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## Remembering The Fallen

THE community of Hethersett came together on Sunday 10th November to remember those men from the village who gave their lives in two World Wars. You can read a full report on Remembrance Day in the village beginning on page 20.



## The Long and Winding Road

**PARENTS from Little Melton are up in arms following a decision to cancel the daily school bus to Hethersett Academy.**

The news from Norfolk County Council has caused a storm amongst parents who feel that the lives of their children will be endangered if they have to walk between Little Melton and Hethersett

Campaigner Jessica Cole was one of the first to point out the decision on Social Media:

“Hethersett Academy will no longer provide a school bus from Little Melton. The council presently has deemed the road safe for children to walk to school from Little Melton to Hethersett. This may mean there are extra cars and

traffic with almost 25 children needing to get to school,” she said.

Jessica immediately launched an appeal which has been fully backed by Little Melton Parish Council. Norfolk County Council has assessed the route taking children from Little Melton along country roads to the new North Hethersett development as safe for them to walk along.

The Norfolk County Council criteria for providing free school transport seems to be vastly at odds with comments from parents concerned about the safety of their children.

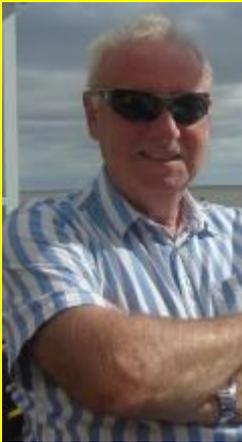
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# A Message From The Editor



**WELCOME** to our 50th edition of Hethersett Herald. Despite being a relatively “young publication” I firmly believe that we are becoming a leader in helping to inform residents about news and the issues affecting our village.

I am continually heartened by the fact that, when I turn up to cover events, people have already heard of the Herald.

A few years ago I always had to go through my spiel of explaining just what the Herald was and was usually met with the response “oh we weren’t aware that existed.” Now things seem different and people are not only aware of the publication but are reading it avidly.

In addition the number of people contributing on a regular basis with features, photographs and reports is increasing all the time. This again is very heartening.

In 2020 we will be looking to feature even more of the societies and groups that make Hethersett what it is—a great place to live.

To be honest when I started the magazine back in November 2015, I never expected it to grow like topsy. Our first edition (still available on our website) ran to just 12 pages and that was the kind of length I envisaged each month. Then things began to happen and we peaked in October of this year with a massive 143 page edition to mark our fourth birthday.

Sometimes it looks as if an edition will only run to a few pages and then information starts coming in, events start happening and we end up with 100 pages. It is a testament to just how much is happening in our community.

Very soon flyers promoting the Herald will find their way through letterboxes throughout the village. Some have already been despatched and I am very grateful to all those in the village who have helped with the distribution and in particular to Hethersett and District Churches Together who offered to put the flyers inside their annual Christmas cards and deliver throughout the village. This is another example of the village coming together for the benefit of all.

I am pleased to say that the January edition of the Herald will be online before Christmas in order to reflect the festive season ahead of the big day.

Peter Steward (Editor)

# Fight to Save School Bus

## (Continued From Front Page)

THE fight is on to save a school bus service linking Little Melton and Hethersett as outlined on our front page.

Norfolk County Council has decided that from September 2020 it will no longer provide transport for pupils living in Little Melton. The following is taken from the county council's own walking assessment which the council used to decide in its view that the route between the two villages is safe for youngsters to walk:

"All roads and footpaths can be considered as being potentially hazardous for pedestrians, whether in a rural or urban setting. Free transport cannot be provided for this reason alone.

"For pupils living within the qualifying distances of their nearest catchment or nearest appropriate school, the County Council will look at the physical nature of the route and the age of the child before it will consider providing free transport. For the council to provide free transport, the route must have special factors that make it particularly hazardous and therefore unavailable to walk or cycle along in reasonable safety, even where a child is accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

"A route could be considered unavailable as a walking route, even to a child accompanied by an adult, if a combination of the following factors exists:

- There is no footpath or roadside strip;

- There is no verge by the side of the road that can be used to step onto to avoid passing vehicles;

- Where there is no path or verge, the road is less than 5.5 metres wide and has a traffic count of more than 240 vehicles and 12 large vehicles per hour;

- Visibility is impaired by sharp bends, banks, hedges or other obstacles;

- There is a history of road accidents involving pedestrians along the route;

- Where there are no crossing facilities, there are insufficient gaps in traffic to enable a safe crossing.

The anger of parents is clear to see by an outpouring of views on the "All Things Hethersett" Facebook page where it was immediately claimed that cutting the service would lead to children being put in danger. One poster stated: "That road isn't even that safe to drive at the moment. I don't see how the council can possibly deem that corner in the dark as safe."

Other comments included the following: "No way is that road safe to walk! It's bad enough when I go that way in a vehicle with people driving too fast and

thinking it's the width of a standard road."

"There is no path! How on earth could anyone possibly deem that 'safe', particularly Tues-Thurs when it's almost dark when they finish school at this time of year. Utterly ridiculous!"

"I use the route from the new estate to Little Melton regularly and, unless the council reduce the speed limit drastically (due to the speed of the HGV's and DHL vans), I would certainly not deem that safe at all! I drive it and it scares me let alone walk it."

"There's no way I would be happy to let my children walk that route to school. I wonder whether the people who say it's safe would be happy to let their children walk it? I seriously doubt it."

"That road is used by delivery vans and lorries at DHL who travel at speed. Totally not suitable to walk."

"WHAT!!! Where's the path for pedestrians? Is there adequate street lighting? That road is narrow and visibility is poor, all the monies being wasted on cycle paths."

"That's a disgrace. Both ways are a rat run at that time of the day! The road has no footpath or lighting. This is totally unacceptable."

Jessica Cole has launched an appeal on behalf of Little Melton parents against the decision on the following grounds.

The approved walking / cycling route along Burnthouse Lane (starting at the junction with School Lane in Little Melton) is unlit and has no pavements either side of the roadway

The initial section of Burnthouse

Lane (from the junction with School Lane to the T junction with Little Melton Road) has no verges to step onto on either side to avoid vehicles travelling in either direction.

The remainder of Burnthouse Lane that runs into Coachmakers Way and the new housing development in Hethersett is also unlit and has no pavements either side of the roadway. There are verges to step onto but the road is frequently used by HGVs and in all parents' opinions is unsuitable and unsafe for young unsupervised children to use.

Many passenger vehicles and light commercial vehicles (from the DHL mail centre) use Burnthouse Lane to access Little Melton Primary School and as a cut through to the A47 from Hethersett at peak times. This again, in all parents opinions, is unsuitable and unsafe for young unsupervised children to be using this route.

Some students have to carry musical instruments as well as school bags and PE kits and there are concerns this will divert attention and concentration when students are faced with having to step onto a verge to avoid a 38 tonne HGV driving past.

The route appears to only have been assessed in July / August this year. All parents are concerned about students having to use the route in poor / bad weather, plus in the winter months when some students will be returning from school after 4 pm in the dark.

The distance of Burnthouse Lane

that is unlit and unpaved is 0.5 of a mile after which it joins the new housing development in Hethersett. At this moment in time I am unaware of any plans to extend pavements or cycle paths that will link to Little Melton from this development.

“We are formerly requesting Norfolk County Council’s School Transport Entitlement Team to deem this route as unsuitable for walking / cycling and consider providing a transport option for all Little Melton students to have access to,” Jessica added.

Norfolk County Council’s criteria states that “drivers are expected to comply with the speed limits. Where they do not, the local police should be asked to take appropriate action.”

It also states examples of factors that are not considered as part of a route assessment. These include the route being muddy or soft underfoot, the fact it may be dark at the time of walking and the fact that there are short lengths of roads where there is no verge.

The assessment criteria also includes the following gem:

“Where there are other variable conditions e.g. inclement weather or possible flooding. In these instances it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to decide whether to accompany their child to school or to make alternative arrangements. Parents are also expected to provide protective clothing or other equipment as necessary. In all cases it is expected that pupils, students and members of the public be-

Unfortunately, we also have to give notice that the service will be withdrawn from next academic year 2020-2021 and students attending from Little Melton will be responsible for making their own way to/from school. Rest assured that in the meantime we will continue to press the local authority to reconsider their stance on providing transport for those in the village. If parents/carers wish to add any weight to our appeal, we would urge you to contact the passenger transport department directly.

have reasonably and lawfully.”

The parents’ fight to save the bus has also garnered support from Hethersett Academy itself.

In an email to parents (part of which is reproduced above) the Academy states that they will back-up attempts to keep the route:

“Rest assured we will continue to press the local authority to reconsider their stance on providing transport for those in the village.”

Little Melton Parish Council is also leading the fight for a review of the decision. The council has been told by Norfolk County Council’s Transport Entitlement Officer that the walking route had been assessed twice and the traffic levels found to be low. The route, they state, is very similar to many rural roads across the county used by school students with verges that can be used in place of pavements, making it safe for children to walk. Little Melton Parish Council has pointed out that the assessments were made in July and August and not during winter months in bad weather and with dark mornings and afternoons. Parents have found that meeting the cost of transport themselves would be prohibitive—see page seven.

**THE options open to parents are strictly limited.**

**Jessica Cole has looked into the possibility of parents financing a bus themselves but a response from Semmence Coaches shows the cost of this to be prohibitive.**

**The company has quoted the cost of providing transport to be between £180 and £190 per day.**

**This works out at a cost per pupil per day of approximately £7.60 assuming a take-up of 25 pupils. That equates to £38 per pupil per week or approximately £456 for a standard 12 week term or £1368 for a year. Add in the fact that some Little Melton families may have more than one pupil at the Academy and it is easy to see how prohibitive this cost would be.**

## This Decisions Is A Nonsense

IN the modern world it almost seems to be a given that ridiculous decisions will be made that are not only nonsensical but endanger life.

We live in a world of health and safety and micro-management on safety issues. That's one end of the spectrum. At the other end come decisions that are beyond belief when it comes to safety.

That's certainly appears to be the case with the decision to do away with the free school bus from Little Melton to Hethersett Academy. I have searched my memories of over 40 years of living in Hethersett for a worse decision but cannot think of any.

It is beyond comprehension to suggest that up to 30 children can walk between the two villages in safety. And it's not just the youngsters who will be in danger. Motorists suddenly coming across a group of children in

### Herald Comment



the road could be forced to swerve and put themselves in danger.

I have walked two routes between Little Melton and Hethersett and neither are safe. On a dull Monday I walked along Henstead Road past the Crusaders Rugby Club and various factory outlets and into Little Melton. I undertook the walk with a serious amount of trepidation and it was a thoroughly unpleasant experience, having to jump onto steep grass verges on numerous occasions to avoid lorries, vans, cars and even a bus. During the walk I was passed by well over 70 vehicles with many drivers giving me a “what the hell’s this lunatic doing walking along this road,” look.

I know this isn’t the route suggested by the county council but it is the kind of countryside youngsters are expected to walk along if there is no school bus and parents cannot make alternative arrangements. I suspect many parents will be able to make other arrangements in sharing lifts etc, but that’s not the criteria the County Council has based its assessment on. County’s views are based on the fact they feel it is safe to walk the route and “jump onto grass verges” when heavy lorries thunder past. Apparently the assessments were carried out in the summer and don’t take into account what the conditions will be like on a dark and damp December or January day.

Next I walked along the suggested route and it’s not a lot better than the other one. There are no paths until you get almost to the new North Hethersett development. It is not possible to walk along the grass verges and it is a nonsense to expect children to hop onto a verge everytime a vehicle comes past.

Suggestions in the assessment that motorists will keep to speed limits and drive safely are also quite obviously nonsense. Motorists do speed, motorists do drive erratically. And of course young people will be looking at mobile phones, wearing headsets and chatting away, often oblivious of the dangers around them.

I would also urge the County Council to change their decision. Assessing this route as safe for children to use seems to be borne out of something somewhere between an ignorance of local knowledge and crass stupidity.

***Peter Steward***

# King's To Re-Open In New Year

**HETHERSETT has received an early Christmas present with news that the King's Head will re-open in the New Year.**

Owners of the historic pub, Ei Publican Partnership, has announced that a refurbishment programme will be undertaken before the building re-opens.

In an email to Hethersett Herald a spokesman for Ei stated:

"We are delighted to confirm that experienced pub operators, Norfolk Table, will be taking over the King's Head, Hethersett. The company, which runs several pubs in the Norfolk area, is looking forward to welcoming customers new and old when it re-opens the pub in early 2020, following a refurbishment."

Hopefully photographs of the pub like that at the top of the page which was taken in mid November and showing its rundown state will soon become a thing of the past and the venue can be restored to its former glory as shown in our other photograph.

Over the past few months we have written thousands of words in Heth-



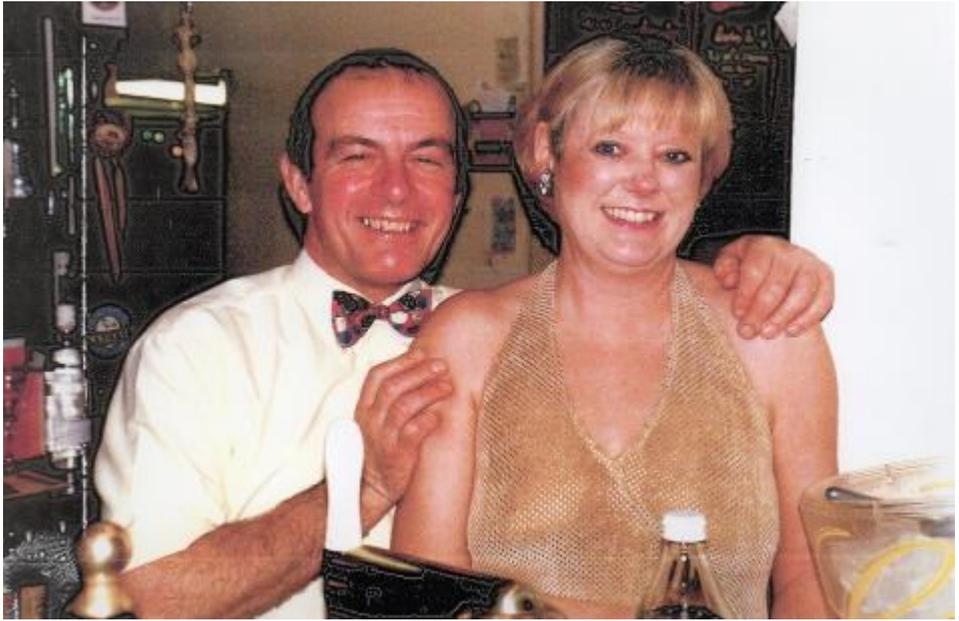
ersett Herald about the future of the King's Head and deplored the way it has been left to deteriorate. Hopefully this will soon become a thing of the past.

On the day that the news came through we were chatting with former landlords John and Sallyann Ashley about their memories of their years in charge.

You can read what they had to say on the next page.

# Fond Memories of the Kings

**John and Sallyann Ashley were tenants at the King's Head from February 1988 until September 2000 and still live in the village. They invited Hethersett Herald round to talk about their time at the pub when it was a thriving watering hole loved by many. Here are just a few of their memories of the King's.**



**This photograph of the Ashleys behind the bar at the King's Head was probably taken in the late 1990s**

PARTY nights, celebrations and fun in a traditional British pub—that's the way John and Sallyann Ashley look back at their 12 and a bit years as landlord and landlady at Hethersett King's Head.

Sitting in their lounge, the couple expressed a hope that new tenants at the King's can bring back some of the community spirit to the pub in what they refer openly as difficult times for the licensing trade.

“The whole social scene around pubs has changed. An evening out is not



**The couple's beautiful depiction of the King's Head by Alan Lockwood**

cheap with some beers approaching £5 a pint and alcohol being readily available in supermarkets and many other places. Then there's drink driving and the smoking ban and a change in people's habits," John said.

John and Sallyann admit that they loved their time at the King's Head: "We were very busy and we have some great memories," John said adding that as a keen gardener, he always tried to make the place trim and attractive:

"I always seemed to be up a ladder doing something. When you have a 400 year old pub you have to keep on top of things," he said.

There is a fascinating story about how John and Sallyann came to take on the King's Head. They actually met in the snug bar at the pub. John made no secret of the fact that one day he would love to be behind the bar at the pub. Indeed they occasionally stood in as holiday reliefs.

Sallyann wasn't sure that John's dreams would ever become reality and so bought him the painting featured on this page. It was painted by Alan Lockwood in 1987 in understated colours that somehow give the building an ethereal feel.

But John and Sallyann fell in love, got married, had children and then John was made redundant from his job as a service engineer with Lawrence and

Scott and the tenancy of the King's came up and the couple took the opportunity to move from being customers to serving behind the bar.

Over the next 12 years, the King's became a hub of the local community with parties, birthday and wedding celebrations, Christmas meals and virtually everything else connected with a good old British boozier.

They also hosted meetings of various village groups including Hethersett Middle School PTA, Hethersett High School staff, Hethersett Pantomime Group and many more and the venue also organised cribbage teams, two ladies darts teams, two quiz teams and even a conker competition.

John and Sallyann were always the perfect hosts with Sally's organisational skills meshing with John's friendly style.

As one former customer said "they knew all their regulars by name and welcomed everyone as soon as they came through the door" - and that is the essence of good landlords.

They left the pub in September 2000: "After 12 years we felt our enthusiasm was about to wain and we wanted to leave when everything was on a good footing," John said.

After leaving the King's the couple continued to have a great interest in the building from before and after their tenure and their insight into the kind of person needed to take over the pub is spot on:

"I hope we have someone in there who has passion and experience and someone who can do good food which today is the lifeblood of pubs," John said.

I think these are sentiments that many Hethersett residents both old and new will echo as they look forward to the re-opening of one of the village's historic buildings.

