



# Parking Problems

**AS the village grows, the number of cars and vehicles is bound to increase and a number of problem parking areas have been identified.**

Hethersett Parish Council is currently drawing up a list of problem areas and we have been contacted by residents with a number of concerns.

Traffic problem hotspots include the following:

**Firs Road** - A number of complaints have been received about anti-social parking in the mornings and again in the afternoons when children are going

to and leaving Woodside School. Residents report having vehicles parked across their drives, blocking access and exit to and from their properties. Vehicles have also been seen parking across the entrance to Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex and refuse lorries have found accessing the area at certain times extremely difficult.

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## Run The Square Entry Form

**An entry form for this year's two mile village funrun, which will take place on Sunday, July 16th is on page 5.**

## Couple Celebrate Sapphire Wedding

HETHERSETT Hall was the venue for a very special party in May as Brenda and Noel Dennis celebrated their Sapphire wedding. The couple marked 65 years of marriage surrounded by friends, family and staff.

You can read more about their celebrations on Page 30.



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# Problem Areas Identified

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**Henstead Road** - Cars are regularly parking all day along the end/beginning of Henstead Road where service vehicles and buses have been having problems negotiating the area. There are currently no parking restrictions in this area. One improvement being suggested is to extend the double yellow lines to improve entrance to Henstead Road.

**Hethersett Library** - This is another problem area with regards to parking. The library is still regularly used by non-library visitors, particularly at school times. Following complaints from library

users, the library put up special signs which staff admit have been ignored.

**Recreation Road** - Parking regularly on the bend near Hethersett Memorial Playing Field has seriously damaged grass verges as well as proving a traffic hazard.

**Steeple Tower** - cars have been seen parking across fire hydrants.

These are just a few of the problems that have been discussed by the parish council which will be passing on its concerns to Norfolk County Council. Below we highlight the problems in Firs Road.

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## Firs Road Problems

HETHERSETT Parish Council has contacted Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green to ask for a meeting on traffic problems and inconsiderate parking in the village.

In our story above we mentioned Firs Road which has particular problems at school opening and closure times.

One resident sent us the picture opposite of cars clearly parked across the entrance to his property. He told us that this is a regular occurrence.

In addition the entrance/exit to Woodcote



Sheltered Housing complex has on a number of occasions been blocked.

Woodcote Manager Stephen Baxter told us that refuse lorries have on occasion refused to collect household rubbish due to an inability to get down the end of Firs Road. Other vehicles have used Woodcote to turn round, posing a potential problem for elderly residents. Cars parking on pavements have brought problems for mobility scooter users from the sheltered housing complex.

The householder in Firs Road told us that he has suffered verbal abuse from car owners who have thought it acceptable to park across his drive in order to pick children up from the school.

If you know of any other parking problems in the village please let us know and we will highlight them in coming editions.

# Run The Square

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 Five. 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 with the entry fee.

The run will start at 11am from outside Hethersett Junior School and will then move 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,

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

# 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 & 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 & 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, Norwich NR9 3JJ.Applications also can be handed into the Hethersett Library, Hethersett Social Club & Rowan House with the entry fee. There will be no acknowledgment 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 organiser's reserves the right to delay, postpone, cancel or not officially time the run in the event of adverse weather conditions or other events outside the organiser's 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.)

# County Council Elections

Norfolk County Council Humbleyard Ward

David Bills (Conservative) 2,216

Jacky Sutton (Liberal Democrats) 883

Bethan Gulliver (Labour) 610



## David Tops County Poll

DAVID Bills is the village's new representative on Norfolk County Council.

David was elected to represent the Humbleyard ward, which includes Hethersett and Cringleford, at the local elections on May 4th.

David, who was representing the Conservative party, polled 60% of the votes cast (2,216), which was over 1,300 votes more than runner-up Jacky Sutton who received 883 (24%) votes for the Liberal Democrats.

The labour candidate Bethan Gulliver tailed off into third place with 610 votes (16%). David Bills replaces Judith Virgo on the county council. As reported in

last month's Herald, Judith has retired.

The turnout in Humbleyard was low at 39%, which was still 5% above the county average.

The Humbleyard result was fairly representative of what happened in the county as a whole with the Conservative party making big gains at the expense of the other groups and the UK Independence Party being completely wiped out and ending without a single seat.

We will have a full interview with our new county council representative in the next edition of Hethersett Herald..

### NORFOLK ELECTIONS BY NUMBERS

County Electorate: 677,744

Total No of Votes Cast: 233,869

Overall Percentage Turnout: 34.51%

### SEATS WON:

Conservative 55

Labour 17

Liberal Democrats 11

Independent 1

# An Honest and Clean Fight

## Election Tonic

## Herald Comment

WHILST on a national level politicians continue to bicker, it was good to see an honest and clean contest for the Humbleyard seat on Norfolk County Council. The top two candidates both live in Hethersett and either would have represented the village well.

There was no surprise of course that the seat went to the Conservatives, but both winner David Bills and runner-up Jacky Sutton (Liberal Democrats) were excellent candidates.

David and Jacky have worked together in Hethersett in a number of areas and on a number of projects and their respect for each other shone through in an otherwise sad political landscape where candidates seem to think the way forward is to slag each other off rather than talk about their own aims and policies.

There is no doubt that David Bills will give Hethersett and Humbleyard an important voice in county hall and that is vitally important in an ever changing landscape of additional development. We will have a full interview with David in next month's edition.

## Parking Woes

Once again this month we have returned to the re-occurring theme of anti-social parking in the village.

Most motorists in the village act responsibly but a minority are quite happy to act irresponsibly.

They happily park across private driveways and on pavements, thinking that they have some particular right to make the lives of local residents hell.

Sadly this ignorant and selfish form of parking seems to be on the increase with reports of vehicles parking across fire hydrants on Steeple Tower. I am not naïve enough to believe that any publicity will have an effect but we can only try. Our real concern is that one day an emergency vehicle such as a fire engine or ambulance will be blocked by inconsiderate parking.



# Time to Vote Again

JUST a month after the Norfolk County Council Elections, voters in South Norfolk return to the polls on June 8th to vote in the General Election.

General Election Focus

Candidates have been announced for the South Norfolk seat. Current Member of Parliament, Richard Bacon, will once again be standing as the Conservative candidate. He has been MP for South Norfolk since 2001 and has won three elections for his party - each time with an increased majority.

Danielle Glavin, 39, will represent Labour. She currently works for a cancer charity and is a former BBC journalist who is passionate about rural and social issues. and says she is standing to get a better deal for all people in South Norfolk.

She said: "I am proud to be Labour's candidate in South Norfolk for June's general election.

Our county is an amazing place to live but it deserves better. Our rail and roads hold us back. Our NHS, our schools and the services our communities rely on desperately need more help and support.

"People shouldn't have to live in pain while they wait and wait for operations, our GPs are under too much strain and our head teachers are having to focus on how they can afford to keep schools open five days a week, rather than focusing on how to make learning fun for the students.

"People here need an MP who will put them first and who will speak up for them about the big local issues. I hope, come June 8th, they decide I am that person."

Chris Brown will fight the seat for the Liberal Democrats and Catherine Rowett will represent the Green Party. The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

will not be contesting the seat,

Chris Brown is campaigning for the Liberal Democrats under the banner "Fighting for Real Change for South Norfolk."

"A disastrous hard Brexit will hit people in the pocket across the country, with the poorest families hit hardest. We need to protect jobs by keeping Britain in the single market and have a real alternative to the Conservatives.

"Only the Liberal Democrats are challenging the Conservatives over their hard Brexit plans. Only a Liberal Democrat vote can change Britain's future.

"Living in beautiful South Norfolk and having campaigned across the area I am familiar with the local issues and concerns. With three young children and serving as a school governor, I am determined to see that our schools get the funding they need and deserve. Every child must be encouraged to achieve their best.

"I want to bring my experience and understanding from business and voluntary work to help tackle our housing crisis, meet our pressing environmental challenges and to put an end to rough sleeping.

"I want the next generation to have the opportunities I had and be able to live, travel, work and study without hindrance across the EU. I will challenge hard Brexit at every opportunity," he said.

The fourth candidate is Catherine Rowett who will be standing for the Green Party. She lives in Eaton and works at the University of East Anglia.

"I believe that South Norfolk urgently needs a Green future, and so does the UK more generally, for the sake of the planet, for the sake of the world, and for the sake of our country.

My priorities are

"Yes" to keeping our ties with Europe;

"Yes" to the rights of EU citizens resident in the UK.

"No" to tax evasion

"Yes" to collaboration on global tax dodging.

"Yes" to clean energy;

"No" to fracking.

"Yes" to full public funding of the NHS; "no" to privatisation.

"Yes" to funding for public transport, cycling and railways, but "no" to HS2 and "no" to more destructive dirty roads.

In South Norfolk many local problems stem from policies decided at Westminster," she said.

# Concern Over State of Village Entrance

**HETHERSETT Parish Council has expressed concern at the dilapidated state of one of the entrances to the village.**

Councillor Shane Hull brought up what he referred to as “A sight for sore eyes” with many of the areas at the beginning of the Steeple Tower development becoming worn and broken.

Councillors decided to contact South Norfolk Council which has responsibility for the area. Complaints include:

- Broken flowerpots.
- The poor state of the bus shelter.
- Dangerous and dilapidated brickwork.
- Broken and chipped paving.

“With the village ever growing, Steeple Tower is a major entry point to our village and it’s a sight for sore eyes with benches falling apart, dangerous brickwork and broken paving. The bus shelter is in disrepair and other seats are rusted and corroded. It doesn’t give a good impression of our village either to local people or visitors,” Shane Hull said.

Members agreed to contact South Norfolk Council to ask it to fulfil its obligations to the area and underline the potential risks of allowing the area to deteri-



orate. We took our camera over to the area and the photograph opposite looks pleasant enough, but investigate a little below the surface and you can begin to see the problems that exist and which are highlighted in our photographic gallery which appears on the next page.



**Top left** - Weeds proliferate in the bus shelter at the entrance to Steeple Tower. **Top right** - broken paving. **Middle left** - large splinters and broken wood and corroded metal on one of the benches.

**Middle right** and **bottom left** - Damaged



and broken parts of walls and brickworks. The photograph on the right shows damage to a T Junction sign near Haconsfield. If you have photographs of any problem areas in the village please send them to us so that we can feature them and report them to the relevant authorities.

# Annual Parish Meeting

**THERE was a much healthier turnout for Hethersett's annual parish meeting which took place in the Village Hall on May 3rd. The meeting received reports from the Parish Council, the Memorial Playing Field Trustees and the Village Hall Trustees as well as providing a forum for residents to discuss matters of concern and interest. On the following pages we report on the meeting and feature the parish council's report in full**

OVER 30 people attended the annual parish meeting which was chaired by Cllr Adrienne Quinlan.

Residents brought up a number of matters of interest and concern, from traffic problems to the destruction of verges:

Richard Headicar asked about progress on help to cross the B1172 and was informed that plans to help with traffic calming and a new trod (path) to help residents to cross to church farm shops will be in place within the next few months.

Mr Headicar also pointed out concerns about the state of the seat in a bus shelter in Churchfields. This will be a topic for discussion at a coming parish council meeting.

Fred Watkins urged the parish council to continue to fight for the extension of a cycle path towards Wymondham:

"With new rugby facilities and Wymondham Leisure Centre it is important to have a cycle path that would also allow mobility-scooter users to safely go to Waitrose," he said.

Mike Johns pointed out that in many countries it is an offence for cyclists not to use

Current parish councillors are:

Chair - Jacky Sutton

Vice-Chair - Adrienne Quinlan

Clerk - Ian Weetman

Councillors

Anne Edwards

Viv Hawes

Shane Hull

Chris Morriss

Eileen Mulvaney

John Nightingale

Marilyn Savory

Stephen Slack

Peter Steward

Tony West

There is one vacancy to be filled.

# Annual Parish Meeting

cycle paths, whereas in the UK many cyclists continue to use the road despite the presence of cycle paths.

Adrienne Quinlan stated that the parish council would continue to push for the extension of the path.

Jill Samwell-Smith brought up the subject of cars parking over access to water access points. The meeting heard that the Fire Brigade has power to remove vehicles obscuring these points.

The thorny subject of irresponsible parking was also raised with particular mention of cars parking in Henstead Road making it difficult for buses to pass. It is thought that a number of people park in Henstead Road to get the bus into Norwich.

Trustee of the Village Hall Fred Watkins said that the trustees were not averse to bus users parking in the bottom end of the village hall and using the bus into Norwich.

## S106 Money On Its Way

The parish council is putting together a form for applications for money from village development.

The first award of money under the S106 process from the Heathfields development is expected to be released in the near future and is likely to amount to in excess of £100,000 for recreational use.

Forms will be issued to groups and organisations wanting to apply for all or part of the money. A decision on where it is awarded will be made by a specially constituted panel of the parish council:

“The pot of money may not be enough for a major project but it could be used in conjunction with grants from other sources,” said parish council chairman Jacky Sutton

## Full Report From The Parish Council

Below is the Parish Council's report in full:

WE had two resignations during the year and special thanks go to life-long resident and long standing council member Jim Bartram who retired in the Autumn. A hard act to follow! Trevor Radley was also unable to continue in office at the present time and we welcomed Tony West to take his place. We hope to fill our current vacancy by co-option at the Annual Council Meeting on May 25th (this vacancy is still to be filled - editor).

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INCOME	EXPENDITURES
£93,505	£79,368
Surplus 2016/2017	£14,137

The year has been dominated by the unprecedented scale of the housing growth within the village. The council set up a Development Working Group to look at issues as they arise which include supporting the provision of street lighting on the main thoroughfares in the first phases of Hethersett North development. The council will take over responsibility for the lighting in the future.

