundated" with complaints about problem parking areas in the village.

Clerk Ian Weetman said: "There seems to be parking issues in virtually every road in the village." Areas highlighted include Steepletower, Firs Road, Recreation Road, Henstead Road, Great Melton Road, Queen's Road and many more areas.

The parish council has been in touch with Norfolk Constabulary through the Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green and received information as to where problems should be reported to.

Under the 2008 Traffic Management Act parking enforcement is a matter for South Norfolk Council who can be contacted on 01508 533701. Vehicles parked in a dangerous position where its position could cause injury (not simply an inconvenience) to someone using the road (e.g parking on a blind bend or on a humpback bridge) are matters for the police and should be reported either online or by calling 101.

Residents will be made aware of this procedure. Councillor Stephen Slack said he felt some of the problems caused by parking "border on the dangerous."

Entrance to Steepletower

As highlighted in the last edition of Herald, the parish council has complained about the state of one of the main entrances to the village. Broken seats and paving, unkempt bus shelters and broken brickwork were just some of the issues brought up on the entrance to Steepletower.

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As a result the council has received clarification on who is responsible for various areas. The upkeep of the bus shelter (currently full of weeds) is the responsibility of Norfolk County Council, the wall and area behind it is the responsibility of South Norfolk Council but the broken paving is the responsibility of the original developers.



The above area is the responsibility of the developers

Unfortunately the developers Wilcon Homes no longer exists and parish council member Shane Hull has contacted Taylor Wimpey to see if they will repair the area as a goodwill gesture on the grounds that Steepletower leads to their new development. The parish council is awaiting a response.

More Road Signs

A number of new road signs could soon be in place at a number of entrances to the village. The parish council is supporting additional signs coming from Little Melton (probably on Henstead Road), Great Melton and Ketteringham to inform motorists that they are entering Hetherset.

The council is also looking into the possibility of linking the signs with some form of speed detection signs.

Fly Posting

Hetherset Parish Council is urging groups and organisations to be responsible when it comes to advertising events. Council members have been concerned about the number of posters being placed on public utilities such as telegraph posts and electricity poles.



The bus shelter tidy up is the responsibility of Norfolk County Council

The council is concerned about the proliferation of advertising posters and

is urging groups and organisations to use the various noticeboards placed throughout the village.

Potholes

The council is urging residents to report potholes to the relevant authority. Reports can be sent via the internet.

At the latest meeting, councillors heard of concerns regarding potholes that have appeared on the B1172 in the area between the bus shelter and the parish church. Overgrown vegetation on the designated cycle path means that many cyclists are taking to the road and could become a victim of the potholes.

The council has also expressed its concern regarding the height of nettles around the trod (path) close to St Remigius Church

Urgent Talks Urged with Highways Authority

Hethersett is still waiting for new bus shelters and a proposed improved crossing point on the B1172 leading to Church Farm.

The parish council expressed its concern that it has been waiting for 15 months for a meeting with Norfolk County Council's Highways Department to discuss problem traffic areas in the village. At their latest meeting, councillors agreed that the delays are not acceptable and will write to the head of highways.

The bus shelters and crossing are part of a parish partnership scheme with funding being split between the parish and Norfolk County Council. The parish council has already paid its 50%.

Going Wheelie Slow

The parish council is to trial a new scheme aimed at getting motorists to slow down in the village.

The scheme involves placing speed limit signs on wheelie bins to tell motorists what the speed limit is through the village.

Householders will be asked to place the signs on their bins which will provide a reminder one day a week when the bins are collected. It is likely the idea, which already operates in other parishes, will be trialed in areas in the village covered by 20 mph speed limits.

"It's a simple and effective way of getting over the speed limit to motorists. It is quite an impressive sight to see the speed limit signs in a line on bin collection day and it could be an effective way of reminding motorists who won't be able to ignore seeing them.

"Our village was never intended to cope with the large volume of traffic currently going through it," said council chairman Jackie Sutton.

Coming Dates

Coming dates for full meetings of Hethersett Parish Council for the remainder of 2017 are: July 17th, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th.

In addition planning committee meetings precede all full council and will also be held fortnightly. Planning meetings start at 7 pm and full council meetings at 7.30 pm. All meetings take place in Hethersett Village Hall and there are opportunities at the beginning and towards the end of each meeting for the public to make comments or raise matters of concern.

Parish Council Vacancy Unfilled

The parish council still has a vacancy after two potential candidates decided not to stand. The vacancy follows the retirement of Jim Bartram and when filled will bring its strength up to a maximum of 13. The vacancy can be filled by co-option and anybody interested should contact parish clerk Ian Weetman on 01603 810915. Meanwhile the post will be advertised on village noticeboards.

Litter Pick

THE latest village litter pick organised by Hethersett Environmental Action Team will take place on Saturday, July 1st. Volunteers are welcome and the group sets off from Hethersett Methodist Car Park at 10 am.. Implements are provided.

More Coming Events

FOR a list of coming events go to page 43.

Hethersett Friendly Club will be holding a garden party at 13, Back Lane, Hethersett, on August 8th from 2pm. Entrance is £2 which includes tea and cake and all are welcome.

Humbleyard Hoofers next walk will be on Saturday, 29th July and will be around five miles (venue still to be decided). Anyone interested in joining the group should meet in St Remigius Church car park at 9.15am for a 9.30am departure.

