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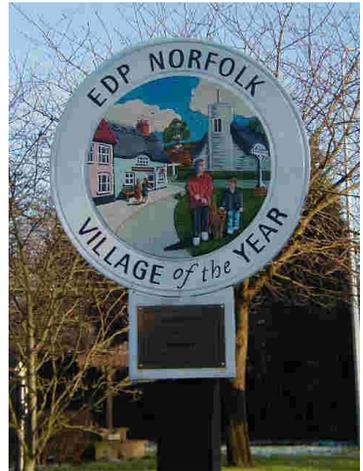
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## Celebrating Hethersett

**HETHERSETT** continues to be a wonderful place to live and we hope this edition of the Hethersett Herald reflects just some of the things happening now and in the future in our village. There is certainly something for everyone in the village, irrespective of age or interests

Opposite is just one of the awards our village has won over the past 15 years. You can read about these, ranging from local awards to national recognition, on pages 26 and 27 of this edition of Hethersett Herald..



## Let The Bells Ring Out

HETHERSETT Bell Ringers will be opening their doors to the public on Friday 3rd June as part of an evening that will see bells ringing out simultaneously across the United Kingdom.

At 7pm, bells from over 80 church towers across the UK will ring out simultaneously in towns, cities and villages. There will be a range of bell ringers involved nationally on the day from diverse communities and faiths, aged from 11 to 90 years old.

Hethersett Bell Ringers will be taking part in this event and are inviting the public to come and see ringing in action. They will be holding an open practice between 7 and 8pm. There will be the opportunity of finding out what's involved and people will be able to express an interest in learning to ring.

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# Bereavement Group to Launch

A NEW group to help support the bereaved is being launched in Hethersett.

Plans are being made to set-up the Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group to support those who have lost loved ones. Initially it is likely the group will meet monthly at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex.

The group is the idea of Sandi Grey (pictured opposite) who comes from Wymondham:

“I was so grateful for all the kindness shown to me by others when my mother Nancy died that I want to organise a support group for people who have suffered bereavement,” Sandi said.

Sandi’s idea for starting up in Hethersett follows her experiences with a similar group in Thetford and in memory of her mother who lived in Woodcote before her death.

“I was asked to sit in on the Thetford group and I thought it was a wonderful idea and realised that there was nothing of that kind in Hethersett. When my mother died, myself and my sister needed support and now I would like to reach out to bereaved people of all ages, just so we can meet together and share memories and chat,” Sandi said.

A date will shortly be set for the inaugural meeting.

“We would like to reach out to people of all ages, just to come along, have a cup

of coffee or tea and a chat with other people who have been bereaved. Some people who suffer bereavement feel that they have nobody to talk to and that’s where Heart of Hethersett will come in,” she added.



Stephen Baxter, Manager of the Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, welcomed the idea: “At Woodcote we have

close links with the community and we see ourselves as a place that the community can come to. We also encourage anything that can be beneficial to our residents and we are

delighted to be part of Heart of Hethersett,” he said.

Now the job has started of getting in touch with people: “It’s really a matter of contacting people and word of mouth. It would be great if the group could bring people of all ages together and not just those recently bereaved. Hethersett is such a wonderful community that I am certain it will be a success,” Sandi added.

Anyone wanting more information or to be part of the group can contact Sandi on 07858 805 799 or via e-mail at sandiereira@aol.com

Heart of Hethersett to help those who have suffered loss.

# Death of Dr Tony Press

**WE are very sad to report that former Hethersett GP Dr Tony Press has died. Tony was an integral part of village life and will be long remembered for his association with the Hethersett Pantomime Group of which he was musical director**



**for many years. Tony was a GP at Hethersett Surgery until a few years ago and was also heavily involved with the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service which saw him being called out at all times of night and day to administer emergency first aid to road accident victims.**

## **Messages of Condolence**

A number of messages of condolence have been left on our village Facebook pages. Messages have included the following:

“Such sad news.”

“A great loss. The pantomime family has a big gap.”

“He was a lovely man - he'll really be missed .”

“So sorry to hear of his passing. He helped get the Dementia Support Group going in Hethersett.”

“So sad. He did so much for other people and had a lot more to give. He will be greatly missed. “

“Lovely kind Tony. He did so much for so many.”

“He was wonderful support when I lost my parents, so kind and thoughtful. A lovely man who will be so missed in Hethersett “

Tony was an integral part of the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, who paid the following tribute to him on their web site.

Dr Press was member of NARS for over 20 years, responding to both medical and trauma emergencies when called by the ambulance service.

As part of his role he provided advanced clinical skills as well as additional drug administration such as strong pain relief and sedation, over and above the scope of ambulance service practice at that time.

He was called out either from home or practice to attend incidents at all times of the day and night, in all weathers. Sometimes he was first on the scene at incidents where his interventions made the difference between life and death. These included serious road traffic accidents as well as major medical emergencies.

During his time with NARS he saw many changes in equipment, communication and training. He was elected to various posts within the organisation including becoming Chair of NARS, and led the service forward with new developments, including developing joint working with the other schemes in Suffolk and Essex. Tony was very supportive of members in the scheme and helped them to develop and progress.

He was also an Instructor/Examiner for BASICS (British Association for Immediate Care) which runs various pre-hospital care courses accredited by the Royal College Of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

His pre-hospital care work also included being part of the medical team at Snetterton Race Circuit, as well as covering various other major public events.”

## **Notice From Hethersett Surgery**

Hethersett Surgery posted the following notice on its web site:

“It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Dr Press passed away on Thursday, 26th May after a short illness. Tony retired as our senior partner after more than 25 years with this practice. He continued to provide medical services to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and worked part-time within general practice. Our thoughts are with his wife and family. “

Our photograph shows a flashback to 2012 with Tony Press receiving a cheque for £420 from the Hethersett Painting for Pleasure art group. Dr Press accepted the money on behalf of the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS). The money was raised at the art group’s fourth annual exhibition and sale of work in Hethersett Village Hall. The presentation was made by Linda Goldspink.

# Jacky Sutton Re-elected

JACKY Sutton (pictured opposite with parish clerk Ian Weetman) was unanimously re-elected chairman of Hethersett Parish Council at the annual parish council meeting. Viv Hawes has stood down as vice-chairman but remains on the council. Her place as vice-chairman has been taken by Adrienne Quinlan.



## Challenges and Opportunities

HETHERSETT will face an unprecedented level of development over the coming years that will see the population grow to that of a small town, the annual parish meeting heard.

“The scale of these developments will pose not only challenges, but provide opportunities for the community to create new facilities including a new primary school and we hope to see a new doctors’ surgery provided. We also want to see improvements to existing facilities that no longer provide the level of amenity required in the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Hethersett Parish Council chairman Jacky Sutton.

Ms Sutton told the meeting that the parish council would “engage in a community consultation exercise to determine how any money we receive through developer community contributions should be spent.” It is hoped to start this consultation process in the year ahead.

“Communicating with our residents is a core function of the council. In this digital age it is tempting to assume everyone has access to digital services, but the council has a duty to reach every household,” Ms Sutton added. The council has already re-vamped its quarterly newsletter which is delivered to every household in the village and also introduced a regular monthly parish pop in event in Hethersett Library on the second Monday of each month.

“Not only can residents talk to their local councillors, but we can demonstrate our support for the continuing presence of a library in Hethersett,” she added.

The council has been successful in bidding for match funding from the County Highways Parish Partnership scheme to provide three new bus shelters in the village and to make improvements to the footway on the B1172 to provide safer access to the Church Farm shops.

## Anti-Social Behaviour

HETHERSETT Parish Council is concerned at a "recurring theme" of anti-social behaviour in the village, the annual parish meeting heard.