Developers are required to enter into agreements with the planning authority to provide funds for infrastructure improvements. Some of those funds will become available to the parish council in the near future to be used to provide much-needed recreational projects for new and existing residents. This will enable village organisations to apply for grant funding for suitable recreational improvement projects. Our street naming group has also been successful in putting forward trade names taken from an old census and names from our war memorial to be adopted as street names. A lasting tribute to those long gone artisans and our World War One casualties, many of whom still have families in the village. As a consequence of housing growth and increased traffic along the A11 corridor much needed improvements to the Thickthorn Roundabout and an extension to the park and ride site may finally materialise. Both sites are in Hethersett and the parish council will continue to attend briefings and raise issues.

The council continues to provide financial support for the Memorial Playing Field Trust and the Jubilee Youth Club. Working in partnership with the Village Hall Management Committee, the area around the hall continues to reflect our ethos of maintaining our open spaces to a high standard. Our Great Melton Road open space is a real enhancement to the village centre.

Unfortunately our verges continue to be damaged by parked cars and, together with parking on the pavements, is a cause of concern. We have written to the Police and Crime Commissioner to highlight the issue and we will continue to press for more support from the police to tackle this anti-social behaviour. In response to residents' concerns re speeding in the village we are setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme.

Currently we only have one Neighbourhood Watch area in the village but can signpost interested residents who wish to set up such schemes to the local co-ordinator.

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We entered into a Parish Partnership scheme with our County Highways Department last year to provide two new bus shelters and a safer crossing point on the B1172 for pedestrian customers using Church Farm businesses. The projects stalled due to issues outside our control but we are now hopeful that County Highways will re-engage to expedite our proposals.

The council is committed to the continuing provision of dog waste bins across the village although the increasing collection charges levied by South Norfolk Council are a cause of concern. We will also continue to supply the library with bags.

Our full council and planning meetings are open meetings and we encourage public attendance and participation at the beginning and close of the meeting.

Our parish clerk Ian Weetman is available by telephone on 01603 810915 by email on [hethersettpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersettpc@tiscali.co.uk). The parish office in the village hall is open on Mondays and Thursdays 10-12.

Our Parish Pop in at Hethersett Library, second Monday of the month 2-4 pm, has not been a success with very few public contacts. We will review the service and notify residents through our quarterly newsletter.

I would like to thank our clerk, Ian Weetman, for his continuing excellent service and Peter Steward our communications councillor, for his time and expertise in publishing our newsletter.

## Village Hall Trustees' Annual Report

THE report by the Village Hall Trustees included the following information:

Hethersett Village Hall is a registered charity. The charitable objectives as stated in the governing document are to

Maintain a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Hethersett without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including the use for

- Meetings
- Lectures

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- Classes
- Other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.

Aishah Shadi was the caretaker at the start of the year but resigned in March 2017

when a new caretaker, Julia Stevenson,

took over. The employment of Claire Everson as booking officer has continued throughout the year.

Hall bookings for both regular and one-off hirers, are continuing in the pattern of previous years with the hall in use most days, evenings and at weekends. Basic weekday hall hire charges remain unchanged since 2009, with weekend charges increased by £1 an hour from April 2016. From experience, weekend use often results in increased cleaning and waste disposal. An additional charge of £1 per session is made for hiring from November through to the end of March to help meet energy costs. Overall income during the year is expected to be sufficient to meet running costs.

Since May 2016 the following work has been carried out:

Replacement of washbasin taps in foyer toilets.

Re-instatement of flooring beneath new main hall heaters.

Replacement of faulty fluorescent lights above the stage.

Replacement of faulty security and emergency lights.

Other work carried out includes routine maintenance and repairs, annual servicing of gas appliances, fire alarm systems and fire extinguishers.

The committee has been one member short throughout the year. There continues an urgent need for others in the village to come forward and help with running the hall.

The Village Hall has its own web site at [www.norfolkrc.org.uk/wiki/index.php?title=Hethersett\\_Village\\_Hall](http://www.norfolkrc.org.uk/wiki/index.php?title=Hethersett_Village_Hall).

During 2016/2017 the hall has been hired for a variety of activities including:

Current Village Hall Trustees:

Chair - Chris Morriss

Secretary - Geoff Brownsey

Vice-Chair - Mike Shanks

Treasurer - Mike Burton

Trustees:

Fred Watkins

Peter French

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- Parish Council and other community meetings.
- Sporting and keep fit activities including exercise, short mat bowls and Zumba.
- Blood donor sessions and flu vaccinations.
- Cultural activities including art and craft classes and exhibitions, drama productions and the annual village pantomime.
- Mother and Toddler groups.
- Meetings and events of clubs and societies including flower arranging, dolls houses, alpine gardens, the Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group, Norfolk Pensioners and Norfolk Plant Heritage.
- Private Hire Functions including wedding receptions and anniversaries, christening parties and birthday parties.
- Charity fund-raising events.
- Storage for the Hethersett Archive.

## Memorial Playing Field Trustees

Outgoing chairman Peter Houlton reported on efforts to obtain funding for refurbishments and improvements to the pavilion on Hethersett Memorial Field.

The trust is in a good position financially and the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour has fallen following a campaign with Norfolk Police:

“The police will continue to monitor anti-social behaviour on the field,” Adrienne Quinlan said.

Peter Houlton and Dr Anne Edwards are both retiring from the trustees. Ian Fieldhouse has joined the group.

### Current Trustees

Ian Fieldhouse

Mel Perkins

Rob Reeve

Stephen Slack

# Hethersett Heritage Archive annual report 2017

*By Village Archivist and Herald Associate Editor Gary Wyatt*

The Hethersett Archive is a collection of several thousand documents, maps, photos and records of local families, businesses, schools and churches, and is owned by the parish council. It is kept in secure storage. The archive is managed by a small council working group and myself as volunteer archivist.

This year I have given two talks to local societies, and provided a large amount of material for the A-level geography course at Old Hall School. I have had many enquiries about items in the archive from members of the public and an especially interesting visit from a member of the Buckingham family, who have a long history in Hethersett but now live in Australia.



Several welcome additions of material have been donated by residents this year, including the youth club records, digital material from Great Melton and a set of photographic postcards by Tom Nokes, who recorded village life in Edwardian times. In February, with a member of the parish council archive working group, I attended a one day conference at County Hall on 'Exploring your Community'. This included talks on Norfolk in World War One, Norfolk history on film and various workshops on cataloguing and document handling.

One omission from last year's report must be mentioned, which is the restoration and re-positioning of the historic road sign (1920s), now looking splendid on the 'village green'. I am very grateful to the parish council for responding to my request to save the sign from rust (and possible metal thieves) in its original position outside the village.

It continues to be my long-term aim to digitise archive material and upload to the archive website to make it more easily available to the public, but progress is slow currently.

I am grateful to the parish council for offering a small annual grant to cover stationery costs etc., but I have not had to draw on it this year.

As the appointed archivist, I see my role mainly as keeper of the archive and provider of information to the public, but I am not a trained historian. However, I am very happy to answer public queries and provide material for residents to consult. I also welcome any further donations of material.

Please contact me by email at [hetherssettheritage@gmail.com](mailto:hetherssettheritage@gmail.com) or via the village library. The archive website is at [www.hetherssettheritage.org](http://www.hetherssettheritage.org)

# HETHERSETT MATTERS

Looking at some of the issues affecting our village.

## High Energy Drinks

DO high energy drinks actually work? Judging by the number of discarded bottles and cans that can be found littering the paths and tracks around Hethersett, the answer to this question is probably no.



They usually provide sufficient energy to allow the cans and bottles to be crushed on site but clearly not enough to enable the drinker to either carry them to the nearest bin or even take them home for disposal!

Maybe the users have been watching too many marathons or football matches where the participants simply take a drink and then hurl the container to the ground. Please help to keep Hethersett tidier - **Roger Morgan**.



Hethersett Herald exists to bring you news, views and articles about and from Hethersett. Like all villages ours shows the good the bad and the ugly side of life. If you have any areas you would like us to investigate or anything you would like to

see featured just drop us a line to our e-mail address. We would be very interested in incidents of illegal fly tipping in the village.





**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.**

**This month we look back at some of the open gardens events of the past and also take a look at when the village's "go green" campaign saw the distribution of special environmentally friendly shopping bags to every household.**

## Green Day in Hethersett

IT was a green day in Hethersett back in 2008 when a steady stream of visitors to the village hall in May received advice on how to reduce their carbon footprints and help safeguard the environment.

### Herald Flashback

The Hethersett Green Village Information Day was organised by HEAT and supported by numerous groups including Vital Earth Ltd, Waitrose, Wymondham Nature Group, the Norfolk Independent Waste Trust, the Campaign for Protection of Rural England, the John Innes Institute and Hethersett Junior School. Refreshments throughout the day were provided by Hethersett Women's Institute.

Go Green reusable bags have already been delivered by the HEAT group to every home in the village and more of these were given out on the day.

Hethersett's work on environmental issues helped the village to reach the finals of the Eastern Daily Press Pride in Norfolk Community of the Year for populations of over 5,000. Hethersett won the award in 2006.

The judges visited the village on June 19<sup>th</sup> to meet representatives of village organisations. Hethersett just failed to take the title, but were named runners-up. They did win the title again in 2012.

Homeowners in Hethersett were asked to do their bit to save the environment by

using special environmentally friendly bags which were distributed throughout the village. One of the “Go Green” bags is shown opposite being held up by HEAT member and former chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Fred Watkins. We are wondering if any residents are still using the bags almost nine years later.



## A Past Event

The winds died down and sunshine broke through as 13 Hethersett residents opened their gardens to the public.

Balloons and scarecrows indicated the location of the open gardens which were scattered throughout the village and which varied in size, design and contents from a half acre informal plot in Grove Road to a small wildlife garden in Churchfields.



Well over 100 people, many on foot, took advantage to wander round enjoying the flowers and plants and at last enjoying some Sunday sunshine.

One gardener, Chris Hovey of Park Drive was claiming a Hethersett record for a Gunnera which measures 15ft high and 18 ft wide with individual leaves having a span of well over six feet.

“We think it’s the biggest Gunnera in Hethersett, unless somebody knows different,” Chris said, adding that the pond at the back of his property used to house fish until an otter decided to visit and eat them.

Elsewhere there were Victorian walled gardens, gardens laid mainly to lawn and vegetable gardens, all with their own character and lovingly put together by their owners.

The scarecrows for the event were made by Dr Anne Edwards, who is a member of Hethersett Parish Council. Money raised from the annual event will be split between Hethersett and District Aid in Sickness Fund, Hethersett Ducklings pre-school playgroup and Little Acorns.

## Open Gardens 2015

### Looking back at the event two years ago

The open gardens event in July saw 21 gardens open to the public and raised £1,750 despite almost constant rain through most of the day.

The money will be shared between the Wymondham Nature Group and a commemorative World War One seat for Hethersett at a location still to be decided. Chair of Hethersett Environmental Action Team Dr Anne Edwards hosted the evening and provided a celebration cake and chair of Hethersett Parish Council, Jacky Sutton, presented a bouquet to long serving councillor Heather Williamson who has retired.

Ms Sutton praised Heather's contribution to the village and in particular her championing of "older people" and work to improve the local environment:

"Heather served the parish council for 12 years, was a founder member of HEAT, a champion of older people and persuaded many people to open their gardens to the public. Heather is out in the village working in all weathers irrespective of whether it's the heat of summer or the cold of winter," Ms Sutton said.



# News From Jubilee Youth Club

*By Gillian Saunders*

We are fast approaching the youth club fete and dog show on 17th June from midday to 3:30 pm at the youth club hall and outside. Entry is free. The front of the programme will have been designed by Ellie and Holly and sponsored, like the boards, by T.W Gaze of Wymondham.

We have a number of stalls booked from toys, cup cakes, Bodyshop and various crafts. Come and enjoy the barbecue or the filled rolls for lunch and stay and try tea and cakes and an ice cream.

Bring the dog and enter the fun dog show and even play musical sit. The best in show not only has the title for the year but will receive a lovely rosette (which is being donated like all the rosettes by The Premier Rosette Company of Wymondham) and a small cup to keep

Classes include, prettiest bitch, handsomest dog, dog and owner lookalike and others.

We also have games such as splat the rat, hook a duck, treasure hunt, beat the goalie, and there will be face painting and a bouncy castle.

The club is having a number of stalls which we need items for. We urgently need bottles for the bottle stall - squash, water, etc are all needed. We also need anything for the tombola and book stalls. We also need cakes for the refreshments.

Most of all we need your support on the day! Come and have lunch and stay for tea.

We currently have a vacancy for a part-time youth worker. Details are over the page.

**OUR special feature on the successes of our village and how volunteers make us one of the best and strongest communities in Norfolk will now appear in the July edition of the Hethersett Herald along with an exclusive interview with our new county councillor David Bills.**

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## **Part time Youth Worker and assistant required for Hethersett Youth Club from July or September 2017**

We currently have a growing and lively group of young people attending the weekly year 5/6 group but, due to our current Lead Youth Worker leaving for health reasons, we need a new enthusiastic leader to work with our young people and volunteers. We also need an assistant to work with that group due mainly to their age.

We would like to see the club grow particularly in the Year 7-9 group but also a little more growth in the 5/6 group which requires the leader going into local schools and promoting the club and helping the young people to take an active part in their club development and its promotion.

The sessions run on Wednesday evenings in school term time:

- Junior Group (Years 5/6: ages 9-11) 5:45pm – 7.30pm
- Senior Group (Years 7- 9: ages 11-14) 7:30pm – 9.15pm

You will also have paid planning and preparation time, along with support from the trustees and volunteers .

Have you:

- Got experience of working with young people (Preferably as a youth worker for the leaders role)?
- Excellent communication skills?
- The ability to plan a programme of activities to meet the needs of young people in a growing community?
- The ability to promote the club in schools?