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Women's Institute

My Journey was the title of a talk given to Hethersett WI by Jason Salisbury. He explained how he became a herdsman despite not coming from a farming background. He went on to form the business "Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses."

Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG)

The group's annual summer outing will be to Holt and then by steam train to Sheringham and will take place on July 8th. The group exists primarily for those suffering from rheumatoid arthritis or an inflammatory arthritis but is also open to others. Further details are available on 0800 072 9597 or 07769 635281 or via the web site at: www.thering.org.uk.

Probus Club

Members stood to observe a minute's silence in memory of club member Peter Antell. The club will be visiting the Dad's Army Museum at Thetford on July 26th. The main speaker at the latest meeting was Charles Lewis whose talk entitled "The Stage Coach Age in Norfolk" was enhanced by illustrations of stage coaches from the 18th and 19th centuries as well as coaching inns. Coaches travelled from Norwich to London and Great Yarmouth and the journeys were often highly dangerous with poor roads, frequent accidents and highwaymen. The stage coaches eventually gave way to railways and the last coach from Norwich ran in 1846.

John Nortliff chaired the meeting when birthday greetings were extended to Peter Earwicker. Geoff Head gave an update on members who were unable to attend. Stories were told by Terry Stidson, Ron Butcher and Beverley Baker. After refreshments the chairman introduced Tony and Miriam Ireland. They entertained members with songs from the golden years of musical shows with Tony on keyboard and Miriam singing the songs from the likes of "Oklahoma, "Annie", "The King and I", "My Fair Lady," "42nd Street" and the "Sound of Music." Eugene Ewart thanked them for a most enjoyable presentation. The meeting was followed by the quarterly lunch.

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Hethersett Society

Herald associate editor and Hethersett Society member Gary Wyatt reviews the society's June meeting

The talk at the Hethersett Society's June meeting was given by Edmund Perry from the Norfolk Family History Society (NFHS) and was entitled '*Hethersett Ancestors: Churchyard Survey and Parish Registers*'.

Edmund has strong connections to Hethersett, having lived here for ten years until 2001, and his parents are buried in St. Remigius Churchyard. He still lives in nearby East Carleton and has been involved with the NFHS for many years, after retiring as a teacher. He was thus well placed to speak on his chosen subject.

The NFHS began life as the Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society run, as Edmund told us, mainly for the benefit of aristocrats. It had three areas of interest - family trees (also known as pedigrees), parish registers and monumental inscriptions (i.e. those on tombs and gravestones). It is on the second and third of these that Edmund has concentrated his interest in relation to Hethersett.

The other main source of material for those tracing their family history is census records, but Edmund reminded us of the '100 year rule' which forbids publication of those less than a century old; therefore, the latest currently available to researchers is the 1911 census, and this limits their usefulness. There is also a problem with the gravestones in Hethersett, in that the church was heavily rebuilt in the Victorian period and the churchyard "cleared out" at that time.

Edmund told us of the project carried out by the then Hethersett archivist, Bill Reekie, in 2008, to transcribe the church registers (births, deaths, marriages, baptisms) onto a computer-based system to make them more accessible and easily searched. As one of Bill's team at that time, I can personally testify to how difficult it is to read 17th century handwriting when doing this. The Hethersett records are now available via NFHS either in printed form or electronically.

Edmund then moved on to his most recent area of interest, his ongoing survey of St. Remigius churchyard. He told us that there are some 1200 gravestones in

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the churchyard but that many of these, especially the footstones, had been moved in the past and now line the churchyard gutters and drains. He described this as an act of vandalism, as it destroyed much historical information in the process. Our churchyard, is, of course, not unique in this respect.



Family historians are interested in the names, dates, ages and epitaphs recorded on the stones, although dates are often those of burials not actual death dates, and so can be misleading. Edmund showed us the data he has recorded, highlighting particular families that still have village connections. It was clear that he is doing an incredibly comprehensive job, and this must have involved a huge amount of work over several years.

Edmund finished by showing us photos of miscellaneous other inscriptions found inside the church on windows, plaques, brasses etc. which also add to the store of historical information. For the future, he has started transferring all the churchyard information to the same computer-based system used for the parish register transcriptions. He is clearly a very dedicated man and, as the current village archivist, I am personally grateful for his work. The talk was also well received by the wider audience at the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the chairman Chris Morriss presented a plant to Ann Arnall, who is standing down as Hethersett Society membership secretary after many years' service. The presentation is pictured above.

The next meeting is on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

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HETHERSETT and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Report by Committee Secretary Leslie Dale

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on 21st June, Kris Harper spoke initially about one man, James Lye, and his involvement in the hybridisation of fuchsias. James was somewhat unique amongst his peers in that there is a paper trail of his works in the form of press articles, magazine plates and some very old black-and-white photographs.

The photographs and plates revealed huge pyramidal and pillar-like fuchsia bushes, supported by concealed vertical canes, standing in clay pots. James specialised in developing less leggy plants with more dense foliage. He also bred his plants to produce flowers with coloured corollas below long white tubes and white sepals and worked with the blessing of his employer, the Hon. Mrs Hay, for whom his career progressed from gardener to head gardener to estate bailiff.

Kris went on to tell us of his trials and tribulations in creating a display of James' fuchsia hybrids which still remain, and exhibiting them at the Royal Horticultural Society Hampton Court Flower Show last year.

For those wishing to attend this year's show, coming up soon, the advice of your scribe, who used to live in Surbiton, is to park short and take the train or bus the final distance to the Palace Gardens.

