



## Church Counts Cost of Theft

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

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

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



round to sort things out".

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

Churchwarden Kate Wood said: "Apart from the disruptive and distressing effect on the church community, the theft will have an enormous impact on church finances. We've only just finished a £100,000 repair on the slate section of the nave roof, a three-year project involving our community in extensive fundraising. We now face raising (continued on page four).

# Hethersett Remembers

HETHERSETT Parish Church was once again full for the annual Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday, 8th November. The service began around the war memorial with the roll call of those who lost their lives in the two world wars and the Cyprus campaign being read out by Duncan Pigg. A minute's silence was observed and the Last Post and Reveille were sounded.



Wreaths were laid by a number of local organisations including the Roman Catholic Community, Hethersett Parish Council, Hethersett Pensioners' Association, the RAF, 1st Hethersett Scouts, Hethersett Methodist Church, 1st Hethersett Cubs, 2nd Hethersett Guides, the 1st and 4th Hethersett Brownies, the 1st Hethersett Beavers, Hethersett Parish Church and Hethersett Old Hall School. The service of remembrance continued inside St Rimigius and was led by the Rector, the Rev Derek McClean and included traditional Bible readings and hymns and the National Anthem. The youth uniformed organisations from the village were well represented.



## Old Hall School Christmas Fair -

Hethersett Old Hall School will be holding a Christmas market on November 21st from 10.30 a.m until 4 p.m. organised by the parents association. There will be gourmet food and drink and over 50 stalls and real reindeers.

# Youth Has Its Say

LITTER and road safety were two of the major topics discussed when Hethersett Brownies met with members of the parish council.



Youngsters (pictured opposite) were keen to discuss numerous

topics with councillors Stephen Slack, Jackie Sutton, Peter Steward and Viv Hawes. The special evening was arranged as part of the Brownies' work towards their "Girls Matter: Hear our Voice" badges which Girl Guiding created to introduce them to government and politics.

The youngsters were forthright in their opinions and quick to point out that roads in the village need to be safer and more needs to be done to support the Hethersett Environmental Action Team's regular litter picks. The Brownies were invited to join in with a future pick. Other topics brought up by the youngsters included the setting up of cinema and art clubs, an increase in the amount of open space and play areas and more care for wildlife and the environment.

The council is keen to find a youth champion from amongst its ranks to work with young people in Hethersett. Meanwhile Adrienne Quinlan has been co-opted to the council with immediate effect.

**The council is also planning monthly public surgeries in the village library. These Parish Pop In events will give the public a chance to quiz councillors on a whole host of subjects affecting the village. The surgeries will be held from 2 until 4 pm on the second Monday of each month, beginning on January 11th, 2016.**

**RETIRING** Hethersett Parish Councillor Heather Williamson (pictured opposite with council chair Jacky Sutton) was thanked for her service to the village at a special “Open Gardens” film show in the village hall. Heather served on the parish council for 12 years during which time she worked tirelessly on behalf of the environment and older people: “Heather can be seen out in the village working in all weathers irrespective of whether it’s the heat of summer or the cold of winter,” chair Jackie Sutton said. She presented Mrs Williamson with a bouquet. Councillor Jim Bartram has taken on the role of champion of the elderly vacated by Heather.



## Online Magazine

Hethersett online magazine is published monthly with news and views from the village. If you have anything you would like included please send it by e-mail to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net). More village news is available on our web site at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)

## Damage Will Cost Thousands

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the money to replace the roof on the nave aisle. Insurance only covers a fraction of the cost, as insurance companies understandably put very strict limits on cover for lead thefts. So the fundraising starts all over again. “This appears to have been a very well organised and professional crime. The people involved are clearly making substantial profits out of this business –

they probably don’t realise and certainly don’t care that a not-very-well-off church community will find it very difficult to meet the huge repair costs. We shall certainly be looking to replace the stolen lead with alternative material of lower-value - anything which will reduce the appeal to thieves.” Anyone able to offer financial or other support can contact Kate Wood on 01953.602051.

# Colouring to Calmness

FEELING stressed by the modern world? Then Hethersett Library may have the answer. From Wednesday 18th November, the library will be running "Colour Yourself Calm" colouring in sessions for adults from 1030 - 1130 a.m.

Those taking part will need to provide their own colouring books but pens and refreshments will be provided. Similar sessions have taken off in many libraries and have proven to be great for de-stressing, helping counter anxiety and enhance mental and physical well-being as well as being fun.

"Hethersett Library is looking to help residents cope with stress with a new initiative aimed at having a calming influence," said staff mem-

ber Rebecca Warner.

In addition the library will be helping those wanting to learn more about technology. It will be holding an Introduction to Family History course on Wednesday 20th January from 10 a.m until 12.30 p.m.

Places at £5 per person are limited and booking is essential. Wednesday February 3rd and 10th from 10 a.m until midday sees an Introduction to Using a Tablet or Ipad course. Again it's £5 per person and booking is essential.

The library also has monthly slots are also available for clubs and organisations on the "Village Story" noticeboard to promote awareness, recruit new members or advertise events etc.

