



## The Fight Will Go On



**P**ARENTS of children who have had their school bus service cut have vowed to fight on

after Norfolk County Council decided that the country road linking Little Melton and Hethersett is safe for children to walk and cycle along.

The decision brought a storm of protest on Social Media with local residents branding it both “nonsense” and “dangerous.”

Now the newly formed Little Melton School Bus Campaign Group has appealed to the county council against a decision to stop the service from this September. You can read more about this appeal by turning to page 11.

The letter received by parents from Norfolk County Council’s Travel and Transport Services Entitlement Officer Karl Buffin makes it crystal clear that the safety of children has not been tak-

en into consideration when considering the suitability of the route.

“Any assessment is against the physical nature of the route only and looks at the relationship between pedestrians and traffic, not issues of personal safety,” the letter states before putting the safety aspect firmly in at the feet of parents:

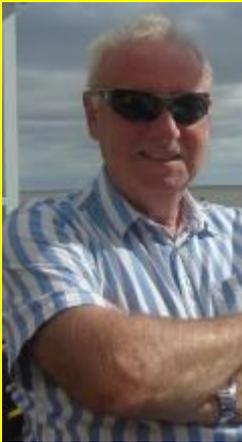
“It is presumed that all road users will behave reasonably and responsibly and that children will be accompanied as necessary.” it states.

The photographs above were taken during a protest walk undertaken in December. You can read the full transcript of the County Council letter on page 12 along with other comments and information.

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# A Message From The Editor



AS 2019 morphs into 2020 we find the village picking up pace again after a slight post Christmas slumber.

Not that things have been quiet in the New Year as a number of unanswered questions raise their head.

When will the King's Head re-open?

Who will be buying two prime sites in the village and what will they be used for—I refer to the former Old Hall School and the former Norfolk Fire Headquarters?

When and where will the traffic lights on the B1172 re-appear?

What will happen to the building in Firs Road when Woodside School moves to its purpose-built new site on the North Hethersett development.

These are just some of the questions that will be answered in 2020. Add to this the continued development of housing in the Back Lane area and one new school and massive extensions to two others and you can see that 2020 isn't going to be a quiet year.

One thing you can be sure of is that there will be many other matters popping their heads up over the next 12 months—some of which we probably didn't see coming.

When we started this publication we had no idea of how the village would grow and some of the issues that would come up. It's almost as if Hethersett has to re-invent itself every few years.

At the beginning of this New Year we would like to take the opportunity to welcome new residents moving into the village and invite them to become part of Hethersett life. One of the things we are justly proud of is providing groups, societies and organisations to cater for all ages and all tastes. There is also a magnificent support network in the village for those feeling depressed or lonely. As more and more people move into the village there will be calls for additional groups to be set-up and, as in the past, I have no doubt that Hethersett will rise to the challenge.

As the January edition of Hethersett Herald came out before Christmas this is our first opportunity to wish everyone a happy New Year. Throughout 2020 we will continue to feature news, views and features and highlight the concerns of local residents on a whole plethora of issues.

Peter

# Couple's Close Shave



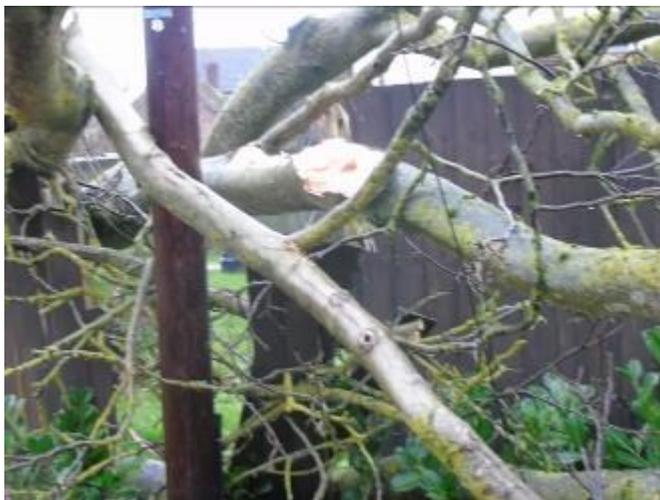
**By Peter Steward**

IT had been there for well over 30 years, but it took just seconds for storms to uproot a Walnut tree in Great Melton Close.

The tree crashed through a fence and ended inches from the aptly named Orchard House in Great Melton Road.

There was a lucky escape for Marc and Jenny Wiseman and their 11-year-old daughter Isabell who live at number five Great Melton Road which is just off the main road and which is also referred to as Orchard House.

Jenny was in Wymondham but Marc and Isabell heard a noise which they described as “sounding like an earthquake.” They hurried into Isabell’s bedroom and could only watch helplessly as the tree crashed through a fence and ended up dangerously close to their property. Thankfully nobody was hurt and there was a surprisingly small amount of damage to the fence and minimal damage to





Orchard House itself. The tree did bring down telephone lines, leaving Janet and John Halford, who live at the end of the cul-de-sac, without a telephone connection. Jan and John were both out at the time of the crash, but the following morning were helping the Wiseman's to clear as many branches as possible as they awaited professional tree surgeon help.

Hethersett Parish Council clerk Annette Palmer was also quickly on the scene as the tree came from parish owned land.

The storm ripped the roots of the tree almost clear out of the ground as our photographs taken the following morning on January 15th show.

Hethersett Parish Council is hoping that the tree can still be saved. Members heard at their January meeting that advice was being taken about the possibility of having the tree re-rooted.



Marc Wiseman said he felt very lucky that nobody had been injured in what must have been a freak occurrence brought about by heavy winds and ground made sodden by continuous rains over a number of days.



**Marc and Jenny Wiseman pictured above outside No 5. Above them John Halford gets to work making branches safe.**



# Play in Memory of Simon

A HETHERSETT father's brave battle with cancer has inspired his daughter to continue with a performance of a play in Hethersett Village Hall on February 22nd.

Simon Cooper (pictured opposite) died on January 8th after fighting the disease for six months and now his 18-year-old daughter Quenby has decided "the show must go on" and will be performing the play Lungs with her boyfriend Connor Worby in memory of Simon.



"As some of you know my dad lost his battle with Cancer on the 8th of January after fighting so hard for six months. It is a heart-breaking time for all his family and friends but he passed with all his family by his side holding his hand which is how he would have wanted it to be.

"When me and Connor told my dad we were doing this show he was so happy and always got excited when I told him how rehearsals were going and told me how proud he was of me, so the show must go on," Quenby said on Facebook.

"My dad has been a massive influence in my life, always supporting me in my acting and dreams and inspiring me from all the charity fundraising he has done to raise money for Big C (Including conquering the three peaks) and now it is time for me to give back.

"I have decided to put on a show with my boyfriend Connor to raise money for Big C to help fight cancer, but most importantly to make my dad proud," Quenby added.

All money from ticket sales and other donations will go towards Big C.

"I would love your support and would love to see you all there," Quenby added.

Lungs is a play about a young couple considering parenthood. They want to have a child for the right reasons. But in a time of global anxiety, erratic weather and political unrest, what exactly are the right reasons? More details of the play are included on the poster on page nine.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £4.50 for Under-18s. The play does include

bad language, scenes of a sexual and sensitive nature and discretion is advised.

Simon was very much an active man, undertaking many physical challenges as our photographs below show.



CONNOR WORBY

QUENBY COOPER

THE VILLAGE HALL HETHERSETT

# LUNGS

A PLAY BY DUNCAN MACMILLAN

22ND FEBRUARY 2020  
7:30PM

£6 for Adults

£4.50 for under 18s

AS RECENTLY PERFORMED  
BY MATT SMITH AND CLAIRE FOY

Norfolk's  
Cancer Charity  
Since 1900



Improving lives of those affected by cancer  
in Norfolk & Waveney

All proceeds from ticket sales  
will be given to Big C  
Tickets available  
on Eventbrite and on door



**DOTTED** throughout this edition of Hethersett Herald you will find some excellent pictures of the village taken by a number of residents and used with their permission.

A mild winter has given keen photographers the chance to take some atmospheric photographs in the mist along with sunsets and sunrises.



# Parents Appeal County Council Decision

PARENTS and supporters have appealed against Norfolk County Council’s decision to cut the school transport from Little Melton to Hethersett Academy from this September.

“We believe that the criteria to assess the walking route as available needs to be re-assessed.

“The assessment of the walking route was made at 9.30 am which is a time that none of the children would be walking to school and the highest volume of traffic has subsided.

“Any assessment of what is safe is entirely subjectively determined by each assessing officer, bringing huge variations in consistencies, interpretations and rigor. This is putting children at serious risk of harm while restricting their ability to equally access education.

“The Little Melton Bus Campaign Group is requesting an immediate intervention by Norfolk County Council to ensure that:

1. Funding is made available for safe and sustainable school transport for all.
2. An immediate review of the walking route assessment is carried out to provide continued safety for all children of Little Melton.
3. A longer term strategic review on the provision safe and available means of transport to school in line with Council’s environmental policies, Highways and that sustainable infrastructure is looked at when approving new housing developments.

The letter concludes: “We are writing this letter as ordinary working families trying to do the best for our children and their future. We urge your department to immediately evaluate the decision that will seriously affect the ability of our children and future generations of children to safely access good education.”

If the appeal is turned down the campaign group will be holding a meeting in Little Melton Village Inn at 8 pm on February 26th. If this meeting goes ahead a representative from Hethersett Academy will be invited to attend.

The group should hear whether their appeal has been successful by February 10th at the latest. We will have that decision in the March edition of Hethersett Herald along with a report on the meeting if it goes ahead.

# Issues of Personal Safety Ignored

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**BELOW is a copy of the e-mail decision sent to Jessica Cole form county hall which we reproduce in full to give you a flavour of what the parents are up against. We have highlighted the passages in bold that are of particular concern.**

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“Thank you for all the information you have sent over about the walking route between Little Melton and Hethersett Academy.

We have walked the route, undertaken traffic counts and assessed the route against our criteria in policy and against national road safety guidelines. **Any assessment is against the physical nature of the route only and looks at the relationship between pedestrians and traffic, not issues of personal safety. National road safety guidelines also state that it is presumed that all road users will behave reasonably and responsibly and that children will be accompanied as necessary.**

Our conclusion is that the route is available as a walking route, in accordance with the criteria set within policy and the national road safety guidelines. This means that by law, it is a parent’s responsibility to ensure their child attends school and that transport does not need to be provided by the local authority.

If you believe that transport policy has not been applied correctly, then you may ask for the decision to be reviewed by writing to or emailing the Head of Passenger Transport at Travel & Transport, County Hall, Norwich NR1 2DH or [educationtransport@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:educationtransport@norfolk.gov.uk) within 20 working days.

Please state clearly the specific criteria in School Transport Policy which you believe have not been applied correctly and include or attach any additional relevant information. The decision will be reviewed within 20 working days and you will receive a detailed written notification of the outcome of the review.

Yours sincerely

**Karl Buffin, Entitlement Officer**

Travel and Transport Services

Tel: 01603 223405 | Customer Services: 0344 800 8020

County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH

If you have any comments on this e-mail why not let us know. Send them to [pestersteward@lineone.net](mailto:pestersteward@lineone.net) and we will publish them in the next edition.

# Norfolk County Council's Assessment

These are the comments made by the county council who inspected the route in June and then again at the end of November.

“Starting in Little Melton village along Burnthouse Lane there is no pavement in front of the properties but the speed limit is 30 mph and visibility is good.

The road then becomes subject to NSL leading up to the junction of Little Melton Road. There are verges and because visibility is good, pedestrians have ample opportunity to step up onto the verge and for vehicles to take any necessary action. The verges are narrow but adequate to use as step-off.

Beyond the junction of Little Melton Road, towards Hethersett, there are fewer trees on each side and the road becomes wider and more open. The road is straight and visibility is very good - you can pretty much see the length of the route all the way to the 30mph speed limit just before the building works. There is room on the highway for cars to pass pedestrians and also some roadside verge to step-off onto.

Large vehicles particularly would be able to see pedestrians in the road ahead, due to the driver being higher up, and so can use one of the passing places to pull into if they felt this was necessary.

Further along the road there is a slight bend in the road although visibility remains good.

The length of the route on Burnthouse Way which is subject to the national speed limit (60mph) without a designated footway is about half a mile.

As you enter Hethersett the speed limit changes to 30mph. There is a pathway to the left (previously the rest of Burnthouse Way) that pedestrians can use to walk around the building works, although within the building works there are pavements that can be used safely.

Pedestrians can then walk through the new housing estate, on pavements, to the school.”

The assessment goes on to say that there is an “adequate roadstop of reasonable condition” and “step offs are narrow in places but not always necessary as visibility is good, the traffic flow is low and there is enough room for traffic to pass pedestrians.”

The report admits that there were large puddles present along parts of the route “but nothing that would prevent someone walking with the right footwear.” The report continues:

“I have been out to this site twice and both times I was confident the route is available. It is a county road no different to many others in Norfolk.”

The following is the county council criteria:

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.

What can make a route unavailable?

Roads and footpaths alongside roads

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.

These criteria are based on Road Safety GB guidelines. A sufficient number of gaps in traffic across two lanes is determined as four gaps of 4-6 seconds in each 5 minute period.

Drivers are expected to comply with the speed limits. Where they do not, the local police should be asked to take appropriate action.

Public rights of way

Public rights of way are determined as any route where access does not constitute trespassing, and include routes such as bridleways, public byways, permissive paths and common land.

These routes are generally considered as available walking routes, however a route could be considered unavailable as a walking route, even to a child accompanied by an adult, if an element of the route poses a significant level of risk that cannot be reduced by any reasonable adjustments, e.g. if there is a deep fast-flowing river adjacent to an exposed footpath, where it would be impossible to get out of the river should an incident occur.

## **What does not make a route unavailable?**

The following are examples of factors that are not considered as part of a route assessment:

- it is isolated and there is perceived to be a moral danger;
- the route is muddy or soft underfoot;
- it will be dark at the time of walking;
- there is a need to cross a railway line at a designated crossing point;
- there are short lengths of road where there is no verge;
- there are short lengths of road within the village/urban environment where there is no verge or footpath;
- there are other variable conditions e.g. inclement weather or possible flooding since 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 behave reasonably and lawfully.

If a route is considered unavailable free transport will be provided until there is a significant change, e.g. if a footpath is created, when the route would be reassessed. Free transport is not provided if there is an alternative walking route to school, also within the qualifying distance, which is assessed as being available.

Free transport may be provided if the route is only available if the child is accompanied (normally for primary-age children only) and parents can satisfy the council that no adult is available to accompany the child, e.g. they have a younger child in a pram or pushchair and the route cannot then be walked in reasonable safety.

However, we would expect all reasonable alternatives to have been explored by parents/carers before confirming that transport can be provided. Free transport is not provided if the child cannot be accompanied due to parents' work commitments.

When children from the same family attend different local schools in the area, e.g. infant and junior schools, and they do not qualify for free transport, then it is expected that parents will make any local arrangements they consider necessary for their children to be accompanied to and from different schools or to use any available transport services. Free transport will not therefore be provided.