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

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th July when Richard Hobbs' subject will be "Winter Gardens". On 16th August Ken Abel will tell us about Pelargoniums and on 20th September Jaime Blake will go "Round the World in 80 Plants".

The Hethersett and District Horticultural Society Annual Show will be on Saturday 9th September at Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane between 2pm and 4pm.

Booming Baby Time

Connie Tindale updates us on the progress of her Hethersett Hedgehogs

June saw temperatures soar and rain become something of a distant memory. Hedgehogs suffered badly from the heat and the drought. No puddles to drink from and temperatures high enough inside a den to slow cook. In all of this they were producing their babies.



Baby hedgehogs have been flooding into the rescue centres after their nests have been accidentally disturbed and the mothers have run away in fright. Springwatch released

a charming video of some of the babies in their care. The tiny hoglets are treated just like human babies would be.

Their little tummies are powdered to stop them getting sticky and their lower quarters are gently massaged with petroleum jelly to stimulate their body functions as their mothers would have done naturally had they been present. And then it is feeding time – every two hours night and day – from a syringe or a tiny toy sized bottle.

The babies are then ‘burped’ as they tend to swallow a lot of air along with their milk. This is not human babies’ milk; that would harm them as they are not lactose tolerant. It is kitten milk. The rescue centres are doing a magnificent job.

This is hedgehog preservation but there is also hedgehog destruction through the ill-considered use of strimmers which are inflicting devastating injuries on hedgehogs hiding in the long grass. Please walk over the ground you are going

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

to trim BEFORE you start strimming it. That will only take a short time and it would save so much pain and loss of little lives.

I discovered, from a link I was given by Wild Hethersett, that hedgehogs like fat balls especially the ones that are super high in suet and can be crumbled. I put cat food inside the feeding stations every night along with bowls of mealworms and now three crumbled fat balls.

I was really surprised to see them go for the fat balls in preference to the mealworms. Most important are the bowls of water that help compensate for the lack of puddles.

When they are desperate hedgehogs will drink anything no matter how contaminated and can succumb to secondary poisoning. One Norfolk rescue centre has been receiving emaciated hedgehogs that they had previously seen as patients.

I think that it is very important not to humanise them. They are not pets they are wild animals and if they are to thrive in the outside world they must not become too dependent on human intervention.

The only time I approached the cages of the hedgehogs that over-wintered with me was when they were fast asleep. I kept track of their waking hours by video camera. I have seen two of them in my garden during their night time visits and they look well. Tinkerbelle released herself from her pen by digging under the fence and 'legging it'. She is feisty and will do well.

I would like to thank everyone who visited our new website where we are slowly uploading a selection of hedgehog videos showing the loving side, (mating procedures), tolerant side (not fighting each other) and their aggressive side (rolling rivals away from food bowls).

When natural food is so scarce, there has been great aggression at the feeding stations where it has become survival of the fittest, which, although upsetting, is the way of the natural world. While inspecting my plants though, it is evident from the holes that are appearing in some leaves that there is food about that is being ignored.

I would also sincerely like to thank all of those wonderful people who have volunteered to help with hedgehog care. I have kept their names and email addresses on file as we do not have any patients at the moment.

Please can I ask everyone who is concerned about the fate of our prickly friends to please pass the word to their neighbours on how they can help just by putting out some water and making sure that there is a gap under the fence so that there is a Hedgehog Highway in Hethersett. Thank you on their behalf.

A link for the Springwatch hoglet video: <https://www.facebook.com/BBCSpringwatch/videos/779761965526596/?pnref=story>

A link for Hethersett Hedgehogs. <http://www.hethersetthedgehogs.com/>

Changes For Hethersett Schools

The Eastern Daily Press of June 21st discussed major plans to change schooling in Hethersett.

Norfolk County Council is proposing to transform both Woodside Infant and Nursery School and Hethersett Church of England Voluntary Controlled Junior School into full primary schools catering for pupils in years two to 11.

The plans also include relocating Woodside to a new site on the Hethersett North development. An NCC spokesperson said: "This is an opportunity to progress our primary school policy which is to minimise the number of times children change schools. We have agreement from the schools, together with the Diocesan Board of Education, that now is the right time to discuss this with local people."

The new plans could be implemented as soon as September 2019. They have met with the support of the two head teachers affected:

Matthew Parslow-Williams, the junior school's headteacher, said he was pleased about the opportunity to convert to a primary school.

"Schooling in this area of Norfolk in terms of pupil numbers is challenging so being able to provide opportunities for families to attend their local school is great.

Angela Jermy, head of Woodside, and Simon Cooper, chair of the school's board of governors, said in a joint statement: "We are really proud of our school and the caring and supportive start children have to their school years at Woodside.

"However, our community is growing and we know that the status quo isn't an option for the village. "That means we need to be able to provide more spaces for local children and we are excited about the opportunity

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to move to a brand new building on the new estate.

Jackie Sutton, chairman of Hethersett Parish Council, said she hoped the changes would ease the strain on the village's schools.

She said: "We would welcome these changes because the growth of Hethersett is putting pressure on the existing school places.

"I'm aware of a parent at one school who is having trouble getting a child in even though there is already a sibling at the school.

"I'm pleased to see the junior school involved as well. We have a lot of young families in Hethersett and many parents are attracted to the village because of the excellent rating of the schools."