Then we need you!

You must be prepared to undertake appropriate training if level 2 is not already held.

This post is subject to successful completion of Enhanced DBS and references.

Please send for further details and an application form (CV not acceptable on its own) to Gillian Saunders.

[gilliansaunders3@btinternet.com](mailto:gilliansaunders3@btinternet.com).

Closing date 3rd June , 12 noon.

# Herald Helpline

***Working with Norfolk Trading Standards to help you avoid becoming a victim of scams***

## **Telephone cold calls claiming to be from HMRC**

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

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

HMRC state that if you receive a suspicious call or voicemail from 'HMRC' about 'a lawsuit being brought against you' it is a SCAM. HMRC advise not to comply with any instructions given in the call and hang up.

## **International FIFA World Cup Online Lottery Letters**

Norfolk Trading Standards is getting reports from Norfolk residents about letters they have received claiming to be from the 'International FIFA World Cup Online Lottery'.

The letter states that the recipient has won a prize in a recent draw totalling several hundred thousand of pounds and details on how this prize can be claimed via contact details are supplied.

These letters are a scam and no prize is available. Anyone who makes contact via the details supplied will be persuaded to part with personal details and money as part of an 'upfront processing fee'.

If you receive this type of letter dispose of it correctly without responding in any way.

Here are some simple steps you can take to avoid lottery scams:

- If you haven't entered a lottery then you can't have won it. Never respond to unexpected communications.
- Official lotteries in other countries operate in much the same way as the UK's National Lotto. No official lotteries that we know of contact people to tell them of their win.
- We don't know of any official lottery operators who ask for fees to collect

winnings. Any request for a fee payment is a good indication that someone is trying to scam you

- NEVER disclose your bank details or pay fees in advance to claim a lottery win.
- If they've provided an email address to respond to, be very suspicious of addresses such as @hotmail.com or @yahoo.com or numbers beginning with 07 because these are free to get hold of
- Genuine lotteries thrive on publicity. If they ask you to keep your win a secret it's likely to be a scam
- Many examples of lottery scam letters have bad spelling and grammar – see this as a warning that fraudsters are at work.

## **Operation Rogue Trader**

Norfolk Constabulary, in conjunction with Norfolk County Council's Trading Standards, the Environment Agency and HM Revenue and Customs has been taking action to target rogue traders as part of a national enforcement and awareness initiative.

Operation Rogue Trader is an annual week of activity co-ordinated by Operation Liberal, the national distraction burglary intelligence unit, the Trading Standards Institute (TSI) and the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC).

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of organisations across the UK taking part in a campaign that targets rogue traders and highlights the risk of using cold callers.

Rogue traders are individuals or groups of people who cold-call householders, often targeting vulnerable residents, claiming to be a bona fide business and purporting to offer services, most commonly buildings maintenance and repair.

The offenders charge excessive fees for the work, yet the work that is carried out is either sub-standard or not carried out at all.

Across the UK, police forces, trading standards officials and partner agencies have undertaken a wide range of work to identify and arrest rogue traders, to disrupt the activity of rogue trading and to make communities aware of this type of crime.

That includes everything from carrying out works vehicle checks and inspecting local employers, to recovering property and delivering crime prevention messages.

On 10th May, Norfolk Constabulary, working jointly with Norfolk Trading Standards and other agencies, carried out a day of action, pro-actively targeting crimi-

nals using the county's main road networks (A11, A47 and A140).

- One man was arrested for drug driving.
- A stolen Ifor Williams trailer was recovered.
- Two were reported for driving otherwise than in accordance with their licence.
- Three were reported for no insurance.
- 13 Traffic Offence Reports were issued.
- Five vehicle defect rectification scheme (VDRS) forms were issued.
- Two were reported for waste carrying/scrap metal dealer act offences.
- 25 vehicles were dipped for red diesel.

Trading Standards ensured that all traders were made aware of their obligations under consumer protection law by providing comprehensive advice.

Sergeant Dan Edwards, who was overseeing the operation, said: "Norfolk Constabulary works closely with partners such as Trading Standards throughout the year to tackle these sorts of crimes. The impact of rogue traders' actions in particular can far outweigh any financial loss to the victim, with dramatic effects on quality of life and confidence.

"Anything that can help reduce the number of people who fall victim is welcomed by the force."

Andy Luckett the Office Manager from Operation Liberal said: "Operation Rogue Trader aims to catch offenders and disrupt their activity as well as highlighting the dangers of rogue trading and doorstep crime.

As you can imagine those involved in this form of illegal activity do not tend to be law abiding citizens in other aspects of their life. By involving a range of different agencies, we can seriously hamper their offending patterns and aim to disrupt their criminal activity and the aim is to get them off the streets. Rogue traders prey on the most vulnerable in society, conning them out of vast sums of money, which in many cases is their life savings, for unnecessary and overpriced work. When someone falls foul of a rogue trading scam, research shows it has a seriously detrimental effect on the victim's health and their confidence."

Tim Day, the Chartered Trading Standards Institute lead officer for doorstep crime said: "Trading Standards Services throughout the UK continue to combat the crimes associated with cold calling home maintenance traders and professional doorstep fraudsters. We aim to take robust enforcement action to provide a meaningful sanction and deterrent and will, where possible, remove the criminal proceeds and return them to the victims.

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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**On The Shortlist**

HETHERSETT Heralds group has been shortlisted for the South Herts award.

The team of Hethersett Development Group, were nominated and shortlisted in the community group of the award category for the South Herts Community Award. The award will be presented at a special evening at Queen's Hall in February 2017.

The team of Hethersett group consists of Carol (organiser), Susan (editor), and a group of volunteers who have been working on the award for several months. The group is very proud to be shortlisted and will be working hard to win the award.

**More Accolades for Hethersett Academy**

HETHERSETT Academy has gained a further accolade for its work in the community. The school has been awarded the 'Community Champion' award for its work in the village.

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**Major Honour for Mike**

HETHERSETT Heralds group have been honoured to have a major honour for Mike. Mike has been awarded the 'Community Champion' award for his work in the village.

**More Development?**

HETHERSETT could be destined for more development as the local council has announced plans to build a new housing development in the village.

Over 7000 new houses could be built in and being made available to the community. The council has been asked to consider the impact of this development on the village.

Mike has been awarded the 'Community Champion' award for his work in the village.

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# News From The Village

## Film Season Wrapped Up



THERE was a very good attendance as Hethersett Village Screen wrapped up its first season with Roald Dahl's

"The BFG" in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday, May 7th.

Over 40 people of all ages enjoyed the film with refreshments provided at the start.

The BFG completed a successful first season of films for the independent group which is a non profit organisation bringing films to the community, with monthly screenings in Hethersett Village Hall from September through to May. It is held in association with Creative Arts East, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council. More information is available at [facebook.com/hethersettvs](https://facebook.com/hethersettvs) or [twitter.com/hethersettvs](https://twitter.com/hethersettvs).

We will bring you details of the new programme as soon as we have them.

## Charities Benefit

A NUMBER of charities will benefit from Hethersett Pantomime Group's sell out production of Sleeping Beauty which took place in Hethersett Village Hall in January. This year's donations will also remember two pantomime stalwarts who died in 2016.

The annual bucket collection taken at the end of each of the nine performances raised a record £2711.71 and this has been made up to £2750 from pantomime funds and will be presented to the Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service (NARS) in memory of Tony Press who was the pantomime group's musical director for over 20 years. Local GP Tony was closely connected with NARS.

The group also agreed to donate £2000 to the Norfolk Hospice at Tapping House in memory of former panto group member Marie Stevenson and £2000 to the Dr Press First Aid - a charity set up in memory of Tony Press to encourage the teaching of first aid skills to local children.

"We would like to thank all who so generously supported us to enable us to make the donations and we look forward to seeing old and new friends next year," said group chairman Neville Greenhalgh.

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## Brenda and Noel's Special Day



ON Sunday, 7th May, Brenda and Noel Dennis celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at Hethersett Hall with family and staff.

Brenda grew up in Cyprus. Her father was the Chief of Police. She loved the Island and had a house on the beach. Brenda loved to ride horses and go swimming.

Brenda and Noel met in 1948, when Noel was in the RAF and flew spitfires. Noel loved to ride motor cycles and the couple enjoyed skiing, swimming and dancing.

They got married in 1952 in Camberley, Surrey. The couple have two children, a

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son Colin and a daughter Kerry.

Brenda is a resident at Hethersett Hall and Noel visits once or twice a week.

Brenda came to Hethersett Hall in December, 2016. Her room is full of her own artwork. She loves animals and has been a keen potter for 60 years.

Above is a picture taken on Noel and Brenda's wedding day.

## 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.**

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## In Memory of Mary

Since her death almost two years ago, many words have been written in appreciation of the life of the Rev Mary Kerslake.

Mary's legacy of love and care continues in many forms including an attendance award at Woodside School

Mary was an important part of the school for many years, teaching in Reception when the family moved to Hethersett in the early 1970s and continuing to support the school as a governor, as well as talking to the children during class and assembly times.

Following her death, Mary's husband Harold donated an award for class attendance which in the latest term went to Chestnut Class with an impressive average attendance of 96.2%

## School Invite

Hethersett Old Hall School is inviting all past pupils and friends to its Round the World themed summer ball on July 6th. There will be an international flavour to the event and a themed three course meal, along with dancing in a decorated marquee.

## More on Thickthorn

The perennial problem of Thickthorn Roundabout has reared its head again with local people taking to social media to once again complain about the road markings, particularly those coming off the A47 from the Great Yarmouth direction. We have highlighted problems in the past and vehicles are still using the middle lane to go to the Hethersett turn despite this clearly being labelled for the A11 towards Thetford. Hethersett Parish Council has had meetings with the Highways' Agency to ask for the markings to be changed back to allow the middle lane to be clearly marked to allow motorists to use this for Hethersett and Thickthorn Services. To date their comments have been ignored. A new video on YouTube clearly highlights the existing problems with a car clearly in the wrong lane. This can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3MarSPYEBw>

In addition comments posted are summed up by the following: "The Thickthorn Roundabout should have a health warning."

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## Birthday Celebrations



HETHERSETT Dementia Support Group celebrated its second birthday with a party in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on May 15th.

Members, helpers, supporters and friends enjoyed musical entertainment by pupils from Hethersett Old Hall School and there



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was a birthday cake and buffet lunch funded by Hethersett King's Head.

Chairman of the Hethersett Dementia Support Group David Bills welcomed over 30 people:

"It's difficult to believe that it's two years since we launched the support group in Hethersett. We are delighted that the dementia café has proved so successful and shown a need for such an initiative in our community.

"The last two years have been fun and very rewarding and it's all been down to a group of amazing volunteers. Without them we wouldn't exist. We are always looking for new helpers and volunteers," David Bills said.

There was a special welcome for founder member and former treasurer Harold Kerslake who has subsequently left the group following the death of his wife, The Rev Mary Kerslake.

Zena Aldridge, Regional Admiral Nurse for Age UK, outlined the work of her service and highlighted an announcement that a pilot scheme covering Central, South, North Norfolk and Norwich is being extended. Zena was the first Admiral Nurse in Norfolk.

Admiral Nurses provide specialist one-to-one dementia support for families in partnership with Dementia UK and a number of other organisations and charities. Ms Aldridge said that she had seen significant changes in dementia awareness during her time in post.



"There has been a significant and positive change in local communities. Phenomenal things are being achieved as communities support

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each other. We need to continue to ensure that support groups are in place and people are aware of them. We need it to be a world where dementia isn't looked on as the Big D and is seen as a health problem that needs support.

"We need to continue to work hard to break the stigmatism. Because of the new funding, going forward nurses will be more accessible in the community. Nurses will tap into groups like at Hethersett and work with communities to deliver the service they want and need," Ms Aldridge said.

The new funding decision will see £700,000 a year invested in a two year service to help people in Central Norfolk with dementia. The new improved service will see two admiral nurses in each of South Norfolk, Norwich and North Norfolk.

The Hethersett Dementia Support Group's monthly café takes place in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday on the third Tuesday of each month. The June café will take place on June 20th. Everyone is welcome.

Below is the coverage of the entertainment taken from Hethersett Old Hall School's weekly newsletter.

## HOHS MUSICIANS ENTERTAIN AT DEMENTIA CAFE

On Tuesday, Mrs Greene and a group of seniors visited Hethersett Methodist Church Hall to perform a variety of musical pieces to members of the village's Dementia café and friends. The audience were highly appreciative

of the girls' solo and ensemble efforts and Mrs Greene reports that all the girls performed very well indeed. "We loved the way the audience sang along to the well-known tunes we played", she said. Well done, girls!



Our thanks to Peter and Anne Steward for these photographs



# HERALD HEALTH

*IN the May edition of Hethersett Herald we took a detailed look at living with back pain and how to improve matters. We conclude our feature, run in conjunction with Rowan House Health and Fitness Centre, with an article by Anna Ryan on the importance of Pilates*

## How can Pilates help with Back Pain?

Regular Pilates can help improve the following:

Balance & Coordination

Flexibility

Dependence on Medication

Breath & Body Awareness

Core & Back Strength

Posture & Alignment

Sleep Quality & Quantity

Anna Ryan  
Pilates Coach

Several health care professionals recommend Pilates for those suffering with back pain. Yet how does Pilates help so many people who suffer with back pain?

Pilates is a gentle and effective way to help strengthen muscles to support the back. The Pilates exercises can easily be adapted, ideal if you are suffering with back pain, as it offers you options. Clinical Pilates are small classes, maximum of 12. This ensures everyone receives the adequate time and attention, especially with back pain.

Pilates focuses on strengthening the abdominals and back muscles, yet, at the same time, it looks at the whole body. Our bodies are designed to move and when we stay in certain position for a long period of time, i.e. sitting, this can

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cause discomfort and sometimes back pain. Sitting poorly for a long time will cause some muscles to overwork and some to underwork. This creates a muscle imbalance and over time creates uncomfortable tension and pain, specifically in the lower back area.