# Out of Touch With Reality

TO say Norfolk County Council is out of touch when it comes to the safety of children would be something of an understatement.

Hethersett Herald Comment

On the previous pages we have given a considerable amount of space to the Council's decision over the suitability of the route from Little Melton to Hethersett Academy.

And while we write this we want to scream out because this decision is so dangerous and such nonsense that it defies any kind of logic whatsoever.

If you ever want a case of policy and money coming before human safety this is it. We were rendered speechless by the coldness of the county council's assessment and in particular those chilling words:

**“Any assessment is against the physical nature of the route only and looks at the relationship between pedestrians and traffic, not issues of personal safety.”**

We have included those words in large and bold type because they are the essence of the decision and frightening in today's climate of health and safety initiatives that are often ridiculous in the extreme. Here is an obvious health and safety issue that is being ignored and the fear is that this ruling will end with a young person being injured or worse.

It would of course be crass at that point to say to the county council and the Academy “We told you so”. So something must be done about this before it's too late.

We all know it's a ridiculous decision. There have been over 100 posts on various village Facebook pages and not a single one has been in favour of the county council decision. That must say something.

To state, as the county council does, that the traffic flow in this area is low is to ignore the type of traffic using the narrow road. Large lorries take up the entire road as our photographs on the front page illustrate and, of course, you only need one driver to lose control for something unthinkable to happen.

And you have to feel for the lorry and van drivers as well. Are they happy with

the idea of up to 30 children walking along that road—We think not.

It appears that the only grounds that parents can appeal on is if the “policies have not been applied correctly.” But those are the policies that are written without a hint of humanity, without any real consideration of human life.

Presumably at some point in the past it was decided that transport should be made available because the route was too dangerous for children to walk or cycle. Why, in the light that there is now many more vehicles using that road, has this decision been overturned?

Put simply: This route is not safe. It is an accident waiting to happen. This decision is a nonsense and comes from Cloud Cuckoo Land.

## No Guarantees

PARENTS and protesters have written to South Norfolk MP Richard Bacon asking for his support to re-instate the bus service.

The letter details comments made by Hethersett Academy to parents explaining the withdrawal of the service.

The letter from Mr Bacon concludes with the words:

“I have today e-mailed the county council to push them to plug the transport gap from September 2020. However, as I am aware my office advised you I can make no guarantee of success.”

THE increasing number of children attending Hethersett Academy from Little Melton has been a factor in cutting the bus/coach service, according to Academy Principal Gareth Stevens.

In a letter to South Norfolk MP Richard Bacon, Mr Stevens states that the ultimate responsibility of providing a service does not lie with the school. The letter makes the following points:

“The staff available to continue with the service do not hold the appropriate driving licence enabling them to drive a minibus.

“When we introduced the service a few years ago, we had approximately 15 students being transported. Next year the number will be closer to 50 which would mean three minibus runs each morning and afternoon which would have quite an impact on staff time (if we were able to continue).

“We have on a number of occasions contacted Norfolk County Council’s passenger transport department to raise our concerns about the safety of the route and asked them to consider re-routing one of the current school buses to take in the village of Little Melton—to no avail.”

# Fight To Save Post Office Plea

IF Hethersett wants to keep its post office it will have to fight for it.

Those are the words of current postmaster Kevin Salmon as he thanked members of the public for their support in the lead up to Christmas.

Kevin took to Facebook to thank all his customers for making it a bumper Christmas at the post office in Oak Square. At the same time he announced plans to retire in two years' time and a wish for Hethersett not to go the same way as nearby Wymondham which has lost its main post office.

"I am looking to retire in two year's time and sincerely hope that we don't find ourselves in Wymondham's shoes without its post office. Come on Hethersett if you want to keep a post office then I'm afraid you will have to fight for it

"Sadly our colleagues in Wymondham were left without jobs and their customers were left stranded when their post office closed and my thoughts go out to the staff at Lime Tree Avenue Post Office who have been inundated with customers, but at the same time thanks to those Wymondham customers who have made their way to Hethersett."

Anyone interested in running a post office should visit [www.runapostoffice.co.uk](http://www.runapostoffice.co.uk)



**"Come on Hethersett. If you want to keep a Post Office I'm afraid you will have to fight for it.—Kevin Salmon.**

**Christmas 2019 saw 29,500 second class Christmas stamps and 3,900 first class stamps being sold at Hethersett Post Office. In addition 1,157 undelivered parcels were handed out**

# Hethersett To Bloom

A GROUP of villagers have come together to revive a project to spruce up Hethersett.

The Hethersett in Bloom project hopes to improve the appearance of the village through planting as well as working with other existing community groups.



People in the village are now being asked to have their say on what improvements they would like to see take place through Hethersett in Bloom

An online survey has been put together to gauge opinion and residents are urged to take part. A spokesperson for the group said: “We’d love to make Hethersett a nicer place for everyone who lives and works here and we would encourage people to take the short survey to help us understand what people like and dislike about the village right now.

“We are also keen to hear from people who want to get involved, whether it’s just turning up to help with planting or by joining the committee.”

A public meeting will be held in Hethersett Library from 6 until 7 pm on Thursday March 12th and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

The group has secured a £300 start up “Go For It” grant from South Norfolk Council but is keen to hear from any businesses or individuals who might be able to sponsor the project.

The group plans to enter the region’s Anglia in Bloom competition this year. To take the survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QMHHBN>

It is hoped that paper copies of the survey will be available at Hethersett Library in the near future. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Sue Cullum at [suecullum74@gmail.com](mailto:suecullum74@gmail.com) or on 07957 234387.

# Footballers to Move Home

HETHERSETT Athletic's Saturday's men's team is moving to Wymondham to enhance its chances of stepping up a league.

It is hoped that the move will be a temporary one and the team will return to the village once a new pavilion has been built on the Memorial Playing Field.

For a number of years the team has been prevented from stepping up to Anglian Combination level due to the poor facilities on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

Now a decision has been made to move the team to Kett's Park at Wymondham as an interim measure whilst Hethersett facilities are enhanced.

The team, which currently plays in the Central and South Norfolk First Division, has applied for membership of the Anglian Combination on a number of occasions in the past but has always been turned down due to a lack of suitable facilities.

It is hoped that the facilities available at Kett's Park will meet the criteria of the Anglian Combination and allow the team to step up a level in the FA Pyramid.

"Our team has quite a few young players who are keen to play Anglian Combination football with Hethersett so I think now is a good time to take the next step. In recent years we have lost some of our better players who wanted to play at a higher level," said team manager Michael Lemmon.

The team will continue to be sponsored by Hethersett's Church Farm Garage and has every intention of returning to the village at some point in the future.

Meanwhile the team is still looking good for runners-up position in the league. Hethersett are currently in second place and have a number of games in hand on third-placed Hockering. At the time of going to publication the leading positions were:

	Played	Points
Briston	12	32
<b>Hethersett</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>
Hockering	14	23

## It's A Mystery



**Mystery surrounds the potential purchaser of the former Hethersett Old Hall School site on the B1172.**

**An “Under Offer” notice was pasted outside the site in the middle of the month. But estate agents Savill’s are staying tight lipped over the identity of the potential buyers of the multi million pound site which includes 15 buildings.**

**Managing agent George Craig, of Savills estate agency, told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper that he was not able to discuss the offer, but described the potential sale as “exciting”.**

## Funrun Details

PLANS are well advanced for the 10th Hethersett two mile run the square funrun on Sunday, July 12th.

The event will start and finish outside Rowan House Health and Well Being Centre in Queen’s Road—this is a slight change to the usual start due to ongoing building work at Hethersett Primary School.

The run will move along Queen’s Road and part of Great Melton Road before turning left into Mill Road and left again into New Road. It will then continue along Old Norwich Road and back to Rowan House for the finish.

The event will start at 11 am and roads along the route will be closed to traffic for one hour.

Entry to the funrun is £4 for adults and £2 for Under-16s, bookable in advance. Registration will also be available from 9 am on the day for a supplement of £1.

Organisers are hoping for a record turnout to mark the 10th running of the event. All finishers will receive a 10th anniversary commemorative medal. The event will soon have its own dedicated web site from where entries will be taken. We will have more details for this in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

This year’s event will be sponsored by Rowan House and supported by South Norfolk Council. It is hoped that a well known personality will act as the honorary starter.

# Hethersett Pantomime Special



## A Touch of the French Fantastic

*Pantomime Review by Peter Steward. Pictures courtesy of Hethersett Pantomime Group*

AFTER the traditional nature of their 50th anniversary pantomime Cinderella, Hethersett Pantomime Group decided to adopt one of the county's mottos "Do Different."

So they came up with the idea of a pantomime loosely based on Alexander Dumas' "The Three Musketeers."

This gave them the chance to show off some outrageous French-themed costumes but to also keep all the fun elements that has seen the panto grow in popularity over the years.

The village panto didn't always play to sell out audiences and I can remember a time when there were empty seats at virtually very performance. But not now.

# Hethersett Pantomime Special

## Bucket Collection

EVERY year the pantomime has a bucket collection at the end of each performance. This has raised thousands of pounds for charity and this year's worthy cause is Norfolk Blood Bikes.

Norfolk Blood bikes is run by volunteers who transport blood, plasma, platelets, samples, vaccines, donor breast milk and many other urgently required medical items to hospitals in Norfolk and also to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The charity relies entirely on donations to keep its service on the road as it receives no Government funding.



The pantomime has become such a part of the Hethersett calendar that it sells out virtually within days of the tickets becoming available and that's a wonderful tribute to a group that provides good wholesome family entertainment for all ages.

Sunday mornings performance (a new innovation added for the first time last year) drew a wonderful mix of old and young for another wonderful panto of fun, frivolity, ad-libbing and colour.

The story may have been different but the successful recipe was simply stirred and cooked to perfection.

**(Continued on page 25)**





**All for one and one for all—Musketeers united**

# Hethersett Pantomime Special

**(Continued from page 23)**

There's not a great deal that needs to be changed from year to year, just a few tweaks here and there. The cast was as delightful as ever and it really is over two hours of pure escapism. At times its difficult to realise we are in the heart of rural Norfolk.

So we had the three musketeers (Athos, Porthos and Aramis) along with D'Artagnan who is really just a trainee musketeer. We had Kings, Queens, cardinals, dukes, lords, ladies and of course a good fairy who ensured another happy ending as the cast lined-up to take their final bows and sing the obligatory "Happy Days Are Here Again."

This entertainment certainly warms the cockles of your heart however cold it is outside. Lloyd Parfitt's script was fast-paced and highly amusing and the asides and ad-lib remarks were as sparkling as ever. The cast have turned forgetting their lines into an art form.

It would be wrong to pick out individuals as everyone deserves their own mention for adding character to their individual parts. So this year I am simply going to give a massive thanks on behalf of the residents of the village to the group for bringing summer sunshine into a winter's day.

Every year the one thing I take away from the pantomime (apart from memories of course) is an understanding of just how many people are involved. The amount of people giving up so much of their free time to entertain us is staggering. You only have to look at the list in this edition of Herald to see what I mean.

We have front of house teams, back stage teams, lighting, sound, scenery, designers, stage managers, make-up artists and many many more.

Over the years, the pantomime has evolved into a slick entertainment that is one of (if not the) highlights of the year.

A special mention this year for the orchestra under the direction of Gordon Peterson which seemed to sparkle even more than usual. The pantomime was once again directed by Sarah Green who has musical theatre running through her veins.

Lloyd Parfitt's final words are always "see you again next year" and that is certainly something to look forward to.

Pantomime 2021 will be the 26th to be held in the Village Hall, equalling the number held in the Church Hall.



# Hethersett Pantomime Special

## And Now For Something Completely Different

Pantomime writer and producer Lloyd Parfitt admits that he wanted to try something “a little different” for the group’s 51st production as he explained in his programme notes:

“Last year we celebrated our 50th production with a fairly traditional version of Cinderella. But this year I wanted to try something new and that meant a brand new production The Three Musketeers. It may not be traditional but it will have all the usual elements of a Hethersett Pantomime,” he said.



**We are very grateful to Hethersett Pantomime group for providing us with photographs from the show.**

# Hethersett Pantomime Special

## New Musical Director is Introduced

THIS year's pantomime had a new musical director who just happened to be a long-standing member of the pantomime orchestra.

For many years the baton was wielded by Hethersett GP Dr Tony Press , who sadly died a number of years ago. His place was taken by a very youthful Joshua Bell and now Gordon Peterson has taken over.

“Gordon is a long term band member, normally sat behind the piano. He is an incredibly gifted musician but also a member of the panto family,” said writer and producer Lloyd Parfitt.

This year's band was

Musical Director	Gordon Peterson
Violin	Ceri Peterson
Cello	Francis Trappes-Lomax
Flute/Piccolo	Charlie Robinson
Flute	Katie Carpenter
Alto Sax	Helen Stowell
French Horn	James Peterson
Guitars	John Head
Bass Guitars	Katy and Oliver Batley
Drums	Jack Sarsby



# Hethersett Pantomime Special

## The cast of 2020

D'Artagnon	Daniel Orford
Daphne Dubonnet	Barry Foster
Planchet	Lloyd Parfitt
Athos	Jack Luther
Porthos	Jon Goodrum
Aramis	Steve Bussey
Cardinal Richlieu	Neville Greenhalgh
Comte De Camembert	Jono Angelo
King Louis	Jack Hamling
Duke of Buckingham	John Halford
False King/Prisoner King	Aivars Bismanis
Herald	Ian Whiting
Queen Anne	Freya Judkins
Constance	Ellie Luther
Phoebe	Lauren Ellero
Louise	Sophie Cooke
Milady De Winter	Vicki Gale
Good Fairy	Emma Court
Guards	Becky Sprunt, Andrea Farrow and Aivars Bismanis
Villagers/ Townfolk and Courtiers	Scarlett Alborough, Poppy Collins, Neil Cork, Rosie Cox, Andrea Farrow, Millie Foster, Emilia Fox-Williams, Sarah Green, Tina Greenhalgh, May Hamling, Elsie Hatt, Aimee Judkins, Caroline Reynolds, Evie Sayer, Freya Scott, Becky Sprunt, Harmony Stibbon, Lilly Stibbon, Lilly Walker, Ian Whiting, Ella Wood



# Hethersett Pantomime Special

## The Production Team of 2020

Writer and Producer	Lloyd Parfitt
Director	Sarah Green
Musical Director	Gordon Peterson
Choreographer	Andrea Farrow, Kate Green and Holly Stibbon
Stage Manager	Bob Fell
Back Stage Team	Bob Fell, Neil Lamprell and Paul Baxter
Set Design and Painting	Colin Wilson and Keith Drinkwater
Graphic Design	Daniel Orford
Wardrobe Co-Ordinator	Deborah Stewart
Wardrobe Team	Jan Burnett, Sandra Gibson, Kate Green, Amy Bowles and Caroline Reynolds
Stage Fighting Choreography	Paul Stimpson
Set Construction and Props	Aivars Bismanis, Julie Cooke, Lauren Ellero, Bob Fell, Aimee Judkins, Paul Judkins, Daniel Orford and Beverly Orford
Lighting	Paul Judkins, Courtney Cook and Phil Emery
Sound	Pete Emery
Technical Consultant	Chris Goldspink
Prompt	Judith Press
Makeup	Julie Cooke, Holly Foster, Julie Fox-Williams, Jan Halford, Kathy Judkins and Lindsay Westgarth
Box Office	Kathy and Paul Judkins
Social Media	Holly Stibbon

# Hethersett Pantomime Special

## The Production Team (continued)

Front of House	Martin Collins, Claire Cork, Tristan Cork, Leon Cox, Christine Haines, Kathy Judkins, Alfie Nolan, Rachel Scott and Kim Spinks
Pantomime Committee	Neville Greenhalgh, Barry Foster, Vicki Gale, Francis Trappes-Lomax, Sarah Collins and Lauren Ellero
Honorary President	Duncan Pigg B.E.M

## Come On Board

HETHERSETT Pantomime Group is always looking for new members to join its team and not just on stage.