A number of public drop-in events were arranged to give parents more information.

Some of these dates took place in June but one remains for July. This will be on Tuesday July 4th from 3.15 to 4.15pm at Hethersett Voluntary Controlled Junior School.

Feedback can also be given online at

norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hethersett.

We will bring you more on the case for a new school in the August edition of Hethersett Herald.

HETHERSETT Old Hall School has contacted us to help inform neighbours and local residents that it will be holding two evening events in July involving live music. These will be held on July 6th and 8th.

"We know that sound can carry in the summer air, but please be assured that we will monitor the noise levels continuously over the course of the events, so as to keep them within acceptable limits," a spokesperson for the school said.

Media Watch (continued)



NEWS from the village appears regularly in the Wy-
mondham Mercury, the Nor-
wich Evening News and the
Eastern Daily Press.



Troops To Be Commemorated

WE continue our series on soldiers who may be commemorated by having roads on new village development named after them.

The details below have been taken from the web site "Hethersett A Village at War" which covers the period between 1910 and 1950 in Hethersett and takes in both world wars. The site can be viewed at www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com.



Sidney LIVICK- Lance Corporal George Sidney Livick (commemorated on the Hethersett War Memorial as Sidney Livick) was killed in action on 26th September, 1915, aged 29. He was serving in the 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment and is remembered on the Loos Memorial in France and also on a special tablet containing five names in Hethersett Church Hall in Henstead Road.

He was born on 30th May, 1886, the son of John, a railway platelayer, and Amy, of New Cottages, Station Road, Hethersett. He was baptised in St Remigius Church on 4th July, 1886.

Army records state that Sidney was 26 years old at the time of his death but the parish register shows his true date of birth which puts his age at 29 when he went missing. Sidney enlisted as a volunteer in Norwich, joining the 9th Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, eventually arriving in France and being killed in what was the first action of the battalion. According to the 9th Battalion Diary: "there was much confusion at the time having marched from Bethune on 25th September, 1915, where they had only just arrived. Orders were given that they march to "Lonely Tree Hill." Here they were again ordered to move on, at 3.30am on Sunday, 26th September, to assist the 20th Brigade in a dawn assault on quarries situated near to a place called Hulluch."

There they took up positions only gained from the Germans the day before. The attack was launched at 6.45am but advance was impossible due to heavy fire, especially from snipers who inflicted heavy casualties. The men were forced to take refuge in the trenches whilst other troops carried on the attack. At 7pm the enemy, using the light of flares, set up a fierce rifle barrage on the Norfolk's trenches.

The 9th Battalion was eventually relieved by the Grenadier Guards with orders to assemble at Vermelles, from where they were marched back to Lonely Tree Hill, arriving at 8am the next day. In all there were 209 casualties, five officers and 39

men killed and nine officers and 121 men wounded and 34 of all ranks missing. Sidney was one of the last group and was never found or identified.

George Moore - Private George William Moore of the 1st/4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment was killed in action aged 34 and is remembered on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel. He went missing following the Battle of Gaza and was the subject of the following announcement in Hethersett's Parish Magazine of November 1918.

"The whole Parish is sorrowfully aware that George Moore has been missing ever since the Battle of Gaza. He was last seen on April 19th, 1917. We regret to announce that the War Office has recently stated that he is believed to have been killed on that date in losing George Moore we have lost an upright Christian man. His unimpeachable character won for him the respect in which he was held by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and a little boy."

The announcement brought to an end the long months of uncertainty for his widow Emma Maud Moore and his parents George and Maria. His son Richard George was born while his father was away at war.

Richard George was baptised on 21st January, 1917, and lived with his mother in Rose Cottage, Hethersett.

George was in a Territorial Battalion. Territorial soldiers were called up before war was officially declared and the 1st/4th Norfolks were called to assemble in Chapelfield in Norwich on 4th August, 1914, from where they travelled to their appointed destinations. Initially it was assumed they would be employed on home defence duties, but they were soon given the opportunity to indicate if they would be prepared to serve overseas and the majority agreed to do so.

On April 19th, 1917, the Norfolks were engaged on an attack on Gaza after which George was reported missing. His body was never positively identified and he has no known grave. Thus his name is remembered on the Jerusalem Memorial.

The attack is described in the History of the 1st/5th Suffolk Regiment by Captain A. Fair and E. D. Wolton in the following terms:

"At 7.30am, it then being broad daylight, the Norfolks commenced the attack from the ridge. There, as at most points, more than a mile of almost level country with little cover before the enemy trenches could be reached. The Norfolks on arriving about 800 yards from the enemy trenches came under a very heavy and accurate belt of crossfire from the machine guns which swept ground entirely devoid of cover. They tried to press quickly on, but could not pass through the belt and suffered very heavy casualties, nearly 75% being seriously wounded or killed. The groans and calls of the wounded could be heard but to send a party into that belt meant certain death and drew heavy searching fire on those that were there."

Arthur NINHAM - Private Arthur Charles Ninham of the 1st/9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry was presumed killed in action on 8th November, 1916, aged 21. He is buried in Dernacourt Communal Cemetery in France.