"The recurring theme falls mainly into the anti-social behaviour category including dog fouling on our pavements; inconsiderate parking, particularly on pavements and verges; overhanging trees and hedges obstructing paths and litter nuisance," said parish council chairman Jacky Sutton.

The council has taken a number of steps to improve the situation, including providing more dog and litter bins around the village and issuing letters to residents guilty of letting their hedges and trees obstruct paths.

The meeting heard that the parish council continues to provide grant funding to Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club and the Memorial Playing Field. A new memorial seat has been installed in the centre of the village to commemorate Hethersett men who lost their lives in the Great War. The funds for this were raised by the 2015 open gardens event organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).

The meeting received reports from a number of village organisations including the Memorial Playing Field Trustees, Hethersett Village Hall Trustees, Hethersett Parochial Charity, village schools, Norfolk Constabulary, Jubilee Youth Club, Hethersett Archive, Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association, Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council

## Facebook Pages

HETHERSETT has a number of Facebook Pages which run in tandem with Hethersett Herald. You might like to check out the following for more updates and news from the village as it happens.

Hethersett village itself has a page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Hethersett-538701989484851/>

Hethersett Parish Council can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/Hethersett-Parish-Council-543930632297069/>

Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association is at: <https://www.facebook.com/Hethersett-Sports-Association-159960464045721/>

Hethersett 1910-1950 looks at the village before, during and after the first and second world wars and is at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/202233650112541/>

There are also many other Hethersett Facebook pages. Hethersett Writers' Group, Hethersett Players,, Hethersett Pantomime Group, Hethersett Environmental Action Team, various sports clubs and schools are just some of them. Just search under the village's name and they will magically appear. Many have groups that you can sign up to.

# Hannah and Alice at the Palace!

TWO former Hethersett Old Hall School sixth formers had an exciting day mingling with top celebrities at Buckingham Palace

Alice Handley Howarth and Hannah Bacon, who left the school last summer, were guests at the largest ever event held for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

They were among 1,000 young people presented with their Gold D of E awards by around 60 celebrities including Anna Friel, Ronan Keating and Anton du Beke, who had all been drafted in to help Prince Philip and the Earl and Countess of Wessex to hand out badges and certificates.

The girls were accompanied by their parents, HOHS headmaster Stephen Crump and teacher Jane Grove who runs the D of E scheme at the school. Our photograph shows Alice Handley Howarth (left) and Hannah Bacon with Hethersett Old Hall School teacher and DofE Manager Jane Grove

It was Michelin-starred chef Marcus Wareing who presented the Hethersett girls with their certificates and a plaque for the school. He chatted for several minutes with the group, who were later joined by the Countess of Wessex.



In total there were about 7,000 people at the celebration, including the award holders, parents and managers of operating authorities like Hethersett Old Hall School.

Last year the school became the first county council centre to achieve the status of Directly Licensed Centre for the scheme. This means the school is now nationally recognised and approved to organise, assess and present awards from start to finish as an official operating authority.

Jane Grove said the day had been very special, adding:

“Warm sunshine enabled us to enjoy the wonderful gardens with beautiful

azaleas in bloom. It was such a lovely day and very relaxed and a delight to see Hannah and Alice again and hear about their university progression.”

Alice is currently studying Oceanography at the University of Southampton and Hannah is studying Primary Education at Canterbury Christchurch University.



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Actors dressed as the characters from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland were a hit among the hundreds of visitors to the Old Hall School summer fete. Charissa Garner, chairwoman of the school's parents' association, said she was delighted with the success of the fete.

She said: "We had a huge turnout - it really exceeded our expectations of what it could be. It was lovely to see so many local people come out and support our event," she told the local Media"

Among the attractions were fairground rides, zorb balls, swings, a bouncy castle and a massive slide.

Twenty five businesses organised stands, selling vintage furniture, garden goods, girls' accessories, jewellery and much more.

Children in different year levels set up their own stalls with games. There was also a Mad Hatter's tea tent which proved hugely popular.

The summer fete is one two major fundraisers, along with a Christmas market, that the parents' association holds each year to raise money for facilities at the school. Last year fundraisers provided money for a new play fort.



# News From The Village

**Coffee Drop Ins** - Parents and Toddlers are being invited to a regular coffee drop in morning in St Remigius Church from 10 a.m on the first Tuesday of every month. The next event will take place on June 7th.

**For Roof Fund** - We reported extensively on the 90th birthday celebrations of Duncan Pigg. Gifts and donations given at the concert in Hethersett Parish Church by the Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass Band raised £1,658 for the roof repair fund. This amount will be further enhanced when Gift Aid is added.

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

**Messy Church** - The next messy church event in St Remigius Church will take place from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday, 18th June. The event is aimed at youngsters with their families and other dates for 2016 are September 24th and November 26th.

**Hethersett Charities** - A number of charities exist in Hethersett designed to help the sick and the young. Hethersett and District Aid in Sickness Fund (formerly Hethersett Nursing Association) gives financial assistance to those living in Hethersett, Ketteringham and Little Melton. Grants help those who are sick, infirm or convalescing and also help with the supply of medical or nursing equipment. Grants can be used for adapting cars, wheelchair or other mobility items, support during a sudden medical crisis, nebulisers and other equipment and pre-payment certificates for prescriptions. The charity is run by a number of trustees and contact details are available in the organisation section of our village web site. The Caroline Lindley Educational Foundation gives support to young people in Hethersett and will consider assisting with the cost of any educational activity, need or necessary supplies. Applicants have to be within the 18 to 25 age range. You can read more about Caroline Lindley on page 22.

**Anglian Singers 'Music for a Summer's evening** - The Anglian Singers summer concert will be held in Hethersett Church on Saturday, 11th June from 7.30 pm. Proceeds after costs will be given to the Church roof appeal. The music will range from Vivaldi to Karl Jenkins and Andrew Lloyd Webber. There will be strawberries and cream in the interval.

# News From The Village

**Parish Council Group Members** - Hethersett Parish Councillors were elected to a number of groups at the annual meeting. These include the following: Finance and General Purposes group - Jacky Sutton, John Nightingale, Shane Hull, Chris Morriss, Adrienne Quinlan,. Archive Liaison Group - Shane Hull, Steven Slack, Peter Steward. Newsletter Editors - Jacky Sutton and Adrienne Quinlan. Communications Officer - Peter Steward. Environmental Advisory Group (formerly Hethersett Environmental Action Team) - Anne Edwards, Chris Morriss, Marilyn Savory. Parish Partnership Working Group - Jacky Sutton, Adrienne Quinlan, Marilyn Savory, Steven Slack. Pensioner Liaison - Marilyn Savory.

**Disabled Access Concerns** - Hethersett Parish Council has voiced its concern about a lack of disabled parking in the village. Problems have been experienced by the disabled in parking in Great Melton Close and other areas and there have also been concerns about the lack of disabled parking at village schools. It was decided to consult the county and district councils to establish their policies and initiatives regarding parking provisions for the disabled.

**Change In Access** - Some pupils from Hethersett Junior School are having to change their journeys to school after a shortcut across Hethersett Academy land has been closed to them. The decision has been taken by the Academy with Principal Gareth Stevens underlining the reasons for the decision: "After a recent visit from our Safeguarding Officer, it has been highly recommended that access through and onto our playing field is limited to pupils from Hethersett Academy. This means there will be no access available via the back gate to Hethersett Junior for pupils or parents. The access gate will be permanently closed from Tuesday 10th May. We acknowledge that the closure of this gate will prove inconvenient to some, for which we apologise, but hope you will appreciate that the safeguarding of our students must be a priority."