There are positions to suit everyone as the group explained in this year's programme: "If you have an interest in amateur dramatics and want to volunteer your time to help put on this annual production, which gives thousands to local charities and causes, then we are looking for you."

The group is particularly looking for people to join its costume department, its production team, its backstage team, its props and set design team and also cast members.

Anyone interested in joining can contact the group via its website at [www.hethersettpanto.org.uk](http://www.hethersettpanto.org.uk). The group also has its own Facebook page.

THE Hethersett pantomime tradition began in 1970 with a performance of Sleeping Beauty in the Church Hall in Henstead Road. The Church Hall was the venue for the first 26 pantos after which productions moved to what was then known as The New Village Hall which has hosted the last 25 pantos.

**See also page 114 to find out how much money the group has raised for charity**

# Community Projects Opportunity



MONEY is being made available for small community projects from the company responsible for building a new primary school in Back Lane.

In a newsletter sent to nearby residents of the new building, Morgan Sindall poses the question:

“Is there anything within the community you would like Morgan Sindall to consider and assist with? Is there a charity event being held? Are there a local sports team which would like sponsoring? A new park bench?



“Morgan Sindall would be more than happy to consider suggestions.”

The newsletter also gives an update on the primary school project:

“We are now approximately halfway through the project and have been busy on site. SFS (steel farming system) to the primary school and nursery is now complete, roofing works are well underway and the internal construction of walls and service installations has commenced. External brickwork has commenced on the primary school and is really starting to show signs of the end product.

“In the last period the project reached a key milestone where we achieved the initial water tightness of the building which enabled the internal works to commence.

“Over the coming weeks we will continue with the internal works such as closing up internal walls following services completion, plastering and first fix carpentry works. It will soon start taking shape and will start to show the designed layout of

the classrooms. Corridors and toilets.”

Anyone interested in applying for a grant from Morgan Sindall should e-mail [danny.branson@morgansindall.com](mailto:danny.branson@morgansindall.com).

On the previous page the top photograph is of the new school building which will replace the existing one in Firs Road (pictured below it).

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## Meanwhile On The Other Side



WORK is continuing on improvements and extensions to Hethersett Academy on the other side of Back Lane. Our photograph was taken in mid January. The Spring will see many changes in the Back Lane area of Hethersett as housing development continues to gather momentum.

# Second Visit Delight

Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Hannah Harrison returns to the village's newest café and sent us this report.

I VISITED Cafe Kin for the second time recently. They've made a few more changes since I was there on their opening week; some menu changes, its own entrance (whereas before access was through the main Rowan House doors) and some added décor.

The atmosphere is lovely, calm and friendly. I'm an anxious person, so I'm usually uncomfortable in public places, especially those that I don't know very well, but I felt at ease as soon as I walked into Kin. It helps that the staff are very friendly, too.

It's so refreshing to have an establishment that is focused on nutritious, reasonably priced and healthy food. Let me tell you, it's so delicious! I had a hummus, caramelised onion, spinach and jalapeno sour dough toastie with a latte, whilst my daughter had a cheese muffin and a healthy milkshake from the children's menu, which is also refreshingly healthy. We couldn't leave without having something sweet, so we had a gluten free brownie and spiced apple cake which was mouth wateringly moist and delicious.

Sarah Lawrence and I signed Kin up as a water refill station on our first visit in the opening week, so I refilled my reusable water bottle whilst I was there, too.

Kin is all about reducing waste, recycling, healthy living and nutritious food. They have some healthy treats to buy on dis-



play as well as reusable cups/flasks. Even their napkins are recycled, that's dedication.

The big news from Kin is that in early 2020 they will be opening on Saturday mornings, hoping to encourage families in for breakfast.

Hopefully in the next issue we can confirm the exact date and times, or you can follow Rowan House on social media which I'm sure will be updated to reflect the change as soon as it happens.

At the moment, you can visit Kin from 8 am until 2:45 pm Monday to Friday. If you haven't already been then I strongly recommend you give it a go!



**Words and pictures by Hannah Harrison. You can read Hannah's regular look at Hethersett life by turning to page 69.**

# World Day of Prayer

*By Margaret Askew*



THIS year's special Women's World Day of Prayer service in Hethersett will take place in St. Remigius Parish Church at 2 pm on Friday, 6th March.



Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years.

They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country.

Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday, 6th March, 2020, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas -- before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later.

\* For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area see the WDP website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) .

# Support Group Plea

HETHERSETT Methodist Church is looking to set-up a Friends Support Group of people willing to help out in the case of an emergency.

The church has devised a leaflet asking the question: "Would you love to help us? If so, we would love you to help us."

The leaflets are being given out at church and community events. Methodist minister The Rev Steve Cullis writes:

"The Methodist Church has had a presence in the village for over 200 years and church members have voluntarily provided their time, money and skills to help keep the premises up to date.

"The building is very well used by many different clubs and societies as well as for the worshipping life of the church and it is a privilege to be part of the community in this way.

"We do all we can to provide what we can, although, very occasionally we could do with just a little bit of help with the more practical things and this set us thinking. What if we had some Friends of Hethersett Methodist Church that we could call upon?"

The church is looking for people prepared to provide an e-mail address where they could receive what they refer to as "an occasional SOS." for specific help.

On the next page of this edition of Hethersett Herald you can find a slip which can be filled in and returned to the church.

Meanwhile the church should soon have its own wifi connection thanks to a £600 grant from the village's three district councillors David Bills, Adrian Dearnley and Phil Hardy.

THERE has been an excellent response to the young people's writing competition with over 150 entries from pupils of Hethersett Academy.

There has been a variety of styles and subject matter with the only criteria this year being that the essays should start with the words "What If."

Cash prizes will be awarded for the best entries with the finance coming from well-known Hethersett writer and Herald columnist Connie Tindale.

Entries will be judged by Connie and members of Hethersett Writers' Group and we will feature the winning entries in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

# No National Honours For Hethersett

**AS it appears that nobody in the village received an honour in the New Year's list we thought it would be good to look back at three people who were honoured over the past decade.**

## 2010

Hethersett's Mr Sport Mel Perkins was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday honours in June 2010.



Mel, who has just had his 70th birthday, was 60 at the time of the award which recognised his services to the sports of cycle speedway and football as the founder of both Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club and Hethersett Athletic Football Club.

Mel started the Hawks club at the tender age of 16 in 1966 and is still closely involved with the club. Over the years he has also worked tirelessly to promote cycle speedway at a national level.

In 1991, Mel diversified his sporting interests by setting up Hethersett Athletic Football Club with just one youth team.

Again his involvement in football has spilled over to county-wide administration of youth leagues.

## 2013

Hethersett stalwart Duncan Pigg was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the 2013 New Year's Honours list to mark over 60 years of active work in the village.



Duncan, who is now in his nineties, stills lives in the village.

For over 40 years, Duncan wrote and produced the annual Hethersett pantomime which has raised well over £100,000 for various charities (see elsewhere in this edition for more details of the money raised)..

Duncan has also been a leading light in Hethersett musical circles, and is a vice-president of Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club, having played himself for many years.

Duncan has been closely connected with the parish church as a licensed reader and choirmaster and is a former governor of Hethersett High School and Hethersett Woodside Infants and Nursery School.

# No National Honours For Hethersett

2015

Dr Anne Edwards was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year's Honours list for 2015. Dr Edwards, who is a Hethersett Parish Councillor and leading member of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT), was awarded the honour for her work in the fields of science and the environment. Anne is a research scientist at the John Innes Institute and an authority on Ash Dieback Disease.



A NEW Facebook site has been launched in the village.

“Given In Kindness Hethersett” is a site where goods can be given freely as organiser Terri Chandler (pictured opposite) explains:

“All items must be advertised for free. However, if you are receiving an item and you feel you would like to buy the giver a little present as a thank you, then feel free.

“People from surrounding villages are welcome to join the group, but if they are advertising items then they must be willing to deliver to Hethersett unless otherwise arranged with the person wanting the items.”

Terri says that she has set-up the group due to the fact that Hethersett is continuing to expand: “I was added to another village group and it was such a lovely friendly group. One person’s trash is another person’s treasure,” she said.

The group already has well over 200 members and can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/998338360540055/>



# A History of Whitegates

FOR sale boards have gone up at the former Fire Headquarters known as Whitegates on the Old Norwich Road close to the King's Head Public House.

The history of Whitegates is very interesting and the article reproduced below was originally taken from a Hethersett Heritage publication and reproduced

with permission on the Hethersett web site. Parts of it have also been reproduced in the latest village Good News publication.

Whitegates was built as a family home in the late eighteenth century facing south east to the turnpike near its junction with Cann's Lane. It was a double-depth property five bays wide and built in two storeys with bricks in Flemish bond under a hipped roof. Early in the 20th century the main facade was extended by adding flat-roofed bays to both the left and right, upsetting the elegant lines of the original Georgian build.

The owner of Whitegates about whom most is known was Mrs Mary Taylor, who died in 1899. She was a wealthy woman, with no sons or daughters to inherit her estate and she left many money bequests to individuals and to charities. Mary Ann Curson her servant received freehold cottages in Hethersett purchased by Mrs. Taylor's husband about 1874 from John Withers Dowson. Among the bequests were several paintings, including *The Ferry Boat* by Vincent and *A Portrait of a Lady* by Sir Peter Lely, to James Henry Brook

A sum of £1000 was to be invested in Consols to be used for the nursing care of the poor of Hethersett not in receipt of charitable relief. The Hethersett and Ketteringham Nursing Benefit Club held its first annual meeting in February 26th. 1900, and it was reported that there were 131 subscribers.

A Miss Hammond of Fakenham Home had supplied the parish with a nurse, An-



nie Amson at £21.5s (£21.25) for three quarters of a year. A year later there were 103 subscribers at 2s (10p) a year, and Miss Amson was leaving to get married. She was to be presented with “a marble clock with pleasant chimes.” However, the Fund was struggling a little to survive as there was only 2s.3d (12p) cash in hand at the end of the second year.

As to the residue of the estate, the Trustees were instructed to convert all real and leasehold estates into money to be divided equally among the National Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Royal Lifeboat Institution.

Whitegates with four acres, and an associated four bedroom house facing the turnpike and closer to Cann's Lane, were sold by auction on 31st March, 1900, at the Royal Hotel, Norwich. Gertrude Saxby of Addison Gardens, Kensington, and niece of Mrs. Taylor, bought it for £890. Sarah and Julia Bale bought the other house for £420, Sarah Bale being the occupier at that time.

Later owners of Whitegates were Mrs. T. W. Lauriston Saxby in 1912 and Arthur Joshua John Boswell in 1916.

Mrs Boswell's nurse, Miss Dodd, recollected that: “The Boswells were Norwich Wine and Spirit Merchants and were wealthy, employing at Whitegates a large staff, including a full time nurse for Mrs. Boswell, a housekeeper, cook, housemaid, a char, a gardener and a chauffeur who drove a large Fiat car. He was not allowed to drive faster than 35 mph, otherwise he was told ‘Your foot's heavy today!’

There was a greenhouse where figs, peaches and grapes were grown. They grew most of their own vegetables and kept poultry. They did not mix with or entertain any professionals or gentry as they considered themselves trade. Nurse Dodd, always believed they were of Romany descent as Boswell is apparently an old Romany name.

The pine trees behind Whitegates are reputed to have been planted by Mr. Henry Back as he believed that they were good for asthma sufferers like himself. These trees are visible on a 1946 RAF aerial photograph. Other interesting trees in the grounds of Whitegates are an oak tree to the rear, a cedar of Lebanon and a holm oak at the front. Botanical evidence suggests dates of 1882 for the oak and the cedar.

Other owners of Whitegates were Lt. Col. Horatio Berney-Fickling PM MC in 1929, and Thomas Furness from 1933 to 1937. Mrs Furness was on the committee of the Nursing Benefit Club.

During the Second World War, Whitegates was commandeered for use by the National Fire Service, and purchased by the County Council in 1950.

We will have more details of the sale and future use of the Whitegates site as soon as they are made public.

# Meet The New Management

**Park Drive Stores in Hethersett is under new management. Herald Associate Editor Hannah Harrison popped in to meet the new owners.**

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I'd heard through the grapevine, (aka "All Things Hethersett" on Facebook), that Park Drive stores is under new management, so I popped in to say hello and to find out how they're settling in.

I spoke with Litharsan Puvanenthirarasa, aged 21, who now owns the shop with his sister, Litharsa Puvanenthirarasa (not a typo, they have very similar names), who was out at the time sorting out some stock. They moved to Norwich from London in September, 2019, and hope to move into the space above the shop.

Litharsan has had a few retail jobs before that haven't worked out, so he decided to go it alone (well, with a sister in tow!) and he is raring to go. After only hearing about the shop being up for grabs early last week, being in and making changes already is fantastic, although I think they have a bit of whiplash from how quick things are moving. They have another sister back in London who is an accountant, so she is helping the family business with the legalities and paperwork.

The family are very keen to make changes to improve the shop, starting with the atmosphere which is already miles better than it was and noticeable as soon as you walk in.

They've been busy going through all of the stock on the shop floor, getting rid of out of date food and ordering much more to fill in the very depleted shelves.

The big news is that the ball is already rolling to have the post office moved into the shop once Kevin Salmon retires, this would be fantastic not only for Hethersett but for the shop itself, getting the custom of those visiting to use the post office. We will find out for sure over the coming weeks.

Litharsan also has high hopes for a fresh fruit and veg stall outside the shop, which I think will do incredibly well.

Hayley Kent, a lady helping the family in their venture, wrote on the Facebook page All Things Hethersett asking if anyone had any suggestions of what they would like to see in the shop. The Puvanenthirarasa's have seen the responses and are working hard to give the customers what they want. Litharsan is keen to sort out the front of the shop as soon as possible, like fixing the lighting and making it look more welcoming and obvious that it's open.

We all know that there's been issues with previous owners/employees and that the shop is in need of a bit of a makeover and a new reputation, I think this is it! Good luck to the family, I genuinely wish them all the best and hope its a success.