In the 1901 census, Arthur is aged five and, along with his brother Frederick who was a year older, was living in High Street, Ketteringham, in the care of his uncle and aunt Frederick and Emily Grimson. Frederick worked as a farm horse-man and Emily was a housewife, looking after the two boys. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the boys' parents simply as Mr and Mrs Ninham, living in Newfound Lane, Cringleford. They were married in 1889 in Blofield and both of their sons were born there. It has never been established, however, why the boys were living with their aunts and uncles. When war came the two young men enlisted but only Frederick, who served in the 2nd/4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment, returned home.

In early November, 1916, following heavy rains and cold weather, ground conditions were deteriorating fast. The 6th, 8th and 9th Battalions of the Durham Light Infantry were part of an attack intended to secure, amongst other things, the Butte de Warlencourt, a prehistoric mound and the only piece of high ground in the vicinity. They were also trying to secure a nearby quarry. The small hill had been fought over many times and Arthur had probably "gone over the top" in this area previously.

The day was to become famous in the annals of Arthur's regiment. Facing machine gun fire, the men in the Durham Light Infantry had to struggle through the clinging mud at an agonisingly slow speed, with only water filled shell holes for temporary refuge. Even so some managed to get over two lines of enemy trenches, into the quarry and part of the German trench system, where they consolidated their gains. They fought all day despite several enemy counter-attacks, but each fresh assault reduced their numbers further, and eventually they were forced to abandon their positions, many fighting to the end rather than run. It was in these appalling conditions that Arthur may have lost his life. His date of death is presumed as he had not been seen for some time. For the following three days activities were relatively quiet, so it is quite possible that he may have been one of the courageous men who reached the German lines but didn't return.

Arthur lost his life in what was one of the final actions of the Battle of the Somme, which had lasted from late June to the first few days of November, 1916, and had cost an estimated 419,000 British, 204,000 French and between 660,000 and 680,000 German casualties. The death and destruction lasted far beyond the catastrophic 1st July, the day that many people think started and finished the battle. By early November the troops on both sides were exhausted and demoralised. The planned and hoped for British and French breakthrough had ground to a halt, but valuable lessons had been learned which would be developed and would lead to victory some two years later.

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 and general articles written by residents. It is currently available only 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 or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett

Sports Coverage Starts Here

Tough Going for Hawks

By Mel Perkins

HETHERSETT Hawks/Myhill Decorators had a tough time in the semi-finals of the British Open Club Championship at Horspath in Oxfordshire. In their opening rides the four Hawks amassed only five points but, after that, they rallied and, in the end, gave a good account of themselves, despite having the worst of an unbalanced race formula.

Star of the team was Harley Hamill, who travelled to Oxford after a night shift but still clocked up two wins in his 13 points. Dan Chambers took his time to find his form but a win in his last ride helped Hethersett to overhaul Sheffield in fifth place. Leigh Cossey scored steadily but Lee Smith had a match to forget with two exclusions.

Result: Newport 44, East Park 41, Poole 41, Coventry 38, Hethersett 35, Sheffield 34 (three qualify). Hethersett scorers - Harley Hamill 13, Leigh Cossey 9, Dan Chambers 9, Lee Smith 4.

Two Hethersett riders made the long trip to Sussex to contest round four of the South East Grand Prix at Hellingly and both ensured the miles were worth it. Owen Wells won the Under-18s and Glyn Morgan was runner-up in the Veterans.

Hawks faced a full-strength Great Blakenham side at the Memorial Playing Field and were overpowered by their fast gating and team strength. Hawks battled hard on the first corner in lots of heats, leading to re-starts but in the end had no answer. Only Leigh Cossey offered a serious threat which was rewarded with a fine win in heat seven, but by that time the side were 18 points down and Blakenham had the luxury of bringing in reserves for experience. Josh Brooke and Lewis Osborne were unbeaten for the visitors with Luke Harrison also impressive.

Hethersett 64 Great Blakenham 93. Hethersett scorers - Leigh Cossey 16, Dan Chambers 12, Glyn Morgan 10, Ollie Buxton 10, Harley Hamill 8, Dan Butler 7, Katie Adams 1.

The Hawks' B team retained their unbeaten record in Division Two with a steady, comprehensive win. It was heat 12 before the visitors had a heat win - a fine ride by Adam Cooper - and that was their only success. Hawks drafted in

nine-year-old George Larter at short notice and he was rewarded in the final race when the Blakenham duo sportingly allowed him a heat win. Harley Hamill was unbeaten for the Hawks.

Hethersett B 85 Great Blakenham B 72. Hethersett Scorers - Ollie Buxton 19, Harley Hamill 19, Glyn Morgan 16, Dan Butler 15, George Larter 10, Katie Adams 6

The previous day, Glyn Morgan scored 14 points and won the "C" section in the Over-50s Eurovets round at Coventry while, in midweek, George Larter (Under-10s) and Leigh Cossey (Seniors) were winners in the Norfolk Grand Prix.

Titles Time For Hawks

Hawks had eight riders contesting the Norfolk Go Ride Championships in sweltering conditions at Eaton Park. The riders came back with four of the seven titles.

Owen Wells retained both his Under-16 and Under-19 titles and George Larter also retained his Under-10 Championship. All three were unbeaten in their title defences.

Katie Adams was also victorious in the Women's event while there were top-three places for Glyn Morgan (Veterans), Leigh Cossey and Wells (Senior), Daniel Longlands (Under-16) and Giles Awbery and Larter (Under-13).

Meanwhile three Hethersett riders have been named in the Ireland squads to contest the Home Nations Championship in Bury (Greater Manchester) in July - Harley Hamill and Dan Butler will represent the senior team while Katie Adams is in the junior squad.

