

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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*WELCOME to the December edition of Hethersett Herald and as Monty Python regularly said "now for something completely different." This month we have two front pages. The problem was simple. Two major stories evolved during November and we couldn't decide which should feature as our main story. So the answer was simple - two separate front pages. We hope you enjoy our latest edition or should that be editions.*

## Bringing Christmas Cheer

**NO-ONE should be alone on Christmas Day - that's the message from a kind-hearted Hethersett duo who are reaching out to the lonely this festive season.**

Charlotte Rose and Christine Lily are inviting local people who may be alone on Christmas Day to pop along to Rowan House Health and Welfare Centre in Queen's Road from 10 am until midday for home made cakes, mince pies, tea and coffee.

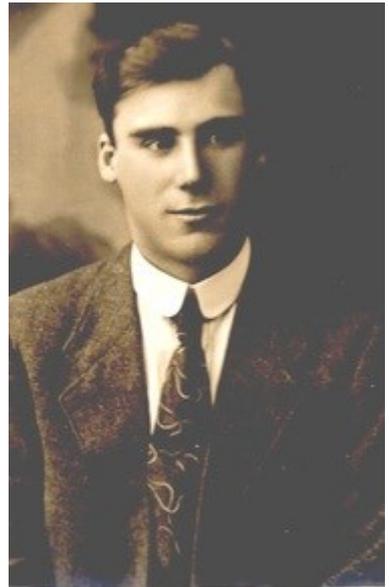
The Hethersett Christmas Project is free of charge and we think it's a wonderful way of showing the caring and sharing side of our village. To read more about this turn to page 4.





# Remembrance Special

**IT is 100 years since the end of the First World War. In this special edition of Hethersett Herald we report on the annual Remembrance Day in the village and look back on those who gave their lives in the 1914-1918 conflict and who are commemorated on the village war memorial.**



HETHERSETT'S uniformed organisations were out in force on November 11th to mark a special Remembrance Day commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War. For a full report of Remembrance 2018, please turn to our 20 page special report which starts on page five.

**Albert "Ray" Childs - Died after the First World War from gas suffered during the conflict. Read his story on page 18.**

## Welcome to the December Edition

IS it just me or is there a force for good sweeping across our village? Simply by the nature of our community there will be good and bad things happening, but this month the good seem to comfortably outweigh the bad. On our two front pages (yes two) you can read about an excellent initiative by two local residents to make Christmas a bit less lonely for some people. On our other front page we look at the excellent way the village came together to commemorate the centenary of the armistice that ended the First World War. The amount of money raised for the Royal British Legion was comfortably up. We hope you enjoy this edition of Hethersett Herald and don't forget the next one will be out before Christmas with reports on local festive events.

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# Reaching Out To The Lonely

*(Continued from the front page)*

LONELY residents from Hethersett and the surrounding areas are being invited along for tea, cake and a chat on Christmas Day as reported on our front page.

“Christine Lily and myself have organised the event for residents of Hethersett and surrounding villages who, for whatever reason, want to get out of the house for a while on Christmas Day,” said joint organiser Charlotte Rose.



***Charlotte Rose***

Christine and Charlotte have also made an appeal for volunteers willing to bake cakes:

“A number of people have volunteered to bake for us and cake donations can be dropped off between midday and 1 pm on Christmas Eve at Rowan House. We would also ask people to spread the word too,” Charlotte said.

She posted messages on the social media Facebook site “All Things Hethersett” and has already had a number of offers of help. Parking and transport will also be available.

Anyone interested in attending or anyone who knows somebody who would benefit from the event is asked to e-mail [ChristmasProjectHethersett@gmail.com](mailto:ChristmasProjectHethersett@gmail.com).

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AT the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 the guns fell silent.

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 2018 Hethersett fell silent - 100 years exactly from the signing of the armistice that officially ended the First World War.

Hethersett joined villages, towns and cities throughout the United Kingdom to observe two minutes' silence and remember and honour the dead of two world wars.

Whilst the wars now recede from living memory with ever-increasing speed and the last few soldiers involved in the Second World War pass on, it is even more important that we remember the sacrifices made.

Here in Hethersett there are more than 30 names on the village war memorial in the grounds of St Remigius Parish Church. These are testament to those members of the armed forces from the village who went to fight for their country and never returned. With their deaths, the face of Hethersett changed forever.

As if on cue and at the behest of a higher authority, the heavy early morning rain gave way to bright sunshine as villagers and uniformed organisations came together to pay their respects. The names of those from Hethersett who lost their lives in the two world wars and the Cyprus campaign of the 1950s were

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read out by John Head and the Last Post was played as an impeccably observed silence descended at 11am.

This was followed by a service inside the church led by the Rector, the Rev Derek McClean and the Associate Priest the Rev Christopher Mallett.

Rev Mallett spoke of the sacrifice given by so many to ensure that future generations could live in peace. He also looked back on his own family history which saw him born in King's Lynn at the precise time that the town was being bombed in the Second World War. He illustrated his talk by circulating images of postcards sent back to England from the front.

"My father served in the First World War and suffered the affects of mustard gas. It is wonderful to have memories of my father and I still have a crucifix he was given on his way home from the war.

"When they got home the troops spoke very little about the war and I think he

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had guilty feelings about returning home when many of his comrades didn't make it back.

"He talked about the youth of some of the German soldiers. He felt no animosity to the Germans but only to the politicians," Rev Mallett, said adding that the First World War had proved not to be "the war to end all wars" as it was stated at the time.

"Today we still have wars around the Globe, but we must offer thanks to all people of all nations involved in the fighting in the First World War and learn from their sacrifice," he added.

Before the service, wreaths were laid at the war memorial by local organisations including Hethersett Parish Council, Hethersett Old Hall School, Hethersett Pensioners' Association, St Remigius Church, Hethersett Guides, Hethersett Explorers, Hethersett Beavers, Hethersett Brownies, Hethersett Cubs, Hethersett Scouts and Hethersett Methodist Church.

Specially decorated remembrance stones had been placed around the war memorial by pupils from Hethersett Junior School.

There was also a special photograph and remembrance sheet in memory of the Ninham Family. More about this on the next page.



# In Memory of Private Arthur Ninham

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

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

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

The day was to become famous in the annals of Arthur's regiment. Facing withering machine gun fire, the men in the Durham Light Infantry had to struggle through the clinging mud at an agonisingly slow speed, with only water-filled shell holes for temporary refuge. Even so some managed to get over two lines of enemy trenches into the quarry and part of the German trench system where they consolidated their gains. They fought all day despite several enemy counter-attacks, but each fresh assault reduced their numbers further and eventually they were forced to abandon their positions, many fighting to the end rather than run.

It was in these appalling conditions that Arthur may have lost his life. His date of death is presumed as he had not been seen for some time. For the following three days activities were relatively quiet, so it is quite possible that he may have been one of the courageous men who reached the German lines but didn't re-



turn. Arthur lost his life in what was one of the final actions of the Battle of the Somme, which had lasted from late June to the first few days of November, 1916, and had cost an estimated 419,000 British, 204,000 French and between 660,000 and 680,000 German casualties.

The death and destruction lasted far beyond the catastrophic 1st July, the day that many people think started and finished the battle. By early November the troops on both sides were exhausted and demoralised. The planned and hoped for British and French breakthrough had ground to a halt, but valuable lessons had been learned which would be developed and would lead to victory some two years later.

The above is taken from the website “Hethersett - A Village At War” and is used with permission. The site looks at the village between 1910 and 1950 and can be visited at:

[www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com)

You can read about two more Hethersett men who died in the first world war by turning to page 16.



*Youngsters from Hethersett lay a wreath on the village war memorial.*

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## A Healthy Increase

The collection at this year's Remembrance Day Service in St Remigius Church raised £416.80 - a rise of over £120 on the previous year. The money has been forwarded to the Royal British Legion.

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The following original poem by John Head was read by him at the 2018 Hethersett Remembrance Service and is reprinted here with John's permission. It is taken from a web site to the memory of 97 soldiers from the Royal Norfolk Regiment who were massacred in the small French hamlet of Le Paradis on May 27th, 1940. For more information on this web site turn to page 20.

## **A Royal Norfolk 27th May, 1940, France**

Am I forgotten from that day  
Surrendered to a sacrifice  
In 'foreign fields' ere grain was scythed  
Before the dawn of Michaelmas?

You are remembered Norfolk man  
Above the noise of modern farms  
Where once behind your father's plough  
You kept in step and proudly trudged

Throughout those undulating fields  
Tarmac arteries now pervade.  
In woods which veil the lover's blush  
Your memory is not concealed.

Whilst lichen hides your inscribed name  
Upon the village epitaph  
It cannot mask your gallant deeds  
A nation ever in your debt

Families who once mourned your loss  
Now weep with pride, tell of that day  
And mark remembrance every year  
With plywood cross and poppy red  
You are remembered Norfolk man  
For in those fields you once prepared  
The golden corn salutes the sun  
And children's laughter freely plays

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Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, has written about the “unspeakable violence, waste and tragedy” of the First World War.

“November holds an extremely special significance. We mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the ‘War to end all Wars.’