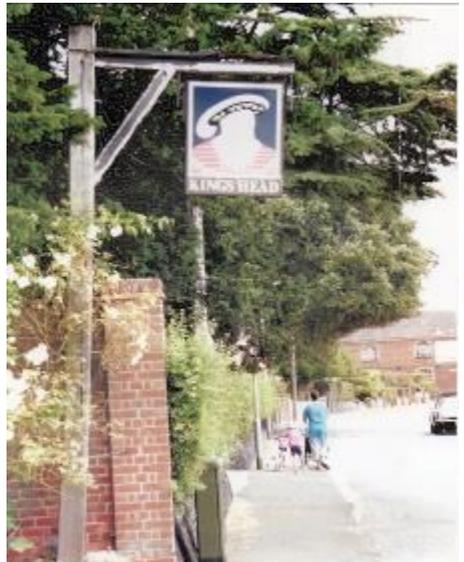


**Entering into the Christmas spirit in the King's Head.**

# King's Head Landlords

With the help of John and Sally-Anne Ashley and a Norfolk Public Houses website we have been able to compile a part list of licensees of the King's Head from 1830. Note this is by no means an exhaustive list but we would love to hear from anyone who knows any of those below or has any details about them.

George Bennett	1830	Tom and Liz Rowntree	Dec 1979
Robert Turrell	1836	Bob and Jacky Ross	1979-1986
Thomas Scrivener	1845	Peter and Ann Butcher	1986-1988
William Ford	1851-1854	John and Sally Ashley	1988-2000
Thomas Grounds	1861-1865	Trevor and Kathy Seaman	2000-2005
John Stanhaw	1869	Adrian Harvey	2005-
John Stanhill	1871		
Charles Miller	1879		
William Race	1881-1883		
George Masterson	1888		
Alfred Charles Brighton	1890-1891		
William Willimott	1896-1900		
George Thompson	1903		
William Meek	November 1903		
Ellen Jane Meek	July 1918		
Alfred Ernest Henry Lee	September 1938		
Edward Sidney Tovell	January 1939		
George Thomas Bell	February 1940		
Bertie William Palmer	November 1952		
Grace and Tom Flynn	1967		



Another photo from the Ashley collection. This one shows the old pub sign on the opposite side to the current one.

# Queen's Head Is Thriving

**WHILST** bemoaning the current state of the King's Head we mustn't lose sight of the fact that a couple of hundred yards away is a thriving pub in the shape of the Queen's Head. Here we take a look at the history of another historic Hethersett building.



**This historic description of the Queen's Head is taken from an article put together many years ago by the Hethersett Society.**

The Queen's Head probably started life early in the seventeenth century, firstly as one or two adjoining cottages which were later extended round the corner by adding two more dwellings. The L-shaped building was timber-framed on its Queen's Road side which has since been rendered. Alongside the turnpike, it was built of brick, replacing an earlier timber frame. The high-pitched roof would have been thatched but is now pantiled.

Brickwork at the front facing Norwich Road has been heavily colour washed thus hiding its true age. The roof is hipped to the right and has a recent gable with an external stack to the left to which a lean-to adjoins. There is a Victorian sawtooth cornice with dentils under at the eaves. A tripartite sash window is to the left, then a door, a sash and another door followed by a three-light transom window extending to the right corner. The attic is lit by a gabled dormer. On the Queen's Road face the transom opening is repeated at the left to give a corner window. The wall is rendered and colourwashed with a door to the right. Two raking dormers have casements. Various extensions have been made at the rear.

Inside, opposite the right front, is an inglenook which is probably early although much rebuilt. There are few other features of early interest. Upstairs, wall studs and a wind brace in the right corner are visible on the Queen's Road end. Butt purlins are present in the roof at the front and principal raft-

ers are enclosed, probably when the dormers were installed.

In 1658 John Roope left a tenement called Jecks for charitable uses in Hethersett. This was what is now the Queen's Head. It was initially used as a building



IN 2007 Hethersett Queen's Head won the Hethersett in Bloom competition. A section of the garden from that time is shown above.

in which poor families could be housed. Three trustees were appointed to handle the financial affairs of the charity and their accounts were kept in a specific parish record called The Town House Book and from this some idea of what the trustees had to do in order to keep the building in good repair is derived.

In 1673 a great deal of work was being carried out to repair the building and these repairs suggest that quite a lot of timber needed replacing and also that some additions were being made. The mason who came from Wymondham was paid one shilling for his trouble because the trustees could not accept his estimate for the work to be done.

A lot of roofing spars were bought and a ground sill seven feet long, presumably to replace a rotten one, cost one shilling and ten pence.

The yard was to be "enlarged



towards the street" and the old backhouse was to have a new chimney and roof. This was quite expensive, costing five pounds fourteen shillings. The Hethersett smith was paid two shillings and ten pence for making heavy hooks for the gates into the yard.

Mr. Long had a lime kiln somewhere nearby, perhaps at Eaton, where there were deep chalk workings. Lime was brought from his kiln and three bushels of hair were bought for two shillings and sixpence. Plaster was being made perhaps to re-cover the outside of the building, after repairs to the timberwork had been completed.

Even this brief excerpt shows that a lot had to be done to the building. This remained the case afterwards, so that finally the trustees decided to let the building and use the rent to help the poor of the parish. It then became a public house instead of being a poor house. Parishioners could at least feel that the profits from their drinking would help to support the poor of the village.

The rent from the Queen's Head was £17 a year when it was let to Robert Miller in the early 1830s. He agreed to pay £80 towards the repair of the building and the trustees agreed to pay £20 pounds. Twelve pounds of the annual rent was used to buy 18 coats to be allocated to selected poor persons by the trustees.

In 1832, the trustees had £24.11s in their keeping. In 1854, they returned their accounts to the Clerk of the Peace for Norfolk, the equivalent of the modern chief executive. They had provided 20 greatcoats at £16 and various other pieces of clothing, but they still had a surplus of £155. The rector, Jeremy Day, kept these accounts.

Charities such as that founded by John Roope were only helping a few of the poor. A return of 1788 listed 219 poor people in the village. The population was then perhaps 650 so one person in three was categorised as poor. This large number of the poor was looked after by the overseers of the poor for Hethersett.

The Queen's Head shut for renovation in the year 2002 and re-opened as a family restaurant in May 2002 with a large extension to the back of the building.

Today it continues to be as popular as ever under current landlords Phillippa and Richard Bond with a thriving restaurant that is family friendly.

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Robert MILLER	1836 - 1838
SAMUEL AYTON	1839 - 1846
LYDIA AYTON	1851
Parker LOFTY	1854
Lydia AYTON	1856
Parker LOFTY	1858 - 1861
Charles MILLS HOWARD	1863 - 1900
Mary Ann HOWARD	by 1903
Lucy Hannah HOWARD	15.10.1909
Albert Sidney WEGG	02.02.1924
Ralph Leland SUMMERS	21.11.1931 to 1971
Ricky JARVIS	1990

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OUR January issue will be published on December 23rd to reflect what has been going on in the village in the lead up to Christmas. We will have full coverage of the annual village Christmas fair, Hethersett Hawks' presentation evening and of course the result of the South Norfolk vote in the General Election. If you dress up your house for Christmas we would love to see photos of it. Just send them to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net) and we will pop them in our Christmas edition.



## New Country Park Idea

A new country park—Kett's Oak Common—between Wymondham and Hethersett could become a reality as part of the development of North East Wymondham.

A public exhibition at Wymondham Rugby Club on November 26th gave the public the opportunity of viewing plans which include the building of another 650 new homes on land to the east and west of the rugby club. It is envisaged that the development will also include a local centre, a new primary school, a potential sixth form and "significant areas of open space including a new country park between Wymondham and Hethersett."

"It is proposed to site the sixth form facility within Kett's Oak Common a new public country park to the east of Wymondham. Kett's Oak Common will provide a significant new public area for natural and rural recreation benefiting both residents of Wymondham and Hethersett, and, at the same time, enhancing the physical appearance of the gap between both settlements," the development's publicity states.

The new park would go on land immediately behind the historic Kett's Oak and just off the B1172 and next to the new cycle path connecting Hethersett and Wymondham. It would be a fitting use of land that Robert Kett and his followers gave their lives to keep as common land to prevent landowners enclosing are-

# New Country Park Idea



**An artist's impression of the new country park with the historic Kett's Oak towards the left.**

as. Kett's Oak is symbolically the tree where Kett and his followers met before marching on Norwich and setting up camp on Mousehold Heath. He would have been intrigued with the idea of centuries later turning the area into a country park.

The wheels of local and national government turn slowly, however, and a period of public consultation will be followed by planning applications and various other legalities and so it is unlikely the park will be built until 2022 at the earliest although there has been a pledge that it will be one of the first parts of the development to be put into place.

Land at the side of the country park will be put aside for sixth form provision, although there are no firm plans for this at the moment. The exhibition was organised by United Business and Leisure (Properties) Ltd and Landstock Estates Ltd. There was a large turnout and the public have until December 10th to submit comments. Comments and feedback can be sent to

[wymondhamfeedback@bartonwillmore.co.uk](mailto:wymondhamfeedback@bartonwillmore.co.uk)

Or via telephone on 01322 374660.

# They Shall Grow Not Old



HETHERSETT came together on Sunday, November 10th, to remember their fallen in the First and Second World Wars.

The annual ceremony around the village war memorial in the grounds of St Remigius Church on a bright and sunny Sunday marked the 101st anniversary of the end of the Great War and the 74th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.



John Head read out the names of those from the village who gave their lives in the conflicts and also the serving officer who died during the Cyprus campaign of the 1950s.

Names on the war memorial include: First World War—Robert Bartram, Horace Beaumont, Frederick Bennett, William Bishop, Frederick Blake, William Bringloe, Ralph Buckingham, Albert “Ray” Childs, Harry Childs, Frederick Curson, Frederick Harvey, Arthur Hubbard, Benjamin Joy, Sidney Livick, George Moore, Arthur Ninham, Harry Sergeant, Arthur Shorten.

Second World War— Nigel Beaumont-Thomas, Louis Bunn, Frederick Boswell,



Raymond Coller, Alan Colman, Fred Foster, Percy Huggins, Henry Jeckells, John McNally, Jack Weston, Sidney Wreford, Ernest Yull.

Cyprus Campaign—Norman Folkard.

Wreaths were laid by the following village organisations—The 1st and 4th Hethersett Brownies, Hethersett Parish Council, Hethersett Methodist Church, Hethersett Pensioners' Association, Hethersett Explorers, Hethersett Scouts, The 2nd and 3rd Hethersett Guides, Hethersett Cubs and Hethersett Beavers.

Afterwards a Remembrance Day service was held within a packed church led by the Rector, the Rev Derek McClean, who spoke about his own childhood growing up during The Troubles in Northern Ireland. He spoke about love and reconciliation.

Photographs of the 2019 event are featured pm pages. On page you can read the thoughts of the Rector on the meaning of Remembrance and on page we have a tribute to one of the men who lost their lives in the Second World War





**COMMENTS** were made by a number of people at the Remembrance Day event about “how lovely it is to see so many young people involved.” Our photographs above show part of the parade of the village’s uniformed organisations and wreath laying by two of the youth groups.

**On page 24 you can read the thoughts of Hethersett Rector the Rev Derek McClean on Remembrance and Forgiveness.**



More photographs of the wreath laying ceremony to the memory of those from the village who lost their lives in the two world wars and also the Cyprus campaign of the 1950s.

# The Meaning of Remembrance

Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, gave an inspirational meaning to the act of Remembrance.

Writing in the November edition of the village Good News Magazine, he spoke about a cycle of violence brought about by the desire for vengeance and the need to always remember the sacrifices of our Armed Forces. At the same time he urged people to forgive.

“Often I find myself marvelling at the ability of humanity to find ways to insult and upset one another, often excessively. That, after all, is the meaning of the phrase: “rubbing their face in it.”



“As I was thinking about it now being 101 years since the signing of the Armistice Agreement, I was drawn to one of those little known facts that are all about rubbing someone’s face in it.

“The original Armistice Agreement, for all its faults, was signed in the Forest of Compiègne in a railway carriage belonging to Ferdinand Foch, one of the signatories.

“In 1940, Adolf Hitler used the same carriage in the same spot, to have France sign their surrender to Germany, and Hitler deliberately sat in the same seat that Foch used. The carriage was then paraded throughout Germany. This makes me shudder with horror. Such a symbolic action could only have been a deliberate belittling and insulting of the French, and, by extension, the Allies.

“Hitler’s action is a reminder of why we need Remembrance Sunday. A time to pause and to reflect on the savagery and ruthlessness of humanity. A time to give thanks for those who have died, and for those who still serve and die. But, also, a time to reflect on Jesus’ instruction to love our enemies. To pray for them. To forgive them.

“This is not easy, and I say this as someone who grew up in The Troubles. The desire for vengeance is always strong, but only leads to a cycle of violence.

“May we never forget the sacrifices of our Armed Forces, but may we also remember to pray for our enemies and to forgive.”

# Death of a Hero

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**Nigel Beaumont-Thomas lost his life on 20th September, 1944. The following information is taken from our sister website "Hethersett—a Norfolk Village at War" which looks at our village during the years 1910 to 1950. The site includes a tribute to all those who died during the two world wars and also articles on the village, the war memorial and diaries from the period. You can view it at [www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com)**

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NIGEL Beaumont Thomas is arguably the most celebrated of all the Hethersett men to lose their lives in the world wars. A captain in the Royal Engineers, he was 28 years of age when he died on September 20th, 1944. He was the son of Colonel Lionel and Pauline Beaumont-Thomas of South Kensington, London. Colonel Thomas was lost at sea on 7th December, 1942. His son Nigel is buried in the Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery. He was awarded the Military Cross and mentioned in dispatches.

Nigel Beaumont-Thomas was born in London on 17th April, 1916, and educated in Hampstead, at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1939 he joined the firm of Richard Thomas and Co Ltd as a civil engineer. On 10th June, 1939, he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers and mobilised on 24th August, 1939. From 1939 to June 1941 he was attached to the King's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners serving in India, North Africa, Abyssinia (where he was wounded) and North Africa. For a time he was a prisoner of war in Italy but escaped in September, 1943 and made his way back to the United Kingdom in 1944. From May 28th until his death he was second in command of the 4th Parachute Squadron and was killed in action at Arnhem. He had already been promoted to the rank of Major.



Nigel Beaumont-Thomas lived at Cedar Grange in Hethersett. In his will he left over £116,000.

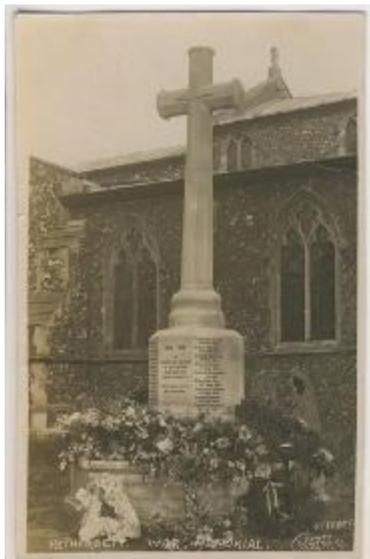
On the outbreak of war in 1939, he was immediately called up and drafted in November 1939 to India, as an officer in King George V's Bengal Sappers and Miners. There he learnt Hindustani, 'essential in dealing with Indian troops'. A year

later he was in North Africa, with a diversion to the Italian Campaign in Abyssynia and Ethiopia where he was wounded, and spent some time in hospital. Then it was back to the North African desert, and the long tussle along the Mediterranean coast. It was during that weary and often frustrating campaign that he was awarded the Military Cross.

The citation recorded that he was commanding two parties of engineers who were being held in readiness to clear obstacles in the path of a tank advance through the Halfaya Pass (known to all British soldiers as 'Hellfire'). Some of the tanks penetrated a minefield and, coming under heavy bombardment, stopped. Nigel was ordered forward to reconnoitre.

He reached the tanks which were under heavy fire from machine guns and anti-tank guns at close range. He made his way under heavy fire to the subaltern commanding the tanks, found out the situation from him and then coolly and deliberately and still under fire examined the minefield, bringing back valuable information as to its layout.

Later he returned to the tanks on the Brigade Commander's orders. Any movement at once attracted heavy fire. He made his way again to the tank commander's tank and spoke to him. The latter was killed while Lieut. Beaumont-Thomas was still there. He then went on according to orders and gave instructions to the carriers of the infantry battalion which had been supporting the tanks. During the 16th and 17th of June [1941] Lieut. Beaumont-Thomas remained in the area removing mines and marking the minefield still under fire. This officer's work was of the greatest value. His cool courage and determination to carry out his task at whatever cost was exemplary. Just one year later, on 20 th June 1942, promoted to Major, Nigel was captured at the fall of Tobruk. In the first confusion he managed to escape by coolly marching past the German guard with a friend, coat collars turned up in German fashion and prattling away in his fluent and colloquial German, while other prisoners created a diversion in the camp. The two of them lived in a cave for some days but were then discovered and recaptured. When it became clear that they were to be flown to a prisoner-of-war camp in Italy, Nigel devised a plan to take over the aircraft in mid-flight: he, a qualified and experi-



This photograph of Hethersett War Memorial was probably taken at the dedication ceremony on July 11th, 1920. Many thanks to Hethersett Parish Councillor Stephen Slack for permission to use the image which is taken from his collection. The image was taken by well-known Norwich photographer Tom Noakes.

enced pilot, would then fly it back to the Allied lines in North Africa. Several fellow-prisoners agreed to participate, but the scheme misfired when they were put on different planes, and the new passengers refused to go along with the plan. So Nigel found himself incarcerated in Italian prisoner-of-war camps, first in the south and later, for most of 1943, in the north. Major Philip Tower, who with Andy Howard was the closest to him in the Italian prisoner-of-war camp, remembers him as 'far the most impressive person I've ever met'.

With the Allied invasion, Nigel and a fellow officer saw the chance to escape.

Nigel Beaumont-Thomas and Philip Tower walked out of the camp (by trampling down the wire at the perimeter fence) and made for the mountains. It was a hard journey of some 600 miles. They kept as far as possible to the high mountain ranges. As they approached the war zone north of Naples, the November nights became bitterly cold. They took to sleeping by day and walking at night. Eventually on 15th November they passed through the German lines and arrived at an Allied unit. Unfortunately on the last leg of the journey Philip Tower was wounded and, on their arrival, he was immediately flown for treatment to hospital in Algeria.