Fixture for July

The club still has room for some more enthusiastic riders at its Tuesday club-nights on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.. Newcomers of any age are welcome - just turn up at 6.30 pm.

Hawks will be taking on Hellingly from Sussex in the South East and Eastern League on Sunday 9th July from 2pm.



Is Bryce the Best All-Rounder Ever?

Sports Comment With Peter Steward

IS Ian Bryce the best all-rounder to have played for Hethersett Cricket Club? That's the question being posed at the present time.



Opening bat Bryce (pictured opposite) has this season also turned his attentions to bowling and proved as successful with both.

Aficionados of the club and long standing supporters will point to a number of outstanding all-rounders who have featured for the club over the past 150 years, but many would argue for Bryce due to the fact that the club is now playing its cricket at the highest level ever.

Others in the frame for the title of the club's greatest all-rounder include the legendary Tony Curson who served as groundsman, secretary and captain for decades and still found time to score thousands

of runs and take hundreds of wickets.

Others would vote for Matt Ellis who once scored a monstrous double century in a league match and scored many hundreds as well as taking numerous five wicket hauls.

But Bryce could be on his way to eclipsing all these names from the past with some stunning performances with bat and ball. Ironically he never considered himself a bowler and it is only in the past two seasons that he has come of age with his medium pacers.

Bryce's statistics this season speak for themselves. At the end of June he had hit no fewer than six centuries and had recorded the top five and six of the top seven scores by a Valley batsman. His centuries have been four in the Norfolk Alliance, one in the Mid Norfolk Sunday League and one in the National Village Cup. His innings in the latter competition of 151 against Foxton was voted the best individual performance in the country.

Add to that the fact that he has taken more wickets than any other bowler at the



Matt Ellis



Ian Bryce

club this season and you can see something of his huge contribution to the club's success this year.

Looking through the club records, however, makes interesting reading and shows that Ian has plenty of ground to make up if he is to overtake Matt Ellis.

Ellis has scored 27 centuries for the club, still holds the record for three club partnerships (266 for the first wicket with Richard Ellis, 281 for the

third with Tim Shelley and 116 for the eighth with Mike John). He has also achieved 1,000 runs in a season on 12 occasions, holds the record for the most fifties in a season (18 in 2011), did hold the record for the most centuries in a season until Bryce broke it this season and has taken more than 50 wickets in a season on six occasions.

Tony Curson's statistics are also impressive. He scored 1,000 runs in a season on two occasions, holds the record for capturing 100 wickets in a season on six occasions and is the only player in the history of the club to complete the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in a season (1980). He holds the record for the most wickets in a season (163 in 1980).

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. 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

Record Numbers for Running Group



A record number of runners of all ages and abilities attended the first in a series of social running evenings on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

Under the watchful eye of Athletics' coach and Norfolk Olympian Paul Evans, 38 people took part in the first of six sessions organised jointly by Active Norfolk and Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association. This was then eclipsed when 41 turned up for the second session and over 50 for the third.

The sessions will continue on Thursday evenings on July 6th and 13th from 7 until 8pm in the run up to Hethersett's annual run the square two mile funrun which will take place on Sunday, July 16th. The sessions are free and there is no need to sign up in advance.

"We have been holding these evenings for the past eight years and they have always proved popular, but 38 is the best attendance we have had on the first evening," said chairman of Hethersett and the Melton's Sports Association Peter Steward.

Our picture shows some of those taking part in the first session.

Sports Association Meeting

The next meeting of Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association will take place at Park Farm Hotel on Wednesday, July 5th from 7.30pm.

The association promotes fitness, health, sport and well being in Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton. Membership is free for individuals and just £5 per year for affiliated clubs. Just turn up on the evening.

New Opportunities for sport in Hethersett

In March, South Norfolk Council teamed up with Hethersett Academy to open up its sports facilities after school and at weekends to the local community and sports clubs.

Here we look at just what is available to the community.

The facilities include a:

- Four court main sports hall
- Single court gymnasium
- Outdoor netball/tennis courts (non-floodlit).

The facilities are available for use from 5 pm until 9 pm from Tuesday to Friday and 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday.

South Norfolk Council offer a range of bookable activities including football, badminton, table tennis, tennis, netball, cricket nets, volleyball and basketball, plus a range of fitness classes each week at £6.50 per class. These include the following:

FitSteps® - Tuesday 6.30-7.30 pm

Blast FX - Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

Kickboxercise - Wednesday 7.30-8.30 pm

Boogie Bounce - Friday 6.30-7.30 pm

Boogie Bounce - Friday 7.30-8.30 pm

Fight FX - Saturday 10 - 11.am

South Norfolk Council's All Centres leisure membership now includes unlimited fitness classes at Hethersett Academy and the use of Wymondham, Diss and Long Stratton Leisure Centres.

To find out more about Hethersett Academy and membership options visit the following web site:

<http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/hethersett-academy>

OUR photograph opposite shows members of the runners-up team at a schools' kwik cricket competition held at Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club. For a report of the event and more photographs turn to page 81.





Reports from Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club for June:

Report Dateline June 4th

Hethersett and Tas Valley came away from Saturday's matches with a number of individual reputations enhanced and a hat-trick of wins.

The club's policy of promoting talented young players is paying dividends as they shone in all three victories. Youngsters stepping up to first team duties have added a new dimension to the club and hoisted it up to third place in the Norfolk Alliance Division Two.