# Entering a World of Fantasy

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**IN the January edition of Hethersett Herald we carried a feature about the new book *Elva and the Legend of Odhram* written by Hethersett author Heidi Hambley. Here with Heidi's permission we include an excerpt from the start of the book.**

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## PROLOGUE—The search begins

The fjord sparkled softly in the winter moonlight. The woman stood on the shoreline observing the inky night sky which was littered with silver sequinned stars that shone brightly in the cool icy air. She assessed the conditions and decided it was indeed perfect. It was a clear night not a cloud in sight and she felt like she could see the whole universe up there twinkling away in the night sky. One insignificant person among a whole host of constellations and magical intrigue glittering in the sky like a thousand diamonds. Yes, it was time, she gathered herself removing the thick furs that surrounded her slender shoulders so her arms could move more freely, a cold wind blew across the still black water but she was used to this and it did not deter her from doing what she was here to do. She had anticipated this moment for many years, had taken the greatest of care, studying the planets carefully judging the exact moment when she should make her move and begin the process that would change things forever.



A sudden soft footfall behind her made her smile and she had no need to turn to see who it was, for she knew already

“It is time then.” A large white wolf padded across the powdery snow and sat

patiently next to her, his thick winter coat ruffled in the icy winter breeze, she looked at him and smiled.

“Yes, my old friend the time has come at last, we have waited for many years and now, well now destiny is ready to take over, the time has arrived. Odhram and I have foreseen it, together we have waited for the time to be right, and here it is, here in this cold land of snow and ice. A most magical start if I may say so.”

“You are certain?” His question hung in the air and she felt herself breathe deeply, unfolding all the information she had gathered, assessing one last time the conditions she had prepared for most carefully. Was she certain? She looked upwards as if to check for one last time, it was then he saw her eyes were closed and a soft smile played upon her lips.

“Absolutely.”

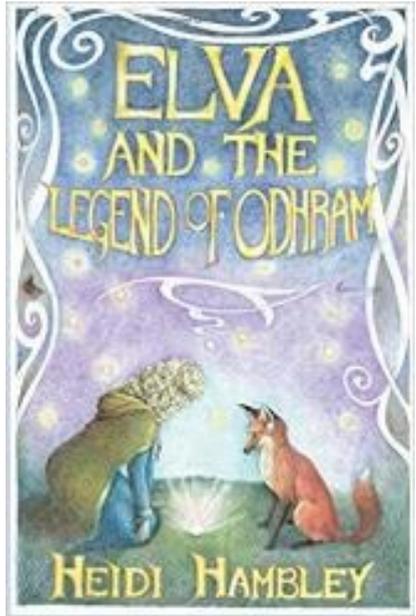
He nodded and fell silent accepting her instinctive knowledge was correct.

She blew softly into her outstretched palm and the wolf watched as from her mouth came hundreds of tiny golden orbs, each one holding precious magic and gifts inside its fragile shell, ready to seek out the next chosen one who could take on the challenge to come.

The orbs hung suspended in the midnight air, she blew harder moving her hand in a wide circular motion, watching, as the vortex she created whirled the tiny spheres upwards into the cold, crystalline night air, “go, go and find her, give her this gift of special magic and let her journey begin.”

Together the woman and the wolf watched as the glowing balls swirled higher and higher in the air, then suddenly like a firework exploding, the vortex shattered and the tiny orbs were blown into the atmosphere where the wind took them, scattering them to the four corners of the globe. Their simple task, to complete the ancient spell and find one worthy of being the next chosen one.

**Elva and the Legend of Oshram is available from Amazon either as a paperback at £10.99 or as a digital download.**





# **LITTLE MELTON PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY**



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and young people and expect all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment.***

# A Magical Amount

NOT only did the magical Christmas lights in the Melton Close area of Hethersett brighten up our lives, they also raised a magnificent £3,166.22p for the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity in memory of Finnbar Cork.

Finnbar's father Tristan took to Facebook to thank everyone for their generosity and to talk about plans for Christmas 2020.



"We are so pleased to say that we have finally managed to count up all donations from our Christmas lights. We would like to thank everyone who came along to see them and especially those that donated so generously. The total amount raised online and in cash donations was £3,166.22. Amazing. Thank you so much. We'll see you again, bigger and better, next Christmas."

The charity is now busy preparing for its Tour de Fox cycle event on Sunday, 21st June with a Fathers' Day 50 miler and two other routes:

"We'll also be introducing a kid friendly shorter route, so there will be something for riders of all ages," Tristan said.

You can register for the event on the website [www.finnbarsforce.org](http://www.finnbarsforce.org).

You can also read about coverage of the charity in the local press by turning to page 48.

Meanwhile the annual Christmas Lights display put on by Margaret and Tony Dunton in Firs Road raised £500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The couple have completed over two decades of lighting up the village over the festive season.

# 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.hetherssettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hetherssettherald.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.

**The March edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of February.**

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

**We are happy to consider items for publication either on Hethersett or written by Hethersett residents and they can be sent to**

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

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

# News From The Media

Catching up on some of the stories you may have missed in the local media



## Family donates £25k to find a cure for disease which killed son

EMILY THOMSON  
Health Correspondent

Three years after losing their son to a brain tumour, a Norfolk couple have donated £25,000 to research to help find a cure for the disease.

Tristan and Claire Cork, from Hethersett, set up Finbar's Force charity after losing their son Finbar, aged five, just five months after being diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Despite undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy, nothing could be done to save him, and Finbar died in 2016.

Mr Cork said they are still learning to live with the pain of losing their son, but it has driven them to support other families and children with cancer.

He said: "There are good days and bad days and at Christmas we get hit quite hard. There is always someone missing it's hard when you should have a little boy opening presents."

"You can't stop and give up you have to find a way to keep going and that's what we have done through Finbar's force."

"We always said from the start when we set up the charity we want to support research into brain tumours and would give 25pc of what we raise in a year to research projects."

"I hope it gives other families hope and people who are going through a bad diagnosis with their child can look at us and say you can still carry on."

In the last financial year, the charity raised nearly £150,000 through sponsored events, including marathons and sky dives, donations, fundraising events like bake-sales, and big events put on by Finbar's Force, including a Christmas concert and adventure day.

A large donation of £45,000 also came from a person's final will.

The £25,000 donation to the charity Brain Tumour Research will fund the equivalent of nine days of research at Queen Mary University of London, a dedicated brain tumour research centre.

Lead researcher at the research, Prof Silvia Martinez, said: "This donation from Finbar's Force will help move results from 'bench to bedside' in the shortest possible time for the greatest benefit of patients."

Mr Cork added: "There is a lot of money we haven't used that will go to local projects."

ONCE again there was excellent coverage in the Wymondham Mercury for the Finnbar Force charity and its recent £25,000 donation for research into child brain tumours.

A copy of the cuttings from the newspaper appear above and opposite.

## Have You Missed Out ?

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**WE are delighted to report that Hethersett Herald columnist Hannah Harrison has agreed to become an associate editor.**

**Over the past year, Hannah has established herself as a leading light in the Hethersett community with her support of environmental issues and her regular column that looks at many of the good things taking place in our village.**

**Now Hannah has agreed to step up to help us focus on even more initiatives and events taking part in our village. Below is her latest report on the regular village litter picks.**

## So Much Rubbish In Just One Hour

TWENTY two people took part in the litter pick on Saturday January 11th– the first of 2020. Thank you to everyone who joined!

The photographs on this and the next page show what an hour gets you from a tiny section of Station Lane and a box from Back Lane.

A whole Christmas tree, a box full of potential drug paraphernalia (top tip, when dumping stuff like that you should first check that your name and address aren't on the box), a mauled pheasant and three individual bin bags that had been dumped.

Upon closer inspection we found that each bin bag had another three bags inside full of stinky, mouldy foliage that, without the unnecessary plastic bags, would've decomposed on their own (we were quite relieved that it wasn't a severed head or anything like that though).

See the next page for a couple more photos taken at the litter pick.



# Litter Pick Special



TWO more photographs of rubbish collected on the first village litter pick of the New Year.

We've found out that if you have a child(ren) aged between 6 and 15 and they take part in our litter picks, they can then apply for their green Blue Peter badge. How cool is that?! It's not just a badge these days, with it you get a card that



gains you free entry to over 200 attractions in the UK. These include museums, castles, zoos, wildlife parks etc. So if you litter pick with us, not only do you get the satisfaction of making our village tidier but you could get some fab days out too.

Parents and children must apply for their badge themselves, unfortunately we cannot supply the badges ourselves.

Join us on the next litter pick starting at 2pm from the Hethersett Village Hall on Saturday, 8th February.

## Green badge

Green badges are awarded for sending in letters, pictures and makes that are about the environment, conservation or nature. **Find out how to post your application and what to include here!**

If you have already earned a Green badge, you can't be awarded another one.



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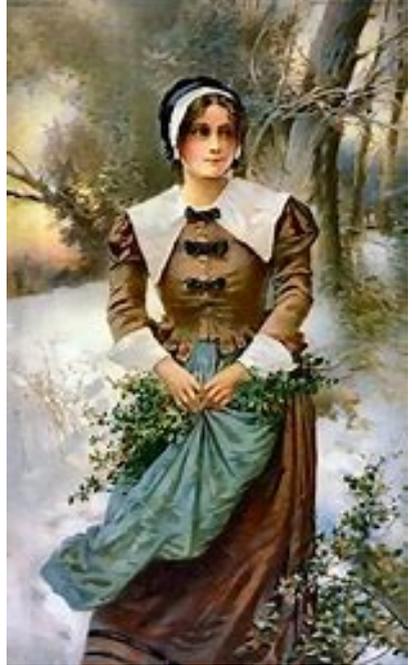
# A Pioneer of the New World

A HETHERSETT born woman survived famine and attacks by Native Americans to become one of the pioneers that helped to make America.

Temperance Flowerdew was born in Hethersett in 1590 and, after sailing to the New World, became the wife of two governors of Virginia.

Temperance was an early settler of the Jamestown colony and played a key part in the development of the area and in 2018 was named one of the greatest women in the history of Virginia by the Library of Virginia.

Now a new book by English historian Mary Allan has further recognised the part that Temperance paid in the history of what became the USA.



Mary describes Temperance as "a lady with ambition." She refers to her research as "a labour of love to give the women who feature a platform so that they can appear, however briefly, in the spotlight of history for the valuable contribution they made to the establishment of America as we know it."

Temperance's nephew Edmund Rossingham described her as "Norfolk born, sharp as the wind off the sea."

Temperance was the daughter of Anthony Flowerdew (circa 1550-1610) of Hethersett and Martha Stanley of Scottow. The Flowerdew family were landed gentry and for generations their seat had centred around Hethersett. Temperance enjoyed a carefree existence growing up in the country with occasional visits to London which would have taken days.

Mary states that life would never have been dull with relatives and other well connected families from neighbouring estates frequently coming to stay at Hethersett. The children were occasionally allowed to join the grown-ups at

table. On 29th April, 1609, Temperance married Richard Barrow in London in 1609 - a marriage surrounded by mystery and carried out through a special licence. A few days after the marriage the newly weds boarded the Falcon and headed for the newly founded colony of Virginia. Richard Barrow died on the journey and Temperance walked into what became known as the Starvation Time, during which time many died from starvation. Temperance survived. There was some suggestion that she returned to England before returning to the colony when fresh supplies arrived but there is no evidence to support this and it is thought that she was probably one of the lucky ones who survived.

She met George Yeardley who became governor of the colony and who was knighted for his work. He and Temperance had three children - Argoll, Elizabeth and Francis. Her nephew Edmund Rossingham stated that Temperance was "quite some woman in a man's world whose advice was often sought especially by the younger colonists."

Temperance also had a natural affinity with any new colonist with a Norfolk background. This included John Rolfe from Heacham who married Native American Pocahontas.

In addition to surviving the starvation time, Temperance also avoided an uprising by native Americans which saw the slaughter of more than 350 men, women and children.

When George died, Temperance was left a wealthy woman. Almost immediately she married her late husband's successor as governor Francis West. Sadly Temperance died shortly after, leaving three young children. She left her estate to her children, something that was challenged without success by Francis West.

Mary's book tells the story in a simple and flowing style that helps us to understand the life of a pioneering woman of redoubtable character—one of the women who fostered a nation.

The book can be obtained direct from the author at a price of £10. Send a cheque made out to Mary Allan to Quarry House, 24 Bloomsfield, Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0RA.

NOTE—Our picture on page 53 is the one generally used to depict Temperance Flowerdew. It is thought, however, that it is not specifically of Temperance but just an idea of how she would have dressed and looked.

# Herald Health With Rowan House

***Rachel Pailes from Rowan House Well Being Centre in Queen's Road, Hethersett, looks at the fine line between stress and anxiety.***

There is a 'fine line' between stress and anxiety. These two words now seem to have become part of our everyday language. They go hand in hand, with our daily interactions, often a consequence of our busy lives.

There always seems so much to do, regardless of the season, however at this time of year, there seems to be EVEN MORE to fit in.

This compounding demand, that you and others place on you, can manifest itself in many different ways, such as insomnia, irritability or fatigue. You may notice you are craving junk food, your alcohol consumption has increased and you are not exercising as much as you like to.

In short you are not looking after yourself as well as you might, leading to you feeling stressed and or anxious.

*“Stress and anxiety have become interchangeable adjectives for describing that feeling of being overwhelmed.”*

The difference between stress and anxiety, in psychological terms, is that an external trigger often causes stress. This stress trigger can be immediate e.g. an argument with a loved one or the shop not having your preferred fun size chocolates or it can be a 'longer-term' trigger such as being under appreciated at work or home.

Anxiety on the other hand, is defined by 'persistent, excessive worries that don't go away even in the absence of a stressor.'

In addition to seeking professional support there are some small steps we can all take to feel less stressed and anxious.

Did you know that you can work to 'change your brain? – you can learn to change your behaviour, thoughts and emotions. In very simple terms there are 'two' parts to our brain; intellectual and emotional.

The intellectual part of your brain is the 'best version of you,' able to make a proper assessment of any given situation and identify the solutions that are right for you. The emotional part is only interested in your survival the 'primitive you'. It's hard-wired to hit it, run away from it or hide from it: 'it' being the trigger or your perceived trigger to your stress and or anxiety.

*“How you think really does dictate how you feel and cope with stress and anxiety.”*

By learning to be aware of your thoughts you can learn to think differently and ‘change your brain.’ We all have the ability to rewire our thoughts and create alternative behaviours to the emotions we experience. It just takes consistent work, time and patience.

In simple terms the emotional part of our brain, when engaged, is on a high state of alert to any perceived danger, a useful survival tool when all and sundry wanted to attack or eat us! When we are in this high state of alert, the brain produces a toxic glut of stress hormones; adrenalin, noradrenalin and cortisone, it is literally pumping up our fight, flight or freeze response. This response was essential when our lives were in mortal danger but, it’s not really fit for purpose when the supermarket has run out of our favourite fun size chocolate.