The First Airborne Division went in on 17th September (1944), and Nigel Beaumont-Thomas was with them as a 'parachuting engineer'. All too soon the troops at Arnhem found themselves encircled by a numerous and heavily equipped enemy.

On September 18th, the squadron took off from Spanhoe Airfield. After taking off the aircraft circled the airfield once to formate and then set off. The flight was largely uneventful. The men in One Troop in a C-47 with Captain Beaumont-Thomas recalled that he gave a running commentary in a calm and reassuring manner as he stood in the door looking at the ground below, more notably when an adjacent aircraft was shot down, he stood in an open doorway shouting "steady there chaps, stand ready". He is remembered with great pride for his coolness, efficiency and confidence as if it were a regular occurrence for him. Parachute elements were dropped 1420 hrs on drop zone Y West of Arnhem. On landing the Commanding Officer Major Aeneas Perkins received arm injuries, Captain Beaumont-Thomas was ordered to take command.

On September 19th, the majority of the squadron's containers were lost during the drop, Capt. Beaumont-Thomas ordered the men to try to find them. The following is an extract from company diaries: "1900 hrs, Capt J.G Smith 1 Troop joined ½ 3 Troop, all under command of Capt N. Beaumont-Thomas in support of 21 Indian Parachute Company. Captain Beaumont-Thomas seemed to be the only one who knew what was happening and soon got everything organised."

Nigel was hit during a mortar attack at about 10.00 hrs on September 20th, 1944, and badly wounded. He was taken to Ommershof House for treatment, Sapper Leonard administered medical treatment but Nigel died from his injuries.

# Getting In The Christmas Spirit

THIS year's annual Hethersett Christmas Charity Market and Fair will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church and Church Hall on Friday, November 29th from 6 pm.

The event, which has become an integral part of the village calendar, is organised jointly by members of the Methodist Church and Hethersett Parish Councillor and former South Norfolk Councillor Leslie Dale.

The event includes charity and club stalls, Christmas music and entertainment, a children's market and much more. Money raised at the event goes to individual charities represented. It will be the 12th running of the event which was originally envisaged as a summer fair. This year the Priscilla Bacon Lodge will be attending with a stall for the first time and the East Anglian Children's Hospice will be promoting its new facilities in Poringland. Charity shop Kett's Kabin of Hethersett will also be there for the first time.

A full programme of entertainment has been lined-up as follows:

- 6.00 -6.25 pm Songs from Woodside Infant School.
- 6.30 -6.55 pm Great Melton Church Choir, Christmas Music.
- 7.00 -7.25 pm Carols led by St. Remigius' Church Choir.
- 7.30 -7.55 pm Christmas Songs from Hethersett Singers.
- 8.00 -8.25 pm Christmas Praise from the Methodist Singing Fellowship.

## Christmas Fantasia

Hethersett Singers Christmas concert will take place on Saturday, 7th December in Hethersett Methodist Church at 7.30 pm. The evening will feature Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols along with a packed programme of unusual and fun seasonal music. Tickets are £7 which will be available on the door.

# Road Narrows Ahead

A SECTION of the B1172 will be narrowed to accommodate a new section of the cycleway linking Hethersett and Wymondham.

Work is due to start in the new year on the section alongside Hall Close and the Old Orchard. The road will be narrowed and re-surfaced to ensure that ditches can be kept after complaints from local residents that taking them away would harm the environment and could lead to flooding.

Norfolk County Council has given an assurance that the narrower road will still be acceptable for two way traffic.

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Hethersett Parish Council has expressed concern about the safety aspects around certain junctions along the route of the new cycle path and will be monitoring the situation closely.

## Busy Time For Residents

THE residents of Hethersett Hall Care Home are gearing up for a busy Christmas.

On December 7th the home will be holding a Christmas market from 2 to 4.30 pm.

On December 11th, Dick High will be leading the singing from 2 until 3 pm and on 17th Peter Turrell will be playing classical guitar music from 3 until 4 pm.

On Christmas Eve there will be more celebration singing leading into the big day.



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# **Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club**

## **Back Lane, Hethersett**

We are pleased to announce that we are launching a new **Well-Being** evening.

This will be on the first Wednesday of each month between 7.45pm until 9.00pm.

This new service and will be open for years 7, 8, and 9.

We are hoping that this will be a chance for young people to take some time for themselves and focus on their well-being. This will be a calm session for young people to relax and enjoy activities and talk to workers about things that are important to them.

£1.50 per member per week.

Our taster session will be on the 6th November.

Please come along and see what its about.

(Please note this is instead of senior youth club)

Junior Club will still be running as normal every Wednesday evening 5.45pm until 7.30pm.

This a club for young people to enjoy a wide range of activities including cooking, pool, table tennis, wii, arts and crafts.

This is open to years 5 and 6. £1.50 per week.

Home schooled young people very welcome these session are open for all.

Please contact Emma Howe 07760 283864

or

[ehowe449@gmail.com](mailto:ehowe449@gmail.com)

# Four Way Battle for South Norfolk Seat

THERE will be something of a familiar look to the General Election in South Norfolk on December 12th with current Member of Parliament Richard Bacon once again standing for the Conservative party and Chris Brown for the Liberal Democrats.



One change that will take place is the venue for Hethersett voters. The usual polling station is the Village Hall but this is being used on that day for a blood donors' session. Voting will therefore take place at Hethersett Social Club from 7 am until 10 pm. There will be ample car parking for voters.

Chris Brown for the Liberal Democrats will be campaigning to remain in the EU. He is currently a South Norfolk Councillor, having been elected to the district council 18 months ago. He stood in the 2017 General Election when he came third with 5,074 votes. Mr Brown lives in Denton in South Norfolk.



The Green Party will be represented by Ben Price who is currently a Norwich City Councillor representing the Thorpe Hamlet Ward. He lives in Norwich.

Labour party candidate is qualified mental health nurse Beth Jones who works at various locations throughout



South Norfolk. The candidates pictured on the right from top to bottom are—Chris Brown (Liberal Democrat), Richard Bacon (Conservative) and Ben Price (Green Party). Labour party candidate Beth Jones is pictured on the left.



# General Election Analysis

SOUTH Norfolk has been Tory blue for over 70 years.

You have to go back to 1945 for the last time the constituency returned a candidate from any party other than the Conservatives.

In a post war election in 1945, Christopher Mayhew of the Labour Party took the seat from the Conservatives with a 5,963 majority. Since then it's been Conservative victories all the way with wins in 1950, 1951, 1955 (twice), 1959, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 (twice), 1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2017—that's 20 consecutive elections.

John MacGregor won seven elections, John Hill six and Peter Baker two. The current MP Richard Bacon has been returned on five occasions and currently has a 16,678 majority. It would take a huge swing to the other parties for Richard Bacon to lose his seat.

Below and on the next pages are details of all the 21st century elections in South Norfolk.

2017

<b>Richard Bacon</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>35,580</b>
Danielle Glavin	Labour	18,902
Christopher Brown	Liberal Democrats	5,074
Catherine Rowett	Green Party	1,555

2015

<b>Richard Bacon</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>30,995</b>
Deborah Sacks	Labour	10,502
Barry Cameron	UKIP	7,847
Jacky Howe	Liberal Democrats	4,689
Catherine Rowett	Green Party	3,090

## 2010

<b>Richard Bacon</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>27,133</b>
Jacky Howe	Liberal Democrats	16,193
Mick Castle	Labour	7,252
Evan Heasley	UKIP	2,329
Helen Mitchell	British National Party	1,086
Jo Willcott	Green Party	1,000

## 2005

<b>Richard Bacon</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>26,399</b>
Ian Back	Liberal Democrats	17,617
John Morgan	Labour	13,262
Philip Tye	UKIP	1,696

## 2001

<b>Richard Bacon</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>23,589</b>
Anne Lee	Liberal Democrats	16,696
Mark Wells	Labour	13,719
Stephanie Ross-Wagenknect	Green Party	1,069
Joe Neal	UKIP	856

**Richard Bacon has been the Member of Parliament for South Norfolk since 2001 and this will be his sixth general election.**

**Details of South Norfolk general election results before 2001 can be viewed on the South Norfolk Council website.**

# Date Set For 2020 Fun Run

THE date for the 2020 Hethersett Run the Square fun run has been confirmed as Sunday, 12th July, 2020. This is a change from the original date to avoid a clash with the Norwich 10k event. Next year will be the 10th Anniversary of the Olympic Legacy event and will be well timed as it will be just over a week before the start of the Tokyo Olympics.



Organiser Shane Hull is promising “the biggest and best event yet and is hoping to get a sporting celebrity as the “guest starter.”

We will have more details of the event as they become available. Our photograph shows some of the finishers at the end of one of the events from a number of years ago.

**The January edition of Hethersett Herald will be online on December 23rd.**

**News, features and photographs should be with the editor by December 15th at the latest.**

**We are happy to consider items for publication which can be sent to**

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

**In keeping with previous years, the January edition will be published before Christmas in order to include photographs and stories about the festive season. After all who wants to read about Christmas when the festive season is over?**

# Workshop—A Dramatic Success

HETHERSETT Players have heralded their first workshop as “a complete success.”

The event held in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday, 10th November, brought the following comment on the group’s Facebook page:

“There was such a fabulous turnout and what a great group of people took part to make it such an enjoyable day.

“We are so looking forward to making the first production come to life and share with you the talent we’ve seen today.”

And that production will be a 75th anniversary commemoration of VE (Victory in Europe) Day with the performance including 1940s’ costumes, songs and dance and a performance of one of the classic Dads’ Army episodes “Mum’s Army.”



VE Day 75 will take place on Friday, June 12th and Saturday June 13th.

Meanwhile the group was due to hold a second workshop in the village hall on November 23rd.

We will continue to keep you informed of news about the Players in future editions of the Hethersett Herald.



**Prize-winners in a Hallowe'en art competition organised by Tesco Express have been displayed in the shop's window. There are plenty of other spooky Hallowe'en pictures in this edition, starting on page 53.**

# Concern Over School Traffic

SERIOUS concern has been raised about traffic problems around Hethersett Primary School in Queen's Road.

The matter of parking and speeding traffic around the school has been brought up by the Friends Committee.

Chair of the Friends Sara Kenny told us:

"Further to our first community meeting at the Primary School in October, one parent raised serious concerns about the traffic, speed of traffic and parking of cars around the school, making it difficult for her to allow her son to walk to school even though they live a few 100 metres away.

"The point she raised resonated with a number of parents and we have decided to carry out a poll with our parent community, as well as gather ideas of how things can be improved. We will also remind parents about driving and parking safely around the school.

"We are deeply concerned that with increased building traffic and an increase in pupil numbers that, if we do not address these concerns as a matter of urgency, there may be a serious accident soon. "

The committee contacted county councillor David Bills on this matter and received the following speedy response from Norfolk County Council's Children's Services Officer:

"I know that improving pupil safety has been considered on this scheme as it is always is on schools' projects, and in particular when expanding existing schools.

"The view from NCC Highways is that there is already significant traffic calming on Queen's Road in Hethersett with the road bumps, 20 mph and road markings, and there is not much more that can be done from this perspective. During the construction period at the Junior School, Children's Services has also negotiated to secure 30 parking spaces for the staff and visitors of the school with the social club to mitigate the construction traffic issue. The improvements being made as part of this scheme are better separation of pupil and car access, and also increased parking for staff and visitors on site. More widely with the high school works this will see coaches no longer coming down Queen's Road.

"It isn't possible to provide a separate drop off area for parents at this site but the school is required to refresh its school transport plan to encourage as many children as possible to use sustainable forms of transport to get to school. To support this, a further pedestrian access for pupils is being opened on Admirals Way to encourage sustainable forms of transport and there is an area of public

parking close by to help reduce any impact of parking on residents.

In the long term we would expect that as parents no longer have to travel to collect children at the Infant school and then go across to the Junior School this could reduce traffic movements overall at key times of the day.”

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## Join The Email Group

We currently use Social Media to inform residents when a new edition of Hethersett Herald is published.

We also post copies of new editions, along with an archive of editions from the past four years, on the website [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com).

If you would like to be alerted via e-mail of the publication of a new edition please send an e-mail requesting this service to the editor—  
[petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).

We will then draw up a group for circulation. Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to any third parties and will be used exclusively for notification of new publications.



**A rainbow photographed looking across the fields in Hethersett on one of those alternately wet and sunny days that seem to be a feature of late Autumn.**

# Speed Watch Update

**By Roger Morgan**

REGULAR checks on motorists' speeds continue to be carried out in the village by the Speed Watch team.

Drivers who significantly exceed the speed limit will be notified by letter of the time and place where they were speeding. A second warning letter will be sent if the driver is seen speeding again anywhere in the county. Persistent offenders will be visited by Norfolk Police.



The latest report from the police indicated that 20 motorists driving through Hethersett had received warning letters in recent weeks. Interestingly, 16 of these came from outside the village and only four were Hethersett residents.

The team reports that, by and large, the majority of drivers do respect the existing speed limits and drive in a responsible way. However, there are areas in the village where speeding is not unusual, notably New Road. The aim of the scheme is very much to raise people's awareness of the limits in force and to encourage them to respect the law

**WORK has started on development at Hethersett Primary School in Queen's Road. And the school has sent out an open invitation to view the plans for a new building as outlined in a previous edition of Hethersett Herald.**

**The school's Facebook page commented: "As you will be aware, our building works begins at what is the start of a very exciting era. Kier are the company awarded the contract for our new build and they are very keen to work with the school and the wider community.**

**"An informal drop in event will be held in school on Tuesday, 3rd December, from 6-8pm. Please come along and meet the Kier team and Norfolk Property Services project designers."**

# John the Marathon Man

**By Peter Steward**

THE nickname Marathon Man could have been invented for a Hethersett man who thinks nothing about getting on his bike and riding over 500 miles.

John Bakewell, who lives in Mill Road, recently undertook what for him was a “short ride” from Aberystwyth to Lowestoft—a distance of 303 miles- which he completed without stopping and without sleep.

But that is small fry for this inspirational man who has undertaken many rides of over 500 miles including taking part in a trans continental race across Europe of over 2,500 miles on three occasions. The race involves cycling 170 miles a day for 15 consecutive days and often sleeping rough. John has slept in hedges, in the back of a garage, in fields and even in a supermarket trolley.

Things don't always go to plan on John's marathons, but he is a firm believer that you learn from your failures. Riding this year from the Black Sea in Bulgaria to Brest in France on the trans continental, he tore a calf muscle after 700 km in Serbia and had to call it a day.

Never one to get down-hearted, however, John found he could still cycle a bit but not walk. So he stayed on to cheer and support the other riders.

John is not a man to let disappointment get him down, indeed he sees it as a challenge in itself. He firmly believes



that learning from disappointment makes you stronger.

John could rightly be described as “a modern day adventurer” who is always looking for the next big challenge. He has cycled from Land's End to John O Groats and from St David's in Wales to Stowmarket, climbed the British three peaks (Mount Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis), climbed Mont Blanc, run marathons and much more.

His marathon efforts have taught him a lot about human nature, endurance and about his own body and capabilities.

“If you are strong enough mentally you

will succeed. I always like to push the boundaries. In another life I would aspire to be more ambitious and perhaps row the Atlantic," he said.

John has been cycling almost as long as he can remember. He recollects getting on a bike without stabilisers when he was about five and soon it became his transport of choice:

"I went everywhere on my bike. It was nothing for me to ride 25 miles to have tea at a friend's house and I also cycled to school," he said.

Soon adventuring became a way of life: "You really learn a lot about yourself. There are times when your body really aches but if you are strong enough mentally you will finish. I think I am the type of person who likes to push boundaries.

"Often when I set out I know that there is every likelihood that I won't succeed but none of the rides I have failed to complete have been wasted. Failure helps you to understand how to succeed. You soon learn about all the pitfalls and what it is like to fail," John said adding that being "quite an introvert by nature" he often enjoys the solitude:

"I am very comfortable in my own space."

John has studied nutrition and diet as well, often taking specific foodstuffs with him on his marathon rides, along with spare tubes and puncture kits, sat navs, a mobile phone and a few other pieces of equipment aimed at keeping him as safe as possible when cycling



on public roads.

To me the most important question to put to John was a simple one: "Why do you do this." His answer was simple and brilliant: "If you have to ask that question you do not understand."

John originally comes from Shropshire but has lived in Hethersett for five years and before that lived in Lowestoft and Great Melton.

He was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and also worked for the RSPB in Scotland before joining the Ambulance service in 2002. Today he is a self-employed paramedic practitioner working three days a week at surgeries in the Humbleyard practice which includes Hethersett, Cringleford and Mulbarton. He works alongside duty doctors to help assess, treat and refer



patients.

John is supported in his marathon efforts by wife Laura and his four children:

“I always try to minimise the effect my absences will have on the family as I realise at times they have to bear the cost of what I do. Some marathon riders find they suffer from depression once the rides have finished but I have a busy family life that gives me a balance. Without them I would feel that things are a lot more pointless,” he said.

So what will John’s next challenge be? Well he is looking to ride the 538 miles from England’s most southerly point—The Lizard in Cornwall—to the country’s most northerly point near Berwick-

On-Tweed. He is hoping to complete the ride in 48 hours without stopping.

Some would say that John is “slightly mad” I would prefer to say that he is an inspirational man who has pushed himself to the limits but still wants to push a bit further.

He is certainly one of a kind and one of the most inspirational people I have had the pleasure to meet for a very long time.