Valley looked to be in desperate trouble at Brooke as they slumped to 21-4 with a number of established players missing out.

Opener Robbie Matthews was back in form after a couple of ducks the previous week and hit 47. He was joined by a tremendous fightback by the later order with Tristan Hunt (30), Tristan Henderson (36) and David Mathews (23) contributing to an all out score of 180.

The importance of those runs soon became apparent as Brooke struggled and were bowled out for 146 in 39.1 overs to give Valley a 34 run victory. Ian Bryce, who suffered one of his rare disappointments with the bat, turned wicket-taker in chief with 3-29 and Robbie Matthews weighed in with 2-41.

Valley Seconds had a beautifully controlled 25 run victory over Mundford and hoisted themselves up into the middle region of Division Four. They got the best possible start with a 168 run partnership between openers Stephen Hayes (93) and Dean Parfitt (68). This was a record opening partnership for the second string. The remainder of the batting failed to reach the same heights, however, as Valley finished on 238-6 from their 45 overs.

Some well controlled bowling from Andy Harris, Andy Baker, Ian Harrison and Chris Bolderstone (4-33) put Mundford behind the asking rate and regular wickets fell leaving the visitors with the virtually impossible task of scoring 25 off the last over. All Mundford could do was dig in to prevent Hethersett gaining an additional bowling point. Mundford finished on 213-9.

Valley Thirds thrashed Ketteringham Hall by 145 runs in their Norfolk League encounter. Valley batted first and hit 250-9 with Nick Powell scoring 87 and



Leigh King 66. The home side were then skittled out for 105 with Craig Henderson returning the remarkable figures of 6-7 from 4.3 overs.

After the Saturday matches were completed, Hethersett held a monthly Tea at Tas barbecue when the May player of the month award was presented to first team opener Ian Bryce, who hit four centuries during the month and was named player of the round for his 151 against Foxton in the National Village Cup. The organisers of that competition said:

“The performance of the round comes from a member of one of the losing sides. Hethersett and Tas-Valley opening batsmen Ian Bryce scored a valiant 151 off 123 balls – including 15 fours and seven sixes. Having been set 313 it was always going to be an uphill battle. So it proved, as they fell short, all out for 237. However Ian’s knock was deemed good enough to be nominated, not just by his own side, but specifically by the opposition. Must have been good”!

On Sunday Valley lost to North Runcton in the Mid-Norfolk League

Dateline June 11th

Hethersett and Tas Valley’s Saturday first team suffered a frustrating one wicket defeat at home to Swaffham in a match that swung back and forth.

The game was dominated by two fine individual innings – one from the home side and one from the visitors. Hethersett batted first and looked to be on target for a big score with opener Ian Bryce again in imperious form with his fifth century of the season. When he fell for 102, Valley suffered a batting collapse that was only arrested by a last wicket partnership of 33 between John Curtis (36) and Tom Worley (13 not out). That helped to give them a respectable total of 235 in 42.3 overs.

Sadly Valley were to rue not batting through their 45 overs as Swaffham’s reply took off at breakneck speed with openers Mark Eagle and Jasper Payne hitting 16 off the first over. Swaffham lost a couple of wickets before Alex Payne hit a match winning unbeaten 125. Hethersett looked down and out until Swaffham suffered a mid order collapse to go from 190-3 to 214-9.

Payne commandeered the strike to smash 24 runs off the 39th over to see his team home. Hethersett were left to rue what might have been had they batted out their full overs and not come up against a player who demolished their attack with 15 fours and seven massive sixes. John Curtis was the pick of the Val-

ley bowlers with 4-50 and Ian Bryce rounded off a fine all round performance with 3-37.

Hethersett Seconds went down to Rocklands by 40 runs. The home side hit 228-5, a total that Valley found too tough as they replied with 188-9 with Dean Parfitt hitting 47 and Richard Ellis 42 not out.

Valley Thirds are up to fourth place in Norfolk League Division Three Central following a solid 94 run over Rocklands. Valley hit 245-8 with Jonathon Cooper scoring 81 and Leigh King 44. They then restricted Rocklands to 151-8 with King taking 4-12.

Valley Fourths achieved their second victory of the season in Norfolk League Division Four South West. In a low scoring game they were all out for 136 at Diss with virtually all their runs coming from skipper Mark Worley (50) and Jor-

Match of the Month

Hethersett out in a fine all-round performance to cause an upset and beat promotion chasing Beccles by five wickets on June 17th.

Continuing the club policy of promoting younger players, Valley cruised to victory after bowling the home side out for 211 with the final wicket falling off the last delivery of their allotted 45.

Ian Bryce was the star of the bowling performance with 5-57. He was well supported by Leigh King who took the first two Beccles wickets and finished with 2-21. Bryce then went on to eclipse his bowling performance as he hit his sixth century of the season with an unbeaten 108 as Valley reached their target with more than seven overs to spare.

There was a slight middle order wobble but Bryce was joined at the crease by Damien Cresswell to put on an unbeaten stand of 63 to see Hethersett to a victory that consolidated their third position in Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance.

The victory gave Hethersett 25 points thanks to maximum batting and bowling points*.

* - A point is awarded for every 25 runs scored over 75 up to a maximum of five points and one point for every two wickets captured.



dan Buxton (49). They then bowled Diss out for 102 with Ed Blowfield taking 3-14.