**Bin Collection Changes** - As mentioned in our last edition of Hethersett Herald, refuse collections in the village are changing with effect from the week beginning June 6th. All residents have received details from South Norfolk Council with collections in the village generally being on Tuesdays as the council collections move to a four day Tuesday to Friday week. The changes only affect black and green bins and not the brown garden bins.

# Hethersett Goes Batty



A survey of the bat population of Hethersett has recorded nine different species,

The annual survey was undertaken under the auspices of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT):

"Any nature reserve would be happy to record as many species. We are certainly high on the bat map of Norfolk," said HEAT chair Dr Anne Edwards.

Species of bats found inhabiting Hethersett ranged from the Common Pipistrelle to the country's biggest bat the Noctule, the rarest the Barbastelle (pictured here) and the rare Serotine Bat. Other species detected included the Soprano Pipistrelle, the Nathusius

Pipistrelle, Leisler's Bat and Daubentons.

The Barbastelle is a medium sized bat weighing 6-13 gms with a wingspan of 26-29 cms.

Its distinctive features are the dark brown/black fur with yellow or cream tips giving it a frosted appearance, and its short, flat face (pug like) with large, almost square ears joined together at the forehead.

Dr Edwards told the annual parish-meeting that over 350 toads had been helped across roads to spawning grounds in 2016. In addition to the 357 toads, 28 frogs and over 50 newts had also been helped.

# Hethersett Crime Update

PC Glenn Hambling reported on the latest monthly crime figures at Hethersett's annual parish meeting.

These included tools being taken from two locations, an assault at Thickthorn Services, two incidents of criminal damage of vehicles, one drugs offence at Thickthorn, a theft of pot plants from Norwich Road and a public order incident involving neighbours in New Road.

It was PC Hambling's last report to the village before his impending retirement. He underlined once again that Hethersett is a low crime area:

"I commented last year that there had only been two burglaries throughout the year. This year there has only been one. One crime that has increased over the past few months is the theft of trail-

ers, power tools and agricultural equipment," he said.

PC Hambling said he was pleased with progress made to cut back on anti-social behaviour in the Hethersett Pit area:

"We have taken positive action against motorbike riders we have caught and, although I don't believe we will ever solve the problem completely, the incidences of this kind of behaviour have dramatically reduced.

"It has given me great pleasure to work in Hethersett and I will miss the village," he added.

Council chairman Jacky Sutton thanked him for his work over the years: "We will be sorry to see you go," she said.

PC Hambling's place will be taken by PC Andy Read

## Positive Action Taken to Cut Nuisance in Parish Pit Area.

## An Evening of Poetry and Pictures

Hethersett Parish Church will be hosting an evening of poetry and pictures by Paul Binney on Friday, September 30th at 7pm. Paul will explore a variety of themes, both serious and humorous, from his widely appreciated book of poems "Learning the Language," of which the poet Edward Storey wrote: "I've thoroughly enjoyed your collection, which is full of things to admire. The brevity of language allows space for what is not said; the art of suggestion."

There will be light refreshments and donations on the evening will be in aid of St Remigius Church Funds.

# June in Hethersett Library

Hethersett Library is replacing its regular Thursday board games afternoon with card games. Considerable interest has been shown from people wanting to play cards and the library is trialing the idea on Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm. The first session attracted eight people and one enthusiast illustrated how to play Bridge. Events at the library for June are:

Wednesday 1st	10.30	Adult Colouring Group
	14.00	Dogs Trust Children's Event
Thursday 2nd	14.00	Card Games Afternoon
	14.00	Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind
Monday 6th	14.00	Book Group
Wednesday 8th	10.30	Adult Colouring Group
Thursday 9th	14.00	Card Games Afternoon
Friday 10th	11.15	Bounce and Rhyme Time for Babies/Toddlers
Saturday 11th	11.00	Family History Internet (fully booked)
Monday 13th	14.00	Parish Council Pop In
	14.00	Craft Group
Wednesday 15th	10.30	Adult Colouring Group
Thursday 16th	14.00	Card Games Afternoon
Monday 20th	14.00	Craft Group
Wednesday 22nd	10.30	Adult Colouring Group
Thursday 23rd	14.00	Card Games Afternoon
Monday 27th	14.00	Craft Group
Wednesday 29th	10.30	Adult Colouring Group
Thursday 30th	14.00	Card Games Afternoon

The library is once again acting as a collection point this year for equipment supplied by the Norfolk Bat Survey. Details of how to take part, reserve your square and book the equipment is available on their website at [www.batsurvey.org](http://www.batsurvey.org)

The library has a range of Blu-Ray discs for hire for £3 per week

A two for one DVD offer is available on Thursdays from 2 to 7 pm and Saturdays 12.30 to 2 pm. DVDs/Blu-Rays/Box Sets/Music CDs are all free to reserve. Everything can be browsed on the online sound and vision catalogue at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries).

Hethersett Library also has an Information Hub – leaflets and information on ‘what’s on’, health, education and a whole lot more. If you are involved in a local club, society or group call into the library and book a free monthly slot on the “Village Story” noticeboard to promote awareness, recruit new members or advertise a specific event.

General computer support is also available and appointments can be made with Bob the Computer Buddy who is available on Mondays from 10 am. to 12 noon.

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

You can also “Like” the library on Facebook and find out everything that is happening at - [www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary).

Hethersett Library’s contact numbers are: Web site [www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk)  
Email: [libraries@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@norfolk.gov.uk) Telephone: 01603 810188

## Coming Events in June

**June 1st-** Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG) - Leanne Miller, occupational and hand therapist at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Hethersett Village Hall 2-4 pm

**June 3rd** - The bells of St Remigius Church, Hethersett, will be ringing out as part of a United Kingdom music day. The Hethersett bells will be one of over 80 sets ringing out from church towers in cities, towns and villages and the public is being invited to see bell-ringing in action. An open practice will be held between 7 and 8 pm

**June 6th-** Hethersett Parish Council Planning Committee in Hethersett Village Hall at 7 pm followed by full council meeting (note change of date from original June 13th).

**June 7th-** Coffee Drop In at St Remigius Church for parents and toddlers, 10 am.

**June 11th** - Anglian Singers 'Music for a Summer's evening - Hethersett Parish Church 7.30 pm. Proceeds after costs will be given to the church roof appeal. The music will range from Vivaldi to Karl Jenkins and Andrew Lloyd Webber. There will be strawberries and cream in the interval.

**June 12th**- Hethersett village garage and car boot sale 9 am until 1 pm. The event is once again being organised by The Friends of Hethersett Academy. Maps of the garages taking part will be on sale at Hethersett Village Hall and the car boot sale will take place in Hethersett Academy car park.

**June 13th**- Hethersett Society meeting - "Have Gavel, Will Travel" with Martin Fox. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**June 13th**- Parish Pop In, Hethersett Library, 2-4 pm. Members of Hethersett Parish Council will be present to discuss village matters with residents.

**June 13th**- Hethersett Parish Council Planning Committee in Hethersett Village Hall at 7 p.m,

**June 15th**- Hethersett and District Horticultural Society - The Broads and its Wildlife, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**June 18th**- St Remigius Messy Church event for young people of all ages and their families 4-6 pm

**June 21st** - Hethersett Hub Café organised by Hethersett Dementia Support Group, Methodist Church Hall, 10 am until noon. Further details contact Anne on 811052.

**June 25th**- Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Summer Fete and Dog show. Anyone interested in having a stall should contact Gillian Saunders on 01953 608566

**June 26th** - Annual Hethersett two mile fun run. Starts at Hethersett Junior School at 11 am.

**June 27th**- Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club - Walk with Me with Judy Barnham

# Summer Fete and Dog Show



PICTURED above are youngsters from Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club who have made a colourful banner in support of their fete and dog show on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3.30 pm.