“Unspeakable violence, waste and tragedy marked World War One, as it does every war, but that war also became a catalyst for a huge volume of literature,” Rev McClean writes in the village Good News magazine.

“Even now I remember my O’ Level lessons on the war poets, and can never forget the ironic bitterness of Owen’s ‘Dulce et decorum est’ the title of the poem which, as a quotation, finishes with “pro patria mori” - ‘it is sweet and honourable to die for one’s country.’ However, bitter and despairing Owen’s use of those lines, it is only a summation of how many of the survivors of World War One felt.

“Although psychology was in its infancy, people knew enough to know that some men were irrevocably marked with what we now call PTSD (shell shock then).

“I can never forget that war and its effects are ever with us. As someone who grew up in Northern Ireland in the 70s and 80s, I can never forget those who were willing to give their lives for my little part of the United Kingdom, never mind the fields of conflict that are ongoing.”



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# Dulce et Decorum Est

War poet Wilfred Owen wrote arguably his most famous poem between October, 1917 and March, 1918. The line Dulce et Decorum est Pro patria mori is translated from the Latin as “It is sweet and right to die for your country.” Owen’s poem gives a lie to these words and magnificently sums up the horrors of war both on a universal and on a personal scale.

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots  
Of tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.  
Gas! Gas! Quick, boys! – An ecstasy of fumbling,  
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time;  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,  
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.  
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.  
In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,  
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.  
If in some smothering dreams you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,  
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud  
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie; Dulce et Decorum est Pro patria mori.

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## Hethersett Remembers

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*Peter Steward looks back on the lives of men from our village who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War*

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THERE was a particular poignancy to this year's annual Remembrance Day Service in Hethersett as we remembered the 18 men from the village who lost their lives in the First World War, fighting a war that few of them would understand despite being caught up in the euphoria of the day.

The lives of those men have been documented previously both in Hethersett Herald and on one of my web sites - "Hethersett A Village At War." Here we remember once again one of those men from the village who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War and also remember the rather unusual story of one man whose name didn't find its way onto the village war memorial until 84 years after his death.

The First World War years were sad times for Hethersett as the Good News parish magazine regularly brought news of soldiers from the village who would not be returning.

The Rector of the time - the Rev Frederic Jarvis - regularly wrote about the conflict and was so moved by it that he served on the Western Front for over a year and sent back regular letters to the village. These letters will have been censored but give a flavour of just what was going on in a foreign land that was a mere handful of miles away.

Each year on Remembrance Sunday the names of those who lost their lives is read out. Each of these were sons or husbands, brothers and uncles. Ordinary men who died in extraordinary circumstances.

Those who lost their lives in The Great War were killed throughout the world in places as diverse as France and Gaza and a serving with a variety of regiments from Norfolk to Yorkshire. The men who lost their lives in the First World War and who are commemorated on the Hethersett War Memorial are:

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Robert BARTRAM of the 11th Battalion Essex Regiment who died on 21st April, 1917, aged 35 and is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery.

Horace BEAUMONT of the Royal Naval Reserve who was lost at sea on 12th December, 1918, aged 37. His ship was torpedoed by a German U-Boat.

Frederick BENNETT of the 71st Company Machine Gun Corps (previously the Suffolk Regiment) who was killed in action on 1st May, 1917, and is remembered on the Loos Memorial in France.

William BISHOP of the 1st/5th Norfolk Regiment who died in hospital on November 4th, 1917. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Gaza on April 19th, 1917, and died of enteritis in hospital at Nigde in Turkey on November 4th, 1917.

Frederick BLAKE of the 7th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment who was killed in action on 14th May, 1917, aged 35. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial in France.

William BRINGLOE of the 1st/12th Battalion London Regiment who was killed in action on 7th October, 1916, aged 27. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing.

Ralph BUCKINGHAM who was drowned at sea on June 5th, 1916, aged 21. His name is on the Naval Memorial at Portsmouth. Ralph is pictured above.

Albert "Ray" CHILDS - see our special article.

Harry CHILDS who served in the 1st/4th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He died in hospital in Alexandria on 17th September, 1917. He is buried in the Deir El Bulah Cemetery, Israel.

Frederick CURSON who served in the 101st Company Labour Corps and previously in the 30th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He died on 17th May, 1918, and is buried in St Sever Cemetery in Rouen.



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Frederick HARVEY of the 268th Employment Company who died on 8th December, 1918, and is buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery in France.

Arthur HUBBARD of the 7th Norfolk Regiment who was killed in action on 18th September, 1918, and is buried in Epehy Wood Cemetery in France.

Benjamin JOY of the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment who was killed in action on 28th March, 1918, and is remembered on the Arras Memorial, France.

Sidney LIVICK who was killed in action on 26th September, 1915, aged 29. He was serving in the 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment and is remembered on the Loos Memorial in France.

George Moore of the 1st/4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment who was killed in action aged 34 and is remembered on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel. He went missing following the Battle of Gaza.

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

Harry SERGEANT of the 1st/4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment who was killed in action on 19th April, 1917, aged 35 and is buried in the Gaza War Cemetery, Israel.

Arthur SHORTEN of the 1st/4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment who died of wounds on 3rd November, 1917, and is buried in Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. He is another soldier commemorated on the tablet which can be seen in the Church Hall Rooms in Henstead Road, Hethersett.



**Frederick  
Curson**

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## The Unusual Story of Albert “Ray” Childs

ALBERT “Ray” Childs’ name was only added to the Hethersett War Memorial a handful of years ago following a local campaign to have him included.

Known to all as Ray, he suffered from gas inhalation during the First World War but didn’t die until 1920 - almost two years after the end of fighting.

The Hethersett Good News parish magazine reported his death in the following way:

“It is with sincere regret that we record the death of another of our Hethersett men who served in the war. Ray Childs enlisted in the R.A.S.C M.T on 25th October 1916, and went out to France in the following May. He was severely gassed in 1918, but did not return home. Shortly after returning to duty he succumbed to an attack of dysentery and was admitted to hospital on 1st Sept of the same year. A few weeks later he was brought to England to the Toxteth Park Military Hospital, Liverpool. He recovered sufficiently to be sent back to duty at Shoreham, but it was only temporary, and shortly afterwards he was admitted to hospital again, in London. He received his discharge on 30th April, 1919 and came home, but his health was in a very precarious state and after a fortnight only he went to the Kelling Sanatorium. He came home again on the 28th Oct. last and after thirteen weeks of illness, bravely and patiently borne, he died on Feb 2nd. He was 24 years of age. He was well known to many parishioners. Before the war he was Local Secretary to the Juvenile Branch of the Rechabites Club. He was a keen cricketer and for two seasons acted as Secretary to the Hethersett Cricket Club. We extend our sympathy to his relatives and friends in their bereavement.” It is likely that Ray



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The sanatorium at Kelling

suffered from inhalation of mustard gas. This type of gas caused blistering burns to any exposed flesh and also affected the nose, throat and lungs. Resulting scar tissue could make the sufferer susceptible to pulmonary tuberculosis and this is probably what happened to him. Kelling Sanatorium was used chiefly for the treatment and recuperation from TB. He was buried in St Remigius Churchyard on February 6th, 1920. The headstone is still readable today and is the only local one for a fallen serviceman of the Great War. He is also remembered on the British School Tablet now in the Church Hall in Henstead Road.

Sadly his elder brother Harry died whilst serving in Egypt and was also taken through illness. The grave in St Remigius Churchyard remembers both brothers. Albert's death is not recorded in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists as the organisation stopped recording the fallen after August 1921 and it must be assumed that Ray's death was not reported either as an oversight or simply because of his family's wishes. The name of Ray Childs was added to the Hethersett War Memorial in 2014 as part of the village commemoration of the centenary of the start of the First World War.

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THE Remembrance Service of November, 2014, was a particularly poignant one for the family of Ray Childs. Not only did the year mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, but it marked the inclusion of Ray's name on the Hethersett War Memorial.



For the first time, Ray's name was read out amongst those who fell in the two world wars. His name was added to the other 17 from the Great War. Present to mark the event were Ray's great nieces Heather Undrill and Valerie Hearn and his great great niece Pamela Hearn.

Ray's name was added to the war memorial thanks to the work of local historians Beate Ewert and Bob Andrews and the agreement of Hethersett Parish Council. After gathering around the war memorial the remainder of the 2014 service took place in Hethersett Methodist Church due to the fact that the parish church was shut for repairs.

In our picture from left to right are: Heather Undrill, Beate Ewert, Bob Andrews, Valerie Hearn and Pamela Hearn

## Sign Up To Support Memorial

**By Peter Steward**

ON page 12 we published an original poem by John Head which was read out in St Remigius Church at this year's Remembrance Day commemoration.

The poem is taken from a web site set-up in memory of the 97 soldiers who died in the massacre at Le Paradis in Northern France on May 27th, 1940.

Over the past two years I have been

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working with John, who is also from Hethersett, and two other people as part of the Le Paradis Commemoration Group designed to raise the public's awareness of an event very few people were or are aware of.

The 97 soldiers massacred had surrendered to the Germans but were led into a field and machine-gunned. Two survived - Private Albert "Bert" Pooley from London and Private William "Bill" O'Callaghan from Dereham in Norfolk.