## A Good Samaritan

You can read about John’s 2010 trip in aid of the Samaritans at [Lejog4Samaritans](http://Lejog4Samaritans)

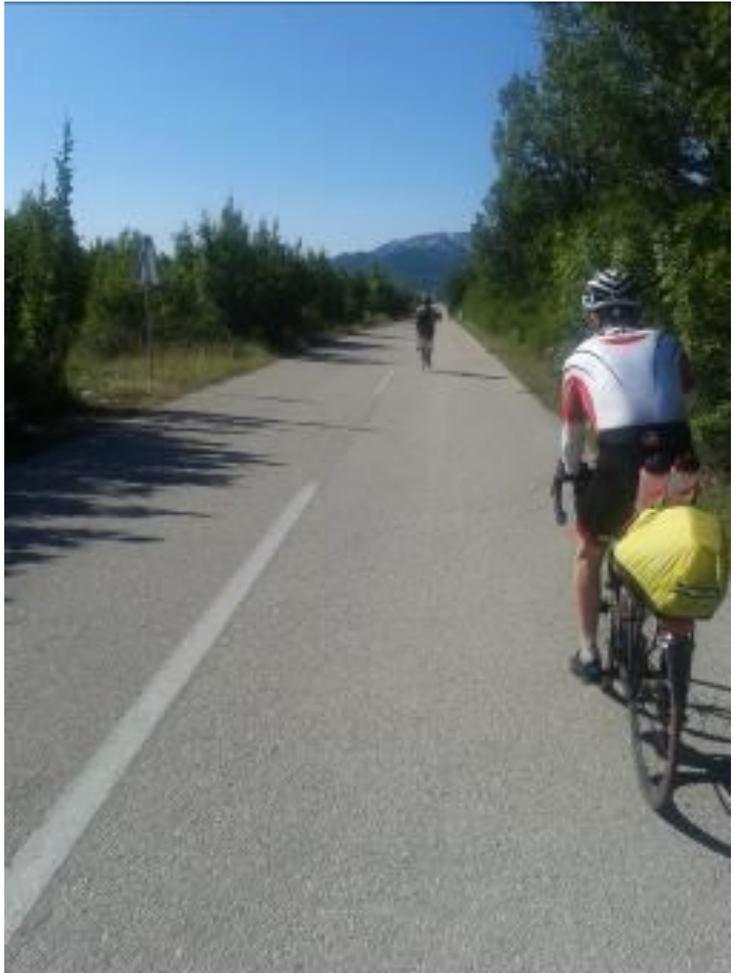
# Anatomy of a ride— Part One

The following is taken from John’s own blog.

2014. Started on Westminster Bridge. Race finish was supposed to be Istanbul. Vastly inexperienced, this was a proving ground for future attempts at this 2500 mile race. Found a hayshed in southern Croatia which we shared with two other cyclists, one of whom, a Swiss rider, left 10 Euros as a thank you to the farmer.

I headed home wiser if a little tired.

Pictures on this page are taken from that trip. The one on the right seems to illustrate perfectly the loneliness of the long distance cyclist.



# Anatomy of a Ride—Part Two

## More notes and photos from John

Just prior to leaving 2019 after recovering from a fractured wrist at the end of February to make the race start at the end of July.

Some the terrain I ended up on. Entering Serbia shortly before tearing my calf muscle on Besna Kobila.

I slept on a track next to the maize field. Another wrap up in Belgrade on my way to Ljubljana, Austria, Lyon and then Brest, where I met the riders as they came in at the end of their race.

It is still out there waiting to be attempted again.



# Raising Money for Charity

OVER the years John has raised significant sums of money for charities including the Alzheimer's Society (in memory of his father who suffered from the condition), Samaritans, Research into Breast Cancer and the NSPCC.

John's ride from Aberystwyth to Lowestoft was designed to raise funds through sponsorship for a defibrillator for Hethersett Memorial Playing Field. He found the trip a difficult one "My brother lives in Aberystwyth and I stopped at a pub in Grafton Water where it was warm and I felt really tired," he said. Lesser men would have booked a room for the night but John just got back on his bike and continued the journey through the night on a bike that was "lit up like a Christmas tree" and along what he referred to as some "rather lumpy roads in the Midlands."

Despite finishing the ride and setting up a crowd funding page, John is still short of the £2,000 needed and is hoping generous Hethersett people will help him achieve his goal.

John is currently joint coach of Hethersett Athletic Under-10s football team for which his son Sam plays. With his medical background, John believes that a defibrillator is a necessity in the playing field pavilion in the light of the amount of sport that takes place on the field. This includes bowls, croquet, cycle speedway and football along with the existence of play equipment used by so many. The field is also used by dog walkers and other members of the community. If you would like to contribute to John's defib fund you can donate through his crowd funding page at

INTERESTINGLY John is a big supporter of cycle paths and welcomes the extension throughout the country and particularly around Hethersett.

"I always use cycle paths when I can and I am a big supporter of them," he said.

He agrees that cycle clubs need to use the roads but is not comfortable when he sees a lone cyclist on the road when a cycle path is available. He uses paths around Hethersett and Wymondham for high intensity one to two hour rides when he likes to average between 18 and 20 mph

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# An Historic Clean-Up

**By Peter Steward**

THERE'S nothing like a good clear-out at home to brighten the spirits. Throwing away junk that has cluttered up our homes for years can be very therapeutic and there's just no telling what you might find hidden in some crevasse, corner or cupboard.

When Hethersett resident Jill Samwell-Smith decided to tidy up some drawers she made an unexpected discovery.

Hidden in a corner were two very old and very yellow copies

of historic newspapers. One was the Daily Telegraph of Wednesday June 23rd, 1897, and the other a copy of the Westminster Gazette of Wednesday October 6th, 1897—both over 120 years old.

Considering their age they were both in reasonable condition and perfectly readable, although it has to be said that the content was in the main rather dull.

The Daily Telegraph was massive, measuring a ludicrous 67x50 cm and much larger than today's Broadsheets, making it very difficult to read in public places. The front page was adverts (most of which would be unintelligible to the modern reader) and there were no illustrations to break up a huge amount of text that just ran down in single columns. The edition had 14 pages.

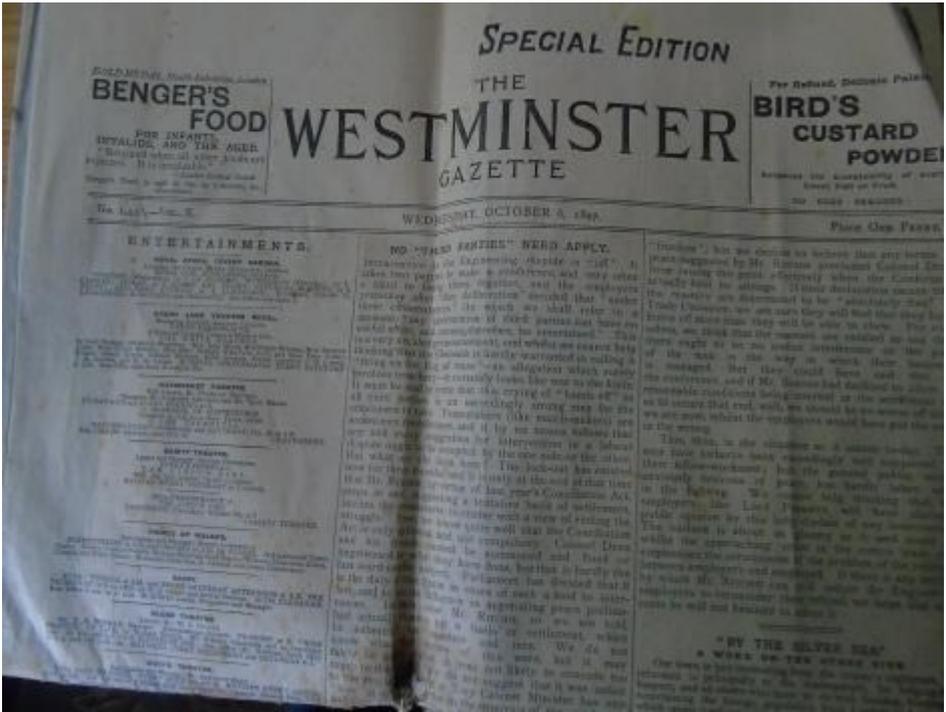
The main article revolved around Jubilee Day and used superlatives to describe the visit of the Queen to St Paul's Cathedral. Back in the murky misty days of the late 19th century the country was evidently more nationalistic and open to superlatives such as "splendid royal pageant," "national outburst of loyalty," and "glorious sunshine."

Of course there is nothing new about reading about The Queen—that is until you realise that the Queen in question here is Victoria.

The reporting is certainly different to today's. Take for example a report of the procession at Constitution Hill and Hyde Park Corner which opens with the following:

"Old fashioned proverbs, saws and sentences, about the advantages of early





rising were manifestly taken into account by the well-dressed people who filled the wooden amphitheatres erected on one side of Constitution Hill before eight am yesterday, and by the more plebeian throngs surging and swaying around Hyde Park corner and the entrance to Piccadilly. The mutational worms had to be caught in the shape of the best places whence to view the Procession, and hence there were many early birds or rather beings, who took up every inch of space inside the Green Park railings on the Wellington statue side of Constitution Hill."

Elsewhere there seemed very little of note happening. There is a large report of the Yorkshire v Surrey cricket match and plenty of adverts for miracle cures including Kutnow's Improved Effervescent Carlsbad Powder for the treatment of indigestion, disordered liver, gout, rheumatism, gouty Eczema, Diabetes, Constipation, Haemorrhoids and "Kindred Diseased of the Stomach, Liver and Kidneys."

The Westminster Gazette is a smaller paper running to 10 Broadsheet pages and seems to be a more balanced publication covering events in India, Birmingham and Australia.

Overall Jill's finds give an insight into people's lives from well over a century ago and well before the Two World Wars changed the world forever. Have you made unexpected discoveries when "Spring cleaning"? If so we would love to hear from you.

# Social Media Watch

RUNNING alongside Hethersett Herald we also have two Facebook pages. One is Hethersett Herald and the other is simply entitled Hethersett.

Below are just a few of the comments left on these sites over the past month.

“I just wanted to post on here to say a massive thank you to all you lovely people of Hethersett. You raised a fantastic £170 for the British Legion Poppy appeal by buying Poppy cupcakes from various places in Hethersett. Thank you to all of those that kindly displayed the cupcakes for me. Such a worth cause I’m sure you’ll all agree”—from Sherree Matlass who also provided a mouth-watering picture of cupcakes.



Lynda Reed posted the following on the last day of October: “Driving home this evening, turned off B1172 into Churchfields and did a really loud “wooooo hooooo”..... no traffic lights!”

Kelly Lindsay is a regular contributor to the sites promoting a special initiative “Friends Indeed” in the following words: “Can you and your child spare an hour or so to make older people smile this Saturday? Children of all ages are invited to this session at Hethersett Hall care home. The residents can’t wait to see you.”

And don’t forget the excellent All Things Hethersett Facebook page is also extremely active with news and views about the village and it’s just signed up its 2,000th member.

You can visit the Hethersett Herald page at:

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

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# Hethersett Young Writers' Short Story Competition - 2019



## Students in years 7 to 11

One First prize of £100

Two Runner-Up prizes of £50 each

Three Third Prizes of £25 each

**Subject** – You entry must start with the words ‘**if only \* had been** ...(\* can be he, she, it, they, a person’s name or whatever is needed for your story).) ..’

**Entry** – The competition is open to young people who either live in Hethersett or attend Hethersett Academy. An entry form is not needed but be sure to clearly state your name, your School and your school year. Entries can be hand written or a computer printout

**Word Limit:** 1,500 words. Please do not exceed the word limit. For handwritten entries three sides is sufficient.

**Closing date** for entries is Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Winners will be notified in January. Prizes must be collected and will not be posted.

The writer of the winning entry will receive a cheque for £100 and have their piece reproduced in the Hethersett Herald e-magazine and possibly in other publications. Entries can be posted or delivered to Connie Tindale at 13, Grove Road, Hethersett, NR9 3JP or submitted through Hethersett Academy. Alternatively entries can be e-mailed directly to [connie@connietindale.com](mailto:connie@connietindale.com).

Late entries cannot be considered. Judges’ decisions are final. Entries will not be returned..

**This competition has been privately funded by a Hethersett Resident.**

# Changes to Bin Collections

There will be some changes to bin collection dates in Hethersett over the Christmas period. Those changes are outlined below. More information is available on the website

[www.south-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk)

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Change
Wednesday 25th December	Friday 27th December	Two days late
Thursday 26th December	Saturday 28th December	Two days late
Friday 27th December	Monday 30th December	Three days late
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Wednesday 1st January	Thursday 2nd January	One day late
Thursday 2nd January	Friday 3rd January	One day late
Friday 3rd January	Saturday 4th January	One day late

There will be no collection of garden waste bins from 25th December to 3rd January.

## Surprise Day Off

Pupils from Hethersett Primary School had an unexpected day off on November 26th when the school was shut due to drainage problems. The problems left the school with no working toilets, thus causing a potential health risk had the school opened.

“Pupil safety and wellbeing is our number one priority hence the decision to close the school,” said Head Teacher Matthew Parslow-Williams.

# Picture This—The Bad and the Ugly



**HETHERSETT is a wonderful place to live as we all know but occasionally there are areas of the village that cause concern like the piece of waste ground in Priory Road, drink cans left randomly on a bus shelter in New Road and the verge close to the Memorial Playing Field.**



# Hethersett Social Club Car Park Changes

A number of changes have been announced for the use of the car park at Hethersett Social Club.

Sue Forkes from the club posted the following notice on social media:

“The car park is the property of Hethersett Social Club and parking is for the use of social club members and guests. From Monday 25th November we will be allocating 30 spaces on the gravel end of the car park to Norfolk County Council, for use of staff from Hethersett Junior School whilst building work is taking place at the school. These spaces will be specifically marked out, and for the staff use only.

“No other parking is permitted.

“Therefore use for school dropping off and collecting children will now be limited, due to spaces at the end being used during school hours and spaces on the tarmac will be needed for use by Hethersett Social Club.

No all day parking, unauthorised parking, or use for school events is permitted. Marked parking spaces outside the Social Club building are to be kept clear for social club use. This includes during the day.

“We will also be the polling station for elections on Thursday, 12th December, so priority will be to those attending the club for voting purposes. We would appreciate your consideration and understanding.”

## Moaning Minnie

She's alive again! The return of Moaning Minnie and this month she takes out her frustration about parking in Henstead Road.

"Please, please, please can something be done about the parking on Henstead Road? It is an accident waiting to happen and the buses must curse it every time they come round that bend from Great Melton Road. The road is NOT WIDE ENOUGH to park. Travelling down to the T junction nothing coming, half way down a car or bus turns the corner and everything wonders which/what/ etc. Come on council, double yellow lines PLEASE.

# Hallowe'en Spooky Special

WE appealed via Facebook for photographs that captured the spirit of Hallowe'en and we were delighted once again with the response. Over the following pages we feature just some of the photographs sent to us.

## Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club



The village was awash with colour and spooky goings on and it seems to have all been in the best of spirits (please forgive the pun). Numerous messages found their way onto Facebook about the politeness of the children who went trick and treating.

# Hallowe'en Spooky Special

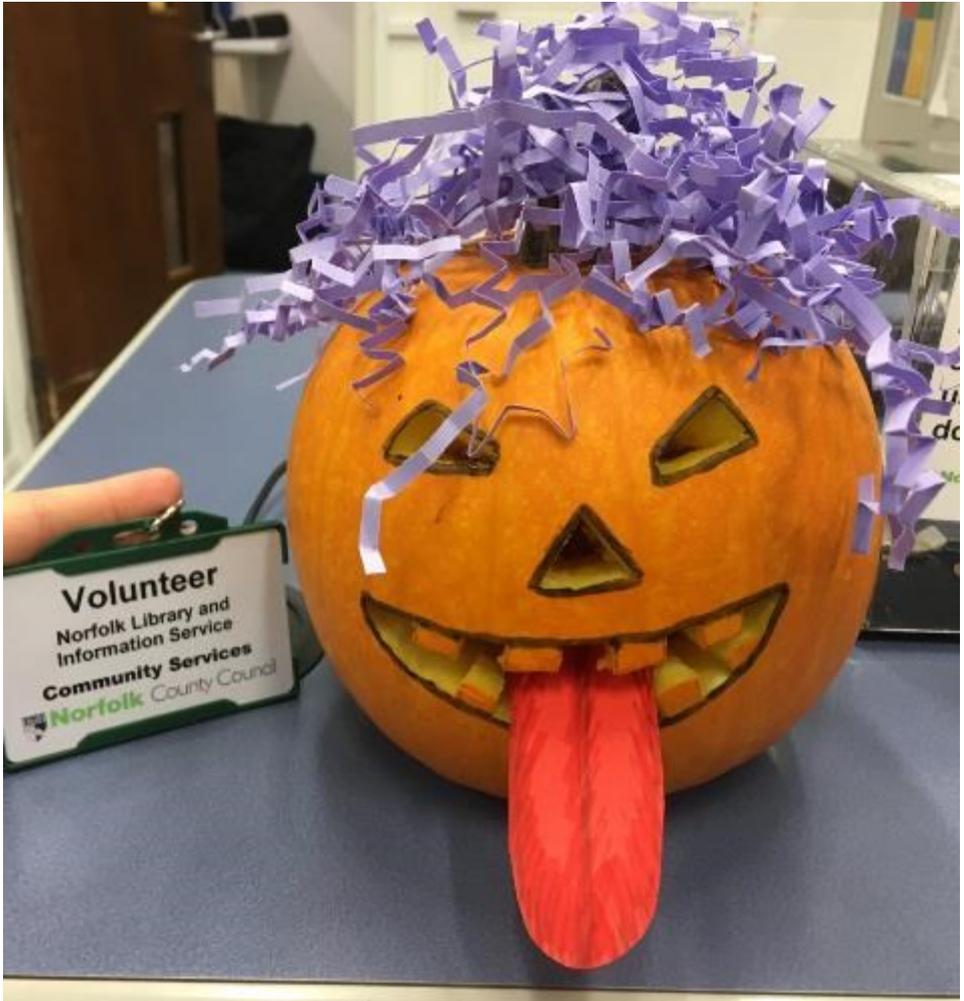


THE Ghostbusters car was out on its rounds of the village as captured by our intrepid photographers who braved the possibility of being gunged to bring you these images,



# Hallowe'en Spooky Special

Hethersett Library



Hethersett library had a new volunteers for the day—not too sure about the hairstyle though.