On Sunday, Valley put in a good performance to beat Beccles in the Lady Mary Plate quarter-finals. Good all-round bowling saw Beccles bowled out for 149. Valley reached their target for the loss of just three wickets with openers Nick Burrett and Sam Morton putting on over 60 for the first wicket. When Burrett fell, Morton played the anchor role as David Matthews put together some lusty blows. Morton finished unbeaten on 38.

Dateline: June 18th

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley caused an upset when they travelled to promotion-chasing Beccles and came away with an excellent five wicket victory (see our match of the month feature).

It's turning out to be a good season for Valley Thirds as well. On Saturday they had a crushing 140 run victory over Reepham and Salle in the Norfolk League Division 3 Central to move into second place. Hethersett batted first and hit an impressive 233-4 with Jack Gibson continuing his fine run of form with 70. Nick Powell hit an unbeaten 59 and Jonathon Cooper weighed in with 39. They then bowled Reepham out for 93 with Daniel Harris taking 5-15 and Jordan Buxton 3-27.

Valley Fourths found Garboldisham's score of 269-7 too much for them in their Norfolk League encounter. They replied with 150-8 with Thomas Peacock hitting 40 and Ollie Kilbourn 37. This week they visit Rackheath. Valley Seconds were without a game on Saturday.

Hethersett beat Hales and Loddon by six runs in the Norfolk 20-20 League. They hit 138-8 with Cameron Clarke top scoring with 68. They then restricted Hales and Loddon to 132-2.

Dateline June 25th

Hethersett and Tas Valley is mounting a double promotion push as the Norfolk Alliance and Norfolk League enters the second half of its respective seasons. The first team are just outside the promotion places in Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance, whilst the third team is in second place in Division 3 Central of the Norfolk League.



The season is turning into an unexpectedly successful one for the first team which consolidated its third place with an excellent six wicket victory over Great Witchingham. With second placed Topcroft losing, Valley are now just five points outside the promotion places. Valley's aim at the beginning of the season was to blood a number of young players in the first team with the aim of making a concerted push for promotion in 2018. Now that promotion push may come a season early.

Players stepping up into the first team have done a splendid job to date and on Saturday experienced bowler Andy Harris stepped up from the seconds and was the star turn as Witchingham were restricted to 227-7 from their 45 overs. Harris captured 3-14. When Hethersett batted, they lost star opener Ian Bryce for just eight but their strength in depth shone through as James Shipley hit his maiden century for the club and ended unbeaten on 114 as Valley raced home with 231-4 with more than three overs to spare. Shipley was well supported by Robbie Matthews (43) and Nick Burrett (46 not out).

The thirds took on New Buckenham and were set a tough ask as their opponents hit 222-3. Valley were in no mood to cave in and reached their target with 226-7 with Rob Jones hitting 41 and virtually every other batsman scoring double figures.

The seconds went down to Beccles by four wickets. Valley scored 183 with Tom Osborn hitting 53. Beccles reached their target with just three balls remaining to finish on 185-6 with Tom Worley taking 2-28. Valley Fourths bowled out Rackheath for 159 (Mark Worley 3-17) but were then bowled out for 61 with only Ed Blowfield and Sam Woodruff reaching double figures.

Valley Veterans' team had an easy 89 run victory over Rocklands. Hethersett scored 175-4 off their 20 overs and then restricted Rocklands to 86-7

On Sunday Hethersett finished on the wrong end of a 133 run defeat at the hands of Swaffham in the Mid Norfolk League. Swaffham scored 262-6 with Damian Fahy taking 3-35. Valley replied with 129 with Dean Parfitt hitting 39.

Full scorecards and more news from Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club are available on the web site at:

<http://htvalley.play-cricket.com>

Youngsters Enjoy a Cricket Festival



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club hosted a kwik cricket schools' competition at their Flordon headquarters.

It was the fifth year that the competition has been held and once again it attracted 80 youngsters from a number of South Norfolk Schools

A day of competition and fun featured boys and girls from Aslacton Primary, Forncett St Mary Primary, Hapton Primary, Newton Flotman Primary, Preston Primary at Tasburgh, Saxlingham Primary and St Mary's Junior School from Long Stratton.

The youngsters were randomly mixed up to create eight teams with 10 players in each. This gave them the opportunity not only to enjoy Kwik cricket but also to make new friends from other schools. Each team had different coloured T Shirts which were sponsored by South Norfolk Council and Hetherset and the Meltons' Sports Association.

After a day of fierce but friendly competition the Orange team ran out winners, beating the previously unbeaten Greys in the final.

Kwik cricket puts the emphasis on involving all players in both batting and bowling with each team starting



with 200 runs and being deducted five runs for each wicket lost. Everyone on the team has the chance to bowl and bat and soft balls and plastic bats and wickets are used.



The event has been organised from its inception by Hethersett and Tas Valley coach Sara Worley (pictured left) and Hethersett and Tas Valley junior players from Long Stratton High School acted as scorers and umpires. The prizes were presented by Hethersett's county and district councillor David Bills.

“Many of those taking part have never played cricket before and we hope that wonderful events like our cricket festival will whet their appetite to continue playing the game in the future,” said Hethersett and Tas Valley chairman Peter Steward.

Pictured below on the left are some of the members of the winning Orange team. At the bottom of the page is a cutting of coverage of the event from the Wy-

mondham Mercury Newspaper.