One small step towards reducing the levels of stress hormone you are producing is to notice, savour and value (NSV) the good things in your life, no matter how small. Taking this time to NSV will provide you with the intellectual control to be that best version of you and when you are in intellectual control the brain rewards you with the production of serotonin.

Serotonin is the reward we get for NSV a new skill. It is by NSV the things you are doing well that changes the brain and equips you with positive behaviours, thoughts and emotions.

To help you embed this change consider keeping a regular journal. Use this journal to formalise what you Notice, Savour and Value (NSV) about your daily interactions. Try not to think of this exercise as a ‘must’ do, rather consider it a ‘want’ to do.

Think how kind you would be if your best friend or partner were struggling to NSV about their daily interactions. You would not allow them to ‘beat themselves up’. No matter how small, you would help that friend or partner to NSV the positive and not dwell on the negative.

It is this effort, this act of compassion that we must learn to apply to our NSV of our own day-to-day interactions.

It is helpful to discipline yourself to think, act and interact with the world around us more positively, but what does this look like in terms of everyday life?

Begin your day by thinking more positively; this starts that flow of the ‘happy hormone’ serotonin. By saying to yourself ‘I get to drive my healthy children to school this morning’ you are NSV, you are thinking about the positives of your life. By driving your healthy children to school you are then turning that thought into a positive action. By taking the time to speak with a friend at the school gate, perhaps noticing they look well, have a new coat or simply that the weather is nice you are interacting positively with the world around you.

The thought, action and interaction expressed here means you get a 3:1 serotonin hit;

- 1 for thinking positively
- 1 for acting positively, and
- 1 for interacting positively.

All of which were harvested from the simple and necessary act of the school run. How you think really does dictate how you feel, by thinking differently you can change your brain.

Brett Rennolds is a qualified Solution Focused Hypnotherapist DSFH, HPD, MNCH NCH Supervisor and registered with the Complimentary and Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC). If you want to know more about the issues covered in this article contact Brett at Rowan House Centre for an initial consultation.

The comments in this article are taken from:

American Psychological Association, 'What's the difference between stress and anxiety?'

Healthline, '7 ways to increase optimism and reduce anxiety' Cathy Cassata  
Ruby Wax 'How to be Human', Penguin (2018)

## Moaning Minnie

Going towards Wymondham from the shop at the bottom of Steepletower a white car, which had been about 500 yards behind me, started to tailgate me. I was behind a bus. Bus and I doing 40 mph. White car then started to try and overtake us both.

Come on Council, put some flashing speed signs up in the 40 mph area, because cars are always speeding and tailgating along that stretch of the road.

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# Temporary Traffic Lights to Return

VERY few things have been as contentious in the village over the past couple of years as the continuing work on the cycleway linking Hethersett to Wymondham.

Many see this as an excellent example of a green initiative and encouraging people to either walk or cycle. Others see it as a colossal waste of money.

Whatever your views, few people will welcome the impending return of traffic lights to the B1172 whilst the next stage of the work is undertaken.



The next stage will create 0.8 km of new cyclepath alongside the B1172 between the junctions of the Norwich Road—that's the turn to the village and the turn to the King's Head..

The work is expected to start on 2nd February but not be completed until May. During much of this time the junctions onto Norwich Road onto the B1172 will be closed at various times.

In addition the B1172 will be closed over a weekend towards the end of May for resurfacing.

Jake Willgress of the Church Farm Shop has once again spoken to the Media of his concerns about the return of the traffic lights.

Jake spoke out in the Herald a few months ago about the affect the numerous sets of lights had on his business.

Now he has told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper of his fears that the impact of four more months of disruption could have on his business which includes the shop and tea rooms.

“We’ve been busy since the last road works cleared, but we are not looking forward to the next set. It’s been a real financial struggle, very hard work. Obviously the roadworks need doing but it’s very hard for us to take,” he told the EDP.

# News From The Parish Council

## Steps To Improve Road Safety

HETHERSETT Parish Council is working hard to improve road safety in the village.

In the latest newsletter which is distributed to residents throughout the village, the council states that it takes matters of road safety including speeding and inconsiderate parking seriously and has met with Norfolk County Council's Highways Engineer on several occasions to highlight areas of concern:

"An increase in the volume of traffic flowing through the village is inevitable as Hethersett continues to grow. The question is what steps can be taken to accommodate this additional traffic whilst continuing to protect the safety of pedestrians and other road users?"

The council lists a number of steps already taken to improve the situation as the newsletter explains:

"Many of you will have noticed the installation of an additional speed hump on Great Melton Road, new signage on three approaches into the village welcoming careful drivers and the return of the vehicle activated speed monitoring unit on New Road.

Additionally, with the help of a small band of willing volunteers, the Parish Council has relaunched Community Speed Watch," the newsletter states.

The council has also submitted two bids under the Parish Partnership Scheme for a mobile speed awareness unit and a part time 20 mph solar powered school warning sign for Queen's Road. The council is expecting to hear whether these bids have been successful in March. If successful the cost of implementation will be met jointly by the parish and Norfolk County Council.

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### 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

## Work To Make Area Safe

THE future of the former skateboard park at the back of Hethersett Village Hall is hanging in the balance.

Former skateboarding equipment on the site has long been removed after it was decided that it was unsafe.

Now Hethersett Parish Council is undertaking some remedial work and will eventually decide on the most appropriate use of the area.

A potentially dangerous broken bench will be removed, an out of date sign will also go and metal fencing made safe. The parish council has already cleared the area of rubbish and will discuss the area's future at a later date.

Ideas for the site include returning it to grass and using it as a dog training/exercise area. It seems unlikely that it will be re-instated as a skateboard park.

“At some point in the future we will be re-modelling the site, For a while the skateboard park was well used but it



# News From The Parish Council



died a death said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

Councillor Chris Morriss added that the village hall management committee would like to see the area returned to grass: "It would be much better if it (the skateboard park) wasn't there," he said.

## Parish Shorts

THE Parish Council has established through the Land Registry that it is the owner of the Village Hall and Hethersett Memorial Playing Field.

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The Parish Council is asking for a new sign on the B1172 which has been put up without planning permission to be taken down. The sign indicates the direction to the North Hethersett development.

# News From The Parish Council

## Safety Fears Over New Road Junction



HETHERSETT Parish Council has once again voiced its concerns about the safety of the junction of New Road with the B1172.

Councillor Shane Hull told the January meeting that he felt the junction is “extremely dangerous” and has been made more dangerous by so called improvements which have taken away the sliproad.

Andre Smith pointed out that to negotiate the junction, buses coming from the Wymondham direction have to swing across to the right “This is dangerous and it is easy to see how this could cause a collision,” he said.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan referred to the junction as “ a place waiting for an accident to happen.”

Concern was also expressed about poor visibility at the junction for pedestrians and cyclists using the new cyclepath.

Many of the councillors felt that the junction should be returned to how it was before the “improvements” took place but realised that this is very unlikely to happen.



# News From The Parish Council

## VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

A working group has been formed by the parish council to oversee a programme of events to mark the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

“Although the programme is still in its infancy, a wide range of events are planned including a traditional street party in the grounds of the Village Hall, an afternoon tea and a screening of the film “A Royal Night Out,” the council says in its latest newsletter, adding that the intention is to put on a programme of events that will “appeal to a broad spectrum of the community whatever their age or interest.”

The council is also looking for local groups, clubs, schools and societies to help mark the special anniversary. Anyone planning an event is asked to contact parish clerk Annette Palmer on [hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk) with details.

“The success of these events will depend on you, the residents of Hethersett both in terms of attending and thereby supporting the events and volunteering your time to assist with forward planning, setting up/clearing away, serving light refreshments and marshalling,” the newsletter adds. Anyone wishing to help or volunteer is also asked to contact the parish clerk.

The parish council is also looking for sponsors and financial support for its programme of events.

## Money Available For Community Projects

MORE money will become available for community projects from the start of the new financial year, members of Hethersett Parish Council were informed.

District Councillor Phil Hardy told members that each of the three district councillors have £1,000 to give to community projects from April 6th.

A sum has already been put aside to help with the running of the 10th village run the square in July, but other funds will also be available.

To apply for funding community groups or projects should contact district councillors whose details are on elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

# News From The Parish Council

## Pick Up That Poo Plea

Hethersett Parish Council has published a leaflet for distribution to homes throughout the village urging dog owners to “pick up the poo.”

The leaflet has been put together by the council’s PUP (Pick Up Poo) Group.

“In the UK an average of one in four households owns a dog, which suggests that there could be more than eight hundred dogs living in Hethersett. These much loved family pets all need to poo at least once a day. That’s a lot of the smelly stuff to deal with and few things excite more local comment than nasty deposits left around the village by what seems to be a minority of careless owners.

“Every instance of dog mess left where the public can step in it is unacceptable. Most dog owners take their responsibility seriously and get as annoyed by unwelcome dog mess as the rest of the village community.

“Hethersett is a lovely village and the parish council wants to help keep our public places free of nasty and unhealthy piles of dog poo by encouraging good and responsible practice by ALL dog owners,” the newsletter states.

The leaflet aims to encourage residents to take a positive attitude over dog fouling:

“The Parish Council wants to persuade everybody to adopt the more positive attitudes of the majority and to be proud that they have done the right thing by clearing up after their pet,” the leaflet states.

The leaflet also explains what to do with dog waste, what to do if you see people not clearing up after their pets and how to report incidents of dog fouling to South Norfolk District Council.

The whole of South Norfolk is covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which makes it an offence for a person in control of a dog not to clear up the mess immediately on any land “that is open to the air and to which the public is allowed access.” South Norfolk Council can be contacted on 01508 533830.

# News From The Parish Council

## Speeding, Surgeries and Bus Problems

SPEEDING in Churchfields, waiting times for appointments at Hethersett Surgery and buses being missed out were three of the topics raised by the public at the January meeting of Hethersett Parish Council.

Concern was expressed at the speed of vehicles using Churchfields, particularly in the mornings between 9.30 and 10.15.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan outlined a number of measures being taken to counteract speeding in the area which include having the speedwatch team cover Churchfields and having a mobile speed warning sign utilised in the area.

The public also expressed concern at the amount of time taken between booking an appointment and seeing a doctor at Hethersett Surgery. Mrs Quinlan said that the parish council is aware of the “problems” but it is a matter between the surgery and the National Health Service (NHS). The latter is not prepared to build a new surgery in the village and the existing doctors do not have the finance to make significant improvements.

There was also concern at “missed out buses” in the village with public transport seemingly cancelled on many occasions. The council agreed to take up this matter with First Buses.

HETHERSETT Parish Council has decided not to finance a new bench and rubbish bin on the cyclepath on the B1172 at the back of Kett’s Oak after hearing it would cost well over £1,000.

Members agreed that it would not be appropriate to spend the money at this time but will review the position in the future. The council’s finance committee recommended no action should be taken and this was unanimously endorsed by the full council.

The council is however looking into the possibility of providing a bench at the junction of West Croft and Mill Road, previously the site of a telephone kiosk.

“It would provide a seat where people could rest and also use whilst waiting for a bus,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

# 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

Dates for meetings in 2020 are as follows:

February 17th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th and December 21st. The village annual parish meeting will take place on May 11th, a week later than usual due to the village hall being booked on the first Monday of May.

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).

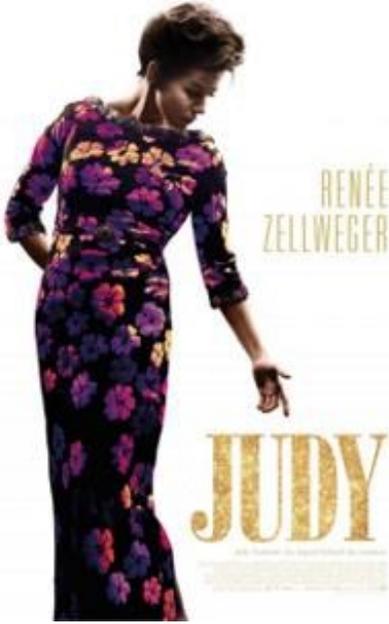
The parish office is currently upstairs in the village hall and is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and noon.

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.

# Screenings For 2020



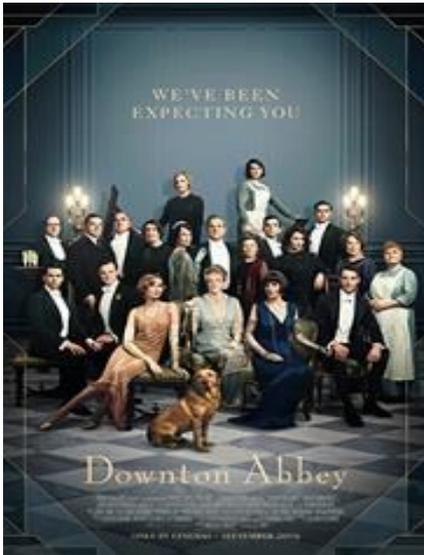
OVER 50 people enjoyed the first film of 2020 put on by Hethersett Village Screen in the village hall on Sunday, January 5th.

Rene Zellweger starred as the tortured Judy Garland in "Judy."

There's bound to be a another big audience on February 9th when the blockbuster film Downton Abbey (PG) is shown.

On March 8th, Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen star in The Good Liar (certificate 15) and the April offering on the 19th sees Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes in "Official Secrets" (certificate 15). The run of films is completed on May 10th with the Royal Family drama "A Royal Night Out" (certificate 12).

All films are shown in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm and the main attraction is usually preceded by archive films and/or cartoons..



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## A ROYAL NIGHT OUT



INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS

# Focus On February's Film

## Downton Abbey

THE historical period film Downton Abbey is written by Julian Fellowes, creator and writer of the television series of the same name. The film is produced by Gareth Neame, Liz Trubridge and Fellowes and directed by Michael Engler.

It continues the storyline from the television series with many of the original cast returning. The film, set in 1927, depicts a visit by the King and Queen to the Crawley family's English country house in the Yorkshire countryside. As the Royal staff descend on Downton, an assassin has also arrived and attempts to kill the monarch.

The family and servants are pitted against the royal entourage, including the Queen's lady-in-waiting, who has fallen out with the Crawleys, especially the Dowager Countess, over an inheritance issue.

# Hannah's Hethersett Life

## The Skies and Walks of Hethersett



As a family, we've had some beautiful walks in Hethersett this month. I bought a book online that I originally borrowed from Hethersett Library a few months back. It's called *The Bumper Book Of Nature* by Stephen Moss and it's got some wonderful ideas of what you can do involving nature, it has fast become my favourite book.

One of the suggestions is to watch the sunrise and the sunset in the same day, so we made it our mission! It took a few goes to get a good one and to find a

### Hannah's Hethersett Life

Follow Hannah every month in Hethersett Herald as she takes her own unique look at the good things going on in our village.

# Hannah's Hethersett Life



good spot in the village to watch it from, but once we hit the sweet spot it was marvellous. One of our favourite walks is through the fields behind the church, which incidentally is the best place to see the sunrise, whereas the sunset is best seen anywhere between Park Farm and Hethersett Hall care home.