# Hallowe'en Spooky Special



Frightfully ghoulish pictures from Karen Stradling



The picture on the left was sent to us by Kelly Francis-Kelly of the window of her home in Park Close that was suitably dressed by her children.

# Hallowe'en Spooky Special



Matt Knights took this picture of his spooky garden. Gardens around the village got into the spirit of the evening with tombstones and ghouls.

The following two comments were typical of the excellent behaviour of Hethersett youngsters:

“Thank you so much to everybody who opened their doors to trick or treaters tonight, I had a very happy little Harry Potter who said it was the best night ever. I stayed at home to hand out sweets and everyone was so polite, in particular some of the older trick or treaters, and I was even treated to a Halloween rap! Well done Hethersett.”

• \* \*

“A huge thanks to everybody who opened their doors and made lots of children very happy. There was a great atmosphere around the village tonight.”

# Hallowe'en Spooky Special



# Hallowe'en Spooky Special





# Learning About Work

**By Peter Steward**

WHEN Kassie Prime decided she wanted to branch out into pastures new, she knew it would involve helping youngsters to cope with the modern world.

From that wish came the idea of setting up a charity shop where young people with learning difficulties or mental health problems could learn about finance and the world of work.

When the former Janette Raven curtain shop in Queen's Road came free

Kassie jumped at the chance of taking it on as a not-for-profit shop to help young people. Kassie took out a loan, enlisted the help of numerous family members and turned the shop into a veritable emporium of goods from clothes to books, ornaments to games and just about everything else.

Kett's Kabin became an Aladdin's cave as you can see from the photograph above which was taken just before Hallowe'en.

Kassie has lived in Hethersett for three years, after moving to the village from



Costessey. She has considerable experience working with young people for both the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the YMCA.

One of her functions was to travel around Norfolk interviewing and supporting youngsters with serious behavioural problems who had little chance of holding down a job.

This often meant youngsters screaming and swearing at her: “I had patience and when they shouted I just kept completely calm until they stopped. I got my reward in helping them to change their behaviour. I still get stopped in the street by people I helped, many of whom have families of their own,” Kassie said.

A problem with her eyesight “something

that comes and goes” meant Kassie had to give up work and look for new ideas. She also needed something that could tie in with looking after husband Ray who suffers from Parkinson’s Disease and dementia.

“The shop became available and I wanted to do something to help young



people,” Cassie said adding that she used her own money and a loan to finance the venture.

“Once I got the shop it was a matter of the whole family coming in to decorate it and set it up. I sorted out the structure and put together a business plan,” Kassie added.

Originally Kassie was looking to help those aged between 18 and 24 but she has been flexible on this and today has a 14-year-old and a 39-year-old doing “shifts” in the shop.

“Whatever problems the young people have had, we do not judge them,” she added.

Kett’s Kabin mainly sells donated items but also has new merchandise as Kassie explained: “With donated items we can teach them about retailing, how to put stock out, how to work the till and take money but having new items gives them the chance to learn how to order stock in which they wouldn’t get from donated items.”



Kassie also teaches the volunteers about profit targets and margins and is hoping at some point in the future to give youngsters the chance to work towards “proper qualifications.”

At the present the shop has seven volunteers including two members of Kassie’s family.

The response from local people has been “fantastic” with donations soon filling the shop and still coming in. Whilst I was there three bags of donations came in.

Kett’s Kabin will take most good quality goods but cannot handle large items of furniture due to space constraints.

“We can take electrical items as we have a qualified PAT tester in the family,” Kassie added.

**Kett’s Kabin is open from 8 am to 4 pm Mondays to Fridays and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays.**



# KETTS KABIN

not for profit shop



*helping young minds grow*

Ketts Kabin is a community fundraising shop run entirely by experienced volunteers who understand the difficulties and stigmas surrounding mental health conditions.

Our aim is to offer work experience and retail training within our community shop for young people aged 15 - 24 years of age who are experiencing mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression and social exclusion, and for these reasons find the transition into paid employment extremely challenging.

By offering a safe working environment Ketts Kabin will strive to significantly improve the mental well-being of young people and increase their employment prospects in a nonjudgmental and friendly working environment.

The young people will be able to learn at their own pace and undertake tasks when they feel they are ready to do so. Any surplus income will be reinvested back into the business to expand the training opportunities available.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated and supported Ketts Kabin already. It is very much appreciated.

Kassie (founder)

***Kett's Kabin in the words of its founder Kassie Prime.***

# A Ghoulish Treat From the Kabin

KETT'S Kabin opened until 7 pm for a Hallowe'en Special.

A ghoulish window display attracted numerous children who were all rewarded with bags of sweets.



The photographs on this page come from Kett's Kabin's Facebook page and are used with permission.

# News From The Parish Council

## Less of a Messy Village

**By Peter Steward**

THANKS to the good work of the parish council and the vigilance of residents, the dog mess problem in the village seems to be improving.

In a report at the latest parish council meeting from the Hethersett's Pick Up Poo (PUP) group, Councillor Bridget Williamson stated that most dog owners in the village have been responsible in picking up after their pets.

Group member and parish councillor Stephen Slack has designed a new leaflet on the subject and this will be delivered to home owners in the village with the next council newsletter.

"Thankfully at the moment there doesn't seem to be a major problem with dog poo in the village. The distribution of the leaflet to every household will complete our work, although we can always re-convene if the problem returns," Mrs Williamson said.

Councillors agreed that the area around Back Lane and Shop Lane is still a problem and three new dog bins will be placed in this area.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan did voice one area of concern: "With the dark nights this is the worst time of the year for problems as often it is too dark for owners to see where their dog has been," she said.

EACH of Hethersett's district councillors has a £1,000 personal budget to award to deserving causes in the village and there is a small amount of money remaining. To apply please e-mail one or all of them. Contact details are printed elsewhere in this edition.

### Get In Touch

If you have any stories or information you would like to see in the Hethersett Herald, please get in touch with us. You can find the contact details elsewhere in this edition.

# News From The Parish Council

## VE Day Plans Taking Shape

PLANS for VE (Victory in Europe) Day celebrations in Hethersett in May next year are beginning to take shape, Hethersett Parish Council heard.

Village celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day will be centred around the village hall which the parish council has booked for the entire week-end of May 8th to 10th.

Friday May 8th will be a Bank Holiday (moving from the traditional first Monday in the month) and the parish council is looking to organise a “street party” at the village hall. People will be encouraged to bring along their own food and drink and entertainment will be provided by the council. We will have more on this in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

Saturday is likely to feature a Tea Dance in the village hall and Sunday will see a special screening by the Village Screen group.

At present, nothing has been arranged for the evenings but the parish council is keen to hear from any village group or organisation wishing to put on some form of entertainment.

“This is very much still a work in progress,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

## Motorists Asked To Be Considerate

THE council is asking drivers to be pedestrian-aware when it comes to bad weather in the village.

A number of reports have been received both by the council and this publication from angry residents who have suffered the indignity of being soaked by cars going through puddles during periods of heavy rain.

Motorists are being urged to slow down and give pedestrians a wide berth during periods of bad weather.

“We know of people who have been covered in water by motorists and this is a concern for us as it isn’t pleasant,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

# News From The Parish Council

HETHERSETT Parish Council has received a number of complaints about overgrown hedges encroaching onto footpaths, making the use of pavements difficult for wheelchair users and those pushing prams. The council is asking home owners to trim their hedges to ensure they do not cause a hazard.

## A Small Minority Problem

THE council has once again expressed its concern about anti-social behaviour caused by “a small majority of youngsters in the village.”

At its November meeting, councillors heard that residents had been subjected to verbal abuse from a group of teenagers who congregate around the youth shelter in Admirals Way.

“There is a small group of youngsters in the village causing problems and it is not nice at all. It is a very tiny group of half a dozen at the most. There are a few youngsters in the village who find life difficult and want to make things difficult for others,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

Councillor Stephen Slack felt the group was larger: “I have counted as many as 15,” he said.

Eileen Mulvaney bemoaned the loss of Police Community Support Officers and cuts to policing which had seen the number of regular patrols drop.

Other councillors highlighted finds of drug-related needles in the village, suggesting that drugs are available.

Councillors are backing a move by Hethersett’s district and county councillor David Bills to have the policy on 20 mph zones changed to allow speed checks and law enforcement to take place on areas in the village where these restrictions apply.

# News From the Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

HETHERSETT Parish Council meets on the third Monday of each month with full council meetings starting at 7.30 pm. They are preceded by meetings of the council's planning committee at 7 pm. The planning committee also meets on the first Monday of each month

The final full council meeting of 2019 will take place on Monday December 16th. Dates for meetings in 2020 are as follows:

January 20th, February 17th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th and December 21st.

Members of the public have the chance to bring up issues at the beginning and also towards the end of full council meetings. Planning committee meetings are also open to the public.

## How To Contact The Parish Council

PARISH clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 01603 810915 or via email at [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

The parish office is currently upstairs in the village hall and is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and noon.

It is likely that the office will move into Hethersett Library in the near future. We will have dates and times as soon as they are available.

The council has a website at

[www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

And also a Facebook page.

# News From the Parish Council

**THERE** has been a disappointing response from Norfolk County Council to a variety of road matters referred to them by Hethersett Parish Council.

The latest meeting heard that nothing can be done to alleviate problems caused by traffic and parked cars in the Mill Road/Great Melton Road area, and no safety posts can be placed on the path near Tasty Bites in Great Melton Road to enhance the safety for pedestrians.

On the positive side, there is a chance of extending the double yellow lines a short distance along Henstead Road from its junction with Great Melton Road. This would help buses and other vehicles to negotiate the corner.

There are no plans, however, to repaint the double yellow lines on the new speed hump in Great Melton Road. "As the parish paid half towards the speed hump shouldn't we insist that the double yellow lines are painted to a satisfactory standard," said Councillor Andre Smith.

"It's been a fairly negative response," said parish council vice-chairman Stephen Slack.

## Parish Shorts

THE old bus shelter close to Churchfields on the B1172 is to be replaced with a new improved one.

Hethersett Scouts will be tidying up an area of woodland close to the Heathfields' Estate.

The wildflower walk featured in previous editions of Hethersett Herald is to be renamed Rectory Meadow. It is hoped the area will attract even more wildflowers. Rectory Meadow is between Admirals Way and the B1172.

The Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is looking to plant more bulbs in the area around the village sign. The next meetings of the HEAT group will be in Hethersett Social Club on January 8th and March 4th, 2020.

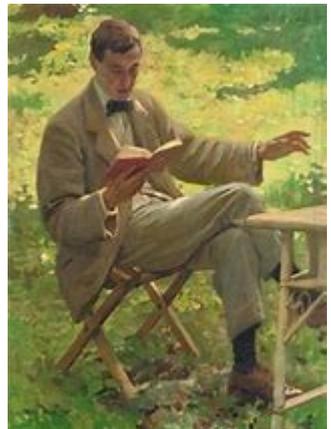
The parish council is looking into obtaining definitive maps of the village to help litter pickers to cover new estates.

# Tale About a Spy



**HETHERSETT Village Screen continues to gain in popularity with a record audience of over 70 for the November production which starred Dame Judy Dench in Red Joan, the story of an elderly women and her secret life as a Soviet Spy. The film used flashbacks to her youth in what was a very enjoyable production.**

Before the main feature there was a short film from the East Anglian Archives featuring the life and work of Suffolk artist Albert Munnings. Munnings was born in 1878 in Mendham which is on the Suffolk side of the River Waveney close to Harleston where much of the film was shot. He died in 1959 in Dedham, Essex. Much of Munnings' work reflected his love of the outdoors and horses in particular and the



painting at the top of the previous page is entitled “At Hethersett Races.”

### Coming Films at Hethersett Village Screen

#### December 8th - Yesterday

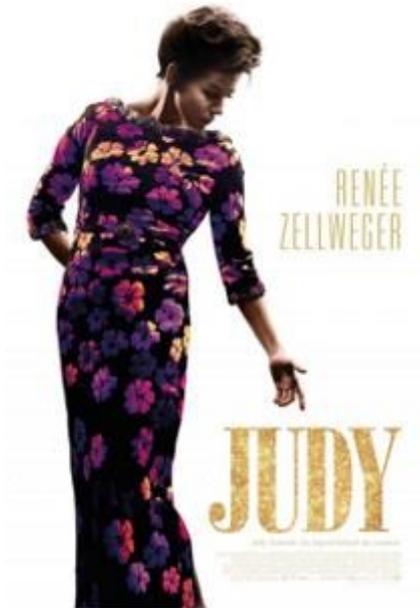
Yesterday is a 2019 British romantic comedy directed by Danny Boyle and written by Richard Curtis and another film with an East Anglian connection.

It stars Himesh Patel as a struggling musician who, after an accident, finds himself the only person who remembers The Beatles. He becomes famous after taking credit for writing and performing their songs. The film also features Lily James as Himesh's childhood friend and love interest, Kate McKinnon as his manager and Ed Sheeran as a fictionalised version of himself.

Much of the action was shot in Suffolk with Lowestoft featuring prominently. We understand that former Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Di Lammas, has a small part in the action.



### And So To 2020 . . . . .







## Surprise Visitor to Art Group

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**ARTWORK** of all shapes and sizes in a variety of mediums made for a highly colourful display when the Paint With Us group held its annual exhibition in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday, November 17th, and there was a special visitor as Herald Associate Editor Roger Morgan explains:

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BBC Look East's weather presenter, Julie Reinger, made a flying visit to Hethersett on Sunday, 17th November. Julie dropped in at the art show organised by the 'Paint With Us' group in the Village Hall to pick up clue two as part of Radio Norfolk's weekly Treasure Quest programme. After finding the clue near a painting of a lighthouse Julie chatted with organiser Ann Wright live on air. Ann described the workings of the group to her and the listeners. The annual art show was visited last year by Treasure Quest presenter Anna Perrott.

Once again the free exhibition was packed with lots of colourful paintings all done by local amateur artists. The paintings were created in a variety of media including oils, pastels and watercolours and most were available to buy. In addi-



tion there were small plaster sculptures as well as a wide range of greetings cards printed from the original pictures, for sale. Most of the artists were around to answer any questions from visitors.

Ann was particularly impressed by both the variety and the quality of the art work on sale this year. A delicious selection of cakes and other refreshments were on sale from the kitchen and many visitors took advantage of this.



The 'Paint With Us' group meets on Thursday afternoons in Hethersett Village



On the left the Radio Norfolk presenter Julie Reinger leaves Hethersett Village Hall after picking up her clue and below the Radio Norfolk Treasure Hunt car.

Hall between 1.30 and 4 pm. Space at these meetings can be limited but opportunities for joining do arise. People who might be interested are welcome to pop along and chat with Ann at any time. She welcomes enquiries from potential members whether they are complete beginners or more experienced artists. The group has been meeting for well over a decade now and has traditionally organised an annual art show to display its work. It is encouraging to see a thriving local group put on such an interesting exhibition.



Pictures by Roger Morgan and Peter Steward



**Paint With Us member Krystyn Elliott displays some of her work at the Paint With Us exhibition in Hethersett Village Hall.**

## Top Nomination for Pantomime Group

HETHERSETT Pantomime Group has been shortlisted for a top county award.

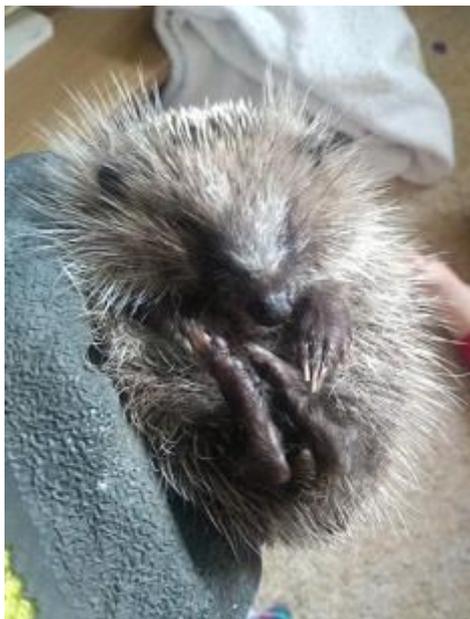
The group, which will be presenting its latest pantomime in January has been shortlisted for the Stars of Norfolk and Waveney Awards.

The Hethersett group has been shortlisted in the Cultural/Arts section where they are down to the final three. The winners will be announced at a presentation evening at Open Norwich in Bank Plain on December 5th. It is the seventh year that the awards have been held.

The pantomime group are also in line for a top national award and we will have more about this in future editions of Hethersett Herald.

# Hannah's Hethersett Life

WELCOME to the latest column from Hannah Harrison—Hannah's Hethersett Life.



## A Busy Month In The Garden

IT'S been a busy month in our garden, with what feels like millions of wood pigeons visiting each day. The magpies, jackdaws and blackbirds seem to be making a comeback after being absent for a while. I saw a glimpse of a jay one morning, although not for long! As soon as he saw a flicker of movement he was gone, a very shy bird is the jay.

I've caught at least one hedgehog still passing through our garden on the wildlife camera. It's not eating any of the food I put out (although about 10 neighbourhood cats are!) and I've been unable to catch it to see if it's a good weight. Short of sitting outside all night I'm not sure that I'll get the chance.

More hedgehog news. Mrs Hoggett was brought to me by my dad who lives in Hellesdon.

She was seriously underweight at 180g and fitted in the palm of my hand.

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She seemed really active and relatively healthy except for the weight issue and fleas. We took her to Chapelfield vets in Wymondham (in case you don't know, vets have to see wildlife free of charge, but you could be charged for medication) who gave her antibiotics and painkillers although they couldn't see anything wrong with her initially.

She became much more active when we got her home and I had high hopes for her survival. However, come the morning I checked in on her and she looked ever so poorly. She didn't curl up when I picked her up, she just laid there barely breathing,

I tried to drip some water in her mouth and tempt her with some food but it was too late at that stage and she passed away in my hands a few moments later. I spent a while afterwards trying to revive her with no luck. She is now buried in our garden. Poor little love.