The event is the club's major fundraiser of the year and will include stalls, tombola, refreshments and much more.

The dog show will have a number of classes including: Prettiest Bitch, Handsomest Hound, Best Youngster under two years, Best Veteran over seven years, Waggiest Tail, Best Six Legs, Best Junior Handler, Most Appealing Eyes, The dog or bitch the judges would most like to take home and the Best in Show.

The aim is to raise £1,200 to help with the running costs of the club as Trustee Gillian Saunders explained:

"This is our major fund-raiser of the year and we cannot keep the club going without the money from this event. So please come and support us. £1200 is a lot of money for us to raise but if we have the help of everyone in the village, then it is possible."

# Hethersett Connections World-Wide

Continuing our series of Hethersett connections from around the world - **No 2 - Sri Lanka Tea Plantation**

WHEN hotel director Gaurin Wickremasinghe came across a disused plantation in Sri Lanka he decided to delve a little into its history as he converted it into an hotel.

He discovered that the plantation was founded by William Flowerdew, a former, Hethersett resident, who left Norfolk around 1879.

Flowerdew is reputed to have set up the plantation and named it after his



home village, but then returned to England by 1881.

Mr Wickramasinghe said: "I found out that the tea plantation was founded by the Flowerdew family and decided to find out more about them."

He visited Norfolk and said: "Hethersett is a charming village. I found the two pubs very interesting and visited the famous Ketts Oak and found the gravestone of one of the Flowerdew family."

Facts about the Hethersett Factory in Sri Lanka when it was a tea plantation make interesting reading:

The factory produced some of the best Ceylon Tea for 50 years

It produced half a million kilograms of tea per year.





old factory is now a hotel called The Tea Factory, which has won many international awards for conservation. His Hethersett plantation is still producing tea, and Flowerdew's old bungalow still stands in the hotel grounds.

The hotel has a Hethersett Bar, which serves a cocktail called Hethersett Fog (tea, lime juice, Angostura Bitters and lemonade).

All the machinery was powered by one engine which now stands in the entrance lobby of the hotel.

Tea from the Hethersett factory was the first to fetch the highest price in the world for silver tip tea from Ceylon ( a hand-rolled, sun dried whole leaf tea).

Hethersett tea was auctioned in London for £1.10s.6d, over 30 times the average price for a pound of tea.

The original plantation, bought by William Flowerdew, consisted of 250 acres of which he planted 150 acres with cinchona.

The factory closed in 1973 due to cost-cutting and old-fashioned machinery.

Hethersett, Sri Lanka, is 6,800 feet above sea level and six degrees from the Equator. Flowerdew's

old factory is now a hotel called The Tea Factory, which has won many international awards for conservation. His Hethersett plantation is still producing tea, and Flowerdew's old bungalow still stands in the hotel grounds.

An old railway carriage converted to a dining car stands outside at Hethersett Railway Station and a small working museum outside is called The Hethersett Mini Tea Factory.

A sign points to the nearby Hethersett Hills. The serving area in the restaurant is built with Hethersett tea packing cases. Even the complimentary bottles



in the rooms are Hethersett Mountain Spring Water.

One of the things that captures the attention most is a framed map of Norfolk's Hethersett on a hotel wall. It is a modern parish map.

A few years ago journalist Rob Kirk visited the hotel and was fascinated that the map clearly shows Malthouse Road, where his parents lived.

But more poignantly for Rob, it showed the Church of St Remegius, where his mother's funeral service took place, and where her ashes are interred.

"It quite took my breath away to see such a detailed map," said Mr Kirk. "All of a sudden, it formed a real personal

link with the place in a very moving way."

Guests at the hotel can still pluck their own tea and take it home as a souvenir.

There is more on the hotel and the history of the tea plantation and tea production in what was formerly Ceylon on the Heritance Tea Factory web site which can be accessed at [www.heritancehotels.com/teafactory/](http://www.heritancehotels.com/teafactory/)



# Down Memory Lane (or should that be Cow Lane)?

From the Archives - August 2013

RESIDENTS in a Hethersett road woke up to a bevy of bovine visitors.

A party of young bullocks were heard and seen wandering along Malthouse Road just after 7 am. Residents got up to find two police vehicles in the road and the cows in a garden.

Hethersett Archivist and leading environmentalist Gary Wyatt witnessed the incident:

"Eventually a truck with men arrived, presumably the farmer concerned, and the bullocks were herded off in the direction of the village.

"Later a bit of detective work (i.e poo in the road) as I walked to the bus revealed that they had turned into Lynch Green on their way home."

Mr Wyatt said he had been particularly impressed by the police use of a traffic cone

"It certainly kept them under control! I don't know whether hostage negotiators were used in what is being called Hethersett's Cowgate," he joked.



# Memorial Playing Field News

**Hethersett's annual parish meeting receives reports each year from a number of local organisations and charities. Over the next few editions we will be looking at some of these organisations beginning with Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.**

***By Peter Hault (Chair of HMPF Trustees)***

HETHERSETT Memorial Playing Field was set-up by public subscription during the 1950s and today is a focal point in the village for a number of sports clubs and groups, as well as providing an extensive playground for young people.

Trustees carry out a programme of weekly maintenance checks on the play equipment together with a regular risk assessment



Over the past year a sturdy kick wall and basketball hoop unit has been put in place. The remains of the sunken ditch that runs the length of the field have been filled and levelled with the costs met by Hethersett Athletic Football Club. This improvement has allowed the football club to widen the far pitch for use by adult teams.

A new water heater has been installed in the pavilion and verti-draining of the field has taken place to help with the drainage. The field has hosted major cycle speedway championships and the seasonal Hethersett Running Group as well as an annual 'Come and Try' sports event in association with Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association and Active Norfolk.

Work planned for the future includes further matting to be installed in front of the kick wall. Grants are being put in place for a major upgrade to the pavilion facilities in order to allow all football teams to be able to change, and also to allow more extensive use of the pavilion facilities by other clubs on match days and other sport/leisure groups. Work will need to be started this summer to ensure planning permission does not expire.

More funding is being sought from various bodies to go towards further benches or seats. The trustees will also be discussing funding for future projects, perhaps outdoor gym equipment or further planting. Contracts have been renegotiated for all tenanted sports clubs, namely Hethersett Athletic Football Club, Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway, Hethersett Playing Field Bowls Club and Hethersett Croquet Club

The trustees have also been working to ensure incidences of anti-social behaviour are kept to a minimum. A new park entrance gate has been installed to make the site more secure during darkness. This was funded by Hethersett Parish Council.

The trustees have worked with neighbouring residents who have seen a significant decrease in anti-social behaviour. A barrier fence has been installed between the car park and grass bank to prevent unauthorised vehicles driving on the park.

Litter picking is undertaken on a regular basis to keep the field looking good but the extent of this requirement is often unbelievable as the numerous bins are not used.

Future work includes stamping down on the ongoing dog fouling within the area. A set of byelaws have been sourced relating to the park, and will be posted at the entrance.

The Hethersett Environmental Action Team has nurtured the wildflower area at the end of the field. A low-growing native hedgerow has been planted near the far croquet pitch to enable delineation of the area and a bit of shelter from the wind. A grant arranged by HEAT chairman Dr Anne Edwards covered the cost.

The current trustees have been looking after the park since May 2011. They are: Chairman - Peter Hoult (elected); Secretary – Anne Edwards (co-opted); Treasurer – Mel Perkins (elected); Trustees – Rob Reeve (co-opted) and Stephen Slack (co-opted)

## Hethersett Hub Café Meeting

THE next Hethersett Hub Café organised by Hethersett Dementia Support Group will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, 21st June, from 10 am until midday. It was reported at the May committee meeting, chaired by Councillor David Bills, that numbers attending the monthly café are gradually rising and news of planned activities, including a games morning and Queen's Birthday celebration, was well received.