The web site "Hell in Paradise - The Story of the Le Paradis Massacre" began life as a tribute to the 97 and the story of Bill's survival but quickly turned into the full story of the massacre and those who fought to keep the German army at bay to allow over 300,000 troops to be evacuated from the beaches at Dunkirk.

The full story of the lead up to the massacre, the massacre itself and the aftermath, including the hunt to bring the German officer responsible for giving the order to fire. is told at [www.leparadismassacre.com](http://www.leparadismassacre.com).

Now there are steps to have a permanent memorial in Norfolk to all those who lost their lives at Le Paradis and the surrounding area. There are already five such memorials in Northern France but, as yet, none in the United Kingdom.

The campaign to set-up a memorial is being led by military historian and memorial campaigner Rob Edwards along with the Le Paradis Commemoration Group which consists of myself, John Head, Bill O'Callaghan's son Dennis and historian Nick Smith.

The idea of a memorial has already found support from a number of Norfolk dignitaries including Lord Dannatt and a number of MPs. We are looking for as many founder member supporters to sign up in support as possible and this can be done from the website.

There is absolutely no cost for signing up to support the campaign but you could be helping to ensure that a permanent memorial to mark the bravery of so many soldiers in May, 1940, is never forgotten.



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## Rock On Tommy

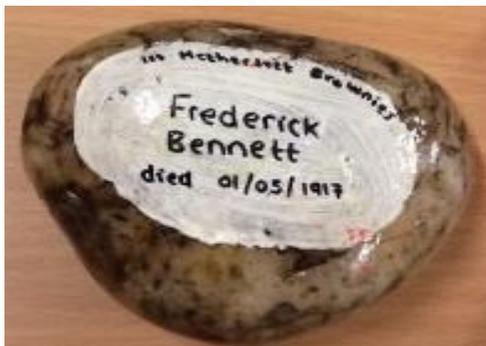
LOOK carefully as you go around Hethersett and you might spot one of the special commemorative stones hidden by Hethersett Brownies.

The youngsters from the First Hethersett group designed rocks to feature poppies and the names of all those who lost their lives in the First World War.

Brownie leader Sharon Watts said: "The girls were very busy making 'poppy rocks' to commemorate the Armistice Centenary.

They hid them around the village before Remembrance Sunday. Each rock has the name of a soldier from our village who perished due to the conflict. If you find one, please keep it or re-hide it if you would like to."

Do let us know if you find one of the rocks.



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HETHERSETT Old Hall School commemorated the war dead with a special art installation in the school's grounds.

The installation is made up of wooden silhouettes of soldiers, surrounded by pinwheel paper poppies to represent the flowers that grew on the Belgian, French and Gallipoli





battlefields. The pupils carefully arranged their poppies, which include a mixture of traditional red poppies, and purple ones which represent the animals who lost their lives in the war.

“As a school, we believe it is essential to teach and encourage our pupils to remember and respect those who bravely fought for us in the First World War.

“We have a number of international students at the school, who researched the life of a soldier with a shared nationality to them who supported the allies during World War One.

“They have created and placed twelve silhouettes in windows around the school, which tell the story of those individuals.

“Some of our British pupils also researched stories for the British silhouettes, and have placed these around our grounds,” the school said on its website.

# Christmas Bin Collections

AS usual there will be some changes to Christmas bin collections. The dates for black (rubbish) and green (re-cycling) are shown below. There will be no collection of brown garden waste bins from December 24th to January 4th.

<b>Usual Collection Day</b>	<b>Revised Collection Day</b>	<b>Change</b>
Tuesday 25th December	Thursday 27th December	2 days late
Wednesday 26th December	Friday 28th December	2 days late
Thursday 27th December	Saturday 29th December	2 days late
Friday 28th December	Monday 31st December	3 days late
Tuesday 1st January	Wednesday 2nd January	1 day late
Wednesday 2nd January	Thursday 3rd January	1 day late
Thursday 3rd January	Friday 4th January	1 day late
Friday 4th January	Saturday 5th January	1 day late

## Changes to Bin Collection Days

**BROWN** bin collection days in Hethersett have changed from the beginning of November. Householders who use the garden waste bins have been contacted by letter to outline the changes which will see bins collected on Fridays fortnightly from 5th November.

“Our garden waste service has become so popular that we are now having to redesign the routes to enable us to accept new customers into the scheme,” said Simon Hawken from South Norfolk Council.

“Every week the council collects around 200 tonnes of grass and hedge cuttings, leaves and branches and our rounds have become so busy, with more than 25,000 customers, that our lorries are getting close to their allowed weight limits,” Mr Hawken added.

# News From the Parish Council

## Bridget Re-joins the Council

A FAMILIAR face has re-joined Hethersett Parish Council.

Bridget Williamson (photographed opposite) has been co-opted to fill a vacancy on the council to bring it up to full strength.

Bridget is a village stalwart who was previously on the parish council at the beginning of the millennium.

A retired teacher, Bridget now feels that she has time once again to become involved in council life:

“I am now retired and have the time and energy to fulfil the duties of a parish councillor to the best of my ability,” Bridget said.



Bridget was involved in the setting up of the village open gardens scheme, the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) and a youth parish council.

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## Election Time Approaches

ELECTIONS for the 13 seats on Hethersett Parish Council will take place next May as the current council approaches the end of its term of office.

Nominations for the parish council can be lodged in the new year with a closing date of April 3rd for applications. An election will only take place if there are more valid candidate nominations than vacancies.

Parish Council elections take place every four years.

# News From the Parish Council

## Additional Traffic Calming Measure For Great Melton Road

An additional speed bump to slow down traffic in Great Melton Road, new road signs welcoming people to Hethersett and a seat for a bus shelter in New Road are amongst the latest plans being implemented by the parish council.

The speed bump will be placed between Tesco Express and the junction of Henstead Road and will be designed to encourage motorists to stick to the 20 mph speed limit along this stretch of Great Melton Road. It will be funded by a parish partnership, with Norfolk County Council meeting 50% of the cost.

The new bus stop bench will be placed at the existing shelter on New Road - the only shelter in the village without a seat.

The additional road signs will be put into place in Ketteringham Lane and on Little Melton Road. The signs are likely to include the words "please drive slowly."

The council is still looking into the possibility of placing timber bollards on Great Melton Road opposite Tesco Express to improve safety for pedestrians.

The council is also looking at the possibility of replacing an old bench in Cann's Lane with a new one after complaints about its state of repair.

The next Hethersett Parish Council meeting is in the village hall on Monday 17th December.

# Two Police Appeals

Police are appealing for information after a burglary in Hethersett.

It happened sometime between 11.10 am and 12.40 pm on Saturday 27th October, when suspect(s) broke into a property in Cann's Lane.

Electrical items and jewellery were stolen. Police are keen to trace the driver of a white high sided Transit van which was seen in the area at the time of the crime.

Anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area or anyone with information should contact DC Jill Bunting at Norwich Police Station on 101. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Police are appealing for information after a man exposed himself at a bus stop in Hethersett.

A girl aged in her late teens was standing at the bus stop on Mill Road at approximately 9 am on Monday, 22nd October, when a man in a blue estate car stopped and exposed himself before driving off.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or saw the blue car in the area at the time of the incident should contact PC Nigel Scott at Wymondham Police Station on 101.

# Road Re-Surfaced

Major re-surfacing work in Back Lane took place over a four day period in November.

Much of the road was closed during different periods as the £54,000 scheme was completed.

Bus services to the village were disrupted while the work took place. The Number 9 Konnect bus was diverted in both directions along the B1172 and then via Colney Lane and Burnthouse Lane back to Little Melton.

The number 13 Konnect bus was diverted after its Queen's Head stop, running straight through to Thickthorn.

# More Anti-Social Behaviour at Play Area

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour has reared its ugly head once again on a Hethersett play area.

People have been threatened and damage caused by youths on the playground in the Admirals Way and Churchfields area of Steeple Tower.

One resident took to social media to use sarcasm to point out the problem:

“Congratulations to the half-wits that smashed up the sign on the children's playground at Admirals Way/Churchfields and to the teenagers who hang around the playground late at night smoking drugs and leaving their rubbish everywhere, A credit to Hethersett. There was a big group of teenagers in that park last night when I was trick or treating with my little ones. They were throwing stuff at the play equipment probably the same group.”

Another resident responded:

“That sounds about right. I noticed there was a load of smashed pumpkins all around the play equipment when I was walking the dog this morning so that was probably them.”

Other residents sprung to the village's support on the pages of social media and one comment urged everyone to keep the whole vandalism thing in perspective:

“I know it is awful that there has been vandalism, thefts and disgusting behaviour in Hethersett recently, but please don't give up on the village!

“Remember how we all rallied together to raise money for the elderly lady who was burgled? Remember how many of us pick up litter on our travels around the village? Remember days like the Fun Run? Remember how only yesterday many people were saying that all trick or treaters that came to their doors last night were polite and friendly?

“It's so easy to get bogged down with the bad, but don't forget the things (no matter how little) that make this village one of the best that there is. Let's continue treating others how we wish to be treated and hopefully it'll spread!”