## Opposing Library Cuts

HETHERSETT Parish Council will strongly oppose any attempts to close the village library. The council has also received assurances from its county councillor Judith Virgo that she will also fight to keep the library open: "We will not agree to any fire service or library cuts. I know how precious Hethersett Library is and how important it is to the village," she said referring to the views of the Conservative Party on Norfolk County Council.

# New Health Hub Opens

HETHERSETT has a new health and well being hub at Rowan House in Queen's Road.

It was officially opened by Hethersett Parish Council chairman Jacky Sutton:

"On behalf of Hethersett Parish Council and residents we welcome the opening of our new Health and Wellbeing Centre at Rowan House. Hethersett is a growing community with a thriving sports association whose objective is to improve the health and wellbeing of our community by encouraging residents to take up physical and social activities.

As our health services face unprecedented demands for provision of health care, we should whenever possible take responsibility for our own well being and endeavour to adopt healthier life styles.

"The diverse complementary therapies offered at Rowan House will provide our community with local accessible services and support the ethos of our



sports association. We wish the centre every success," Ms Sutton said. The new centre will cater for a variety of health related therapies including physiotherapy, sports massage, osteopathy, hypnotherapy, counselling, meditation, baby massage, aromatherapy, pilates and much more. The new hub has its own Facebook page and website and anyone wanting further information can contact

**[info@rowanhousecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@rowanhousecentre.co.uk)**

Our photograph shows Business Manager Rachel Pailes with her parents Graham and Mary Tuddenham who own Rowan House

The future of Hethersett's skateboard park hangs in the balance after more remedial work is needed to make it safe whilst decisions are taken on its future. The park is currently shut and off limits and will remain closed even after the work has been completed. The future of the skateboard park will be discussed at the January meeting of Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association.

# More Hethersett News

Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is leading the fight to cut back on dog fouling in the village. The group is keen to stress not only the anti-social aspects of owners not clearing up after their pets, but also the dangers to children from animal faeces which can spread disease.

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This year's Hethersett Open Gardens scheme organised by HEAT saw 21 gardens open to the public and raised £1,750 which will provide a commemorative World War One seat in the centre of the village on land close to the refurbished village sign. A donation has also been made to the Wymondham Nature Group.

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Hethersett Parish Council is urging cyclists to light up now that the nights are closing in. A number of cyclists have been seen without lights after dark. The council is urging cyclists to ensure they are lit up, wear a helmet and use cycle paths whenever they are available. The council is also keen to emphasise the need for residents to keep their hedges trimmed. Owners of unkempt hedges will receive a letter from the council pointing out the dangers of hedges overhanging paths and roads. This is a particular danger for pushchairs and wheelchair owners.

## IN NEED?

Are you aware there are funds available in the village?

We may be able to offer help or assistance to you or someone you know who lives in Hethersett.

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

Please contact:- Mrs S. Clarke, The Clerk to the Trustees,  
43 Lynch Green, Hethersett, NR9 3JT Tel:- 01603 811589

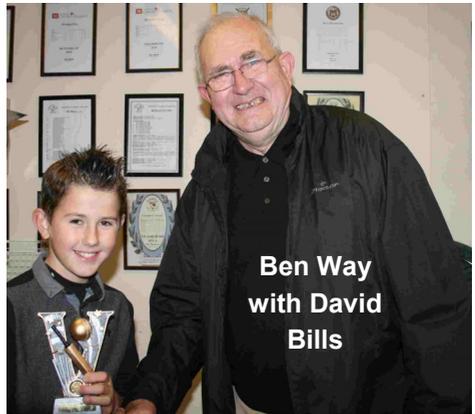
# Awards For Cricketing Youth

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club celebrated youth at its annual junior presentation and fireworks evening at its Flordon Headquarters.

Club chairman Tony Smith reported on “an extremely healthy youth set-up” with over 70 youngsters playing cricket at under-9, under-11, under-13 and under-15 levels in both the Norfolk Alliance and South Norfolk Youth Leagues.

“I am pleased to say that we fulfilled all our fixtures and it is thanks to the efforts of so many people that the club has such a vibrant youth section with a number of youngsters now pushing into the club’s senior teams,” he said.

Under-11 player Ben Way was named Junior Player of the Year and Ben Davies took the Most Improved Player award. A full list of awards were: Under-9s: Batsman of the year, Jack Owens and Oscar Farquhar; Bowler of the Year, Menuka Jayakody. Under-11s: Batsman, Ben Way; Bowler, Ben Way. Under-13s: Batsman, Ben Davies; Bowler, Joe Rowlinson. Under-15s: Batsman, Jonathan Cooper; bowler, Ollie South. There was also a special award for Ollie South who was named Best Under-15 Bowler in the South Norfolk League.



The awards were presented by Tony Smith and David Bills in his capacity as Chairman of the South Norfolk Northern River Valley Area. Tony Smith, who is retiring in the New Year after nine years as club chairman, was thanked for his “tremendous contribution to the club.” The presentations were followed by an extensive fireworks display. .