A sub committee on community awareness is working towards more training for residents to become dementia friends. The group is also looking at ways to improve publicity and communications around the village to further facilitate a dementia-friendly village. The group is still looking for a new treasurer and people interested in serving on the committee.

# They Left Their Mark

Celebrating people connected with the village who left their mark on history

## Samuel Hardman Smith

SAMUEL Hardman Smith was born at the Grange in Hethersett on July 22nd, 1868, the son of James and Sarah (nee Sunter) Smith. The family emigrated to the United States in 1880 where his father farmed at LeMars, Iowa.



estate.

In 1901 he moved to Edmonton where he formed the Western Reality Company Ltd and had interests in coal mining and other industrial enterprises. He became vice-president of Western Clays Ltd and vice president of Sandeman and Cope Company Ltd. He served

Samuel attended high school in Iowa and farmed with his father until 1897 when he moved with his brother to Carberry, Manitoba, in Canada where he again engaged in farming and later real

as an Alderman of Edmonton Council from 1906 to 1907 and was a member of the Edmonton Club and a leading light in the Anglican Church and the Liberal Party. He married Florence White in 1907.

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## Caroline Lindley

CAROLINE Lindley is a fascinating figure in the history of the village. A great educationalist and benefactor, her kindness and philanthropic outlook on life was a shining example of altruism.

Much of the credit for the building of the British School in the village must go to the efforts of Caroline Lindley who tirelessly raised money to provide edu-

cation for both children and adults in the Great Melton district.

The original benefactor of the British School was Edward Lombe of Great Melton Hall who financially supported the project but died in 1852 which is the point at which Caroline Lindley enters the story. She visited her brother Joseph who was the agent for Edward

Lombe. Caroline had a great interest in the provision of education for children and, although by this point in her 50s and living in London, she raised sufficient capital for the school to be established in Henstead Road.

Caroline Lindley was a friend of London businessman William Ellis who, despite having no connections with Hethersett, was to play a major part in education in the village.

Ellis was manager of the Indemnity Marine Assurance Company and had a reputation for integrity whilst being both successful and affluent. He had little use for personal extravagance and devoted a large portion of his income to education throughout the country.

His wishes were for children to study Social Economy alongside the 3 Rs. This included the study of moral principles and behaviour 'leading to honest workmanship and reliable business dealings.' Ellis believed these principles would lead to a happy and prosperous society full of industry, skill, economy, sobriety, honesty, punctuality, courage and fidelity.

Ellis established schools in numerous parts of London including the Birkbeck School, London Mechanics (1848), the Finsbury Birkbeck School (1849), Paddington Birkbeck School (1850), Bethnal Green Birkbeck School (1851), Westminster Birkbeck School (1851) and Beckham Birkbeck School

(1852). The Birkbeck schools were named in memory of George Birkbeck a mechanics lecturer, scholar and philanthropist.

Outside London he established schools in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leith, Manchester, Salford, Blandford, King's Sambourne in Hampshire, Dunton Bassett in Leicestershire and of course Hethersett.

When Caroline Lindley approached Ellis she found his heart as open as always and in her diary of 23rd July, 1853, notes:

'Received Mr Ellis' answer to my letter, overjoyed with it and school bought.'

Ellis purchased the British School with money belonging to himself and vested the property in four trustees – himself, his son Edward, Joseph Lindley and Julian Hill. The first management committee consisted of Caroline Lindley of London and William Buckingham, William Morton, Benjamin Baker and James Spurgeon of Hethersett.

Ellis was obviously much taken with Caroline Lindley whom he described as: 'Possessing feelings ever ready to melt at the sight of misery and an intelligence prepared to examine the various means suggested for its relief, and to seize and apply the real ones.'

In commending Caroline's efforts, Ellis said: 'To us be the delight of aiding her in her labour of love.'

Obviously altruism ran in the Lindley family as Caroline's sister Kate founded a school at Warmfield in Yorkshire.

Today in the 21st century, Caroline Lindley's name lives on in an Educational Foundation which exists to offer support to students from Hethersett

going on to study at university, college or other Higher Education establishments. The trustees meet twice a year to make their awards.

The above information on Caroline Lindley is taken from a chapter on education in the Book of Hethersett.

## Geoff's New Role is a Success

*From the pages of the Norwich Evening News*

He has trained winning racehorses and made props for a hit fantasy film.

And now a Hethersett man is celebrating his latest venture – a first novel that is already proving a hit with readers and bookselling websites.

Geoff Martin has seen “Conquest –The First Horseman” selling out on the Amazon and Lovereading websites.

The book, published by Pegasus, is a thriller which sees terrorism in the form of a weapon of mass destruction coming to England and its hero is a tramp.

Mr Martin, 66, spent nine months writing the novel and he already has plans for four sequels based around the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse – all featuring the hero, Peter Cahill. Part of his novel is set in a fictional church in Wymondham.

As well as planning for the sequels, the former racehorse trainer and armour maker has secured a deal with Pegasus to publish another set of novels set in Scotland.

The first novel in that series, St Robert and The Devil, is out later this year and is about the aftermath of the Battle of Bannockburn.

Looking back on his first novel the father-of-two said: “It is a good yarn and has a good set of characters. It is a very relevant thriller for the modern world. I am very pleased with how it has turned out. When I can't sleep I tell myself stories to get to sleep and the writing all started when I was given a computer two years ago for Christmas. I could not even type and was never very technical.”

Mr Martin is also in the process of creating a third strand of novels based around triplets who share a paranormal bond.

Mr Martin and his wife, Lou, used to train racehorses, with Willie Carson riding a winner for them. Mr Martin also made armour and worked on the film Dragon-slayer. Mrs Martin said she was very proud of her husband.

# National Praise for Hethersett Academy

*From the pages of the Norwich Evening News*

ONE of the most powerful figures in the government's academies programme has praised the success of Hethersett Academy.

Sir David Carter, who became national schools commissioner in February, visited Hethersett Academy as part of a visit to the Inspiration Trust which also saw him go to the Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form in Norwich.

He said the record of Hethersett Academy, which recently saw its Ofsted grade rise from "inadequate" to "outstanding", demonstrated what schools can do when they have three key things in place: leadership that is good, leadership that has an impact on teaching, and a strong trust behind it to give it the capacity for further improvement.

He added: "I think it's an absolute success story for this part of the country and the region." He later met Inspiration heads, and said one reason for visiting was to see how others could learn from it.

Asked if he would like to see Inspiration Trust expand outside its Norfolk and Waveney territory and sponsor schools in other regions, as a recent government White Paper suggested some good local trusts could do, Sir David said: "My first answer would be that would be a matter for them entirely.

"I think there should be a degree of caution about trusts going too fast and growing beyond their immediate locality. I think there are probably other ways in which the quality I have seen the team has developed being used to help and influence and help other trusts without having to take over schools in other parts of the region."

## Running Group Success

It's not too late to join in with the six week running course being held on Thursday evenings on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. The first session took place on May 19th when 26 people turned up under the guidance of qualified coach and Norfolk Olympian Paul Evans.

The sessions are sponsored and supported by Active Norfolk and Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association and are open to runners of all abilities from raw beginners to experienced runners. The sessions are free and continue on June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th and June 23rd leading up to the annual run the square two mile funrun on Sunday June 26th. More details of this and an entry form are available on pages 30 and 31.

# Games Come To An End

**Active Norfolk has announced that this year's Norfolk Village Games will be the last. Hethersett has taken part in all six county finals. Here we look back at Hethersett's successes which saw them take the county title in 2014 along with four South Norfolk titles**



*By Peter Steward*

ACTIVE Norfolk's Village Games began in 2011 with a two tier competition featuring heats throughout the county followed by a county final.