Another resident said:

“I've been in Hethersett 40 years now and it's the only place I've ever felt home sick for! I think I qualify as a “native” now! But I must say the selfish parking (double parking/on footpaths) just to save a few steps gets right up my nose

“Having recently moved to Hethersett in May, and previously spending most of my life living in East London, and more recently Norwich, I can honestly say I love the village and a place I call home! Yes there are some minor problems with litter and disrespectful youths which is disappointing, but it's the same in most places.

If all you have to worry about in village life is a little congestion by Tescos and people parking on the path a little to avoid blocking the road then count yourself lucky! My main concern living in Hackney was whether I was going to be mugged at knife point walking home from the station. Get some perspective guys

For comment on this please turn to Scott Willoughby's column on page and our special debate section starting on page 54.

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## **Ketteringham Household Waste Site to Close**

HETHERSETT residents will soon have to drive further to dispose of household waste following a decision to shut the Ketteringham site in favour of a larger one at the Harford Park and Ride. The household site at Wymondham will also be closing in the near future.

Councillor Martin Wilby, Chairman of Norfolk County Council's Environment, Development and Transport Committee said: “We're planning for the future by looking to provide some bigger and better recycling centres and to make improvements to the popular service we're already very proud of.”

Councillors are also considering a number of relocation and expansion plans including a new recycling centre for Norwich to replace the out of date Mile Cross site.

Councillors argue that the current recycling site at Ketteringham is difficult to get to with access to a new site on the Harford Park and Ride being easier. Harford will also have more parking and allow for bins to be emptied without the need to temporarily close the site. The new site will also allow for expected population growth in the area.

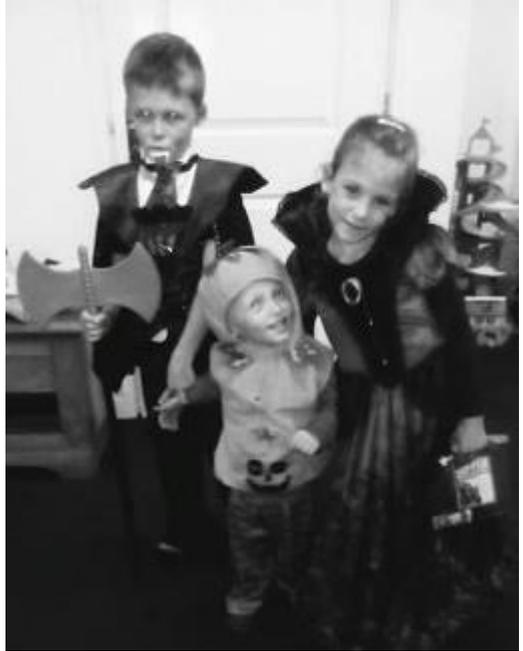
What do you think about the changes? Will a new improved access site at Harford be an improvement or will it make it more difficult to dispose of household waste for people living in Hethersett? If you have comments on this or any other story in Hethersett Herald please send them to the editor at: petersteward@lineone.net

# Spook Night Special

THE following were seen at large in Hethersett on Hallowe'en. Many thanks to Tracy Kemp, Tina Burke, Aileen Alvarez-Clack, James Taylor, Laura Jones, Rebecca Appleton, Sarah Collins, Sarah Riches, Karen Stradling, Lou Irvine-Ladbroke, Kerry Pearson, Heather Emery and Lesley Hurn for sending the photographs in and giving permission for their publication.



# More Ghostly Goings On



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## Money For Good Causes

**OUR district councillors still have some money to give to good causes.**

**Leslie Dale and David Bills both have £1000 to award for new hardware projects for Hethersett voluntary charities or organisations. With local government elections coming up in May, the money has to be distributed before Christmas.**

**If you would like to discuss the matter further Leslie can be contacted on 01603 810952 and David on 01603 813041.**

## Moaning Minnie

It would not be Christmas if, being a Moaning Minnie, I did not have a moan about something seasonal.

How can Supermarkets have their decorated Christmas trees in their lobbies the first week in November? Come on give us a break. It must be awful for the parents with their offspring saying for nearly two months "I want for Christmas".

Before many years have passed they won't bother to take them down, just leave them there all year round so children can drive their parents mad asking "When is Santa coming again?" And the shops will have something to hang their Easter Eggs on!

Oh well, here's wishing all the readers of this wonderful magazine a happy Christmas and may 2019 bring you peace and happiness.

## Early Publishing For Christmas

We hope you are enjoying the December edition of Hethersett Herald. The next Herald will be published before Christmas in order to cover the festive season in the village.

As always if you have any articles for inclusion in Hethersett Herald please send them to the editor at [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net). Photographs are particularly welcome.

Back copies of Hethersett Herald can be viewed on our website at:

[www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com)

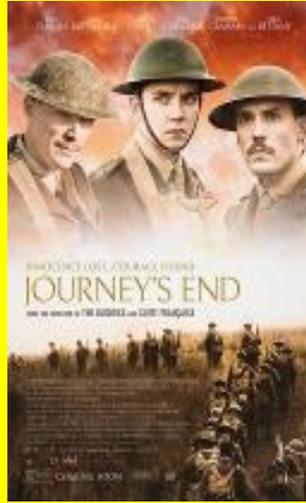
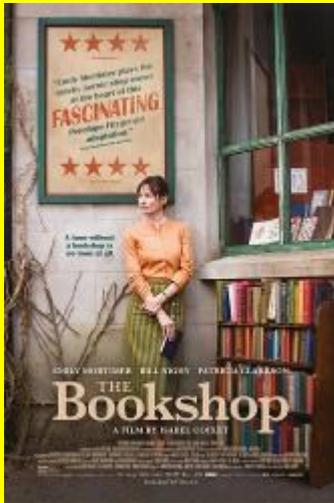
## Fighting For The Strategic Gap

Hethersett's representatives on South Norfolk Council have vowed to "fight tooth and nail" to maintain a green belt between the village and Wymondham.

Leslie Dale and David Bills told a meeting of Hethersett Parish Council that they would strongly oppose any moves in the future to gain planning permission for building homes that would effectively link Hethersett and Wymondham.

"We will fight tooth and nail to maintain a strategic gap," David Bills said.

# Hethersett Village Screen Update



THE 2018/2019 season of films organised by Hethersett Village Screen continued in November with the First World War film "Journey's End" which attracted over 30 people to the village hall.

The film was set in the trenches on the Western Front with an outstanding performance from Sam Claflin who was brought up in Norwich. It told the story of a group of British officers

and soldiers who are led by the mentally disintegrating young officer Stanhope (played by Claflin).

Hethersett Village Screen is a non profit group organising monthly screenings in Hethersett Village Hall. It is fully supported by Creative Arts East, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council.

All films advertised here take place on a Sunday at 3 pm. The next film will be "The Bookshop" on 9th December.

"The Bookshop" tells the story of Florence Green, a free-spirited widow, who puts grief behind her and risks everything to open up a bookshop - the first such shop in the sleepy seaside town of Hardborough. But this mini social revolution soon brings her fierce enemies. She invites the hostility of the town's less prosperous shopkeepers and also crosses Mrs. Gamart, Harborough's vengeful, embittered, alpha female who is a wannabe doyenne of the local arts scene.

Dates for the first part of 2019 have been announced, but details of the films will be available at a later date. Dates are - 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April and 12th May.

More information is available at [facebook.com/hethersettvs](https://facebook.com/hethersettvs) and [twitter.com/hethersettvs](https://twitter.com/hethersettvs).

# Hethersett - The Debate

SOCIAL Media is a wonderful vehicle for prompting debate and this has been very evident over the past month.

What has become most evident is how much so many people care deeply about our village and how, whenever there is adverse publicity, many jump to its support - and quite rightly so.

Like virtually all villages, towns and cities in this country we have our problems with anti social behaviour and vandalism. Issues such as parking and speeding are virtually always raising their ugly head.

The success of our village lies very much in the army. I'm not talking about soldiers in uniform but the army of selfless people who volunteer and make Hethersett what it is. The people that run voluntary caring groups, run youth organisations and help out at schools and in many other areas of life are pure gold dust. They provide caring, entertainment and give us a real heart.

Over the past few years many of these groups have been run by, should we say, older and often retired people who allegedly have "more time to spare." I think this is more prevalent today where family and work pressures are arguably higher than in the past when perhaps younger people had more time on their hands.

Over the years there have been many efforts to get the younger members of our village involved in local groups and local life and by being involved I mean helping to organise. Most of these efforts have fallen on stony ground.

Often the youth of our village have been vilified due to the moronic behaviour of a small minority who cause damage and abuse residents. On page 29 you can read about problems with youths on the play equipment in one part of Hethersett.

A number of messages appeared on social media suggesting our village is "going to the dogs." But one younger person on Facebook quite rightly jumped to the defence of young people:

"I would just like to say that recently all of the young groups in Hethersett are being blamed for a number of things, which in most circumstances doesn't relate to them.

As a teenager, it is extremely discouraging for adults to automatically blame our groups for problems in and around the Hethersett area, such as the fireworks being left on the Memorial Playing Field, which was in fact a group of adults letting them off, yet we were straight to blame. Since we are getting the blame for every occurrence without justification, why should we want to help and do our

bit, when no matter what our age range are getting penalised? We are not all bad, and most of us want to help, but are being faced with the issue of being looked down upon by our older generation - disheartening us in terms of the village.