Standing for long periods of time can cause discomfort in the back area. The areas to work on are strengthening muscles to support the back, improving posture and developing balance. In Pilates classes, the exercises will be in a number of different positions, to offer variety and a balance approach when working the body. Equipment can be used, to offer support, progression and help you to become more body aware.

How can Pilates help you, with your back pain?

**Balance** – This is something we do every day in our movement, yet is something which can be overlooked and so we become unbalanced. It is an area that once developed, helps the body to move freely and improves co-ordination.

**Flexibility** – To be able to keep a good range, especially around the joints

**Breathing** – How we breathe is key to our overall health and is an essential part of Pilates. As human beings, we can get caught up with the hustle and bustle of life and shallow breathe, only using the top part of our lungs. Yet by being aware of our breathing and when we breathe, this helps to engage the abdominal muscles and maintain this connection, whilst doing Pilates.

**Strengthen** – Abdominal and back muscles to reduce aches and pains. However, Pilates is a total body workout.

**Posture** – do you sit and stand in alignment? When we spend time in a position, out of alignment, this is where aches and pains can develop. The Pilates exercises help you to maintain your natural posture and help you to become more aware of your posture and postural habits.

**Sleep** – Quality and sleep time improves, after attending a one hour class a week.

**Medication** – may reduce or not even be required. The Pilates exercises are a way some people have regained control over their lives and been able to manage back pain.

**Body aware** – are you? Pilates encourages you to look at your movement patterns. So, do you start walking with your left foot or your right? When you fold your arms, try folding your arms the opposite way, does it feel strange? There should be no difference between which leg we move first or indeed which way we fold our arms, yet we are humans and we get into patterns and routines.

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These tiny things all have a ripple effect on the body and Pilates helps us to become more aware and teaches us how to create balanced movement, thus reducing back pain. Please contact Anna Ryan on 07516 471735 for more information..

## Woodside School Fete Appeal

Hethersett's Woodside Infant and Nursery School is appealing for businesses and families to back its main fundraising event by donating a raffle or tombola prize.

Every year the school holds a Summer Fayre which attracts parents, relatives, children and local residents.

The Summer Faye will take place on Saturday, June 17th, from 11am to 2pm.

The entrance will be via the memorial playing field and admission is 50p with accompanied children free.

There will be a bar, barbecue, disco, tombola, lots of fun stalls for the kids, coconut shy, ice cream, candy floss and much more.

Last year the event raised more than £3,000, which allowed the school to buy furniture for a new library area for the children.

Debbie Sexton, secretary of the Friends of Woodside School, said: "This fantastic amount was partly due to generous gift donations from local companies, which were used on our popular tombola stall and raffle draw.

"The school would be extremely grateful for any donations for our Summer Fayre this year."

If you are able to offer a donation then please send it to Woodside Infant and Nursery School, Firs Road, Hethersett, or contact Debbie Sexton on [Debbie\\_sextonxx@hotmail.com](mailto:Debbie_sextonxx@hotmail.com) to arrange collection.

Any donations will be acknowledged in the Summer Fayre programme on the day. Advertising space is also available in the programme. Contact Debbie for more details.

# Hethersett Pictorial



## Fun Time At Fete

The weather may have been a little chilly but there was warm laughter, fun and a lovely laid-back atmosphere at Hethersett Old Hall School's May fete organised by the school parents' association. Photographs of the event are courtesy of Old Hall School and Roger Morgan





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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 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 June. 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.***

**June 3rd** - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club Seconds at home to Mundford. Flordon from 1pm.

**June 3rd** - Safe Rescue for Dogs coffee morning and adoption drive, 11am to 3pm in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, Back Lane.

**June 4th** - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club v North Runcton. Mid Norfolk Sunday League. Flordon from 1pm.

**June 8th** - Hethersett Social Running Group, week one of six week course, Memorial Playing Field, 7pm. Free course.

**June 10th** - Wymondham Talking Newspaper in Hethersett Library from 11am to 12.30pm.

**June 10th** - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club Firsts v Swaffham, Flordon, from 1pm.

**June 11th** - Friends of Hethersett Academy garage and car boot sale, 9am to 1pm.

**June 11th** - Concert featuring Hayley Moss and Benjamin Lake, Hethersett Village Hall 5pm. See poster on page 44.

**June 13th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing, Firs Road, 5.30-6.30pm. All welcome

**June 15th** - Hethersett Social Running Group, week two of six week course, Memorial Playing Field, 7pm. Free course.

**June 16th** - Story and activity time with PC Jim Squires in Hethersett Library from 11am.

**June 17th** - Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Fete and Fun Dog Show from mid-day.

**June 17th** - Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club Seconds v Dersingham at Flordon from 1pm.

**June 17th** - Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School summer fair.

**June 19th** - Hethersett Parish Council meeting in Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30pm. Planning Committee meeting from 7pm.

**June 22nd** - Hethersett Social Running Group, week three of six week course, Memorial Playing Field, 7pm. Free course.

**June 27th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing, Firs Road, 5.30-6.30pm. All welcome

**June 29th** - Film on holidays at the seaside from the East Anglian Film Archive, free show at 2.15pm. Hethersett Library. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Hethersett Library Group.

**June 29th** - Hethersett Social Running Group, week four of six week course, Memorial Playing Field, 7pm. Free course.

### **Later In The Year**

**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 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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 their 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 wear. The organisers are also looking for stallholders with 1940s items. Anyone wanting to run a stall should contact Lyn Trenerry at Woodcote.

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# Creative Writing Liaison

Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (WATN) is teaming up with Hethersett Writers' Group and Norfolk Library Service for a Reading of Creative Writing session at Hethersett Library on Saturday, June 10th.

Members of Hethersett Writers and other local creative writing enthusiasts will present their work to visitors to the library between 11am and 12.30pm

It's the latest in a series of events to highlight the recording of the 1000<sup>th</sup> edition of the WATN's weekly audio news and information service for people with sight loss, later in the year.

It is 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.

Entry is free and there is no need to book.

For more information about the free Talking Newspaper service, contact WATN secretary, Georgette Vale on 01953 605434 or visit the website

<http://www.watn.org.uk>

HETHERSETT Writers' Group has been in existence since 2014 and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. More details about the group are available on the web site [www.hethersettwriters.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettwriters.weebly.com).

Over the coming editions we will be featuring some of the work of the group starting with the poem opposite by Tony Vale from Wymondham

## Sonnet – The Hedgehog by Tony Vale

The desire for sleep comes as the autumn fades  
Interrupted only by an anxious quest for food.  
Time aimlessly spent in woods and glades  
Now must be productive, if pursued.  
Beware the warning from a Mother's womb  
That some foliage piled conveniently high  
May translate to an everlasting tomb  
Until such time as the sparks reach the sky.  
That offered on a plate may not be good fayre  
For kindness kills, as any mechanical device  
Enemies can be those who care  
Resulting in you paying the ultimate price.  
Winter approaches, so sleep safe and sound  
Hoping upon hope that the bed is not found

# June in Hethersett Library

*with Rebecca Warner*

## 'What's On' in your Library in June

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1400 – Norwich and Norfolk Association for the Blind.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning. 1400 – Library book group.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Knit & Natter 1400 – Parish Pop In
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1530 – Crafter School Club - £1 per child/50p for siblings
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	0830 – Library open morning (see details below)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Knit & Natter
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1030 – Bounce and Rhyme for babies 0-18 months 1115 – Bounce and Rhyme for toddlers 18 months – 5 years
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	1030 - Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Knit & Natter
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1415 – Film archive show 'Beside the Seaside' – refreshments kindly provided by Hethersett Library Friends Group

Open morning Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 8.30 – 10am. Come and enjoy a coffee and Danish pasty and get to know your library. Play on our Wii machine or borrow dvds and games at a bargain price. Children's crafts. Free replacement library cards available if you have lost yours. Sign up for access to the library during closed times.

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

Hethersett Library Friends' Group is up and running and looking for more volun-

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

Full details of all our events are on our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary)

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Tel: 01603 810188

## A Message of Hope

THE Wymondham based Hope Church will be holding a special event entitled "A Taste of Hope" in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 17th June.

"In a challenging world when the life you lead may not be the life you always wanted we need A Taste of Hope.

"Hope Community Church at Wymondham is a growing community drawing people from far and wide and people from all walks of life who have been impacted by its message of Hope.

"In June Hope Community Church hits the road to enable more to experience A Taste of Hope on their doorstep, " the Church states.

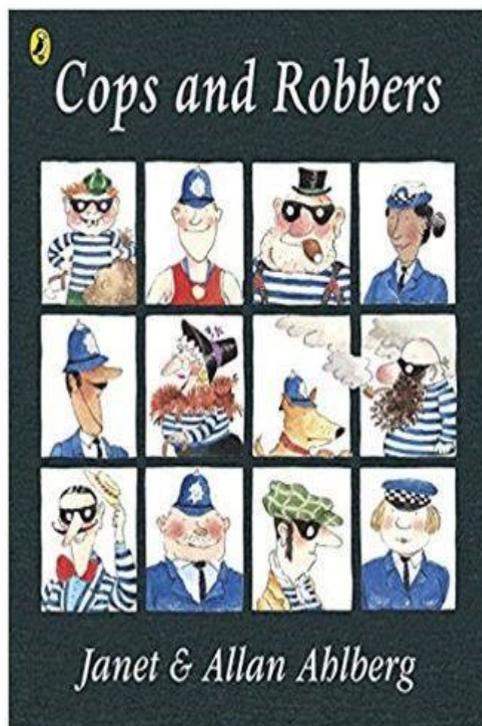
The service will contain contemporary worship, stories of changed lives, prayers for those who are sick and, above all, a message of hope.

Refreshments will be served. Further details about Hope Community Church are available on 01953 798505 or on the web site at

[www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk).

# Cops and Robbers

Story and activity time with  
PC Jim Squires. Try on the many  
hats of a police officer!



Hethersett Library,  
Queens Road,  
Hethersett

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at  
11am.

For more information please call the  
library on 01603 810188



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# News From The Parish Council

## More Village Signs?

There could soon be more village signs at the increasing number of entrances to the village. The idea of additions to the existing signs was put forward and supported at the May parish council meeting and councillors will consider where these are needed before contacting Norfolk County Council which is responsible for providing them.

## Jackie Re-elected

Jackie Sutton was re-elected chairman of Hethersett Parish Council at the May meeting. Adrienne Quinlan was re-elected vice-chairman. The parish council also has a number of working parties with representation as follows:

Planning Committee - Viv Hawes, Tony West, Chris Morriss, Eileen Mulvaney, John Nightingale and Jackie Sutton.

Finance and General Purposes Group - Shane Hull, Chris Morriss, John Nightingale, Adrienne Quinlan and Jackie Sutton.

Archive Liaison - Shane Hull, Stephen Slack and Peter Steward.

Development Group - Adrienne Quinlan, Tony West, Jackie Sutton, Peter Steward, John Nightingale, Marilyn Savory and Eileen Mulvaney.

Newsletter Editors - Jackie Sutton and Adrienne Quinlan.

Communications' Officer - Peter Steward.

Environmental Action Advisory Group - Anne Edwards, Chris Morriss, Marilyn Savory and Tony West.

Parish Partnership Working Group - Adrienne Quinlan, Marilyn Savory, Stephen Slack and Jackie Sutton

Pensioners' Liaison - Marilyn Savory.

## Coming Dates

Coming dates for full meetings of Hethersett Parish Council for the remainder of 2017 are: June 19th, 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

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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

The parish council will be looking to co-opt a new councillor in the near future to bring its strength up to a maximum of 13. The vacancy follows the retirement of Jim Bartram. The council has received two applications for the post and will be inviting them along to a future meeting.

## Speedwatch Launch

It is hoped to launch the new village speedwatch scheme in the near future. Five volunteers have come forward and it is anticipated that training will start soon. Volunteers will liaise with Norfolk Police over which parts of the village will be covered by the scheme.

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# The Hethersett Connection

On the left is the Thiepval Memorial and on the right the Arras Memorial in Northern France. To find out what the connection is between these two war memorials and the village of Hethersett, turn to page 68 for our latest look at sol-

diers from the village who died for their country..





## Coming to Hethersett Social Club

Events may be subject to change.

**June 10th** - Scotland v England football. Kick off 5pm.

**June 17th** - Revival Duo in the lounge.

**August 19th** - What's Up Band.

**August 27th** - Karaoke in the lounge.

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

**[www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk)**

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

Adults 18-59 -£10

Adults 60 years plus - £7.50

Junior membership (16-17) - £7.50

Parent(s) must be full members of club

Family membership - £15

Members may bring in up to two guests at one time. The guests must be signed in at the door. Each guest will have to pay a £1 entrance fee and guests may only be signed in twice in a month. All guests must be over 18.

A £3 guest entrance fee applies on Saturday nights with entertainment and for football screenings.

### OPENING HOURS

Monday Closed

Tuesday To Thursday 7-11 pm

Friday 5-11.30 pm

Saturday Midday to Midnight

Sunday Midday - 6 pm

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Society

Herald Associate Editor and Hethersett Society member, Gary Wyatt, reviews the society's May meeting –

Although an unusual subject for the Society, the May talk by Rupert Reddington (who has local connections), entitled 'How the internet works and what governments are doing to stop it', was illuminating, even for someone like myself who is reasonably well informed on the subject.

Rupert started with a photo of Norwich City Council's first computer being delivered to the Treasurer's department on the back of a large lorry in 1957. This huge machine had considerably less computing power than the simplest of modern mobile phones but it was thought at the time that "only about 16 computers would ever be needed in the world" (!).