It continued in this format until 2015 when the area heats finished and there was just a county final - a process that will continue this year in

July. Both the heats and finals have always been divided into three categories - small villages, medium villages and large villages and market towns. With a population of 6,000 we have always had to compete against much larger market towns which makes our achievements even more notable.

Hethersett won the South Norfolk heats every year from 2011 to 2014 - four in a row. In the county finals we came second to Downham Market in 2011 and 2012 and second to Diss in 2013 before winning the county finals for the first time in 2014. We then dropped to fourth place in the 2015 finals but will be going all out to finish county champions in 2016.



Over the years, the games have produced considerable friendly rivalry between teams from throughout Norfolk, taking part in numerous sports which have included archery, five-a-side football, rounders, darts, table tennis, badminton, athletics, tag rugby, short mat bowls, tennis and many others.



The photographs on this page and the previous are of Hethersett teams from 2013 (previous page at the top), 2014 (previous page at the bottom) and 2012 (this page).

We will certainly miss bringing sports people

together to represent the village when the games come to an end, but we will always have the pleasure of knowing that we have competed against some of the best sports people in Norfolk and come out on top against towns much larger than our village,



It's been an exciting sporting challenge and is all part of a sporting legacy that embraced the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic Games

Did you know that Hethersett as a village has won numerous awards over the past years? They include the following: Prime Minister's Big Society National Award 2013, Norfolk Village of the Year 2001; Eastern Daily Press Pride in Norfolk Community of the Year

2006 and 2012 Runner-up

2008; Olympic Inspiration Award 2010; EDP Event of the Year runner-up 2010; South Norfolk Village Games winners 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014; Norfolk Village Games winners 2014; runners-up 2011, 2012 and 2013. EDP/Active Norfolk/Radio Norfolk Sports Village of the Year 2011 and 2013; runners-up 2014. EDP/Active Norfolk Sports Champion of Champions 2011.

**Village in Norfolk first to win Big Society award**

Hethersett has been singled out as the first village to receive a Prime Minister's Big Society Award. **LUCY WRIGHT** found out what makes the village so special.

With an extraordinary amount of sporting and social activities, Hethersett has been named as the first village to receive a Prime Minister's Big Society Award. The award is given to communities that have made a significant contribution to society through their voluntary and social enterprise activities.

Hethersett's award is a testament to the village's commitment to sport and community. The village has a long history of sporting excellence, with many of its residents achieving success at national and international level. This success has been supported by the village's many sports clubs and facilities, which have provided a platform for young people to develop their talents and pursue their dreams.

The award is a recognition of the village's achievements in a wide range of areas, including sport, education, and community development. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the village's residents, who have worked together to create a vibrant and thriving community.

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**Lucy Wright** is a freelance journalist and author. She has written for a number of national newspapers and magazines. She is also a regular contributor to the Hethersett website.

**John Smith** is the village's Sports Officer. He has been involved in the village's sporting activities for many years. He is a member of the village's Sports Committee and is responsible for organising and promoting the village's sporting events.

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# Media Watch

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



TEAM MEETING: Hawks members and supporters gathered for the club night. PICTURE: PETER STEWART

## Hawks celebrate special 50 years

### CYCLE SPEEDWAY

On Tuesday, April 19, 1966 Hethersett Hawks entertained bowlers from the first ever competitive match on the new cycle speedway track on the Memorial Playing Field.

On the same date 50 years later, current members aged six to 80 rolled up for their regular Tuesday Club Night in glorious but chilly sunshine to find the night going with a flourish.

In addition to the normal mix of graded races, time trials, a novice side only race, handball, round the pool table 30-ball simulation, too, six committee members and supporters, were treated to some

first time. They are one of four British clubs making the trip. The club will be having a day of special events on Saturday, May 21 at the track and hope to welcome along as many as 400 to come and to share their memories and maybe show their old skills on the track before the social evening at Hethersett Social Club.

Then on Sunday, June 26 club members will parade through the village streets at the head of the annual Run the Square Fun Run which will be followed in the afternoon with the staging of the Norfolk Championships at the track.

Later this year a book will be published celebrating the history of the club.

Hutton and Don Butler to support Dan Chambers who just only one race all afternoon.

A 7.5 win in the final race meant that the Hawks only had the second half by one point.

Hethersett 7 Ipswich Eagles 8 (D Chambers 22, L Cossey 14, D Butler 12, D Boston 12, K Carter 1, L Holroyd 4, Adams 2).

The Division Two match which were again so strong as Hethersett gave more team experience to Adam Rowe, Sam Crowley and Daniel Longford.

Credit is also due to 60 plus plus Roger Carter and Lee Robinson who were required to do eight

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### CRICKET

## Valley's new skipper leads by example

Hethersett and Val's Valley's season finally got underway on Saturday with a friendly against Dorset touring team Verwood.

Valley batted first and looked to be on their way to a hiding as they collapsed to 175 and 96-6.

A new first team skipper, Damian Paly had other ideas, however, with a brilliant innings of 137 in all out total of 178. He skinned numerous fours and sixes as he took the fight to the visitors and was last man out.

In response, Verwood soon fell below the asking rate but a mid-innings spat put them in with a chance of victory before good bowling from Nick Barrett and Ian Harrison pinned them back to 64-7 in their 40 overs. Andy Baker also found some early-season form with 29 from five overs.

The following day, 22 intraparty cricketers braved the cold at Great Melton to open their Mid-Norfolk Sunday League season with Valley defeating their local rivals by 59 runs.

Valley batted first and scored 149-9 - 36 overs with Ian Bryce top scorers with 61. Great Melton were then bowled out for 90 in 32.1 overs with Tom Thornhill taking 9-29 and Sam Merton 2-38.

Hethersett Saturday teams open their respective league campaigns this week with the firsts at home to Swardeston and the seconds away to Stow in the Norfolk Alliance. The thirds visit Wensum and the fourths are home to Lowestoft in the Norfolk League. On Sunday, Valley host Norwich in the Mid-Norfolk Sunday League.

### By Nicholas Carding

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A little girl whose chicken pox turned into a rare disorder that threatens loss of limbs and ultimately death is back in the arms of her family after a miraculous recovery.

Isabelle Smees, six, caught the common childhood infection before the Easter holidays, but when dark purple and black blotches began to appear on her legs her parents rushed her to her GP.

The family then took her to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, where a doctor recognised the danger and Isabelle, of Longview, Hethersett, was transferred to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), in London by ambulance under blue lights.

She was diagnosed with parvovirus, a condition which sees antibodies attacking proteins in the blood, causing it to clot and affecting circulation.

This can lead to the loss of digits and limbs within hours, and ultimately death.

It was a frightening time for Isabelle, who likes fairies and princesses, dancing and singing and the colour pink.

The doctor affects fewer than one in five million people who have chicken pox, and doctors at GOSH told Isabelle's parents it was only the fourth case they had seen in 25 years.

Her mother, Caroline Smees, said: "I works at Ariva, said the N&N doctor who recognised the likely cause of

## Garden mission is set up by a stroke survivor

### By staff reporter

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Paul Draper was just 37 when he suffered a massive stroke. The month after he had proposed to his girlfriend Emily.

The Hethersett forklift truck driver was put into bed for weeks and spent two months in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, following a bleed on the brain.

His prognosis feared he would be bed-bound for the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

But when Mr Draper regained consciousness, his girlfriend was there by his side.

"She said she still wanted to get married, so that gave me the incentive," he said. "If it wasn't for Emily, the motivation wouldn't be there."