Something else we've incorporated into our walks has been our subscription to something called Mud and Bloom, a box full of gardening and nature activities that you are sent each month. This month we were sent some lovely acrylic paints, with instructions to go out and search for pebbles to bring home, clean then paint. They also provided some seeds to plant which we are really excited to do but haven't got around to yet (Cauliflower and Snapdragon seeds).

My favourite activity from the box has to be the ice lantern; they simply provide a tea light candle for this, finding the rest of the materials is up to you! We went foraging for natural materials and came home with all sorts of leaves, wildflowers, some of my dried and pressed flowers from last year and some multi coloured berries.

I've included a photo of the finished result and the instructions on how you can

# Hannah's Hethersett Life



do this, too on page 74. My three year old absolutely loved it, it was such a fun and cost-effective activity that we'll never forget but can do time and time again!

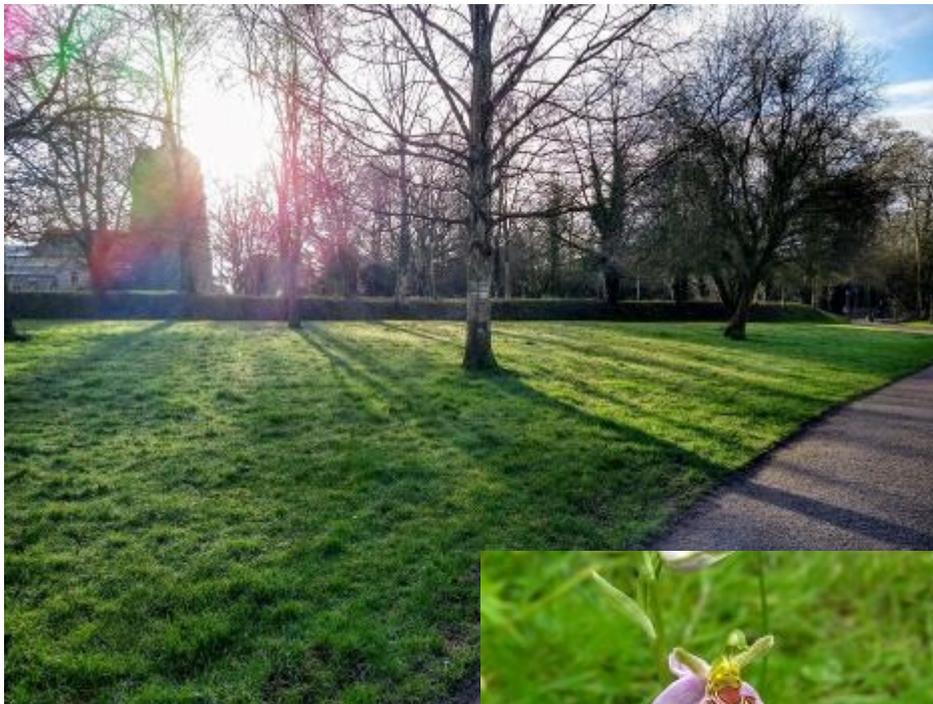
## Those Roadworks

It's on all of our minds, how much more can Hethersett take?

With Back lane being closed until the end of January and work to start on the next stage of the cycle path in February, how will the village cope?

I always try to see the positives in every situation, so I think at least at some point, in however many years, we will be free of roadworks - possibly! For now, all we can do is go with it, keep calm and leave earlier if trying to get to work or an appointment. Or better still, walk or cycle if you can, which helps the environment too!

# Hannah's Hethersett Life



## Rectory Meadow

THE green space between the church and Admirals Way (pictured) has been named Rectory Meadow by members of Hethersett Environmental Action Team. It is another one of my favourite places, mainly because it's right behind my garden and it is beautiful, particularly now it's being allowed to grow wild in the summer months after the council agreed to not mow it. Last year saw the wonderful bee orchids (pictured – please bare in mind that I did NOT pick the flower to photograph it, I was holding the stem to keep it still in the wind) which will hopefully come back this year, along with lots of other flowers being planted soon. Thanks to the admirable Dr Anne Edwards for supporting this. I'm so excited to see what it will look like!



# Hannah's Hethersett Life



## My garden wildlife

It's been a bit of a quiet month on the garden wildlife front, but it's all on the change as we come into February. There's still flurries of tits (great, blue and long tailed), blackbirds are slowly making their way back to us and a couple of robins have been flitting around as well as the unmoveable wood pigeons.

Two grey squirrels regularly come by, as well as the odd dunnock and collared dove. I'm getting ready for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> January) which normally kick starts my year-round birdwatching.

I wonder how many Hethersett residents join in on the watch?

# Hannah's Hethersett Life



**mud+ bloom**  
January

Make your own...  
**Ice lantern**

Making an lantern is a fun and simple thing to do. It's a lovely way to enjoy the beautiful things that are around in nature at this time of year. If the weather gets cold enough to freeze your lantern outside, you will need to make some space in your freezer!

**What you will need:**

A small light	A large container	A small container	Enough water	Enough ice or packs	Dried pine needles	Winter natural finds
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**What you need to do:**

- 1 Go for a walk and see what winter treasures you can find to decorate and add colour to your lantern - you could choose small pine cones, bits of ice, holly or other winter berries.
- 2 When you get home, take your large container and put your smaller container inside it, in the centre.
- 3 Spread your nature finds out inside your large container, but not your smaller one.

- 4 If your small container is empty, place a stone or pebble inside to hold it in place. Now pour water into the large container, make sure it doesn't go over the top of the small container.
- 5 If any of your nature finds are now sticking out above the water, try to squish them down a bit.
- 6 Leave your container outside in weather that is freezing or below freezing. Remember that at this time of year it is usually colder at night. If the weather is mild, you can put it upright in your freezer.
- 7 When your lantern has frozen and you are ready to use it, tip it upside down and let it until it comes out. If it is hard to get out, pour some warm tap water on the outside of your large container to get it free.
- 8 Turn your lantern over and pull out the small container. Pouring a small amount of warm water on it in your small container can also help get it free.
- 9 When it gets dark, put your tea light inside your lantern and ask a grown up to help you light it.
- 10 The light from your candle should make beautiful colours through your nature finds.
- 11 Enjoy your ice lantern!

Share your photos using #mudandbloom

## Mr Heckles

My short term lodger, Mr Heckles, is still doing exceptionally well. He is now over 1kg, a huge 700g heavier than when he came to me at the end of November.



I have high hopes that he will survive when we release him in the Spring. We will probably release him into my garden as we already get numerous spikey visitors.

## Experienced Team Does Well

By Mel Perkins

HETHERSETT Hawks/ Yellow Brick Mortgages Cycle Speedway Club sent an experienced team to Coventry for the British Indoor Championships and they put up a good show.

In their semi-final from which only one team qualified they finished joint third with all team members racing consistently well. Craig Norton and Dave Martin each had an early second place.

Exeter 55, Horspath 43, Hethersett 29, Coventry 29. Hethersett scorers—C. Norton 8, D. Martin 8, L. Cossey 7, G. Morgan 6.

Martin and Morgan also competed in the Over-40s British Individual Championship and it was Martin who provided the highlight of the weekend. After a distinguished club career his return at his first major veterans event saw him win one race, finish with 13 points and a position of joint sixth. Morgan suffered an exclusion in one race which limited his scoring to eight points. Despite an on and off career spanning five decades he surprisingly had never raced indoors before.

The club is looking forward to the 2020 outdoor season which starts in March.

# 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 warning residents to be on their guard after receiving reports of a doorstep cold caller where a male cold called at a property offering 'home improvements' and saying he could 'quote straight away as he was there'.

Trading Standards advises NEVER to deal with anyone who cold calls at your property offering to undertake work on or around your property.

Anyone concerned about possible rogue trader activity in Norfolk can contact Trading Standards through their partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline via their online reporting form or by telephone on 03454 04 05 06.

Looking for a Trader you can Trust? Try a Norfolk Trusted Trader. To search the directory and read feedback from their customers visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader)

Could your community help stop doorstep cold callers from targeting vulnerable people by becoming a No Cold Calling Zone? To find out more about the scheme or to apply visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz).

There is also a warning to be on guard after reports of telephone cold calls enquiring about your 'loft insulation'.

During the calls the cold callers are attempting to gather a range of personal details including date of birth and home ownership status. The callers are then trying to fix an appointment for a home visit.

Trading Standards advises always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call and NEVER give or confirm any personal details or agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

The advice is also, when looking to have work done on or around your property only deal with reputable companies you have researched and chosen yourself and have obtained a written quotation from.

There have also been instances of telephone cold calls claiming to be from Ofcom. This often takes the form of a recorded message stating it is from 'Ofcom' and that they will 'cut off your internet and phone within the next 24 hours'. The message then gives press button options.

These calls are **not genuine** and are **not connected** with Ofcom in any way. These calls are the latest variation of scam calls relating to telephone and Broadband services attempting to panic the call recipient into interacting with the call.

Ofcom have provided the following advice regarding these calls:

'If you receive a call like this, from somebody claiming to be from Ofcom, please do not hand over any personal details or press a button to continue the call.

Instead, hang up and report the calls, including the number from which they're calling, to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

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## Adele's Beautiful Offer

HETHERSETT resident Adele Mae is a trainee beautician and is offering her services to residents free of charge as part of her training.

Writing on the new "Given In Kindness Hethersett" Facebook site, Adele says:

"I am a trainee beautician currently doing my level Two. To gain experience and improve my skills, I thought it would be good to offer my services every Wednesday afternoon anytime from 2 pm– free of charge."

Adele's services include:

- Basic manicure/pedicure (cuticle work, file and polish)
- Brow/lash tinting
- Flare or individual lash extensions
- Eyebrow wax
- Lip/chin wax
- Full leg wax
- Forearm wax

"A small donation or a kind review would be great to help turn my dreams into reality and help me to qualify as a fully trained beauty therapist. I can only work in Hethersett," Adele added.

To contact Adele go to the Given in Kindness website. You will find the address elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

# 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 fourth in a series featuring a literary gem found in the Back Lane Book Swap. Books are 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 4—The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon—discovered on January 12th.**

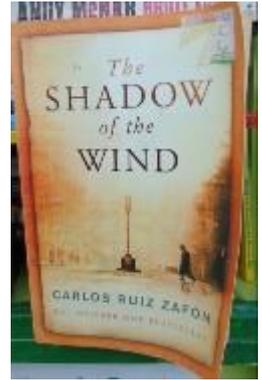
The Shadow of the Wind is a literary thriller in which the discovery of a forgotten book leads to a hunt for an elusive author who may or may not still be alive.

Hidden in the heart of the old city of Barcelona is the 'Cemetery of Lost Books', a labyrinthine library of obscure and forgotten titles that have long gone out of print. To this library, a man brings his 10-year-old son Daniel one cold morning in 1945. Daniel is allowed to choose one book from the shelves and pulls out 'The Shadow of the Wind' by Julian Carax.

But as he grows up, several people seem inordinately interested in his find. Then, one night, as he is wandering the old streets once more, Daniel is approached by a figure who reminds him of a character from the book, a character who turns out to be the devil.

This man is tracking down every last copy of Carax's work in order to burn them. What begins as a case of literary curiosity turns into a race to find out the truth behind the life and death of Julian Carax and to save those he left behind.

The Shadow of the Wind is a wonderfully Gothic tale written in a beautifully flowing style.



# Hethersett's Big Skies



# Hethersett's Big Skies



The wonderful pictures of Hethersett skies on this and the previous page were taken by Celia Alden and Nicola Alocin and reproduced with their kind permission. If you have any photographs of our village that you would like to see in Hethersett Herald please send them to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).



THE moody picture opposite was captured by resident Karen Stradling on an early morning walk in Hethersett during one of the colder days of winter.

# The Scott Willoughby Column



A politician once said the priorities were Education, education , education. My concerns are facilities, facilities, facilities.

For whilst development goes on in our village apace we seem to be going backwards as far as facilities are concerned.

News this month that the postmaster at Hethersett Post Office is looking to retire in two years' time means that we could ultimately lose this vital village facility unless a replacement is found.

Libraries are another soft target at times, although there is no suggestion that our thriving library will close, but things often move at a very fast pace.

Some of us of a certain age will remember when Hethersett had a branch of Barclays Bank (pictured above). This closed in April, 2000, and subsequently became part of Rocking Horse Nursery, which itself has now closed.

At the time of the bank's closure our Hethersett village website of the time had the following comment:

Once again it smacks of the views of local people and customers being totally ignored whilst the obscenity of rising profits and wages at the top goes on.

# The Scott Willoughby Column

In the light of the above it is good to see that Hethersett Library is still a vibrant part of the community. I called in on a Sunday in January when it is available under the open library scheme for people that have had their library cards authorised. There were a couple of families and a number of individuals there and I still find the library a relaxing place to visit.



I'm disappointed that there has been little or no action with regards to the refurbishment of the King's Head at the time or writing.

It was stated that the work would be completed for a grand re-opening early in the new year and by February. It looks as if February could be rather optimistic.

Our photograph above was taken on January 22nd—another month almost gone. Still we live in hope.

# News Shorts From the Village

## Bus Changes

Back Lane in Hethersett is due to be closed until the last day of January for works connected with the new building in that area. As a result First Buses have been diverted via Queen's Road.

The bus company has decided that, even if the road is open, it will continue to run along Queen's Road until 31st January, Buses have been observing stops along the Queen's Road route and will continue to do so.

Any further news on bus changes can be found on the website:

<https://www.firstgroup.com>.

## Sports Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association took place at Park Farm Hotel.

Sharon Lister stepped down from the post of chairman but agreed to continue as secretary.

Rebecca Jermy was elected as chairman with Peter Hoult as vice-chairman and Shane Hull as treasurer.

The association's next meeting will take place in April at a time and venue to be confirmed.

## Diamond Beer

Crusaders Rugby Club is celebrating its diamond jubilee this year, having been founded in 1960. The club's annual beer festival will take place on 20th July.

## Petanque to be Dismantled

The petanque terrain on the Memorial Playing Field will shortly be dismantled. The area has become overgrown and unkempt through lack of use and the trustees have decided to do away with it.

## All Things Hethersett

The hugely successful All Things Hethersett Facebook page has over 2,000 members. At the time of going to publication the site had 2,281 people signed up. You can visit at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205408596849720/>

## It Was Only A Winter's Day

IT was just another winter's day but surprising as it was the end of January and with a heavy frost it was just about the first sign that winter was actually here and not a figment of my imagination. The garden hedgehogs had taken to their beds but the ones in the outside run were still awake along with the one in the shed. All have stuffed their nests full of anything that they can drag inside - browned fern fronds and dry leaves being the favourite for all of them.

Only one has gone to sleep but I hoped that the others will now follow as it was so cold. Taking care of them now takes up only half an hour of my day instead of three hours so there is time for other things.

I am often asked about suitable hedgehog homes and whether there is one that I can recommend. I have six homes dotted about my garden and I have no idea if they have inhabitants as I do not disturb any of them except when I clean them out and refresh the straw in the spring.

There are also three homes in the outside runs plus five in the shed. I have different types of homes for different tasks so first we need to think about what we need it for.