Next, he described the origins of the internet, which lay in a network of computers linked across the USA called the 'Arpanet', founded in 1969 for defence and academic purposes. In 1977, this network was connected to London for the first time. Now it is estimated that 60% of the world's population has internet access and by 2020 it is expected that some 50 billion devices will be connected to it. This figure is, however, still considerably short of the number of neuron connections in the human brain, so we have not quite been superseded yet !

The way data moves across the internet is a vital part of the system and here Rupert used a number of analogies involving the dismantling and re-erection of London Bridge in the USA, lorries moving entire houses, Royal Mail sorting offices, and the content of parcels and packages being delivered by postmen. Important is the way in which the data 'parcels' are addressed, as this determines their destination on the internet. These analogies were excellent and should have made clear the principles of what is called the 'Packet switching network' to even the most technically unaware.

Important also is the idea of the network 'damage mechanism' whereby if a route between computers is blocked or unavailable for any reason, then the network

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will automatically find an alternative path. This principle was built in from the start, to cover the event where enemy action might destroy a particular link in the defence network chain of computers. At this stage, Rupert gave a live demonstration of the path taken by data from his mobile phone to a computer in Australia; the route was shown to cross the Atlantic twice, travel via Ireland and Switzerland, before finally passing to Sydney, all of course at the speed of light !

This led to a discussion of encryption of the data in the packets and the concept of the 'private lock' which prevents unauthorised users seeing the data we send, including of course banking details etc. The encryption used in a messaging application like 'WhatsApp' is so secure that it is estimated it would take all the computers in the world to beyond the end of the universe to crack, much to the frustration of many government security agencies, who wish to prevent the use of the internet by criminals and terrorists to exchange information. Things have advanced enormously since the German 'Enigma' machine used in WW2.

Finally, Rupert touched on the idea of censorship by certain governments; for example the Chinese government has introduced what has been called the 'The Great Firewall of China' in an attempt to prevent its citizens accessing the outside world. However, the inbuilt internet defence mechanism touched on above, allows anyone with only a modicum of technical knowledge to circumvent this barrier, so this censorship has had limited success.

Rupert's talk was a model of clarity on a normally very technical subject and he is to be commended for this.

## Messy Church

The next Messy Church event will be in St Remigius on Saturday, 10th June between 4 and 6 pm.

## The RiNG

Karen Mills, nurse practitioner from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group's meeting on June 7th. She will talk about biologics and biosimilars. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month between 2 and 4pm in Hethersett

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Village Hall and charges £3 a visit which covers entrance fee, speaker, tea and cakes. The annual fee is £6 plus £3 per visit. More details are available on the web site [www.thering.org.uk](http://www.thering.org.uk) or by phoning 0800 072 9597 or 07769 635281.

## Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group offers support to those who have lost loved ones and meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road from 5.30 until 6.30 pm. In May members watched a video. June meetings are scheduled for the 13th and 27th and every one is welcome.

## We Are On Facebook

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

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

## Running Course On Its Way

**PAUL Evans will once again be leading a six week social running course leading up to the annual Hethersett Funrun. This will be suitable for all ages and abilities from raw beginners to advanced runners.**

**The group will meet on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field on six Thursday evenings leading up to this year's two mile family funrun which is scheduled for July 16th.**

**The group will meet from 7 until 8pm on June 8th, June 15th, June 22nd, June 29th, July 6th and July 13th. It will be organised jointly by Active Norfolk and Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association.**

**There is no need to book, just turn up on any of the evenings.**

# Dry as Dust

*Connie Tindale updates us on the progress of her Hethersett Hedgehogs*

APRIL and early May were very hard months for Hethersett's hedgehogs as East Anglia was beset with a long and unseasonal drought. In the middle of May torrential rain hit the Newmarket Road but did not stray as far along the A11 as Hethersett but when the rain did arrive it came down in very welcome buckets relieving some of the strain on wildlife.

The effect of the dry months was marked. Hedgehogs were drinking anything they could reach whether it was clean or not and it led to several suffering from the seizures of secondary poisoning and others having breathing difficulties. This could have been easily overcome by everyone finding an old shallow bowl and putting water out each night. The hedgehogs will literally lap it up. If you want to start feeding the hedgehogs, then dog or cat food is ideal but please ensure that it is meat and not fish based as fish upsets their digestive system. Cat biscuits or crushed dog biscuits are also useful.

This leads to the problem of what do you do with any sick adult or baby hedgehogs that you may see out and about during the day. If they are out in daylight then they are in need of care. If you cannot care for them yourself then please contact someone who can take them in.

Act quickly and pick them up then put them in a high sided box with a hot water bottle to keep them warm. You may ask yourself why they need heat when we are coming into summer and how could they have hypothermia. Keeping warm takes energy and if a hedgehog is sick then it is unlikely to have eaten and maintaining its temperature could take that last little bit of energy that it has.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has a list of hedgehog carers so a quick Google search will give you an address you can take them to. Getting it out of harm's way could also save it from a fly strike where thousands of fly eggs are laid between its spines leading to a very nasty end. Often, if the hedgehog has already suffered in this way, then it may be too late to save it. Your local vet is obliged to care for wildlife and will euthanise any wild animal that is in extremis free of charge.

A little hedgehog was brought to me this week that was having the most dreadful trouble breathing and had a nose bleed. It had been found almost comatose in a drive. At first I thought that it had lung worms or pneumonia but although inspection of its poo showed that there were signs of intestinal worms there was no real sign of lung worms. The hedgehog was

given the name Henry, was hand fed and kept warm on a heated pad in a hutch but sadly it died 24 hours later. The consensus was that it had been clipped by a car and although there were no wounds it may have had broken ribs. All deaths lead to sadness.



On the positive side the last of the five hedgehogs that I had cared for all winter is now fit for release.

She (Tinkerbelle) had been tabled for euthanasia twice by the hedgehog hospital as she was refusing to eat and euthanasia might have been kinder than allowing her to starve to death, but I objected. The vet had found nothing wrong with her and I would willingly have hand fed her myself but she decided that living was fun and began to eat again. She will be released along with another hedgehog called Prickles soon.

As I drive down Back Lane towards Churchfields, the new estates can be seen growing daily. This is another loss of habitat but could be in the hedgehogs' best interests if the new inhabitants just make a small effort to create that Hethersett Hedgehog Highway.

All it needs is a small gap at the bottom of a fence panel on each side of your garden and the little fellows can

move around hoovering up your slugs and snails. It can take up to ten gardens to feed a hedgehog so have a word with your neighbours too and get them to create gaps as well. There are 1,200 houses going up on that site and although there is a small reserved area in the middle for wildlife, it is not going to be enough.

Hethersett already has Bird and Wildlife Websites and now the Hedgehogs are getting one of their own to give regular updates on their progress. The site is up and running but still in a development stage, however there is some footage of what they get up to during those hours of darkness while you are tucked up in bed.

Our photograph shows Henry who was found unconscious in a driveway.

You can read much more about Hethersett Hedgehogs by visiting the following web site.

[www.hethersetthedgehogs.com](http://www.hethersetthedgehogs.com)

# A Fine Description

**MANY of us will have spotted a sign like the one below extolling the virtues of Norwich. But where does the phrase ‘Norwich A Fine City’ come from? Associate Editor Roger Morgan finds out more.**

THE words are thought to have been taken from a book entitled “Lavengro” by Norfolk born author, George Borrow which was published in 1851. He wrote *“A fine old city truly is that, view it from whatever side you will; but it shows best from the east.”*. However some people have suggested that he may have been influenced by William Cobbett’s Rural Rides in which the following sentence appears : *“Norwich is a very fine city, and the castle, which stands in the middle of it, on a hill, is truly majestic.”*

George Henry Borrow was born on the 5th July, 1803, at the quaintly named Dumpling Green, East Dereham, most probably in his grandfather’s farmhouse. He was the second son of Thomas Borrow and Ann Perfrement. Thomas was a Cornishman whilst Ann was a Norfolk native of Huguenot descent. She was one of eight children of Samuel Perfrement, a yeoman farmer in Dereham. His father Thomas was an army officer who was recruiting in Norfolk for the West Norfolk Militia. Thomas first met Ann when she was

playing a minor part as an amateur at East Dereham with a company from the



Theatre Royal in Norwich. She was described as having “dark brilliant eyes, an oval face, an olive complexion and a Grecian forehead.” They were married in 1793.

Only a month after George’s birth, the family, including his older brother John, was on the move. Over the next six years they moved with Thomas’s regiment all over the South of England to such places as Dover, Colchester, Canterbury, Chelmsford and Hastings. They were back in East Dereham in 1809 but by 1810 Thomas was put in charge of a prisoner of war camp at

Norman Cross near Peterborough. These wanderings appear to have been a great influence on George. To find out more, turn to page seven where the story continues.

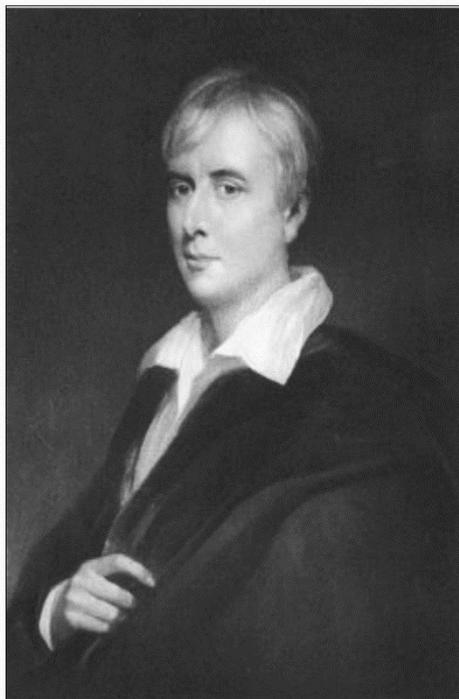
George BORROW was only eight when his father was the commandant of a prisoner of war camp in Norman Cross. It was here that he started to make contact with the Romany people in the area. He met an old viper hunter and herbalist who gave him a defanged snake which he used to impress the Gypsy children who were teasing him.

He also met the very young Ambrose SMITH who was to become an influential Gypsy leader in the future. In his semi-autobiographical books "Lavengro" and "The Romany Rye," George called Ambrose, Jasper Petuengro. Ambrose Smith and his family travelled widely in Ireland and Scotland and he was visited by Queen Victoria. When he died in 1878 the Queen sent his widow Sanspirella a message of sympathy. He was buried in the cemetery in Dunbar, Scotland.

By 1813 the Borrow family had moved north, settling in Edinburgh where George and his older brother, John, attended Edinburgh High School for two years. Whilst in Scotland, George befriended a young drummer boy called David HAGGART who had enlisted in the Norfolk Militia. David had been a petty thief from the age of 10 and was later to be hanged in Edin-

burgh in 1821 for killing his gaoler by hitting him over the head with a stone. In 1815 the regiment was sent to Ireland for a short while where George met a wild Irish boy called MURTAGH who taught him to speak Irish .

After the Battle of Waterloo in June 1815 and the end of the war with France, many of the regiments were



*Portrait of George Borrow by Henry Wyndham Phillips (1843) reproduced as frontispiece of The Life, Writings & Correspondence of George Borrow, Vol. I, by William Ireland Knapp (1899)*

mustered out or disbanded which resulted in the Borrow family moving back to Norwich. They rented a house owned by a carpenter, called Thomas King, at 15 Willow Lane, King's Court. George attended King Edward VI Grammar

School in the Cathedral Close for two years and had as schoolmates James Martineau and James Brooke who became the Rajah of Sarawak.

He was described as being “tall, spare and dark-complexioned” and it is said that his father disliked him because he had the look of a gypsy about him. His father allowed him to do what he liked and he would often wander the Norfolk countryside shooting blackbirds and linnets with an old musket or fish the rivers around Acle.

He also met the amateur boxer John Thurtell who taught him how to box. Thurtell was to be the second of George’s friends to be hanged for his part in the brutal murder of solicitor William Weare in 1823 over an unpaid gambling debt

of £300 (equivalent to around £33,000 today)! The murder was commemorated by the rhyme:

***“ They cut his throat from ear to ear,  
His head they battered in.  
His name was Mr William Weare,  
He lived in Lyons Inn.”***

George was also reunited with Ambrose Smith at the Tombland Fair and, when he visited the Gypsy camp on Mousehold Heath, he learnt the Romany language and was given the name ‘Lavengro’ which is the Romany word

meaning ‘word master.’

At Norwich School he was thrashed by the headmaster Edward Valpy for his many misdemeanours but it appears that he had a wonderful memory. This gave him a real aptitude for learning languages and he quickly learnt French, Italian and Spanish from his teacher the Rev Thomas D’eterville.

He left school in 1819 and was articled for five years to the solicitors Simpson and Rackham in Tuck’s Court. He would often sit at his desk learning different languages and, by the age of 18, he was fairly fluent in 12 languages including Welsh, Danish, Hebrew, Arabic, Gaelic and German.

He spent many hours in the City library translating works, often writing notes on the books he was using. He started publishing some of his translations in 1823. His father Captain Borrow died in 1824 and George went to London to try to make a living but had an unhappy time and returned to Norwich in autumn 1825.

In 1832 he was living at Willow Lane with his mother when he met his future wife Mary Clarke at Oulton Hall, Suffolk. She was the widow of Lieutenant Henry Clarke of the Royal Navy. She had a daughter, Henrietta Mary, who was born shortly after her father’s death. They were introduced by the vicar of Lowestoft, Rev Francis Cunningham who was the brother-in-law of

John Joseph Gurney and Elizabeth Fry. Cunningham told the Bible Society in London about George in December 1832 and he was invited to go to an interview.

He travelled to London to meet with the society and was given six months to learn Manchu which he duly did. The Bible Society gave him a job with a salary of £200 a year plus expenses. In July 1833, he set off for St Petersburg in Russia after paying his mother the £17 that he had borrowed from her. He spent the next two years in what he described as the 'finest city in the world' supervising the printing of the New Testament in the Manchu-Tartar language.