Maybe instead of pointing blame at young teenagers (and can I add without proof), and causing them to want to retaliate due to getting the blame anyway, people in Hethersett should ALL work as a community to achieve these objectives of no litter and other such like matters in order to create a happier, and also healthier village. If this is to be achieved everyone needs to work as a team rather than having a predominant social divide. After all, we are a community, of which majority of us want the same thing.”

Powerful stuff and those comments do help to redress the balance and make us realise that it is the minority of young people who cause problems. Our village is blessed with some very able young people (just look at the exam results of our schools).

We must never forget that the young people of today will be the scientists, managers and innovators of the future. Unfortunately it is the loud unruly minority that are often highlighted and surely this balance needs to be redressed.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a new youth army rose up to take a prominent part in village life.

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## Record Number For Village Clean-Up

**A RECORD number of people took part in the latest village clean-up organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).**

**A total of 26 people turned up: “It was our best ever response and we hope to have another good turnout for our next litter pick on January 12th,” said organiser Chris Morriss.**

**Volunteers will be very welcome at the next pick with sacks and equipment provided: “I think the idea of having to pay people to pick up litter is appalling, so the more volunteers we get the better,” Mr Morriss added.**

**The date of the next Hethersett Open Gardens event has been set as Sunday, June 30th, 2019, with proceeds going to a specific charity/initiative yet to be chosen.**

**The next HEAT meeting will take place in Hethersett Social Club at 8 pm on February 13th.**

# Divorce - The Facts



HETHERSETT Herald has teamed up with Dawson's Law Solicitors to bring you a regular monthly column looking at a variety of aspects of the law. We start with an article written by family law solicitor Sophie Mitchell on changes to the divorce laws:

## **No Fault Divorce - finding an amicable solution to divorce.**

There has been much in the news recently with regards to 'No Fault Divorce' but what does it all mean?

Currently within England and Wales there are five grounds of divorce which are: adultery, unreasonable behaviour, two years' separation with consent, five years' separation and desertion (requiring a minimum period of two years' separation). This means that there is currently no way to apply for a divorce prior to being separated for two years that does not involve an element of blame on the other party through either adultery or unreasonable behaviour.



The Dawson's  
Law Team.

People who wish to get divorced before they have been separated for two years are required, if there has been no adultery, to give to the courts examples of the other party's unreasonable behaviour. In some cases there simply is no unreasonable behaviour, the relationship has come to a mutually agreed end, but these couples are required to remain married until they have been separated for at least two years before a divorce can be applied for with the consent of both parties. In other cases the couple wish to deal with things as amicably as possible but having to then provide examples of their spouse's unreasonable behaviour can lead to ill-feeling and confrontation meaning previously friendly discussions about the settlement of finances and arrangements for the children are derailed and become a more costly and stressful matter to resolve.

You will probably have also heard of the recent case of *Owens v Owens* where in that case the court found there was no unreasonable behaviour by Mr Owens. Mr Owens will not consent to a divorce and so Mrs Owens, not being able to prove a fault, must now wait until they have been separated for five years in order to proceed with a divorce. This is something which is of course going to significantly increase the conflict and pressure in that separation with the outcome of it being highly unlikely the couple will be able to agree financial matters without the need of further court intervention.

At Dawson's Law we have always been committed to resolving matters of separation in the least confrontational and amicable way as possible and recognise the importance of guiding clients through the process in a constructive and cost-effective manner whilst still achieving the best and fairest outcome for them. We are therefore pleased to see that the Government is now consulting with regards to a change in the divorce laws in this country to look at introducing a form of no fault divorce that can be used sooner than two years, giving couples a better chance of divorcing amicably without needing to wait so long and be able to resolve matters without unnecessary conflict.

Until these changes are made, however, we will continue to advise clients on the best way forward for them in the process of divorce and if this is something you need some assistance with please get in touch. Our Family Law solicitor Sophie Mitchell will be happy to help. We continue to offer initial free appointments for family matters at our office at 41, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. Telephone for an appointment on 01603 327280

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## Cann's Lane Connundrum

COULD the narrow entrance/exit to Cann's Lane off the Old Norwich Road eventually become one way.

That is one option being suggested if plans for a cycle path to divert onto the Old Norwich Road off the B1172 go ahead.

Some residents of Cann's Lane have expressed concern at the amount of traffic using the narrow entrance/exit with sat navs now directing traffic this way as an entrance and exit to the main village. The volume of traffic using Cann's Lane has increased and includes lorries who can barely negotiate the narrowness.

There is also a suggestion that traffic in Cann's Lane is speeding up to get through the narrowing quickly in case a vehicle enters from the Norwich Road direction. It is also thought that many vehicles ignore the 20 mph speed limit.

There are four alternatives for this junction. The first would be to leave it as it is (i.e available for two-way traffic). The second is to make it one-way for use by traffic going towards the Old Norwich Road. The third is to make it one way for use by traffic entering from the Norwich Road direction and the fourth option is to put bollards in place to prevent traffic using the narrow section at all.

This matter has been discussed in the past but no action taken to date.

# Hethersett Matters

**OUR monthly round-up in conjunction with Norfolk Trading Standards of some of the scams currently doing the rounds and how to avoid becoming a victim.**

Norfolk Police are warning residents to be vigilant to cold callers following incidents across the county.

Officers received 17 reports on a single day concerning cold calls from scammers claiming to be from HMRC.

In most cases, scammers have claimed to be from HMRC stating that the person is involved in a lawsuit and owes money.

Anyone concerned about incidents should follow this advice:

**Recognise the signs** - genuine organisations like banks and HMRC will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, password or bank details.

**Stay safe** - don't give out private information, reply to text messages, download attachments or click on links in emails you weren't expecting.

**Take action** - forward suspicious emails claiming to be from HMRC to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk and texts to 60599, or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report any suspicious calls or use their online fraud reporting tool.

Check [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for information on how to avoid and report scams and recognise genuine HMRC contact.

## **Additional advice**

HMRC will call people about outstanding tax bills and sometimes use automated messages. However this would include a taxpayer reference number. If uncertain of the caller customers are advised to hang up and call HMRC directly to check.

HMRC Debt management teams do contact members of the public by phone about paying outstanding debts.

Calls to and from the majority of HMRC offices will start with the prefix, 0300 or 034.

For up to date advice on scam HMRC phone calls, visit - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phishing-and-bogus-emails-hm-revenue-and-customs-examples/phishing-emails-and-bogus-contact-hm-revenue-and-customs-examples#bogus-callers>.

# Hethersett School Watch



The Old Hall School fireworks' display had to be postponed from its original date due to adverse weather conditions. But a week later it was all systems go

as fireworks lit the sky and members of the school's parents' association, parents and pupils helped with the stalls to make the evening a great success. The images are courtesy of Old Hall School's official website.



# Hethersett School Watch

## A Singing Treat

SINGERS from Hethersett Academy gave audiences a treat at a special Halloween concert. The school's senior choir took part in the Norfolk Music Hub High Schools' Choir Festival at St. Andrew's Hall at the end of October.

They joined singers from schools across the county for a "Weird and Wonderful" themed set that included "The Phantom of the Opera," "Bohemian Rhapsody" and Mozart's "Dies Irae."

The atmospheric evening ended with a monster mash up of Halloween classics including "Thriller" and "Ghostbusters."

Meanwhile year nine students travelled to some of the most important sites of the First World War visiting the Flanders and Somme areas - including Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel and Thiepval. They paid their respects at cemeteries including Tyne Cot with its 12,000 graves and the German cemetery of Langemark where over 44,000 soldiers are buried.

At the town of Arras the group explored tunnels dug by New Zealand soldiers to get closer to the German positions and visited the Flying Services Memorial to the many thousands of airmen who perished on the Western Front and have no known grave.

## Sports Reports Needed

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

**If you would like your club featured just send the details to [peter-steward@lineone.net](mailto:peter-steward@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.**

# From the Press Bench

## Pushing Forward the Urban Sprawl

NORFOLK writer and character Keith Skipper wrote an interesting article in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper which included a reference to Hethersett being subsumed into Wymondham (something our district councillors are fighting “tooth and nail” to avoid - see comments elsewhere in this edition.

In his article Keith Skipper refers to the “dramatic growth of garden-garnished proposals for larger developments across an already-beleaguered Norfolk.”

He goes on to say:

“They may even argue that new villages and towns wearing the “garden” tag must be preferable to more ugly sprawl around so many of our existing communities. It’s a useful debating point as Swaffham marches on towards Cockley Cley, **Wymondham looks to embrace Hethersett** and a few others and Aylsham is building its way to North Walsham.”

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**THE Wymondham Mercury newspaper carried one of our photographs of the Remembrance Day commemorations in the grounds of St Remigius Church.**

**A copy of the front page of the Wymondham Mercury from Thursday, November 15th is featured opposite.**



# Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

## **Member of Parliament**

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

Email - Richard@richardbacon.org.uk.

Address: Grasmere, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LE.

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

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

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

Clerk to the council Annette Palmer can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan can be contacted on 01603 814379.