But, I haven't given up! Mr Heckles was brought to me last night by a lovely friend of mine. He'd been found late afternoon and looked underweight, not as severe as Mrs Hoggett but he won't survive the winter months without human intervention. He's all warm and cosy in a hutch in my spare room, lots of shredded paper, a heat pad and tasty food to see him through. I'm really hoping that this little guy will make it. He's got a lot of fight in him and he's already escaped the hutch once! (I can be blamed for that one, I left it unlocked!)

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## A Big Thank You

A big thank you to Connie at Hethersett Hedgehogs for inviting me into her home, introducing me to her hogs and telling me how to care for them like she does.

I stayed for over an hour, cup of coffee in hand and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the lady I've spent such a long time talking to online and who I have so much admiration for! What she does is amazing and the time she dedicates to these spiky souls is really inspiring. Thank you, Connie.

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## First Steps Playgroup

THE playgroup is still doing really well. We had a fantastic Hallowe'en themed session in October, with decorations, a 'best dressed' competition, trick or treat bags, music and delicious treats.

This playgroup has been such an important part of mine and my daughter's lives since we started going three years ago. We've made lifelong friends and I think Eva is the oldest one there now, a grandma!

If you haven't already, please come along and join us. We're a very friendly bunch and would love to see you. We meet every Tuesday during term time from 9:45-11 am in the village hall. Keep your eyes peeled for our CHRISTMAS themed session. See you there!

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## The Dangers Of A Shelter

WHILST I was at the Admirals way park with my friend and our children, I popped over to the blue shelter near the outdoor gym equipment, after hearing reports of needles near the area (please note that I did not take the children with me).



My friend stayed with the youngsters in the enclosed park area. Luckily, I didn't see any needles but it was literally like trying to find a needle in a haystack with the amount of leaves and litter around.

What I did find was a strong stench of marijuana, numerous cigarette ends, used condoms, tampon applicators, sweet wrappers and empty gas canisters which I think are used as a 'high'. I wore gloves and picked it all up safely.

What people get up to in their own time is none of my business and I don't particularly care, but when it is on a children's play area it becomes a different ball game (excuse the pun). The thought of my child, or anyone else's, picking up that sort of stuff makes me really angry.

I went back to that same area a week or two later and, whilst there was no drug paraphernalia, there was a bucket load of litter, with a bin only a few metres away. This is really disappointing.

It was suggested at the last Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) meeting that the blue shelter should be demolished considering how shabby and broken it is anyway, but I assume that if it was taken down they would just find somewhere else to go.

If you know anyone that 'hangs out' in the above mentioned area, please let them know that this has been reported as will any further instances of problems..

***See also comments made at the latest parish council meeting on the shelter. Turn to page 67.***

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## Hard Work Brings Dividends

OUR hard work with Hethersett Parish Council's environmental action team is really starting to pay off.

We had 28 volunteers turn up for November's litter pick which was absolutely fantastic! It was a cold morning but with beautiful sunshine.

Lots of children joined in which was great to see. Next month we will be changing it up a bit. We will be meeting at 2pm at the village hall.

The reason for the change of starting point is purely to cover different areas. That end of the Churchfields/Steepletower estate is never reached on our current picks because it's so far from the usual starting point. So we will now be alternating starting point and times. The next few litter picks are as follows:

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm starting from the village hall

Saturday January 10am starting from the Methodist church

Saturday February 2pm starting from the village hall

For more information on the litter picks, including more dates, please visit the parish councils website <https://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

Another huge thank you to Hethersett resident, Matt Knights, who yet again kindly printed all of our litter pick flyers and posters via his workplace Prospect Handling.



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## PACT Fundraising

AS you're all aware, Christmas is fast approaching.

You will have seen in previous years that reindeer food is getting popular. Usually made using rolled oats and glitter, then typically put in a cellophane bag for children to sprinkle over their lawn on Christmas Eve for the reindeer to eat.

The problem is that most of this stuff is unsuitable for the wildlife that will inevitably be eating it. You can get biodegradable glitter, but this is still NOT safe for wildlife. The RSPCA have released a safe-for-wildlife reindeer food recipe.

So, I've taken that on board and I am selling bags of reindeer food for £1 a bag, all proceeds will be donated to PACT. The recipe doesn't include any nasty stuff and is suitable to be eaten by wildlife. Best of all, the packaging is recyclable.

If anyone would like a bag then please let me know.



## Happy Christmas From Hannah

I know it seems early but the next edition won't be until the end of December so I'd like to wish you all the merriest of Christmas's and the happiest of New Year's!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read my column each month, for the support I've received and most of all, the encouragement that the Editor, Peter Steward, has given me. Peter does a fantastic job with the Hethersett Herald and I am proud to be a part of it.

**And we are delighted to have such an enthusiastic columnist as well. Just one point to correct, the next edition of the Herald will be published before Christmas—hopefully around the 23rd—after all you will need something to read over the festive period! - Editor**

# Footballers Continue to Impress

**AFTER** a rocky start to the season, Hethersett Athletic Men's Saturday football team continue to fight for runners-up spot in the Barnes Print Central and South Norfolk League Division One.

The team lost its opening two games but had an unbeaten October and have continued their good form with a 3-1 win over Rockland on November 16th.

Athletic are still six points behind runaway unbeaten leaders Briston in the league.

They have had mixed fortunes in cup matches though, beating Watton Reserves 5-3 in the Junior League Cup but bowing out of the Ben Smith Memorial Cup, losing 4-2 on penalties after drawing 2-2 with Weasenhams.

## Sunday Offer

**CHURCH** Farm Café will be open seven days a week in the lead up to Christmas and there's a special Christmas offer as well.

The café will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on the four Sundays before Christmas—that's the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Free cups of coffee and tea will be available (one per person) on the first three of those dates.

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Please share details of the Herald so we can increase our readership.

# Herald Health With Rowan House

***Rachel Pailes from Rowan House Well Being Centre in Queen's Road, Hethersett, talks about mental health well-being for men.***

EVERY year thousands of men and women across the globe take part in 'Movember' a month of campaigning, activities and moustache growing to bring attention to the very real issues around men's mental and physical health.

Many men find it notoriously difficult to translate their feelings and emotions into words and, whilst Movember and Men's Health Week (every June), are super important events that encourage men to speak out, it's important that we don't forget that mental health issues affect the men we know and love every day of the year. And many of them are very good at hiding it...

Think about the ideal image of a 'real man' and what do you see? Cultures around the world have long considered men to be permanently strong, stoic and emotionless. And research has revealed that this misconception is often forced upon boys during childhood. From a young age many are surrounded by well-meaning and seemingly harmless comments like:

'Man up!'

'You throw like a girl!'

'Real men don't cry!'

Though not meant to cause lasting damage, comments like these can leave boys at risk of hiding their feelings for fear of being ridiculed, leaving them with very few tools to deal with their emotions later in life.

Recent studies have also shown that chronic stress in men is far more common than previously known and that it affects men from all ethnic, financial, and educational backgrounds. Making matters worse, men have been found to be far more adept at hiding their real emotional state, making diagnosis and their willingness to seek treatment much more challenging.

So what are the signs of stress in men, and what can be done to help alleviate them?

Firstly it's important to recognise the signs and symptoms of stress. In the early stages, symptoms can be wide ranging and not always easy to recognise. But if the list below sounds scarily familiar then you or someone you know could be at risk.



## Symptoms of stress in men

- Feeling tired
- Forgetfulness
- Difficulty sleeping
- Irritability and moodiness
- Lack of motivation
- Loss of concentration and an inability to complete projects
- Muscular and skeletal aches and pains (A lot of men carry stress in their lower back or neck muscles.)
- Recurring headaches
- Increased reliance on smoking, drinking or even drugs to cope

Left untreated, stress will often start to manifest itself physically, which can lead to serious health issues. Look out for:

- Increased susceptibility to colds and flu
- Chest pains
- Digestive problems (tummy aches and constipation)
- Elevated blood pressure
- Elevated heart rate at rest
- Sexual problems such as lack of desire, inability to have an erection, or premature ejaculation
- Skin eruptions

So, if you're ready to stand up and admit that you're suffering from stress then what can you actually do to reduce the emotional intensity you're feeling and help yourself feel better? Here are four simple solutions to help you get started.

### **1. Face up to what's stressing you out**

Stress occurs when demands placed on you — such as work, finances or relationships — exceed your ability to cope. Figuring out and then facing up to

what's stressing you out is a vital first step, but it can also be the hardest, especially if the source of your stress is personal.

Taking control of a situation is empowering, which in itself can help to ease the stress you're feeling around a certain situation. Look for solutions. If you're stressed out at work, consider arranging a meeting with your manager to figure out which projects or tasks could be delegated or put on hold whilst you clear the backlog. If you're stressed out from mounting credit card or bank debt then give your financial provider a call. Chances are they'll be keen to help and can resolve the issue by putting a reasonable payment plan in place. If that doesn't work try calling a the Citizens Advice Bureau or a debt support service.

Stress caused by personal relationships can be a little trickier to deal with, but if you're going to get through this, you're going to have to bite the bullet and...

## 2. Talk, talk, talk

Admitting that you're struggling means admitting that you have weaknesses. We all do of course but it can be something many men find troublesome to think about. But here's the thing, if the people around you don't know what you're going through then they can't help. Don't let it reach the point where you're constantly snapping at your wife, partner, children or family. They'll feel bad, you'll feel bad. It's a recipe for disaster.

If the prospect of talking to your family is just too much to bear then start by seeking help from a neutral third party. Counsellors and life coaches are trained to listen to your issues without judgement or blame and they'll be able to help you identify some strategies to start dealing with the issues causing you stress. But in the meantime...

## 3. Exercise

If "I don't have time!" is your first reaction to this then sorry we're not buying it. Exercise doesn't have to mean a sweaty two-hour gym session. Research shows that just a 20-minute walk, run or swim in the midst of a stressful time can give an immediate positive effect that can last for several hours. It could be as simple as a quick workout or walk through the park during your lunch hour. Getting up a half hour early to get a run in or even putting in a quick jog after you put the kids to bed. A good workout releases endorphins that may chemically ease the feelings caused by stress.

Take the stairs instead of the lift, walk to the shops instead of taking the car or, make a real commitment to your health by blocking out a few hours each week for exercise. Remember, self-care isn't about thinking 'me first!' it's about thinking 'me too.'

#### 4. Go to bed earlier

Yes, that's right. Bedtime for you! Disrupted sleep patterns or having trouble getting to sleep are one of the first signs of chronic stress, but getting this one sorted quickly will make a huge positive difference in how you feel and your ability to cope with future stress. Start by cutting back on screen time, caffeine and carb-based snacks in the evening and instead head up to bed half an hour earlier and relax. You could:

- Read a book
- Write in a journal (getting your thoughts out of your head and onto paper may help you to process them better)
- Meditate
- Listen to calming music

Even better, make your bedroom a place that you really want to be. Invest in some super luxurious pillows, blankets or fresh bedding. Put a few drops of essential oil in a diffuser or use a calming room or pillow spray to create a feeling of ease and relaxation.

If you're suffering from stress then our Rowan House therapists are here to help. We offer a variety of treatments to ease and relax body and mind, from counselling, psychotherapy meditation and hypnotherapy to massage, acupuncture and Pilates. If you need help in choosing a therapy give our friendly reception team a call on 01603 813999 or email us on [info@rowanhousecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@rowanhousecentre.co.uk).

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## New Café at Rowan House

HETHERSETT has a new café.

Café Kin at Rowan House opens to the public on Monday 2nd December, serving teas, coffees, cakes and light meals.

Café Kin opened its doors the previous week to give an insight into the new café. At present entry is via the main reception in Rowan House in Queen's Road but a direct entrance at the front of the building will be installed after Christmas.

Initially the café will be run by sisters Rachel Pailes and Maxine Rushton with Laura Sides doing the cooking. Rachel and Laura have been friends for 20 years after meeting whilst working in a Pizza Express restaurant.



The décor at the new café is bright and modern and the venue can seat 22 people and will also be available to hire as Rachel explained:

“We will initially be open from 8 am until 2.45 pm Monday to Friday but will monitor the hours and alter them if necessary. Café Kin will be available for groups and organisations to hire in the evenings and we can also provide catering.”

It is also hoped to provide a takeaway service in the near future. The café has a toilet and baby changing facilities.

Our photograph at the top of the page shows sisters Rachel and Maxine at work in the café and Rachel is also pictured opposite with Laura Sides.



# Hethersett Matters

**WE regularly feature scams in this publication. In this edition we look at some of the latest to avoid. This column is put together in partnership with Norfolk Trading Standards and Norfolk Police.**

## **We are again warning about telephone cold calls regarding loft insulation.**

This follows a report from a Norfolk resident who received a cold call claiming to be the 'local conservation officer'. The cold caller then asked several questions about the property's insulation and then attempted to pressure the call recipient into making an appointment for a 'surveyor' to visit.

Previously a variety of claims and approaches have been used during these types of calls including:

- That a 'compulsory insulation survey' is required.
- That your insulation 'needs to be checked' and they can send an 'insulation expert' to do this.
- That 'old' or 'fibreglass insulation' is now 'illegal' or 'unsafe', sometimes stating this is due to 'fire safety'.
- That 'council grants' are available.

## **Watch out for telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'Amazon'.**

There have been several reports from Norfolk residents of recorded message calls claiming to be from Amazon, these have included:

That your account 'has been hacked' and 'Amazon require bank details to confirm your identity and secure your account.' The call then states you can 'press 1 for full information'

That your account 'has been hacked' and 'a payment of £99.99 for Prime has been taken.' The call then states you can 'press 1 to speak to an advisor'

That your Amazon Prime subscription 'is about to renew at the cost of £39.99'. The call then states you can 'press 1 to cancel'

Where residents have interacted with the call they have then been connected to a person who attempts to gather personal, account or financial details.

These calls are a scam and are not connected with Amazon in any way. If you receive this or a similar call the advice is do not interact with the call and hang up.

If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam you

can report it via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06

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We are again warning residents to be aware of telephone cold calls stating they can help stop telephone cold calls after receiving reports from residents recently.

We are aware that there are a number of companies cold calling claiming to be able to offer this 'service' with some charging one-off fees and others charging ongoing monthly fees.

It is extremely unlikely that any 'service' of this type can legitimately claim to be able to stop cold calls so any money paid is unlikely to achieve any benefit.

The advice is never to buy items or agree to ongoing services when approached by a telephone cold call.

If you have responded to one of these cold calls, which you now believe may not have been genuine or the company is taking an ongoing monthly payment and you need further advice contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline via their online reporting form or telephone 03454 04 05 06.

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Finally this month please be vigilant about cold callers claiming to be police officers following two incidents in South Norfolk—one of which was in Wymondham.

Elderly residents were cold called on the telephone by a man claiming to be a police officer. In one incident a man claimed to be a police officer from Hammer-smith Police. They stated the victim's bank account had been hacked and that money was needed to be withdrawn by the account holder to rectify it. The victim went to the bank where staff intervened and no money was taken.

A second incident was reported to police on November 22nd took place in Wymondham when a woman received a cold call from someone claiming to be a detective from Norfolk Police. The man asked the resident to confirm her address, which she did. The woman's carer then took the call and asked the man to provide his collar number, at which point the call was terminated.

Detective Sergeant Chris Archer said: "This is a known method used by suspects to commit frauds and encourage vulnerable victims to withdraw large sums of money from their accounts. Fortunately, no money has been handed over in either incident but we clearly want people to be vigilant to such scams. Genuine police officers or staff would never approach residents and ask for cash withdrawals to be made or for people to purchase items on their behalf. I would ask people with vulnerable relatives, friends or neighbours to make sure they are aware of this type of scam. Never give out personal information about your bank account to anybody over the phone. If you have given out information which could compromise your bank account security in any way, call your bank to cancel your cards as soon as possible."

# 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](mailto:Richard@richardbacon.org.uk).

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: [www.richardbacon.org.uk](http://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 Adrian Dearnley, Phil Hardy and David Bills. David can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at [dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk), Phil on 07985 695668 or at [phardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:p Hardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk) and Adrian on 07957139880.or at [adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk).

## **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 10 am and 12 noon.

Email: [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

Website – [hethersettpc.info](http://hethersettpc.info)





# Classics of Back Lane

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**The second in a series featuring a literary gem found in the Back Lane Book Swap. Books found during a wander along the lane. Of course by the time you read this the featured book may have gone.**

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## **No 2—London Fields by Martin Amis—discovered on November 11th.**

Martin Amis is one of the country's top selling authors. Son of Kingsley Amis, he was born in Oxford in 1949.

London Fields is described as a black comic, murder mystery novel published in 1989. Regarded by Amis's readership as possibly his strongest novel, the tone gradually shifts from high comedy, interspersed with deep personal introspections, to a dark sense of foreboding and eventually panic at the approach of the deadline, or "horror day", the climactic scene alluded to on the very first page.



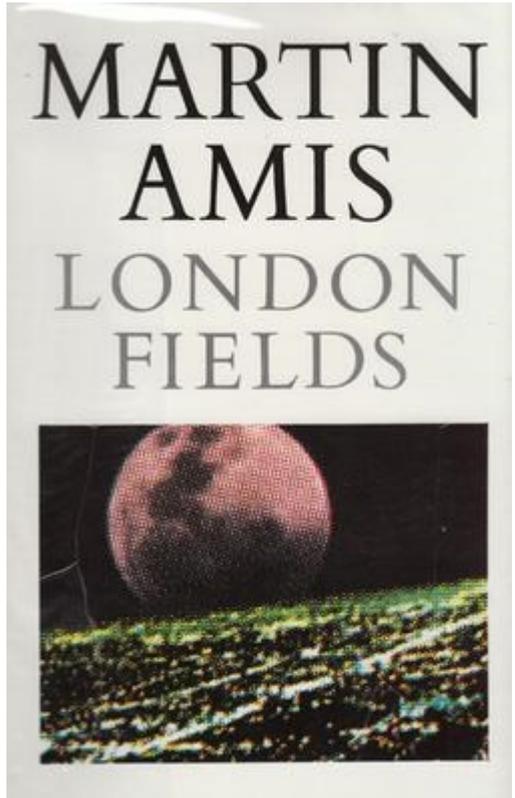
The story is narrated by Samson Young, an American writer living in London who has had writer's block for 20 years and is now terminally ill.