He returned to Willow Lane in 1835 but his wanderings quickly restarted when he went to Portugal and Spain as the Bible Society's agent. He spent 4½ years travelling through Spain, Portugal and Morocco in what were then, fairly troubled times in Europe. He met with the Gypsies again and helped to produce a Romany version of St. Luke's Gospel. In all this time, his widowed mother remained in Willow Lane and George faithfully visited her whenever he could. He eventually settled in Seville, Spain, and urged Mary(42) and Henrietta(19) to join him to escape the legal battle that Mary was having with her brother's widow. They left for Spain in 1839 and George and Mary were engaged in Seville soon afterwards. In

1840 they sailed from Cadiz and were married in St Peter's Church, Cornhill, on the 23rd April, 1840. The family settled at Oulton Broad where Mary received an annual income of £450 from the property that she owned.

In 1842, George published his book "The Bible in Spain" which proved to be an instant success. By 1843, six editions of the book had been published and thousands of copies had been sold in America. In the 1840s it was translated into French, German and Russian. Around this time, George went on another journey through Germany and on to Vienna before travelling through Eastern Europe and on to Constantinople. His mother Ann finally left Willow Lane in 1849 and went to live near him at Oulton. She was to die nine years later in 1858 and is buried in Oulton churchyard. He published the semi-autobiographical book, "Lavengro" in 1851 but it was not as well received as his previous effort. Today it is much more highly regarded.

Unfortunately Mary Borrow's health started to deteriorate and the family moved to Great Yarmouth in 1853. In September, 1853, it was reported in the Bury Post that George, who was an excellent swimmer, had dashed into the sea at Yarmouth to save someone's life. News of this daring rescue was repeated in the Plymouth Mail and was read by the relatives of his Cornish father. They invited him to visit them in

Cornwall and so his wanderings began again.

In 1854 he took his wife and step-daughter on a tour of Wales, leaving them in Llangollen while he toured the country on foot. This would later lead to the publication in 1862 of his critically acclaimed book "Wild Wales." He toured Wales twice more, in 1857 and 1867, and wrote extensive diaries recording his trips. These are kept by the Hispanic Society of America, New York, but, due to the faded pencil writing, they are very hard to read. He is still commemorated in Wales at the George Borrow Hotel in Ponterwyd, Ceredigion. I thank the Ceredigion Museum, Aberystwyth, who commissioned this photograph, and Michael Freeman for his kind permission to reproduce it.

The year 1857 saw the publication of the follow-up to Llavengro called "The Romany Rye" which again received a lukewarm reception from the critics. In 1860 the Borrow family took a house in London in Hereford Square, Brompton, and George was to live there until 1874. His wife Mary died on 30th January, 1869, at the age of 73. Her daughter Hen had married an Irish doctor called William Macoubrey and was spending time in Belfast and London. George continued to live at Hereford Square for another five years but became increasingly discontented. In 1874 he returned to the old cottage at Oulton which was to be his home for the remainder of his life.

Henrietta also returned to Oulton with her husband to be near him. During the last few years he was often in Norwich staying at a house in Lady Lane and he was a familiar figure in the old city. On the 26th July, 1881, he was found dead in his house at Oulton at the age of 78. His body was taken by train to London so that he could be laid to rest beside his beloved wife Mary in Brompton Cemetery.

### **Remembering George Borrow**

George Borrow will always be remembered in Norwich and has a road named after him just off the Ring Road in the Colman Road area. The centenary of his birth in 1903 passed largely unnoticed in Norwich. However, enthusiastic Borrow supporters felt that a lasting memorial to the great man was needed. In 1913, the house in Willow Lane was purchased freehold for £375 by A. M. Samuel, the then Lord Mayor of Norwich, who generously donated it to the City of Norwich in order to establish a Borrow Museum.

The museum housed many artefacts relating to George including pictures painted by his artist brother, John. A small pamphlet describing the museum can be viewed in the Kirby Hall Library in Norwich. The house has been restored but the museum no longer exists. It was sold and the proceeds were used to form the George Borrow Trust in order to promote knowledge of the life and works of the author.

I am grateful to the trust's chairman, Ann M. Ridler for her help with this article. Although he was not fully appreciated in his lifetime, George

Borrow made a lasting contribution to British literature which should not be underestimated.

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## *And the band played on .....by Gary Wyatt*



The sun shone, the band played and if there wasn't exactly bowling for a pig, all the other traditional things were there. Yes, it was the Great. Melton Church Fete, a really lovely old-fashioned English garden fete, held at the cricket club on Sunday, 21st May and run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers and helpers.

On a warm and sunny afternoon, the crowds turned out in force for tombola, raffle, cake and plant stalls, 'Flip the Frog', football and bowls competitions and many other attractions. The ice creams, teas, cakes and hot dogs disappeared rapidly and your correspondent had a 100% success rate with his tombola tickets, winning shower gel and soap (perhaps someone is trying to tell me something).

The main attraction was a performance by the Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass Band, a favourite at this event. They kept the crowd entertained with a wide range of music, ancient and modern, with a medley from Mary Poppins going down particularly well with a very relaxed crowd sitting around sipping their tea and munching on cake.

Dogs snoozed on in the warmth of the afternoon whilst elsewhere children tried to match

the skills of the hula hoop experts, who made it look easy. There even had to be a play-off final in the bean bag throwing event, so numerous had the entries been. At the end of the afternoon, the raffle winners were announced (not yours truly this time, I'm afraid) and the crowds drifted away reluctantly, many clutching trays of plants, jars of marmalade and chocolate sponges. But where was the pig?



# Media Watch

**The following stories appeared in the Eastern Daily Press, Norwich Evening News and/or the Wymondham Mercury newspapers**

## **Dressing Up In Memory of Finnbar**

Pupils and staff at Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School were not decked out as their favourite Star Wars characters just for fun.

The dress-up - which also took place at about 10 other schools across Norfolk - was held in memory of Finnbar Cork, a former Woodside pupil, who died after suffering a brain tumour in August last year, aged just five.

As well as taking part in Star Wars-themed activities during the day, a plaque dedicated to Finnbar was unveiled on a 'friendship bench' in the school yard. Tristan Cork, Finnbar's father, from Hethersett, said he was "blown away" by the support shown for the day.

Schools involved also raised money for Finnbar's Force, a charity launched earlier this year by Mr Cork and his wife Claire.

The charity aims to reduce the suffering of children who have been diagnosed with brain tumours, and support their families.

## **Social Media Launch for Hethersett-Based Charity**

The Respect Yourself charity, set up by Claire Burke, of Hethersett, is aimed at people aged 13-25 and tackles a range of issues from mental health, including self-harm and eating disorders, to problems faced at school including coping with dyslexia.

It started out in September 2011 with a text messaging advice service, which has since stopped. The charity now runs a Twitter page, website and smartphone app.

These online services offer links to charities offering support and inspirational stories of people who have survived issues facing young people.

The charity will be launching a dedicated Respect Yourself Norfolk Twitter page in the next few weeks, followed by a new Respect Yourself Facebook page.

Mrs Burke was inspired to set up the charity after helping her then 15-year-old half brother Adam Faulkner, who moved from Burton upon Trent to Norfolk nine years ago after getting involved with gangs.

She said: "Every day my husband and I would send Adam a text message and

# Media Watch (continued)

we thought if we could help Adam we could help other young people.

“At Respect Yourself we work together with other charities. We are like a family. We are telling young people where to go for help.

“I want to know that people are talking about issues because if we are not talking about them that is when problems happen.

“The information via the Respect Yourself Twitter page goes straight into young people’s hands. It makes sense to use the technology.”

Mrs Burke added: “It is about self development. We are helping people who are struggling. If a young person has the knowledge on how to deal with an issue they have those skills for life.”

The mother-of-two, who has a 12-year-old boy and 11-year-old girl, said she is “passionate” about the charity and sees things through young people’s eyes.

As well as the main @RespectYourself Twitter page there are separate Twitter pages for young people in Yorkshire, Dorset and Kent.

For more information visit [www.respectyourself.org.uk](http://www.respectyourself.org.uk) where you can download the Respect Yourself app.

## Charity

**A funeral arranger said she was inspired by a film to set up a collection point for the Norwich Foodbank.**

Sandi Grey, who works at the Co-op Funeralcare in Great Melton Road, Hethersett, has received hundreds of items for the charity since she registered as a collection point 18 months ago.

Ms Grey said: “I recently watched the film I, Daniel Blake and it really highlighted the importance of foodbanks and made me realise that even in today’s modern society, there are people starving and people who cannot make ends meet.

“It all started quite slowly but as soon as I registered collections with the Norwich Foodbank, things began to take off.



Funeral arranger Sandi Grey at the Co-op I Road, Hethersett, with donated items for t

“Hethersett people have been and are incredibly generous but I’m sure many residents still don’t know about the collections.”

## Presentation

**A presentation was made to a retiring county councillor to thank her for her 11 years of service to a Norfolk village.**

Judith Virgo, who lives in Cringlford, has represented Hethersett on Norfolk County Council for more than a decade. She will be retiring

at the county council elections at the beginning of May.

Hethersett parish councillors showed their appreciation of her support for the village during her time with the presentation of a bouquet at its latest meeting.

“I would just like to say how much I have enjoyed

meetings of Hethersett Parish Council over the past 11 years,” Ms Virgo said.

“I will continue to take a keen interest in what is happening in the village in the future.

She added: “I would like to thank you all for the work that you do on behalf of the village.”

## General Sport

**Hethersett and the Meltons’ Sports Association is looking for new members as it continues to grow.**

The association has just completed its sixth year in existence and also incorporates the Hethersett Olympic Legacy Committee.

Its aim is to support and encourage sport, fitness, health and wellbeing throughout Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton and over the past six years has provided money for many start-up groups ranging

**NEWS from the village appears regularly in the Wymondham Mercury, the Norwich Evening News and the Eastern Daily Press..**

from croquet and netball to football and table tennis.

The association also supports and helps to organise the annual two mile run the square fun-run which this year will take place on Sunday, July 16.

The association’s latest meeting took place in Park Farm Hotel with reports from all the major sports and leisure groups from the villages. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5 at Park Farm Hotel at 7.30pm.

**Further details are available on 01603 81052.**

# Troops To Be Commemorated

CONTINUING 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](http://www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com).*



**William Bringloe** - Rifleman William Bringloe of the 1st/12th Battalion London Regiment was born in 1889 and killed in action on 7th October, 1916 aged 27. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing.

The parish magazine of December 1916 states:

It is with deep regret and real sympathy for those who are bereaved that we record the death of William Bringloe who was killed in action in France on October 7th last. He was attached to the 12th London Regiment and is the son of Mr William and Mrs Sarah Bringloe of this parish. His age was 27 years. A memorial service was held for him on 25th November 1916.

The family lived at Vine House, Hethersett, where William and Sarah raised nine children - six girls and three boys. William was transferred to the London Regiment on 11th July, 1916, and was killed in an attack on Dewdrop Trench some three months later. This was one of a series of trenches with names like Hazy, Rainy, Mild and Rainbow which were collectively known as the Meteorological Trenches and whose names belied the terrible actuality. The Book "148 Days on the Somme" by Barry Cuttell carries a photograph with the caption

These dry and dusty fields were part of the area containing the Meteorological Trenches where in the autumn of 1916 both British and German barrages turned the whole sector into a sea of clinging mud and filth.

On Saturday 7th October, William's Regiment began their attack on Dewdrop Trench. Unfortunately it failed and William was killed. William's brothers George, Henry and Bertie served in the Norfolk Regiment but

returned home. The imposing Thiepval Memorial carries the names of 72,000 soldiers who have no known grave. It towers over part of the Somme battlefield.

**Benjamin Joy-** Private Benjamin George Joy of the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment was killed in action on 28th March, 1918 and is remembered on the Arras Memorial, France. He is also remembered on the British School Tablet now in the Church Rooms in Henstead Road.

Benjamin's birth was registered in Henstead in June 1894. He enlisted in Bury St Edmunds, which suggests that he had left the village to follow his own path and that is probably why he found himself in the Suffolk Regiment.

The Parish Magazine of May 1918 reads:

Benjamin George Joy, son of Mr and Mrs B. Joy of Hethersett was killed in action in France on March 28th, 1918, aged 24. Private Joy first went abroad in July 1916 and was wounded on April 11th last year. We offer our deepest sympathy to those who have been bereaved. A memorial service was held on April 21st.

March 1918 was a month that would bring many casualties on both sides and to many was the beginning of the final chapter of the conflict. The German High Command knew that the entry of America into the war, had given the advantage to the Allies. The Germans tried to split and destroy the British and French before the Americans arrived.

A massive attack was opened along a 50 mile front beginning on March 21st, 1918. The Germans made remarkable gains over the following days, despite many instances of heroic and stubborn resistance by Allied troops.

Eventually the Allied campaign ran out of steam, due to over stretched communications and supply lines. Benjamin's 2nd Suffolk Battalion suffered a heavy bombardment on 21st March and was withdrawn on 23rd to reserve trenches to the northwest of Wancourt village. On 27th March they were moved forward again into the front line trenches overlooking the village. It is likely that the trenches were no deeper than three feet.

The Germans bombarded the trenches, but still the Allies fought on. Over 400 of the battalion had become casualties and those who remained were forced to surrender.

# Have You Missed an Edition?

**HETHERSETT ONLINE**  
 November 15  
 Number 1

**Church Counts Cost of Theft**

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

On the night of Tuesday 27/09/15 outdoor there was a major theft of lead from the nave clerestory of St Andrew's Church. The intruders broke down the heavy lead in the night and the following day caused damage and disruption inside the building. Hector, the Reverend Derek Woodcock, said: "Events like this impact on the spiritual and community life of the church in many ways. It's distressing for the congregation to see the effect of water damage in the church itself after just one day of heavy rain. There's a great deal of work involved sorting out the mess, and we thank all those members of our congregation who are helping round to sort things out."