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Village Hall. The planning committee meets on the first and third Monday (depending on planning applications).

Agendas of meetings are displayed on village noticeboards at Churchfields, Hethersett Library, Hethersett Post Office, the Memorial Playing Field, and Hethersett Village Hall. Copies of minutes are held at the library or are available from the clerk. The parish council office is open at the Village Hall (upstairs) on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10am and 12noon

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

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# The Scott Willoughby Column

IT saddens but doesn't surprise me that another spate of vandalism and jobbery has come to the village.

Social Media reports and comments made to me as I move around the village suggest that night time is becoming something of a no go area around the play area off Admirals Way and Churchfields. This is not the first time residents have faced abuse when walking their dogs.

Unfortunately vandalism and anti-social behaviour seems to come in waves. A few years ago it was centred around the Memorial Playing Field but a solid campaign by Norfolk Police solved the noise and vandalism problem there but we are never far away from a new outbreak.

Don't get me wrong, Hethersett is relatively crime free and vandalism is overall low, but that doesn't detract from the annoyance of residents subjected to foul and abusive language when they are doing nothing more than having a stroll.

If you are subjected to abuse please take details of time and place and description of the abuser and pass them onto the police. I know the phrase anti-social behaviour is now becoming a thing of the past but it does sum up what is going on in parts of our village.

I am sure that the more liberal members of our community will point to the social reasons for the anti-social behaviour and I'm certain that the perpetrators are probably suffering from some kind of syndrome that seems to be prevalent and often used as an excuse in modern society for what just used to be called bad or criminal behaviour.

Perhaps these people are suffering from NODS - that's Normal Deficiency Syndrome.

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There is no doubt that the Northern Distributor Road, now re-named the Broadland Northway, has helped to cut journey time from our village for those wanting to go north of the city and access areas such as Old Catton, Spix-

# The Scott Willoughby Column

worth and Hellesdon. It certainly has helped to make the North Norfolk coast more accessible thanks to not having to go through Norwich or round the traffic-logged inner ring road.

Unfortunately the new road has been branded anything from confusing to downright dangerous and there have already been numerous accidents.

And it's easy to see why. I use the road a fair amount and it is highly confusing with two lanes turning into three at roundabouts, people cutting across each other and total confusion about directions at the Postwick interchange when coming from the North Norfolk direction.

I understand the road signage is being changed/improved which in itself is an admission by the powers that be that the road is both confusing and dangerous. It is the road layouts that need to be changed before there is a fatality.

So why you ask am I talking about a road that technically has no connection with Hethersett. Well it reminded me of the situation at Thickthorn Roundabout where Highways England were told by local people in no uncertain terms that the junctions were dangerous and the markings unclear and confusing.

This is still my opinion of a roundabout I avoid whenever possible. But did Highways England listen to our concerns. Well yes they listened and then completely ignored them and that seems, to use an old golfing cliché, to be pretty much par for the course.

Over the years Governments have talked at length about "returning the power to the people" and "localism." I see no evidence of either of these things happening.

It was good to see that under the cover of darkness mysteriously whitened road markings appeared in November. It looks as if pretty much all of the village was covered late at night or in the early hours of the morning.

If you agree or disagree with my comments, why not leave a message on our Facebook pages.

## The North Wind Doth Blow

AS December creeps in, the days are really chilly and there are very few hedgehogs calling at my feeding stations. Instead they are tucked up in their beds for the winter. Contrary to what you may believe, hedgehogs do not curl up to go to sleep, they hibernate flat on their tummies. Curling up is a response to danger and they feel safe inside their dens.

Three of the tiny hedgehogs that came in are now big enough to hibernate. One has returned home to Diss (where he came from) weighing more than 600 gm and two others - Hector and Harry - are in the outside run. We took a chance on them fighting over space but, as the run is big and has two completely separate hibernation homes in it, so long as I put two dishes of everything in there then they appear to be happy enough and spend most of the nights carrying large loads of straw and leaves into their already over stuffed homes. There have been 'face offs' but the cameras have not revealed any violence. Both are wide awake at present but, with the preparations they have been making, no doubt they will both be asleep soon.



*Harry collecting leaves for his den*

Last year one of the hoglets in the outside run refused to sleep and had to be fed all winter. By the time spring was well established it weighed over 1 kg.

We have three more small ones, one of which is very tiny (Herbert) and very unwell while a second (Snuffles) is poorly. Sadly most autumn juveniles are infected with lungworms. A strong hoglet can fight them off but weak ones quickly succumb. Both have undergone a course of treatment and one has stopped coughing but it is still touch and go whether they will recover.

Another underweight but healthy little hog from the Steepletower estate is

# Hethersett Hedgehogs

being fostered by Paul Baisley our village dentist and I may have to call on him again if I can catch the little hog that is still visiting the feeding station. Other than sitting outside all night there is little I can do to capture it. Hopefully if it is continually fed then it might gain enough weight to make it.



*Hector strutting his stuff*

Hibernating hedgehogs do wake up in the winter and may roam about for a while before settling down again so it is important that there is always water and hopefully a bit of food available for them on their wanderings.

We are having terrible trouble with a local cat (not one of our own) which will eat absolutely anything that we put out for the hedgehogs, including dried mealworms. It has even broken into the outside run and cleared all the food just after dark before the hedgehogs even got a look in. We are at our wits end to know how to tackle the problem.

Come December 21st, we have our shortest day and then I can tell myself that the days are getting longer and warmer and that before long we shall be back into the cycle of new hoglets who have a good chance of making it without intervention.

What is wonderful is the spread of information about the plight that hedgehogs are in. Many more people are now aware of what we could lose and are taking steps to make their gardens as hedgehog friendly as they can. We need their numbers to be rising not falling.

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You can read more about us on our website at:

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

We also have a Facebook page - Hethersett Hedgehogs at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/916437725144899/>

# Groups and Societies

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

*Club chairman Lynn Rawlings looks back on club activities between August and October.*

IN September we welcomed Lorraine Scott who demonstrated “Floral Fusion.” Her presentation was really informative and used wonderful colours. Afterwards we presented Tory Pigg from our chosen charity “Star Throwers” with a cheque and she explained what they do to help cancer sufferers locally.



In October we welcomed Anna Potter, who owns Ragged Robin Florist in Wymondham. This was a most refreshing evening with many good tips from the professional. She arranged with a free simple style and showed us how to make a hand-tied bouquet without many flowers. It was great to hear her sourcing bio-degradable florist foam and alternatives to polythene.



Forthcoming events for 2019:

January 28th - David Wright “All Kinds of Everything.”

February 25th - Anne Colby “Memories.”

March 25th - AGM a ticketed event to include supper



We usually meet on the fourth Monday of the month (Bank holidays usually the third Monday) in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We have a qualified demonstrator and you have the chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle at the end of the evening. Our membership for a full year is only £25 and we welcome visitors at a cost of £5 per normal meeting.



Cringleford-Hethersett-Flower-Club



## Hethersett and District Horticultural Society



HETHERSETT and District Horticultural Society presented its trophies from the annual display in Hethersett Village Hall in September. The presentation event took place at Park Farm Hotel with chairman Chris Morriss presenting the following:

£10 garden voucher for winners for most points in the monthly table shows - Pauline Harper (most points in fruit and vegetable section), Margaret Ford (most points in flower section), Pauline Bunn (most points in domestic section), Pauline Harper (Miss Back Memorial Trophy for most points in all three sections).



Cups, trophies and plaque winners were - Pauline Harper, Pauline Bunn and Lesley Dale. Other cup winners unable to attend were: Margaret Sidell, Master M. Sidell, Carol Towells, Judy Freeman and John Freeman.

Chairman Chris Morriss entertained with photographs

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of visits to Hampton Court Palace, Hatfield House and Pensthorpe during the year. A vote of thanks was given by show secretary Marilyn Savory.

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## **Messy Church Time**

The next messy church event organised in St Remigius Church will take place on Saturday, December 1st, from 4 to 6 pm. The event will look forward to Christmas with craft activities and music followed by a meal. Messy church is aimed at people of all ages and is especially suitable for families who want to experience a church event in a more relaxed atmosphere.

## **Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG)**

The group supports people with rheumatoid and other forms of arthritis and meets in Hethersett Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month with the aim of informing, educating and empowering people whilst providing an afternoon chat with homemade cakes and tea.

The group has two new committee members following its AGM - Annamarie Jennings and Maggie Murrell.

At the November meeting, Rodney Davis talked about the work of Lions Clubs. The normal meeting in December will be replaced by Christmas lunch at Park Farm Hotel on December 8th. More information is available via the Freephone number of 0800 072 9597.

## **Hethersett Pantomime Group**

Due to a change in opening hours at Hethersett Library, tickets for the 2019 village pantomime "Cinderella" will now be on sale from Jennie Houlton from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturdays and at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 until 11.30 pm. Ordered tickets can be collected and paid for from the library during staffed hours. Tickets can be booked by telephoning Jennie on 01603 811337 or by e-mailing [hethersettpantotickets@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettpantotickets@gmail.com).