If you are looking for a home for a lost baby that needs attention and fattening up then rabbit hutches are better than hedgehog homes as they need to be secure.

Before you buy one check that a small hedgehog cannot squeeze through any bars. I made a costly mistake with an expensive wooden one I bought from a pet shop as its tiny inhabitant went AWOL the first day and took a long time to find again.

If you want a hibernation home which you can put in your garden to provide a sanctuary for a wandering bundle of prickles, there are so many on the market priced between



There are many different styles of hedgehog houses available.

# Hethersett Hedgehogs

£20 and £65 that it is hard to decide which is the best value. In this instance the most expensive is not always the best.

First of all none of them are rodent or cat proof whatever the advert says so a substantial tunnel is vital. Some have the cheek to sell the tunnels separately but you can easily make your own with a few house bricks and a piece of wood to act as a roof.

Ventilation is also a must as without it the home gets damper and damper as the hedgehog breathes. When I advised one manufacturer there was a design fault in their houses they turned nasty insisting that it was the hedgehog's breathing that caused all its straw to get wet. Duh!

You have seen how car windows fog up without ventilation, it is no different inside a hedgehog house that has no ventilation. There is no need to spend a fortune.

Igloo type houses made of brushwood are cheap and fine if you add a longer tunnel then cover them with fern fronds or hedge trimmings. You can also make your own. The Hedgehog Preservation Society will email you instructions if you ask them.

The placing of the house is as important as its design. Being placed out in the open where you can see it, and the hedgehog cannot really hide, is not ideal.

Place it inside a shrubbery or dense flower bed out of the wind and where it will not get too much rain. You might not be able to see it easily but a home-seeking hedgehog will find it. And, most of all, resist the temptation to keep checking it.

Do not be disappointed if nobody appears to have moved in immediately, they will eventually and you will know that you have done something to help them survive..



**Place you hedgehog home carefully.**

# Groups and Societies

## Methodist Church

Hethersett Methodist Church holds shoppers' coffee mornings every Saturday from 10.30 am until mid-day. 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. Dr Anne Edwards (pictured above) spoke to a church breakfast on how to reduce personal carbon footprints by taking small steps to improve recycling and cut down on waste. Over 50 people enjoyed a breakfast and the talk.

## 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. The February meetings will be on the 4th and 18th.

## 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.

# Groups and Societies

## Norfolk Association For The Disabled

*By Angela Farrington*

We are a group which enable people with disabilities, their carers and others who may want to join a friendly group for afternoon socials and trips out or for anyone wishing to volunteer their services to help others.

Our socials are held on the first Thursday of the month at Hethersett Methodist Church hall from 2-4 pm. We have three trips out each year. We can provide transport or help with taxi costs if needed. Feel free to turn up at any of our meetings and you will be guaranteed a very friendly welcome. Membership fees are due in April and are £15. The committee provide refreshments, sandwiches and cakes followed by a raffle with a fun activity or visiting entertainment at all socials.

For more information about the group please contact myself on 01603 810342 (leave a message if I'm not at home) or Rob Reeve, Chairperson on 01603 810440.

In October, some of our members headed off to St Faiths for our AGM. When we get together with our other branches and find out what they have been doing during the last year. This was followed by a talk and much appreciated tea and fabulous cakes and raffle.

November was our usual trip to see Drayton Players perform Do not Disturb. The players, as always, performed well and gave us a bit of a chuckle. The added benefit of tea and biscuits and a raffle rounded off an enjoyable afternoon.

In December we went to Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, for our Christmas lunch. The food and service was very good. We were entertained by two hand bell ringers who played some festive pieces which added a magical touch to the event.

January was our visit to Hethersett Pantomime. This year was a little bit different, The Three Musketeers a very funny panto, with the cast giving a brilliant performance.

Dates for your diary 2020

6th February: Quiz by John Slater.

5th March: Beetle Drive

26th March: Trip to Norwich Theatre Royal to see Les Miserables. Pre booked tickets only (Be at Hethersett Village Hall at 12.45.pm for coach) .

# Groups and Societies

2nd April: Visit by a singing group Timescape. They will be singing songs from the 1940s and will be dressed accordingly. I suspect this will be a bit of a sing along.

7th May: Activity to be arranged.

## **Probus Club**

Probus Club celebrated a landmark event with its 1,000 meeting since its foundation in 1976. Over 50 members and invited guests met at Park Farm for a meal and were welcomed by chairman Peter Earwalker.

Former President Ron Richardson explained the meaning of Probus with the word being an amalgamation of professional and businessmen.

The club meets every two weeks in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club in Back Lane. The annual programme includes talks, visits, outings, lunches, teas and much more. The group has produced an anniversary booklet to remember their special day by.

## **Hethersett Art Group ‘Paint with Us’**

*By Ann Wright*

The group meets on Thursdays from 1.30 to 4 pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane.

The group was formed in 2003 with 13 members. It has gone from strength to strength, now having over 30 members. About 15 members come each week from Hethersett and surrounding villages.

An annual exhibition of the artists’ work is held in the autumn with no one under any obligation to exhibit their paintings, cards or small sculptures.

Artists of all abilities are welcome from beginners to experienced artists.

There is no formal tuition. We encourage each other and members are always willing to give help when asked.

The first session is free for new members. Contact email is [suefhope@gmail.com](mailto:suefhope@gmail.com) or come on a Thursday to see if you would like to join us.

Membership is payable on a six monthly basis to cover the cost of hiring the hall and miscellaneous expenses.

# Groups and Societies

## Dog Show Date Set

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**THIS year's Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club fete and dog show will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Here Gillian Saunders from the club appeals for help for the event and updates us on the life of the youth club.**

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The Youth club fete and fun dog show is set for 27th June from midday until 3:30 pm. The stalls are being advertised at £10 each and can be booked by contacting myself. However, we really need support from people in the village and the local area to help.

The trustees work hard to keep everything going but, as we are not getting any younger, it is time we had some more help. If we had another four or five people willing to help with the planning and on the day that would be fantastic. We have a rough plan of what we have done before but we are open to new ideas, especially of how we can attract people from the village to come along for a fun afternoon.

We will have a get together soon to thrash out a few ideas at a time to suit as many people as possible.

In the meantime if you are interested in finding out a bit more please get in touch with me or speak to Emma at the club. The club has restarted on a Wednesday evening each week for those in Year 5 and 6 (5:45-7.30 pm) and monthly for those in Years 7 to 9 (Home schooled are also welcome to attend whichever group is for their age). Nobody is excluded! Subs are held at £1.50 a week and also bring any tuck money you might want. If you want to see what sort of thing happens at club go to our Facebook page or go along on a Wednesday evening a find out!

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## Parents and Toddlers Coffee Drop In

This takes place in St Remigius Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m.

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett and District Horticultural Society

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, Simon Partridge told us about "The How Hill Trust and its Gardens."

Simon led us through the ownership by a wealthy family, name of Boardman, and the development history of this site, starting with the purchase of the mill, other buildings, 88 acres of fen and Crome's Broad. Despite World War One, development continued and, soon after the end of the war, ownership encompassed 1000 acres. Ownership of the area split upon Mr Boardman's death, with the house and a reduced area of land eventually ending up in the current Trust's ownership.

The Trust's main activity is providing that Environmental Education experience for children. However, at weekends and during school holidays, the estate is open to all visitors and includes a tea room.

Garden enthusiasts will be enthralled by the Edwardian garden revitalised with new roses and much more. Noteworthy blue meconopsis poppies may well be seen along with Norfolk's Swallowtail butterflies. Arboriculturalists will enthuse over their "snake skin" bark tree, a huge meta sequoia redwood and an oak tree won as a sapling at the Olympics held pre World War Two in Germany.

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.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February when John and Lesley Easton "Go South" and on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March we hear of Anna Meek's Hawaiian Adventure.

## Hethersett Pensioners' Association

The association meets monthly in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 2 to 4 pm. The programme for the next five months is:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February—Anne Reeve "Norfolk Dialect."

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March—Peter Steward "Hethersett Heroes."

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April—Anna Meek "Norway."

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May—Lesley Wooton "Reminiscing School Days."

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June—Georgette Vale "Wymondham's First Lady."

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## Hethersett Dementia Support Group's Monthly Cafe

OVER 30 people, including residents from Hethersett Hall, enjoyed tasting samples from Wiltshire Farm Foods at the January Café on Tuesday, 21st January in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall..

Tammy Evans (pictured opposite) from Wiltshire Farms described the history of the company which was founded 27 years ago and which is based in Trowbridge in Wiltshire with distribution throughout the country.

The Norfolk base is in Dereham. Over 300 recipes are prepared fresh in Wiltshire and then fast frozen and delivered to Dereham with over 300 regular customers in Norfolk and Suffolk.

The company is the proud recipient of a Queen's Award for sustainability and supports local communities including sponsoring South Norfolk's Community Awards.

Wiltshire Farm Foods delivers to Hethersett on Fridays and more information is available by ringing 0800 077 3100 or by searching for their website.

Hethersett Dementia support group meets for informal chat and coffee on the first Tuesday of each month with a more structured meeting on the third Tuesday of the month.

Meetings in February will be on Tuesday 4th (from 10 a.m) and Tuesday 18th (again from 10 am) in the Methodist Church Hall. On the 18th, there will be a film on Norwich in the 1960s followed by lunch.



# 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.

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.

## **Park Farm Hotel**

On the B1172 at Hethersett. NR9 3DL. Telephone 01603 810264. e-mail enq@parkfarm-hotel.co.uk.

Park Farm is a luxury country hotel with spa and fitness facilities and a number of places to eat throughout the day. For more information visit their website at <https://www.parkfarm-hotel.co.uk>.

## **Café Kin**

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

The latest edition to Hethersett coffee culture, Café Kin is part of the Rowan House Health and Well Being complex on Queen's Road. Food and coffee served during the day from 8 am until 2.45 pm Mondays to Fridays.

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You will also find a variety of eating outlets close to the Thickthorn Services area off the B1172. These are technically in Hethersett, although they are two miles from the village centre.

Outlets include Greggs, Burger King, Subway and McDonalds and there is also a petrol station and Travelodge.

Hethersett King's Head is due to re-open in the not too distant future following its refurbishment and the emphasis will be on food.

# Hethersett Herald

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# 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:*

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## **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 February.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## February

**Tuesday 4th**—Hethersett Dementia Support Group, coffee and chat, Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**Tuesday 4th**—Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group, Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, Firs Road, 5.30 pm.

**Thursday 6th**—Norfolk Association for the Disabled social event in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 2 pm.

**Sunday 9th**—Hethersett Village Screen presents Downton Abbey, Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Monday 10th**—Hethersett Pensioners' Association meeting, Methodist Church Hall, 2 pm. Anne Reeve talks about the Norfolk dialect.

**Monday 10th**—Hethersett Society, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm. Barbara Miller on the Norwich Boot and Shoe Trade.

**Tuesday 11th**—Origin of the Species Musical Theatre in Hethersett Library, 7 pm. See poster on page 117 for further details.

**Monday 17th**—Hethersett Parish Council full meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Preceded by planning committee meeting at 7 pm.

**Tuesday 18th**—Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly café. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

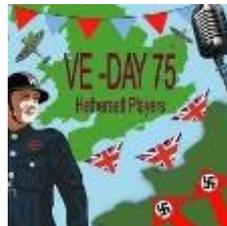
**Tuesday 18th**—Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group, Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex, Firs Road, 5.30 pm..

**Wednesday 19th**—Hethersett and District Horticultural Society, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm. John and Leslie Easton Go South.

**Sunday 23rd**—Charity sixties concert in Hethersett Village Hall in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. For more information see page 100.

## Coming In 2020

The re-formed Hethersett Players will be presenting their take on VE Day to celebrate the 75th anniversary. We will have more details of this and parish council led celebrations in future editions of Hethersett Herald.



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**Monday 24th**—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Christine Hewson from Attleborough on a Sapphire theme.

**Saturday 29th**—Friends of Hethersett Library quiz, Hethersett Village Hall. See poster on page 120 for more details.

## Talk On A Massacre

HETHERSETT historian John Head will be giving a talk on the massacre at Le Paradis in Northern France in May 1940 to the Norfolk Family History Society at Kirby Hall in St Giles, Norwich, on February 28th.

John is part of the Le Paradis Commemoration Group which also includes the son of one of only two survivors of the massacre, Dennis O'Callaghan.

The extensive talk covers the movements of the Royal Norfolk Regiment in May, 1940, the events that led up to the massacre and the massacre itself which saw 97 men from the Royal Norfolk Regiment, the Royal Scots Regiment and others gunned down on the orders of a German officer who was hunted down after the war and hanged for war crimes.

The talk, which begins at 11 am, is open to non members of the Norfolk Family History Society and is free. The society currently has almost 4,000 members throughout the world and a website open to members with millions of records.

More information on the society is available on its website at

<https://www.norfolkfhs.org.uk/>

HETHERSETT Hall care home is opening its doors by inviting the community to visit them for regular activities. Chair exercising, church singing groups, live music, Yoga and bingo are just some of the activities organised during each month by the home. More details are on the next page.



## Community Activities

**BARCHESTER**  
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Ongoing events and activities at Hethersett Hall open to all!

### **Chairecise**

Come and join Mr Dod for an afternoon of chair based exercises to enhance balance and core stability. Every first and second Monday of the month at 3pm in our Main Lounge

### **Methodist Singers**

For over 20 years the Methodist Singers have been joining us at Hethersett Hall for songs of worship, praise and fellowship. Every first Thursday of the month at 3pm in our Main Lounge

### **Yoga**

Come and join our instructor Bella for chair based Yoga focusing on relaxation and meditative techniques to enhance your everyday life. Every Wednesday morning at 11:15am in our Main Lounge.

### **Live performance by Peter Turrell**

Come along and enjoy some classical guitar played by Peter at 3pm!

### **Pets at Therapy Visit**

Every second Tuesday of the month we welcome you to come and greet our lovely PAT dog Wes at 2pm and our other PAT dog Coisty every second Saturday at 11am.

### **Bingo!**

All are welcome to join us for Bingo every Saturday at 3pm!

Complimentary refreshments always available! If you would like to attend any of our free community events please call our Activities Co-coordinator's Charlotte or Emily on 01603 810478 or email at [hethersett.activities@barchester.com](mailto:hethersett.activities@barchester.com)

## Rolling Back The Years

The decades will roll back as Hethersett Village Hall re-lives the music of the 1960s at a special charity event in February.

The concert on Sunday 23rd will feature Alan Wilcox singing the songs of Elvis Presley, Billy Fury, Ricky Nelson and many others from the fabulous sixties.

The event is being organised by the Wymondham Helicopter Group in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and tickets are £7.50 which includes refreshments. They can be booked by contacting Helen and Norman on 01953 600563.

More details are available on the poster on the next page.

The Wymondham Helicopter Group is a group of people who put on events such as dances and concerts to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

As well as the Hethersett concert, the group has organised other events throughout Norfolk and further afield for 2020 up until the end of August:

February 8th—The Jets and Mel Stevens and the Classics dance at The Talk Norwich.