Mr Draper made incredible progress and the pair had the knot in 2011 - less than a year after his stroke. The couple are now raising funds for a £2,000 synthetic turf garden so Mr Draper can enjoy the space independently with his family, including his wife's son, three girls, and his two children, Jessica, nine, and Niamh, seven, when they visit.

He currently has a ramp to his lawn, but cannot move round in his wheelchair.



May 5, 2016

APPEAL: Paul Draper, who suffered a stroke, wants to raise funds for a synthetic turf garden.

Picture: JAMES BIAS

"It would give me so much freedom," he said. "It feels like for two years I've been trapped indoors. It will help improve my fitness. I can now walk short distances and communicate freely, but has no function in his left arm and hand and is a wheelchair user."

"People think you get discharged and you're better, but it's ongoing," he said. "I would love to get back to work."

"I've had a very good support network. My wife and our friends and family have been fantastic. If I don't try my best to get better, I'm falling

them. I can't just sit here and give up."

Mr Draper thanked his former employer, Clays Printers in Bangor, and all the NHS staff for their support.

► To donate, see www.gofundme.com/pauldraper

More Cuttings can be viewed at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)

Our cuttings service now goes back a number of years.

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## Chicken pox girl is back home



AT HOME: Isabelle Smees, six, recovering from a rare condition brought on after chicken pox, at home at Hethersett with her family, twin brother Oliver, and mum and dad, Caroline and Jon.

Picture: DENISE BRADLEY

The doctor affects fewer than one in five million people who have chicken pox, and doctors at GOSH told Isabelle's parents it was only the fourth case they had seen in 25 years.

Her mother, Caroline Smees, said: "I don't like to think what would have been. He saved her life."

The fact she's come away from this with no skin grafts, all her digits and limbs is quite miraculous and it's because it was spotted so early.

"If we had put her to bed that night, it may have been a completely different story. It can result in

death."

Isabelle was in intensive care at GOSH for three days and on a ward there for four more after her parents spotted the marks at bath time on March 22.

She was put on a ventilator, given

injections and treated using special equipment.

Remarkably, she is now back at home with her twin brother Oliver, her mother and father, Jon Smees, 42, a teaching assistant at Queen's Hills Primary School, Costessey.

Other than occasional precautionary check-ups at GOSH, her life has returned to normal.

"Isabelle was absolutely amazing," said Mrs Smees.

"She saw the marks on her legs, but she was most reassured as she was with the right people and she was so brave."

"She lay there with lines in her hands and feet. She let them do what they had to do."

"Her biggest thing was the fact she missed her twin brother as it's the longest they've been separated and she was in a strappie place."

The Sick Children's Trust (SCT) charity provided the family with six days of accommodation at its Rainbow House centre near GOSH, so they could be with Isabelle's bedside.

Isabelle's school, Little Melton Primary, is donating 10pc of money raised at its May Fair on May 14 to the SCT.

The fair runs from 11am to 3pm, and the family will have a stall there to raise awareness of the charity.

They are also fundraising themselves - see [jagsins.com](http://jagsins.com). SmeesFamily

Mrs Smees also praised her employer, Ariva, for agreeing to sponsor the marks at bath time on March 22.

► Do you have a health story? Email [dina.news@archant.co.uk](mailto:dina.news@archant.co.uk)



# HETHERSETT "RUN THE SQUARE"

HETHERSETT'S annual two mile village funrun will take place on **June 26<sup>th</sup>**. The ever popular event has attracted hundreds of serious and fun runners since it started in 2010 as part of the village's run up to the 2012 London Olympic Games. A six week running course under the leadership of former Olympic athlete Paul Evans began on May 19th and will continue on the six Thursday evenings leading up to the funrun.

Below are details of the funrun and over the page is an entry form which is also available on our main web site at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk).

**Sunday 26th June 2016.**

**Sponsored by: Drayton Insurance Services**

Start from Hethersett Junior School, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

Registration between 9am and 10:30am,

warm up routines from 10:30am,

run starts at 11am.

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

Certificate and special Hethersett medal for all finishers.

Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Fancy dress welcome - 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 – Mel Perkins MBE. -

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.**

**Commemorative medals for all finishers**

## ENTRY FORM.

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE ON THE 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 & The Melton's Sports Association:  
should be sent to Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3JJ.

Applications also can be handed into Hethersett Library 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 & England Athletics.**

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

Supported by:  **Norfolk** County Council, South Norfolk Council,  
Active Norfolk. And Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association

# Miniature World Comes to Life

AN exciting miniature world is being opened up to young children in Hethersett

Tots Town in Station Lane is an inter-active indoor play area featuring a miniature town complete with supermarket, theatre, café, doctors' surgery, town square and hairdressers. Children will be able to act in the theatre, take coffee orders and immerse themselves in the life of a miniature community:

“Each scene is crafted to promote self-confidence, communication skills and social awareness in a familiar real-life scenario. Our team of consultants includes early years educators, special needs advisors and child play specialists have guided every setting's features to maximise the role play opportunities,” the Tots Town web site states.

Tots Town at 4 Station Court is open seven days a week with each day split into four 45 minute sessions starting at 9.30 am and finishing at 4.45 pm. Admission is £5.75 for children over the age of one with an accompanying adult free. Children under the age of one are free if accompanied by siblings and additional adults are £2.50. We hope to have more on Tots Town in future editions.

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## Sports Reports Start Here

### Double Delight for New Hethersett Team

HETHERSETT Athletic Old Boys made it a league and cup double when they beat Aslacton Reserves 2-1 in the final of the prestigious Shoe Trades Cup.

The team, who joined the Hethersett club at the beginning of this season after competing as Marlborough Old Boys, had already wrapped up the Norwich and District Saturday League title and been beaten finalists in the F.J. Potter Cup.

Goals from Leigh Smith and Mori Elliott saw them take the Shoe Trades Trophy.

# Hawks Make Euro Semis



HETHERSETT Hawks Cycle Speedway Club took on some of the top riders in Europe over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend and reached the semi-finals of the European Club Championships.

Facing top riders in Poland, five Hawks' riders (pictured above) gave a good account of themselves with eight matches in three days. It was the first time that Hawks have ridden as a club outside the United Kingdom and they started very much as underdogs against a mixture of continental sides and top UK teams including Wednesfield, Ipswich and Birmingham.

Hawks notched a first and second place in their four qualifying rounds which was good enough to see them into the quarter-finals where they were placed third. The action continued as they came second in a quarter-final repechage with Dan Chambers winning a tense race off to see Hawks through to the semi-finals and then a consolation final, in both of which they came fourth.

It meant that Hawks finished in eighth place overall. Club secretary and founder Mel Perkins, who accompanied the team of Leigh Cossey, Dan Chambers, Har-

ley Hamill, Dan Butler and Josh Herring said: "I am so proud of this amazing squad. By the end the riders were dead on their feet and walking wounded heroes. It was certainly an amazing weekend."

Results involving Hethersett Hawks were as follows:

Qualifying Round - Ostrow 59, Wednesfield 43, Hethersett 32 (Chambers 10, Cossey 7, Butler 6, Hamill 6, Herring 3), Zelona Gora 25.

Qualifying Round - Kately 59, Mikilov 42, Hethersett 37 (Chambers 13, Cossey 9, Butler 8, Hamill 7), Katowice 16.

Qualifying Round - Hethersett 43 (Cossey 13, Chambers 13, Hamill 9, Butler 6, Herring 2), Zoldova 42, Mikolov 41, Zelona Gora 33.

Qualifying Round - Milikov 43, Hethersett 42 (Chambers 13, Cossey 10, Butler 10, Hamill 6, Herring 3), Zoldova 40, Zelona Gora 34.

Quarter-Finals - Czestochowa 51, Swietocholwice 50, Hethersett 29 (Chambers 10, Cossey 8, Hammill 6, Butler 5), Birmingham Select 26.