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## Hethersett Singers

Hethersett Singers' next concert is on Saturday, December 1st when members will be performing short classical works and popular music with a seasonal theme as well as some less well known and new carols. There will also be instrumental music from guest musicians including the premier of "Snow Angel" by Sarah Quartel.

The group currently has vacancies for sopranos, tenors and bass singers and is open to anyone over the age of 18. They rehearse every Wednesday from 7.30 until 9 pm at Hethersett Old Hall School during school term time. More information is available by ringing 07949 533253 or by e-mailing [hethsing@btinternet.com](mailto:hethsing@btinternet.com).

## Probus Club

Members enjoyed a presentation entitled "Looking at Paintings" by Peter Earwaker, John Hobson and Chris Morriss. The meeting heard about the different genres in painting which come under the wide spectrum of art. Works featured included Picasso's "Guernica" and "The Fighting Temeraire" by J.M.W Turner.

The Probus Club of Hethersett and District meets every first and third Wednesday in the month from 10.30 am. to noon at the Jubilee Youth Club Hall in Back Lane. Meetings feature a one hour's talk by an invited speaker or member. The rest of the morning is made up of club business, followed by coffee and biscuits, prior to the talk.

There is also a varied programme of trips, visits, music and poetry, members' and ladies' lunches, annual quizzes and a yearly social evening for members, families and friends.

Probus is a UK organisation which is open to retired/semi-retired men with professional or business backgrounds. Details of membership can be obtained from the Secretary, Richard Land, on 01603 812332.

**Eugene Ewart - Assistant Secretary**

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## Heart of Hethersett Support Group

‘Listening to those who have lost loved ones or are experiencing anxiety and depression.’

“Deep in earth my love is lying

And I must weep alone.”

*Edgar Allan Poe*

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Please come along and share a tea or coffee with us. For all ages  
Anyone wanting more information or to be part of the group can contact Stephen on Mobile: 07808 329102 or via e-mail at

**[stephen.baxter@broadlandgroup.org](mailto:stephen.baxter@broadlandgroup.org)**

or Peter via e-mail at **[petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)**.

**We meet alternate Tuesdays from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm in the lounge at Woodcote Sheltered Scheme, Firs Road, Hethersett. NR9 3JD.** Contact Stephen or Peter for a full list of meeting dates or visit our web site at

<https://heartofhethersett.weebly.com>

or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/heartofhethersett/](http://www.facebook.com/heartofhethersett/)

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WE are looking to improve and expand our groups and societies section. If you would like your organisation to be featured in Hethersett Herald please contact the editor via e-mail at [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address. The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month. Hethersett Herald is published on or around the first day of each month via the web site

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## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund

(Previously known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)

was formed to give financial assistance to the sick of  
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Hethersett, Kettingham and Little Melton.

Its funds can be used to help individuals who are sick,  
infirm or convalescent as well as for help in the  
supply of medical or nursing equipment for  
organisations or institutions involved in the  
care of the sick.

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Grants are available towards:

- Car adaptations.
- Wheelchair or other mobility items.
- Support during a sudden medical crisis.
- Nebulisers and other equipment.
- Pre-payment certificates for prescriptions.



If you have a need for something which is not  
mentioned above please apply and we will try to help.

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## Cheque Presentation To First Steps Playgroup



A couple of months ago we related the success story of the First Steps Stay and Play Baby Group for babies and toddlers aged from 0 to five. The group meets on Tuesday mornings during school term time in Hethersett Village Hall.

On Tuesday, November 13th, Hethersett's district and county councillor David Bills visited the group to present a cheque for £250 from South Norfolk Council in conjunction with Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association. David is pictured above with group organisers Jade Smith and Sarah Lawrence.

The money is being used to buy additional play equipment for the group. First Steps used their special day to sell cakes and hold a raffle with all proceeds from this and entry fees being donated to the annual BBC Children in Need ap-

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peal. Sarah later announced that the morning had raised a grand total of £128.54

“Thank you so, so much to everyone who contributed. Pudsey will be over the moon,” Sarah said.

## Coming Under The Umbrella

AN umbrella group for caring organisations in Hethersett could be set-up early in the new year.

The group - at the moment untitled - will see representatives from caring groups coming together to discuss shared aims and objectives.

The umbrella organisation has been initiated by organisers from the village Dementia Support Group and Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group. Caring organisations throughout the village will be contacted over the coming weeks and invited to an informal get-together in the new year.

The aims of the umbrella group will be:

- To bring together the caring groups and organisations in the village
- Help those groups to become aware of each other and their functions
- To give local residents an idea of what is available from caring groups and organisations and how to join them.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the umbrella group can contact treasurer of the Hethersett Dementia Support Group David Smith on [dls@davidsmith.plus.com](mailto:dls@davidsmith.plus.com). We will have more details about the inauguration meeting in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

# Hethersett Herald

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

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Christmas Church Services

ONCE again this year Hethersett and District Churches Together have produced a Christmas card which will be distributed to homes throughout the village. As well as sending the season's greetings, the cards will also list church contact details and services in Hethersett, Little Melton and Great Melton over Christmas.

Christmas services include the following:

### **Advent Sunday 2nd December**

- 10.00 Morning worship (Methodist Church)
- 10.30 All age Advent Sunday Worship (St. Remigius)
- 16.00 Christingle (St. Remigius)
- 18.30 Evening Worship with Holy Communion (Methodist Church)

### **Monday 3rd December**

- 18.00 Four Schools' Carol Service (St Remigius)

### **Friday 7th December**

- 14.30 Music and Tea Afternoon (Methodist Church)

### **2nd Sunday in Advent - 9th December**

- 10.00 Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Methodist Church)
- 10.00 Family Worship (Methodist Church)
- 15.30 Christingle and Carol Service (Great Melton )
- 18.30 Evening Worship (Methodist Church))

### **3rd Sunday in Advent 16th December**

- 10.00 Morning Worship (Methodist Church)

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- 10.30 Carol Service (Little Melton)
- 16.00 Carol service (St Remigius)
- 18.30 Candlelit Carol Service (Methodist Church)

## **4th Sunday in Advent-Sunday 23th December**

- 10.00 Morning worship (Methodist Church)
- 10.30 United benefice Communion (Little Melton)

## **Christmas Eve Monday 24th December**

- 15.30 Crib Service (Little Melton)
- 16.00 Christingle Service (Methodist Church)
- 16.00 Crib Service (St. Remigius)
- 18.30 Carols with Communion (Great Melton)
- 23.15 Midnight Communion (Hethersett Methodist Church)
- 23.30pm Midnight Communion (St. Remigius)

## **Christmas Day - 25th December**

- 09.30 All age Family Communion (St Remigius)
- 09.30 All age Family Communion (Little Melton)
- 10.30 Christmas Day Celebration (Methodist Church)

## **Sunday 30th December**

- 10.00 Morning Worship (Methodist Church)
- 10.30 United Benefice Communion (Great Melton)

## **Monday 31st December**

21.00 onwards - Social evening followed by Watchnight Service (Methodist Church)

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## Annual Christmas Event

THIS year's annual village Christmas Fair and sale will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church on Friday, 30th November from 6 pm.

Once again local organisations and charities will be having stalls and raising funds for their own organisations. The event is organised by Hethersett's South Norfolk Councillor Leslie Dale in conjunction with Hethersett Methodist Church Council.

We will have a full report with photographs of this year's event in the next edition of Hethersett Herald which will be online before Christmas.

The next Herald will also include a look back at the year and report on other festive events in our village.

## HETHERSETT SOCIAL CLUB

**Hethersett Social Club opening times are as follows:**

**Mondays - Closed**

**Tuesdays - 7-11 pm**

**Wednesdays - 7-11 pm**

**Thursdays - 7-11 pm**

**Fridays - 5-11.30pm**

**Saturdays - Noon to Midnight**

**Sundays - Noon to 6 pm**

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

*[petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)*

**Saturday 1st** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 1st** - The Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG) Christmas lunch at Park Farm Hotel

**Tuesday 4th** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Wednesday 5th** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

**Wednesday 5th** - Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG) meets in Hethersett Village Hall, 2-4 pm. .

**Saturday 8th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Sunday 9th** - Hethersett Village Screen presents "The Bookshop," Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Sunday 9th** - Norwich City Band concert in St Remigius Church in aid of Finnbar Force charity, 3 pm.

**Monday 10th** - Hethersett Society - Christmas and Other Celebrations in Turkey with Jenny Gibbs, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 11th** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Tuesday 11th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

**Wednesday 12th** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available

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from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

**Saturday 15th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Monday 17th** - Hethersett Parish Council meeting. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm preceded by planning committee meeting.

**Monday 17th** - Hethersett WI with singer/guitarist Patsy Rose, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 18th** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Tuesday 18th** - Hethersett Dementia Group monthly café, Methodist Church Hall, 10 am. A morning of Norfolk Dialect and carol singing with Hethersett Methodist Church Singing Fellowship.

**Wednesday 19th** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

**Saturday 22nd**- Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Tuesday 25th** - Christmas morning cakes and coffee at Rowan House for chat and refreshments (see our front page for more details).



Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) will be organising an open gardens Sunday in the village on June 30th, 2019.