The other main characters are Guy Clinch, the foil; Keith Talent, the cheat; and Nicola Six, the murderess, who knows she will be murdered a few minutes after midnight on 5th November 1999—her 35th birthday—and who goes in search of her killer.

The plot gives the book a very surreal feel.

We are very grateful to the book swap for allowing us to put flyers in the books and on the shelf. One side of the flyer promotes Hethersett Herald and the other side the Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

Back Lane book swap is the ideal place to get your next read from. Just pop along and exchange a book or take one that takes your fancy. Let's get Hethersett reading.



# Literary Classic Features Hethersett

HETHERSETT plays an important role in the best selling novel “Tombland” by author C.J. Sansom.

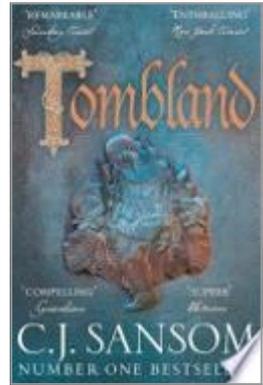
The book is set during the reign of Edward VI and features Kett’s Rebellion which saw Norfolk brothers Robert and William Kett lead an uprising against the enclosure by the wealthy of common land.

The famous Kett’s Oak in Hethersett on the B1172 is featured in the latest book in the Shardlake series which sees London lawyer Matthew Shardlake becoming wrapped up in the rebellion which ended with both Kett brothers being hanged (William from Wymondham Abbey and Robert from Norwich Castle).

Hethersett landowner John Flowerdew is also a leading character in the book. Today we have a constant memory of those times with Flowerdew Close and Kett’s Close in the village and part of our new development is Kett’s Meadow. The new charity shop in the village which is featured elsewhere in this edition is Kett’s Kabin.

So there are reminders all around us. Today Robert Kett, who was a landowner himself, is celebrated as a champion of the working classes. John Flowerdew’s stock is not so high, however, as he fought to keep his extensive lands enclosed.

The top picture is of the Tombland book and below that is a modern day photo of Kett’s Oak on the B1172 between Hethersett and Wymondham. Today there is a new cycle path behind the tree which makes it safer to view it at closer quarters.



# The Scott Willoughby Column

DOES the coming General Election fill you with enthusiasm or give you a feeling of dread?

Whatever your political views or thoughts about our current crop of MPs it is vital that we all exercise our right to vote.

You will see from our analysis earlier in this edition that South Norfolk has returned a Conservative for over 70 years and you have to go back to 1945 to find a time when South Norfolk went a shade of Labour red.

Reading all that it might seem a foregone conclusion that Mr Bacon will win the seat again with a large majority but nobody at the moment can be sure. In the current political current the only thing that is predictable is the unpredictability of it all. Since the last General Election a number of new estates have sprung up in South Norfolk with a number of new people moving in. Also a number of young people will be voting for the first time. It will be interesting to see what happens.

Just a reminder that the Hethersett polling station for this election will be at the social club and not in the usual venue of the village hall which on that day will be hosting blood donor sessions.

## A Riddle For Hethersett

Here's a not too difficult to answer riddle about Hethersett.

What goes away and then comes back?

The answer is obviously—temporary traffic lights on the B1172.

Residents are quite rightly saying ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, but like the Martians in H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds "still they come."

No sooner had the cycle path lights disappeared than a new set sprung up for gas works.

Perhaps Hethersett is unwittingly going for the Guinness Book of Records for the largest number of temporary traffic lights in a calendar year!.

At least one person is happy with the present situation. Jake Willgress from the Church Farm Shop says that business has picked up considerably since the lights moved further along towards Wymondham. Every cloud has a silver lining as they say.

# The Scott Willoughby Column

ONCE again there seems to be so much going on in our village that it is difficult to keep up with it all.

We finally have some good news about the King's Head. It should be opening again in the New Year and I look forward to visiting once the refurbishment has been completed. Hethersett Herald will continue to monitor the situation.

Ironically we had just sent off a series of rather probing questions to the owners Ei Publicans when the news came through. Thankfully it shouldn't be necessary now to print the answers to questions such as "do you have any interest in re-opening the King's Head" and "why have you allowed the pub to deteriorate to such an extent?"

Which brings me onto another subject that needs monitoring and probably comes under the heading of "I just can't believe they have done that." I refer to the decision by Norfolk County Council to do away with transport for children between Little Melton and Hethersett Academy.

This is surely one of the worst decisions of the year. I see from his comments that the editor took it upon himself to walk the area and wasn't impressed. It certainly isn't a pleasant stroll for walking groups. Let's hope that common sense prevails and the county council re-thinks this decision.

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Every time you pick up a newspaper you read about plans for new development. The area along the A11 corridor is being expected to take its fair share of new housing.

Attleborough, Wymondham, Hethersett and Cringleford have all experienced a massive amount of new housing which is either already there or will spring up in the near future.

It is vitally important that, along with the housing comes the infra-structure and facilities to sustain it. I'm not convinced that this will happen in our village but we can but hope.

I was heartened to hear that a new country park is being planned for land between Wymondham and Hethersett. This at least is some good news on the facilities front.

It is vitally important to keep a green belt between Hethersett and Wymondham in one direction and Hethersett and Cringleford in the other. It would be a nightmare scenario for Wymondham and Norwich to join up with little or no green belt between them—something to be avoided at all costs.

## Now we are Five

THE number of hedgehogs in our care has gone down from nine to five and all for good reasons, but as my 'herd' is diminishing Paul Baisley's herd is growing and then there are those in the care of Hethersett's new foster carers.

All of this is good news for the future of Hethersett's hedgehogs. The more people that are aware of their plight and are prepared to devote untold hours in keeping them safe and well, the better.

No matter how much you become attached to a prickly bundle that you have been caring for over the space of weeks, when they are of adult size and show no signs of hibernating you have, by law, to release them. They are wild animals and not pets. For this reason it is very important not to get them used to the sound of a voice so that they associated it with food or to turn their nights into days.

They are totally nocturnal and should be asleep all day in their own dark little nests. I always feel so guilty when I release a hedgehog that came in as a tiny scrap of life as I am never sure that its instincts for survival have been sufficiently honed.

Two that were taken back by their finder recently took their bedding with them



**There are two hedgehogs in the house. Box made ready for transport with their own bedding**

# Hethersett Hedgehogs



**Hedgehogs woken and moved. One tried to climb out immediately.**

so that they had a familiar smell about them when they were put in a strange box in what by now is an unfamiliar garden. With luck those two will settle in well as their finder is well versed in hedgehog care. I will have more going in a few days to what in hedgehog terms is a palatial environment of acres of mixed woodland and garden.

Only one of our hogs has gone to sleep. It decided to block off its house a few days ago and has not come out for food or water. If all is well it should stay there until April or the beginning of May when there is food about and it is in no danger of freezing to death. Few of the wild hedgehogs in the gardens have gone to sleep yet either as the weather keeps changing. We had a cold spell but it was neither cold enough nor long enough to tip them over the edge into slumber. We are still feeding them and will do so for as long as we believe that there are still some awake.

We still have one which is far too small to survive on its own but, as it was so tiny when it came in and was covered literally with dozens if ticks, it is a minor miracle that it is now thriving. I think that one will be with us right through until the spring. When it doubles in size and gets to around 650 gm all external heat sources will be switched off hoping that it will hibernate in its hutch.

Please keep an eye out for hedgehogs in your garden. There are still autumn juveniles out there in desperate need of extra care. Some groups have advocated non-intervention but it was non-intervention that took the numbers down from more than 30 million to less than a million and it is going to take a lot of intervention to stop them becoming extinct. Each of us can do our bit to stop that happening.

Thank you .

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## **Hethersett Methodist Church**

Hethersett Methodist Church holds shoppers' coffee mornings every Saturday from 10.30 am until midday. All are welcome with refreshments available. The art and craft group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Once again everyone is welcome and further details are available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

The church has Bible Study sessions on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. More details are available from Leonie Pritchard on 812634.

## **Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group**

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group was set up over three years ago to give support to those suffering bereavement or from depression and/or anxiety. The group is supported by Ivan Fisher Funeral Homes of Hethersett and meets on alternate Tuesdays at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road from 5.30 until 6.30 pm with light refreshments served free of charge. There will be just one meeting in December—on the 10th and the group will start again in the New Year.

## **Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club**

The club plays all year round in Hethersett Village Hall and is affiliated to the English Short Mat Bowls Association. The club meets twice a week but inexperienced bowlers and newcomers are invited to attend the Friday evening sessions which take place at 7.30 pm. Sessions last for approximately two hours and take place on purpose-made bowling mats with refreshments served between games. Bowls can be provided. More information is available from Mick Wright on 07825 759162.

## **Messy Church**

The September Harvest messy church event was well attended with a variety of activities being enjoyed including artwork based around the Parable of the Sower. The last messy church of the year will take place on November 30th from 4 to 6 pm in St Remigius. There will be lots of advent and Christmas activities and

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a meal will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. More information is available on 01953 607719. The group also has a Facebook page "Messy Church, Hethersett."

## Norfolk Association For The Disabled

*By Angela Farrington*

This is a group which encourages disabled people, their carers and friends to enjoy monthly social meetings and trips out. It covers Attleborough, Wymondham and Hethersett.

Our socials are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett, on the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm, apart from January and August. Our meetings usually consist of games, quizzes and occasional visiting entertainment followed by our very well received tea, sandwiches and cake. We are a very friendly bunch and greatly enjoy our get-togethers.

We can arrange transport to and from the socials and outings for anyone who needs it.

Our outings include lunches, trips to the theatre and trips to the seaside and Drayton Players.

We welcome new members and anyone wishing to volunteer to help at the socials and on day trips. For more information please contact either myself as Transport Manager on 01603 810342 or Rob Reeve Chairperson on 01603 810440 or pop along to the meetings and we guarantee a friendly welcome.

**10<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas lunch at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett. Midday

**January** No social but we visit Hethersett Panto, details to be confirmed.

**6<sup>th</sup> February** Social at Methodist Church Hall. 2 pm, activity to be confirmed.

**5<sup>th</sup> March** Social at Methodist Church Hall 2 pm, activity to be confirmed.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** Trip to Drayton Players, details to be confirmed.

## Hethersett Women's Institute

Gemologist and professional diamond specialist Maria Penington talked about diamonds when she visited Hethersett WI. She spoke about diamonds from around the world including Russia, South Africa, Canada, South America and USA. She explained the chemical structure of diamonds and the places where

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they are discovered along with the industrial uses of the gems.

## Hethersett Parochial Charity

Funds are available for those in need in the village through the Parochial Charity. If you know somebody in need who lives in the village contact clerk to the trustees Stephanie Clarke on 811589 or in writing to 43, Lynch Green, Hethersett, NR9 3JT.

## Hethersett Mothers' Union

Members enjoyed an enlightening talk by Sheila Tuffield on "Marys of the Bible." Sheila has obviously done a considerable amount of research on the subject and she described the lives of many lesser known Marys.

## Memorial Playing Field Trustees

By Mel Perkins MBE

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees are pleased that the table tennis table has been well used again this summer. Equipment will be stored until March but the table remains available for people bringing their own equipment.

## Litter Picks

LITTER picks in the village continue to gain in popularity.

A total of 28 people of all ages, including family groups, helped to tidy the village up on Saturday, November 9th and more dates for the picks organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team have been set and you will find details elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

## Probus Club

Once again Probus club marked National Poetry Day which this year celebrated its 25th anniversary. Probus always sets aside the first Wednesday in October which is the closest to the day which is every October 5th. Members made a wide variety of poetry including Shakespeare, Shelley, Gilbert and Sullivan and Dylan Thomas.

If you are a member of a group of society in Hethersett and would like your coming dates featured in our magazine, please send details to

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

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## Hethersett Society

*Herald Associate Editor and Hethersett Society member, Gary Wyatt, reviews the society's November meeting.*

THE talk at November's meeting of the society was given by David Morton who took as his subject 'St. James' Palace and Clarence House'. David is very knowledgeable in this field and has previously talked to the society on Buckingham Palace. He started by passing on the good wishes of the Princess Royal to the people of Hethersett, although didn't make it clear exactly how he came to do this.

David talked first about St. James' Palace which is the oldest royal palace in existence, and there has been a building on the site since 1068. Henry VIII rebuilt the palace in 1531-36 from a hospital for leprosy and plague victims and it was originally called St. James' House. Notable occupants included Anne Boleyn and Mary Tudor.

It is the official residence of the monarchy although no monarch has lived there since Victoria.

It was close to the huge complex of the Palace of Whitehall which was divided into numerous courts and contained about 1,500 apartments, each with several rooms.

This covered a vast area including the modern day Mall and Whitehall, with much now redeveloped into government buildings. The only modern day survivor of the many fires and subsequent rebuilds is Banqueting House on Whitehall, designed by Inigo Jones and completed in 1622.

Today, St James' Palace still contains two original Tudor rooms, with period tapestries hung on the walls. It is the official residence of the Princess Royal and her family. The current 'Chapel Royal' is Queen's Chapel adjoining the palace and it was here that Queen Victoria married. Today the royal family still

*St. James' Palace today*



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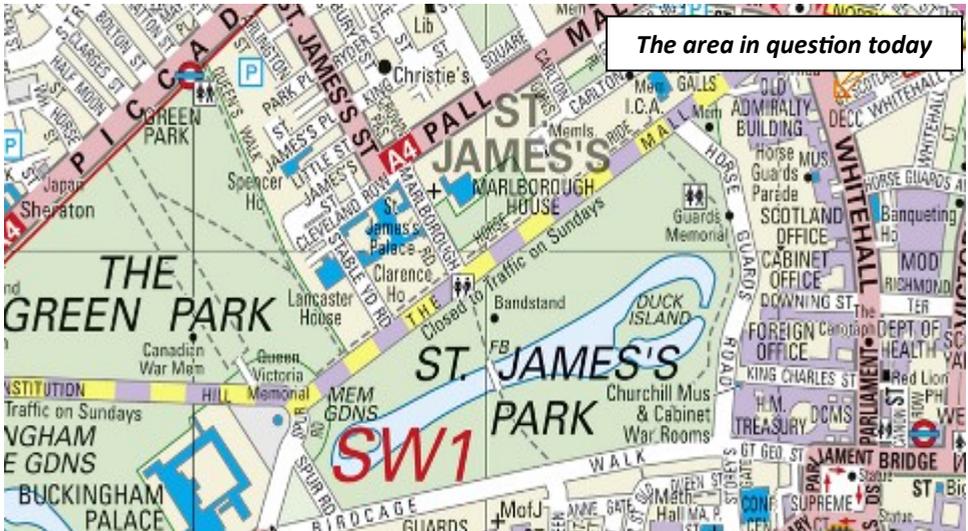
attend services there on Sundays, apparently, and it can be viewed by the public. York House, Lancaster House and Clarence House are all close to the palace.

Moving on to the last mentioned, Clarence House, David told us that it was built by John Nash in the south west corner of the garden of St. James' Palace in 1825-27.

It was later reconstructed and apparently little remains of the Nash building. It is linked to St. James' Palace via the 'horse corridor' containing many paintings of horses. It became the official residence of the late Queen Mother and is now the home of Prince Charles. David finished his talk by hinting, however, that the future of the house is under consideration and may lie outside the royal family.



*Plan of the Palace of Whitehall in 1680, stretching all the way down to the Thames*



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This was a well presented talk by someone who appears to be close to his subject.

The next meeting of the Society is on Monday, 9th December at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. It will be the Christmas meeting where members will be entertained with music and song by Pip Jenkinson and an accompanist.

Everyone is asked to bring some light refreshments to share. Non-members are welcome to any meeting for a £2 charge but membership for the full year is only £7.



*Clarence House today, viewed from The Mall*

## Where To Eat In Hethersett

### **Church Farm Shop and Tea Rooms -**

Norwich Road (B1172). Telephone 01603 814151

Open Mondays to Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm. Closed on Sundays.

### **Janey's Village Café -**

32A Mill Road. Telephone 01603 811234. e-mail - [janeyd11@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janeyd11@yahoo.co.uk).

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 8 am to 3 pm.  
Friday and Saturday 8 am to 5 pm.

### **Hethersett Queen's Head -**

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

Food served Monday to Thursday 11.45 am to 2 pm (lunch) and 6-8.30 pm (evening meal). Friday and Saturday 11.45 am to 2.15 pm and 5.30 to 9.30 pm. Sunday carvery sittings at midday and 2 pm. Evening meals 5 to 8.30 pm

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## Hethersett Horticultural Society

*By Leslie Dale*

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Dr Anne Edwards was "Seeing the Wood for the Disease".

The majority of Anne's time was taken up by describing the genesis of the Ash Dieback Disease; its origins in a sample of Manchurian Ash tree which must have found its way from Asia over the Urals to Europe.

In Asia the fungus born by these Ash trees is a natural part of their annual life cycle in that it helps the rotting down of the leafy foliage each autumn. Our indigenous Ash trees also have a similar mechanism. Sadly the Asian fungus attacks the European Ash genus.

Even though the European Ash tree sapling exporters seem to have known this fact, since 2008, thousands of potentially disease carrying saplings have been imported to Britain.

Scientists of the John Innes Institute along with other research colleagues in Britain have carried out DNA and genomic analyses to discover that some indigenous genetic variants exist, which are immune to the disease.

Oak, horse chestnut, larch trees are but three more species which could be at risk from imported fungus or insects.

Two thoughts occur to your scribe. 1 No more importing of saplings akin to our indigenous trees and shrubs and 2 If national funding permitted, could the process be applied to recover our Elm trees?