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

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

Hethersett Online Magazine 1 November 2015

**HETHERSETT ONLINE**  
 February 2016  
 Number 4

**Hub of the Community**

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

The latest sees Hethersett Parish Council taking up proposals to install an all-weather day entrance to access queries from residents on numerous occasions. The first session on January 11th saw parish council chairman Jackie Sutton and fellow councillor Marilyn Savory asking questions on subjects as diverse as road design, parking problems, the allocation of press verges and the possibility of setting up a short tennis club in the village. Parish council chair Jill Jackie Sutton is pictured on the page with resident Mike Jones at the Parish Council meeting.

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

Parish Council meetings continue on the second Monday of each month from 2.30 to 4.00 pm. The next session will be on February 15th. Meanwhile the library hosts a number of regular and special events including book club, a special morning and meeting, a book sale on afternoons and a baby loan and first aid course.

"I'm sure that Duncan will be pleased to have received an assurance from its county council representative Judith Vignar that there were no plans to close Hethersett Library, despite pressure from Government cuts."

**HETHERSETT HERALD**  
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 Number 7

**Duncan's Special Day**

DISCUSSIONS of options to the church and not currently a Hethersett village centre have been held in the Hethersett Parish Church.

Over 200 invited guests gathered to celebrate Duncan Pigg's 60th birthday on April 15th. The evening was a celebration of the past and a look forward to the future. It was a special day for all those who have helped to bring music into our lives. We were able to see a number of Duncan's special days in the past.

During the evening, John's head from the parish church past Hethersett's 60th birthday. The day was a celebration of the past and a look forward to the future. It was a special day for all those who have helped to bring music into our lives. We were able to see a number of Duncan's special days in the past.

Duncan himself reflected on the year that led to a wonderful life. It was a special day for all those who have helped to bring music into our lives. We were able to see a number of Duncan's special days in the past.

Hethersett Herald May 2016

YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hethersett Herald by going to <http://hethersett.org.uk/emags.htm> and following the links. Hethersett Herald is an community publication for news, views and features about Hethersett and general articles written by residents. It is currently available exclusively 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 news that are taking place in Hethersett, but, with your help, we can expand our service.

We are looking for news and reports on any aspect of village life. Also news of coming events that you would like publicised.

We are also happy to carry features on topics not strictly related to the village providing they are written by a resident of either Hethersett, Great Melton or Little Melton.

Reports, news, features and photographs can be sent by e-mail to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net) or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett

# Sports Coverage Starts Here

*We continue our look at the early days of cycle speedway in Hethersett.*



April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1966, was an important date for cycle speedway in Hethersett as six young men took to the new track on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field for their first competitive match. But we need to travel back a number of years to find when the germ of an idea began to formulate in the minds of some local youngsters.

Current club secretary and founder Mel Perkins and his mates, like Brian Denmark and Barney Platford before them, travelled to Hellesdon to support Norwich Stars Speedway.

“I first went to the Firs with my uncle in the late 1950s. In the early sixties I went with my mates. We would bike there from Hethersett and at that time there was a cycle speedway track in the car park. They used to publicise cycle speedway and we would go to watch Norwich take on the likes of Manchester at Hearts-ease or Eaton Park,” Mel said.

Mel and his mates soon found themselves “chasing around on bikes.” And he admitted that he wanted to play a part in the sport.

So on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1964, Mel and Martin Arfield and a number of others went to St James’ Hollow on Mousehold Heath in Norwich and raced for Hethersett in a match against Mousehold Aces on borrowed bikes. That team may well have raced under the Hethersett Hornets name, but no record exists of the

result. A month later on August 23<sup>rd</sup> Mel and Martin went to Eaton Park in Norwich and rode for Mousehold Aces against Eaton Tudors.

“From that experience I decided I wanted to take up the sport properly.. I received massive support from Rod Witham, one of the giants of the sport and somebody I went to school with at the City of Norwich School,” Mel said. So in 1965 he joined Eaton Tudors:

“I bought a track bike from Coventry. I would leave it at a mates in North Park Avenue and get to his on a road bike and then ride that and push the track bike to various tracks around Norwich.”

Mel and his mates soon found that there were a number of unofficial sites in Hethersett that could be used for semi organised races

“In 1962 or 1963 we would use a wood that was owned by Sybil Back. It was opposite Church Farm and the wood had a number of ponds. We never had permission, but Sybil didn't seem to mind. The wood had a circular path about half a mile in total and we raced around there. We had a system of awarding points but it was more like cyclo cross than cycle speedway,” he said.

Apart from Mel, the cycle enthusiasts included the Arfield Brothers , Martin and Gerry, Les Childerhouse, Terry Poll and Nicky Dack

The group would also “rip around” Hethersett Railway Station Car Park on an impromptu track that contained gravel at one end and coal dust at the other, and around a green near Westcroft that is now Flowerdew Close. This latter track became particularly challenging during the famously cold winter of 1963 when the youngsters would slip and slide their way round, seemingly unaware of the inherent dangers.

In addition, the friends also used to ride on the Memorial Playing Field – something that at times annoyed the Playing Field Committee. The “bikers” would weave inbetween the four swings, see-saw and a giant slide on an egg shaped track that they had scratched out.

“We would tear up the grass and probably terrorise the kids using the play equipment. It could also be dangerous for us as we risked being hit by a swing. I wouldn't say we were vandals but we were rather unruly,” said Mel whose life has gone full circle as he is now himself a Trustee of the Memorial Field.

“We got grief from the committee members and so decided to ask if we could build a proper track at the back of the field. We never thought the committee

would agree, but they did and that's really how Hethersett Hawks was born," Mel added.

It was Monday, October 25th, 1965, that the official approach was made to the playing field committee. Mel Perkins' diary, written in those days, records that on Saturday, November 27th enthusiasts continued their digging out of the track despite snow and cold winds. Such was their enthusiasm that Mel, then employed by a bank, worked on the morning of New Year's Day, 1966, and then continued digging out the track in the afternoon.

The track was put together by the enthusiastic young riders, supported by relatives and local residents. The only condition that was imposed on them was to leave the turf they dug up around the track so that it could be put back if the idea didn't take off.

The youngsters had thought it all out, however.

"We were determined to have a proper track. We had been looking at a number of sites. The gravel pit was out because opponents wouldn't be able to get vehicles down there. Aubrey Cook owned a considerable amount of land along Suckling Lane and gave us permission to set up a track on it if the Playing Field idea fell through."

It took over a month to dig the track out, but Hawks had no problem in joining the Norwich League as Mel Perkins had joined the Norwich Cycle Speedway Control Board as minute secretary.

"I have always been a compulsive organiser at school and that continued when I left full time education. So I joined the Norfolk Board at the age of about 15 and that helped us."

The name Hethersett Hawks was adopted for the fledgling club:

"We wanted to keep the iteration so needed a name beginning with the letter H and Hawks seemed to be the natural one. We did think of using the word Hornets but decided that we wanted to be a new club with new beginnings.

There was a link between the new Hawks and the old Hornets, however:

The Hurrell Invitation Trophy was found on a shelf in the Greyhound Public House (now a private residence) It had three names on it from the late 1940s but was in poor condition. Hawks bought a new trophy and had the names of those three winners engraved. It was then used for the club championship with

Gerry Arfield being the first winner. The Hurrell Invitation Trophy continues to this day.

It was touch and go whether the track would be ready for the first match on April 19th, 1966, but Hawks made it.

They joined the Norwich League and, in their first season, rode against Galley Pirates, Eaton Tudors, Thorpe Tigers, Hellesdon Lions, Thorpe Saints and Galley Scorpions. In that first season they won four of their 12 league games and finished in fifth place.

Their first match was at home to Norwich Icenians and resulted in a 32-60 defeat, although the result was expunged from league records when Icenians pulled out of the league. It remains in the Hawks history books, however. The team on that Tuesday night with individual scores was:

Mel Perkins 8, Gerry Arfield 7, Martin Arfield 6, Les Childerhouse 5, Terry Poll 5 and Pete Riseborough 1.

The club's first ever win came a week later when they beat Galley Scorpions 52-44 on the Memorial Field. The club's first away match was against Galley Pirates at Sloughbottom Park in Norwich. This resulted in another defeat against a side who went on to win the league that season.

## Sports Reports Needed

**We are happy to carry reports/results from sports clubs from Hethersett or with connections to the village.**

**If you would like your club featured just send the details to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net). Photographs are particularly appreciated.**

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

# East Anglian Championships

*By Mel Perkins*

HETHERSETT Hawks/Myhill Decorators staged the East Anglian Championships at the Memorial Playing Field with the track in excellent condition for racing.

Although entrants were lower than expected, some excellent racing transpired, no more so than in the senior event which also provided Hethersett with their only success. Dan Chambers and Olly Buxton were involved in a three-way tie for third place on the podium so a race-off was required. It took two restarts before Buxton finally held off his team-mate and Ipswich's Pierce Bacon to take the chequered flag.



The Senior event was won by Great Blakenham's Lewis Osbrone but all the other six East Anglian Champions came from Kesgrave - Luca Woodhouse (Under-8), Charlie Parr (Under-10) Aaron Robb (Under-13), Lewis Brinkhoff



(Under-16 and Under-19) and Gary Brown (Veteran).

Results - UNDER-8 - 1 Luca Woodhouse (Kesgrave) 16, 2 Lily Parr (Kesgrave) 12, 3 Emil Gowers (Ipswich) 8. UNDER-10 - 1 Charlie Parr (Kesgrave) 16, 2 Ryker Jolly (Kesgrave) 15, 3 Daniel Robb (Kesgrave) 14.

UNDER-13 - 1 Aaron Robb (Kesgrave) 24, 2 Kristian Mitchell (Ipswich) 19, 3 Harvey Stiff (Great Blakenham) 17. UNDER-16 - 1 Lewis Brinkhoff (Kesgrave) 16, 2 Adam Cooper (Great Blakenham) 12, 3 Tyler Brinkhoff (Kesgrave) 11.

UNDER-19 - 1 Lewis Brinkhoff (Kesgrave) 13, 2 Pierce Bacon (Ipswich) 12, 3 James Porter (Kesgrave) 9. SENIOR -1 Lewis Osborne (Great Blakenham) 16, 2 Richard Fellgett (Ipswich) 15, 3 Olly Buxton (Hetherset) 13. VETERANS - 1 Gary Brown (Kesgrave) 16, 2 David Blackmore (Norwich) 12.

Meanwhile Hetherset's Glyn Morgan was competing in the Potteries for the second round of the Eurovets at Stoke. He finished joint fifth in the Over-50s but came in fourth in the "B" Final.

The Hawks staged Norfolk's first midweek event for three years with a Go-Ride junior event and a senior session. Hetherset provided three of the winners - George Larter (Under-10), Owen Wells (Under-16) and Harley Hamill (Senior) with Norwich's Tom Blackmore winning the Under-13s.

## HETHERSETT HAWKS MATCH REPORTS

HETHERSETT Hawks/ Myhill Decorators kept up their good early season form with a near-perfect performance against Kesgrave in the South-East and Eastern League.

Both teams were a top rider missing - Hawks' captain Leigh Cossey getting married the previous day - and from the start it was clear a close match was on the cards.

The deadlock was broken in heat four when Owen Wells did well to protect a third place and Dan Butler did the same in heat six to put the Hawks four up at the interval. Immediately after the break the Hawks scored three race wins starting with a Josh Herring / Harley Hamill 7-3 win over experienced Gary Brown and then a rousing ride by Dan Butler to split the top youngsters Brinkhoff and Harvey. From thereon Hetherset eased to victory, never losing a heat in an excellent team performance.

HETHERSETT 87 KESGRAVE 73 (D.Chambers 22 O.Buxton 16 H.Hamill 14

The Hawks put out a strong side in the Division 2 clash of unbeaten sides and, surprisingly, they won by the same margin with Owen Wells pulling off some superb passes and Olly Buxton, Harley Hamill and Dan Butler recording 11 heat wins between them.

HETHERSETT B 87 KESGRAVE B 73 (O.Buxton 22 D.Butler 18 H.Hamill 17 O.Wells 15 G.Morgan 9 L.Hulcoop 5 K.Adams 1).

The previous day Glyn Morgan made the long trip to Northumberland to contest the first round of the Eurovets Grand Prix. He scored 17 points and then finished third in the Over-50s final - well worth the trip.

Hawks had a weakened team against a full-strength champions Ipswich but competed very well in the first half with Dan Chambers and Dan Butler notably impressive.

They felt well pleased with this effort to trail by just four points at the break. After the interval a first-bend mistake let in Ipswich for a 7-3 win and they just played the percentages to protect and extend the lead after that. The final score did not do the Hawks justice for their efforts.

HETHERSETT 69 IPSWICH 88 (D.Chambers 18 D.Butler 13 H.Hamill 11 O.Buxton 9 G.Morgan 8 O.Wells 7 L.Hulcoop 3).

The Hawks retained their unbeaten run in Division 2 with a good win over the League favourites. To be fair to the visitors they were unlucky in the early heats which allowed Hethersett to build an advantage and then faultless performances from Harley Hamill and Olly Buxton kept the Hawks' scorecard ticking.

There were also some gritty rides from Owen Wells and Lee Hulcoop. Former top British female rider Tiffany Collins made a surprise return for the Hawks as a substitute while Reece Johnson impressed for Ipswich.

HETHERSETT B 84 IPSWICH B 75 (H.Hamill 20 O.Buxton 20 O.Wells 15 D.Butler 11 G.Morgan 7 L.Hulcoop 6 P.Delaiche 3 T.Collins 2).