We will have full details of the day and the charity it will raise funds for in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

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## St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich

19 December 2018

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## Library Opening Hours

The library will now be staffed on the following days and hours:

Monday: 1.30-7 pm

Tuesday: Open Access Only

Wednesday: 11 am - 7 pm

Thursday: 1.30-7 pm

Friday: 1.30-7 pm

Saturday: 11 am-4 pm

Sunday: Open Access Only

Open Library Users who have had their library cards activated for open access will now be able to gain entry to the building from 8 am until 7 pm every weekday and from 8 am until 4 pm on Saturdays and from 10 am until 4 pm on Sundays. During Open Library Hours when the building isn't staffed residents will be able to return and borrow books, use computers but won't be able to borrow CDs or DVDs.

Open Library will not be available from 1 pm to 3.30 pm on Tuesday 4th December.

Hethersett Library will close at 4 pm on Christmas Eve (December 24th) and will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Normal opening hours will recommence on December 27th. On Monday 31st the library will close at 4 pm.

In 2019 the library will be closed on the following dates: 1st January - New Year's Day, 19th April - Good Friday, 22nd April - Easter Monday, 6th May - May Day bank holiday, 27th May - Spring Bank Holiday, 26th August - Summer Bank Holiday

## December Events in Hethersett Library

Knit and Natter group will meet on Monday 10th, 17th and 24th from 2 to 4 pm.

Wednesday Walks will take place on the 5th, 12th and 19th from 10.30 to 11 am.

The Coding Club will meet on Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th from 3.15 to 4.15 pm.

The Colour Me Calm and Just a Cuppa group will meet on Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th from 11 am until midday.

Bounce and Rhyme Time will take place on Friday 7th from 1.45 to 2.30 pm.

The Lego Club will meet on Friday 7th, 14th and 21st from 3.15 to 4.15 pm.

## Concert In Finnbar's Memory

A special concert in aid of Hethersett-based charity Finnbar's Force is being held in St Remigius Church on Sunday 9th December from 3 pm.

The concert will feature the Norwich City Concert Band, which has made Finnbar's Force its charity of the year. The band has raised close to £2,000 to fund research into brain cancer and tumours in memory of Hethersett' youngster Finnbar Cork (pictured opposite) who died from the disease in 2016.

The concert has been arranged by Hethersett resident and band member Nicola Ingham:

"I was Finnbar's first teacher at Hethersett Woodside School and he was a special little boy. The Christmas concert will be our final event of the year and will feature a cheque presentation to the family for such a worthy cause," Nicola said.

The Norwich City Concert Band is a committed group of

woodwind, brass and percussion players who play a wide range of music at various venues in and around Norfolk throughout the year.

The band is self-financing and, over the years, has raised more than £14,000 for good causes such as Musical Keys, Big C, Stepping Stones, The Hamlet Centre, Sistema and the Benjamin Foundation. The band is pictured above at a concert at Norwich's Great Hospital..



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Tickets for the concert are £7 for adults with children free and families are very welcome.

The concert will feature a variety of music ranging from classical, pop and swing to original compositions, music from the stage and screen as well as traditional marches.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://ffshop.uk/search?q=ticket>. They are also available from Hethersett Butchers in Great Melton Road, Hodge Podge in Oak Square, Nicola Ingham at Woodside School and Angela Jermy at St Remigius Church.

## New Exercise Class

A NEW exercise class is being launched in Hethersett Village Hall on Monday mornings.

Burn Energy and Tone (BEAT) has been set-up by Hethersett mum Kerry MacRae who explained the rationale behind it:

"After recently having a baby I know how hard it is to fit exercise into my daily routine and also how difficult it is to find the motivation to exercise alone.

"That is why I have created BEAT; a fun and friendly exercise class that allows people to bring along their babies. I welcome all ages and abilities," she said.



**BEAT**  
*Burn Energy And Tone*

**Monday  
10am**

**Hethersett  
Village  
Hall**

**Children  
Welcome**



# Have You Missed an Edition?



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## News and Features Needed

- We are always happy to receive articles and news for publication.**
- With limited resources, it isn't possible for us to cover everything that is going on in our village. We hope that the Herald reflects just some of the things that are taking place in Hetherssett, 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 Hetherssett, 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, Hetherssett.**

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# Cricketers Reflect On Successful Season

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club held its annual meeting at Park Farm Hotel with over 30 members attending.

Chairman Mark Worley reported on a successful 2018 season which had seen the club play over 175 games - winning more than they lost. The Under-15 youth team won its section of the South Norfolk Youth League.

Mark thanked the legion of club volunteers who run the club so efficiently. He also thanked club sponsors for their support throughout the season. A successful charity event raised over £800 for cancer research in memory of club members Brian Burrett and Michelle Harrison.

Sarah Worley, director of youth cricket, stated that over 100 young players of all ages had played for the club and 21 had taken part in the first ever All Stars cricket coaching sessions on Sunday mornings - something that will be repeated in the coming 2019 season.

Treasurer Robbie Matthews reported on a healthy financial situation despite the club making a loss on the season, due mainly to the cost of upgrading and repairing the ladies changing rooms with part of that cost being met by a South Norfolk Council grant. Once again the club bar had been instrumental in making a healthy profit.

It was reported that the national clubmark status has been renewed for three years. The club is looking to re-structure its committee system.

New director of coaching Ben France was welcomed and the following officers were elected:

President - Richard G. Ellis; Chairman - Mark Worley; Vice-Chairman - Richard Matthews; Secretaries - Richard D. Ellis and Jane Morton; Welfare Officer - Jane Morton; Treasurer - Robbie Matthews; First Team Captain - Ben France; Vice-Captain - Robbie Matthews; Second Team Captain - Tristan Hunt; Vice-Captain - Nick Burrett; Third Team captain - Stephen Hayes; Vice-Captain - Dean Parfitt; Fourth Team Captain - Mark Creasey; Sunday Captain - Sam Morton; Over-40s captain - Damian Fahy; Director of Senior Cricket - Ian Bryce; Director of Youth Cricket - Sara Worley; Director of Ladies Cricket - Claire Mathews; Youth Cricket Fixture Manager - Matt Bird; Club Development Officer - Matt Bird; Social Events' Secretary - Harriet Matthews; Membership Secretary - Jane Morton; Bar Manager - Tony Smith; Scorer - Al Watts; Auditor - David

Johnson.

A presentation was made to retiring club development officer Peter Steward who was also made a club honorary vice-president.

# Chairman's Report

**Chairman Mark Worley reported the following at the AGM**

**"Our teams played in over 175 matches and that doesn't include the indoor tournaments in which we participated rather successfully too. Our Juniors won some silverware, as did a few of our senior sides; and our Ladies team finished an excellent 3rd in the Norfolk League in their debut season.**

**"We also hosted the Norfolk Over-40s Finals Day, our annual Schools' Festival, Women's and Under-9s' soft ball festivals and ran an All Stars programme for our next batch of youngest recruits.**

**"That is an incredible amount of cricket over the course of the year and it wouldn't have been possible without a lot of time and effort put in by many people. So my sincere thanks to all the captains, managers, coaches, helpers, tea-makers, scorers and umpires who made it happen. And a particular thank you to the ground staff who cut, rolled, treated and watered (and performed some minor miracles) to provide everyone with some great pitches on which to play.**

**"But as you know, Tas isn't just about playing cricket and, yet again, we were able to enjoy some wonderful social events throughout the summer. The Tas Family is a very special thing and that was particularly evident with our Tea@Tas in June when we remembered some dear friends and raised a lot of money for Cancer Research. The Social committee, bar staff and all the volunteers who help before, during and after these events deserve special thanks for making our club such a lovely place to bring our families.**

**"My last series of thanks goes to the sponsors who support the club financially, including all the private donors as well as the small and large business sponsors. Your generosity enables hundreds of members and thousands of visitors to enjoy their cricket at Tas and means that the club can continue to prosper and develop. And of course we are indebted to the Ellis family for so much and without whom 'cricket for all' at HTVCC would not be possible.**

**"So now our attention turns to next season and how we can make 2019 even better than this year. I'm delighted to confirm that Ben France will be increasing his involvement with the club, expanding his coaching remit**

and signing up as a playing member.

With the success of the Juniors and Ladies teams, we will be training additional coaches to support the growing numbers in these sections; and we will continue to look at ways to enhance the ground and building facilities, taking into account the suggestions that you have already submitted.

It will still need all the support that people readily give and there will be plenty of opportunities for additional volunteers to help move the club forward. Don't be shy!

## Sports Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association will take place in Park Farm Hotel on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30 pm.

The sports association is open to anyone living or working in Hethersett who has an interest in sport, fitness and well-being. Everyone is welcome. Annual membership is £5 for clubs and free for individuals.

Over the years the sports association has given a number of small grants to support its member clubs.

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2	Longham	7	6	1	0	18	19
3	UEA A	8	5	1	2	6	16
4	Dereham Taverners	10	5	1	4	5	16
5	Norwich Medics	7	3	1	3	8	10
6	Castle Acre Swifts Res	9	3	0	6	-5	9
7	Rockland United	8	3	0	5	-7	9
8	<b>Hethersett Ath</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>8</b>
9	Shipdham	8	2	0	6	-21	6
10	Watton United Res	9	1	1	7	-21	4