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Andy Thacker showed us many spectacular conversions of dilapidated and weed over run gardens, into very interesting and visually pleasing spaces.

Andy's skills start with getting the surface water drainage right, even with massive soakaways in clay soils where surface water sewers do not exist. Modern gardens enjoy paving, ponds, brick or oak sleeper garden borders, topiary, even a rosemary hedge. An illustrated talk full of ideas for anyone seeking to revive their garden.

The society meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £1.50; refreshments are included.

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

# Hethersett Herald What's On

*The following are just some of the regular events taking place in Hethersett. 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)*

## **Regular Events:**

**Hethersett Croquet Club** meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays during the summer.

**Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group** meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on Wednesdays. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Hethersett Table Tennis Club** meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm on Fridays.

**Hethersett Methodist Church Shoppers' Coffee** takes place on Saturdays from 10.30 am until midday.

**First Steps pre-school Group** meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10 am during school term time.

**The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group** meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on alternate Tuesdays. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

**Hethersett Dementia Support Group's** monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday every third Tuesday. There is also a social morning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30 am.

**Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club** plays two sessions each week in Hethersett Village Hall. The first is on Tuesday afternoons from 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start and the second is on Friday evenings at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

On the next page we have a list of just some of the events taking place in the village in late November and throughout December.

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## November

**Wednesday 27th**—Hethersett Library Friends Meeting in the Library at 6 pm.

**Thursday 28th**—Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club annual meeting. Park Farm Hotel, 7 pm.

**Friday 29th**—Hethersett's annual Christmas sale, Methodist Church, 6 pm. Includes stalls and Christmas entertainment.

## December

**Tuesday 3rd**—Carers and Toddlers drop in at St Remigius Church, 10 am to noon.

**Tuesday 3rd**—Hethersett Dementia Support Group informal café from 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall.

**Wednesday 4th**—Probus meeting, Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, 10.30 am.

**Friday 6th**—Friends of Hethersett Library games afternoon from 2 pm.

**Friday 6th**—Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club's annual prize presentation evening, Hethersett Social Club, 8 pm.

**Saturday 7th**—Traditional Children's Party in Hethersett Library organised by the Friends of Hethersett Library—4 to 6 pm.

**Saturday 7th**—Hethersett Singers' Christmas Concert. Hethersett Methodist Church. Tickets £7 from 07949 533253 or [hethsing@btinternet.com](mailto:hethsing@btinternet.com) and on the door.

**Sunday 8th**—Hethersett Village Screen presents the film "Yesterday." Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Sunday 8th**—Christmas concert in aid of Finnbar's Force charity. Features the Norwich City Concert Band, St Remigius Church, 3-5 pm.

**Monday 9th**—Hethersett Pensioners' Association meeting. Afternoon tea with musical entertainment. Methodist Church Hall 2 pm.

**Monday 9th**—Hethersett Society. Music and Song with Pip Jenkinson, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 10th** Norfolk Association for the Disabled Christmas lunch at Park Farm Hotel, midday.

**Tuesday 10th**—Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group, Woodocte Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road, 5.30 pm.

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**Wednesday 11th**—Hethersett and District Horticultural Society, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Thursday 12th**—General Election. Hethersett residents will be voting at Hethersett Social Club (note this is a change from the usual venue).

**Monday 16th**—Hethersett WI. Countdown to Christmas with Leah Spencer. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 16th**—Hethersett Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Preceded by planning committee meeting.

**Tuesday 17th**—Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly cafe. Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

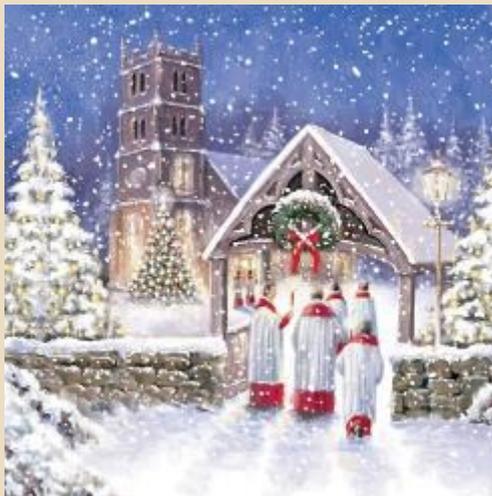
**Wednesday 18th**—Probus meeting, Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, 10.30 am.

## The Force Will Be With You

Hethersett-based charity Finnbar's Force which raises money to help fight brain tumours in children by financing research and support for families, will be holding a special pre-Christmas concert featuring the Norwich City Concert Band.

Last year's concert proved such a success that it has been decided to stage a repeat performance in St Remigius' Church on Sunday, December 8th from 3 pm.

The band will perform seasonal music along with pop, show and traditional favourites. Tickets are £8 for adults with children free.



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**HETHERSETT and District Churches Together has announced Christmas services for the coming festive season. Services in Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton are listed below.**

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Methodist Church</b>
	10.30	All age worship and communion	St Remigius
	16.00	Christingle Service	St Remigius
	18.30	Evening Worship with Communion	St Remigius
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	18.00	Schools' Carol Service	St Remigiusjh
<b>Friday 6th</b>	14.30	Music and Tea Afternoon	Methodist Church
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	10.00	Morning Worship and Communion	Methodist Church
	10.00	Family Worship	Methodist Church
	15.30	Christingle and Carol Service	Great Melton
	18.30	Evening Worship	Methodist Church
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	10.00	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
	10.30	Carol Service	Little Melton
	18.30	Evening Worship	Methodist Church
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	10.00	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
	10.30	United Benefice Communion	Little Melton
	16.00	Carol Service	St Remigius
	18.30	Candlelight Carol Service	Methodist Church
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	15.30	Crib Service	Little Melton
	15.00	Quiet Communion	Methodist Church
	16.00	Christingle	Methodist Church
	16.00	Crib Service	St Remigius
	18.30	Carolw and Communion	Great Melton
	23.30	Midnight Communion	St Remigius

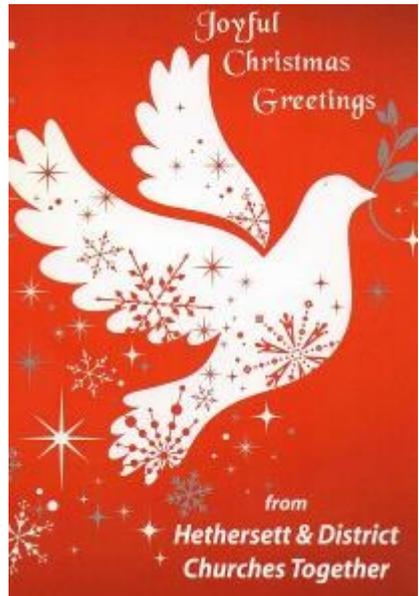
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<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>All age family communion</b>	<b>St Remigius</b>
	09.30	All age family communion	Little Melton
	10.30	Christmas Day Celebration	Methodist Church
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	10.00	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
	10.30	United Benefice Communion	Great Melton

## A Bright Red Christmas

The Christmas church services listed on this and the previous page will be included in a bright red Christmas card put together by Hetherset and District Churches Together.

The card which features the dove of peace also lists contact details for the Church of England, Methodists and Roman Catholic Churches and will be posted to every house in the village over the next couple of weeks.



A NEW Alpha course entitled "Life—Is This It?" will take place on Mondays from 7 pm at 5, Malthouse Road, starting on January 13th. More information on this is available from the Rector of Hetherset the Rev Derek McClean on [revdmac@gmail.com](mailto:revdmac@gmail.com)

# Cricketers Celebrate

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club celebrated one of the most successful seasons in the club's long history with a meal and presentation evening at Park Farm Hotel on November 16th.

The first team gained promotion to Division One of the Norfolk Alliance after finishing runners-up in Division Two. The club also took the Hunts Knockout Cup and continued to run four Saturday teams, a Sunday adult side, a ladies team and youth teams for all ages up to 17.

First team opening batsman and all rounder Tom Collishaw was named Player-of-the-Year and Jack Gibson was named Young Player of the Year.

The trophy for the outstanding performance of the season was shared by Ben France and Matt Steward for their last wicket partnership in the last league game of the season which led them to a last ball victory over Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers and promotion.

Trophy winners were as follows: First Team Batting, Tom Collishaw; Bowling, Ben France. Second Team Batting, Tristan Hunt; Bowling, Tom Worley. Third Team Batting, Stephen Hayes; Bowling, Charlie English. Fourth Team Batting, Martin Phillips; Bowling, Paul Bullock. Ladies Team Batting, Joanne Dewhurst; Bowling, Megan Gonsalves.

Overall Awards—Batting Cup, Tom Collishaw; Bowling Cup, Ben France; Fielders Catching Cup (excluding wicketkeepers), Stuart Last; Fielders Catching Cup (including wicketkeepers), Richard Goodenough; Best Performance, Ben France and Matt Steward; Duck Cup for the most ducks in the season, Al Watts; Most Improved Player, Charlie English; Young Player of the Season, Jack Gibson; Player of the Year, Tom Collishaw; Tony Curson Club Person of the Year Award, Jane Morton.

The club's annual meeting will be held at Park Farm Hotel on November 28th and we will have a report on this in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

The photograph on this page shows Stuart Last who won the Fielding Cup and Stephen Hayes who was named Third Team Batsman of the Year.



# Hethersett Social Club



Coming attractions at Hethersett Social Club include the following:

Saturday 7th December - Stardust Duo in the lounge

Saturday 21st December - Deano in the lounge

Christmas Eve 24th December - Family Disco 4-8 pm

Club Opening Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Wednesday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Thursday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Friday - 5 pm to 11.30 pm

Saturday - 12 pm to 12 am

Sunday - 12 pm to 6 pm

For more information on club activities telephone 01603 811195 or visit the official website at:

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

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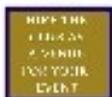
Pool tables (adult and children's) - Darts - social game or team player  
4 snooker tables (including one match table)

Bridge club - Petanque - Full size outdoor bowls green



SKY/BT SPORTS - watch matches including Premier/Championship leagues/Norwich

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Live music/karaoke/fish and chip quiz nights/ race nights to name a few



**SPECIAL OCCASION?** Birthday/Wedding/Christening ?

Large function room available for hire

Buffets can be catered for on request - reasonable rates



Outside patio area and children's play area

Call in today for details of membership and a tour of our facilities

Contact Sue on 01603 811195

See our website on: [www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk)



## Christmas Music and Tea

HETHERSETT Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship will be providing an afternoon of Christmas music and tea on Friday, 6th December from 2.30 pm. The afternoon will include music, readings and poems followed by tea and homemade cakes.

The Methodist church has welcomed its new minister, the Rev Stephen Cullis, who succeeds the Rev Matthew Olanrewaju who has moved to a church in the Norwich circuit.

Writing in Hethersett Methodist Church's newsletter, Rev Cullis thanked members for their good wishes, flowers and cards welcoming him to the church. He will also be minister of Methodist churches in Wymondham and Morley.

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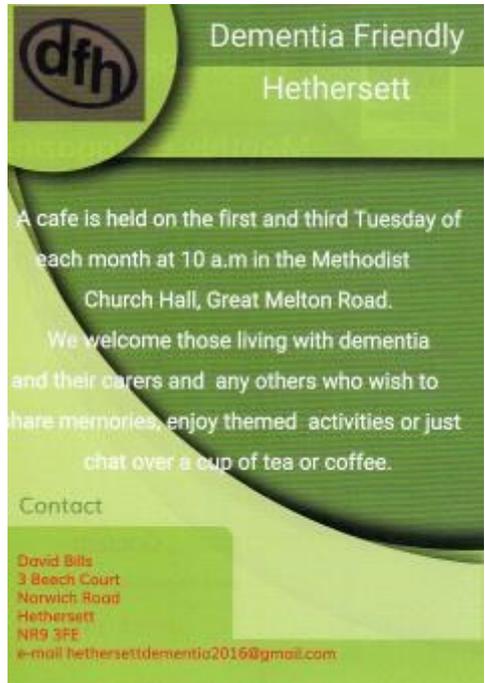


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A cafe is held on the first and third Tuesday of  
each month at 10 a.m in the Methodist  
Church Hall, Great Melton Road.

We welcome those living with dementia  
and their carers and any others who wish to  
share memories, enjoy themed activities or just  
chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Contact  
David Bills  
3 Beech Court  
Narwich Road  
Hethersett  
NR9 3FE  
e-mail [hethersett@dementia2016@gmail.com](mailto:hethersett@dementia2016@gmail.com)

## Double Drop

**HETHERSETT Herald and Hethersett Dementia Support Group have combined to produce a promotional leaflet to be delivered throughout the village.**

**The double sided leaflet (pictured above) will be delivered to homes before Christmas. The Dementia Group meets twice a month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall. The first Tuesday is an informal get-together with refreshments and the third Tuesday a more structured meetings with talks and presentations. On Tuesday, 17th December the group will be enjoying Christmas carols led by Hethersett Methodist Church's Singing Group. There will be Christmas refreshments and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone for this special Xmas event.**

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TICKETS for next year's Hethersett Pantomime—The Three Musketeers—have been going well with just a handful left for performances in Hethersett Village Hall from January 18th to 25th, 2020.

For the first time this year residents were able to purchase tickets online as well as in person from Hethersett Library.

We will have a full preview of the pantomime in the January edition of Hethersett Herald which will be online on December 23rd.



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.

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**If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.**

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## Blooming Marvellous Time Ahead

IT could be a blooming marvellous 2020 in Hethersett with the village participation in a well loved and highly colourful competition.

A small group has formed to enter Hethersett into the Britain in Bloom competition next year.

“We have some ideas already on three areas on which to concentrate our efforts. But we would welcome more people onto our steering committee. It's not essential to have gardening knowledge or experience. We want people who care about the environment of Hethersett and want to improve it,” said one of the organisers Sue Cullum.

If you are interested, please email Sue at [suecullum74@gmail.com](mailto:suecullum74@gmail.com).

## Have You Missed an Edition?

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# The Changing Face of Back Lane



Scarcely a day goes by without the skyline around Back Lane changing. Above is the new primary school and below new buildings at Hethersett Academy shot through the trees.



# Community Carols

THIS year's community carol singing will take place outside Tesco Express in Great Melton Road on Saturday, 14th December at 10 am. There will be a bucket collection in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Anyone wanting to join in will be very welcome.

## News From Hethersett Library

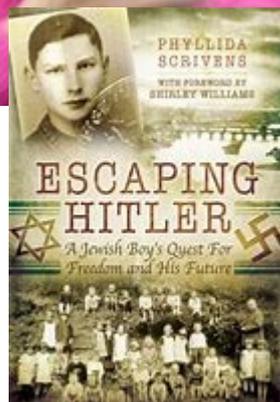
### Escaping Hitler

NORFOLK author Phyllida Scrivens (pictured opposite) is a regular visitor to Hethersett and presented her talk "Escaping Hitler" to both Hethersett Pensioners' Association and Hethersett Library Friends during November.

The talk is based on the book of the same name which tells the story of young German-born Jew Gunther Stern and his flight from Nazi Germany and how he ended up living in Norwich as Joe Stirling—becoming one of the city's best known and loved characters—serving as Sheriff and also launching Stirling Travel.

Joe's son Ian lives in Hethersett and more than 25 people attended the library event.

Phyllida will be returning to the library in 2020 to give her talk on her second book "The Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich." We will have more details of this in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.



# News From Hethersett Library



Hethersett Library's after school Lego club celebrated its first year with a birthday cake and refreshments. Our picture above shows eight-year-old Chen cutting the special Lego cake. The Lego club meets on Fridays at 3.15 pm.

## Friendly Events in Hethersett Library

TALKS, presentations, games afternoons and a children's traditional Christmas party are just some of the events being organised by the Friends of Hethersett Library Group.

A traditional children's party will take place on Saturday, 7th December. This will be for children aged between five and 10 and Father Christmas will be making an appearance. Tickets for this will be £5 per child which will include food and a free gift. For more details and how to buy tickets see our poster on page

A games afternoon is being organised on the first Friday of each month. A whole host of games from chess and draughts to well known board games will be available and it's just 50p to take part.

Looking further forward the group will be organising a quiz in the village hall on February 29th, 2020. Tables of up to eight will be taking part and the cost will be £7 per person.

# News From Hethersett Library

## Library Opening Hours

The library will be staffed on the following days and times:



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.

The poster on page gives an overview of coming events in Hethersett Library for December.

Hethersett Parish Council will soon have its own office in the library. Plans are now at an advanced state to provide a parish office for the public within the building.

We will let you know when this is up and running.

You will also find details of the latest meeting and coming events of the Friends of Hethersett Library elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

## Hethersett Library Events December 2019

- **Knit & Natter: Mon 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th 14:00-16:00**
- **Baby Bounce and Rhyme: Mon 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 14:00-14:30**
- **Colour me Calm: Weds 4th, 11th & 18th 11:00-12:00**
- **Lego Club: Fri 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 3:15-4:15**
- **Children's Christmas Party: Sat 7th, 4:00-18:00**

**Hethersett Library Friends will be hosting a traditional Christmas Party in the Library with games, refreshments and a visit from Father Christmas!**

**Booking essential. Tickets £5 and include refreshments and a present.**

**Please either contact Angela Farrington on 01603 810342 or pop into the library.**

### **Christmas Library opening hours:**

- 24th December– 12 PM close
- 25 December - Christmas Day– Closed
- 26 December - Boxing Day– Closed
- 31st December– 4 PM Close
- 1 January 2020 - New Year's Day-Closed

See staff at your local library for details,  
visit [www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk) or call 0344 800 8020



# Hethersett Library Friends Traditional Children's Xmas Party

For Children From  
Five to Ten.

Traditional Games,  
Refreshments and  
Special Visit From  
Father Christmas.

Each child will receive a  
present.

*Tickets £5 Including  
Refreshments and gift.*



**Hethersett Library**

**Saturday 7th December — 4.30-6.30 pm**

**Tickets from The Library or From Angela Farrington on  
01603 810342. This event is limited to 30 children.**

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