Quarter Final Repechage - Wednesfield 54, Hethersett 38 (Chambers 12, Hamill 9, Cossey 9, Butler 8), Kalety 38, Mikolov 23. Dan Chambers won race off to put Hethersett in semi-finals.

Semi Final: Czestochowa 52, Torun 40, Ipswich 38, Hethersett 31 (Chambers 10, Butler 8, Cossey 8, Hamill 5).

Consolation Final: Wednesfield 48, Swietochlowice 46, Ipswich 41, Hethersett 21 (Butler 6, Chambers 6, Cossey 5, Hamill 4)

Hawks held a number of events to celebrate their Golden Jubilee on May 21st and welcomed back ex-riders for some action, many of whom showed they still had ability. Returning riders included Dave Martin and Ben Collins. A junior event saw age group victories for Dan Knights (Under-19), Harrison Bacon (Under-16), Giles Awbery (Under-13), Leo Mallett (Under-10) and Lewis Fierro (Under-8) in his first competitive match.

Proceedings ended with the Breckland Autos Charity Cup which went to the wire with Ash Hill of Ipswich just completing his maximum on the line in heat 18 against runner-up team mate Richie Fellgett. Hethersett's Dan Chambers completed the podium places with 18 points.

Results for the day:

GOLDEN JUBILEE JUNIOR U19 - 1 Dan Knights (Ipswich) 19, 2 Richie Fellgett (Ipswich) 18, 3 Olivia Nicholas



(Hethersett) 11, 4 Katie Adams (Hethersett) 7

Under-16: 1 Harrison Bacon (Ipswich) 17, 2 Owen Wells (Hethersett) 14

Under-13: 1 Giles Awbery (Hethersett) 18

Under-10: 1 Leo Mallett (Hethersett) 24

Under-8: 1 Lewis Fierro (Hethersett) 12

GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION FOURS -

TEAM D 57 - Ben Collins 15, Dave Martin 15, Leigh Cossey 14, Dan Butler 13.

TEAM B 46 - Richie Fellgett 16, Olly Buxton 12, Simon Whiting 11, Steve Perkins 7.

TEAM C 42 - Owen Wells 11, Tim Grimes 11, Dave Chambers 10, Glyn Morgan 10.

TEAM A 38 - Dan Knights 15, Lee Hulcoop 9, Mel Perkins 7, Olivia Nicholas 7.

TEAM E 37 - Richie Williamson 11, Tiffany Collins 9, Carly Cameron 9, Graham Ringer 8.

BRECKLAND AUTOS CHARTITY CUP - Ash Hill (Ipswich) 20, Richie Fellgett (Ipswich) 19, Dan Chambers (Hethersett) 18, Olly Buxton (Hethersett) 17, Leigh Cossey (Hethersett) 14, Richie Williamson (Great Blakenham) 14, Dan Knights (Ipswich) 13, Harrison Bacon (Ipswich) 13, Dan Butler (Hethersett) 12, Owen Wells (Hethersett) 11, Lee Hulcoop (Hethersett) 10, Leon Mower (Ipswich) 10, Carly Cameron (Hethersett) 8, Katie Adams (Hethersett) 7, Olivia Nicholas (Hethersett) 6, Michael Jones (Norwich) 4.



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# High Flying Valley

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club's first eleven opened their Norfolk Alliance Division Two campaign with a hat-trick of wins before going down in their fourth match.

The three wins and a defeat see them in fourth place in the league at the time of writing but only five points behind the league leaders. They will be looking to go at least one better than the last two seasons that saw them miss out on promotion by just one place, finishing third in Division Two.

They opened their campaign with comfortable victories over Swardeston A (by 109 runs), Bradenham (by eight wickets) and Brooke (by 90 runs) but then came up against a very strong Saham Toney side and lost by seven wickets.

The second team have almost mirrored the start of the firsts with three defeats being ended by a two wicket victory over Rocklands. They are currently bottom of Division Four after gaining promotion last season. With a number of injured and unavailable players returning over the next few weeks, it is likely that the side will start to push up the league.

The club also runs two teams in the Norfolk Cricket League and a side in the Mid Norfolk Sunday League. It also takes part in a number of local and national cup competitions and received a walkover in the first round of the Hunts Cup when opponents Ashmanhaugh pulled out. Hethersett are the holders of the cup from last year when it was known as the Bernard Matthews Trophy.

So far this season there have been a number of outstanding personal performances with skipper Damian Fahy already scoring over 500 runs and looking destined to set a new club record for most runs by an individual batsman in a season.

He started the season on a high with 138 in a friendly against Hampshire touring team Verwood and has also hit numerous half centuries. Ian Bryce became the second player to hit a century when he scored 106 for the first team against Swardeston and Mark Worley leads the bowling statistics with 6-25 against Blundeston for the fourth team.





**Action above from the match between Hethersett and Tas Valley and Saham Toney. In the top picture Valley's Phil Walmsley hits a boundary and below Sam Morton defends.**

# County Golf Title for Ellie

ASPIRING young Hethersett golfer Ellie Brown has become Norfolk Ladies' Champion.

Sixteen-year-old Ellie won the tournament on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Thetford Golf Club, defeating seven time champion Tracey Williamson in an exciting final.

Ellie plays much of her golf at Barnham Broom and studies at Easton and Otley College and beat Tracey 4 and 3 in a final of top class golf.

"Winning this means so much to me. I am very proud to be the champion. I am so happy and I would like to thank my coach Tony Varney and my granddad Mike Asker who was my caddie for the part they have played in helping me win," she told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.



The competition was run on a match play basis and in previous rounds Ellie beat Ann Fletcher (4 and 3), Jo Herd (4 and 3) and Jess Dixon (2 up)

## National Cup Defeat

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley were knocked out of the Davidstow National Village Cricket Cup at the Norfolk/Cambridgeshire semi-final stage by Foxton of Cambridgeshire'

Foxton batted first and notched an imposing total of 274-2 and then restricted Valley to 180 all out with Phil Walmsley top scoring with 38 and Tristan Hunt weighing in with 30.

It was the third consecutive season that Hethersett has been knocked out of the competition by Foxton.

# In Memory of Lee

OLD rivalries and friendships were renewed as Mulbarton and Hethersett footballers from the past came together to remember Lee Thompson.



Former Hethersett youth team footballer Lee, who lived in Mulbarton, was tragically killed in a road accident in 1999. Lee played for a number of Hethersett youth teams and also for the Hethersett Athletic



Club which has annually awarded the Lee Thompson Memorial Trophy for the person or persons making an outstanding contribution to the club.

The match was organised by Danny Gaskin, Chris Sutcliffe and Chris Steward and played in Mulbarton and resulted in a 3-1 victory for Mulbarton, although Hethersett opened the scoring through Jordan Mace. Chris Sutcliffe equalised before half-time and second half strikes from Darren Carter and Mark Sutcliffe gave Mulbarton the bragging rights.

It is hoped that the match, which saw friends and footballing colleagues of Lee's return from all over the country, will become an annual event as part of the Mulbarton beer festival and family weekend.

Lee played 49 times for Hethersett Athletic and there have been many link-ups between players from Mulbarton and Hethersett over the years. The new joint managers at Mulbarton FC - Ben Thompson and Danny Self - both played for Hethersett Athletic.

The two teams for the memorial match are pictured on this page with Hethersett in orange. Action from the game is included on page 40.



Action from the Lee Thompson Memorial match between Mulbarton and Hetherset. Hetherset are in the orange shirts and Mulbarton in the dark blue.

The match was in memory of Lee who was killed in a road accident. The match ended in a 3-1 win for Mulbarton but memories and friendship was the real winner on the day.