March 6th—The Stephen Smyth Band at Gorleston Pavilion

April 3rd—The Beached Boys, Beach Boys Tribute Band at Diss Corn Hall

April 11th—The Quo Experience and Steve Bird at Chelmsford Hideaway.

April 26th—Cliff Richard tribute with Jimmy Jemain and his Band at Cromer Pavilion

May 15th—The New Honeycombs and White Plains at Dereham Memorial Hall

June 6th—The Beatles Revolution and The Mersey Legends at Chelmsford Hideaway

June 26th—The Everly Brothers and Friends Show (Hank Marvin, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis tribute acts), Leiston Cinema

July 11th—Who's Who and Beached Boys tribute acts, Chelmsford Hideaway.

July 18th Money for Nothing (Dire Straits tribute) at Gorleston Pavilion.

August 21st—Travelling Man tribute to Ricky Nelson at Sudbury Quay Theatre.

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**WYMONDHAM HELICOPTER GROUP  
HETHERSETT VILLAGE HALL**

**SUN 23RD FEB 2020 2:30PM**

**CHARITY AFTERNOON**

**WITH MUSIC OF ELVIS, BILLY FURY,  
RICKY NELSON AND OTHER MUSIC FROM THE 60's**

**ALAN WILCOX**

**Come along and have a GREAT  
TIME RELIVING THE 60's**

**Tickets £7.50 inc Refreshments**

**Norman and Helen 01953 600563**

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**Four by Four**  
**Another Stage**

**Four New Stage Plays by Local Writers**

<b>No Will? No Way!</b> by <b>Tony Vale</b>	<b>A Stone Left Unturned</b> by <b>David Howgego</b>
<b>Love in the Time of War</b> by <b>Alan Huckle</b>	<b>Educating Peter</b> by <b>Richard Crawley</b>

**Fri 28th February 2020**  
New Buckenham Village Hall, Moot Road, New Buckenham, NR16 2AU - Bar Available

**Sat 29th February 2020**  
North Wymondham Community Centre, Lime Tree Avenue, Wymondham, NR18 0HH  
*- Pre-show and interval drinks at Robert Kett*

Performances at 7:30pm | Box Office Tel: 01953 861336

**Ticket Price: £7.00**

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THE Four By Four playwriting group will be taking to the road for its next production. Four new plays will be performed in New Buckenham Village Hall on Friday 28th February and North Wymondham Community Centre on Saturday 29th February.

One of the plays - "No Will? No Way? Has been written by Tony Vale who is a member of Hethersett Writers' Group.

TICKETS are now on sale for Hethersett Players' night of 1940s entertainment to celebrate VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

VE Day 75 will take place in Hethersett Village Hall on Friday 12th June and Saturday 13th June.

Tickets are available from <https://hethersettboxoffice.org.uk>. There is also a website at <https://hethersettplayers.co.uk> and a Facebook page @hethersettplayers.

# Hethersett Social Club



Coming attractions at Hethersett Social Club include the following:

Saturday 15th February—Norwich v Liverpool on television, 5.30 pm.

Friday 28th February— Norwich v Leicester on television, 8 pm

Saturday 7th March—Entertainment with James Barr

Sunday 12th April— Karaoke

Saturday 25th April— Live music with Karen Bell

Friday 8th May- Karaoke

Sunday 24th May— Karaoke

Saturday 20th June— Live music with the Odd Man Out Band

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)

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Time For That Quizzical Look

LOOKING ahead to the Spring, Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Bowls Club is organising a quiz on Friday, March 6th, from 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start.

The club is looking for teams of up to eight for the event in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Hall in Back Lane. Cost is £8 per person which includes a buffet. Tickets are available from Ron Butcher on 01603 813096.

Still on the theme of quizzes, the Friends of Hethersett Library will be holding one in Hethersett Village Hall on February 29th and more details are available on the poster on page 120.

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

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address.

The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month. Hethersett Herald is published on or around the first day of each month via the web site

**[www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com)**

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

# VEGAS Casino

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**FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY**  
**6:30PM**

*You are welcomed to come & join us for a fun  
casino night with Blackjack and Roulette tables,  
great prizes and refreshments!*

Hethersett Hall, Norwich Road, Norwich, NR9 3AP

# The Changing Face of Back Lane



OVER the last few issues of Hethersett Herald, we have featured the changing face of Back Lane. Here regular snapper Angela Eden has sent us shots of the area which will be transformed with roses in the Jubilee Youth Club once Spring is Sprung.





# Overcoming Doglessness

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**Hethersett Resident and Barking Mad Owner Operator for South Norfolk, Helen Tyler, looks at “overcoming doglessness” and helping to ease social isolation as Barking Mad celebrates its 20th year.**

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THE South Norfolk branch of a canine company founded in 2000 to provide home from home dog care instead of kennelling, is helping to celebrate 20 years of people experiencing health and well-being benefits due to an alternative to dog ownership.

Jennifer Davies (pictured opposite) has been a ‘host’ dog sitter for Barking Mad for nearly 14 years and believes that her hobby has changed her life. She said:

“The best thing about hosting is unconditional love! I always get a lovely good morning greeting with lots of tail wagging and I am much fitter. I have lost five stone in weight. Having a dog is much the same as having a baby – people talk to you and make a fuss of the dogs. I have met so many new people with dogs and without.

“My first doggy visitors were Todd and Jazz, two salukis. In the evenings, Jazz would curl up by my feet and Todd would be beside me with his head on my shoulder, gazing into my eyes. I was totally hooked – who wouldn’t be?

“I have a son who lives in Guernsey who I visit regularly and I like going on holidays with my friends. If I had my own dog, this would make things more complicated. With Barking Mad, I always say I have all of the pleasure and none of the expense or worry about what would happen if I became unwell.”

It has been scientifically proven that patting and walking dogs can help people to feel more relaxed and less anxious. This makes a huge difference to emotional



and physical well-being. Those caring for a dog are also less likely to be socially isolated, research suggests.

‘The Pet Factor – Companion Animals as a Conduit for Getting to Know People, Friendship Formation and Social Support’, states that:

‘Companion animals can be a catalyst for several dimensions of human social relationships in neighbourhood settings, ranging from incidental social interaction and getting to know people, through to formation of friendships.’

As Barking Mad celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our proudest achievement is the happiness which holidaying dogs have brought to the lives of our host families. We match friendly dogs to hosts’ preferences and lifestyle, for their holidays and short breaks. It’s ideal for retirees, home-based workers and teachers in school holidays.

We take care of everything, including chauffeuring dogs to our hosts’ homes with all their essentials and providing 24/7 support. Hosts experience all the benefits of dog companionship without any of the emotional or financial responsibilities of full-time pet ownership.”

To find out more about becoming a Barking Mad host, you can call 01603 340595 or visit [www.barkingmad.uk.com](http://www.barkingmad.uk.com).

**Barking Mad is part of the Franchise Brands plc group of companies and is the UK’s favourite dog holiday company, as verified by TrustPilot. Contact Barking Mad at [www.barkingmad.uk.com](http://www.barkingmad.uk.com) to find your dog’s home from home today.**

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## Places Available For Sewing Workshop

A sewing workshop is being held in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Hall on Friday, March 20th, and a strictly limited number of places are still available.

The title of the workshop is “Calico Garden” and tutor Sheelagh Foulkes will be using muted colours and simple stitches for the work. Only two places are left.

Materials will be provided by Sheelagh but those taking part will need to take along basic sewing kits and an eight inch hoop if possible.

Tea and coffee will be provided but participants are asked to bring their own lunch. The workshop will run from 10 am until 3 pm and the cost is £15.

To book a place or to find out more information please contact Elaine Canning at [ecpiano23@gmail.com](mailto:ecpiano23@gmail.com)

# Arbeit Macht Frei\*

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A number of years ago Hethersett resident and member of Hethersett Writers' Group Jill Samwell-Smith visited the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. That visit left a lasting impression. Here are her memories of that visit.

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We walked slowly through the high gates, following in the footsteps of thousands that had gone before but we would come back out, they did not.

At first the barbed wire fences and the look-out towers dominated the scene but, as we walked further into the camp, the long, grey huts became the objects our eyes could not turn away from. The snow lay thick around us, it was a freezing day, and we were aware of the silence, not a bird could be heard, just the gentle chatter of people pointing out various objects. We entered into one of the grey buildings. Stone floors, three tier bunk systems and a pot belly stove at each end of a vast, hanger like room. The cold permeated our clothes. We were lucky, we had twenty-first century winter clothing, they had lived in striped pyja-



mas, with one grey, thin blanket for use at night. They lived on gruel, slops and nothing much else. Their bodies shrank with malnutrition, bones stuck out, eyes sunk into cadaver-like faces. And all because they were born of a different ancestry.

There was a room full of cases, cases that had been packed in hope and emptied in despair. All had names stamped on them, but one case drew our attention and it was that case that finally made the tears come. Waisenkind – orphan.

Another room had, piled on the floor, rings, teeth, hair....hair....so much hair. Why, oh why had they shaven the heads of so many people? Was it to disable them of their dignity or pure hatred and “what else can we do to make them suffer?” By now, even the people were silent, no birds, no chatter, complete silence except for the sound of our footsteps on those cold stone floors.

We entered a larger, round building. We entered. We came out. How many had entered that gas chamber with the promise of a de-lousing shower, holding the hand of a child and whispering that it was ok, they were just going to be washed? How many minutes passed before they realised, and the terror overtook? How many mothers clung to their child trying to protect them, and knowing there was nothing they could do to save them? Those walls held so many memories, memories we must never, ever be allowed to forget, for their sakes.

Silently, we walked back to our coach, silently we travelled back to our hotel and quietly we said goodbye to our companions of the day.

Should we have gone, yes. I was not certain I wished to, but I am glad I did. I will never forget, and that is what it is all about, isn't it? We must never forget, otherwise they will have died in vain.

Let me end with a short poem I know, which sums up (for me) the inconceivable act ...

**How odd of God to choose the Jews  
But even worse for those who choose  
A Jewish God but spurn the Jews.**

\*- This is taken from the sign at the entrance to the camp which would have been seen by all those entering. Translated it means "Work Sets You Free."

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## Panto Has Raised over £120,000 For Charity

LAST years 50th anniversary pantomime Cinderella took place in January, 2019, and raised over £7,000 for good causes.

The annual bucket collection raised a magnificent £3,200 for Norfolk Cancer Charity The Big C. There were also donations of £500 each to Hethersett Pensioners' Association in memory of June Bulcock who was associated with the pantomime for many years and Hethersett Surgery. In addition £3,000 was given to four charities chosen by honorary president Duncan Pigg. These were the East Anglian Air Ambulance, Norwich Cathedral's organ fund, the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club.



The 2019 donations brought the total raised for charities since 1970 to £121,950: "It was another magnificent effort thanks to the generosity of our audiences. Our efforts have been recognised by the group being awarded Community Fundraiser of the Year in the South Norfolk Community Awards. A big thank you to all our loyal supporters over the past years and may there be many more," said Chairman of the Pantomime Group Neville Greenhalgh (pictured above).

# 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 the next few pages give an overview of coming events in Hethersett Library for February.

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.

Talks, presentations and games afternoons are just some of the events being lined-up by the Friends of Hethersett Library for 2020.

A games afternoon is 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. Tables of up to eight will be taking part and the cost will be £5 per person.

# A Darwinian Evening

A play featuring Charles Darwin, robots and a quiz are just some of the events being lined-up either in Hethersett Library or under the Friends of Hethersett Library banner.

“The Origin of the Species” is a comedy suitable for all the family with tickets now available at £8 for adults and £4 for children. It will take place on Tuesday 11th February from 7 pm and features actor John Hinton. Tickets can be booked on 01603 810188. More details of this event are available on the next two pages.

On Leap Year day (February 29th) the Friends of Hethersett Library will be holding a quiz in Hethersett Village Hall from 6.30 pm. The questions will be set by Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Roger Morgan and Mike Anderson who between them have helped raise thousands of pounds for local good causes through quizzes.

Youngsters will be able to build their own racing robot in the library between 2 and 3 pm on Thursday 20th February. Further details of this are on page 118.

It is also hoped that Georgette Vale will return to the library in March with one of her female depictions—possibly Elizabeth Fry. We will have confirmation of date and time as soon as it is available.

It is hoped to have talks at the library every other month as these have already proved to be popular with 30 people attending presentations by Georgette Vale and Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens.

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Comedy about Charles Darwin (1809 - 1882)

It's not easy, having a brilliant idea pop into your head.  
Especially when the idea is so ground-breaking that  
it will shatter the human race's very understanding  
of its place in the cosmos. Why, your wife would be worried!  
Your peers would be perplexed! The church would be churlish!  
Your father would be furious!

Charles initially opts for the hush-hush approach. He hides his  
idea, and busies himself with a treatise on the blasted boring  
barnacle. But then, out of nowhere, an audience appears  
to watch him work, and he just can't keep his big mouth shut.  
And as if that wasn't bad enough, a letter arrives which will  
change Mr Darwin's life forever.

"The Origin of Species..." is the first part in John Hinton's  
'Scientrilogy' of musical comedies. In 2013 it was followed by  
"Albert Einstein: Relativively Speaking", and in 2015 the trilogy  
was completed with the launch of "The Element in the Room",  
in which John plays Marie Curie.

Now Charles Darwin is back on the road to challenge your  
preconceptions and break frequently into song. Bring your monkeys!

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# Build your own Racing robot

## Code and craft your own brilliant racing Inchworm

Join us to get hands on with batteries and motors: a great first experience of robotics. Best for children aged 8-11. No previous experience required.



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00 - 3.30pm**  
**Hethersett Library**

Find more events and book at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/digifest](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/digifest)  
Or speak to library staff. Spaces are limited, so book now.

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Hethersett Library Friends

# Quiz Night

+ Raffle!

Saturday 29th February

6:30pm

Hethersett Village Hall

£5 per person, maximum of 8 people per table

Please arrive on time for a prompt start.

Bring your own nibbles and refreshments

To book your place, please contact  
Angela Farrington on 01603 810342.

# Hethersett Library Events

## February 2020

- **Bounce & Rhyme: Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th-14:00-14:30**
- **Knit & Natter: Mon 10th, 17th & 24th 14:00-16:00**
- **Colour me Calm: Weds 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th 11:00-12:00**
- **Lego Club: Fri 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 15:15-16:15**
- **Digifest: Code your own racing inchworm! Thurs 20th 2pm-3pm, booking essential**

### Friends of the Library Events

- **Games Afternoon: Fri 7th 14:00-16:00**
- **Origin of Species-Tuesday 11th 18:00-20:00**

(Full show title: "The Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection or the Survival of (R)Evolutionary Theories in the face of Scientific and Ecclesiastical Objections: being a Musical Comedy about Charles Darwin (1809-1882)")

Tickets available in the library or book on 01603 810188

### **Book of the Month**

Our book group read A Night on the Orient Express by Veronica Henry. As well as copies and reviews being available from the 3rd, we will have a selection books by authors who readers who like Veronica Henry also enjoy.

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



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