In the South East Grand Prix at Eaton Park four Hethersett riders reached "A" Finals - Glyn Morgan (2nd - veterans), Harley Hamill (3rd Senior), Owen Wells (4th Under-18s) and Olly Buxton (4th Senior) while newcomer Paul Delaiche won the Under-14 "C" Final.

Norfolk Cycle Speedway staged its first midweek action for three years when the first of a six-round Go Ride Grand Prix series was held at Hethersett on a night when the rain got progressively heavier.

The series, organised by coaches Gary Colby, Jamie Medler and Kevin Wells, attracted 11 juniors, including four girls, while eight seniors also took advantage of a competitive session.

Full Junior results -U10 A Final - 1st George Larter; 2nd Shayne Smith, 3rd Tabi-

tha Nierop, 4th Will Blackmore

B Final - 1st Liberty Nicholls; 2nd Daniella Rauicina

U13 A Final - 1st Tom Blackmore, 2nd Max Rainbow

U16 A Final - 1st Owen Wells, 2nd Ayrin Larter; 3rd Paul Delaiche

Senior session results -A Final - 1st Harley Hamill, 2nd Leigh Cossey, 3rd Owen Wells, 4th Olly Buxton B Final - 1st Glyn Morgan, 2nd Alex Dyball, 3rd Bruce Rainbow, 4th David Blackmore

The second round of the series is at Eaton Park on Wednesday 7th June

League Name	South East Division 1							Season 2017			
	M	W	Home		Away			For	Against	Pen	Pts
			D	L	W	D	L				
Ipswich	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	357	274		8
Gt Blakenham	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	349	280		6
Hethersett	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	412	382		6
Hellingly	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	310	323		4
Kesgrave	5	0	0	1	2	0	2	399	395		4
Norwich	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	303	331		2
East London	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	244	389		0

## Tough Going for Hawks

**HETHERSETT Hawks fielded a team in the British Open Club Championships at Horspath in Oxford on May 29th. They came up against strong opposition in the second semi-final finishing fifth of the six teams.**

**Newport took the semi-final with 44 points with East Park second on 41, Poole third on 41 and Coventry fourth on 38. Hethersett came fifth on 35 with Sheffield finishing last on 34.**

**Top scorer for Hethersett was Harley Hamill with 13, followed by Leigh Cossey on nine, Dan Chambers on nine, Lee Smith on four.-.**

HETHERSETT Athletic Saturday Men's football team celebrated its best ever league position with a presentation evening in Hethersett Social Club.

The club finished fourth in Division One of the Barnes Print Central and South Norfolk League.

Awards presented at the evening included the following: Golden Boot for top goalscorer - Dan Folkard and Danny Gray. Player of the Season - Paul Norman. Manager's Player of the Season - Dan Folkard. Players' Player of the Season - Ollie Hudson-Church. Sponsor (Church Farm Garage) Player of the Season - Richard Manington.

A number of players also received club awards for completing 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350 and 400 appearances for the club. These were - 50 appearances - Michael Green and Justin Bradfield. 100 appearances - Lawrence Nedson and Andy Smith. 150 appearances - Nick Simons. 200 appearances - Adam Waters and Dean Thurtle. 250 appearances - Danny Gray and Ollie Hudson Church. 300 appearances and honorary life membership - Nick Benfield. 350 appearances - Richard Manington. 400 appearances - James Rice.

James Rice has become only the second player in the club's 25-year history to complete 400 league and cup games. The club awards honorary life membership to any player completing 300 league and cup games.

The Saturday Old Boys team (formerly Marlborough Old Boys) finished runners-up in Division One of the Norwich Saturday League - losing out on the title on goal difference to Dussindale.



***Left - James Rice and Ollie Hudson-Church. Right - Michael Green, Danny Gray and Dan Folkard.***



# Mixed Month for Cricketers

MAY provided a mixed month for teams from Hethersett and Tas Valley with some excellent team and individual performances tempered by a number of defeats. Over the next pages we review the month.

## May 8th report

Despite some good individual performances, Hethersett and Tas Valley had a hugely disappointing weekend with all five teams losing. (continued on page 81)



**Century Makers Nick Burrett, Ian Bryce and Richard Ellis**

### Cricket

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There were a number of outstanding performances, with Ian Bryce continuing his fine form. Runs for the Norths Alliance first team with a second century for Southern country and a short conservative club too. His last three innings have been 120 not out, 113 and 120 not out. Thanks to the fact that a century is not an individual feat, it is a collective league statistic. The three made short work of bowler Bradburn who they bowled out for 21 with Alex Carter taking 5-28. Hethersett captain Simon van Buren was the dominant force off the bat, scoring a 100 run partnership in 30.3 overs. Bryce ended on 107 not out and Matthews was unbeaten on 76.

The second match in an Alliance fixture with 204 run for the Hethersett 1st XI against East End and were bowled out for 214 in 4.2 overs with Tristan Lane hitting 57 and Ian Burrett 48. Hethersett were then bowled out for 117 in 4.2 overs with Tom Worley taking 3-56 and Andy Baker 3/2.

Hethersett 1st XI had the Norths Association of the North League. The Association 1st XI will visit North Hethersett on 20th with Neil Bence taking

Hethersett and Tas Valley were the winners at the weekend as both sides had the better of their opponents. Ian Bryce 100 not out and Matthews 107 not out were the mainstays for the visitors.

The first XI were awarded maximum points when opposition bowlers picked out of their Norths League fixtures. On Tuesday Valley progressed with a comfortable 2-11 victory at home to Hethersett. Hethersett were bowled out by captain Damian Faly and Richard Ellis combined on 5.

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# Bowing Out Of Cup

**HETHERSETT and Tas Valley have been knocked out of the National Village Cup by Foxton for four consecutive seasons.**

**This year Valley and the Cambridgeshire club locked horns in the Norfolk/Cambridgeshire area semi-finals.**

**Valley went down by 77 runs despite a valiant attempt to reach a tough task of 313-3 set by Foxton.**

**Hethersett suffered an early setback in their 40 over reply with opener Robbie Mathews falling for a duck.**

**Opener Ian Bryce was once again in imperious form, smashing 151 in Hethersett's reply of 236 all out. He fell with only two overs to go. Unfortunately missed catches and some poor fielding cost Valley dearly and the target of over 300 proved just too much for them.**

**Our photograph shows Ian Bryce on his way to the club's top score of the season so far.**



The Saturday firsts were involved in a high scoring Norfolk Alliance Division Two game at home to Saham Toney which saw over 550 runs scored and the visitors timing their challenge to perfection.

Hethersett looked to be well in control of the game as they posted 279-7 from their 45 overs with Ian Bryce scoring the first of his two centuries over the weekend with 121. He was well supported by John Curtis who hit 67.

Saham Toney started slowly and looked to be well behind the clock despite hav-



The victorious fourth eleven - first league win

ing plenty of wickets in hand. Number four batsman Nathan King proved to be the star of the show with an unbeaten 145 as the visitors won with just two balls remaining. Curtis was the pick of the Valley bowlers with 2-37.

Valley Seconds visited North Norfolk and found Sheringham too strong for them. They batted first and were all out for 137 with the Seasiders replying with 138-2.

Valley Thirds looked to have a reasonable target when they restricted Hardingham to 151-6, but then suffered a batting collapse and were all out for 86.

Valley Fourths, fresh from their first ever league victory the previous week, posted a good total in their home game against Beeston with Ed Blowfield scoring 42 in their total of 191-8. The visitors proved too strong, however, replying with 194-1 in 31 overs.

Valley Sunday completed a fairly miserable weekend for the club when they went down to Swardeston by nine wickets in the Mid Norfolk Sunday League. Hethersett scored 185-7 in their 40 overs with Ian Bryce (113) and Sam Morton (55) putting on 175 for the fourth wicket. Unfortunately the remainder of the Valley batting line-up only contributed three runs between them. Swardeston reached their target for the loss of just one wicket.

## May 15th

What a difference a week makes. After a run of defeats the previous weekend, Hethersett and Tas Valley returned to form with a vengeance with all five teams winning.

There were a number of outstanding performances with Ian Bryce continuing his rich vein of form for the Norfolk Alliance first team with a second consecutive Saturday century and a third consecutive club ton. His last three innings have been 128 not out on 13<sup>th</sup> May against Bradenham, 113 on 7<sup>th</sup> May v Swardeston in the Mid Norfolk Sunday League and 121 on 6<sup>th</sup> May against Saham Toney in the Norfolk Alliance. It is thought to be the first time a Hethersett batsman has hit three consecutive league centuries.

The firsts made short work of beating Bradenham who they bowled out for 209 with John Curtis taking 5-28. Hethersett openers Bryce and Robbie Matthews knocked off the runs in a 210 run partnership in 39.1 overs. Bryce ended on 128 not out and Matthews was unbeaten on 78.

The seconds made it a Norfolk Alliance double with a 24-run win over Hardingham. Valley batted first and were bowled out for 195 in 41.3 overs with Tristan Hunt hitting 57 and Ian Harrison 43. Hardingham were then bowled out for 171 in 38.5 overs with Tom Worley taking 3-36 and Andy Baker 3-22.

Hethersett Thirds beat the Norwich Association of Malayalees by five wickets in the Norfolk League. The Association hit 188 with Neil Davies taking 3-15. Valley replied with 192-5 in 34.2 overs with Tom Brandon-Street unbeaten on 92.

The fourths were awarded maximum points when opponents Dereham pulled out of their Norfolk League Fixture.

On Sunday Valley progressed to the second round of the Cricketer National Village Cup with a comfortable 125 run victory at home to Holkham.

Hethersett raced off with openers Damian Fahy and Richard Ellis putting on a century partnership for the first wicket before Fahy fell for 85. Ellis retired on 100 not out, as did number three Nick Burrett as Valley hit 307-4 from their 40 overs. They had the luxury of being able to give an innings to a number of the club's youngsters. Valley then bowled out Holkham for 182 with spinner Sam Morton taking five wickets.

## May 22nd

Hethersett and Tas Valley's topsy-turvy season continued at the weekend.

Two weeks ago all four Saturday sides lost, a week ago all four Saturday sides won. But it was back to bad ways this week as all four again went down.

The first team visited Topcroft and looked to have an uphill struggle as the home side amassed 267-5 from their 45 overs at just under a run a ball. Ian Bryce was the pick of the Valley bowlers with 2-56.

Hethersett fell well short of their target with a reply of 155-9 with Richard Ellis top scoring with 34.

The seconds were on the wrong end of a seven wicket defeat at Stow. Batting first, Valley scored 179 in 43.2 overs, only to see Stow coast to victory with 180-3 off 42.4.

The thirds looked to be in with a chance when they restricted Mellis to 196-7 in the Norfolk League (Isaac Birch 2-12) only to suffer a dramatic collapse to be bowled out for 39 with Ollie Kilbourn top scoring with 14.

The fourths put up a brave display but were well beaten by 10 wickets by leaders Old Buckenham. Valley were all out for 90 (Mark Worley 25, Thomas Peacock 24). Buckenham made short work of reaching their target with a reply of 91 without loss.

Thankfully it wasn't all doom and gloom for Valley as the Sunday side travelled to Thetford in the Mid Norfolk League and came away with a two wicket victory. Thetford were bowled out for 128 with Jack Gibson taking 3-32 and Indika Nanayakkara 3-15. Hethersett's reply was slow but sure with opener Robbie Matthews batting for most of the innings before falling for a battling 60. James Hiperson helped to see Valley home with an unbeaten 30.

Valley also progressed to the second round of the Hunts County Cup with a narrow 11 run victory over Martham. Hethersett hit 164-8 from their 16 eight ball overs with Dave Cosford top scoring with 34. They then restricted Martham to 153-8 with Ian Bryce taking 3-31.

## **May 29th**

Hethersett and Tas Valley put in a first class bowling display to record their third Norfolk Alliance Division Two win of the season.

Defending a relatively small score of 205-8, the strike force bowled out Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers for just 147 with Mark Gricks taking 3-36 and Indika Nanayakkara finishing off the tail with 3-7. Earlier Damian Fahy hit 45, Nick Burrett 48 and Gricks an unbeaten 34 in Valley's innings.

Hethersett Seconds were narrowly beaten by three runs by Bircham. Chasing 180-5, they fell just short with a reply of 177-9 with Tom Osborn scoring a class 85.

Valley Thirds had a good seven wicket victory over Wensum who they bowled

out for 133 with Robbie Jones taking 5-23 and Andy Baker 4-32. Hethersett replied with 136-3 with Dean Parfitt 52 not out and Andy Baker scoring 36.

Valley Fourths were bowled out for 96 as they went down to Swanton Morley (99-3) by seven wickets.

Hethersett Over-40s (141-6) beat Tivetshall (131-9) by 10 runs in the Veterans' League. Valley went down to Saxlingham by 10 wickets in the Midweek 20/20 league. Valley scored 97-2 and Saxlingham replied with 98 without loss.

# Youngsters Take to Cricket

YOUNGSTERS from schools in South Norfolk will once again take part in a kwik cricket festival. Many will be playing the sport for the first time and this year's festival takes place on Friday, 9th June. Organiser Sara Worley explained that the idea behind the festival is to get youngsters enjoying cricket in a fun atmosphere:



“The day will be run in exactly the same way as previous year with children from our local cluster schools mixing together to form teams which then compete in a kwik cricket tournament. Junior cricketers from Hethersett and Tas Valley will act as team leaders. A number of players from past tournaments have gone on to play regular cricket - many with the Hethersett club” Sara said.

All those taking part will be given special coloured T shirts which have been supplied thanks to grants from South Norfolk Council and Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association. This year's festival takes place at Hethersett and Tas Valley's home ground at Flordon, starting at 10am. Our photographs show a flashback to the first winners a number of year's ago. They are pictured with then chairman Tony Smith and organiser Sara Worley